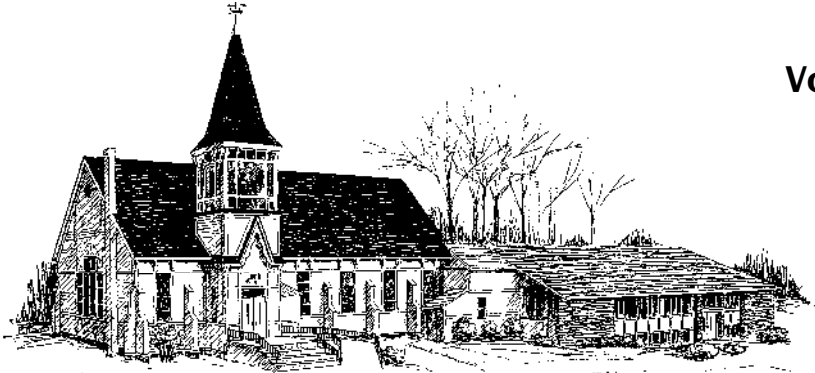


Good News

**The Monthly Newsletter of the People of
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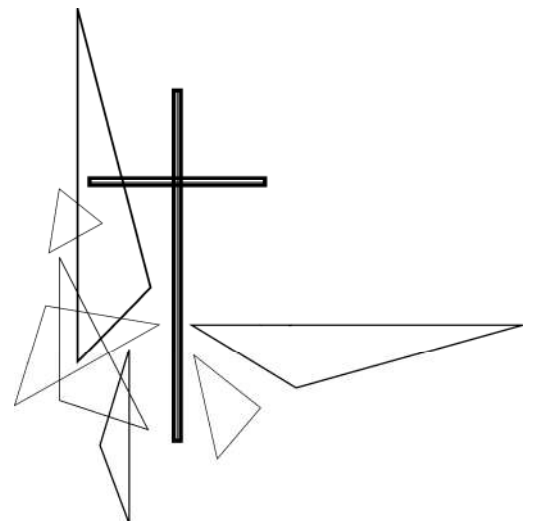
Sunday Worship Services are currently held online at 10:00 a.m.

The Latin phrase *Ecclesia semper reformanda est* means “The church is always reforming”; implied is “And that’s good!”

Ongoing change and growth are important for individuals, too, but for many of us, change is hard. Use this prayer poem to embrace positive change, safe in the arms of our unchanging God.

Cradle to grave —
How shall my life flow?
Always the same,
Never daring to grow? Since
GOD is the same, always faithful and near,
I’m free to move forward in spite of my fear. So ...
Naming the Lord as my Power through strife, I
Go forth braving newness — in faith and in life!

—Heidi Mann



Cover letter from Pastor Kyle:

“Come, you that are blessed...” ~Matthew 25:34b

Friends in Christ at Hamilton Union Presbyterian Church,

Over the past few months, you have probably noticed that my sermons and our worship have been focusing heavily on the Gospel of Matthew. This is part of a larger effort to focus our minds, bodies, and spirits on the call to become a Matthew 25 church and people.

But... what does that mean? The Matthew 25 vision grew out of the work of the 222nd General Assembly (2016) and the 223rd General Assembly (2018) of the PC (USA), and helps us center around the call of Matthew 25:31-46 to actively engage in the world around us, so our faith comes alive and we wake up to new possibilities. (If you don't remember that text, take a minute now to go read it - it's printed in this newsletter on the next page!)

Through the Matthew 25 initiative, we are called to act boldly and compassionately to serve people who are hungry, oppressed, imprisoned, or poor. By accepting the invitation, we can help our denomination, mid-councils, and congregation become a more relevant presence in the world.

To become a Matthew 25 church simply means that we are committed to pouring love, energy, and action into one or more of these three focuses: building congregational vitality, dismantling structural racism, and eradicating systemic poverty. These urgent tasks are a direct response to the good news of Jesus and a faithful expression of what it means to be Christ's disciples in this time and place.

To date, 880 congregations and groups, 68 presbyteries, and 9 synods have accepted the call and pledged themselves to this critical work. In many ways, we are *already* a Matthew 25 church. Our Mission Team's focus on hunger this year has helped us consider our practical and prayerful response to the needs of our community and world.

