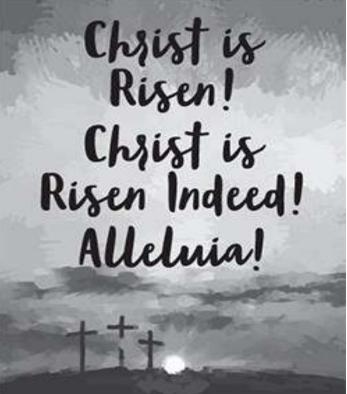
The Monthly Newsletter of the People of HAMILTON UNION PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH GUILDERLAND, NEW YORK



April 2023

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





"They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers." ~Acts 2:42

Beloved,

We are fully in the season of Lent, and as is typical, it is a very busy season! The life of a congregation always seems to pick up steam at this time of year with the addition of special worship services, special dinners, Lenten spiritual practices, and so on. Of course, spring is also right around the corner (though as I write this, we are anticipating *another* humdinger of a winter storm, and spring feels as far away as the moon!).

But spring *is* right around the corner - a time of new life and increased energy, as we prepare to throw off the shroud of blankets and winter jackets we have been bundled under all winter. It is no accident that our celebration of Easter happens in the spring, when we celebrate new life from what was once dead.

And everything we do centers around one place: the table. It is where our lives of faith both individual and communal - revolve. When we engage in table fellowship, we are living into God's hopes and desires for us: that we would live in communion and community, in relationship with one another. Sometimes those relationships are easy and natural; other times they are difficult to begin and nurture. God urges us to persist in *all* of those relationships, because in them we find the manifestation of the kingdom.

But here's the thing: the table doesn't have to necessarily be the communion table in worship (though that is a very important one for our worshiping life!). It can be a kitchen table, a table at the Capital City Diner, a picnic table... even a blanket spread out in the park. Whenever we meet to break bread and enjoy one another's company, the Spirit is there, and communion is had.

See, something happens when we share a meal. We let our guard down and, at least for a short time, we allow ourselves to be vulnerable with one another. Sometimes we resist; sometimes we don't even know it is happening. But when we allow ourselves to be vulnerable, we open ourselves up to the working on the Spirit between us.

As we move into the end of this Lenten season, I want to encourage all of us to consider the ways in which we can continue the table fellowship we begin in worship on a Sunday morning (communion and non-communion Sundays!). How can we take that and extend it throughout the week? Perhaps it is a cup of coffee with a friend before work one day; maybe it is having the

Perhaps it is a cup of coffee with a friend before work one day; maybe it is having the neighbors over for dinner some weeknight; could it even be a church potluck? Wherever (and whenever) it is, and whoever is there, let us live open to the working of the Spirit in our midst, that God's kingdom might make itself known in our breaking of bread and the fellowship we keep. God's grace and peace be with you,

~Pastor Kyle



April 2 (Palm Sunday) - Things are not as they may seem, Matthew 21:1-11

April 9 (Easter Sunday) - **Early, in a quiet garden, Matthew 28:1-10**

April 16 - Pastor Kyle Away

April 23 - Stories Change on the Road, Luke 24:13-25

April 30 - The Story-Keeper, John 10:1-10



Happy Birthday to

Laurel Edwards - Apr 8

Nancy Snyder - Apr 8

Abbey Ferris – Apr 17

Jim Gade (James Jr.) - Apr 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: ANNANDPETERMCKIN-NEY@GMAIL.COM

If you see that an incorrect date is in the "Good News", please let me know.

Thanks! Ann McKinney



A 96-year-old lady was a faithful attendant at my women's Bible studies. She came with her lessons prepared and knew all the answers. One day a tactless member asked her, "Why do you work so hard on these lessons when you're so old and it doesn't matter?" Little Bess Elkins looked up and said confidently, "I'm cramming for my finals." —Florence Littauer, *Women's Devotional Bible*



Hamilton Union is thrilled that this year during Holy Week, we will be collaborating with New Covenant Presbyterian Church on these special services. Join us in person or online whenever and however you can!

