

Good News

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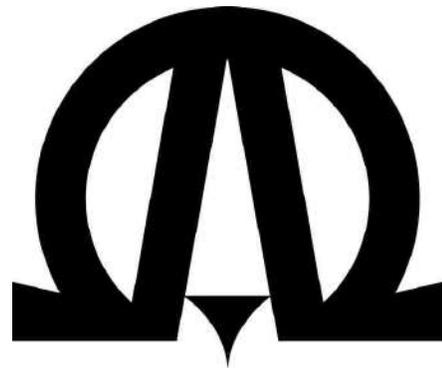


September 2020

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

Alpha & Omega

God created this world,
everything that it holds.
And God still is creating
as each day unfolds.
What we once called the future,
we now call the past.
While the present is fleeting,
God stays — first and last!



—Peggy Ferrell

LAY READERS

September 6	Betty Deitz
September 13	Ron Messersmith
September 20	Sue Ferris
September 27	Michael Hall



FLOWERS

Opportunity to share flowers during the worship service. The open Sundays for the rest of the year are September: 6 and 13. October: 11, 18, 25. November: 8. Please call Betty Deitz (518) 456-4193, or email me at bettydeitz@me.com if you'd like donate flowers one of these dates.

Thank you. Betty, Deacon.

Message from Stewardship:

The Session received the July, 2020 Treasurer's Report which showed a \$10,000 year to date deficit. The revenue shortfall, due to the impact of COVID, was the primary cause. Rental Income, Fundraisers, and Contributions were all behind budget. Please continue to remember the Church with your pledge and other offerings. As C. S. Lewis says in his book *Mere Christianity*, "The only things we can keep are the things we freely give to God. What we try to keep for ourselves is just what we are sure to lose."

Thank you.

From the Session: Mission Study Zoom Meetings Scheduled

In last month's Good News, you read about the Session's plans to follow up on the Mission Study, the main topic of discussion at our Annual Meeting in January. As background, Hamilton Union was required to do a Mission Study as part of the process to call a Pastor. The Mission Study informs the development of the Ministry Information Form, which describes our church and its congregation for prospective Ministers. The Mission Study can be found on our website at <https://hamiltonunionpresbyterianchurch.org/mission-study/>.

The Mission Study also can be used by the Session, Ministry Teams and the congregation to help plan priorities, activities, and initiatives going forward. Many people have commented that we needed to continue the discussions of the Annual Meeting, and before that, small group sessions last fall. These upcoming meetings are designed to do just that, and get input from the congregation about how to move forward on the priority goals identified through the Mission Study process.

These priority goals are:

- Membership
- Mission and Community
- Leadership
- Stewardship
- Fundraisers



As we said last month, the Communications and Christian Ed Ministry teams are already following up on those priorities, but they will also be part of our discussions.

We are planning a series of three meetings via Zoom in September and October. Each will focus on a different priority goal or goals, and will run for approximately one hour. Pastor Janice will “open the door” to each meeting at 7 pm, and the meeting will actually begin at 7:15 pm.

The schedule is:

- Sunday, September 13: Mission and Community
- Thursday, October 8: Membership/Evangelism and Christian Ed; Leadership
- Tuesday, October 20: Stewardship and Fundraisers; Communications

Prior to each meeting, we will send out via church-wide email, the blog on the website, and Facebook a set of questions to get the conversation started. It's important to note that there are no right or wrong answers to these questions; they are intended to stimulate thought and discussion. Session is really looking for a sense of what people are thinking and feeling, as well as concrete ideas and suggestions.

We strongly encourage you to attend as many of these meetings as you can. We really want to hear from as many people as possible. However, if you cannot attend, please phone, email or write any Session member with your thoughts and ideas. We do ask that all written or emailed comments be signed and limited to one page or less.

Thank you for your thoughts, and we look forward to our continued discussions!

SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

- Session welcomed the Pastor Nominating Committee to present a draft of the Ministry Information Form for feedback. PNC members in attendance were Nancy Messersmith, Mark Hutchinson, Betty Deitz, Charlotte Hasselbarth, Lindsay Hall, Mickey Nieman, Bruce Williamson, and Peg Smith (COMAC). After extensive discussion, the PNC will now try to present the final draft of the MIF for approval at the September Session meeting.
- Elder Hasselbarth reported the Church to date has an operating deficit of \$10,129 versus the budgeted deficit of \$4,919, where contributions were slightly behind.
- Elder Trudy Hutchinson presented the report from the COVID-19 Task Force. There will be pilot services in the HUPC sanctuary on August 16 and 23, not open to the public, for study and evaluation by the Task Force. The service will also be available simultaneously on Zoom.

From the Communications Ministry Team: New Members Needed!