Yet there is more work to be done.

I am very excited by the prospect of HUPC becoming a Matthew 25 church, and look forward to discussing and learning together with you as we move forward. Your session has targeted November 21st as a Matthew 25 celebration day in worship. That is the day we hope to formally pledge ourselves to vision.

But in the meantime, there will be plenty of opportunities to learn more, to discuss what this means, and strengthen our own church's vision of what it means to be the hands and feet of Christ in Guilderland and beyond.

One of those opportunities is a bible study that will be starting the first weekend of October (more information on this can be found on another page!).

As we seek to “serve the least of these” in our community and around the world, I pray that we will be emboldened, challenged, and inspired by this call, and I so look forward to partnering with you in this critical work.

In Christ's peace,
~Pastor Kyle

Matthew 25:31-46

“When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. Then the king will say to those at his right hand, ‘Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.’ Then the righteous will answer him, ‘Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?’ And the king will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.’ Then he will say to those at his left hand, ‘You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.’ Then they also will answer, ‘Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?’ Then he will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.’ And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.”

Matthew 25 Bible Study

The Gospel and Inclusivity:

Saturday, October 2, 10am-12pm & Sunday, October 3, 11:15am-12:30pm

Matthew 25 Bible Study:

Every Sunday after worship, 11:15-12:30, October
10 through November 14

As part of our church's commitment to studying and engaging with the Matthew 25 vision, Pastor Kyle will be leading two Bible Studies that are committed to prayer and reflection on the themes found in Matthew 25:31-46.

The first study on "The Gospel and Inclusivity," will focus on the fundamental connection between the vitality of our congregations and the work of dismantling racism. A congregation cannot be vital without confronting racism; for what is at stake - when racism directs our congregational and community life - is our faithfulness to the gospel. This will be a two-part study, beginning with a Saturday event, in-person at church, on October 2nd from 10am to 12pm, and look primarily at Paul's letter the Galatians. We will conclude this study following worship the next day.

The second study will look at the different aspects of Matthew 25, from the stories and parables found in Matthew, to Jesus' focus on "the least of these" in our focal text. Each session will take place following worship from October 10th through November 14 (six sessions).

While you don't need to attend every session (8 sessions is a lot to commit to!), to get the most out of these studies, attendance each Sunday is suggested to help you gain an understanding of the whole picture.

To register, please email Pastor Kyle or the church office, speak to Pastor Kyle after worship, or send up smoke signals indicating your intent! If you have any questions, don't hesitate to reach out!

If you would like to attend, but don't feel comfortable gathering in-person, please let Pastor Kyle know so we can set up a virtual option.

LITURGISTS

- Oct. 3 **Mark Hutchinson**
- Oct. 10 **Cindy Schultz**
- Oct. 17 **Darlene Bauer**
- Oct. 24 **Bill Hasselbarth**
- Oct. 31 **Fred Sirois**



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.



Christmas Cards for Young Adults Away From Home

If there is a young person your family who is away from home for college, military service or a job that you think would appreciate receiving a Christmas Card from Presbyterian Women, contact Charlotte Hasselbarth at 518-356-0637 or chasselbarth@hotmail.com.



“It is in your hands to create a better world
for all who live in it.”

—Nelson Mandela

A message from Ann Duncan, as she retires:

It has been such a pleasure working for this church the last several years. So many people here have been unfailingly gracious, thoughtful, and supportive to me as you go about making Hamilton Union a Christian success. (And you make me laugh!) You truly are a credit to your church. A special thanks to Bill Hasselbarth for being on call for me the entire time, and to Pastors Janice and Kyle for their help, encouragement, and forbearance.

I have enjoyed my time here very much and will miss all of you.

Gratefully, Ann

Walking in Support of Nurses House in October!

On October 30, 2021, I will be walking to support Nurses House, a non-profit organization that started in 1924 through the effort of Emily Bourne to purchase a house where nurses could go as guests to rest, recuperate, or get away. There were no safety nets, no pensions, no Social Security for nurses. While the house is physically gone, the mission of Nurses House still lives on: “to provide short-term financial assistance to nurses in need as a result of illness, injury, or disability” (<https://pages.nurseshouse.org/about-us>).



