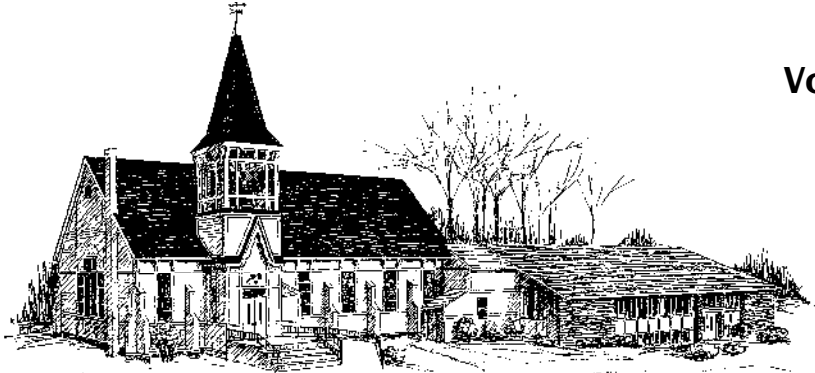


Good News

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

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Worship Service are held on Sunday at 10:00 a.m.

Easily given

It was only a sunny smile,
And little it cost in the giving;
But it scattered the night like morning light,
And made the day worth living. ...

It was only a kindly word,
A word that was lightly spoken;
Yet not in vain, for it stilled the pain
Of a heart that was nearly broken. ...

It was only a helping hand,
And it seemed of little availing;
But its clasp was warm, and it saved from harm
A brother whose strength was failing. ...

A smile may lighten the falling heart,
A word may soften pain's keenest smart,
A touch may lead us from sin apart.
How easily either is given!

—Source uncertain



"O Lord, you have searched me and known me. You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from far away. You search out my path and my lying down, and are acquainted with all my ways." ~Psalm 139:1-3

Beloved in Christ,

It is an oddly beautiful thing when someone knows you - really, really knows you. Many long-married couples will often know what the other is thinking, finish each other's sentences, and so on.

In our house, whenever Elena asks if I can do something, like take out the garbage or clean the bathroom, my answer is, "darling, nothing would make me happier in the whole world!" For some reason she thinks I am being sarcastic! Anyway, it has gotten to the point where she makes the request and then finishes by saying, "I know, nothing would make you happier in the whole world!" Having someone know you that well is a bit unnerving!

How much more unnerving is it, then, to know that our God knows us inside and out. Our God knows us so well, nothing is a surprise to God! On the one hand, that is alarming! God knows every thought in my head... every single thought! Yikes!

Yet... is it not also incredibly comforting? God knows... God holds... God loves and cares. There is nothing more comforting to our faith than to know that, even among the billions of people on this planet, God still cares for each one of us as God's own.

Psalm 139 is one that has been used in various settings: in a hospital room, before surgery, following a death, or as a mother holds a newborn, in a prison cell. Arthur Ross III writes, "Imagine and listen as the psalmist shares the conviction that God knows us, wherever we may be. That conviction is the heart of biblical revelation. God searches us, sees us as we are, where we are. God accepts us. Acceptance, however, is not the same as approval; grace, the grace of God, bridges the gap between God's acceptance and God's judgment."

Is there someone in your life that might need to hear this today? Someone who might be wrestling or doubting that they are known by God? Call that person and read it to them; text it to them; email; or send in a good old fashioned letter. Let us remind all of God's beloved, that they are loved, beyond measure, by our God of grace.

And so are you.

Grace & peace,

~Pastor Kyle

LITURGISTS

Sep 4	Betty Deitz
Sep 11	Elena Delhagen
Sep 18	Fred Sirois
Sep 25	Mark Hutchinson

TECH TEAM

Sep 4	Mark Hutchinson and Fred Sirois
Sep 11	Meredith Eberz and Jack Eberz
Sep 18	Kyle Hall and Audrey Hall
Sep 25	Liz Egan and Declan Egan

COUNTERS

Sep 4	Laura Smith Carolyn Sarbello
Sep 11	Bill Hasselbarth Hannah Hunter-Harris
Sep 18	Peggy Gardam Peter McKinney
Sep 25	Liz Egan Billy DeBarthe



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!

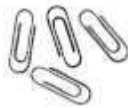
Help us serve children in our community as we provide backpacks and school supplies for them!

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 coming up in September!



Sunday, September 4 - Reworked and Reworking, Jeremiah 18:1-11

Sunday, September 11 - *Pastor Kyle away*. Pastor TBD

Sunday, September 18 - Is there a Balm in Gilead? Jeremiah 8:18-9:1

Sunday, September 25 - Buying a Field, Jeremiah 32:1-3a, 6-15

A primer on love

Is life not full of opportunities for learning love? Every man and woman every day has a thousand of them. The world is not a playground; it is a schoolroom. Life is not a holiday, but an education. And the one eternal lesson for us all is how better we can love.

