

Good News

**The Monthly Newsletter of the People of
HAMILTON UNION PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
GUILDERLAND, NEW YORK**



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Sunday Worship Services are currently held online at 10:00 a.m.

Love — the best prayer

He prayeth best who loveth best
All things, both great and small;
For the dear God who loveth us,
He made and loveth all.



—Samuel Taylor Coleridge

LAY READERS

June 7	Cindy Schultz
June 14	Nancy Messersmith
June 21	Peter McKinney
June 28	Wayne Goodnow



Card of Thanks

Heartfelt thanks to those who remembered me, in loving ways, with cards and other messages of sympathy after the recent death of my sister, Anna Brumley. Each message touched my heart and is a reminder of the significance of being part of such a compassionate church family.

Your thoughtfulness is so much appreciated. A virtual hug to all.

Much love and Many Blessings,
Joanne Wagner

The Mission Team is looking to see who would be interested in volunteering as part of a Hamilton Union group at the Regional Food Bank. Currently the Food Bank offers the following volunteer opportunities at the Latham warehouse, all of which involve sorting and packing food and other donated items for distribution in the community:

Warehouse Dock (ages 6-69)

Monday-Thursday

4pm-6pm or 6pm-8pm



**Regional
Food Bank**
OF NORTHEASTERN NEW YORK

This is a good opportunity to do something worthwhile with family involvement. If you are interested, please contact Wayne Gannett at jgannett@nycap.rr.com or call 518-878-5536 cell. Let me know how many people are interested, and which days or times work best for the majority of people.

Please let me know by Friday May 22 and I will forward this information to the Food Bank. They in turn will schedule a date - likely mid-June at the earliest.

If you are wondering about the virus, the Regional Food Bank, and it's volunteers, has been operating normally for the past several months. Staff and volunteers wear masks and the work gets done.

Presbyterian Women News – All Women are Welcome

All women are invited to participate in any *Presbyterian Women's* activity at any time. There is no need to make a commitment to join the organization. For questions about *Presbyterian Women*, contact Charlotte Hasselbarth at chasselbarth@hotmail.com or 518-356-0637

On Tues, May 26, if we can meet in person, the Presbyterian Women's Circle Meeting will be from 10:30 am – 12:30 pm. Lesson 9, *God With Us* will be discussed. Bring a bag lunch. Coffee and dessert will be provided. Extra study books are available. If we meet on zoom, we will meet at the same time, but end a little earlier.



* Fri, May 29 – Sun., May 31 - Gade Farm Days

* Sat., June 6, 9:30 am - Mission-Minded Breakfast

* More information can be found elsewhere in this newsletter.

Message from the Stewardship Committee:

Thank you for your continued support through this difficult time with your pledge and other offerings. For the most part the church's expenses have continued despite a reduction in revenue, so your support is so important. Attached is a summary of changes related to charitable contributions that was included in the recent federal CARES Act. If you have any questions, please consult with your tax advisor or contact Bill Hasselbarth.

Thank you,
Stewardship Committee
HUPC



Tax Benefits of the CARES Act

The new CARES (Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security) Act provided a few key provisions for your charitable goals:

- Required minimum distributions (RMD) are temporarily suspended for the 2020 tax year. But if you are 70½ or older you can still make a tax-free gift to us from your IRA and see your gift put to use today.
- An available charitable deduction of up to \$300 (\$600 for married couples) if you take the standard deduction.
- Cash contributions to qualified charities can be deducted up to 100% of your adjusted gross income for the 2020 calendar year for those who itemize.

Personal Shopper for Gade Farm Days

If you are not comfortable going into the greenhouse at Gade Farm to purchase plants, Darlene Bauer and Nina Zanetti will to shop for you. Contact Darlene at deebauer@verizon.net or 518 456-6420. Contact Nina at ninazanetti@verizon.net or 518-456-8715.

The second set of Gade Farm Days are Fri, May 29 – Sun., May 31. Gade Farm will give Presbyterian Women a generous percentage of purchases made by our church family using this coupon. Almost all of Presbyterian Women's funds are used for mission projects.

GADE FARM DAYS 2020

Friday, Saturday and Sunday: May 15, 16 and 17

Friday, Saturday and Sunday: May 29, 30 and 31



Amount: _____

Name: _____

Presbyterian Women ✠ HAMILTON UNION PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Pentecost Season this year is from April 13 thru May 31st. Please read this minute for mission and prayerfully consider your offering. Last year, as a congregation, we raised \$774.00. The Mission and Social Witness ministry team is challenging us to meet that again this year and hopefully raised it the \$800.00.

