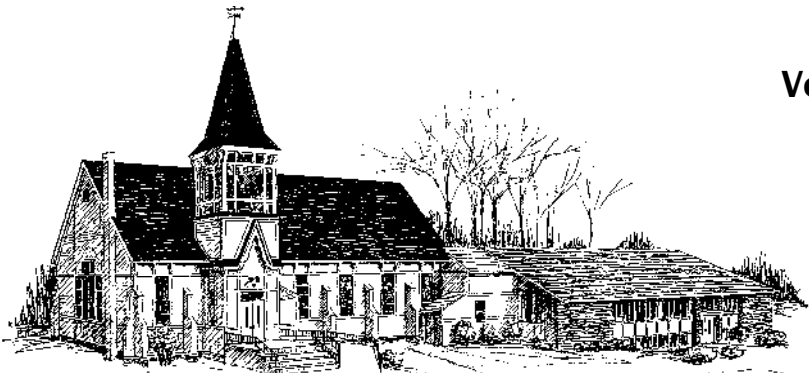


Good News

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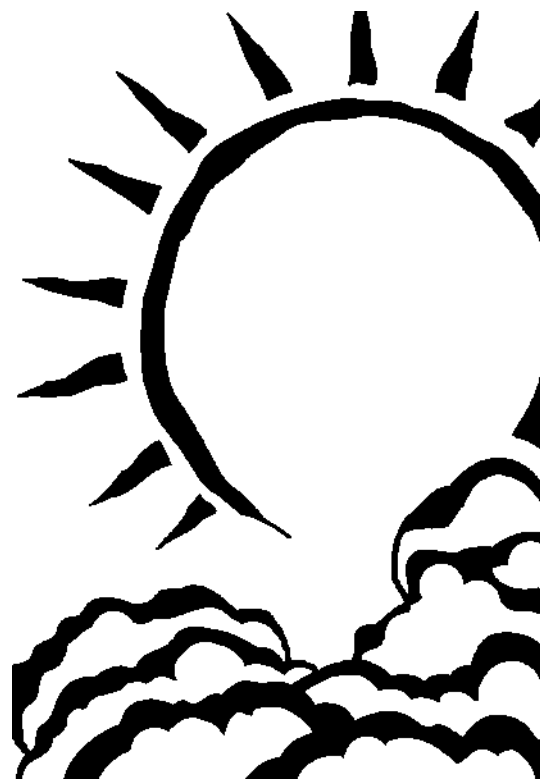
October 2022

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

Be-attitudes

- Be understanding of your enemies.
- Be loyal to your friends.
- Be strong enough to face the world each day.
- Be weak enough to know you cannot do everything alone.
- Be generous to those who need your help.
- Be frugal with what you need for yourself.
- Be wise enough to know that you do not know everything.
- Be open enough to believe in miracles.
- Be willing to share your joys.
- Be eager to share the sorrows of others.
- Be a leader when you see a path others have missed.
- Be a follower when you are shrouded by uncertainty.
- Be the first to congratulate an opponent who succeeds.
- Be the last to criticize a colleague who fails.
- Be loving to those who love you.
- Be loving to those who don't love you; they may change.
- Be yourself, above all.

—Author unknown



“My vocation is love! In the heart of the Church, who is my Mother, I will be love. So I shall be everything and so my dreams will be fulfilled - to make Love loved.”

~Therese of Lisieux

Friends in Love,

October is one of my favorite times of year. The leaves are changing, the air has a crispness, schedules are a little more set and routine.

October also has one of my favorite Sundays: World Communion Sunday (I know, a pastor shouldn't have a favorite Sunday, but what can I say?!). I love that it is the day in the whole of Christendom that we know we are breaking bread and sharing the cup with our siblings in faith, not only across the world, but across traditions and borders of *all* kinds.

This year, HUPC will be observing World Communion Sunday, October 2, marks a significant portion of a *Season of Peace*. This is the Sunday we will be collecting for the PC(USA) denominational offering *Peace & Global Witness*, but we will also begin looking at ways in which we are called to be *peace-makers*.