—Henry Drummond

Calling all Party Planners and History Buffs!

If you like parties, planning parties, and/or are interested in history — specifically, HUPC history— your church needs you!

Hamilton Union has a big anniversary coming up in the spring of 2024. Our congregation will be 200 years old — a BIG deal! Hamilton Union Church was formally established in 1824, although there was an active congregation and a church building on our site as early as 1797.



Believe it or not, it is not too early to start thinking about, and planning for this momentous occasion. The Session is looking to form a group to work with appropriate ministry teams to plan and carry out our celebration. Hamilton Union's history parallels that of the Town of Guilderland, so it is likely that the Town and the Altamont Enterprise would also be very interested in helping promote this significant milestone.

If you are interested and can help us celebrate this event, please contact Kim in the Church Office or Karen Williamson of the Communications Ministry Team on Session. After all, there is no party without a plan — and party planners!

HUPC Property Update

We want to update everyone on recent initiatives and actions the Session is taking with respect to the church property.

As many are aware, a recent mold inspection discovered mold and moisture issues in the old kitchen area and bathroom below the rear of the sanctuary. At the request of Session, Wayne Gannet agreed to seek quotes for the necessary remediation work and discuss the quoted work plans with the inspector to ensure the plans would resolve the mold issue. Following those discussions, Session was presented, and approved a remediation contract with Rainbow International for extensive work, including removal and disposal of all wallboard with mold in the bathroom, addressing moisture issues in the old kitchen, new gutters with leaf guards to prevent further water issues near the foundation and a dehumidification system in the sanctuary basement. The cost is substantial but, fortunately, can be covered by the recent Hallenbeck bequest. Work is expected to start this month and should be completed before the nursery school starts back up in the early fall.

Responding to a second property priority identified by Session, members of the Property Committee are also looking for an engineer and/or contractor to develop plans and provide a cost estimate for removal and replacement of the deteriorating concrete steps and ramp leading to the sanctuary. This may also include replacing the old door, which is not working easily anymore. The concrete steps are in bad shape and the ramp is not really safe and no longer meets the building code. This is expected to be another expensive project which may exceed the remaining funds in the Hallenbeck gift. If anyone knows of a good contractor that could handle this work, please let Pastor Kyle or any Session member know.

A third Session priority is looking into options to replace the HUPC sign and message board in front of the church, along Western Avenue. This has been an interest for some time as our current sign is deteriorating. As you may be aware, the Town of Guilderland had a moratorium on new signs in effect for several years while debating whether new electronic signs would be allowed. Earlier this year, the Town Board voted to prohibit such signs. This means we can only replace our current sign with a similar type with changeable lettering. Bruce Williamson, with the Property Committee, is gathering some design ideas and cost estimates from 3 church sign companies to present to Session for consideration. It seems possible, if not likely, that the Hallenbeck gift will be fully expended with the front steps, ramp and door project so, depending on the sign cost estimates, that project may have to wait.





Happy Birthday to

Trudy Hutchinson – Sept 7

Don Montgomery – Sept 13

Bev Montgomery – Sept 21

Lindsay Hall – Sept 26

Vi McKaig – Sept 28

Happy Anniversary to

Lynn & Vince Horan – Sept 7

Karen & Bruce Williamson – Sept 20

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.

CALLING ALL CHICKEN BBQ LOVERS!

Mark your calendars for HUPC's next (and last for 2022) Brooks Chicken BBQ coming up on Wednesday, September 28! Come one, come all. Tell all your friends! This is an important fundraiser for HUPC and supports our various mission activities and church budget. No price inflation here! Chicken dinners are still \$14 and half chicken alone are \$9.

As always, we need a big crew of chicken-schleppers to pull off this important fundraiser, including set-up help Wednesday morning, greeters, packers on the assembly line, order takers, meal deliverers (great job for youth who need volunteer service hours!!), cashiers and clean up help. September has usually been a good time for sales but a tough time for some of our regular volunteers since school activities are back in swing. If you can help out on the 28th, please let Bruce Williamson know as soon as possible, at bewillia302@gmail.com or 518-435-5039. Many hands make light work, and guarantee you get your chicken dinner before we sell out!



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.





*You are cordially invited to our
11th Annual*

Fall Fundraiser Celebrating 20 Years

Wednesday, September 21, 2022

6:00 p.m.

*In-person and Online
First Lutheran Church
181 Western Avenue, Albany
(off-street parking available)*

*...celebrating our history
and building support for the future...*

For the last 11 years the Board of Directors for Protestant Campus Ministry at UAlbany has hosted a Fall Fundraiser to share the story of our ministry and encourage continued support. Each year, we have been excited to have great speakers who shared the importance of this ministry and the impact it has had on so many.

