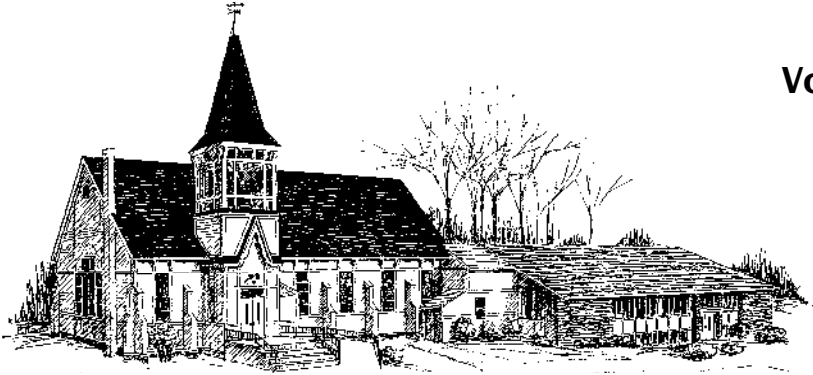


Good News

**The Monthly Newsletter of the People of
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GUILDERLAND, NEW YORK**



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Summer Worship Services are held on Sunday at 9:00 a.m.

What is this life if, full of care,
We have no time to stand and stare.
No time to stand beneath the boughs
And stare as long as sheep or cows.
No time to see, when woods we pass,
Where squirrels hide their nuts in grass.
No time to see, in broad daylight,
Streams full of stars, like skies at night.
No time to turn at Beauty's glance,
And watch her feet, how they can dance.
No time to wait till her mouth can
Enrich that smile her eyes began.
A poor life this if, full of care,
We have no time to stand and stare.



—"Leisure," W.H. Davies

"The more I called them, the more they went away from me... Yet it was I who taught Ephraim to walk, I took them up in my arms... I led them with cords of human kindness, with bands of love. I was like those who lift infants to their cheeks."

~Hosea 11:3-4

Children of God,

Life is strange in summer when you have kids. There is something wonderful and odd about having them around the house when we have been so used to them being in school.

Our two kids have what I like to call, a "fierce independence," but it is in our younger child, Atticus, that this fierceness is taken to a whole new level. He is at an age where he wants to do *everything* by himself, even if he knows he cannot. He wants so desperately to be in control of everything.

So it shouldn't surprise me that, the other day, when I was saying goodbye to him as I dropped him off at day camp, I gestured for him to come give me a hug, and he put his hand up and said, "Dad, come on." I settled for a high five.

But I admit, it stung a little bit! My sweet little boy did not want to hug me!

When I stopped to think about this, I thought of this passage from the prophet Hosea (the full text is chapter 11, verses 1 through 11, and I encourage you to take a little time to read it!). In this part of the prophet's book, God is reflecting on the people of Israel rebelling against God's love. God says, in verse 2: "The more I called them, the more they went away from me." In fact, we find in this passage some of the most maternal language in the whole of scripture: of God lifting an infant to God's cheek; of holding the people in God's arms; teaching them to walk; healing them.

Yet as much as the people have displeased God, no matter how far they have strayed, God loves God's people. Just as I love Atticus no less for refusing my hug (and I want to respect his bodily autonomy!), God's love for humanity never fails (though I suspect that God, like any parent, sometimes rolls God's eyes at us!).

As we enter the dog-days of summer, it can be easy to focus on ourselves and our families and all of the things we have going on. This isn't bad by any means! Summer days are, after all, meant to be fun! However, it is important, even in the midst of this, to remember God's love for us; to remember God as the parent who tends to us and cares for us. So stay tuned to the moving of the Spirit, because God may be reaching out loving arms to wrap us in a warm, tender hug.

Grace & peace,

~Pastor Kyle

LITURGISTS

Aug 7 **Debbi Waggener**

Aug 14 **Diane Irwin**

Aug 21 **Rae Rau**

Aug 28 **Darlene Bauer**

TECH TEAM

Aug 7 **Kyle Hall
Audrey Hall**

Aug 14 **Fred Sirois
Mark Hutchinson**

Aug 21 **Liz Egan
Declan Egan**

Aug 28 **Diane Irwin
Hugh Stevens**

COUNTERS

Aug 7 **Laura Smith
Billy DeBarthe**

Aug 14 **Bill Hasselbarth
Hannah Hunter-Harris**

Aug 21 **Peggy Gardam
Peter McKinney**

Aug 28 **Laura Smith
Billy DeBarthe**

“Aging is not ‘lost youth’

but a new stage

of opportunity and strength.”

