

# 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.**

### Dear heavenly Father

Open my eyes, Creator of the universe, that I may see your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars that you have established; open my ears, that I may hear what the heavens are telling me about your glory, which transcends all material bounds and yet deigns to reside with human beings.

May I ever marvel at your tender care for us, and give you thanks and praise forever. Amen.

—Prayer suggested by Psalms 8 & 19



## LITURGISTS

Aug. 1	<b>Debbi Waggener</b>
Aug. 8	<b>Diane Irwin</b>
Aug. 15	<b>Rae Rau</b>
Aug. 22	<b>Darlene Bauer</b>
Aug. 29	<b>Charlotte Hasselbarth</b>



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.



Dear Karen & the HHC Deacons, June 15  
 Thank you so much for all your prayers and support. The snacks, drinks, for after the calling hour was much appreciated. The luncheon after the service was very nice. That is always a nice time to visit with family and in case to celebrate Ron's life. It is a lovely tradition. Prayersfully,  
 Nancy

June 15, 2021

### Flowers for Church 3

It is now the middle of June and we are again worshipping in the sanctuary although we are also still using Zoom. One of the benefits of this has been the improvement in technology use which provides a much better view of the altar when using Zoom. Because of this, in person worship and improvement to Zoom, we probably have a much greater need for fresh flowers. Unfortunately, we have had no sign-ups for the provision of fresh flowers.

I have posted the flower sign-up poster in the rear of the sanctuary on the taller desk/cabinet with the cork board. Anyone who wants to provide flowers can either sign-up on the poster or call me. I have been going to the church at least once a week and checking the poster but nevertheless, if you sign-up, it would be helpful if you sent me an e-mail or made a phone call.

If you donate flowers, it will be helpful to let us know if you want them donated after the service and to whom. At the moment, Karen Unser is the deacon in charge of that activity. If you have a specific recipient or are otherwise going to handle this yourself, it will still be helpful to let us know. If you say nothing in this regard and we are aware of fresh flowers, someone from the Deacons will distribute them.

Last, if you have specific people or a specific occasion you wish to honor with your flowers, please send an e-mail to the church office/Ann Duncan or whoever takes over from her. This way, the honors can be printed with the Sunday bulletin.

Hiram Eberlein



### Appeal from the Stewardship Committee:



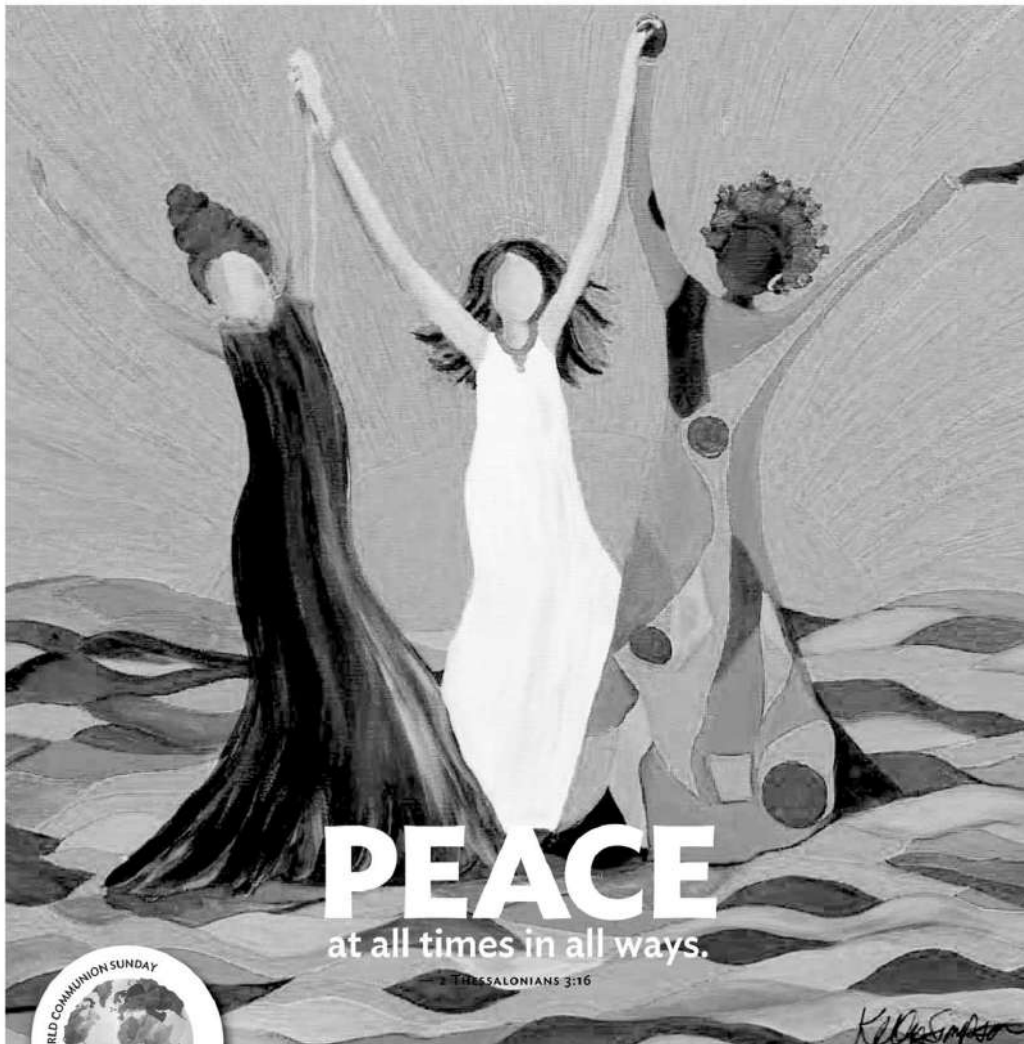
Pledge Statements for the period ending June 30 are being mailed out this week. We ask those who have fallen behind on their pledge commitment and are able to catch up, to please do so. The Church is thankful to those who have kept current and/or increased their commitment during these trying times.

