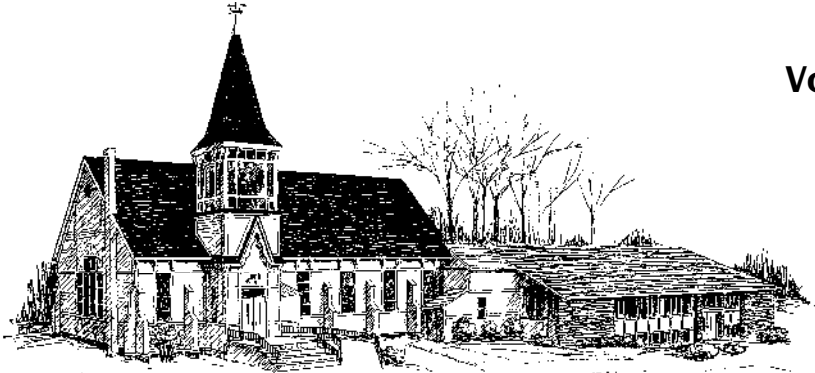


Good News

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

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



A family prayer

Lord, behold our family here assembled.
We thank you for this place in which we dwell
for the love that unites us,
for the peace accorded us this day,
for the hope with which we expect the morrow,
for the work, the health, the food, and bright skies
that make our lives delightful
for our friends in all parts of the earth. Amen

—Robert Louis Stevenson

“See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it?
I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland.”

~Isaiah 43:19

Friends in faith,

November 1st will mark six months since I came to be your pastor, and what a six months it has been! We have celebrated together, grieved together, studied together, and begun to dream together. And I have come to one conclusion:

God is doing a new thing! While details are still coming into focus, our collective study of the PC(USA)'s Matthew 25 vision is guiding our discernment. By calling us to address systemic poverty and structural racism, we are being drawn out of our doors (and our comfort zones!), and this will lead us to build congregational vitality.

All of this will require courage in the face of change. Change is not easy. In fact, most of the time, change is downright difficult! But it is also the only way we grow. By stretching ourselves - in mind, body, and spirit - we push ourselves and each other to live fully into what it means to be a disciple of Christ.

Because, let's face it, we are all always learning - and that's a good thing! God is always opening doors for us to learn more about who God is, and what it means to be God's people. I can't name how many times I have sat down to read a text that I have preached on a dozen times, and found that I am seeing something for the first time. These are the kind of opportunities God is constantly providing for us... if we have the eyes to look for them, and the spirits open to receiving them.

People of God, let us dream together! Let us look for the doors and opportunities God is opening for us as we seek after God's face. Let us perceive the way God is making.

In Christ's grace & peace,

~Pastor Kyle

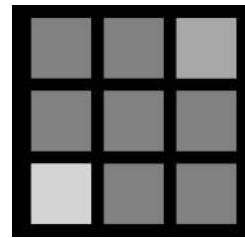
LITURGISTS

- Nov. 7 **Mark Hutchinson**
- Nov. 14 **Betty Deitz**
- Nov. 21 **Campus Ministry Students**
- Nov. 28 **Trudy Hutchinson**



TECH TEAM

- Nov. 7 **Meredith and Jack Eberz**
- Nov. 14 **Kyle and Audrey Hall**
- Nov. 21 **Diane Irwin and Hugh Stevens**
- Nov. 28 **George Hannett and Fred Sirois**



A note from Charlotte Palmeri —

Many of my dear family from Hamilton Union Presbyterian paid their respects at the funeral home following the recent death of my mother, Elaine Zimmer, and many also sent cards that touched our hearts. I want to say how very much it meant to myself and my family. Thank you!



Daylight Saving Time ends on
November 7, 2021.

Don't forget to set your clocks back.

BE AN “ARK” ANGEL!!!! HELP BETTY and HUPC “FILL THE ARK”!!!

Heifer International’s mission is to end hunger and poverty in a sustainable way by supporting and investing alongside local farmers and their communities. They work in countries around the world—including our own--to strengthen local economies and build secure livelihoods that guarantee a living income to local farmers.