—Betty Friedan

Backpack to School Event **Saturday, August 27, 11 am - 2 pm**

Every August, families receive letters from school. These letters are exciting! Who will the new teacher be? When is the first day? What will I need?

For some, these letters bring smiles and anticipation (if not a little sadness that summer will be coming to an end).

For many, however, these letters bring a twinge of anxiety, particularly around the “school supply” lists. Backpacks, notebooks, pencils, erasers... parents start doing the math, adding up how much all of this will cost.

In the last few months, with rising inflation and consumer costs, these anxieties are only going to grow more severe. One parent shared with me that, between their three school-aged children, last year they spent over two hundred dollars on school supplies alone - not to mention back-to-school clothes, shoes, and haircuts!

This year, our congregation will be stepping up to meet the needs presented by these challenges, to give some help and ease the burden on families in our school district.

We will be collecting from now until the event at the end of the month, the following items: backpacks, no. 2 pencils, rulers, composition notebooks, 2 pocket folders, child-safe scissors, and erasers.

On Saturday, August 27, we will have a “Backpack to School” event, where families in our community will be invited to come and get a backpack stuffed with school supplies for the coming academic year.

Additionally, we will have a cookout to celebrate with these families and our community, activities for all ages, and some time for fellowship with our neighbors in Guilderland and beyond.

All donations for this endeavor are welcome now through August 24th. There is a box in the hallway for these donations.

If you are interested in helping out with the event on August 27th, please see Pastor Kyle! Any and all help is welcome!

HUPC WILL BE HOSTING A BACK TO SCHOOL BASH...



AND WE NEED YOU!

Help us serve children in our community as we provide backpacks and school supplies for them!

We will be collecting donations for the Backpack Drive throughout the summer. We are in need of:

- backpacks
- no. 2 pencils
- rulers
- composition books
- 2 pocket folders
- child-safe scissors
- erasers

PLEASE SEE PASTOR KYLE WITH QUESTIONS.

THANK YOU!



A sneak-peek at sermons in August!



Sunday, August 7: guest preacher, Rev. Jeff Palmer

Sunday, August 14, guest preacher, Rev. Reilly Paige

Sunday, August 21: Shifting Paradigms, Jeremiah 1:4-10

Sunday, August 28: Cracked Cisterns, Jeremiah 2:4-13

**In a society that has you counting
money, pounds, calories, and steps,
be a rebel and count your blessings instead.**

~ Lisa Heckman

Help Us Plan HUPC's 200th Birthday Party!

In March of 2023, HUPC will be 200 years old. That's quite a milestone, and the Session is looking for folks to help plan the party. We already have three people who have offered to help, but we need more. There are no pre-conceived ideas about what we should do, so this is an opportunity for you to take your ideas and run with them.

We also need someone to lead the group, scheduling meetings, serving as a liaison to Session, etc. It's important to note that the leader is NOT responsible for doing all the work; we see the group as primarily self-directed. It's also important to note that other Ministry Teams will have important roles to play in any celebration planned, so this Bicentennial group will have support from the start.

If you are interested in helping plan this important celebration, please call Kim in the church office at 518-456-5410, or email her at hupc@hamiltonunionpresbyterianchurch.org . If you have questions, contact Karen Williamson at 518-669-4450 or kawillia302@gmail.com.



Thank you, and we hope you will seriously consider helping!

The Untold Stories

Are there stories in the Bible that you've never heard a sermon on? Or stories you have heard a sermon on, but wish you could know more about?

For example, did you know that there is a story in the gospel of Matthew where Jesus instructs Peter to go fishing, and tells him that the first fish he catches will have a coin in its mouth that they will then use for the Temple tax? It's true! Matthew 17:24-27 tells this strange little tale.

The Revised Common Lectionary, from which I generally preach, is a wonderful resource. At the same time, it leaves a lot out.

So I am putting together a sermon series for the fall: The Untold Stories. And I need your help! What are the stories in scripture you want to hear about in a sermon? You don't have to have the chapters and verses (though that would be helpful!). You can simply tell me a description of the story you are thinking about, and I'll put on my detective hat!