If you have any questions about your pledge, please contact Bill Hasselbarth.

Thank you,  
The Stewardship Committee



PEACE & GLOBAL WITNESS  
SPECIAL OFFERINGS  
PEACEMAKING AND RECONCILIATION



**PEACE**  
is active,  
not passive  
**PEACE**  
is doing,  
not waiting

As we work to share Christ's peace with one another, let's share that peace with those beyond our doors, beyond our communities and beyond our borders. The Peace & Global Witness Offering provides the tools and resources for us as we join together as active peacemakers — *at all times, in all ways.*



PEACE &amp; GLOBAL WITNESS

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# PEACE

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— 2 Thessalonians 3:16

On World Communion Sunday, we celebrate that Christ's peace extends throughout all creation. We celebrate that we are all together at the communion table, in God's house. We celebrate that we are offered what we need to continue the work of building the household of God, with active peacemakers here at home and around the world. Extending the peace of Christ is part of an active, engaged faith — a witness to what it means for us to be the Church, together.

Through participation in the Peace & Global Witness Offering, our church is extending Christ's peace throughout our community and our world. We begin at the communion table, with our siblings in every time and place, and we celebrate the peace we find there and commit to building a more just and peaceful world. We celebrate the truth found in 2nd Thessalonians, "Peace at all times in all ways."

## QUICK FACTS

- ◇ Since 1940, World Communion Sunday is an ecumenical celebration of our oneness in the Spirit and the Gospel of Jesus Christ, bringing churches together in Christian unity.
- ◇ The Peace & Global Witness Offering builds on the Presbyterian Commitment to Peacemaking established in 1980.
- ◇ World Communion Sunday (October 3) is the most common Sunday for receiving the Offering, but many congregations promote the Offering throughout *A Season of Peace* (September 5 – October 3).
- ◇ 25% of the Offering stays with local congregations, and 25% with mid councils to unite congregations to support peacemaking in their regions. *See page 5 for examples of how others have used their retained funds.*
- ◇ 50% of this Offering supports the work for peace and reconciliation being done by Presbyterians across the globe.

Rev. Dr. Diane Moffett, President and Executive Director of the Presbyterian Mission Agency of the PC (USA) will preach during the worship service and there will be presentations by several Horizon's Bible Study authors. The theme, Rejoice in Hope is 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).

