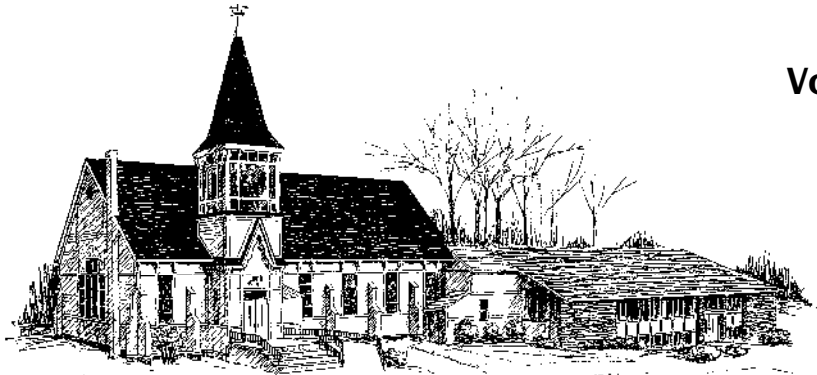


Good News

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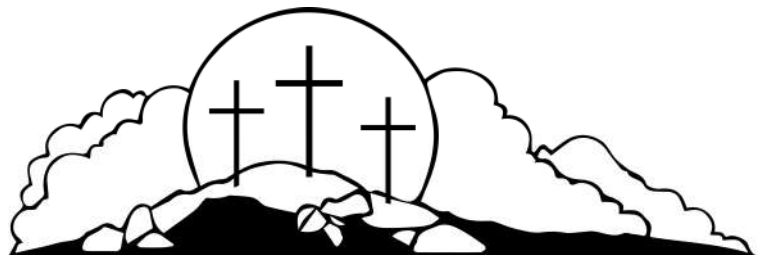


April 2022

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

Easter's Promise

'Twas by a path of sorrows drear
Christ entered into rest;
And shall I look for roses here,
Or think that earth is blessed?
Heaven's whitest lilies blow
From earth's sharp crown of woe:
Who here his cross can meekly bear,
Shall wear the kingly purple there.



—L.B. Cowman, Streams in the Desert

"So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!"

~2 Corinthians 5:17

Friends,

As winter is waning and spring emerges (slowly but surely!), the seemingly dead branches that have swayed in the growing warmth of the sun are starting to find new life. Leaves and flowers are beginning to bud from what was the cold ground. At times, it felt as if winter might never cease, but spring is being ushered in.

On the bulletin board above my desk here in my study, I have a postcard. It fell out of one of the books I got from my Dad as he was emptying his office upon his retirement last year. A member in his last parish had sent it to him well over twenty years ago, and it struck me powerfully. It is a simple poem that goes like this:

Poem After a Sermon About the Dead of Winter

... and yet
spring cannot afford
the strength
to blossom
without the rest
of winter.

This Lent we are discovering (or re-discovering in some cases) that which fills us with the good things of God; filling ourselves to the brim with the joy and love and hope that comes through Jesus.

As we tend to the parched areas of our lives, cultivating practices that enliven our faith, *we are experiencing a shifting into a season of wild, dramatic flourishing - a bursting forth with the fruits of God's work in our lives.*

Indeed, God's creation is about to *fill to the brim* with the goodness of new life. Death is overcome. The tomb is empty. We are invited into the work of ushering in a new creation!

Indeed, *we are a new creation!* We have been resurrected with Christ! The light of Christ in the world might never be easy, *but it is full of joy!*

As we draw closer to the cross of Good Friday, we also draw nearer the empty tomb of Easter. Consider what newness God might be working in your life, how God is filling you to the brim and beyond with the light and love and joy of this new season. I can't wait to hear about it, and share in that overflowing goodness.

Grace, peace, and newness in Christ,
~Pastor Kyle

Here is the "sneak peek" at what's coming up in April:

Sunday, April 3: John 12:1-8, Brazen Acts of Beauty

Sunday, April 10 (Palm Sunday) : Luke 19:28-40, Even the Stones Cry Out

Maundy Thursday, April 14: John 13:1-17, 31b-35, Take Off Your Shoes

Good Friday, April 15: John 19:1-30, A Cup of Sorrow

Sunday, April 17 (Easter) : Luke 24:1-12, An Expansive Life

Sunday, April 24: John 20:19-31, My Lord... and My God!



