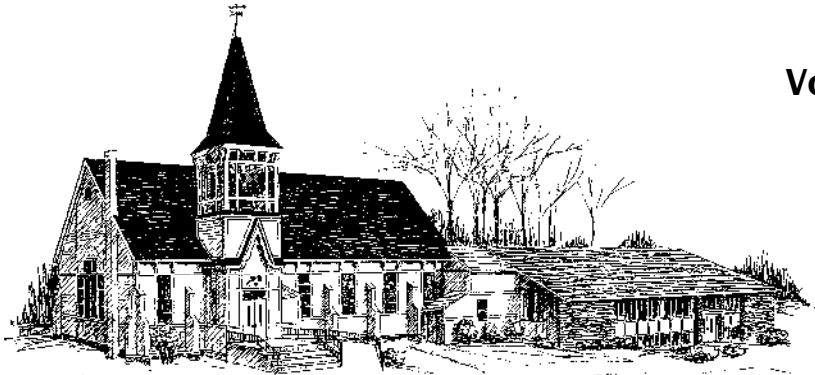


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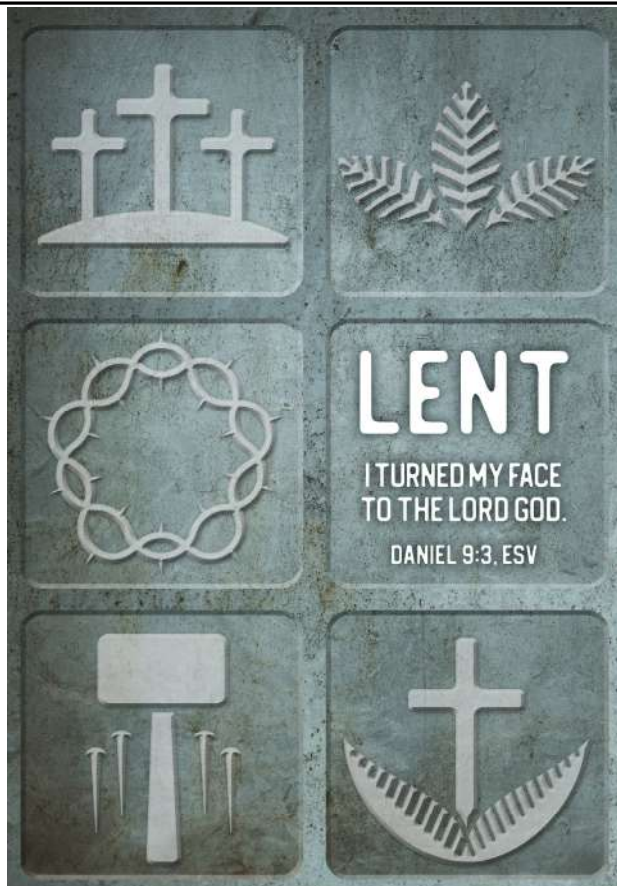
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Worship Services are held on Sunday at 10:00 a.m.



“Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me. Do not cast me from your presence or take your Holy Spirit from me.” ~Psalm 51:10-11

Beloved,

The season of winter may be winding down on the calendar, but winter weather is far from over for us. As I write this, we are anticipating another round of significant snowfall. Having grown up in the Rochester area, I know full well how arctic air can whip up a storm.

As a kid living along the shores of Lake Ontario, my friends and I rarely were treated a snow day off from school. The snowplow drivers in that part of New York State are just too good, and rarely did the snow ever get too far ahead of them. In my entire high school career, I can think of maybe two or three days we had off because of weather.

One of those days sticks in my head very clearly. My younger brother and I were so impressed with the amount of snow that had fallen, that we decided a little sledding activity was needed... from the top of the garage, which was higher than the second story windows in the house (and no, our mother was not aware of our plans!). The rush of falling and the momentary feeling of weightlessness was very unsettling: when will I land? How fast am I going? Where is my brother? When am I going to land?!

I imagine this feeling may be familiar. While we are steady and faithful, we are also experiencing a budget deficit, a sadness in the loss of some beloved members, and uncertainty of what the future of Hamilton Union looks like. The future, at times, feels uncertain.

Yet my heart is warm with thoughts of how Christ continues to work in and through our congregation. Just a month ago we had our annual meeting, and while we face significant challenges, I continue to trust that God is working a new thing in our midst. We are called to the continuous, steady walk of faith as God's people.