Betty Deitz

https://specialofferings.pcusa.org/site_media/media/uploads/2020_pentecost_offering/m4m-_being_in_the_now.pdf

MINUTE FOR MISSION

BEING IN THE NOW

When Rev. Dr. David Gambrell was asked to speak at the Presbyterian Youth Triennium (PYT) last year, he knew it would be both challenging and extremely personal.

“Not many preachers have the opportunity to address several thousand teenagers,” he says. “So I did this with a healthy dose of humility, fear and trembling, especially mindful that one of those teenagers was my own daughter.”

David attends Highland Presbyterian Church in Louisville, Kentucky, where he volunteers to teach confirmation classes. He has witnessed and guided the faith journey of many young people—including his two daughters.

As each of us considers a gift to the Pentecost Offering, he says every person, young or old, should understand that ministry with youth is not just about the future, but also about **being in the now**.

“Our kids need to know they are valued in this moment —their gifts, wisdom and experiences are important,” David explains. “They need to know that we take them seriously and honor them as members of Christ’s body and that we want to learn from them even as they learn from us.”

It’s one of the things Gina Yeager-Buckley, Associate for Ministries with Youth at the Presbyterian Mission Agency, truly appreciates about being a Presbyterian—all people, regardless of age, are welcomed into ministry. Gina handles the organization of the Triennium, which is funded in part by the Pentecost Offering. (Did your congregation have youth attend, or adults volunteer at the PYT? Mention it here.)

“Ministry is not just for older adults or the middle-aged. Presbyterians understand that each of us, youth as well as adults, is called to be in relationship with God and to share our faith,” she says.

The Pentecost Offering not only supports the Triennium, it also supports the Young Adult Volunteer Program and children at risk through the *Educate a Child, Transform the World* national initiative.

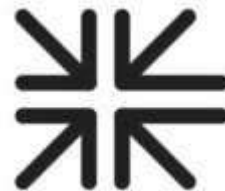
“We tend to say something like ‘we’re investing in the future because the youth are the future of our church,’” says David. “But our youth already have gifts to give and important ways to serve and lead in the church. Supporting the Offering is a way to give youth the opportunity to do things and share their gifts in the present moment.”

Serving others is a joy Gambrell experienced as both a faith leader and a father. Following his service at PYT, he received a truly special gift—a text from his daughter who attended. It read, simply, “I’m proud of you, dad.”

Please give generously to the Pentecost Offering, for when we all do a little, it adds up to a lot.

Let us pray,

*God of all people,
stir in us a commitment to help
shape the lives of our children,
youth and young adults.
As we teach and mentor,
help us to listen to how you are
calling our young people to lead,
here and now.
Amen.*



**God, from my youth
you have taught me.**

— Psalm 71:17



George & Doris Donley

This month we are pleased to greet a very special lady, Doris Burton Donley, who seems to be the oldest member of our church! Doris was born on Jan 2, 1924. She is the oldest of three children who were born and brought up on a farm just outside of Cooperstown, NY. Her brother Donald has since passed away but her sister Vera is alive and well, living in Hobart, NY.

As hard as the family worked on the farm, there was just not enough money to educate the children beyond high school. So Doris set out to work her way through Albany State Teachers College, now SUNY Albany. She accomplished this by waitressing and doing housekeeping chores at several resort hotels in Windham, NY over her summer breaks. During the school year, she worked for her room and board for a woman, whose home was within walking distance to the college. This employment was both convenient and economical.

Doris's first teaching job was at Athens High School (now Cocksackie-Athens) for American History. It was her luck that one of the other new teachers invited Doris to share an apartment. At that time she had no idea how lucky she was. Later that same year World War II came to a close. Soldiers began returning home. Virginia, Doris's new roommate wanted to see her beau who had just returned from the service but he had no car. She called her brother and asked him if he would mind giving Stanley a ride down from Ballston Lake to Athens. Being a good brother, who had also returned from the service and had not seen his sister in several years was very agreeable to her request. The rest is history. Virginia's brother was George Donley. It was a blessing that George had stored his 37 Ford convertible in his aunt's garage because cars were not manufactured during the war. Without that car Doris may never have met him and the two couples would not have had the opportunity to share events that have made many happy memories.