Hamilton Union now has a Ministry Team for communications, meaning both within our congregation and the broader community. We operate the church-wide email system, maintain the website, get out the monthly newsletter, work with the Deacons to be sure everyone gets notices, support other Ministry Teams with publicity and messaging, and more. Right now we are doing this with three people, and we really could use help. Specifically, we need someone with web posting experience (experience with Wordpress would be nice) to back up our webmaster and perhaps someone to help with Facebook. We would like to communicate more with our community. New ideas are welcome!



Please contact Karen Williamson, Session Communications liaison, at kawillia302@gmail.com if you are interested. Thank you for your prayerful consideration.

COVID-19 Plan for Limited Occupancy Face-to-Face Worship Services

By the time you read this update from the COVID-19 taskforce, face-to-face worship services will have been suspended for six months. On one level, that is a very long time, and on another level, it is a blink of our eyes.

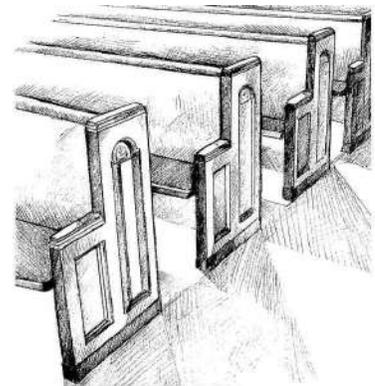
One other event will also have happened by the time you read this as well – one week a pilot study with the Elders to test out the provisions we have put in place to conduct as safe a worship experience as possible in the sanctuary was completed this past Sunday, August 16, 2020.

On August 23, 2020, week 2 of the pilot study will happen and an evaluation will be sent to the Elder participants for their feedback. The taskforce members (George Hannett, Maryann Masley-Hannett, Steve Smith, Sue Smith, Rev. Janice West, and Trudy Hutchinson) will read the evaluations and make any prudent or necessary changes to our plans.

At of this writing, we are planning to have our 1st limited occupancy face-to-face worship service on September 13, 2020 – subject to the vote of the Session following the evaluation of the 2 pilot services. Members who want to attend in person (single, couple, or family units) contact the church office to indicate your coming to the church for Sunday worship. The service will **start at 10a, but we are asking those attending to be in the parking lot – masked and socially-distanced – at 9:30a.** Spacing is marked on the sidewalk.

As you enter the Narthex, you will be greeted and asked to answer the 4 Key questions developed by the CIC and the NYSDOH, sign next to your name on the attendance sheet (using a from the “clean” holder and then place it in the “dirty” holder. The last step before entering the sanctuary is to use the hand sanitizer on the wall. You will be directed to a pew by an usher. It may not be the one you are accustomed to sitting in as we will be using social distancing to fill the church from the front to the rear of the church. People seated on the pulpit side of the sanctuary will exit at the end of the service, as directed by an usher, starting in the front of the church, again socially distancing, through the CE wing. Those sitting on the lectern/organ side of the sanctuary will experience the same process as above, only you will exit starting with the back rows at the end of the service by the Narthex door. The area surrounding the organ and piano are blocked off to protect Charlotte. We know that in the past, many of you came up to the organ to “chat” with Charlotte before or after service. That will not be permitted to protect everyone. We ask your cooperation with this.

Please be assured that all the necessary information and instructions will be sent out via email, a special mailing, placed on the HUPC website and Facebook page well before September 14. With the Lord’s help, our planning and covenant with Him to keep the congregation safe while worshipping will be realized. If you have any questions, please contact any member of the Taskforce. God Bless You All! Trudy



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.

Despite our inability to meet in person, we have several activities. We will begin meeting in person as soon as it is safe.

- * Men's flip flop Collection
- * A new Bible study, *Love Carved in Stone: A Fresh Look at the Ten Commandments* will begin on the evening of Tues. Sept 22, during a zoom or in person program
- We are planning a Mission Activity on Sat. Sept. 26 from 1-3 pm to replace the previously planned *Mooncatcher Moonbee*.

* More information can be found elsewhere in this newsletter.



PNC Update:

The Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC) is continuing its work, focusing on preparing our input for the "Ministry Information Form" (MIF). As we've previously reported, this form describes who we are, what we do and what we are seeking in our next pastor. In early August, the PNC met, via Zoom, with the Session to present what we have drafted so far and seek their feedback and input. A good and lively discussion took place which provided the PNC with valuable input and suggestions as we continue to refine our MIF. Our hope is to complete our MIF and submit it to the Session in September for their final approval. Then it



must be approved by the Albany Presbytery Committee on Missions and Congregations before it can be sent to the Presbyterian "computer dating service" in Louisville. Once that happens, we will start receiving "Pastor Information Forms" to review and begin considering potential candidates for our position. Please continue to keep your PNC in your prayers.

