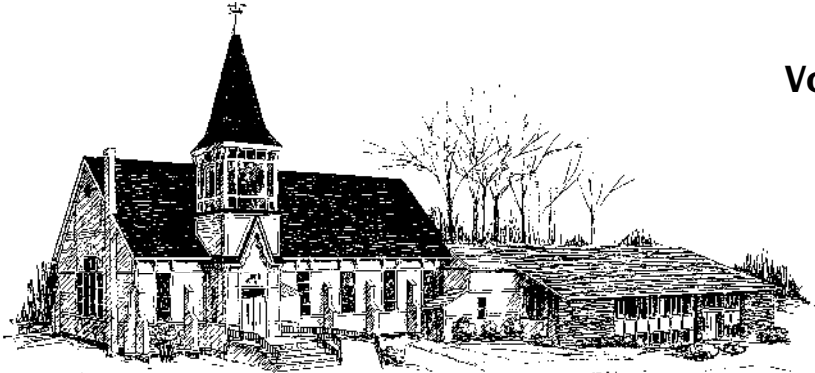


# Good News

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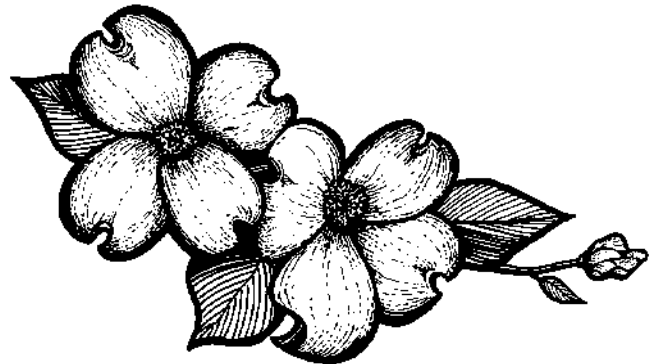
**Sunday Worship Services are held at 10:00 a.m.**

### **A Mother's Day hymn**

Sing praise to our Creator God!  
Earth prospers from the way  
God "mothers" each new child into  
This world day after day.

God fabricates in motherhood  
A channel from above  
That longs to share with every child  
God's comfort, grace and love!

Sing praise to our Creator God,  
Who "mothers" us from birth!  
Providing what we truly need  
Throughout our lives on earth.



—Peggy Ferrell

*"I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus." ~1 Corinthians 1:4*

Friends in faith at HUPC,

On May 1, we will celebrate one year since I began to serve as your pastor. What a year it has been! Through slowly emerging and reopening from the pandemic, to committing ourselves as a congregation to be a Matthew 25 church; through shared joys and griefs, we have grown to know each other deeper, sharing in the love of Jesus Christ together.

There is a lot of reflecting I could do (and am doing) on the successes and challenges of the past year, but that is for another time.

For now, I simply want to say - thank you.

Thank you for trusting me to *be* your pastor; for sharing with me your happy moments *and* your pains, and for allowing me and my family to share ours with you, especially over the past couple of months in the death of my father. We have felt incredibly cared for, loved, and supported. The sheer volume of cards you sent testifies to this love.

Thank you for being willing to try new things and let go of old habits. Thank you for your patience as I have gotten my feet under me (in the age of Covid, it was not as easy or as smooth as it could have been!). Thank you for being open to hearing hard truths, as well as to the learning of how we can be agents of change in our community and our world.

I am truly excited to see where God is calling us to, and how we will be changed and challenged. The story of our ministry is being written every day, and it is a story worth singing about!

Friends, thank you.

In love in Christ,

~Pastor Kyle

## A Sneak Peek at sermons coming in May!

May 1: *Pastor Kyle and family away*

May 8: Acts 9:36-43, *A Curious Woman*

May 15: Psalm 148, *Praise the Lord!*

May 22: *Pastor Kyle away for Continuing Education*

May 29: Acts 16:16-34, *Liberating Words*



## WINNER, WINNER, CHICKEN DINNER(S)

It's not too early to start planning for HUPC's upcoming BROOKS CHICKEN BARBECUE fundraisers for 2022. YOUR HELP IS NEEDED!