Oftentimes, when we think about peace, we simply imagine a time and space absent of conflict. We picture *peace-keepers*, armed men and women who hold off violence through the *threat* of violence. *This is not peace*.

Peace-making is what we are called to. The biblical concept of shalom proclaims that peace involves wholeness and right relationships in all of life. Peace-makers seek to offer peace wherever we encounter brokenness: in individual lives, families, congregations, communities, between nations, and with creation.*

This is an important aspect of our call to be a Matthew 25 congregation, and one that I am excited to explore with you over the coming weeks and months.

Let us not just *speak* peace... let us *be* peace.

In Christ's peace, which passes all understanding,

~Pastor Kyle

*from *Peacemaking 101*, by Mark Koenig and Sara Lisherness, Presbyterian Peacemaking Program

LITURGISTS

- Oct 2 **Cindy Shultz**
- Oct 9 **Mark Hutchinson**
- Oct 16 **Darlene Bauer**
- Oct 23 **Bill Hasselbarth**
- Oct 30 **Fred Sirois**

TECH TEAM

- Oct 2 **Diane Irwin**
Hugh Stevens
- Oct 9 **Meredith Eberz**
Jack Eberz
- Oct 16 **Kyle Hall**
Audrey Hall
- Oct 23 **Liz Egan**
Declan Egan
- Oct 30 **Karen Williamson**
George Hannett

COUNTERS

- Oct 2 **Laura Smith**
Billy DeBarthe
- Oct 9 **Bill Hasselbarth**
Hannah Hunter-Harris
- Oct 16 **Peggy Gardam**
Peter McKinney
- Oct 23 **Liz Egan**
Carolyn Sarbello
- Oct 30 **Laura Smith**
Hannah Hunter-Harris

**“If you get, give.
If you learn, teach”**

Maya Angelou

A Sneak-Peek at Sermons for October

October 2: A World in Communion
Matthew 26:26-30

October 9: Numbers 22-24
A Talking Donkey and an Invisible Messenger

October 16: Mark 7:24-30 & Mark 11:12-14
Even Jesus Got Angry

October 23: Guest Preacher, Nazish Naseem

October 30: Luke 4:18-19 & Matthew 28:19-20
Confidently Hoping and Watchfully Working



200th Anniversary of HUPC

In 2024, we will be marking the 200th anniversary of our congregation! This important milestone is cause for celebration!

But this also means the work needs to begin *now*!

We are looking to bring together a coordinating and planning team to help us plan festivities worthy of this special anniversary. If you have an interest in history, nostalgia, or just plain party-planning, join us!



Please speak to Pastor Kyle if you are interested or have any questions!



Happy Birthday to

Happy Anniversary to

Hiram Eberlein - Oct 3

Elena & Kyle Delhagen – Oct 17

Elena Delhagen – Oct 10

Joanne Wagner - Oct 15

Keni Banda - Oct 24

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*

New Brochure about HUPC Now Available!

The Communications Ministry Team announces a new one-fold brochure about Hamilton Union is now available. It's written for visitors and those who may wish to find out more about our church, giving contact information, what we offer, who we are, information about the Presbyterian Church denomination and what being a Matthew 25 church means.

Copies will be soon be available in the lounge and Narthex of the church, as well as from the church office. It can be emailed to you, but you will need to figure out the best way to print it for your printer (It's designed to be printed on both sides of a sheet of paper). We encourage everyone to check it out, and whenever you are having an event with guests, consider making it available.

Many thanks to Kim Matthews, who took the lead on this project and coordinated many comments!



IT’S CHICKEN TIME AGAIN! Mmmmmm, Good!!

Our last Brooks BBQ fundraiser for 2022 is coming up on Wednesday, September 28. As always, we need volunteers to make this important event a success. The fall BBQ is often a tough time for some of our regular volunteers to help out since school is back in session with all it’s associated activities and demands on parents. We really need everyone who can help out to step up and sign up for a job and time slot **AS SOON AS POSSIBLE**. This really helps the organizer make sure we can handle the necessary tasks effectively and without overtaxing anyone. We don’t want to have to cancel for lack of help.