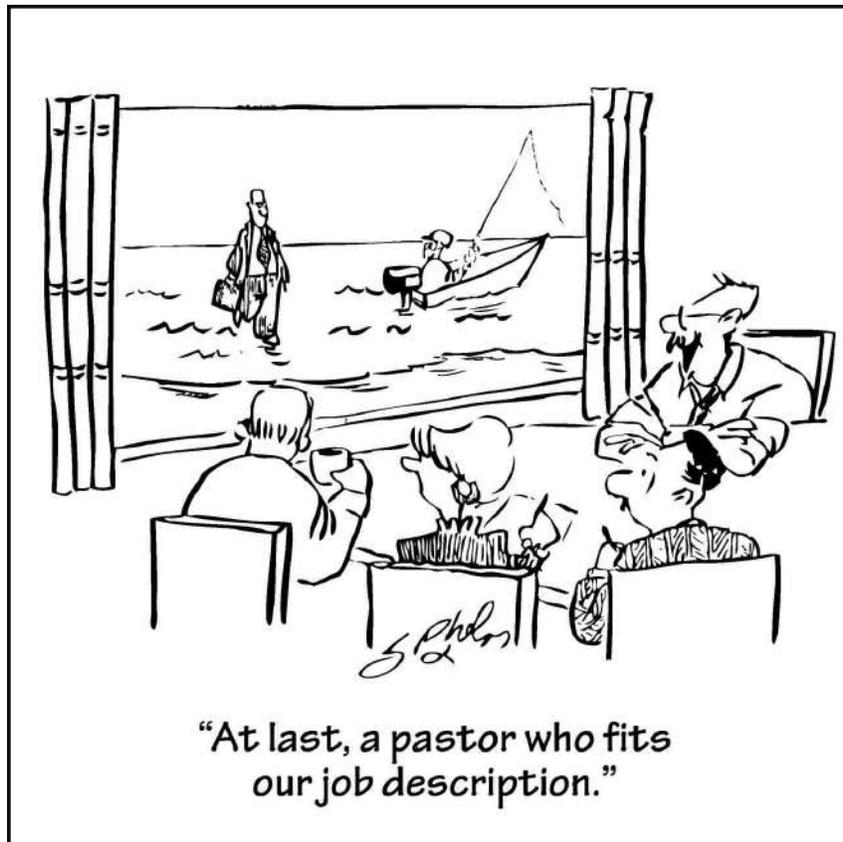
Love Carved in Stone: A Fresh Look at the Ten Commandments,

Order Bible Study Books by Sept.1

Appropriate for Both Men and Women Plus Good for Personal or Group Study

Presbyterian Women will be starting a new Bible study, this September, *Love Carved in Stone: A Fresh Look at the Ten Commandments*. The author is Rev. Eugenia Gamble. This study helps us reframe the way we look at and live in the world. It asks us to consider the Ten Commandments not as a harsh list of what not to do but, instead, as a “love letter” from a loving God. The author shows that the Ten Commandments contribute to the restoration of our communities and how we can personally live out the gospel in the world. Rev. Gamble states, “Moral behavior matters, not simply because immoral actions can anger or disappoint God, but because principled behavior is how love becomes real, both toward God and in community. She wants us to see the commandments in fresh ways. Each lesson begins with an exploration of one of the Ten Commandments in its Biblical context. We’re asked to consider a moment from Jesus’ life that shows us how he lived out a specific commandment and then to consider how that commandment can be lived for our own lives.

If you would like to purchase this study for you own private use or use in another group, contact Joanne Wagner at 355-1408 or jnnwgnr@yahoo.com. The study books are \$10 and \$15 for large print. Payment is due when they arrive, which will be in mid Sept.

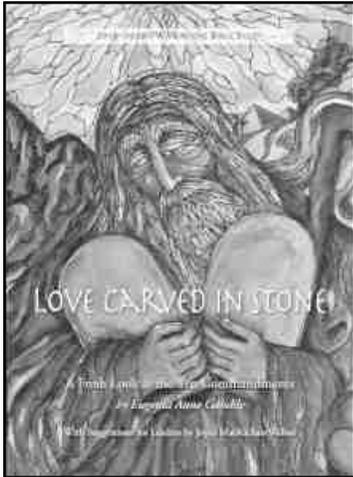


Presbyterian Women Begin a New Bible Study

All Women are Invited

Special Evening Meeting – Tues., Sept. 22 - 7 to 8:30 pm

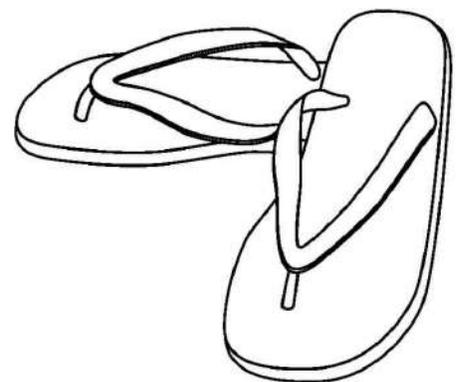
Love Carved in Stone: A Fresh Look at the Ten Commandments,



Presbyterian Women will meet to begin this Bible study on Tues. Sept 22 from 7 pm - 8:30 pm. Rev. Janice West will provide an introduction to *Love Carved in Stone: A Fresh Look at the Ten Commandments* & lead a discussion on Lesson 1, *Words of Love: I Am Your God: You Shall Have No Others*. We will meet in person or on Zoom. Future lessons will be covered at our usual time of 10:30 am – 12:30 pm, generally on the 4th Tuesday of the month.