We are now in the season of Lent, journeying toward the cross, not at breakneck speeds from the roof of the garage, but slowly, with a patient Christ walking with us, knowing, loving, and faithful. In the coming days and weeks, I pray that we would, each of us, take time to reflect, pray, and challenge each other in our understanding of God's Word and Christ's call to us. Again: we have many challenges facing us. But this is a community of faith that has never shied away from such tests, and I know that the Spirit is moving in this place, hand in hand with us - a story worth singing! Oh, and I promise: I won't try sledding off the roof anytime soon!

Grace & peace,

~Pastor Kyle



March 5 - Questioning the Story, John 3:1-17

March 12 - The Story Leaves Us Exposed, John 4:5-42

March 19 - The Story Opens Our Eyes, John 9:1-41

March 26 - The Story Brings New Life, John 11:1-45

LITURGISTS

| | |
|---------|------------------------------|
| Mar. 5 | Trudy Hutchinson |
| Mar. 12 | Charlotte Hasselbarth |
| Mar. 19 | Ann McKinney |
| Mar. 26 | Rae Rau |

TECH TEAM

| | |
|---------|-------------------------------------|
| Mar. 5 | Kyle & Audrey Hall |
| Mar. 12 | Meredith & Jack Eberz |
| Mar. 19 | Liz & Declan Egan |
| Mar. 26 | Diane Irwin and Hugh Stevens |

COUNTERS

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|---------|--|
| Mar. 5 | Laura Smith and Carolyn Sarbello |
| Mar. 12 | Bill Hasselbarth and Hannah Hunter Harris |
| Mar. 19 | Peggy Gardam and Peter McKinney |
| Mar. 26 | Liz Egan and Billy DeBarthe |



Palm Sunday Worship Service- 10:00AM

Maundy Thursday- 7:00PM

Good Friday- 7:00PM

Sunrise Easter Worship Service-Time TBA

Easter Sunday Worship Service- 10:00AM



Happy Birthday to

Nancy Messersmith– Mar. 10

Jackie House– Mar. 12

Jack Gade Jr.– Mar. 12

Cindy Schultz– Mar. 13

Fred Sirois– Mar. 15

George Hannett– Mar. 19

Laura Smith– Mar. 27

Sue Ferris– Mar. 28

Charlotte Hasselbarth– Mar. 31

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*



Please remember:

Daylight Savings Time begins on March 12!

Time to Spring Forward!

Also, on that day we will be holding a Congregational Meeting following service to approve Pastor Kyle's Terms of Call and act on the Nomination Committee's nomination of Karen Williamson to a new term on Session.

The Guilderland Food Pantry

is in need of the following items for the Easter meals that
will be distributed to all clients:

Scalloped potatoes (box)

Gravy (cans)

Jiffy Muffin Mix (box)

Canned fruit (any)

There is an ongoing need for the following items:

Cereal

Cookies

Rice

Crackers

Brownie mix

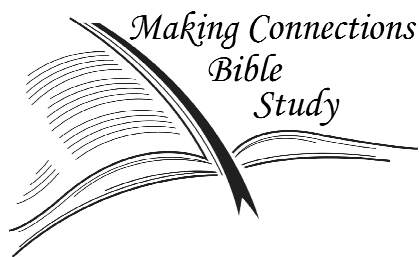
Chicken noodle soup

Cooking oil

Ketchup

Your donations can be left in the containers at the rear of the sanctuary, the top of the stairs in the Education Building and outside near the education building entrance door. Your generosity is greatly appreciated!





MAKING CONNECTIONS BIBLE STUDY

The Making Connections adult bible study group has resumed, and will meet on Monday afternoons at 1 P.M on Zoom. Come join the group for a lively and informative discussion.

When: Monday at 1 PM (October 31 through June 28)

Where: Zoom Meeting ID: 829 5227 6592 Passcode: 609425

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82952276592?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82952276592?pwd=U1hudkdXTGFRVm9QRHRQZ1JleUZaQT09)
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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 next Circle Meeting will be on Tues, Mar. 28 from 10:30 am – 12:30 pm. We will be discussing Lesson 7 *Mary* 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 Mar 16, 2023 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.

NEW GUIDELINES FOR HUPC DEACONS TO HONOR PARISHIONERS WHO TURN 90 OR ABOVE:

When a church parishioner is to have a birthday, turning 90 or older, the Deacons shall honor the individual following the worship service on a Sunday on or near the birthday (with their permission). The Deacons will supply a birthday cake, etc. to be shared during the Fellowship Hour. Deacons should ask the honoree if transportation is needed and whether family and friends will attend. One birthday is to be celebrated per nonagenarian, but if the individual reaches 100, they MAY be honored again in the same manner. If you know anyone with a big birthday coming up, please let Ann McKinney or Kim Matthews know so they can start planning!

