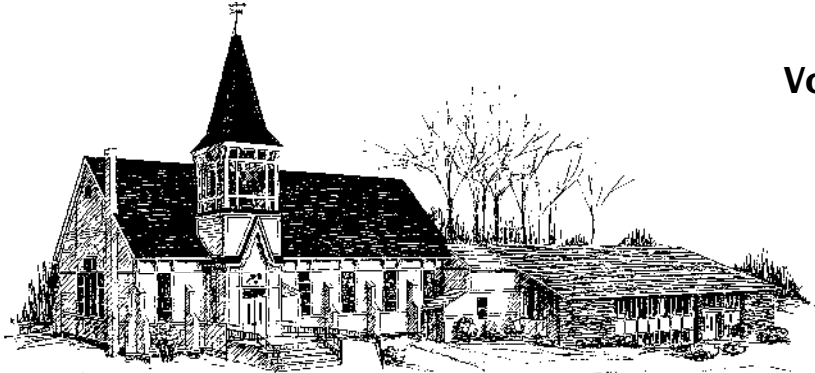


Good News

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

Peace for Today

May today there be peace within.

May you trust God that you are exactly where
you are meant to be.

May you not forget the infinite possibilities
that are born of faith.

May you use those gifts that you have received,
and pass on the love that has been given to you.

May you be confident knowing you are a child of God.

Let this presence settle into your bones, and

allow your soul the freedom to sing, dance, praise and love.

It is there for each and every one of us.



—St. Therese of Lisieux (1873-1897)

Dear HUPC friends,

Thank you so much for all your love and support during my recent shoulder replacement surgery and unexpected rehab. The MealTrain was a great idea and of course all the food was delicious and so helpful. It is very difficult to do anything with only the use of one arm! Also thanks to the folks that drove me to physical therapy and many doctors appointments. Mid May I got the go ahead to drive!! 7 weeks is a long time to not drive. I am getting stronger every day and look forward to joining in activities at church soon.

Nancy

Gade Farm Days Fundraiser- 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

June 3, 4, 5

Amount: \$ _____

Name: _____



LITURGISTS

Jun 5	Cindy Schultz
Jun 12	Fred Sirois
Jun 19	Peter McKinney
Jun 26	Nancy Messersmith

TECH TEAM

Jun 5	Karen Williamson George Hannett
Jun 12	Karen Williamson George Hannett
Jun 19	Mark Hutchinson Fred Sirois
Jun 26	Liz and Declan Egan

COUNTERS

Jun 5	Laura Smith Billy DeBarthe
Jun 12	Bill Hasselbarth Hannah Hunter-Harris
Jun 19	Margaret Gardam Peter McKinney
Jun 26	Karen Unser Carolyn Sarbello

Reminder ...

Our Summer Worship service will be held at 9 am from June 19th through September 4th. Our regular 10am service will resume on September 11.



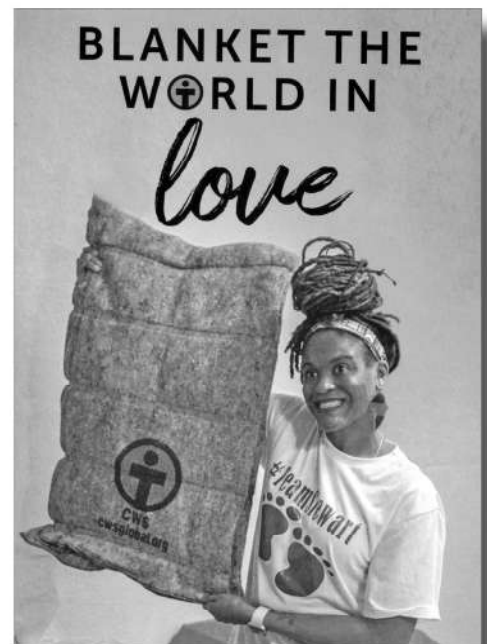


Let's "Blanket the World in Love"!!