Men’s Flip-Flop Collection

Men’s flip-flops are needed for the *Capital Area Council of Churches Emergency Overflow Shelter*. They can generally only be purchased in the summer. Although, our church building isn’t open, yet, now is the time to buy them. There is collection box in the Multi-Purpose Room at the church. If you do come into the church building, there is a box of gloves on the stairs. This is one of our continuous collections. The flip-flops will be delivered to the shelter in late October



Thank You in Advance - Presbyterian Women

September 6 - October 4, 2020

Peace & Global Witness

The Peace & Global Witness Offering encourages the church to cast off anxiety and fear, discord and division, and embrace our reconciling God's mission to those around the corner and around the world.

confronting hopelessness, thwarting division
**Empowering congregations
 and individuals to become
 peacemakers themselves.**

Through the Peace & Global Witness Offering, congregations are encouraged and equipped to find and address the anxiety and discord that is prevalent throughout this broken and sinful world.

Peace and Global Witness, the third of the yearly PC(USA) special offerings, will be the focus of September's Minutes for Mission on Sunday morning. In 2019 our congregation raised \$490 for this offering. The Mission and Social Witness ministry team is encouraging the congregation to raise the amount to \$500 or more this year. Whatever the final amount is, the M&SW team will match that amount by 50% from their non-operating funds.

We are The Church. Together we work as active peacemakers offering the peace of Christ in all times and all ways. We work together sharing Christ's peace beyond our doors, across boundaries and around the world. 25% stays with the congregation, 25% go to the presbytery, and 50% supports worldwide peacemaking work at the national level. Share God's Peace!

Many parts, one body

Through the teaching, support, sacrifice, worship and commitment of the church, utterly ordinary people are enabled to do some rather extraordinary, even heroic acts, not on the basis of their own gifts and abilities, but rather by having a community capable of sustaining Christian virtue. The church enables us to be better people than we could have been if left to our own devices.

—Stanley Hauerwas and William Willimon, *Resident Aliens*

The Making Connections Bible Study meetings are resuming on SEPTEMBER 14th at 2:00p. The Zoom link will be included in the upcoming events posted by Ann Duncan. Everyone is welcome for a lively discussion of the lectionary readings for the week.

Making Connections Adult Bible Study					
Sept. 14 Nancy	Proper 20 (25) Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost September 20, 2020 ART -- PRAYER	Exodus 16:2-15 Psalm 105:1-6, 37-45	Jonah 3:10-4:11 Psalm 145:1-8	Philippians 1:21-30	Matthew 20:1-16
Sept. 21	Proper 21 (26) Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost September 27, 2020 ART -- PRAYER	Exodus 17:1-7 Psalm 78:1-4, 12-16	Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32 Psalm 25:1-9	Philippians 2:1-13	Matthew 21:23-32
Sept. 28	Proper 22 (27) Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost October 4, 2020 ART -- PRAYER	Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20 Psalm 19	Isaiah 5:1-7 Psalm 80:7-15	Philippians 3:4b-14	Matthew 21:33-46
Oct. 5	Proper 23 (28) Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost October 11, 2020 ART -- PRAYER	Exodus 32:1-14 Psalm 106:1-6, 19-23	Isaiah 25:1-9 Psalm 23	Philippians 4:1-9	Matthew 22:1-14
Oct. 12	Proper 24 (29) Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost October 18, 2020 ART -- PRAYER	Exodus 33:12-23 Psalm 99	Isaiah 45:1-7 Psalm 96:1-9, (10-13)	1 Thessalonians 1:1-10	Matthew 22:15-22
Oct. 19	Proper 25 (30) Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost October 25, 2020 ART -- PRAYER	Deuteronomy 34:1-12 Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17	Leviticus 19:1-2, 15-18 Psalm 1	1 Thessalonians 2:1-8	Matthew 22:34-46
Oct. 26	Proper 26 (31) Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost November 1, 2020 ART -- PRAYER	Joshua 3:7-17 Psalm 107:1-7, 33-37	Micah 3:5-12 Psalm 43	1 Thessalonians 2:9-13	Matthew 23:1-12
Nov. 2	Proper 27 (32) Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost November 8, 2020 (If All Saints not observed on this day) ART -- PRAYER	Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25 Psalm 78:1-7	Wisdom of Solomon 6:12-16 <i>or</i> Amos 5:18-24 Wisdom of Solomon 6:17-20 <i>or</i> Psalm 70	1 Thessalonians 4:13-18	Matthew 25:1-13
Nov, 9	Proper 28 (33) Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost November 15, 2020 ART -- PRAYER	Judges 4:1-7 Psalm 123	Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18 Psalm 90:1-8, (9-11), 12	1 Thessalonians 5:1-11	Matthew 25:14-30
Nov. 16	Reign of Christ - Proper 29 (34) Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost November 22, 2020 ART -- PRAYER	Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24 Psalm 100	Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24 Psalm 95:1-7a	Ephesians 1:15-23	Matthew 25:31-46

