

# Good News

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

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## July 2021

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



### **The Sounds of Summer**

When on a summer's morn I wake,  
And open my two eyes,  
Out to the clear, born-singing rills  
My bird-like spirit flies,

To hear the Blackbird, Cuckoo, Thrush,  
Or any bird in song;  
And common leaves that hum all day,  
Without a throat or tongue.

And when Time strikes the hour for sleep,  
Back in my room alone,  
My heart has many a sweet bird's song —  
And one that's all my own.

—W.H. Davies




### LAY READERS

- July 4        **Sue Ferris**
- July 11      **Diane Irwin**
- July 18      **Peter McKinney**
- July 25      **Mark Hutchinson**



The world is full of  
good people.

If you can't find one,  
be one.

A decorative graphic of stylized flowers and leaves in black silhouette. The flowers have multiple petals and are arranged in a cluster.

Rejoice  
in **hope**,  
be **patient**  
in tribulation,  
be **constant**  
in **prayer**.

Romans 12:12, ESV

Please send private prayer requests to the Deacon on Call and let them know that it is a personal matter. You should express if you would like the Minister to be involved. As always public prayer requests can be requested during Joys and Concerns or at office hours.



### Thank you from the Purple Pantry Coordinator

Thank you for the Hamilton Union Presbyterian Church's donations to *the Purple Pantry* this semester! It has truly been a privilege to receive the outpouring of generosity from you and your fellow church members. Because of your generous gifts, members of the University at Albany community have access to food and personal care items. Donations like yours help our community focus on academic excellence and achievement by fighting food insecurity. Your gifts help us empower our students, faculty, and campus communities to author their own success.

Again, we offer our sincere gratitude for your generosity and support of our students. Thank you for helping us continue to Unleash Greatness!

Warmest regards,

Rosier Cade, Purple Pantry Coordinator



The Mission Team announces the next volunteer opportunities at the Regional Food Bank to sort donated food:

Thu July 15                      5 to 6:30 PM

Thu September 16              5 to 6:30 PM

No dates scheduled for August

Already scheduled: Thu June 24    5 to 6:30 PM



**Regional  
Food Bank**  
OF NORTHEASTERN NEW YORK

We will have up to 9 slots available, first come, first served.

A good opportunity to serve the community, and the work is not difficult. If you are interested, please contact Wayne Gannett to sign up at [jgannett@nycap.rr.com](mailto:jgannett@nycap.rr.com) or call 518-878-5536 cell.

On Thursday, May 20, 2021 the volunteer crew of Ron Messersmith and Wayne Gannett sorted produce – everything from cantaloupes to cauliflower. Thanks to all who participated.

## PW says: We ARE blanketing the world with LOVE!!

**PW is offering the blankets through June 27 to encompass Mother's Day and Father's Day, and to give you the chance to give in honor or memory of anyone.** For anyone new to this program, you do not buy literal blankets, but give the money to CWS through PW; blankets are sent to places and people in this country and around the world that are experiencing disasters and difficult times. In return, **you can get cards to send, or you can send your own cards or make cards using the picture below.**

I will collect the money/checks—either you can mail them to me or drop them off on our porch; let me know if you want cards and I'll have them ready for you:

518-356-1691

Jean Michelle Nieman  
896 Pine Hill Dr  
Schenectady, NY 12303



Checks should be made out to PW of HUPC. Please write in the memo line the type and number of your choice(s): for example, "1 hvywht" (\$15); "2 lgtwht" (\$20); "1 lgtwht, 3 hvywht" (\$55); "5 hvywht,"(\$75) etc.

Thank you in advance! We'll remind you for June! (I STILL love exclamation points!) Love, Mickey



Summer is here! You may be drinking more soda and other drinks with pull tabs. Please save them to benefit the Ronald McDonald house in Albany. You can leave the pull tabs in the treasurer's mail box or the big labeled blue container on the cabinet in the lounge. Margaret Gardam will ensure that they eventually get their final destination. Please feel free to contact her by phone or email if you wish additional information or have any questions.

## Mission and Social Witness Committee

As we continue to concentrate our efforts on fighting hunger in 2021, we will focus on the Guilderland Food Pantry for the month of July. As many of you know, the Guilderland Food Pantry was founded by longtime Hamilton Union Presbyterian Church member, Roberta “Bertie” Chesebrough, in 1979. She recognized the need to assist local food insecure families and began stocking food in her basement for this purpose. Soon, more space was needed, so the Pantry was moved to the HUPC boiler room, and then to the kitchen in the church basement.

In the summer of 2018, the Pantry was moved to its current location at Christ’s Church in Charles Park, Guilderland. The move was bittersweet, but it became clear that a location at ground level would make life easier for both the clients and the volunteers.