This summer and fall, we will be hosting these fun and tasty, one-day fundraisers on Wednesdays, JUNE 8, AUGUST 3 and SEPTEMBER 28.

These are important fundraisers that support our mission efforts and the annual church budget. It takes about 20 people to set up, run and clean up after each event, covering 2 shifts from 2-4pm and 4-6 pm. Tasks include tent and parking lanes set-up (in the morning), greeters to hand out order forms, meal assemblers, meal packagers, order takers and deliverers, cashiers and clean-up crew. We have a few "seated jobs", but most require standing or walking.

It is critical that we have volunteers sign-up in advance so we know we can fill the needed positions and can make these fundraisers work. If we do not have enough workers lined up by the Monday prior to each BBQ, we would have to cancel the event, as nearly happened last fall.

BOOK YOUR SPOTS NOW. Get it on your calendars! (Volunteering also ensures you get your chicken before we sell out!!)

To sign up for a time and task, please contact Bruce Williamson, BBQ Coordinator, as soon as possible, at [bewillia302@gmail.com](mailto:bewillia302@gmail.com) or 518-357-0746.



**LITURGISTS**

May 1 Sue Ferris

May 8 Trudy Hutchinson

May 15 Hannah Hunter-Harris

May 22 Karen Williamson

May 29 George Hannett

**TECH TEAM**

May 1 Liz and Declan Egan

May 8 George Hannett and Karen Williamson

May 15 Kyle and Audrey Hall

May 22 Liz and Declan Egan

May 29 Diane Irwin and Hugh Stevens

**COUNTERS**

May 1 Laura Smith  
Billy DeBarthe

May 8 Bill Hasselbarth  
Hannah Hunter-Harris

May 15 Margaret Gardam  
Peter McKinney

May 22 Karen Unser  
Carolyn Sarbello

May 29 Bill Hasselbarth  
Billy DeBarthe

**Planning Ahead ...**

Our 9:00 am Summer Worship service will run from June 19th through September 4th.



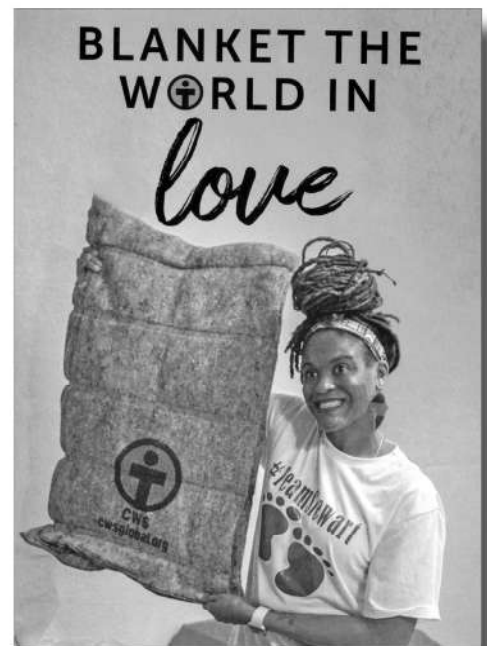


Let's "Blanket the World in Love"!!



Hi, friends!! Mickey here again! Did you notice it's not "blanket the world **with** love" but "blanket the world **in** love"? However they say it, it's our chance to give **in honor of** our mothers and fathers or others we cherish or **in memory of** those who have gone before us. Last year Presbyterian Women (PW) offered the opportunity for you to order lightweight (@\$10) or heavyweight (@\$15) blankets through Church World Service (CWS), and you rose to the occasion as you always do!!!!: 118 blankets were donated (57 lightweight and 61 heavyweight). You are a marvelous and generous congregation and I truly thank you from the bottom of my heart.