However, this year we are planning something a little different. We will be honoring our Director, The Rev Sandy Damhof, for her incredible ministry as she prepares to retire next year. Many of our alumni and current students will share their powerful stories about Sandy's impact for almost 20 years and what they envision for the future of Protestant Campus Ministry. We hope you will be able to join us for this event in person or on zoom and share this invitation with others.

Cornerstone Protestant Campus Ministry seeks to bring Christians together at the University at Albany so they can make a difference in the world.



Student Affairs
Intercultural Student Engagement

Volunteer Opportunities

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

Thu Oct 20 5-6:30
Thu Nov 17 5-6:30
Thu Dec 15 5-6:30



**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.

Campus Ministry Fall Fundraiser

Wednesday, September 21, 2022

6:00 p.m.

In Person & Online

___ Yes, I am able to attend

___ I will attend In-Person! How many people in your party? ___

___ Gluten Free ___ Vegetarian ___ Vegan ___ Other

___ I will attend Online

Please email the link to: _____

___ Please accept my regrets.

___ I am unable to attend, but would like to support Protestant Campus Ministry with the following donation:

___ \$500 ___ \$250 ___ \$100 ___ \$50 ___ \$25

Please make checks payable to Protestant Campus Ministry

Name: _____

Address:

Email: _____

One Man's Response to 9/11

(Written by Peter McKinney, September, 2001)

DARKNESS OVERWHELMS!
DESTRUCTION RAINED FROM NETHER REALMS!
SUCH MINDLESS VIOLENCE BENUMBS!
WE FATHOM NOT, FROM WHENCE IT COMES.

PURE HATRED, DOWN UPON US FELL,
OUR WORLD ENGULFED BY FIRES FROM HELL!
AIRLINERS USED AS TOOLS OF WAR!
FIRST ONE, THEN TWO, NOW THREE AND FOUR!

THE RESCUE WORKERS, BY THE SCORE,
RUSHED IN, TO GO FROM FLOOR TO FLOOR.
IGNORING RISK, AND HAZARD GREAT,
MANY SUCCUMBED TO DEADLY FATE.

SUCH IMAGES! BEYOND OUR KEN!
FROM TOWERS, TALL, FELL STEEL AND MEN.
DARK CLOUDS OF DOOM ROLLED DOWN THE STREET.
GLASS SHATTERED, CRUNCHED, 'NEATH RUNNING FEET.

OUR MINDS REJECT REALITY!
THIS DEVASTATION CANNOT BE!
CAN SUCH INHUMANITY BE REAL?
SENT PURPOSELY? WITH HUMAN ZEAL?

WHILE STRONG MEN CRY, 'NEATH SMOKE-FILLED SKY,
AROUND THE EARTH, THE WORLD ASKS: "WHY?"
THOUSANDS DEAD - THE REST IN DREAD.
RESULT THEY SAY - OF MEN, MISLED.

BUT SOON, ON EACH PORCH, EACH CAR, EACH BREAST,
OLD GLORY FLIES TO MEET THE TEST.
THE EAGLE SOARS O'ER HALLOWED LAND,
WHILE PATRIOTS FLOCK, TO LEND A HAND.

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SOME, DIG AMONG THE RUBBLE, DEEP.
SOME, HOLDING CANDLES, VIGILS KEEP.
GOOD WORKS ABOUND, AND PRAYERS GALORE,
TO GOD, ALLAH, AND SAINTS OF YORE.P

ONE NATION, UNDER GOD, NOT RIVEN.
WITH BLOOD, AND TIME, AND TOIL GIVEN,
TO HEAL THE WOUNDS, AND BUILD ANEW,
'NEATH BANNERS BOLD - RED, WHITE AND BLUE.

THE PRAYERS AND DOLLARS THAT WE SEND,
WILL MAKE A DIFFERENCE, IN THE END.
BUT MORE, WE KNOW, WE NEED TO DO,
TO RIGHT OUR WORLD, NOW SO ASKEW.

WE CAN NOT ALL BE HEROES, GREAT.
BUT NEITHER CAN WE SIT AND WAIT.
EACH ONE HAS TALENTS, FROM ABOVE,
TO CHANGE OUR WORLD, WHEN USED WITH LOVE.

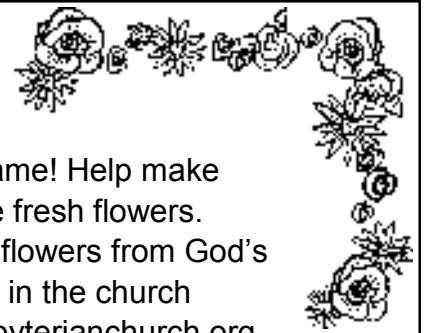
A CANDLE, LIGHT, RIGHT WHERE YOU STAND.
A NEIGHBOR, CLOSE, COULD USE A HAND.
YOUR TOWN, A HOSPITAL, YOUR CHURCH,
FOR TALENTS THAT YOU HAVE, MAY SEARCH.