We need 6 folks who can help set up the tents, tables and traffic lanes on Wednesday morning (usually from 9:30 -10:30 or so. Starting at 2:30pm, we need greeters, order takers and deliverers, assembly line workers, baggers and cashiers for either (or both!) shifts from 2:30-4:30 and 4:30-6:00, or earlier if we (hopefully) sell out. As they say, “many hands make light work”. “They” also say, “If you help, you’re guaranteed your chicken dinner!”

Please sign up ASAP with the Head Chicken, Bruce Williamson, at 518-435-5039 or bewillia302@gmail.com. **THANK YOU ALL VERY MUCH!**



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.

Our Oct. Circle Meeting on Tues, Oct 25. We will be discussing Lesson 2, *Tamar* & Lesson 3, *Rahab* from the Bible Study *What My Grandmother’s Taught Me, Learning From the Women in Matthew’s Genealogy of Jesus*. Bring a bag lunch. Beverage and dessert will be provided. Extra Study books are available.



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



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.

Annual Mitten Tree Project



Presbyterian Women is again this year sponsoring its Mitten Tree Project. Both handmade or purchased mittens, gloves, hats and scarves for infants, children and adults are requested. Men's gloves and hats are especially needed. We will be collecting from Sun., Nov. 20 to Sun., Dec. 11. Donations will go to shelters and agencies. There will be a Christmas tree in the back

Save the Date

Cornerstone Campus Ministry - Food and Faith Program
Food & People Needed - Tuesday, November 15, 6 pm - 7:30 pm

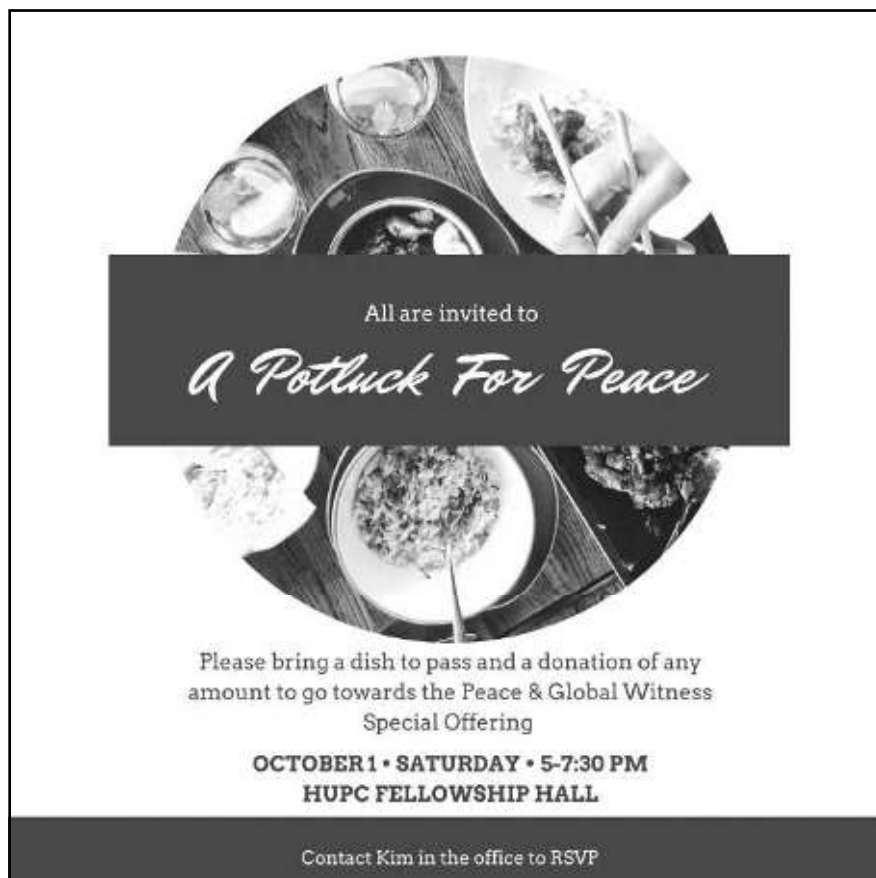
Food and Faith is a program of the Cornerstone Campus Ministry at the Interfaith Center on the UAlbany Campus. Hamilton Union will be providing a meal on Tues, Nov.15. Donations of main dish, side dish, and dessert are needed, plus people to visit with the students. Details will be in the Nov. *Good News*.