Good News The Deacons hosted a memorable set of birthday celebrations for some of our special nonagenarians church members!



On January 8th, we celebrated Doris Donley's 99th birthday!
The delicious treats caught everybody's eye!



On February 26th, Dorothy Favitta celebrated her 95th birthday!
Pictured here with her son, Lee and daughter in law, Pat.



Ukrainian Easter Traditions

Saturday, April 1 (tentative date) from

1:00- 3:00 pm in the Lounge

Everyone is Invited – Men, Women and Children

Maryanne Masley-Hannett will give a presentation on Ukrainian Easter Tradi-

tions. Maryanne presented this program last year at a Presbyterian Women's Circle Meeting. It was so well received that we decided to repeat it at a time when more people would be free to come. Ukrainian refreshments will be provided. Confirmation of the date will appear in the Monday Digest and Sunday Bulletin

Presbyterian Women is sponsoring this event.



You are warmly invited to: A Taste of the Holy Land

Come enjoy a delicious Middle Eastern meal and hear about Elena Delhagen's recent trip to the Holy Land as a part of her seminary learning.

When: Sunday, March 26 from 4-6pm

Where: Fellowship Hall

Please RSVP to elenatjg@gmail.com or 484-794-0933 by March 19th to ensure enough food is ordered.

Easter Basket Project 2023
sponsored by HUPC Presbyterian Women

Our annual 2023 Easter Basket Project will be underway soon. We will take donations from mid February thru March 26, 2023. Easter baskets are donated to the New Faith Program for Women at the Capital Area Rescue Mission in Albany, the Family Life Center at Schenectady City Mission, and the Living Resources, Inc. Group Home where Brian Nitsky resides. We also make baskets for the Church Staff as a way of saying thank you!

Donations of cash/checks are welcome and appreciated. Betty Deitz will collect cash/checks (made out to HUPC Presbyterian Women with "Easter Basket Project" written in memo line of check). Baskets will be prepared and delivered the week before Easter.

THANK YOU for your continued generous support of our endeavor to spread Easter JOY!

Darlene Bauer

Project coordinator

(518) 669-2776



WE ARE LOOKING FOR INDIVIDUALS THAT ARE WILLING SERVE AS A GREETER

The greeter will be in the back of the church for the 20 minutes prior to service to welcome visitors and show them where bulletins are located. We will develop a two month schedule at a tune of those that volunteer and email it out. If you would be willing to volunteer to be a greeter please let Diane Irwin know at dmi7@msn.com.

Men's Socks and Laundry Detergent Needed Continuous Collection

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

There is a collection box 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

Need a Hand?

Even the most self-sufficient person, may, at times, find themselves in need of a helping hand. When this happens to you, please keep in mind that members of our Board of Deacons may be happy to help. Typically, the Deacons (or other church family volunteers) may be available to:

Lend a friendly ear.

Provide transportation (to church activities, medical appointments, etc.)

Run errands (grocery shopping, picking up prescriptions, etc.)

Bring communion to those unable to receive it at church

Currently serving Deacons include:

Elena Delhagen, Margaret Gardam, Bettye Goodnow,

Hannah Hunter-Harris, Cindy Schultz, and Ann McKinney

The best way to let the Deacons know of a need is to contact the “Deacon on Call” for that particular month. You may find the names and phone #s of the current Deacon on Call (and the Backup Deacon on Call) in the Weekly Announcements, which are included when the worship bulletins are sent out by email. You can also find the Deacon on Call in each Monday’s HUPC Digest, or you can call Kim Matthews (Administrative Assistant) at 518-456-5410. The Deacon on Call will then locate a Deacon (or other congregant) who can respond to the need. You can always call Pastor Kyle at 518-456-5410.

Should you feel called to help in meeting these needs, please contact Ann McKinney, Moderator of the Deacons (518-488-7895) to offer your help OR *consider a call to serve as a Deacon.*

Detailed Save the Date



**Presbyterian Women in the Albany Presbytery
Spring Gathering
Tuesday, April 18 – 11:30 am to 2:30 pm
at
Roessleville Presbyterian Church
1 N Elmhurst Avenue, Colonie, NY 12205**

Program

Michelle F. Lee, Esq. and Amanda Paladino, Esq., both Staff Attorneys at the Legal Project will speak on immigration issues that affect women.