The Pantry is now officially registered as a 501c3 non-profit with the State of New York and a member of the Regional Food Bank of Northeastern New York, Food Pantries of the Capital District, and the Guilderland Chamber of Commerce. Hours of operation are Monday through Saturday, 9:30AM to 11:00AM. Clients can obtain food every four weeks, and can either pick up their order, or have it delivered. Holiday meal supplies are distributed at Easter, Thanksgiving, and Christmas. The Angel Gift Program ensures that each client receives a gift for Christmas. The Backpack Program supplies food insecure Guilderland students with food to bring home for the weekends.

Hamilton Union Presbyterian Church has been a key supporter of the Guilderland Food Pantry since its inception. The congregation has been extremely generous with food and monetary donations. Every year, HUPC participates in the Angel Gift Program and purchases Christmas gifts for several clients. We ask for your continued support, as food insecurity is an ongoing problem in our community. HUPC truly exemplifies the meaning of the Food Pantry motto: “Neighbors Helping Neighbors.”



***Happy Birthday to ...***

- July 2 — Carolyn Sarbello
- July 4 — Bill Ramage
- July 7 — Karen Williamson
- July 7 — Shelby Deere
- July 9 — Bruce Williamson
- July 14 — Thomas “Tom” Gade
- July 15 — Katie Williamson Davis
- July 20 — Mark Hutchinson
- July 26 — Shirley Dudziec
- July 27 — Atticus Delhagen



***Happy Anniversary to ...***

- July 11 — Hope and Dan Messersmith

If you would like to have a birthday, an anniversary, or another important event in you and your family's lives published in the HUPC "Good News" newsletter, please call or text Ann McKinney at (518) 488-7195 or email her at ANNANDPETERMCKINNEY@GMAIL.COM with this information. If you use our OLD House Phone (518) 326-0895, you cannot leave a message.

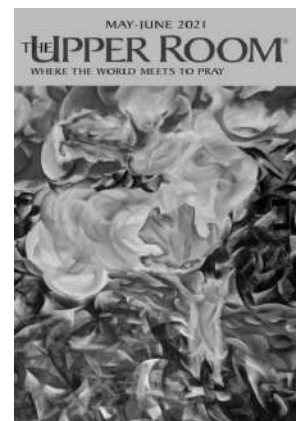
Thanks for keeping the dates of these special occasions up-to-date.

Ann McKinney

**Upper Room**

If you would like easy access to the "Upper Room" devotional guide? There are 3 ways for this to happen:

1. You may take a hard copy of the "Upper Room" from the church office.
2. You may use the following link to receive the "Upper Room" online:  
*UpperRoom.org/standingorderchurches*
3. You may call **1-615-212-2013** to hear the daily Bible reading, the message (written by people around the world), the Daily Prayer, and the Thought for the Day at no charge from "Upper Room."



## Save the Date - Presbyterian Women to Begin a New Bible Study

Presbyterian Women will begin a new Bible Study on Tues, Sept 21. We will meet in the evening from 7 pm - 8:30 pm for the Introduction to *Into the Light, Finding Hope Through Lament* and Lesson 1, *The Heart of Lament*. All women are invited to attend. The remainder of the lessons will be on at our usual meeting time, which is generally the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday on the month at 10:30 am.



2¢ A Meal Collections will actively resume on every month on **July 25<sup>th</sup>**! As is our HUPC tradition, time is set aside in the service on the last Sunday of each month for this collection. So please mark your calendars and bring your saved up coins to church on **July 25<sup>th</sup>**. Thanks to everyone who has been participating by check or online donations during the COVID-19 months.

## 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](mailto:chasselbarth@hotmail.com) or 518-356-0637.

- \* Until Sun, June 27 we will be “selling” blankets for *Church World Service Blanket Sale*
- \* Thurs., Aug 5: Virtual Presbyterian Women’s Churchwide Gathering
- \* Tues, Sept 21, 7 pm - 8:30 pm - Evening Circle Meeting - Introduction to *Into the Light, Finding Hope Through Lament* and Lesson 1, *The Heart of Lament*

\* More information is else where in the newsletter.



## SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

In our June meeting, we recognized with heavy hearts the sudden passing of our friend, fellow Elder and diligent Clerk of Session Ron Messersmith. We shared memories of him with each other and acknowledged the void that his death leaves in all of us.

Pastor Delhagen shared his plans for several series of sermon development around Matthew 25, then “The Challenge of the Gospel,” “Glimpses of God’s Realm,” and leading us up to Advent with “Becoming a Matthew 25 Church.”

Elder Steve Smith is assuming the Chair of the Property Committee and Elder Trudy Hutchinson is assuming the Chair of the Worship Committee. She was also appointed Clerk Pro-Tem for the June 10 meeting. If any members of the congregation wish to participate on any of the committees of Session, please contact any of the Elders.

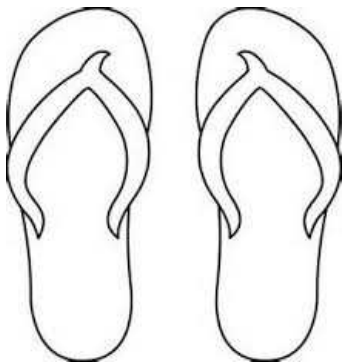
As with any building, repairs are needed from time to time and those are taking place. Stayed tuned for more information in the coming months.