The population of nurses served as guests span ages from young adults to the most senior of senior citizen. Many face short-term, long-term, or permanent disabilities. They need funds to cover housing, utilities, health insurance, medications, etc. Because of their illnesses and/or inability to work as nurses, eviction for many is a real possibility.

In the past, I have participated in these walks, but this is the first year for me to step outside my comfort zone and ask for sponsorship. If you choose to “walk” with me through your donations, you will be participating in Our Lord’s admonition in Matthew 25: 35-37, 40:

For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me. ... 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.'

This link will take you to my page on the Nurses House website which explains in more detail why Nurses House is so close to my heart.

<https://donate.nurseshouse.org/participants/208070-trudy-hutchinson>

Personal Care Items Needed by UAlbany's Purple Pantry

Presbyterian Women continues to collect personal care items for The Purple Pantry, the food pantry on the UAlbany campus. Personal care items are seldom donated to or available from the Regional Food Bank. When I went to school in Albany back in the 60s, ?? it was just changing over from Albany Teacher's College to SUNYA, and I was one of those students who could have benefited from a little helping hand such as we are trying to offer. ?

On Saturday, Oct 2, there will be an opportunity for the women of HUPC to come together to assemble bags of personal-care items and some snacks for students/staff at UAlbany who need an extra boost to successfully manage their daily lives. We will also hear about the pantry from Sally D'Alessandro, our liaison at UAlbany. In good Presbyterian fashion, there will be dessert. ?? ??

We would like to assemble 50 bags in total (more if we can), and they will be filled with non-gender specific items. Please donate whatever number of items you can from the following:

- 25 handled bags, brown, roughly 8"x10"x4" (we already have 25 of them)
- young people and not-so-young people to decorate those bags (call 518-356-1691 if you and/or kids you know would be interested in decorating them--date to be determined--bring stickers, sharpies, crayons, cut-up cards)
- 50 cards to write on; one will be enclosed in each bag with a note of encouragement from friends at HUPC
- tubes of toothpaste (5 or 10 of your favorite?)
- toothbrushes
- "cubes" of facial tissue (a cube fits perfectly in the bag!!!??)
- cotton swabs
- bars of soap (maybe something like Dove? or whatever you feel is non-gender specific)
- disposable razors--again non-gender specific (dollar stores seem to have 3-pks of fairly nice disposables)
- travel-size or small-size "baby" bath powder, or other non-gender specific-type powder
- small- and regular-size shampoos and conditioners (or a shampoo/conditioner if you can't find separate ones)
- contact solution
- snack bags of chips, pretzels, trail mix
- candy bars and/or theatre boxes of candy



They still need hygiene products--pantiliners, tampons--and deodorants, but those will be donated separately, not put into the bags. Do you have other ideas for what might go in the bags? If so, please let me know, and I'll check with Sally to see if that/those item/items would be helpful and let you know through the bulletin inserts.

Please place your donations in the collection box in front of the Christian Education Building, with a note saying they are for The Purple Pantry or in the basket at the top of the stairs in the Christian Education Building, or drop them off at my house.

Thanks very much,
Mickey Nieman for PW

Friends in faith,

Grace and peace to you in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior.

In early October you will be receiving in the mail the Stewardship letter and pledge of treasure, time, and talent form for next year, 2022. The theme this year's Stewardship campaign will focus on is Jesus' teaching as recorded in the Gospel of Matthew, Chapter 25, where Jesus teaches that we are to care for those who are hungry, thirsty, strangers, naked, sick, and in prison. Jesus then says that when we do this "to the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me."

Over the past four months, our congregation has been looking at the PC(USA) initiative on Matthew 25 which focuses on three specific areas: eradicating systemic poverty, dismantling structural racism, and building congregational vitality by challenging people to deepen their faith and actively engage with their community and the world.

We hope as a church to demonstrate our commitment to living out Jesus' teaching by pledging our resources of treasure, time, and talent to this effort. All that we have are gifts from God, and we are called by God to steward these resources for the good of others. Jesus cautions us not to lay up for ourselves treasures on earth, but rather to lay up treasures in Heaven, "for where your treasure is, there will your heart will be also" (Matthew 6:19-21).