Season of Peace

As we embark on this Season of Peace, we are all invited to consider ways we can be active peacemakers (instead of merely peacekeepers) in our families, community, and the world at large. HUPC will be hosting a Potluck for Peace on Saturday, October 1, where we can engage in peacemaking ideas with one another and get more resources about how to become involved. Please bring a dish to pass and a donation of any amount to go towards the Peace & Global Witness Special Offering.

When RSVPing to Kim in the office, please specify whether you plan to bring a side, a main dish, or a dessert. If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Kyle or Elena Delhagen.



Adult Study Opportunity

Race & Reconciliation

(from the "Being Reformed" study series)

Saturday, October 1st (as part of the Potluck for Peace, 5-7:30 pm)

Sunday Mornings, October 2, 9, 16, 30, and November 6 *following worship*

Reformed Christians confess what we believe. Throughout the world, Reformed churches have produced confessions of faith to witness to their Christian faith in different circumstances, cultures, and localities. We take seriously what the psalmist proclaimed: "Let the redeemed of the Lord say so" (Psalm 107:2).

This study focuses on two confessions of faith from the twentieth century. The Confession of 1967 was adopted by the United Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A. and is now part of the *Book of Confessions* of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). The Confession of Belhar was composed in South Africa (1982) and adopted by the Dutch Reformed Mission Church in 1986. Both confessions are theologically grounded and address issues that continue to be crucial for the church in the twenty-first century.

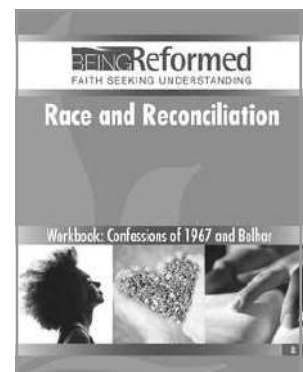
This study enables us to hear the call of these confessions to the church and to us as Christian people. As one voice, we say what we believe; and, by God's grace, we try to live it.

The first session will be woven into our gathering at the Potluck for Peace, and will be continued over five additional sessions following worship through Sunday, November 6 (except for October 23, when Pastor Kyle will be away).

If you are interested in participating, there is no cost, we just ask that you please sign up by speaking to Pastor Kyle or calling Kim in the church office *by Wednesday, September 28*.

This study lives into our call as a Matthew 25 congregation, and is an important part of our Season of Peace.

If you have any questions, please speak to Pastor Kyle!



**Men’s Flip-Flops, Socks and Laundry Detergent Needed
Continuous Collection**

Men’s flip-flops and white athletic socks (medium – extra-large) plus laundry detergent are being collected for *The Capital Area Council of Churches Emergency Overflow Shelter*.

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



Thank You From Presbyterian Women

**Personal Care Items Needed by UAlbany’s Purple Pantry
Continuous Collection**

We’re collecting personal care items for both men and women for *The Purple Pantry*, the food pantry on the UAlbany Campus. Personal care items are seldom donated and/or are available from the *Food Bank*. Items needed are toothpaste, facial tissues, deodorant, shampoo, soap, contact solution, cotton swabs, & razors. Feminine care products are also needed.



Please place your donations in the basket at the top of the stairs in the Christian Education Building or in the collection box in front of the Christian Education Building, with a note saying they are for *The Purple Pantry*.