**This year, PW is going to offer the blankets from May 1 to June 12 to encompass Mother's Day and Father's Day, and to give you the chance to give in honor or memory of anyone.** For anyone new to this program, you do not buy literal blankets, but give the money to CWS through PW; blankets are sent to places and people in this country (after fires, hurricanes, etc) and around the world (such as Australia, Haiti, and Ukraine) that are experiencing disasters and difficult times. In return, **you can get cards to send, or you can send your own cards or make cards using the picture below.**



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

518-356-1691

Jean Michelle Nieman  
896 Pine Hill Dr  
Schenectady, NY 12303

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

Thank you in advance! Love, Mickey



**Presbyterian Women in the Presbytery of Albany  
Zoom Spring Gathering  
Wednesday, April 27 – Sign in at 9:45 am  
Program is 10:00 am to noon.**

***Presbyterian Women, Who Are We Really, Today?  
Presentations by Presbyterian Women’s Groups  
in the Albany Presbytery***

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

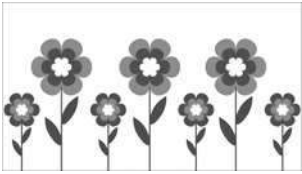
The freewill Offering will go to the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance Fund for the Ukraine. Send donations to Rosalie Hemingway, 3213 Church St., Valatie, NY 12184. Make out checks to Presbyterian Women in the Presbytery of Albany with PDF for Ukraine in the memo line.

Registration is needed to receive the link for the program. Contact Andrea Ralph at aralph20@hotmail.com

For further information contact:

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

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



## 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](mailto:hupc@hamiltonunionpresbyterianchurch.org) or Hiram Eberlein at [mehe1964@verizon.net](mailto:mehe1964@verizon.net) and they can add your name as well.

**From Steve Smith, Chair of the Property Committee:**

### Checking our Inside Atmosphere

We recently had a mold inspection done of the church building. The inspection did find some mold in three areas: the bathroom under the Sanctuary, the old kitchen under the Sanctuary, and the mechanical room in the education wing.

It's important to know that the vast majority of spaces in the church — including the areas we use most — are safe. Mold occurs naturally in the air all around us, and given the age of our building, it's unfortunately not surprising that some took hold in the areas cited above. Mold also needs moisture to grow, which means we will need to check our building thoroughly for places water may be entering and seal it.

For now, an "out of order" sign has been placed on the door of the bathroom below the Sanctuary, which was the area most affected by mold. Please use the bathrooms in the Education Building.

We have not yet received the written report from the inspector. Once we receive it, the Property Committee will determine how to best address these issues. We may be able to address some things ourselves, such as sealing cracks, caulking around windows, diverting rainwater away from the building and installing dehumidifiers. We may also choose to address the areas most affected by hiring an expert, such as a mold remediation contractor.

We will keep you informed as we know more, including how members can help.





**Happy Birthday to:**

May 4 Maryanne Masley-Hannett

May 12 Rev Stewart Pattison

May 25 Terry Nieman

May 28 Brian Nitsky

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>





## Mission Trip Fund Grants to Our Church Family

The Mission and Social Witness Committee administers a Mission Trip Fund that is available for any member of our church family. The fund currently has \$17429.15 in it. Although grants are available to anyone in our church family, we want to especially encourage young adults to apply. During high school or college years there are often opportunities to become involved in mission trips. We have established criteria and a process to follow to request financial assistance.

1. Recipient must be a member of church or a relative of a member
2. Request must be related to a mission trip/event (personal or group)
3. Request must be submitted in writing with a thorough description
4. Recipient must return to HUPC to share his/her experience after the event/trip

Give application letters to Lindsay Hall, the Chairman of the Mission and Social Witness Committee.