Throughout the coming months you will be hearing more about the Matthew 25 initiative. We will have moments for stewardship during worship. Pastor Kyle will be leading a Bible Study on Matthew 25 on Sundays during October following worship (see the description in this newsletter!). The Mission and Social Witness team hopes to increase the Church's financial commitment to Mission over the next year in response to the Matthew 25 call, which you will hear more about this during moments for mission during worship.

Above all, please prayerfully consider how you might pledge of your treasure, your time, and your talent to Christ's work through our church. Consider the many gifts God has bestowed on you, and express your gratitude to God by your giving back to God for the important work of our church.

Grace and peace through Christ,
The Stewardship Committee,
Darlene Bauer
Sue Ferris
Bill Hasselbarth



**"It's better to be an optimist who is sometimes wrong
than a pessimist who is always right."**

—Mark Twain

Mission Focus for October. HEIFER INTERNATIONAL

HUPC is focusing on Hunger during 2021. There has been a lot of information shared with the congregation about local groups that are a tremendous help: Regional food Bank, Guilderland Food Pantry, the back pack programs, etc.

During October the focus will be on international programs. Specifically HEIFER INTERNATIONAL. This is of particular importance at HUPC since we support work in Malawi and Haiti. Heifer International is working hard to address hunger and poverty in the USA and around the world. During worship in October we will learn how Heifer works. A huge variety of animals, plants, training opportunities are supported by Heifer. It can be overwhelming! Our Mission Moments will be centered on the background of Heifer, Chickens, Bees, an Empowering Women. There will be more information on how to donate funds to support Heifer projects during October and November.

Heifer International was formed in 1944. Since then it has been providing livestock, opportunities to empower women and promoting improved methods to conserve the soil and water. The heart of the program is “Passing on the Gift”. When a family receives a gift from Heifer they must pass on one or more of the animals offspring along with training and skills to another family in need. The ripple effect is just amazing!

The Mission Ministry Team is supporting this project. Contact Nancy Messersmith (518 698 8966) if you have any questions.



Don't fall out!

When a mother asked her child how he'd fallen out of bed, he replied, "I guess I stayed too close to where I got in."

When we Christians fail to grow in prayer and discernment, knowledge and understanding of Scripture, generosity and other fruits of the Spirit, it's as if we're balancing precariously at the edge of the bed. It's quite easy to fall out — out of faith, out of church, out of active relationship with God.

A good practice, for sleeping and for our Christian faith, is to be careful not to stay too close to where we got in!

BROOKS BBQ - LAST CHANCE FOR 2021!

Volunteers are needed for our last Brooks BBQ fundraiser of 2021 on Wednesday, September 29. We need greeters, order takers, assembly line help and cashiers between 2:30 and 6:00 pm, or until we sell out. At the end, we need a few folks to help with clean up and take down. We also need a few helpers that morning to set up the tents, tables, chairs, signs and drive-thru cones and flagging.



You can sign up for either the 2:30-4:30 shift, or 4:30-6:00 shift, or both! Please let Bruce Williamson know if you can help out and when you can volunteer, at bewillia302@gmail.com or 518-435-5039.

Many hands make light work!

Volunteer Opportunities

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

Thu October 21	5 to 6:30 PM
Thu November 18	5 to 6:30 PM
Thu Dec 16	5 to 6:30 PM



**Regional
Food Bank**
OF NORTHEASTERN NEW YORK

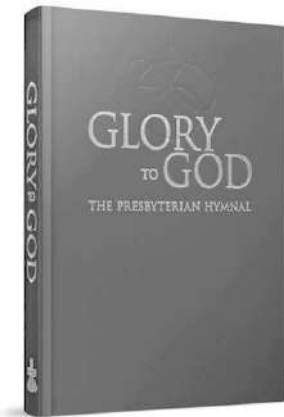
We will have up to 9 slots available, first come, first served. NO sandals or open toe shoes! We are working in a warehouse.

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 or call 518-878-5536 cell.

Glory to God!

On Sunday, October 31st, we will be dedicating our new hymnals!