LITURGISTS

- Apr. 3 **Mark Hutchinson**
- Apr. 10 **Lindsay Hall**
- Apr. 17 **Betty Deitz**
- Apr. 24 **Michael Hall**

TECH TEAM

- Apr. 3 **Meredith and Jack Eberz**
- Apr. 10 **Kyle and Audrey Hall**
- Apr. 14 **Mark Hutchinson**
Maundy Thursday **Karen Williamson**
- Apr. 15 **George Hannett**
Good Friday **Fred Sirois**
- Apr. 17 **Diane Irwin**
Hugh Stevens
- Apr. 24 **Meredith and Jack Eberz**

COUNTERS

- Apr. 3 **Laura Smith**
Carolyn Sarbello
- Apr. 10 **Bill Hasselbarth**
Hannah Hunter-Harris
- Apr. 17 **Margaret Gardam**
Peter McKinney
- Apr. 24 **Karen Unser**
Billy DeBarthe

“Christ did not come into the world that we might understand him, but that we might cling to him, that we might simply let ourselves be swept away by him into the immense event of the resurrection.”

—Dietrich Bonhoeffer

Easter Flowers

If you would like to order flowers to decorate the Sanctuary for Easter, please fill out this form and return it to the Church Office with payment as soon as possible.

Your order must be received by Friday, April 1, 2022.



Name of Donor: _____ Envelope # _____

In Memory of: _____

In Honor of: _____

To order Flowers:

		<u>Qty:</u>		
Lilies	\$13.25 ea	x	_____	= \$ _____.
Daffodils	\$ 10.00 ea	x	_____	= \$ _____.
Tulips	\$ 10.00 ea	x	_____	= \$ _____.

Total \$ _____.

Please specify below whether you would like to retain your plant(s) or have the Deacons distribute them to an appropriate person:

____ I/We will take my plant(s) after the 10:00 a.m. Worship Service.

OR

____ I/We wish to have the Deacons share my plant(s) with an appropriate person.

(Please note: lilies cannot be delivered to hospitals or care facilities. Their fragrance may overwhelm people in small rooms.)

To make a donation:

____ I/We wish to make a donation for flowers to be purchased as needed throughout the year.

Amount: \$ _____.

Total paid [___ check ___ cash] \$ _____.
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Please make checks payable to: **Hamilton Union Presbyterian Church**
2291 Western Avenue
Guilderland, New York 12084



Happy Birthday to:

- Apr 8 Laura Edwards
- Apr 8 Nancy Snyder
- Apr 17 Gene Martin
- Apr 17 Abby Ferris
- Apr 20 Jim Gade (James Jr.)

Happy Anniversary to:

- Apr 26 Mickey and Terry Nieman

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

Have An Upcoming Event?

Please let the church office know by picking a paper form in the church office or in the back of the sanctuary. You may also fill out a form electronically. Please be sure to turn in your form 72 hours before your event!

If you have any questions, please email Kim at hupc@hamiltonunionpresbyterianchurch.org

The electronic Event Planning Form is at

<https://bit.ly/HUPCEventForm>

or

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/11oCqKaC3IHryHTvHtI4FVTfhsun-fiWzX-QBjONrTrk/edit>



From the Albany Presbytery Peacemaking Task Force

Living on the Hinge of History - The Moral Claim of the Climate Crisis- The Rev. Jim Antal,
 An Albany Presbytery Wide Zoom Workshop March 24th 7pm-8pm.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86544507767>

God has granted each of us the opportunity to address the greatest moral crisis humanity has ever faced. All of Albany Presbytery is invited to a workshop presented by the Rev. Jim Antal on **March 24th at 7pm** on Zoom to explore how we can dive more deeply in responding to this call. We will examine not only the most recent science, but also our grief over the loss of our home. We will ponder how a few generations of humans have reaped immeasurable profits by devastating God’s great gift of creation as they built the modern world. We will see how we are living amidst a theological emergency in which the preservation of God’s creation has been reduced to an ideological debate. And we will identify the actions churches are taking as they seek to be faithful amidst the long emergency.