### The Mission and Social Witness Committee

We are excited to be able to begin holding a fellowship and coffee time again! Our plan is to keep it simple: coffee and cookies in the back of the church. **We are looking for volunteers willing to make coffee and bring in some kind of treat (a container of either packaged or homemade cookies are perfect!).** Assistance with locating the coffee supplies and training on the new coffee maker can be provided if needed; please let us know if you need help when you sign up. If you would be willing to assist with this, please call or email ([hupc@hamiltonunionpresbyterianchurch.org](mailto:hupc@hamiltonunionpresbyterianchurch.org)) the main office with the date you are able to host. We are excited to be able to welcome back this important part of our church community, but we can only do this with help from members of the congregation.



## Gade Farm Days Fundraiser

Fri, May 20 – Sun, May 22 and Fri, June 3 – Sun, June 5

Every year, during 2 spring weekends, Presbyterian Women sponsors Gade Farm Days. It is an important fundraiser for our budget, the majority of which goes to mission projects. The Gade family donates a very generous percentage of the purchases made by our church family at the Gade Farm Store, on those weekends. Use the coupon below when you make a purchase.

The Gade farm is located at 2479 Western Ave, Altamont, NY 12009. The Gade family have been members of Hamilton Union for generations.

Thank you in advance from Presbyterian Women

## Gade Farm Days 2022

May 20, 21, 22

June 3, 4, 5

Amount: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_



### Hamilton Union has an Anniversary Coming Up!

In 2024, the congregation of Hamilton Union Presbyterian Church will be 200 years old! That's quite an important anniversary, and we'd like to start now to plan the party!

The Session is putting together a group/Committee to plan this celebration. If you are interested in helping out, please contact the church office (phone 518-456-5410, email [hupc@hamiltonunionpresbyterianchurch.org](mailto:hupc@hamiltonunionpresbyterianchurch.org)) or Karen Williamson at 518-669-4450, email [kawillia302@gmail.com](mailto:kawillia302@gmail.com) .

## Volunteer Opportunity

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

**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](mailto:jgannett@nycap.rr.com).

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Cost inflations is affecting all of us, including charitable organizations:

The Regional Food Bank of Northeastern New York announced in March that they are preparing for a surge in demand due to rising grocery and fuel costs, all while acclimating to supply chain issues and additional fuel costs that are affecting their own operations.

In 2021, the Food Bank’s fleet of trucks traveled 471,000 miles across 23-counties of New York State, an area that encompasses 41% of New York’s landmass. The Food Bank distributed more than 51 million pounds of food and grocery products last year, the equivalent of 42 million meals. At the same time, supply chain issues, rising grocery costs, and increased need forced the Food Bank to get creative with product sourcing and distribution.

“We have been spending at least 15% more than last year to obtain a high quality, nutritious mix of food, sourcing alternative foods when our staples are unavailable,” said Molly Nicol, Chief Executive Officer of the Regional Food Bank. “At the same time, we’ve had to spend more to distribute that food – fuel expenditures alone have increased \$5,000 per month more than last year at this time. It’s a double-whammy.”

I have often noticed that when chickens quit quarreling over their food, they often find that there is enough for all of them. I wonder if it might not be the same with the human race.

—Don Marquis

## Presbyterian Women’s (PW) 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](mailto: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.



- \* Wed, Apr 27, from 9:45 am to 12:00 pm: *The Presbyterian Women in the Albany Presbytery Zoom Spring Gathering*, local PW groups will present on their activities.
- \* Sun, May 1 – Sun, June 12: Church World Service Blanket Sale
- \* Fri, May 20 – Sun, May 22: Gade Farm Days Fundraiser
- Tues, May 24: 10:30 am – 12:30 pm: May Circle meeting, we will discuss Lesson 9, *The End of Lament*

\* More information is elsewhere in this newsletter.

“Let us be grateful to people who make us happy; they are the charming gardeners who make our souls blossom.”  
—Marcel Proust

## Easter Basket Project 2022



Dear HUPC Family and Friends:

The Easter Basket Project is a great success again this year with generous hearts and spirit from all of you.