The *Glory to God* hymnals, which were released in 2013, are a wonderful new resource for PC(USA) congregations. It expands upon the wonderful foundation of the old blue Presbyterian Hymnal, with a great mix of old classics and new favorites. We are excited to have this resource to enhance our worship.



In worship on October 31st, we will lift our voices to God in praise by celebrating with a hymn sing. Come to worship (in person or via Zoom) for this special morning. Additionally, you will have the opportunity, through the worship team, to dedicate a hymnal in memory or in honor of someone. Please watch for a communication of how to purchase a hymnal plate. This will be an ongoing fundraiser.

Pastor Kyle's Installation

A correction and an invitation!

Sunday, October 31, 2:00pm

On Sunday, October 31st at 2:00 pm, the Presbytery of Albany will install Pastor Kyle as Teaching Elder and pastor of Hamilton Union Presbyterian Church. This is an exciting part of our new chapter together in ministry, and everyone is invited to this special service of the Presbytery.



The whole world paused this morning. Do you know why? Because an 8-year old's tank was empty.

The boys had already started their school day at their desks and I was preparing to leave for work when I noticed my littlest standing in the bathroom wiping his face.

I paused at the door and asked if he was okay. He looked up with tears silently dripping and shook his head. When I questioned if something happened, again he shook his head.

So I sat on the side of the tub and pulled him in my lap. I told him sometimes our heart tanks feel empty and need to be refilled.

He cried into my chest and I held tight.

I asked if he could feel my love filling him up?

A nod, and tears stopped...

I waited a minute...

'Has it reached your toes yet?'

He shook his head no...

'Okay man. We will take as long as you need. Work doesn't matter right now. School isn't important either. This right here, is the most important thing today, okay? Filling you back to the top. Is that good?'

nods

One more minute...

'Is your heart full of mamas love now?'

'Yeah...'

looks in his eyes 'I see it shining in there, you're full to the top, and you're smiling!'

You may not be 8 - you may be 28, 38, 48 or whatever- but ALL of us run on empty just like he did. His week was so busy and so full and his little soul was just dry!

We all have to pause, and take a moment to refill with the good things. Scripture, prayer, sunshine, worship, song, laughter, friends, hugs. Refill your empty, or you'll find those emotions (tears, anger, snappy words) overflowing with no reason why.

Take a moment. Refill. It's the most important part of your day!



PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN IN THE SYNOD OF THE NORTHEAST
2021 FALL GATHERING
Divine Renewal

“Behold I am Doing a New Thing”

Isaiah 43:18-19 NRSV

*“Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old.
I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?
I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert”.*



Join Us

Oct. 1st 2021 from 2:00 p.m. – 8:45 p.m.

Oct. 2nd 2021 from 8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

For a Hybrid Gathering (In Person and Online) @ Stony Point, NY

**Proof of Vaccination is Required to Attend. You can watch Live on Zoom
and Facebook**

Possibility of going Virtual if circumstances Dictate

Any questions regarding registration please contact Virginia Champlin via
email danvirginiac@aol.com or 585-526-5841.

See pwsne.org for details and registration information.

All Women Invited

Mission-Minded Dessert & Hands on Mission Activity

Sat, Oct 2, 1-3 pm in the Multi-Purpose Room



The Purple Pantry, the food pantry on the UAlbany Campus is a new mission of Presbyterian Women. Sally D'Alessandro, Assistant Dean of Students for Student Care Services, will share information about the *Purple Pantry*. After her presentation, we will make personal care kits for the *Purple Pantry*, which will include an encouraging note.

The items we need for the kits are: gender neutral disposable razors & bars of soap, toothpaste, small & regular size shampoo & conditioner, travel size bath powder, 25 brown handled bags (roughly 8"x10"x4"), note cards, contact solution, toothbrushes, "cubes" of facial tissue, cotton swabs & packaged snacks. You can bring donations to the program or ahead of time. Leave donations in the collection box at the top of the stairs in the Christian Education Building or in the deck box in front of the Christian Education Building, in a bag, labeled "Purple Pantry".

A freewill offering will be collected for the *Purple Pantry*. Make out checks to Presbyterian Women in Hamilton Union Presbyterian Church.