Hamilton Union Presbyterian Church

BROOKS CHICKEN and RIB BARBECUE



WEDNESDAY, September 30, 2020

3:30 PM thru 6:30 PM (or when sold out)

TAKE OUT ONLY

Chicken Dinner: \$12.00

(Dinner includes half chicken, baked potato, coleslaw, roll, dessert.)

Rib Dinner: \$14.00

Please put the date on your calendar!



SEPTEMBER

Birthdays

Viola McKaig (September 28)

All workers are essential

The concept of vocation, Latin for “to call,” previously referred only to a calling to church work. But then Martin Luther emphasized the importance — and even sanctity — of *all* types of labors. The reformer pointed out that “*God doesn’t need our good works, but our neighbor does.*”

RJ Grunewald, in a blog post titled “God Makes Pizza,” describes how this looks today: “God is busy about *his* work in the midst of *your* work whether you realize it or not. The laundry, the spreadsheets, the phone calls and the cups of coffee are all deeply spiritual because God is at work in the world. He is serving your family, your coworkers and your community through the work you do. God is at work providing ‘daily bread’ through the work that you do, no matter what that work is.”

Connecting With Our Young Adults Away From Home

College – Military - Career

We want to maintain a connection between our Hamilton Union faith community and our young people who are in college (locally or away), in the military or away from home for a job. We want to remember them with cards and notes, plus send them our newsletter, the *Good News*.



Please give your son or daughter's postal and email addresses to Charlotte Hasselbarth at chasselbarth@hotmail.com or 518-356-0637.

Thank you.

Presbyterian Women, the Deacons and the Communications Team

A legacy of faith

National Grandparents Day became an official observance in 1978, thanks largely to the lobbying efforts of Marian McQuade, a West Virginian who had 15 children and 43 grandchildren during 60 years of marriage.

The purpose of National Grandparents Day, celebrated on the first Sunday after Labor Day, is threefold: to honor grandparents, to give grandparents an opportunity to show love for their children's children and to help children become aware of strength, information and guidance older people can offer.

Grandparents — and, in this mobile society, surrogate grandparents — also serve as examples of how to endure challenges with God's help. Elders describe how God remains present, faithful and steadfast throughout the years. As Psalm 145:4 (NIV) says, "One generation commends your works to another; they tell of your mighty acts."

More information about the Regional Food Bank:

It works to alleviate hunger and prevent food waste by accepting large donations of food from the food industry and distributing those donations to charitable agencies that feed hungry people. The Regional Food Bank serves 23 counties including Albany, Clinton, Columbia, Delaware, Dutchess, Essex, Franklin, Fulton, Greene, Hamilton, Montgomery, Orange, Otsego, Putnam, Rensselaer, Rockland, Saratoga, Schenectady, Schoharie, Sullivan, Ulster, Warren, and Washington.

Hundreds of local and national companies donate food to the Regional Food Bank, including:

- Farmers
- Manufacturers
- Retailers
- Wholesalers



**Regional
Food Bank**
OF NORTHEASTERN NEW YORK

All types of food and grocery products are donated, including non-perishable, fresh and frozen foods. Non-food items such as paper products, soap, and personal hygiene items are also donated. Most food donations come from the food industry. There are many reasons why products are donated. They may be mislabeled, overproduced, test-market items and products with short code dates.

The Food Bank also "salvages" products. The dented cans and crumpled boxes that are pushed aside at the grocery store can be cleaned and sorted by volunteers to provide food pantries and soup kitchens with a variety of food and household products. USDA government foods are also donated by the federal government and made available to agencies.



*You are cordially invited to our
9th Annual*

Online Fall Fundraiser "Be The Change"

*Featuring Kareema Pinckney Partin
Cornerstone Alumna Class of 2009*

Wednesday, September 23, 2020

7:00 p.m.

Via Zoom and Facebook Live Stream

*...celebrating our history
and building support for the future...*

About Our Special Guest...