Donating an Ark will help:

Care for entire communities with milk, eggs, honey and wool

Provide income by supplying an abundance of goods to sell

Sustain farming by providing livestock to work the land

Improve the lives of families for generations by multiplying and passing on the gift

Please contribute to this effort (and Betty Deitz’s 80th birthday) by

1. Sending a check to Hamilton Union Presbyterian Church, 2291 Western Ave, Guilderland, NY 12084-9747 with “Fill The Ark” in the memo line

- OR -

2. Going to the HUPC website: <https://hamiltonunionpresbyterianchurch.org/> and following these steps:
 - a. Select "give" at the top of the page
 - b. Select an amount in the field that says "operating fund"
 - c. Chose "one time" under donation frequency
 - d. Keep current date filled in under donation start date
 - e. Hit continue
 - f. Fill in contact and payment information
 - g. Mention "Fill the Ark" in the notes section
 - h. Select process



***News From the Communications Ministry Team —
Please read, especially if you schedule events and activities:***

The Communications Team has been working on clarifying and streamlining how we communicate to the congregation and community about activities and events at Hamilton Union. This effort is in response to concerns expressed about members and friends not finding out about events in a timely manner, double-booking of meeting rooms because the Church Office wasn't in the communications loop about an event, and incomplete information provided about events when publicity assistance is requested.

This is a multi-pronged effort, starting with our Facebook page. Effective immediately, Liz Eagan and Kim Matthews, our Administrative Assistant, will be managing our Facebook page. Liz and Kim have successfully managed a PTA Facebook page, and are well-qualified for the task. They will post events and other information about the life of our church. Pastor Kyle will continue to post items with a spiritual focus. If you have something to add to our Events section on Facebook or information for another post, please contact Kim Matthews in the church office.

We are also working on a one-page form for everyone to use when scheduling an event or publicizing an activity. It will be short, one page, and will prompt you for the “who, what, where, when, why” — and who the contact person is — in a fill-in-the-blank format. You will be able to request what you need right on the form, whether it's a bulletin item, Facebook post, newsletter article, or something else. The form will then go to Kim in the Church Office, and she will forward to whoever needs the info (newsletter, Facebook, website etc.). This way, the Church Office is always in the loop and your information gets to the right person or people. Stay tuned for more detailed information on this effort as it proceeds.

Finally, Charlotte Hasselbarth has been leading an effort to review and update our website, with a particular focus on making it clearer and more attractive to those looking for a new church family. Research conducted by Elder George Hannett of the Membership Team shows that people looking for a new church look closely at the website, and often at Facebook. One way to think about it is the Facebook page is the new front door to the church, and the website is the inside of the church. More on this effort as the group reports out.



Presbyterian Church (USA)'s Battle Against Hunger

What is a Hunger Action Congregation?

Our denomination, The Presbyterian Church, USA (PCUSA) has taken a stand against hunger and provides resources to congregations to combat hunger worldwide. It has created a process for a given congregation to become The Hunger Action Congregation. These are congregations that want to formally respond to the biblical call to help alleviate hunger and end its causes. PCUSA focuses on six areas:

- **Hunger Alleviation:** providing and/or sharing food in a dignified way with an eye to long-term structural solutions
- **Development Assistance:** addressing the root causes of hunger and poverty through equitable and sustainable development
- **Hunger Education:** learning about systemic causes of hunger, leading towards faithful action that is informed and guided by directly affected people and partner groups
- **Lifestyle Integrity:** adopting sustainable personal and corporate lifestyles to restore justice and protect all of God's creation
- **Corporate and Public Policy Witness:** advocating and campaigning for changes in policies and practices to end hunger and its causes, promote self-development, and care for creation
- **Worship:** incorporating prayer, education, and preaching about ending hunger and its causes into worship

Hamilton Union has taken steps to alleviate hunger by supporting of the Guilderland Food Pantry and the he Purple Pantry along with our 2 Cents a meal program. We donate food plus household and personal care items and provide financial support through our Mission and Social Witness budget and Presbyterian Women. Over the years many of our members have volunteered at the Guilderland Food Pantry. Current, Cindy Schultz is very active volunteer and is the Hamilton Union liaison to the Guilderland Food Pantry. Throughout 2021, The Mission and Social Witness Ministry Team presented several Minutes for Mission on the topic of hunger to educate our congregation.

For a comprehensive picture of PCUSA's programs and resources to eliminate hunger see <https://www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/compassion-peace-justice/hunger/>

Volunteer Opportunities

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

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.

Interesting facts from the 2020 Regional Food Bank Impact Report:

- * The Food Bank distributed 55,781,898 pounds of food in 23 counties, the equivalent of 46 million meals - nearly 40% more than in 2019
- * More than 80% of distributed food is comprised of healthy staples like fruits and vegetables, grains, dairy, meat, and other protein.
- * The Food Bank opened an additional refrigerated warehouse in 2020 to manage the increased flow of fresh meat, dairy, and produce.
- * 72,000 pounds of produce were harvested for member agencies from the Food Bank's Patroon Land Farm

“Your candle loses nothing when it lights another’s.”