George and Doris married in 1947 and soon moved to Guilderland. Doris began "subbing" in Guilderland's many classrooms before going back to her full-time career. George also began a lifelong successful career with Mobil Oil. In 1949, when Rev. Al Dockter was Pastor at HUPC, they joined our church, which became their home church.

With a real “can do” attitude the young couple soon decided to build their own house. After purchasing a lot in what was then the Pine Bush, a dowser located the site for the well. Next they had it bulldozed and ordered an Aladdin Kit for \$5,000. This complete kit contained many precut pieces of lumber. When it arrived by boxcar George rented a truck and brought the pieces of their home to be, to their lot. With the help of Doris’s dad Bliss, they completed their first home! Why not check out the building, now an office at 16 Karner Rd, just off of Route 20. Although it is no longer a personal home the building is still very much a part of our town!

As Doris and George both flourished in their careers, they also became the proud parents of three loving children - Bryan, Gayle and Sue. When George’s position at Mobil Oil required him to transfer to Newburgh, the family of five packed up and moved. They spent almost nine years in Newburgh before returning to Guilderland.

Soon after their return here, their “can do” attitude led Doris and George to accept the challenge of becoming the “clam chowder makers” of the well-loved annual Lord’s Acre Auction, at HUPC. For over twenty years, they were in charge of an important part of this successful mission and local highlight. Using a recipe passed on to them from the late Anna Snyder, they ordered fresh clams from a local fish market then prepared and cooked the chowder in huge copper tubs right here in our downstairs kitchen. Wouldn’t we love to have that recipe now?

One year, as Christmas was approaching, George and longtime member, the late Jack House put their woodworking skills together and crafted a poinsettia tree. This was the forerunner to our present 8 ft. tree that we decorate every year during Advent. As they worked on this very large structure in the Donley’s backyard, Doris (from her kitchen window) and the curious squirrels delighted in watching their progress.

Once Doris and George retired and their children out on their own, they spent many winters in sunny Florida. They thoroughly enjoyed the weekly pot luck suppers, but probably even more, the wonderful square dancing that followed! Another summer highlight was spending time at the family cottage in Ballston Lake, NY.

Doris is a delightful lady with a ready chuckle who now lives at Kingsway Village where she enjoys her neighbors and visits from her family and friends. Doris’s “immediate” family also includes eight grandchildren and ten great-grandchildren with the eleventh scheduled to arrive in September. They are scattered from the East

Coast to the Central U.S. No matter the distance they are only a phone call away. A special highlight for Doris was the recent Zoom family meetings in which Doris was able to participate!

There is one special visitor, Sue's granddaughter, who brings Doris special joy... her two-year-old great-granddaughter, Amelia. If Doris is not giving her a ride on her walker, Amelia loves to strut up and down the corridors as she gets acquainted and explores her new surroundings. Whatever she is doing she is always smiling and giggling when she comes to visit Great-Grandma!

It's easy to understand why so many of our longtime Guilderland families have fond memories of their children deciding that Mrs. Donley was one of their favorite teachers. We look forward to being able to resume our visits with Doris once this current Coronavirus is no longer a threat. Meanwhile, we thank both Doris and George for sharing your time, talents and "can do" attitude with us at HUPC over the years.

PNC UPDATE

The HUPC Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC) had our first Zoom meeting on Monday, May 11, 2020, with our two assigned members of Presbytery's Committee on Ministers and Congregations (COMAC): Peggy Smith Savchik and Meg Knight. For the present, we will be meeting by Zoom every Monday night from 7 - 8:30 PM.



Our initial tasks are several:

- to establish a covenant with each other for working together and conducting our meetings
- to elect officers: chair/co-chairs, secretary, treasurer, Church Leadership Connection point person (CLC is a national database for churches and job-seekers in the PCUSA), and a communications point person
- to set up an email account for the PNC
- to figure out how to use our church newsletter, our website, Presbytery and Synod resources, and local sources to best "get the word out" to you and to others
- to start to determine which (of MANY) criteria we will to use as criteria to search through the CLC computer database

Our committee, elected by you:

Betty Deitz, Lindsay Hall, Charlotte Hasselbarth, Mark Hutchinson, Nancy Messersmith, Jean Michelle "Mickey" Nieman, Bruce Williamson

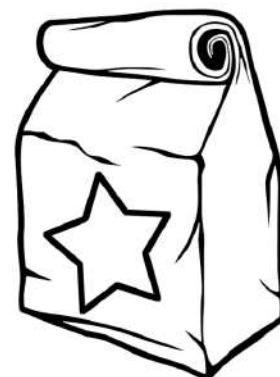
Decorating Paper Bags for Albany Medical Center Staff Hands on Mission Activity

The Pastoral Care Team at Albany Medical Center is looking for help with its *Tea for the Soul to Go* project. They are giving staff members lunch bags filled with snacks. Staff members on quarantine units can't leave for breaks and many others are simply too busy. They are asking people to supply decorated paper lunch bags.