Listen to past worship services at:  
<https://anchor.fm/hamilton-union-church>

Watch past worship services at:  
<https://www.youtube.com/user/GoodNewsHUPC>

## 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. Donations can be left in the collection box at the top of the stairs in the Christian Education Building or in the deck box outside the Christian Education Building. This is one of our continuous collections. Men’s white athletic socks and laundry detergent are also needed. The donations will be regularly delivered to the shelter starting in late October.

Thank You in Advance - Presbyterian Women



## Virtual Presbyterian Women's Churchwide Gathering.

Thursday, August 5 - time TBA

The Presbyterian Women's Churchwide Gathering will not take place this year. In its place will be a 2-hour zoom event that will include a worship service and presentation by Rev. Dr. Diane Moffett, President and Executive Director of the Presbyterian Mission Agency of the PC (USA).

The theme is *Rejoice in Hope*, based on the scripture passage, "Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, and persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers" (Rom. 12:12–13).

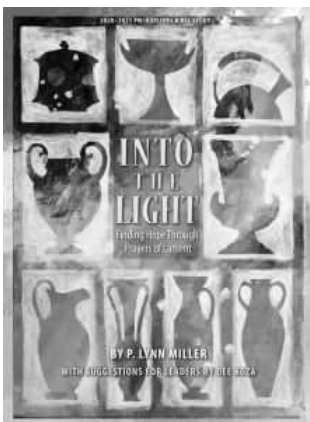
See [www.presbyterianwomen.org/gathering](http://www.presbyterianwomen.org/gathering) for evolving details.



### *Into the Light: Finding Hope Through Prayers of Lament*

**Bible Study Books to be Ordered**

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



Presbyterian Women will be starting a new Bible study, this September, *Into the Light: Finding Hope Through Prayers of Lament*. It speaks of lament as a proper theological response to the difficult situations of our world. One of the foundational points of the study is that, in scripture, lament usually leads to hope. After crying out to God, the one who laments remembers God. And while that doesn't fix things in the moment—the injustice, the loss still exists—the lamenter is strengthened to face the world and to hope. Hope implies movement: both God's inherent movement toward justice and our movement toward God. Recovering lament may be one of the church's most timely gifts to the world.

If you would like to purchase this study for your own private use or use in another group, contact Joanne Wagner at 355-1408 or [jnnwgnr@yahoo.com](mailto:jnnwgnr@yahoo.com) by Wed., Sept. 1. The study books are \$10 and \$15 for large print. Payment is due when they arrive, which will be in mid Sept.



# As sweet as honey



Honey is both a sweetener and a medicine.  
How can our words be used in the same ways?



*Directions: Use the hexagon key to fill in the missing vowels and complete Proverbs 16:24, NIV.*



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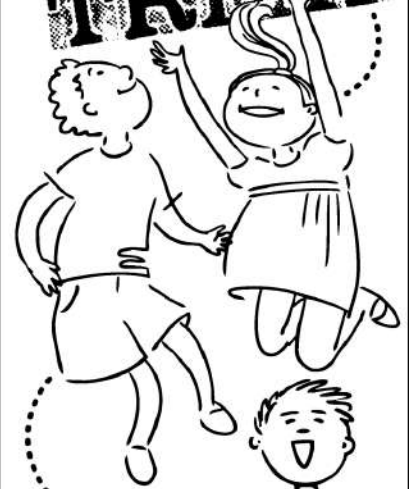


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PROVERBS 16:24, NIV

## A SWEET TREAT



Make this refreshing treat on a hot summer day.



**What you need:**

- Baking sheet
- Parchment paper
- 1 cup plain Greek yogurt
- 2 Tbsp. honey
- ¼ cup granola or cereal

**What you do:**

1. On a baking sheet covered with parchment paper, spread yogurt in a thin layer, about ½-inch thick.
2. Drizzle honey evenly over yogurt. Sprinkle granola (or cereal) on top.
3. Freeze about 30 minutes, or until firm.
4. Crack frozen yogurt into pieces and peel away paper. Enjoy!

Answer: Gracious words are a honeycomb, sweet to the soul and healing to the bones. Proverbs 16:24, NIV

# HAMILTON UNION HAPPENINGS



# July 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
4 <i>COMMUNION</i> 10am Worship Service (S & Z)	5	6 7pm Session Meeting (Z)	7	8	9	10
11 10am Worship Service (S & Z)	12	13	14	15	16	17
18 10am Worship Service (S & Z)	19	20	21	22	23	24
25 10am Worship Service (S & Z) 2¢ a Meal	26	27	28	29	30	31

Z = Zoom    F=Facebook    S=Sanctuary    P=Parking Lot

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