- anonymous



Happy Birthday to

Irma Morris (Nov 3)
 Mickey Nieman (Nov 4)
 Declan Egan (Nov 6)
 Gerry Oakley (Nov 11)
 Oscar Hasselbarth (Nov 23)
 Michael Hall (Nov 24)
 Betty Deitz (Nov 27)
 Dianna Newman (Nov 27)

Happy Anniversary to

Charlotte & Bill Hasselbarth (Nov 11)
 MJ & Stewart Pattison (Nov 14)

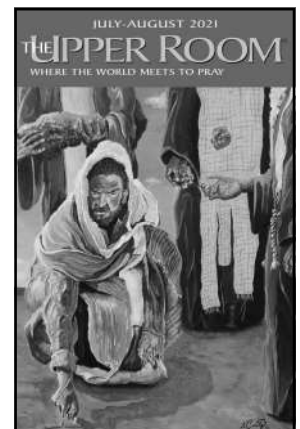
If you would like your birthday, anniversary, or some other special occasion printed in the "Good News", please notify Ann McKinney at (518) 488-7195 or email me at: ANNANDPETERMCKINNEY@GMAIL.COM

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:
<https://www.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 meet in the lounge. Bring bag lunch. Beverage and dessert will be provided. The Bible Study we're working on is *Into the Light, Finding Hope Through Lament*. Extra study books are available.

- Tues, Oct 26 from 10:30 am –12:30 pm is our Oct. Circle Meeting. We will discuss Lesson 2, *Lamenting Together*.
- Tues, Nov 16 from 10:30 am – 12:30 pm is our Nov. Circle Meeting. We will discuss Lesson 3, *Women's Lament*.
- * Sun Nov 21 mitten tree collection begins.

*More information is elsewhere in the newsletter.



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 is a sign up sheet in the back of the Sanctuary or contact Charlotte Hasselbarth at chasselbarth@hotmail.com or 518-356-0637. 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.

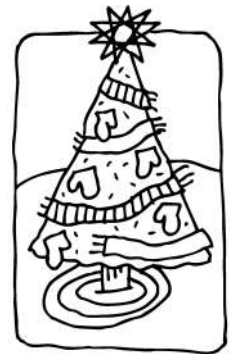
Christmas Cards for Young Adults Away From Home

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 contact Charlotte Hasselbarth at 518-356-0637 or chasselbarth@hotmail.com.



Annual Mitten Tree Project

Presbyterian Women is again this year sponsoring its Mitten Tree Project. Both handmade or purchased mittens, gloves, hats and scarves for infants, children and adults are requested. Men's gloves and hats are especially needed. We will be collecting from Sun., Nov. 21 to Sun., Dec. 12. Donations will go to shelters and agencies. There will be a Christmas tree in the back of the Sanctuary.



“Power concedes nothing without a demand.

It never did and it never will.”

~Frederick Douglass

Let gratitude be the pillow upon which you kneel to say your nightly prayer. And let faith be the bridge you build to overcome evil and welcome good.

—Maya Angelou

Thank You Hamilton Union Presbyterian Church!

To the Congregants of Hamilton Union Presbyterian Church,

My name is Sally D'Alessandro and I am an Assistant Dean of Students at the University at Albany, overseeing the Purple Pantry along with my colleagues, Luke Rumsey and Jon Mattingly. On behalf of my colleagues and the approximately 1500 hundred students we serve, I would like to thank this congregation for its generosity and caring for our most needy students.

On Saturday, October 2nd, I had the privilege of talking with the Presbyterian Women about the history of the Purple Pantry and how we serve students experiencing food insecurity. We spent 3 delightful hours in fellowship as bags of personal care products and toiletries were decorated and prepared for our pantry users, complete with personal notes of encouragement. These items are expensive for our pantry to purchase and are not covered by SNAP benefits for those students who are eligible, but they are essential for our users.

Thanks to the generosity of this congregation, I delivered truckload of personal care bags to the pantry with many items left over for future distribution.

In my role at the University, I work closely with students who are struggling to meet their basic needs. Every one of these students has a story and most of them are heartbreaking. From the bottom of my heart and on behalf of these students, thank you for your generosity in helping these students to meet their needs and maintain their dignity. We are so grateful for you!

Sincerely,
Sally D'Alessandro, Assistant Dean of Students University at Albany

Cornerstone Campus Ministry Bake - Sunday, November 21

The Cornerstone Campus Ministry will once again be holding its Bake Sale. How this will be done is different from the pre COVID times. Probably pre orders will be taken and the baked goods delivered to the church. The details are still being worked out.