You can share your suggestions in one of two ways. The first, and most direct way, is to reach out to me directly (in person, email, text) with your idea.

Or, you can follow this link and fill out the Google Form:



<https://forms.gle/bv7CsRoYiWYYHvyK6>

I am excited to see what your suggestions are, and to explore parts of the Bible we may not have visited in a while!

Grace & peace,

~Pastor Kyle



Happy Birthday to

- Ruth Ryf – Aug 9**
- Hannah Hunter-Harris – Aug 10**
- Pastor Kyle Delhagen – Aug 10**
- Matt Williamson – Aug 29**
- Carl Hasselbarth – Aug 31**

Happy Anniversary to

- Maryanne Masley-Hannett & George Hannett – Aug 7**

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*

Event Planning

The Communications Team has developed an “Event Planning Form” to help organize, publicize and prepare for church events. We ask that anyone who is planning an event use this form and submit it at least **72 hours** before the event. If you are unable to do so, please call the church office to make us aware of your event. An electronic form is available at

<https://forms.gle/hv8W7sSDYsy3hFXk7>

OR

<https://bit.ly/HUPCEventForm>



There are hard copies in the office (under the bulletin board) and in the back of the church. Please place completed forms in Kim’s mailbox.

Volunteer Opportunities

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

Thursday August 25, 2022

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.

New Protestant Campus Minister Needed The Protestant Campus Ministry at the University at Albany

Rev. Sandy Damhof, the current Campus Minister will be retiring. The search process for her replacement has begun.

The Protestant Campus Ministry at the University at Albany is searching for a new part-time Protestant Campus Minister. Candidates must be ordained and have a love for college students, mentoring, connecting with students, faculty, and congregational partners, as well as an ability to embrace diversity. Skills include Microsoft Office, social media, grant writing and reporting. Send cover letter and resume to uacornerstone@gmail.com by August 15. Projected start date: January 1, 2023

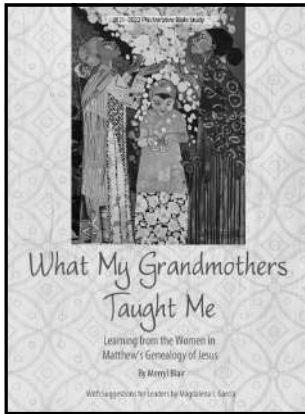
For questions contact Rev. Sandy Damhof at 518-442-5591, 518-495-0029 (cell) or sdamhof@albany.edu.



***What My Grandmothers Taught Me,
Learning From the Women in Matthew's Genealogy of Jesus.***

Bible Study Books to be Ordered

Appropriate for Both Men and Women Plus Good for Personal or Group Study



Presbyterian Women will be starting a new Bible study, this September, *What My Grandmothers Taught Me, Learning From the Women in Matthew's Genealogy of Jesus*. This study discusses the various women in the book of Matthew who might have influenced Jesus' life and what we can learn from them. Tamar, Rahab, Ruth, Bathsheba, Mary, and others are included. The study explores their stories. The reader is led to a richer idea of what the good news is.

If you would like to purchase this study for Presbyterian Women's Circle Meetings, your own private use or use in another group, contact Joanne Wagner at 355-1408 or jnnwgnr@yahoo.com by Thurs, Sept. 1. The study books are \$10 and \$15 for large print. Payment is due when they arrive, which will be in mid Sept. There will be an option for a free used copy.

SAVE the DATE

Campus Ministry Fall Fundraiser - Honoring the Rev. Sandy Damhof

Wednesday, September 21, 2022

The Rev. Sandy Damhof will be retiring during the '22-23 academic year. She has been the Director of the Protestant Campus Ministry on the UAlbany Campus for 19 years. Many of the alumni and current students will share their powerful stories about Sandy's impact them personally and the program she led. The Protestant Campus Ministry has been a mission of Hamilton Union for most of the time Sandy has been there.



The event will be in person and on Zoom.