The Pastoral Care Team is asking for people to decorate the outside of some paper bags with something beautiful, encouraging and inspiring plus include notes of encouragement, blessings or poetry. Keeping in mind that the caregivers are of many faiths, some secular messages are needed.

The *Tea for The Soul To Go* project can also use money (cash or check) to purchase the snacks.

Please leave your decorated bags and/or cash/checks on Mickey Nieman's front porch, 896 Pine Hill Drive, Schenectady, NY 12303, anytime until July 31. Checks can be mailed to her. Make check out to Albany Medical Center Pastoral Care Department, with *Tea for The Soul To Go* in the memo line. Mickey will mail the bags and donations.



You may send bags and donations yourself to:

Albany Medical Center, Pastoral Care Department
Mail Code 19
43 New Scotland Ave.
Albany, NY 12208

**“Solutions are not found by pointing fingers;
they are reached by extending hands.”**

—Aysha Taryam

HUPC Has a New Website

HUPC's new website is up and running at hamiltonunionpresbyterianchurch.org. It was designed by Grace at Work, a web design company that specializes in church websites. The redesign process was begun by the Communications Team a couple of years ago, in response to concerns about our old website not working well on today's digital platforms, such as cellphones and tablets, and in recognition of new trends in website content and design.

The new website is designed and written with the broader community and visitors very much in mind. Many of our newer members and friends have said that they found us through our website. Today, a church's website is very much the "front door" to a church.

We also know that many members rely on the website for audio of worship services, viewing the newsletter, checking upcoming events and more. Going forward, our new Pastor Nominating Committee will also be using the website to keep the congregation up to date on that process, and also as a resource for prospective pastors considering our church.

Just about everything on the old website is somewhere in the new website. There are menus at the top of the Home page and the bottom, and many of these have sub-pages. We encourage you to "click around" and explore.

To help you find things, here is how to find three often- searched for features. To get to audio recordings of past worship services, click on the "Come Visit" menu item on the Home page, then the "Worship Experience" sub-page below that. Just below the copy under the first photo on that page is a blue button "Worship Service Recordings." Click on that to take you to the page with the recordings.

To find the newsletter, click on the "About Us" menu item on the Home page. Below that, go to the "Connect With Us" page. In the second column of that page, at the very end, is a blue button "Current Newsletter." Click on that to see the current month's Good News newsletter. Eventually, we are also hoping to have previous months' newsletters available on the site.

For a listing of current events, click on the "Events" menu item from the Home page.

If you have questions about the new website, please contact Karen Williamson at kawillia302@gmail.com.

Many thanks to all that worked on this project, including Charlotte Hasselbarth, Mark Hutchinson, Pastor Janice and Karen Williamson. MJ Pattison, Trudy Hutchinson and Jeffrey Williamson also helped in the early stages. Thank you all!

In the summer of 2012, Rev. Stewart Pattison and Carl Hasselbarth accompanied Keni Banda to Chituka Village in Malawi. We have been developing a relationship with the people there for several years. We have sent sports equipment, school supplies and money to help the community develop. With the hope of making our connection more personal, we ask that anyone interested, write a note or a prayer using the form below. We will put a photo of you, with your permission (cut from our most recent pictorial directory) on the note. Circle yes or no in the photo box. There will be a collection box in the Multi-Purpose Room.

Thank you from the Mission and Social Witness Committee

<p>photo box</p> <p>your photo</p> <p>yes or no</p>	<p>Dear Friend in Chituka Village,</p>
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As soon as we are able to meet at church we will begin collecting these notes to the people of Chituka Village. Keni will hand deliver them on his next visit.