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 hvwyht" (\$15); "2 lgtwht" (\$20); "1 lgtwht, 3 hvwyht" (\$55); "5 hvwyht," (\$75) etc.

Thank you in advance! Love, Mickey

DON'T BE CHICKEN - WE NEED YOU TO BBQ!! WEDNESDAY, JUNE 8



Our first Brooks BBQ fundraiser of 2022 is rapidly approaching, Wednesday, June 8, and we need helpers to pull this off. These fundraisers contributes thousands of dollars toward our church's mission efforts and also help support our annual budget, so they are very important. They are also a fun and fairly easy time for fellowship with one another as we assemble and provide meals to the hundreds of friends and neighbors who patronize our sale. People sure do love them some Brooks BBQ chicken!

We run the BBQ with 2 shifts of volunteers, 2:30pm-4:30pm and 4:30pm-6:30pm (although many folks stay for the duration). Jobs include greeters/menu providers (2 per shift), assembly line (4 per shift), order takers/deliverers (4-6 per shift), order packagers (2 per shift) and cashiers (2 per shift). We also need 6 folks to help set up the tents, tables and traffic cones Wednesday morning and a clean-up crew to put things away at the end.

Unfortunately, if we can't get enough volunteers to run the BBQ by June 1, we may have to cancel with Brooks, which risks losing our "spot" in the future.

So, if you haven't already, please sign up to help with Bruce Williamson at 518-435-5039 or bewillia302@gmail.com.

Personal Care Items for Men and Women During Summer Months For the *Purple Pantry*

Personal items are being collected thought out 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.

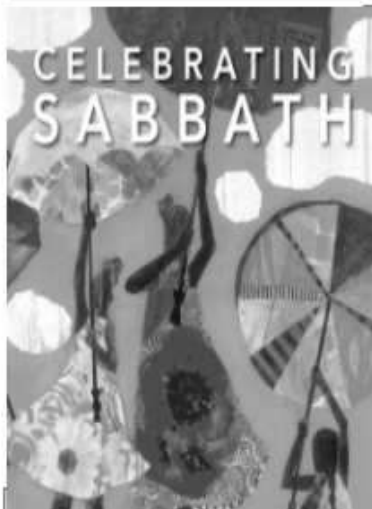
Although the academic year will soon be over, personal care items are still needed, as there are many students still on campus. Some students from Ukraine and the surrounding areas can't go home. *The Purple Pantry* is also available to staff at the university who are there year around.

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



The 2022-2023 PW/Horizons Bible Study
Celebrating Sabbath: Accepting God's Gift of Rest and Delight
Stony Point Center June 16-18, 2022
Led by the Author, Rev. Dr. Carol Bechtel



In this Bible study—with passages from Genesis, Exodus, Deuteronomy, Isaiah, Matthew, Luke, and Acts—we'll consider Sabbath:

- ♦ as a celebration, not a day of dreary formality
- ♦ as God's intent for all of creation that includes busy women too
- ♦ as one day of the week, perhaps a Sunday
- ♦ as a time to surrender unhealthy striving and frantic busyness, and instead trust that God will provide
- ♦ as a reminder that life is precious and working too much is against God's plans for our precious lives
- ♦ as a day devoted to community and justice and not exclusively to self-care.

Ultimately, Sabbath reminds us to honor God who honors us by giving us a day each week to reset our pace, our priorities, and our lives.

The Reverend Dr. Carol Bechtel is professor of Old Testament at Western Theological Seminary in Holland, MI. She grew up on a farm in Illinois, attended Hope College, Western Theological Seminary and Yale University. She has published a commentary on Esther, and many will remember her PW Bible Study *Above and Beyond: Hearing God's Call in Jonah and Ruth*. Carol lives in Holland, Michigan. She and her husband have four children and eight grandchildren. Her hobbies include singing, cooking and gardening, and playing the Celtic harp.