Dessert and beverage will be provided.

For questions contact Mickey Nieman at mickeynieman@gmail.com or 518-356-1691.

Cornerstone Campus Ministry - Food and Faith Program

Food & People Needed

Tuesday, October 26, 6 pm - 7:30 pm

Food and Faith is a program of the Cornerstone Campus Ministry at the Interfaith Center on the UAlbany Campus. Hamilton Union will be providing a meal on Tues, Oct 26. Donations of main dish, side dish, beverage, and dessert for ten are needed, plus people to visit with the students. If you would like to help, there will be a sign up sheet in the back of the Sanctuary by Oct 3 or contact Charlotte Hasselbarth at 518-356-0637 or chasselbarth@hotmail.com. Food needs to be brought to the kitchenette in the Christian Education Building, in a disposable container, labeled "Campus Ministry", by 5 pm that night. If you would like to eat and visit with the students, a carpool will leave the church at 5:15 pm or come right to the Interfaith Center at 6 pm. All the students are vaccinated and will wear masks. People coming to visit with the students need to be vaccinated and wear a mask. No proof of vaccination is needed.



After the dinner, Rev. Kyle Delhagen will lead a casual worship program.

PEACE & GLOBAL WITNESS

SPECIAL OFFERINGS

PEACEMAKING AND RECONCILIATION

PEACE

at all times in all ways.

— 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.”



PEACE & GLOBAL WITNESS OFFERING

Working for peace and reconciliation in the world by transforming cultures of violence into communities of peace.

Amount \$ _____

Name _____

Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above. — James 1:17



**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.

- Masks are required except while eating.
- Bring a bag lunch.
- Registration fee of \$5.00 will be collected at the door.
- A freewill offering will go to the *FOCUS Churches of Albany*, an ecumenical group of six churches that collectively address hunger and homelessness.
- Canned goods for the First Presbyterian Church of Hudson Falls Food Pantry will be collected

For carpooling and information & directions contact Charlotte Hasselbarth at 518-356-0637 or chasselbarth@hotmail.com

OCTOBER

***Happy Birthday to***

Elena Delhagen (Oct 10)

Joanne Wagner (Oct 15)

Keni Banda (Oct 24)

Happy Anniversary to

Elena & Kyle Delhagen (Oct 17)

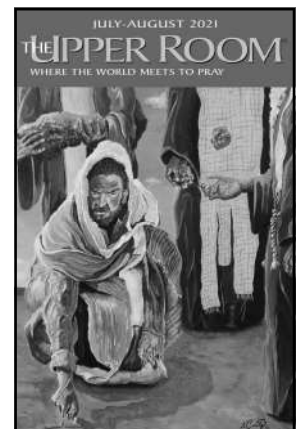
If you would like your birthday, anniversary, or some other special occasion printed in the "Good News", please notify Ann McKinney at (518) 488-7195 or email me at: ANNANDPETERMCKINNEY@GMAIL.COM

If you see that an incorrect date is in the "Good News", please let me know. Thanks!
Ann McKinney

Upper Room

Would like easy access to the "Upper Room" devotional guide? There are three 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."



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. We are meeting in the lounge and providing a Zoom option

*- Fri, Oct 1, from 2:00 pm – 8:45 pm & Sat, Oct. 2 from 8:00 am – 3:00 pm is the Presbyterian Women in the Synod of the Northeast Fall Gathering at Stony Point Center, with a Zoom and Facebook option. The theme is “Divine Renewal, Behold I am Doing a New Thing”

*- Sat., Oct. 2 from 1-3 pm is our Mission Minded Dessert and Hands on Mission Activity

*- Sat, Oct 16 – 11:30 am to 2:30 pm is the Presbyterian Women in the Presbytery of Albany In Person Fall Gathering at First Presbyterian Church of Hudson Falls

- Tues, Oct 26 from 10:30 am – noon is our Circle Meeting. We will discuss Lesson 2, *Lamenting Together* from the Bible Study *Into the Light, Finding Hope Through Lament*. Extra Bible Study materials are available. Bring a bag lunch. Beverage is provided.

*More information is else where in the newsletter.