JUNE

Birthdays & Anniversaries

Caroline Gade (June 2)

Terry & Mickey Nieman (June 24)

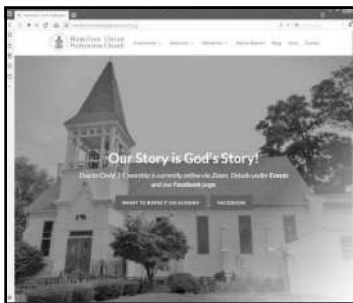
Margaret Gardam (June 4)

Nancy & Ron Messersmith (June 28)

Jack Haefeli (June 7)

Megan Reis (June 8)

Bill Hasselbarth (June 11)



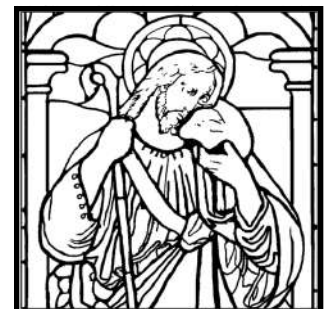
Come see our shiny new website at

<https://hamiltonunionpresbyterianchurch.org/>

Grab your crayons!

For a while now I have been working on a coloring book based on the stained glass windows at HUPC. Although it is not as complete as I would like, now seems to be a good time to release it. I invite children of all ages to print out a page or two, grab some crayons and have some fun.

.Mark Hutchinson



It can be downloaded at <https://bit.ly/HUPCCB2020>

ROAD TRIP TREAT

Make this snack necklace to enjoy during summer travels.



What you need:

- Dental floss
- Sewing needle
- O-shaped cereal
- Raisins
- Popcorn

What you do:

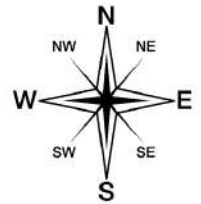
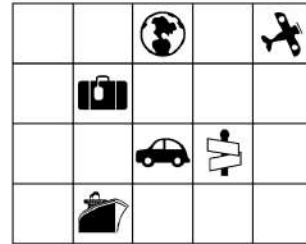
1. Carefully thread a yard of floss through the needle.
2. String a pattern of cereal, raisins and popcorn on the floss until only 4 inches remain on either end. Tie the two ends together.
3. Repeat to make necklaces for your whole family.
4. When you're ready to eat, simply bite off each "bead." Experiment with other non-perishable foods.



Wherever we go

No matter where we journey, God always protects us.

Directions: Use the map and compass to answer the clues. Then write the boxed letters in order in the spaces below to complete Psalm 121:8, NIV.



Start at the SHIP.

Move 1 space N, 3 spaces E, and 2 spaces N ☐ _ _ _

Start at the WORLD.

Move 1 space W, 1 space S, and 1 space SE ☐ _ _

Start at the SUITCASE.

Move 1 space NE, 2 spaces S, and 1 space E ☐ _ _ _

Start at the PLANE.

Move 2 spaces SW, 1 space S, and 1 space W ☐ _ _ _

Start at the CAR.

Move 1 space E, 1 space N, and 1 space NW ☐ _ _ _ _

Start at the SIGN.

Move 1 space SE, 1 space W, and 2 spaces NW ☐ _ _ _ _ _

The _ ORD will watch ove_ your comi_g and go_ng
both no_ and for_ vermore. Psalm 121:8, NIV

Answer: plane, car, sign, ship, world, suitcase. The LORD will watch over your coming and going both now and forevermore. Psalm 121:8, NIV

HAMILTON UNION HAPPENINGS



JUNE 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3 <i>Communion</i> 10am Worship Service (Z)	4 2pm Making Connections (Z)	5 12noon Midday Prayers (F)	6 12noon Midday Prayers (F) 7pm Evening Prayers (Z)	7 12noon Midday Prayers (F)	8	9
10 10am Worship Service (Z)	11	12 12noon Midday Prayers (F)	13 12noon Midday Prayers (F) 7pm Evening Prayers (Z)	14 <i>Newsletter Deadline</i> 12noon Midday Prayers (F)	15	16
17 10am Worship Service (Z)	18	19 12noon Midday Prayers (F)	20 12noon Midday Prayers (F) 7pm Evening Prayers (Z)	21 12noon Midday Prayers (F)	22	23
24 10am Worship Service (Z)	25	26 12noon Midday Prayers (F)	27 12noon Midday Prayers (F) 7pm Evening Prayers (Z)	28 12noon Midday Prayers (F)	29	30
31 10am Worship Service (Z)						

Z = Zoom F=Facebook

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