Thank You From Presbyterian Women



As you know, next year is Hamilton Union's 200th Anniversary. Liz Egan and Kim Matthews have stepped up and decided to chair the committee. They need your help! They would slowly like to begin collecting stories and photos from the past and present. Some of these will be featured in the Monday Digest as we prepare our congregation for this wonderful celebration. If you have anything to add, please email Kim in the office at hupc@hamiltonunionpresbyterianchurch.org.

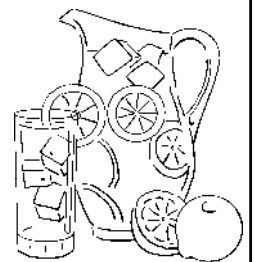
**“If you feel like you’re losing everything,
remember that trees lose their leaves every year
and they still stand tall and wait for better days to come.”**

—Unknown

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.



Backpack to School
THANK YOU!

On Saturday, August 27, we distributed 24 backpacks filled with supplies for kids and families in our area - what a joy!

This was an amazing opportunity to get to know some of our neighbors, to share from our plenty without judgment or requirement.

I am so proud of the many ways our congregation turned out to make this event a huge success! We have plenty of leftover supplies, and we continue to find ways to donate them to making a difference in the lives of students in our area.

Friends, thank you!



Where are your wings?

Danish philosopher Søren Kierkegaard told this parable about a town filled with ducks. Does it remind you of anyone?

In a land inhabited only by ducks, all the residents waddled to church one fine Sunday, with ducklings following behind their parents. They entered the Duck Church doors, got situated in their proper pews, sang from the Duck Hymnal and then listened to Duck Minister preach from the Duck Bible (yes, even ducks have their own preferred version of Scripture).

“Ducks, God has given you wings!” the preacher shouted. “With wings you can fly like eagles! You can soar into the sky! No walls can confine you! No fences can hold you! God has given us wings, and we can know the utter euphoria of unfettered freedom! Do you believe you can fly?” In response, the duck congregation all shouted, “Amen!” Then they left their pews ... and all waddled back home.

Hamilton Union Happenings



October 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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						Potluck for Peace- 5:00PM (FH)
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Choir Practice-9:15AM (S) Worship Service-10:00A Race & Reconciliation Study-11:00AM (L)		PW Circle Meeting- 10:30A (L) Session Meeting - 7:00PM (Z)	Pokingbrook Dancers-7:00P (FH)	Choir Practice-7:00PM (FH)		
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16	17	18	19	20	21	22
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23	24	25	26	27	28	29
Choir Practice-9:15AM (S) Worship Service 10:00AM		Presbyterian Women Circle Meeting- 10:30AM (L)	Albany Presbytery Retreat- 5:30PM (L)	Choir Practice-7:00PM (FH)		
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Choir Practice-9:15AM (S) Worship Service-10:00A Chili Cookoff- 11:00A (PL)			Key- (Z)- Zoom (FH)- Fellowship Hall	(L)- Lounge (C)- Conference Room (S)- Sanctuary	(QR)- Quiet Room (PL)- Parking Lot	

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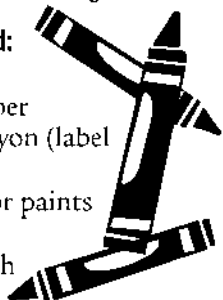
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Create some invisible art and then reveal the seasonal design.

What you need:

- Leaves
- White paper
- White crayon (label removed)
- Watercolor paints
- Water
- Paintbrush



What you do:

1. Gather leaves of different shapes and sizes. On a table, arrange them flat without overlaps. Set the paper over them.
2. Hold the crayon sideways and use the long edge to color over the leaves. You'll make an invisible rubbing of them.
3. Then paint over the paper with watercolors. The areas with crayon will resist the paint and reveal the hidden leaf designs.



God's character is evident through what he made.

Directions: Hold up the puzzle to a mirror. Then write the backward words correctly to complete Romans 1:20, NIV.

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