Jim Antal serves as Special Advisor on Climate Justice to the General Minister and President of the United Church of Christ. Antal’s 2018 book, **CLIMATE CHURCH, CLIMATE WORLD**, is being read by hundreds of churches. From 2006-2018, Antal led the 350 UCC churches in Massachusetts as their Conference Minister and President. He has preached on climate change since 1988 in over 300 settings and has engaged in non-violent civil disobedience on numerous occasions.

Keeping Hamilton Union’s Inside Environment Neat

Help Yourself Table and Labeling Items Left for Others

In an effort to de-clutter the church, several unneeded items have been placed on a table in the Fellowship Hall. Please help yourself.

Also, if you leave something at the church for a member of our church family or a Ministry Team, please label it and let the appropriate person that it is there for them.



Volunteer Opportunity

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

Thu March 24, 2022	5 to 6:30 PM
Thu April 21, 2022	5 to 6:30 PM
Thu May 19, 2022	5 to 6:30 PM



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.

On Feb 24, John Nitsky and Wayne Gannett participated, sorting frozen food – meats, veggies and deli foods. At least one fortunate food pantry received bison burgers!

In food and hunger news, from Wyoming:

First Lady Jennie Gordon’s Wyoming Hunger Initiative is proud to partner with University of Wyoming Extension to launch a new program called Grow a Little Extra. Anyone in the state of Wyoming who enjoys gardening is encouraged to grow an extra row or two and donate the produce to their local Cent\$ible Nutrition Program, where it will be weighed and distributed to local anti-hunger organizations. Wyoming Hunger Initiative has also distributed seed packets to all twenty-three counties and the Wind River Indian Reservation for anyone interested in picking them up for free at their local Extension office. Lastly, infrastructure grants are available for organizations who wish to expand an existing community garden or start a new one to grow produce specifically for sharing with families and organizations in need.

Mitten Tree Project 2022

Presbyterian Women will once again be sponsoring our *Mitten Tree Project* from Nov 20 - Dec 11, this year. We collect mittens, gloves, scarves and hats for local agencies. Such items go on sale in late winter and early spring. It’s good time to buy ahead.



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 518-356-0637 or chasselbarth@hotmail.com. We meet in the lounge, with a hybrid option. Bring a 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.

- * Our Easter Basket Collection continues until Sun, Apr 3.
 - Our April Circle Meeting is Tues, Apr 26 from 10:30 am –12:30 pm. We will discuss Lesson 7, *Creation Laments* & Lesson 8, *God Laments*.
 - * *The Presbyterian Women in the Presbytery of Albany Zoom Spring Gathering* is on Wed, Apr 27, from 9:45 am to 12:00 pm. Local PW groups will present on their activities.
- * More information is elsewhere in this newsletter.



Easter Basket Project 2022

sponsored by HUPC Presbyterian Women

Our annual 2022 Easter Basket Project will be underway soon. We will take donations from March 6 thru April 3. Easter baskets are donated to the New Faith Program for Women at the Capital Area Rescue Mission in Albany, the Family Life Center at Schenectady City Mission, and the Living Resources, Inc. Group Home where Brian Nitsky resides. We also make baskets for the Church Staff as a way of saying thank you!

Donations of cash/checks are welcome and appreciated. Betty Deitz will collect cash/checks (made out to HUPC Presbyterian Women). Baskets will be prepared and delivered by April 8th.

THANK YOU for your continued support of our endeavor to spread Easter JOY!

Darlene Bauer
Project coordinator





Cornerstone Campus Ministry - Food and Faith Program

Food & People Needed

Tuesday, April 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, Apr 26. Donations of main dish, side dish, 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 Apr 10 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.

**Continuous Collections
Men’s Flip Fops, Socks and Laundry Detergent
Personal Care Items for Men and Women**

Men’s flip-flops (medium – extra large), laundry detergent and white athletic socks (medium – extra large) are being collected for *The Capital Area Council of Churches Emergency Overflow Shelter*. Personal care items for both men and women, such as toothpaste, facial tissues, deodorant, shampoo, soap, contact solution, cotton swabs, & razors are needed for *The Purple Pantry*, the food pantry on the UAlbany campus
Feminine care products are also needed.