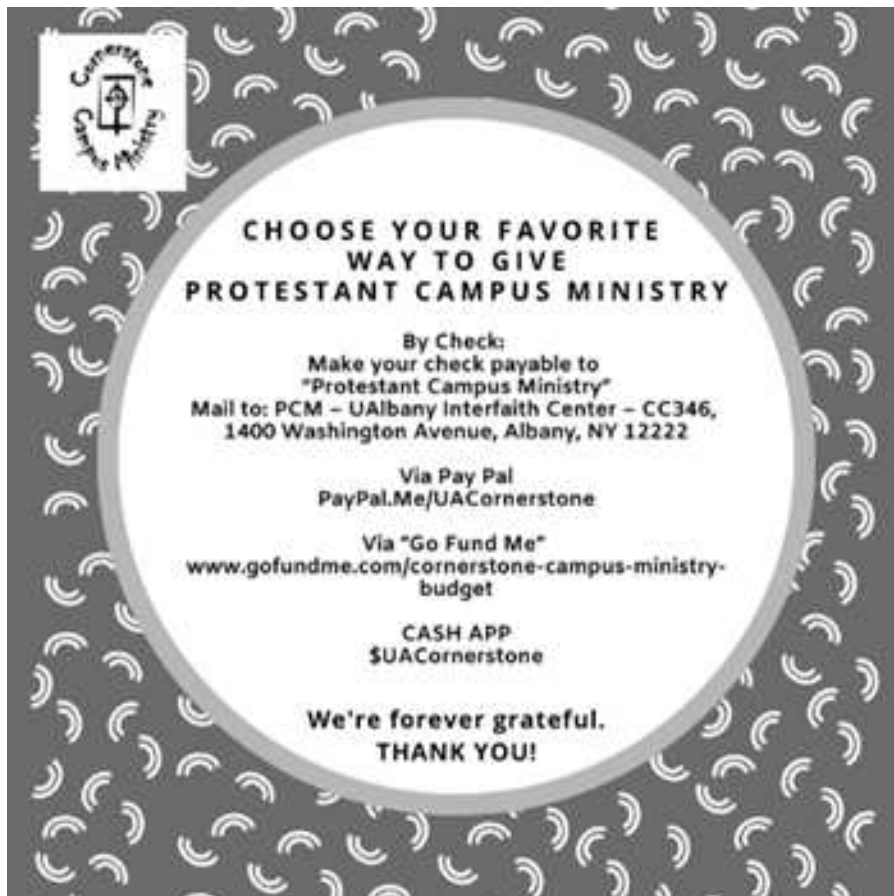
The Protestant Campus Ministry will continue under new and very carefully chosen leadership.

Financial Donations Needed for the Protestant Campus Ministry Student Seeking Asylum

One of our freshmen students arrived in the US in March 2020 with a visitor visa. Then, COVID happened, and the country went into lock down and she was unable to return to her country. She is now undocumented and is seeking asylum in the United States.

The goal to raise \$3500 to cover the cost of the “retainer” for this student’s legal fees has been met. Thank you for your generosity! Our lawyer is collecting all the information and should file for asylum soon; she feels we have a very strong case, but it will still be months and months before they look at her case (our system is terribly broken and there is a backlog). In the meantime, we are still collecting funds to help the student and their family. The \$3500 will help a lot, but we anticipate additional fees for a translator, “expert witness”, etc. when the hearing is scheduled. So, keep sending in donations! We thank you in advance for your generosity!!!

Thank you from Rev. Sandy Damhof
You can donate via Cash App, Venmo, PayPal or check. See below.



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 zoom option.

We will begin a new Bible study at our next Circle Meeting on Tues, Sept 27. We will meet from 10:30 am – 12:30 pm. Rev. Kyle Delhagan will introduce the new study, *What My Grandmother's Taught Me, Learning From the Women in Matthew's Genealogy of Jesus &* lead a discussion on Lesson 1, *Family Ties*. Bring a bag lunch. Beverage and dessert will be provided.



Can't pray? First rest!

Weariness can seriously hamper our attempts to pray, says Bonnie Gray, author of *Whispers of Rest*. "We are a generation who doesn't know how to express our souls to God, even though we drive ourselves exhausted, doing for Jesus." The solution, she says, is to stop and rest.

The stressed-out, despairing prophet in 1 Kings 19 is a prime example. "God knew Elijah needed physical rejuvenation first — in order to hear his gentle voice, whispering in a gentle breeze," Gray notes. Guarding against the depletion of spiritual, physical and emotional resources can improve our ability to hear God's voice, too. "When you find it's hard to pray, don't be afraid," says Gray. "You're standing at the very cusp of who God longs to connect with. The real you. Take the time to rest. You're worth it."