Installation of Coordinating Team members by Diana Behan, member of the Coordinating Team of Presbyterian Women in the Synod of the Northeast

Communion Service officiated by, Andrea Ralph, Ruling Elder at Roessleville Presbyterian Church, and Moderator-Elect of Presbyterian Women in 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- MARCH 2023

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| | | | 1 Room Rental (FH)-7:00PM | 2 Choir Practice (FH)- 7:00PM | 3 WORLD DAY OF PRAYER | 4 |
| 5 Choir Practice- 9:30AM Sunday Worship Service-10:00AM | 6 Making Con- nections Bible Study (Z)- 1:00PM | 7 Pres. Women Co- ordinating Team Meeting (L)- 10:00AM Session Meeting- 7:00PM | 8 Room Rental (FH)-7:00PM | 9 Choir Practice (FH)- 7:00PM Good News Deadline | 10 | 11 |
| 12 Choir Practice-9:30AM Sunday Worship Service- 10:00AM Following Service- Congregational Meeting * DAY SAV TIME* | 13 Making Connec- tions Bible Study (Z)-1:00PM Communications Meeting (Z)- | 14 | 15 Room Rental (FH)-7:00PM Mission Team Meeting (Z)- | 16 Deacons Meeting (Z)- 7:00PM Choir Practice (FH)- 7:00PM Mission Team Food Bank-5:00PM | 17 | 18 |
| 19 Choir Practice- 9:30AM Sunday Worship Service-10:00AM | 20 Making Connec- tions Bible Study (Z)-1:00PM Finance Meeting (Z)- 7:00PM | 21 | 22 Room Rental (FH)-7:00PM Worship & Congre- gational Life Meet- ing (Z)-7:00PM | 23 Choir Practice (FH)- 7:00PM | 24 | 25 |
| 26 Choir Practice- 9:30AM Sunday Worship Service-10:00AM A Taste of the Holy Land (L)- 4:00PM | 27 Making Con- nections Bible Study (Z)- 1:00PM | 28 Pres. Women Circle Meeting (L)- 10:30AM | 29 Room Rental (FH)-7:00PM | 30 Choir Practice (FH)- 7:00PM | 31 | |

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APRIL DRAFT- Hamilton Union Happenings



| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| 30 Choir Practice- 9:30AM Sunday Worship | | | | | | 1 |
| 2 Choir Practice- 9:30AM Palm Sunday Worship Service- 10:00AM | 3 Making Con- nections Bible Study (Z)- 1:00PM | 4 Session Meet- ing (Z)-7:00P | 5 Room Rental (FH)-7:00PM | 6 Choir Practice (FH)- 7:00PM MAUNDY THURSDAY Service-7:00PM | 7 GOOD FRIDAY Service- 7:00PM | 8 |
| 9 SUNRISE Service (PL)- Time TBD Choir Practice- 9:30AM Sunday Worship Service-10:00AM | 10 Making Con- nections Bible Study (Z)- 1:00PM Communica- tions Meeting (Z)- 7:00PM | 11 | 12 Room Rental (FH)-7:00PM Mission Team Meeting (Z)- 7:15PM | 13 Choir Practice (FH)- 7:00PM Good News Deadline | 14 | 15 |
| 16 Choir Practice- 9:30AM Sunday Worship Service-10:00AM | 17 Making Connec- tions Bible Study (Z)-1:00PM Finance Meeting (Z)- 7:00PM | 18 | 19 Room Rental (FH)-7:00PM | 20 Room Use (L)- 12:00PM- 1:30P Deacons Meet- ing (Z)- 7:00PM Choir Practice (FH)- 7:00PM | 21 | 22 |
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KIDS CORNER




A seasonal reminder


Signs of spring remind us of God's promises.


Directions: Use the picture code and clues to complete Isaiah 61:11, NIV.


 plants grow here

 to coil and jump
(also a season of the year)

 to expand and get bigger



 seeds are planted in this

 when watered, these make plants

 another word for seedling

For as the _____ makes the _____

_____  come up and a _____  causes

_____  to _____ , so the

Sovereign LORD will make righteousness

and praise _____  up before all nations.

ISAIAH 61:11, NIV

Answer: soil, sprout, garden, seeds, grow, spring

SPRINGTIME SNACKS



Whip up a plate of these cute, healthy treats!

What you need:

- Celery sticks
- Cherry tomatoes
- Cucumber circles
- Olives
- Cream cheese spread
- Fresh basil leaves (optional)
- Adult help

What you do:

1. Have an adult help you wash and cut the veggies.
2. Spread cream cheese inside the celery rods.
3. Place a cucumber circle upright in the cream cheese to make a bug body.
4. Add the tomato as a head.
5. Arrange basil leaves on a plate and place the veggie bugs on them.
6. Making different-shaped bugs with your favorite veggies. Enjoy!

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