Sunday, April 2 at 10:00AM at Hamilton Union-

Palm Sunday Worship Service

Thursday, April 6th at 7:00PM at Hamilton Union-

Maundy Thursday Worship Service

Friday, April 7th at 6:30PM at New Covenant-Good Friday Worship Service

Saturday, April 8th at 12:00PM Anywhere-Holy Saturday, Pray the Lord's Prayer

<u>Sunday, April 9th at 6:15AM VIRTUALLY New Covenant-</u> Sunrise Easter Service on Zoom and Facebook Livestream

Sunday, April 9th at 8:00AM at Hamilton Union-Sunrise Easter Service outside in our parking lot

Sunday, April 9th at 8:45AM at Hamilton Union-

Easter Brunch inside in Fellowship Hall

New Covenant Presbyterian Church is located at 916 *Western Ave. Albany, NY* 12203 **Facebook:** (1) New Covenant Presbyterian Church-Albany, NY | Albany NY | Facebook

LITURGISTS

Apr. 2 Sue Ferris

Apr. 9 Lindsay Hall

Apr. 16 Betty Deitz

Apr. 23 Michael Hall

Apr. 30 Mark Hutchinson

TECH TEAM

Apr. 2	George Hannett and Karen Williamson
Apr. 9	Kyle & Audrey Hall
Apr. 16	Meredith & Jack Eberz
Apr. 23	Liz & Declan Egan
Apr. 30	Diane Irwin and Hugh Stevens

COUNTERS

Apr. 2 Laura Smith and Carolyn Sarbello

- Apr. 9 Bill Hasselbarth and Hannah Hunter Harris
- Apr. 16 Peggy Gardam and Peter McKinney
- Apr. 23 Liz Egan and Billy DeBarthe
- Apr. 30 Liz Egan and Peter McKinney

MAUNDY THURSDAY

Liturgist

Elena Delhagen

Tech Team

George Hannett and Karen Williamson

A Very Special Lady

A Loooooooooooog-time member of Hamilton Union is celebrating a big milestone. Born on March 12, 1926, Jacqueline ("Jackie") House is now 97. Jackie and her husband John ("Jack") served for decades as officers of the church, they sang in the choir for 10 years, and they both were Sunday School teachers. She was a Deacon and served on the Social Witness Committee. Jackie also started the coop nursery school when their son was three years old.

Jackie and Jack were first introduced to HUPC when a man dressed in paint-splattered bib-front overalls came to their door just after they moved to a house near the church. That man was the Reverend Doug Gray. They quickly learned that his informal dress enabled him to always be ready to lend a helping hand. Once, when Jack was shingling the roof, Doug didn't hesitate to get up on the roof to help.

The Houses had a great affinity for travel and were able to visit many exotic locations including Hong Kong, Australia, New Zealand and the Philippines. Evidently it was helpful that one of their four sons was an airline pilot.

As well as Jackie's other interests, she was quite artistically gifted. She was known for her beautiful stained-glass creations. She also enjoyed making crafts with other church women for the annual "Lord's Acre Auction". You may notice that after the Christmas decorations have gone up in the sanctuary, there will be gorgeous carolers on the window sills. These carolers were handcrafted by Jackie.

Jackie now resides at Our Lady of Mercy Life Center, in Guilderland. If you should happen to visit her there, be certain to take her chocolate. It is her very most favorite food!



John & Jacqueline House

Monthly Session Review

Over the past few months, your session has been discussing and developing better strategies for communicating with you, the congregation, the plans we are making, the ideas we are sharing, and the vision we are casting for our future as a church.

This past week, we mailed out our first Session Review. In the Session Review, you will find a brief summary of our most recent meeting, a Pastor's report and team updates. This is intended to give you a taste of what we are working on, update you on any actions taken, and give you a view to the inner workings of our church body. We will work very hard to get this out each month in the week following a session meeting.

As you read this "review," you may find questions arising - that's a good thing! We want this to be the opening of more dialogue, and we welcome the opportunity to discuss what is going on at HUPC.

If you missed this month's Session Review email, please let Kim know and she will gladly send you another copy!

Dear HUPC Friends and Family:

Thank you so much for your generous hearts and support for the HUPC Women's annual Easter Basket Project. You continue to amaze all with your love and generosity.

Monica Bauer helped her grandma, Darlene Bauer, with shopping and assembly of gifts. We made close to 40 baskets and gift bags total! We're sure you will have helped bring

many smiles!

Happy Easter!

Blessings, HUPC Presbyterian Women





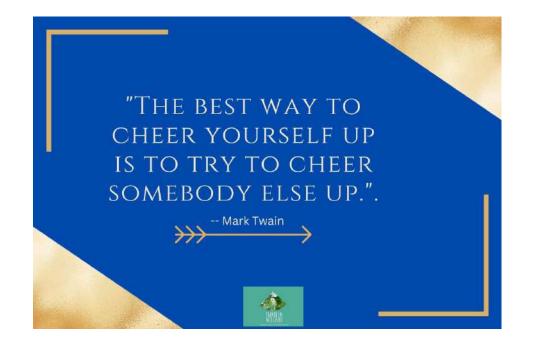
The Guilderland Food Pantry is in need of the following items:

Cooking oil	Crackers
Cookies	Chicken noodle soup
Canned stew, hash, chili	Brownie mix
Juice	Ketchup
Cereal	-

Individual sizes of the following items for the Backpack Program: Macaroni and cheese Ravioli Cereal Tuna packets

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

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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 anytime. 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.