LET SHINE THE LIGHT, ON THOSE AROUND,
AND DARKNESS PALES, OR SO I'VE FOUND.
DO SOMETHING POSITIVE, RIGHT NOW,
THIS WORLD WITH JUSTICE TO ENDOW.

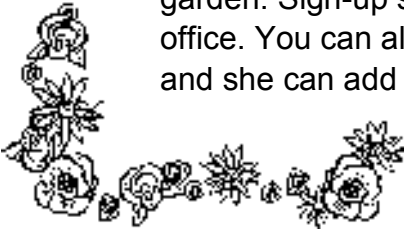
SO LET US HEED OUR NATIONS CALL
TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE, ONE AND ALL.
AMIDST THE STRIFE, ASSESS YOUR LIFE,
EACH BROTHER, SISTER, HUSBAND, WIFE.

AMEN!

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There is still 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 summer 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 and she can add your name as well.



.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 having a bad hair day, or just having one of those days when you "just 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>



Fellowship Time

We are excited that we are able to hold outdoor/weather permitting fellowship and coffee time again! Our plan is to keep it simple: lemonade and cookies outside. We are looking for volunteers willing to bring lemonade and bring in some kind of treat (a container of either packaged or homemade cookies are perfect!) If you would be willing to assist with this, please call or email (hupc@hamiltonunionpresbyterianchurch.org) the main office with the date you are able to host. We are excited to be able to

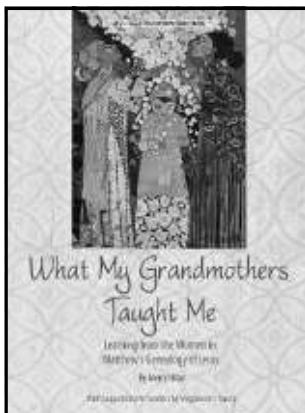
welcome back this important part of our church community,
but we can only do this with help from members of
the congregation.



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.



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 fit into a vision for the Albany Presbytery.

- Registration: RSVP to Andrea Ralph at ARalph20@hotmail.com or 516-849-3220 by Sept 14, if possible, so that host church can make appropriate arrangements,
- Registration fee of \$5.00 will be collected at the door.
- Bring a bag lunch.
- A freewill offering will go to the Rural Women's Assembly, an event which brings rural women together with resources that can assist them.
- We will be collecting the following items for the Schoharie Animal Shelter: cat litter (clumping and non-clumping), Dawn dish soap, canned cat, kitten & dog food, Purina cat/kitten chow, paper towels, laundry detergent, double sided sponges, 30 gallon trash bags, & bleach

For directions and carpooling information contact Charlotte Hasselbarth at chasselbarth@hotmail.com

Hamilton Union Happenings



September

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

Hamilton Union Happenings



DRAFT: October 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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23	24	25	26	27	28	29
Worship Service 10:00AM		Presbyterian Women Circle Meeting- 10:30AM				
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Worship Service 10:00AM						

Envelope EMBRACE

Show long-distance love to grand-parents and other relatives by sending a flat hug!



What you need:

- Craft paper
- Pencil
- Scissors
- Markers
- Envelope

What you do:

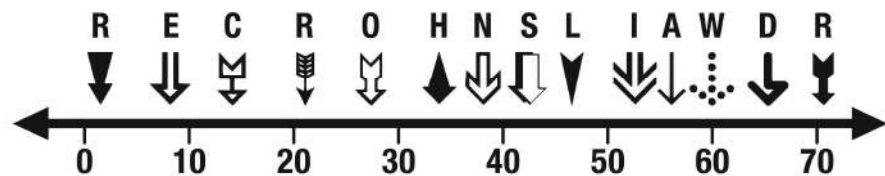
1. Roll out some craft paper (long enough to spread your arms across it).
2. Lie down on your back on the paper, with arms outstretched. Have someone trace around your arms, hands and head with a pencil.
3. Cut out the outline of your hug.
4. Draw your face and features on the paper. Use markers to color your hug to look like yourself. Write a note on the back.
5. Fold up and mail your two-dimensional hug to a loved one.



A full Quiver

Our heavenly Father loves families and has a special purpose for each generation.

Directions: Use the key to match the number of each arrow with the correct letter.



Like

56 21 71 28 60 42

in the hands of a warrior are

14 33 52 47 65 2 9 39

born in one's youth. Blessed is the man whose quiver is full of them.

PSALM 127:4-5, NIV

Answer: arrows, children

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GOOD NEWS



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