# Rejoice in HOPE



PW Online Churchwide  
Gathering Event

August 5, 2021, 4–6 PM EST

[www.presbyterianwomen.org/gathering](http://www.presbyterianwomen.org/gathering)



## Web Site Evaluation Task Force – Help Needed

Now that our new web site has been up for about a year, The Communications Team is looking for a few people to look over the site and make suggestions. We will look at the web site from the viewpoint of a person currently connected with Hamilton Union and from the viewpoint of someone looking for a church. You will be provided with an evaluation tool, which will involve questions to answer about the site. The Communications Committee will use your input to improve the web site.



We will do most of the work via email. We will have a few Zoom meetings to discuss observations. The hope is that the project will take no longer than 6 weeks and will be scheduled around your commitments.

If you are interested in helping please contact Charlotte Hasselbarth at [chasselbarth@hotmail.com](mailto:chasselbarth@hotmail.com) or 518-356-0637.

## A prayer about slowing down

God beyond time ... teach us to pause in this moment, to tuck ourselves into the curve of your slow arm, that we may know the miracle of now, the gift of this moment: you beside and beyond us, welcoming us outside of all we measure, and standing with us in it. May we see the goodness of our still hours and days, sunrises, sunsets, and the darkness where our rest is found.

—Micha Boyett in *A Rhythm of Prayer* (edited by Sarah Bessey)

## 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.

## HELP NEEDED - BROOKS BBQ - AUGUST 4

“Many hands make light work!” We need volunteers to help out at our next Brooks BBQ fundraiser on August 4. Please consider joining us for a fun, easy and rewarding afternoon of service and fellowship. We generally run 2 “shifts”, 2:30-4:30pm and 4:30-6:30, and you can sign up for either or both.



We need a variety of helpers including:

- set-up (tents, tables, chairs, traffic cones and flagging) in morning
- greeter/hand out menus
- assembly line
- order takers/deliverers
- cashiers
- clean up

If you can help out, please contact Bruce Williamson at 518-435-5039 (cell) or bewillia302@gmail.com to get on the schedule.

Thanks for your support.

## Regional Food Bank

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

No dates scheduled for August

Thu September 16, 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.



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

Aug 9 — Ruth Ryf

Aug 10 — Hannah Hunter-Harris

Aug 10 — Kyle Delhagen

Aug 22 — John Weber

Aug 29 — Matt Williamson

Aug 31 — Charlotte Palmeri

Aug 31 — Carl Hasselbarth

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

Aug 7 — Maryanne Masley-Hannett and  
George Hannett

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](mailto:ANNANDPETERMCKINNEY@GMAIL.COM) with this information. If you use our OLD House Phone (518) 326-0895, you cannot leave a message.

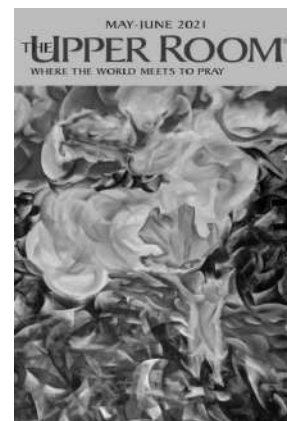
Thanks for keeping the dates of these special occasions up-to-date.

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](http://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."



Presbyterian Women wishes to thank the congregation for their wonderful support of the PW sponsored Gade Farm Days. Because of your generous support, and the Gade's generous monetary gift in the amount of \$614.04, our local, national, and worldwide mission priorities will continue.

### Praying twice

According to legend, the early Christian theologian St. Augustine of Hippo said, "He who sings prays twice." (The Latin wording is actually "He who sings well prays twice," but more on that in a moment.)

Singing, a common element of worship, is a handy way to help children pray.

My 6-year-old, who loves to sing, was surprised and delighted when I told him a praise song he'd just learned could also be his bedtime prayer. He sings off-key, forgets some words and doesn't want help from Mom; he just sings his little heart out.

But what of older churchgoers who stay silent during hymns, fearful that they don't sing well enough? Forget the Latin translation! Long before Augustine, a psalmist wrote, "Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all ye lands!" (Psalm 100:1, KJV; emphasis added). Why not pray twice today?

—Heidi Mann

### 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.

\* - 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.