The full program begins at 4pm on THURSDAY and ends after lunch on SATURDAY. Registration and check-in will start on Thursday at 3:00 PM. Cost covers 6 meals, a single or double room in either Gilmore Sloane House or a Lodge (your choice), and a program fee of \$40, which includes a copy of the study.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN
Registration Form
Horizon Bible Study June 16-18, 2022 (Thurs-Sat)

Name _____ Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Phone _____

E-mail _____

Special Dietary or Other Needs: _____

☐ Gilmore Sloane House Single \$530 ☐ Lodge Single \$448 ☐ Commuter \$240
☐ Gilmore Sloane House Double \$410 ☐ Lodge Double \$328 ☐ Add'l Overnight Stay \$144

Roommate for Double _____ Dates: Early Arrival _____ Late Departure _____

Check enclosed (payable to PW— Synod of the Northeast). Please mail registration and check to:

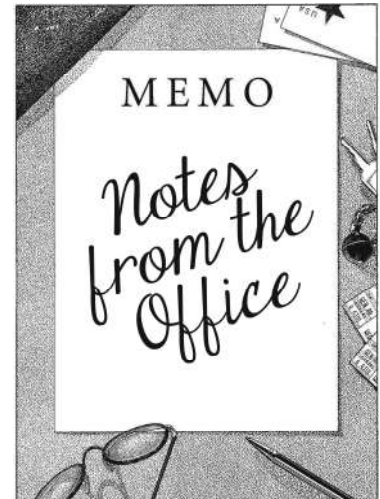
Nancy Lack, 15 Lincoln Ave, Florham Park, NJ 07932 ????? e-mail: donnarahmann@comcast.net

Unable to come? Check here _____ to be included in a 2 hour ZOOM on Friday, June 17th from 10am-Noon.

Sponsored by Presbyterian Women in the Synod of the Northeast

1. Beginning the week of June 13, the church office will be operating on a summer schedule. The office will be open Monday-Thursday from 9:00AM-1:00PM and will be closed on Fridays.

2. At the request of some church members, we will begin including this month AND next month's DRAFT calendar in the newsletters. Please understand the following month's calendar is only in draft form, and subject to change by the time the newsletter is published, but it is meant to tentatively inform you of any future events that are being planned. Thank you.



Please Help Us Plan Our 200th Birthday Party!

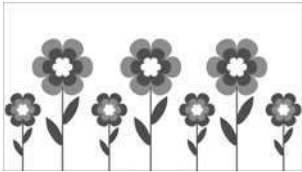
In 2024, our congregation will be 200 years old! Although there was an active congregation and a church building on our site as early as 1797, Hamilton Union Church was formally established in March of 1824. We believe the "Union" in "Hamilton Union" came from the fact that the church was interdenominational in its early years.



200 years is a pretty significant birthday, and we'd like to start now to plan the celebration. The Session is putting together a group/committee to plan this bicentennial. If you're interested in our history, have ideas on how to celebrate, or want to help, please contact Kim in the church office by phone at 518-456-5410 or email at hupc@hamiltonunionpresbyterianchurch.org. We have three interested people at this writing, but we need more. Many hands make light work!



Note that there is Zoom presentation, for which there is no cost on Fri, June 17 from 10 am to noon. Presbyterian Women in the Albany Presbytery is offering 2, \$150 scholarships. For information about Presbyterian Women in the Synod of the Northeast and Churchwide Presbyterian Women's Scholarships see: <https://pwsne.org/scholarships/>



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 hupe@hamiltonunionpresbyterianchurch.org or Hiram Eberlein at mehe1964@verizon.net and they can add your name as well.

Sunday Services will now also be streamed live via Facebook and YouTube

Sunday services are now being streamed live on our Facebook page (Hamilton Union Presbyterian Church - HUPC) and YouTube channel, (GoodNewsHUPC) in addition to Zoom. This is being done to make our service more accessible for people who may wish to "check us out" remotely before attending in person, as well as more convenient for those who want an easy way to view or hear the service. Zoom is an interactive medium, and some folks may find it easier to just tune in via Facebook or YouTube. Also, we are not able to prominently post or publish the Zoom link to worship on our website or sign after our Bible Study group was disrupted by a "Zoom Bombing" last year.