Kareema Pinckney Partin is a Cornerstone Alumna (Class of 2009). She and her husband, Dom, live in New York City along with their newborn daughter. After graduating from the University at Albany, Kareema went on to study Television, Radio and Film at Syracuse University. She has been engaged in film and media projects in New York and California. Her most recent project including serving as the Associate Director of the inaugural Cinematters: NY Social Justice Film Festival – a weekend dedicated to films and programs in the spirit of Dr. King's legacy to inspire action and activate social change.

Cornerstone Protestant Campus Ministry seeks to bring Christians together at the University at Albany so they can make a difference in the world.



Online Fall Fundraiser
 Wednesday, September 23, 2020
 7:00 p.m.
 Via Zoom and Facebook Livestream

Yes, I am able to attend
 I will attend via Zoom
 I will attend via Facebook Livestream

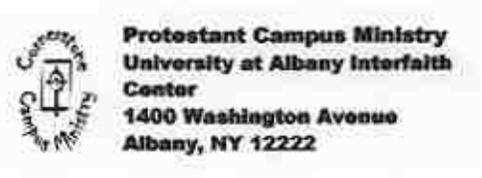
Please accept my regrets.

I am unable to attend, but would like to support Protestant Campus Ministry with the following donation:
 \$500 \$250 \$100 \$50 \$25
 Please make checks payable to Protestant Campus Ministry

Name: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____



When God crosses our paths

Pastor and martyr Dietrich Bonhoeffer wrote, “God will be constantly crossing our paths and canceling our plans by sending us people with claims and petitions.” Last spring, the whole world had plans canceled, first by Covid-19 and then by God “sending us people with claims and petitions.” Some needed prayers for healing or for coping with grief. Medical staff, teachers, pastors and others serving long hours needed support: meals, check-in calls, “thinking of you” cards. Parents working remotely while helping kids with distance-learning needed encouragement. Crucial nonprofit work still required donations.

Pre-pandemic, you may not have realized that staying home or wearing a face mask could be a ministry. Or that sending a card expresses love in Jesus’ name. Or that buying takeout from a local restaurant can be a gift to the owners. When our calendars empty, God “crosses our paths” in new ways — both to be with us and to nudge us toward others (even if virtually, or 6 feet apart!).



SALE!

Support A Peer Minister NOW!

Cornerstone Protestant Campus Ministry Invites You to

SUPPORT our PEER MINISTERS

We're looking for approximately 8 congregations who will "support" a Peer Minister for the 2020-21 academic year.

**DO YOU HAVE A SPECIAL ENDOWMENT FUND THAT CAN BE USED?
CAN YOU INCLUDE IT IN YOUR MISSION OR OUTREACH BUDGET?**

For only \$500 you can "support" a Peer Minister who will serve Cornerstone on campus in a variety of areas—Spiritual Formation (Bible Study Leader), Worship Coordinator, Mission-Service Coordinator, Administrative Assistant, etc.

For more information, contact Rev. Sandy Damhof
She'll be happy to meet with you and/or your leadership team!
sdamhof@albany.edu or 518-495-0029 (cell phone)

RESPONSE FORM

Yes, we'd like to Support a Peer Minister.
We've enclosed our check for \$500 made payable to "Protestant Campus Ministry"

Do you have a preference for the Peer Minister you would like to "purchase"? (circle one)

- | | |
|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Chidiogo Igboekwe—Administrative Assist | <input type="checkbox"/> Scott Bogart—Bible Study |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Monique Wade—Worship Coordinator | <input type="checkbox"/> Luke Morello - Program Coordinator |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Benitha Muyizere – Service Coordinator | <input type="checkbox"/> Blossom Kapio – Program Coordinator |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Jessica Nyarko – Program Coordinator | <input type="checkbox"/> TBA – Java and Justice Coordinator |

Name of Congregation _____

Contact Person _____

As we have for several years, Hamilton Union is supporting the Cornerstone Protestant Campus Ministry program by covering one of its Peer Ministers. This is similar to a work study program. This year we will support Chidiogo Igboekwe's Administrative Assistant position from a line item in the Mission and Social Witness budget. If you would like to support a position as an individual or the program itself financially, send your donation to:

Protestant Campus Ministry
Interfaith Center at UAlbany - CC345
1400 Washington Avenue
Albany, NY 12222

HUPC MISSION: Donations of Used Items

Do you have items you no longer need or want, but that are in good, reusable condition? Are you wondering where to donate them in the absence of the HUPC Grand Garage Sale? Then here are some options for you:

Bethel Thrift and Donation Center

Hannaford Plaza, 1400 Altamont Ave., Rotterdam

A ministry of the Bethel Full Gospel Church, Rotterdam

You can read about this ministry at <http://bethel-thrift-donation-center.business.site/>

A list of acceptable and unacceptable donations is at

<https://www.bethelbiblevillage.org/acceptable-donation-items/>

Donations are accepted on Mondays from 10am to 3pm. If you have a very large amount of items, please call ahead at 518-631-9073.