.Men’s Flip-Flop Collection

Men’s flip-flops are needed for the *Capital Area Council of Churches Emergency Overflow Shelter*. They can generally only be purchased in the summer. Donations can be left in the collection box at the top of the stairs in the Christian Education Building or in the deck box outside the Christian Education Building. Men’s white athletic socks and laundry detergent are also needed.



Thank You in Advance - Presbyterian Women

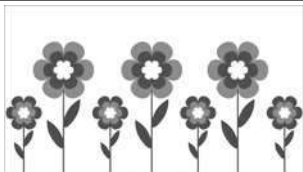
Sunday Morning Live!

You’ve seen us on Zoom, now you can watch us on Facebook and YouTube. Sunday services are now being streamed live on our Facebook page (Hamilton Union Presbyterian Church - HUPC) and YouTube channel, (GoodNewsHUPC).

We would love to see your smiling face in the sanctuary. But if you are away from home, or feeling a bit shy, or just having one of those days when you “can’t even”, you can still join us in worship.



Watch us on Facebook at <https://bit.ly/HUPC-Facebook> or on YouTube at <https://bit.ly/HUPC-YouTube>



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.

The Wizard's Wardrobe

20 Rensselaer Street
Albany, NY 12202

Available Position: Chief Operations Officer

Reports to: Board of Directors (BOD) through the President

Job Type: Full-time, Regular, Exempt

Hours of Operation: General business hours M-Fri, with select nights and weekends required

About Us: The Wizard's Wardrobe is a unique, one-on-one after-school tutoring program of South End Neighborhood Tutors, a not-for-profit organization located in Albany, NY. We start with 1st and 2nd graders and work with them throughout their elementary school years. Reading, writing, and problem-solving skills are stressed, along with non-cognitive skills that will hold them in good stead throughout life—such as grit, determination, risk-taking, and creative thinking, among others.

Our Vision: Through literacy, every child will be poised to reach their full potential.

Our Mission: Connecting elementary school children with caring and dedicated tutors, our one-on-one tutoring program enhances literacy, fosters creativity, and supplements classroom learning in the South End of Albany.

Position Description by Functional Area:

Organizational Infrastructure

- Develop and maintain proper operational systems including policies and procedures related to the effective and efficient daily functioning and management of the organization.
- Purchase all needed materials and supplies for general operations keeping within the annual budget.
- Assist the Board Treasurer in developing annual revenue and expense budgets. Maintain good communications with the Treasurer and promptly advise of any potential or actual variances.
- Report to the BOD at their regular meeting on infrastructure, fund development, needed resources, and any challenges.
- Have a working knowledge of client relations software including the ability to navigate the system, make queries, and use the data to support decision-making.
- Serve as the primary point of contact for facilities, office equipment, and IT, and refer issues to support person or service provider.

Fund Development

- Partner and provide support for the Development Committee, which shares responsibility for securing the necessary financial resources to maintain and grow the organization and its program(s).
- Serve as the organization's primary grant researcher, writer, submitter, and post-award manager.
- In conjunction with the Development Committee, plan and execute an annual operating fund campaign using direct mail, email, and social media.
- Plan and participate in donor stewardship.

Community Outreach/Marketing

- Plan and implement community outreach events.
- Serve as the public face of the organization in the community.
- Build alliances and partnerships with community organizations and businesses.
- Create content and manage social media presence.

Volunteer Recruitment and Coordination

- Assess organization-wide volunteer needs.
- Support Program Director in tutor recruitment.
- Develop volunteer recruitment and Wizard's Wardrobe orientation process.

Other

- Function as the primary point of contact for donors, grantors, the general public, and community partners.
- Provide general support to the Program Director.
- Serve as lead problem solver and triage issues that arise.
- Duties as assigned by your direct supervisor.

Professional Qualifications:

We are seeking a professional with two to three years of experience, ideally in a not-for-profit setting.

Required:

- Passion for the mission is a must.
- Strong organizational and relationship-building skills.
- Ability to manage and prioritize multiple projects simultaneously while meeting deadlines.
- Fund Development experience.
- Experience with grants (research, writing, and management).
- Good storytelling skills via writing and public speaking.
- Marketing, social media, and community outreach experience.
- Comfortable with and a curiosity for standard office technology, software, and systems.