There are collection boxes at the top of the stairs in the Christian Education Building. Donations can also be left in the deck box in front of the Christian Education Building. If you put detergent in the deck box, please label it for “the Interfaith Shelter”. Items for the Purple Pantry need to be labeled as such.



Thank You From Presbyterian Women

As of Sunday March 13th Hamilton Union is going mask **OPTIONAL!**

In accordance with the recent lifting of New York State's mask requirement for indoor spaces, and in compliance with recently-updated guidance from the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), masks will no longer be required during worship or in our buildings.

However, individuals may still choose to wear a mask at any time, and we expect that some members and friends will continue to do so. We strongly encourage everyone to take into account their own personal and family circumstances and health concerns in deciding whether to wear a mask or not in the church building and during worship. As always, we greatly appreciate everyone's respect for others' individual circumstances and choices.



In addition, signing in for contact tracing purposes is no longer required when entering the Sanctuary or church buildings. For now, we will continue social distancing during Worship. As Covid cases continue to fall, please keep an eye out for additional changes as guidance is updated.

At its March meeting, Session discussed our current "Safe Spaces" policy. Written in 2014, it needs to be reviewed and updated. Keeping with this policy, the Session designated Steve Smith and Liz Egan as the designated mandated reporters for 2022.



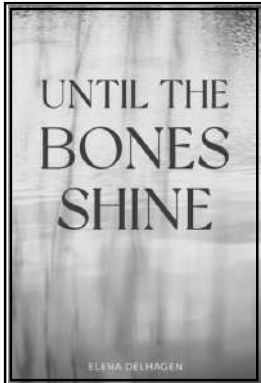
FLOWER SIGN UPS

There is still PLENTY of room on the flower sign-up sheet to add your name! Help make Sunday Worship even more joyous with the addition of some fresh flowers. What a divine way to celebrate the anticipated arrival of Spring and Easter with the donation of flowers from God's garden. Sign-up sheets are in the back of the Sanctuary and in the church office. You can also email Kim at hupc@hamiltonunionpresbyterianchurch.org or Hiram Eberlein at mehe1964@verizon.net and they can add your name as well.

Book Signing for "Until the Bones Shine" by author Elena Delhagen

April 16 from 3:00-5:00 pm

at The Little Book House in Stuyvesant Plaza



Elena will be signing copies of her very personal and insightful memoir. This is Elena’s first book. She talks frankly about challenging life experiences and how she moved from darkness to light in her life.

From the Communications Ministry Team

Campus Ministry 2022 Service Trip Video

Thank you From Rev. Sandy Damhof, Chaplain of Cornerstone Campus Ministry

On behalf of Cornerstone Campus Ministry, I want to thank you for all your help with making our January Service Trip a huge success! We certainly could not have done it without your prayers and financial support. This semester the Campus Ministry students are unable to do their in-person presentations on the 2022 Service Trip. This video was prepared to share the experience.



View the video on YouTube at <https://youtu.be/VIqi5ilDobA>

Save the Date



Presbyterian Women in the Presbytery of Albany Zoom Spring Gathering

Wednesday, April 27 – 9:45 am to noon

***Presentations by Presbyterian Women Groups
in the Albany Presbytery***

***Installation of Coordinating Team Members by
Rev. Kathy Reeves, Presbyterian Women's
Churchwide Moderator***

For further information contact:

Rosalie Hemingway at 518-758-7886 or silver3213@gmail.com

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

HOLY WEEK i-spy

Create this craft to share the events of Holy Week with a younger sibling or friend.



What you need:

- Clear bottle or jar with lid
- White rice
- Small items that symbolize Holy Week events

What you do:

1. Pour rice into bottle or jar so it's about two-thirds full.
2. Add the small items. Ideas: leaf, donkey, cup, towel square, praying hands, coin, bird, nails, thorn, cross, dice, stick, lamb, stone, white fabric.
3. Fasten the lid. Then shake and turn the bottle to "spy" each item.