The Facebook link is <https://bit.ly/HUPC-Facebook>
The YouTube link is <https://bit.ly/HUPC-YouTube>



For those who may not know how live-streaming works, live-streaming via Facebook and YouTube is basically broadcasting via the Internet our service as it unfolds in real time. Unlike Zoom, which allows for personal interaction, the Facebook and YouTube streams are like watching a TV show on the Internet. There is no real-time editing or interaction on these two platforms. So, in consideration of possible privacy concerns, we ask that those bringing forward a joy or concern during the service use first names only, and limit your request to a brief statement of the situation; for example: "I request prayers for my co-worker John, who is having surgery this week." The key is to limit personally-identifiable details to protect privacy. Thank you for your understanding.

If you are currently attending worship via Zoom, just keep doing what you've been doing. This does not affect Zoom worship at all. Facebook and YouTube live-streaming happens in addition to Zoom.



Members of the Albany Presby Anti-Racism Task force will be joining the Mass Poor People's & Low-Wage Workers' Assembly this June 18, 2022 for a Moral March on Washington and to the Polls!

All Roads lead to Washington, DC

MASS POOR PEOPLE'S & LOW-WAGE WORKERS' ASSEMBLY

JUNE 18, 2022

MORAL MARCH ON WASHINGTON AND TO THE POLLS!

WWW.POORPEOPLESCAMPAIGN.ORG

REPAIRERS OF THE FAITH

#POORPEOPLESCAMPAIGN

Three ways to #MeetUsInDC:

1. Get on the New York bus to the June 18th Poor People's And Low-Wage Workers Assembly and Moral March On Washington! **ANYONE** can go on these buses provided by the NYS Poor People's Campaign. No one will be left behind for lack of funds. Those who have funds, please donate \$75 for your bus seat, and more for another bus seat if you have it.
2. Groups are **HIGHLY** encouraged to form your own cohort from your congregation/community to travel and attend the March together June 18. That is a great option if you want to make your own schedule and find a comfy room to stay overnight in DC. Go here to RSVP your group and find resources for planning your trip to DC June 18
3. The ARTF is forming a cohort and has space for 2-3 more people to travel together by train and stay at an AirBnB in DC Friday-Sunday, June 17-19, including attending worship locally before returning to NY.

If you're going to DC June 18, please let us know! If you want to go but don't have a group to travel with, let us know. Contact us at <https://www.facebook.com/artfalbpby>, so we can help you get connected and get there!



Happy Birthday to

Caroline Gade – June 2

Margaret Gardam - June 4

Jack Haefeli - June 7, 1929

Megan Reis - June 8

Bill Hasselbarth - June 11

Camille Lajoie – June 15

Happy Anniversary to

Melinda & Chuck Rielly – June 20

Mickey & Terry Nieman – June 24 (50th)

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>

Volunteer Opportunity

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

Thu June 23, 2022 5 to 6:30 PM
Thu July 21, 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.

Food News - a recent article in Reuters shows how interconnected the food supply is today:

The conflict in Ukraine is threatening global grain production, the supply of edible oils and fertiliser exports, sending basic commodity prices rocketing and mirroring the crisis in energy markets. Russia and Ukraine are important suppliers of edible oils as well as contributing nearly 30% of global wheat exports. Ukraine announced it had banned a wide range of agricultural exports including barley, sugar and meat until the end of the year.

The conflict has not only disrupted shipments from the Black Sea region but is also jeopardising prospects for harvests as fertilizer prices soar and supplies shrink in response to a sharp rise in the cost of natural gas - a key component in the manufacturing process for many products.