Our next Circle Meeting will be on Tues, Apr 25 from 10:30 am – 12:30 pm. We will be discussing Lesson 8, Mary in the Faith and Tradition of the Church from the Bible Study What My Grandmother's Taught Me, Learning From the Women in Matthew's Genealogy of Jesus. Bring a bag lunch. Beverge and dessert will be provided. Extra Study books are available. We meet in the lounge, with a zoom option.



Volunteer Opportunities

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

Thu April 13, 2023 Thu May 18, 2023 Thu June 22, 2023



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. <u>One birthday is to be celebrated per no-nagenarian</u>, 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!

Church World Service Minute for Mission

Has it been cold and windy here? Have you snuggled up in a blanket to stay toasty warm? Can you imagine what it must be like in this cold weather to call the streets your home or to look at the remains of your home devastated by natural disasters or war and not even have a blanket?

Here's your chance to give Grandma, Mom, Auntie, Sis or any other woman or man of significance in your life a meaningful gift for Mother's Day or other while ALSO helping someone less fortunate get their OWN blanket.

We'll be collecting cash <u>@\$10</u> (a change from past years!!!!) or checks made out to "PW at HUPC"; memo line "blankets": Sun Apr 30, 2023-Sun May14, 2023

You may also like some "Blanket the World With Love" card(s) you can use for sending to your recipient(s). Count your blessings and be as generous as you always are! Last year you gave \$2365 towards blankets!!!!

Mail checks to Mickey Nieman, 896 Pine Hill Dr, Schenectady, NY 12303 ANY questions? Contact Mickey at 518.356.1691

A Reminder: Please Use the New Events Planning Form when Planning Your Events

In the interest of inviting our community to join us in Ministry at Hamilton Union, and helping Kim do her job accurately and efficiently, this is a friendly reminder to everyone planning an event to take a look at the new Event Planning Form (paper version in this newsletter, Google docs version here. <u>https://forms.gle/h6LcddC8MHQneZdy7</u> The form can be filled in as is, or used as a guide to provide info to Kim via email about your event. If you prefer email, please tell Kim how you want your event to be publicized (checklist on form). We ask that you get the form to Kim at least 3 weeks before your event via mail, email, hand delivery — whatever works for you. The reason for this lead time is that some media require 2 weeks notice to list an event on their Community Bulletin boards, and Kim needs time to actually go online and list the event before the media's deadline.

Thank you in advance for helping get the word out about the many good things happening at Hamilton Union!

<u>Event Planning Form-Hamilton Union Presbyterian Church</u> (continued to next page)				
Scheduling:				
Name of Event:				
Name of Contact:				
Email & Phone # of Contact:				
Date(s) of Event:				
Time of Event:				
Deadline to Sign-Up (if applicable):				
Purpose of Event (speaker/meal/collection	ion, etc.):			
Location of Event:				
Lounge	Quiet Room			
Conference Room	Sanctuary Other			
Fellowship Hall	Church Parking Lot			
WHO IS INVITED:				
All Church Members	Open to the Community			
Session	All Women			
Ministry Team	Deacons			
Bible Study Group	Rev. Kyle			
DETAILS:				
Do you need a zoom meeting set up? _				

(Do you need a sign-up sheet?/ what need childcare available?/ carpool info?/ etc.?)	s to be brought?/ freewill offering?/
Information Sharing:	
Newspapers/Online Bulletin Boards	
Church-wide email	Newsletter
Facebook	Monday HUPC Digest
Sunday Bulletin Announcements	Flyers
Date(s) for Communication Outlets:	
Any other pertinent information:	

Ukrainian Easter Traditions

Saturday, April 1 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 at Hamilton Union Presbyterian Church on Saturday, April 1 from 1 - 3 pm in the Fellowship Hall. The church is located at 2291 Western Avenue, Guilderland. Samples of Ukrainian refreshments will be served, and the community is invited. To ensure enough food samples are available, please rsvp to the church office, by March 30 at hupc@hamiltonunionpresbyterianchurch.org or 518-456-5410.

Thank you for the Moon Catcher's Project Donation

For many years Presbyterian Women in the Presbytery of Albany has supported the MoonCatcher Project. This organization makes reusable feminine hygiene products for girls and women in undeveloped countries, plus sets up guilds in these areas to provide local employment to empower the women there. In September, the MoonCatcher Project's sewing guild in Chituka, Malawi, was broken into. Equipment and supplies were stolen. As you know Chituka Village is where Keni Banda comes from, and it has been a long-time mission of Hamilton Union. This past December, Presbyterian Women in the Presbytery of Albany held a fundraising campaign to make donation to the MoonCatcher Project to replace what was taken. A total of \$3,465 was raised. Hamilton Union contributed generously. Our church donated \$500 from the Social Witness Non-Operating Fund and our Presbyterian Women's group donated \$675. I am so proud of Hamilton Union's dedication to mission.