Schenectady City Mission

All donation information can be found at <https://citymission.com/donate/in-kind-gifts>.

As a reminder, there is a red City Mission donation bin for clothing and accessories at Carman Plaza near the Corner Ice Cream. This is a great excuse to get an ice cream cone while you're there!

Following are options for other items you may wish to donate:

- **Habitat for Humanity**, (518) 395-3412. Furniture and big appliances. Pickup available.
- **Home Furnishings**, (518) 346-2444. Furniture, household items, and mattresses. Pickup available.
- **Salvation Army**, (518) 465-2416. Furniture, books, VHS tapes. Pickup available.
- **Things of My Very Own**, (518) 630-5143. Gently used mattresses, strollers, Pack n' Play, new cribs and car seats.

Questions can be directed to Cindy Schultz at 518-253-1062 (including texting) or email at cschult3@nycap.rr.com.

Worship Services Online

If you missed a weekly service, or you would like to experience one again, there are several methods to choose from:

The current audio and video versions of the weekly service can be played online on our website at
<https://hamiltonunionpresbyterianchurch.org/worship-experience/#worship>

Prior week's videos can be views on YouTube at
<https://www.youtube.com/user/GoodNewsHUPC>

The Worship Service playlist is at
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4KRTM_UKc90&list=PL_sYzIk-n0N0UWfyYSVSJLyPUtrI8mRz_

You can play past audio-only versions of the service online at
<https://anchor.fm/hamilton-union-church>

Audio files (mp3) can also be downloaded at
<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1LArOd3I30tMNqukFv2T7hlsZH8ZunYox?usp=sharing>

You can also find this list at <https://hamiltonunionpresbyterianchurch.org/multimedia-links/>



God's left hand

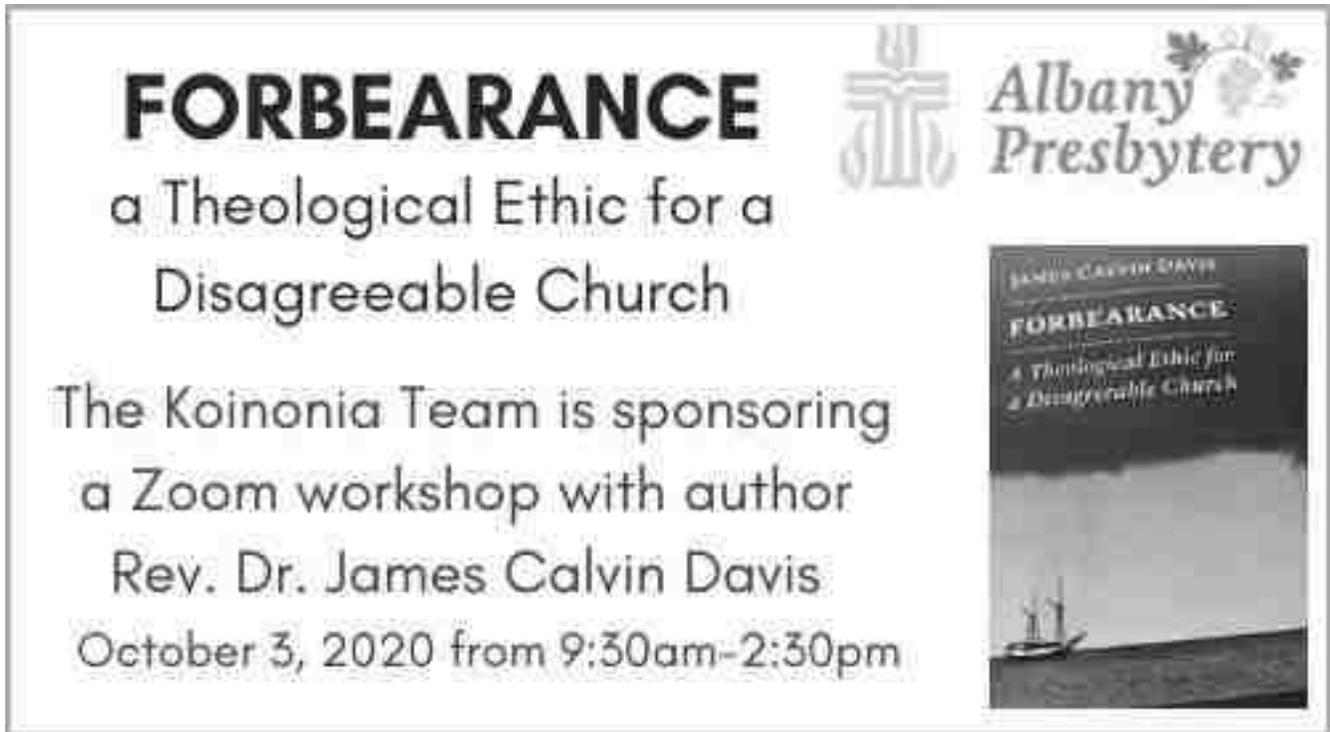
A 6-year-old and his grandma went for a walk one autumn day. "Look at the gorgeous leaves!" Grandma exclaimed. "Just think, God painted each one of them just for us!"