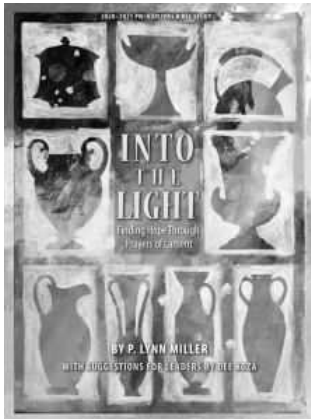
## *Into the Light: Finding Hope Through Prayers of Lament*

### **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. 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.

## **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



## FALL FUNDRAISER

**WEDNESDAY**  
**September 22**  
**6:00 p.m.**

Featuring our Guest Speaker:

**William (Billy) Meredith**

Via Zoom or Facebook Live Stream

on In-Person at First Lutheran Church, Albany

or email [UACornerstone@gmail.com](mailto:UACornerstone@gmail.com)



“God has given us two hands: one to receive with  
and the other to give with.  
We are not cisterns made for hoarding;  
we are channels made for sharing.”

—Billy Graham

# Save the Date



## **Presbyterian Women in the Presbytery of Albany In - Person Fall Gathering**

**Saturday, October 16 – 11:30 am to 2:30 pm  
at**

**First Presbyterian Church of Hudson Falls**

### **Program**

#### ***Westminster Presbyterian Church's African Mission***

Belinda Quaye, Director of Christian Education at Westminster Presbyterian Church, will speak on the Youth Connection between youth from Westminster Presbyterian Church and congregations in Tema, Ghana.

Lois Wilson, Chair of the African Mission Committee at Westminster Presbyterian Church, will speak on how the program developed.

A freewill offering will go to the *FOCUS Churches of Albany*, which is an ecumenical group of six churches that collectively address hunger and homelessness.

For further information contact:

Rosalie Hemingway at 518-758-7886 or [silver3213@gmail.com](mailto:silver3213@gmail.com)



# No kidding

Whatever our age, God calls us to model holy living for others.



*Directions: Match the animal young with its parent. Then write the letter answers in order below to complete 1 Timothy 4:12, NIV.*



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|-----------------|-------------------|
| 1. ___ bear     | 9. ___ monkey     |
| 2. ___ frog     | 10. ___ platypus  |
| 3. ___ owl      | 11. ___ alligator |
| 4. ___ horse    | 12. ___ giraffe   |
| 5. ___ kangaroo | 13. ___ goose     |
| 6. ___ deer     | 14. ___ swan      |
| 7. ___ goat     | 15. ___ dog       |
| 8. ___ fish     |                   |

- |            |              |
|------------|--------------|
| A. fry     | I. hatchling |
| B. fawn    | K. foal      |
| C. gosling | L. owlet     |
| D. cub     | M. puggle    |
| E. kid     | N. joey      |
| F. cygnet  | O. polliwog  |
| G. infant  | P. puppy     |
| H. calf    |              |

“\_\_\_on’t let any\_\_\_ne \_\_\_oo\_\_\_ down o\_\_\_ you \_\_\_ecaus\_\_\_  
 you \_\_\_re youn\_\_\_, but set an exa\_\_\_ple for the bel\_\_\_evers  
 in speec\_\_\_, in \_\_\_onduct, in love, in \_\_\_aith and in \_\_\_urity.”

1 TIMOTHY 4:12, NIV

Answer: D, O, L, K, N, B, E, A, G, M, I, H, C, F, P

## FAITHFUL followers

Play these fun variations on Follow the Leader—and remember to follow Jesus wherever you go!

### What you need:

- Bean bags
- Tables, chairs, pillows
- Painter’s tape

### What you do:

Players line up behind the Leader, who moves around in various ways. Followers must copy the Leader’s movements faithfully. Try these variations:

1. Players must balance a bean bag on their head as they follow the Leader.
2. Set up an obstacle course, and follow the Leader by crawling under tables and chairs, hopping over pillows and so on.
3. With tape, make zigzags and curves on the floor. Then follow the Leader as if walking on a tightrope.
4. The Leader designates types of terrain to imagine, such as mud, snow, ice and a mountain.
5. Also try animal movements, mirrored movements and dancing movements.

# HAMILTON UNION HAPPENINGS



# August 2021

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

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

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*Thursday, August 12*

## **GOOD NEWS**



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