Ongoing Mission Project - *Tea for the Soul to Go Project*

A project of Albany Medical Center's Pastoral Care Dept. is collecting decorated brown or white paper lunch bags for *Tea For the Soul To Go* Project. The lunch bags are filled with snacks for the hospital staff. Include a short personal note inside thanking them "from a friend at Hamilton Union Presbyterian Church." Financial donations are appreciated to pay for the snacks. Make out checks to Albany Medical Center Pastoral Care Department, with *Tea for The Soul To Go* in the memo line.

For questions contact Mickey Nieman at mickeynieman@gmail.com or 518-356-1691.

Deliver bags and donations to Mickey or mail them directly to:

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

Thank you in advance from Presbyterian Women



Cornerstone Campus Ministry - U Albany Campus

Java & Justice Program



Through our Mission and Social Witness Committee, Hamilton Union sponsors Blakely Brown's Peer Minister position at Cornerstone Campus Ministry. She is the Java and Justice Coordinator.

Message from Blakely Brown

The Octobers Java and Justice event will be on the topic of mental health equity, ensuring the right to access quality health care for all populations regardless of one's race, ethnicity, gender, socioeconomic status, sexual orientation, and so on. We have reached out to the CAPS (Counseling and Psychological Services) office on campus and are hoping to get a professional, grad student or undergrad Middle Earth student to speak at next month's event. Middle Earth is a peer assistance program that contains multiple tracks such as a crisis hotline and a peer wellness-coaching program. I just so happen to be a senior peer wellness coach, so I think I can get them to attend! We look forward to hosting an intellectual conversation and hope to see you there!

Best,
Blakely Brown

Continuous Collection

Men's White Athletic Socks & Flip Flops plus Laundry Detergent

Laundry detergent plus men's flip-flops (medium to extra large) and men's white athletic socks are needed for the *Capital Area Council of Churches Emergency Overflow Shelter*. There is collection box at the top of the stairs in the Christian Education Building and donations can also be left in the Food Pantry Box outside the Christian Education Building. If you are donating laundry detergent, please attach a label saying it is for the shelter. This is a year round collection.



Thank You in Advance - Presbyterian Women

Appreciating your pastor

Many people have complex relationships with their pastors because faith, church and God involve a mix of emotions. We have particular ideas about church practices, congregational priorities, the minister's use of time, money, authority and more.

But most pastors are deeply devoted to Christ and believe that God has called them to serve in a certain place. They have the best of intentions and work hard to share the good news of the gospel. So in honor of **Pastor Appreciation Month** in October, consider the following:

God doesn't call the qualified; he qualifies the called. Your pastor may need time to learn and develop certain skills. (Everyone does!) Bless pastors with your patience.

We don't change the message; the message changes us. You probably won't like *all* your pastor's sermons or newsletter columns. But instead of complaining, ponder that something may rub you the wrong way because God is trying to change you. Keep an open mind and heart.

If a church wants a "better" pastor, it just needs to pray for the one it has. Pray often and caringly for your pastors, church leaders and their families. The role is challenging, so support them spiritually and ask God to reveal his love and grace to these special servants.

A true original

A real Christian is an odd [individual]. He feels supreme love for one whom he has never seen; talks familiarly every day to someone he cannot see; expects to go to heaven on the virtue of another; empties himself in order to be full; admits he is wrong so he can be declared right; goes down in order to get up; is strongest when he is weakest, richest when he is poorest and happiest when he feels the worst. He dies so he can live; forsakes in order to have; gives away so he can keep; sees the invisible, hears the inaudible, and knows that which passes knowledge.

The man who has met God is not looking for anything; he has found it. He is not searching for light, for upon him the light has already shined. ... He is not a copy, not a facsimile. He is an original from the hand of the Holy Spirit.

—A.W. Tozer

The children were lined up in the cafeteria of a Catholic elementary school for lunch. At the head of the table was a large pile of apples. The nun made a note and posted on the apple tray: 'Take only ONE. God is watching.'

Moving further along the lunch line, at the other end of the table was a large pile of chocolate chip cookies.

A child had written a note, 'Take all you want. God is watching the apples...'