PUZZLE

Resurrection refresher

All four gospels confirm Jesus' resurrection, and each one offers important details.

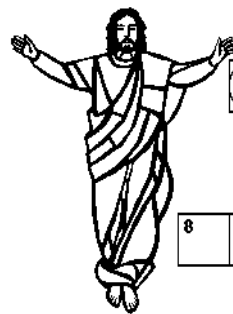
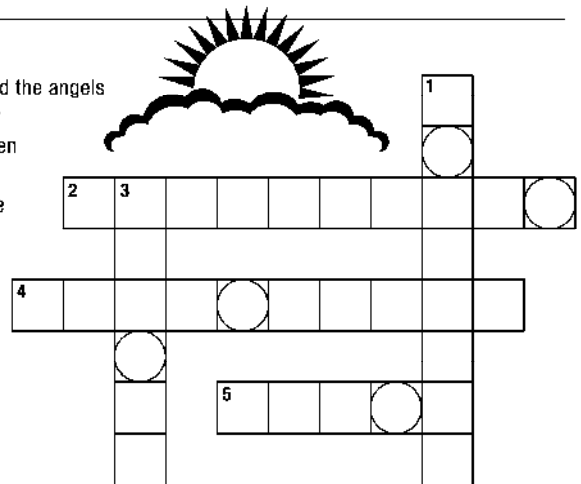
Directions: Complete the crossword. Then insert the circled letters (in order of the clue numbers) to complete John 20:17 below.

ACROSS

2. The women did this when they heard the angels talk about Jesus' death. (Luke 24:8)
4. The women at the tomb did this when they saw Jesus. (Matthew 28:9)
5. The man in Jesus' empty tomb wore this color robe. (Mark 16:5)
7. Jesus instructed his brothers to go here. (Matthew 28:10)
8. Peter saw strips of this in the tomb. (Luke 24:12)

DOWN

1. At first, Mary thought Jesus was this person. (John 20:15)
3. As an angel came from heaven, this happened. (Matthew 28:2)
6. She went with Mary to anoint Jesus' body. (Mark 16:1)



What did Jesus want Mary to tell his brothers?

"I _ m ascen _ ing _ o my Fat _ er and your Fa _ her, to _ y _ od and your God."

Joh _ 20:17, NIV

Answer: ACROSS 2. remembered, 4. worshipped, 5. white, 7. Galilee, 8. linen; DOWN 1. gardener, 3. earthquake, 6. Salome, 8. linen; "I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God." John 20:17, NIV

Hamilton Union Happenings



April 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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					EASTER FLOWER ORDERS DUE TO THE OFFICE	
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Choir Warmup- 9:30AM Sunday Worship Service 10:00AM Basket Collect. end Ends)	Making Connec- tions Bible Study- 1:00PM	Session Meeting- 7:00PM		Choir Practice- 7:00PM Bible Study- 7:00PM		
10	11	12	13	MAUNDY THURS ¹⁴	GOOD FRIDAY ¹⁵	16
Choir Warmup- 9:30AM Sunday Worship Service 10:00AM	Making Connec- tions Bible Study- 1:00PM Communications Meeting- 7:00PM			Choir Warmup 6:30 Maundy Thursday Service- 7:00PM	Good Friday Ser- vice -7:00PM	
EASTER SUNDAY ¹⁷	18	19	20	21	22	23
Choir Warmup- 9:30AM Sunday Worship Service 6:45AM & 10:00AM aster Sunday	Making Connec- tions Bible Study- 1:00PM		Finance Meeting- 7:00PM	Mission Food Bank-5:00PM Choir Practice- 7:00PM Mission Team Meeting-7:15PM Bible Study- 7:00PM		
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
Choir Warmup- 9:30AM Sunday Worship Service 10:00AM	Making Connec- tions Bible Study- 1:00PM	Presbyterian Women- Circle Meeting- 10:30AM- 12:30PM Food & Faith- 6:00PM		Choir Practice- 7:00PM LAST Bible Study- 7:00PM		

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GOOD NEWS



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