Some of the students will participate in the Worship service that day either in person or by Zoom.



Rev. Kyle Delhagen joins the Cornerstone Protestant Campus Ministry Board

From Rev. Sandy Damhof

We are delighted that Rev. Delhagen has joined the board. He carries on a rich tradition of both lay people & pastors from HUPC who are served our students faithfully over the years.

Board Members are asked to attend regular monthly meetings, to engage with our students via at least one program per semester and to support the work of the ministry with a financial contribution. The biggest task of the Protestant Campus Ministry board is to plan and implement the Fall Fundraising event each year; this year that event raised over \$13,000 to support the work on campus.

The board is made up of 15 members, both clergy and lay, from a wide range of denominations. The board also includes several "at-large" members open to Alumna and/or faculty and staff members.



The Bible according to kids

Children say the funniest things about Scripture. Here are a few examples:

- "In the first book of the Bible, God got tired of creating the world, so he took the Sabbath off."
- "Moses led the Hebrews to the Red Sea, where they made unleavened bread, which is bread without any ingredients."
- "The Egyptians were all drowned in the desert. Afterward, Moses went up on Mount Cyanide to get the Ten Amendments."
- "The greatest miracle in the Bible is when Joshua told his son to stand still and he obeyed him."

"I have never understood why anyone would roast the turkey and shuck the clams and crisp the croustons and shell the peas and candy the sweet potatoes and compote the cranberries and bake the pies and clear the table and wash the dishes and fall into bed exhausted when they could just as easily sit back and enjoy a hamburger or a pork sandwich."

—The Turkey

Needed - 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 deck 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

Honoring our veterans

Veterans Day has its roots in what was called Armistice Day, when a peace agreement ended World War I on November 11, 1918. President Wilson proclaimed that Armistice Day was to be marked with solemn pride in heroism and with gratitude for victory as well as the "opportunity it has given America to show her sympathy with peace and justice." In 1954, the remembrance was renamed Veterans Day to honor all U.S. military personnel. It's a reminder to pray for and honor all who serve and sacrifice, to support and assist their families, and to pray that God will bring peace on earth.

The journey begins at Advent

When Advent begins on November 28 this year, so does a new church year for liturgical congregations. The church seasons, which correspond to key events in Jesus' life, begin with the four-week Advent period of preparation for our coming Savior at Christmas. After the 12-day season of Christmas is Epiphany, which begins January 6 and continues through Ash Wednesday, the beginning of Lent. That period of preparation culminates in Holy Week, and then Easter marks the pinnacle of every church year. Forty days after the Resurrection we celebrate Ascension, and 10 days after that, the Pentecost season begins; it lasts until Advent, when the cycle begins again.

"Like a great waterwheel," writes Joan Chittister, "the liturgical year goes on relentlessly irrigating our souls, softening the ground of our hearts, nourishing the soil of our lives until the seed of the Word of God itself begins to grow in us, comes to fruit in us, ripens in us the spiritual journey of a lifetime."

PRAISE-FILLED petals

Create an interactive display of God's provision for a Thanksgiving centerpiece.



What you need:

- Colorful sheets of thin paper
- Scissors
- Black pen
- Dish of water

What you do:

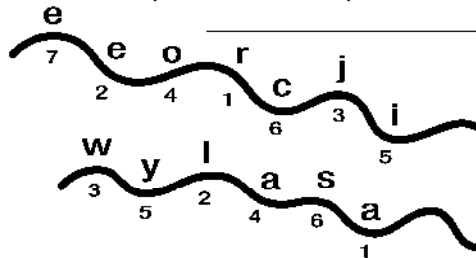
1. From the paper, cut out various shapes and sizes of flowers and petals.
2. In the center of each flower, write a praise to God. Thank him for who he is and for answered prayers.
3. Fold petals inward, toward the center of each flower.
4. Gently place flowers on the water. Petals will slowly unfold to reveal the words.
5. Invite meal guests to participate in this centerpiece that blooms with thanks.



GOD'S WILL

God wants us to follow his will, but how can we know what that is?

Directions: Write the letters on each vine in the correct order on the lines provided to complete 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18, NIV.

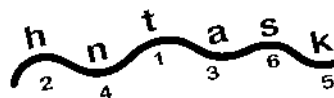




continually,



in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.



1 THESSALONIANS 5:16-18, NIV

Answer: rejoice, always, pray, give, thanks

HAMILTON UNION
HAPPENINGS



November 2021

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

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

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