Charlotte Hasselbarth Moderator of Presbyterian Women in the Presbytery of Albany

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

A Note from Tech Team:

Many of you may have noticed that we have been experiencing technical difficulties showing those on Zoom on the smaller monitor in the Sanctuary. Those on Zoom could see and hear us just fine, but we couldn't see them in the Sanctuary.

After checking and re-checking the system, consulting Dreamlabs (our vendor), and a couple of

virtual trouble-shooting sessions by Dreamlabs, Mark Hutchinson was finally able to pinpoint

the problem and fix it. We have now had 2 straight worship services where the monitor worked

as it should.

Like many problems, tech issues can take time to solve. We appreciate the patience of the congregation and the persistence of our Tech Team volunteers as we worked through this recent challenge.

CROP Walk Coordinator Needed

The Mission and Social Witness Committee is looking for a CROP Walk Coordinator. This event raises money to fight hunger. CROP stands for "Communities Respond to Overcome Poverty". Mickey Neman who has organized the Hamilton Union Team for many years and has retired. She is willing to orient a new person. If you are interested in his mission opportunity, contact Charlotte Hasselbarth at chasselbarth@hotmail.com or (518) 356-0637. This year's Crop Walk is Sunday, May 7. There will be a meeting for Recruiter's Rally" on Sunday, March 19th, at 3 pm.



Presbyterian Women in the Presbytery of Albany 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

- Registration: rsvp to Andrea Ralph at ARalph20@hotmail.com or 516-849-3220 by April 11, if possible so the host church can make appropriate arrangements.
- Registration fee of \$5.00 will be collected at the door.
- Carpooling is encouraged.
- Bring a bag lunch. Dessert and beverage are provided.
- A freewill offering will go to the Legal Project. Make out checks to Presbyterian Women in the Presbytery of Albany, with The Legal Project in the memo line.



APRIL - Hamilton Union Happenings



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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 MAUNDY THURSDAY Service (NC)- 6:30 PM	7 GOOD FRIDAY Service (NC)- 7:00PM	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
SUNRISE Service (PL)- 8:00AM Easter Brunch (FH) -8:45-9:45AM Choir Practice- 9:30AM Easter Service - 10:00AM	Making Con- nections Bible Study (Z)- 1:00PM Communica- tions Meeting (Z)- 7:00PM		Room Rental (FH)-7:00PM Mission Team Meeting (Z)- 7:15PM	Choir Practice (FH)- 7:00PM Good News Deadline		
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)- 3:00PM Choir Practice (FH)- 7:00PM	21	22
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Hamilton Union Happenings- MAY 2023 DRAFT

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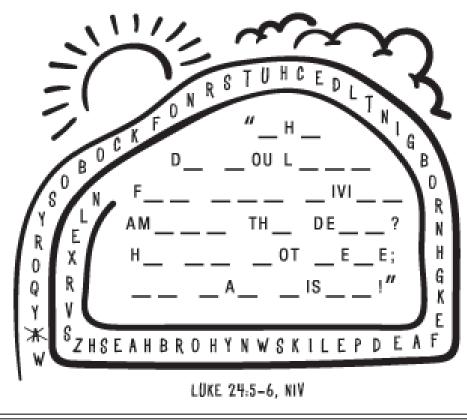
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Early Sunday morning, some women who followed Jesus encountered a great surprise. Solve the puzzle to see what the angels told them.

Directions: Cross out every other letter in the maze. Write the remaining letters in order to complete Luke 24:5-6, NIV.



Answer: "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here; he has nisen!" Luke 24:5-6, NIV



Use batik, a unique fabric-dying method, to create flags celebrating the good news of Christ's resurrection.



What you need:

- Colored chalk
- White linen fabric
- Washable gel glue
- Acrylic craft paint
- Textile medium
- Paintbrushes

What you do:

- Cut fabric to the desired size and shape. Set it on a flat, protected surface. With chalk, lightly sketch an Easter design or message.
- Completely cover the chalk lines with gel glue. Let dry.
- Mix equal parts paint and textile medium. Paint the flag with that mixture, which makes paint permanent. Let dry.
- Soak the dried fabric in warm water a few minutes. Then gently peel away the glue to reveal the unpainted areas. Lay flat to dry.
- Hang the flags and celebrate!

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