Desired:

- Associate's/Bachelor's Degree preferred or equivalent work experience in a related field.
- Innovative and creative thinking a major plus.

Compensation:

- Annual compensation commensurate with experience. (\$55,000 to \$70,000)
- Health Insurance stipend. (up to \$5,000)
- A generous package of compensated time off.

Working Conditions:

- Work generally takes place in an office setting with the opportunity to work remotely at times.
- Must be able to travel to community events.
- Must be able to sit at a desk and computer keyboard for moderate periods of time.

Note:

The Wizard's Wardrobe is an equal opportunity employer. All applicants will be considered for employment without attention to race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, national origin, veteran or disability status.

To Apply: Send cover letter, resume, and three references to: Eric Fagans, President at (edfagans@mac.com) Review of applications will begin immediately and the position will remain open until the end of June/July.



Save the Date



Presbyterian Women in the Albany Presbytery

In - Person Fall Gathering

Wed., Sept. 21 – 10:00 am to 1:00 pm

at

Schoharie United Presbyterian Church

Program

Frangelin Pozo, Hudson River Coordinator of Rural & Migrant Ministry, will speak on the history and support systems that have been created for women in rural communities.

Rob Trawick, General Presbyter of the Albany Presbytery, will share his thoughts on how Presbyterian Women fits into a vision for the Albany Presbytery.

For questions contact:

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

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

Hamilton Union Happenings



August 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
		Session Meeting- 7:00PM	Brooks BBQ- 3:00PM		OFFICE CLOSED	
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
Sunday Worship- 9:00AM					OFFICE CLOSED Good News Dead- line	
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
Sunday Worship- 9:00AM	OFFICE CLOSED Communications Meeting- 7:00PM	OFFICE CLOSED Mission Team Meeting- 7:30- 8:30PM	OFFICE CLOSED	OFFICE CLOSED Deacons Meet- ing- 3:00PM	OFFICE CLOSED	
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
Sunday Worship- 9:00AM			Backpack to School Collection Ends	Mission Team Food Bank 5- 6:30PM	OFFICE CLOSED	Backpack to School Family Event 11:00- 2:00pm
28	29	30	31			
Sunday Worship- 9:00AM						

Hamilton Union Happenings



DRAFT: September 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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Worship Service- 9:00AM	LABOR DAY- OF- FICE CLOSED	PW Coordinating Team Meeting- 9:30AM Session Meeting- 7:00PM		Good News Dead- line		
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
Worship Service- 10:00AM	Communications Meeting- 7:00PM					
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
Worship Service- 10:00AM	Finance Team Meeting- 7:00PM			Deacons Meet- ing- 3:00PM		
25	26	27	28	29	30	
Worship Service- 10:00AM		Presbyterian Women Circle Meeting- 10:30- 12:30pm	Brooks BBQ-3:00			

Superior BANANA SPLIT

Fruit and yogurt combine for this healthy take on a sweet treat.



What you need:

- Bananas
- Plain Greek yogurt
- Assorted berries and fruit
- Granola
- Honey

What you do:

1. Using a butter knife, split the banana in half lengthwise. Lay the halves open in a bowl.
2. Add several dollops of yogurt atop the banana halves.
3. Arrange other fruit, such as berries and grapes.
4. Top the banana split with a sprinkle of granola and a drizzle of honey. Enjoy!

PUZZLE

Fruit or false



Spotting true fruits can be tricky. Thankfully, it's much easier to spot the fruit of the Spirit.



Directions: Determine whether each item is a fruit or vegetable and circle the correct letter. Then insert the letters in order below to complete the verses.



	Fruit	Vegetable		Fruit	Vegetable
Apple	V	P	:	Pepper	O U
Carrot	E	O	:	Spinach	R S
Tomato	Y	R	:	Watermelon	H P
Grape	C	F	:	Broccoli	G N
Eggplant	T	D	:	Pumpkin	T Y
Celery	I	N	:	Pear	F C
Banana	K	M	:	Asparagus	L R
Cucumber	N	W	:		

But the fruit of the Spirit is lo_e, j_ _ , pea_e,
 pa_ie_ce, _ind_ess, go_dne_s,
 fait_ful_ess, gen_leness, sel_-cont_ol.

GALATIANS 5:22-23, ESV

Answer: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control

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