Chicago wheat futures have climbed around 60% so far this year, threatening to raise the cost of key food staples such as bread. The loss of two major exporters in Ukraine and Russia has been compounded by news that the condition of the wheat crop in the world's top producer, China, may be the "worst in history" according to the country's agriculture minister.

Russia and Ukraine are both major producers of sunflower oil and the two countries account for almost 80% of global exports, leaving customers such as India scrambling to secure supplies of alternatives such as palm oil and soy oil.

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. 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.

- Tues, May 24: 10:30 am – 12:30 pm: May Circle meeting, we will discuss Lesson 9, *The End of Lament*
- * Fri, June 3 – Sun, June 5: Gade Farm Days Fundraiser
- * Sat, June 4, 10 am – 2 pm: Community Food Collection Mission-Minded Lunch, & presentation by the Director of the Guilderland Food Pantry
- * Until Sun, June 12: Church World Service Blanket Sale
- * Thurs, June 16 - Sat June 18: Horizons Bible Study Workshop *Celebrating the Sabbath: Accepting God's Gift of Rest and Delight*
- * More information is elsewhere in this newsletter.



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.



Hamilton Union Happenings



June 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
				Choir Practice- 7:00PM	Gade Farm Days Fundraiser begins	PW Guilderland Food Pantry Collec- tion 10AM- 2:00PM
PENTECOST 5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Sunday Worship Service 10:00AM Session Retreat 1:00PM Gade Farm Days Fundraiser Ends			Brooks BBQ- 3:00PM	**Please do not park in front row of lot from 9:00AM- 11:30AM** LAST Choir Prac- tice- 7:00PM	**Please do not park in front row of lot from 9:00AM- 11:30AM** Good News Deadline	
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
Sunday Worship Service 10:00AM Choir's last service for the summer	Communications Meeting-7:00PM <i>SUMMER CHURCH OF- FICE HOURS BE- GIN</i>				OFFICE CLOSED	
Happy Father's Day! 19	20	21	22	23	24	25
Sunday Worship Service <u>9:00AM</u>	Finance Meeting- 7:00PM			Mission Team Food Bank- 5:15PM Mission Team- 7:15P	OFFICE CLOSED	
26	27	28	29	30		
Sunday Worship Service <u>9:00AM</u> 2¢ a meal		Communications Meeting- ZOOM	Finance Meeting- ZOOM	Session Retreat- Fel- lowship Hall		

Hamilton Union Happenings



DRAFT: July 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3	Happy Fourth of July! 4	5	6	7	8	9
Sunday Worship Service- 9:00AM	OFFICE CLOSED					
20	11	12	13	14	15	16
Sunday Worship Service- 9:00AM				Good News dead- line		
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
Sunday Worship Service- 9:00AM				Mission Food Bank- 5:00PM		
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
Sunday Worship Service- 9:00AM						
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Sunday Worship Service- 9:00AM 2¢ a meal						



Some popcorn plus a little heat makes a big change.

What you need:

- 2 Tbsp. popcorn kernels
- 2 tsp. oil
- 1 Tbsp. sugar
- Brown paper lunch bag

What you do:

1. Add popcorn kernels, oil and sugar to the bag.
2. Fold the bag's top down about half an inch. Repeat two more times. Gently shake to mix ingredients.
3. Microwave for 1½ or 2 minutes (or use the Popcorn setting). Allow bag to cool before removing and opening it.
4. As you share popcorn with family and friends, discuss the change in the kernels. Read Acts 2 together. What changes did the disciples experience? What was the source of their power?



A powerful CALLING

Before his ascension, Jesus tells the disciples they will receive a gift and carry out a job.

Directions: Use the code to fill in the blanks and complete Acts 1:8, NIV.

	□	○	△
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✠	S	P	W
✠	O	A	I
✠	T	N	E



“But you will receive _____ when the
 Holy _____ comes on you; and you
 will be my _____ in Jerusalem,
 and in all Judea and Samaria,
 and to the ends of the _____.”
 ACTS 1:8, NIV

Answer: power, Spirit, witnesses, earth

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