Position Available

Choir Director/Accompanist**Job details**

\$200-\$336.41/week

2291 Western Ave, Guilderland, NY 12084

Job description

Part-time position, 12 hours per week. The Choir Director/Accompanist selects and plans music for weekly worship in consultation with the Pastor, and directs the Choir, including rehearsals. Serves as organist/pianist for one worship service each Sunday, plus Ash Wednesday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and two Christmas Eve services. Music for special services such as weddings, funerals, memorial services, etc. will be paid separately by the parties involved at a market-based rate to be agreed to. Position reports to the Pastor as Head of Staff. An annual written evaluation of performance will be provided. Pay is initially set at \$336.41 per week when the Choir is rehearsing and singing, and \$200.00 per week (7 hrs or 60%) when the Choir is not rehearsing/singing. Benefits: One week paid vacation; other time off is without pay. Time off should be scheduled in advance with the Pastor. Needed from the applicant: resume of experience, at least 2 references.

Schedule

Flexible schedule

Weekend schedule

10-19 hours per week

Benefits

Paid time off

Send resume and two references to hupc@hamiltonunionpresbyterianchurch.org with "Choir Director/Accompanist" in the subject line.

FULL OF TALENT

In Matthew 25:14-30, the master rewards servants who use their gifts instead of hiding them. What talents has God given you?

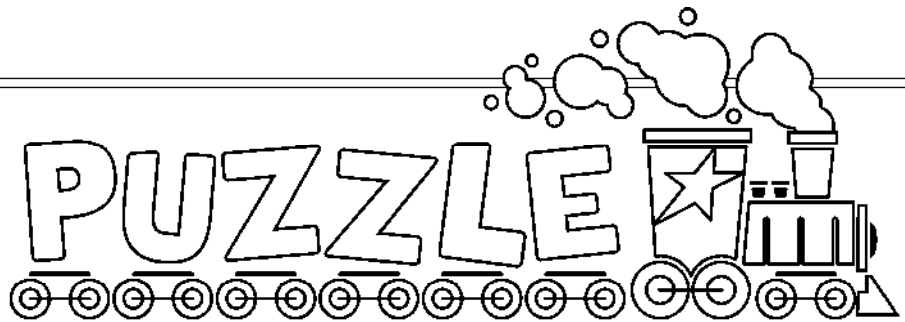


What you need:

- Construction paper (2 sheets)
- Pencil
- Scissors
- Glue
- Gold crayon or pen
- Black pen

What you do:

1. Fold one sheet of paper in half lengthwise. Trace your hand and lower arm so your arm touches the folded edge. Cut out the arm and hand, keeping the folded edge uncut.
2. Glue the folded hand to the other sheet of paper.
3. In gold, draw five coins in the hand. In black, write the skills and gifts God has given you.
4. Open the fold and draw 10 gold coins in the two open hands. In black, write how you can use your skills and gifts to help others and honor God.



MASTER MULTIPLICATION

Jesus tells a parable about faithful servants who multiply their master's money. How does the master respond?

Directions: Solve the math problems. Find the letters that match the answers and write them in order to complete Matthew 25:21, NIV.

1. 5 x 3 =	6. 6 x 6 =
2. 7 x 4 =	7. 9 x 3 =
3. 4 x 6 =	8. 3 x 8 =
4. 2 x 10 =	9. 10 x 4 =
5. 9 x 5 =	10. 11 x 8 =

KEY		
A = 28	J = 50	S = 88
B = 35	K = 21	T = 45
C = 14	L = 63	U = 64
D = 25	M = 15	V = 32
E = 33	N = 24	W = 80
F = 72	O = 77	X = 56
G = 40	P = 54	Y = 20
H = 36	Q = 9	Z = 48
I = 27	R = 16	

“His master replied, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant!

You have been faithful with a few things;

I will put you in charge of _____.

Come and share your master's happiness!”

MATTHEW 25:21, NIV

Answer: 15, 28, 24, 20, 45, 36, 27, 24, 40, 88; many things

HAMILTON UNION HAPPENINGS



October 2021

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

F=Facebook L=Lounge M=Multipurpose Room P=Parking Lot S=Sanctuary Z = Zoom

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