All groups that received these were most grateful.

Thank you for your ever continuing loving hearts and generosity!

Darlene Bauer  
For HUPC PW

## Personal Care Items for Men and Women During Summer Months

### For the *Purple Pantry*

Personal items are being collected throughout the summer for *The Purple Pantry*, the food pantry on the UAlbany Campus. Needed items are feminine care products, toothpaste, facial tissues, deodorant, shampoo, soap, contact solution, cotton swabs, and razors.



Although the academic year will soon be over, personal care items are still needed, as there are many students still on campus. Some students from Ukraine and the surrounding areas can't go home. *The Purple Pantry* is also available to staff at the university who are there year around.

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.

Thank You From Presbyterian Women

## 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 is a sign-up sheet in the back of the Sanctuary or contact Charlotte Hasselbarth at 518-356-0637 or [chasselbarth@hotmail.com](mailto: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. People coming to visit with the students need to be vaccinated. Masks are optional. No proof of vaccination is needed.

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



# Egg-cellent bouquet

Transform an egg carton into a Mother's Day keepsake.



**What you need:**

- Clean cardboard egg carton
- Scissors
- Acrylic paint and paintbrush
- Flat cardboard
- Photo, drawing or note
- Small pom-poms
- Hot glue
- Adult help

**What you do:**

1. Bend, stretch and cut the carton cups to make 3-D flower shapes. Also cut leaf shapes from the carton top.
2. Paint the flowers and leaves. Let dry.
3. Cut the flat cardboard to a size and shape you desire. Leave a border at least 2 inches larger than your photo, drawing or note.
4. With hot glue, attach the photo, drawing or note to the cardboard.
5. Arrange and glue flowers and leaves around the border. Attach pom-poms for more color and texture.
6. Present the gift to your mom or a special woman in your life.



## A VALUABLE *command*

God instructs children how to relate to their parents.

*Directions: Arrange the words in alphabetical order. Then insert the circled letters in order to complete Exodus 20:12, NIV.*



son	mother	father
daughter	honor	home
respect	family	obey
	love	

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10. \_ \_ \_ ○

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 so t\_at y\_u may \_ \_i\_e l\_ng in t\_e land  
 the L\_RD \_ \_ou\_ God i\_ givi\_g you.

EXODUS 20:12, NIV

Answer: 1. daughter, 2. family, 3. father, 4. home, 5. honor, 6. love, 7. mother, 8. obey, 9. respect, 10. son; Honor your father and your mother, so that you may live long in the land the LORD your God is giving you.

# Hamilton Union Happenings



# May 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
<b>Sunday Worship Service-10AM</b> HAPPY 1 <sup>ST</sup> ANNIV. PASTOR!	<b>Making Connections Bible Study- 1:00PM</b>	Session Meeting- 7:00PM		Choir Practice- 7:00PM		
Happy Mother's Day! 8	9	10	11	12	13	14
<b>Sunday Worship Service-10AM</b>	<b>Making Connections Bible Study- 1:00PM</b> Communications Meeting- 7:00PM			Choir Practice- 7:00PM		
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
<b>Sunday Worship Service-10AM</b>	<b>Making Connections Bible Study- 1:00PM</b> Finance Meeting- 7:00PM			Choir Practice- 7:00PM Mission Team Meeting- 7:15PM Mission Food Bank- 5:00PM		
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
<b>Sunday Worship Service-10AM</b> Worship Comm. Mtg.	<b>Making Connections Bible Study- 1:00PM</b>			Choir Practice- 7:00PM		
29	Happy Memorial Day! 30	31				
<b>Sunday Worship Service-10AM</b> 2¢-a-Meal	<b>Church Office Closed</b>	Presbyterian Women- ! 0:30AM				

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Rae Rau, Director of Handbell Choir

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