"Yep," said her grandson, "and he did it left-handed."

Perplexed, Grandma asked, "Why do you think God used his left hand to create all this beauty?"

"Because," said the boy matter-of-factly, "we learned in Sunday school that Jesus sits on God's right one."

**JOIN US FOR A ZOOM WORKSHOP AND LEARN
FROM REV. DR. JAMES CALVIN DAVIS.**



FORBEARANCE
a Theological Ethic for a
Disagreeable Church

The Koinonia Team is sponsoring
a Zoom workshop with author
Rev. Dr. James Calvin Davis
October 3, 2020 from 9:30am-2:30pm

Albany Presbytery



The practice of forbearance, Davis argues, offers Christians a dignified, graceful, and constructive way to deal with conflict. Forbearance can also strengthen the church's public witness, offering an antidote to the pervasive divisiveness present in contemporary culture.

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Save the Date



Presbyterian Women in the Presbytery of Albany Fall Gathering – Zoom Gathering

Tuesday, October 13 – 1 1/2 hours long - time TBA

Standing on the Gifts of Empowered Historic Women

Lisa Gray, immediate past Moderator of Presbyterian Women in the Synod of the Northeast and participant in the 2019 USA Mission Experience trip to the Finger Lakes Region, will share her experiences and what she learned about the origins of women's empowerment in that region of New York.

Freewill offering will be sent to the *USA Mission Experience Fund*.

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A BUSHEL OF BOOKS



Design a handy bag to tote your books this fall.

What you need:

- Plain canvas bag
- Cardboard scrap
- Acrylic paints (2 colors)
- 2 small paper plates
- Apple
- Knife (and adult help)
- Foam brush
- Scrap paper

What you do:

1. Lay the bag flat on a table, and place cardboard inside for protection.
2. Pour a paint dollop on each plate.
3. Slice the apple in half, keeping the core intact.
4. Brush a thin layer of paint on the cut side of an apple half. Practice making stamps on scrap paper. Use the other color on the other apple half.
5. Paint and stamp the bag with your final design. When dry, remove the cardboard.
6. Use the bag for school and Sunday school. Happy reading!



WISDOM FROM THE WORD

God makes a special promise to people who study Scripture.

Directions: Arrange the word list in alphabetical order. Then write the circled letters in order below to complete Joshua 1:8, NIV.



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| school | -- ○ ----- |
| paper | -- ○ _ |
| wisdom | --- ○ _ |
| read | --- ○ |
| play | ----- |
| learn | ○ ----- |
| grow | -- ○ ----- |
| pencils | ----- |
| pray | -- ○ _ |
| art | ----- |
| student | --- ○ _ |
| kids | --- ○ ----- |
| apple | --- ○ ----- |

“... meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be _____ and successful.”

JOSHUA 1:8, NIV

Answer: apple, art, grow, kids, learn, paper, pencils, play, pray, read, school, student, wisdom, prosperous

HAMILTON UNION HAPPENINGS



SEPTEMBER 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		<i>1</i> 12noon Midday Prayers (F)	<i>2</i> 12noon Midday Prayers (F) 7pm Evening Prayers (Z)	<i>3</i> 12noon Midday Prayers (F) 7:30pm In His Presence (Z)	<i>4</i>	<i>5</i>
<i>6 Communion</i> 10am Worship Service (Z)	<i>7</i>	<i>8</i> 12noon Midday Prayers (F)	<i>9</i> 12noon Midday Prayers (F) 7pm Evening Prayers (Z)	<i>10 Newsletter Deadline</i> 12noon Midday Prayers (F) 7:30pm In His Presence (Z)	<i>11</i>	<i>12</i>
<i>13</i> 10am Worship Service (Z)	<i>14</i>	<i>15</i> 12noon Midday Prayers (F)	<i>16</i> 12noon Midday Prayers (F) 7pm Evening Prayers (Z)	<i>17</i> 12noon Midday Prayers (F) 7:30pm In His Presence (Z)	<i>18</i>	<i>19</i>
<i>20</i> 10am Worship Service (Z)	<i>21</i>	<i>22</i> 12noon Midday Prayers (F)	<i>23</i> 12noon Midday Prayers (F) 7pm Evening Prayers (Z)	<i>24</i> 12noon Midday Prayers (F) 7:30pm In His Presence (Z)	<i>25</i>	<i>26</i>
<i>27</i> 10am Worship Service (Z)	<i>28</i>	<i>29</i> 12noon Midday Prayers (F)	<i>30</i> 12noon Midday Prayers (F) 7pm Evening Prayers (Z)			

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