

# Good News

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

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



### A Prayer for Lent

Dear Christ, hasten to me. Release me from my sins. Free my arms from the chains of evil, that I may embrace you. Lift the scales of ignorance from my eyes that I may see you. Why do you delay? What are you waiting for? You are my God and my Lord, you are my refuge and strength, you are my glory and my hope. In you I put my trust. Dear Christ, hasten to me.

—Aelred of Rievaulx (12<sup>th</sup> century)

“But who do you say that I am?” ~Matthew 16:15

Friends and Seekers,

I remember in grade school learning the six essential questions to ask when trying to research something or discover the story (back then I fancied myself on track to be a reporter for some newspaper, obviously wearing a fedora and trench coat). They are recognizable to all of us: who, what, where, when, why, and how. When we ask these questions, we gather needed information to learn, to stretch our minds and our worldviews, and to become better informed citizens and people.

Questions were a critical part of Jesus’ ministry. So many people came to him asking questions: can you heal me? What do I have to do? With what shall we feed them? But Jesus also asked questions: who do you say that I am? What is better? Who touched me?

As we move into the season of Lent this month, we are being invited into a time of intentional reflection and question asking. Sometimes we will be asking the questions, but more often, Jesus will be asking *us the questions*.

Our Lent will circle around questions that are meant to invite us to think deeply on what is most important for us as people of faith, what and who we are called to do and be in the world, and how we are meant to use our voices, our hands, our feet – our whole selves, really – to build the Kingdom of God.

I am excited to walk this annual journey with you once more, and ready to tackle these questions together.

From who? ~Pastor Kyle

## A Sneak Peek at Sermons Coming in February

**February 4** – Mark 6:1-29, *There's No Place Like Home?*

**February 11** – Mark 8:27-9:8, *Who Do You Say That I Am?*

**February 18** – Mark 10:17-31, *Who Do You Think You Love?*

**February 25** – Mark 10:32-52, *Who Do You Think You Are?*



## A Note on Pastor Kyle's Office Hours

Beginning in February, Pastor Kyle will be working from home on Mondays. On most Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays, he will be in his study between 10 and 1 – of course meetings and visitations will sometimes take him out!

As always, scheduling a time to meet is the best option, and he is always available by email, phone, or text. Thank you!



**Pastor's  
Office Hours**

**LITURGISTS**

Feb. 4      **Bill Hasselbarth**

Feb. 11     **Megan Reis**

Feb. 14     **Ash Wednesday**

Feb. 18     **Fred Sirois**

Feb. 25     **Elena Delhagen**

**TECH TEAM**

Feb. 4      **Kyle & Audrey Hall**

Feb. 11     **Liz & Declan Egan**

Feb. 14     **TBD**

Feb. 18     **Meredith & Jack Eberz**

Feb. 25     **Diane Irwin and Hugh Stevens**

**GREETERS**

Feb. 4      **Trudy Hutchinson**

Feb. 11     **Betty Deitz**

Feb. 18     **Joanne Wagner**

Feb. 25     **Charlotte Hasselbarth**



**Ash Wednesday:** Wednesday, February 14th, 7:00 pm

**Maundy Thursday:** Thursday, March 28th, 7:00 pm

**Good Friday:** Friday, March 29, TBD

**Easter Sunrise Service:** Sunday, March 31, 7:00 am



# FEBRUARY

Birthdays

## Happy Birthday to

Fern Weber – Feb 1

Steve Smith – Feb 25

Dorothy Favitta – Feb 28

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



### For Sunday mornings:

If the weather necessitates, we will announce that **in-person worship** is canceled in three places: on our website, on our Facebook page, and through a church-wide email. This decision will generally be made by 7:00 am with the information going out immediately after.

Should in-person worship be canceled, we will move our morning worship to Zoom, and will begin at our usual time of 10:00 am. The link for this is sent out each week by email with the bulletin and announcements from the church office.

### For Weekday mornings:

If the weather necessitates, we will send a church-wide email to the congregation that the office will be closed and staff working from home.

One final note – if you wake up in the morning and the weather looks uncertain, or you do not feel confident going out, *stay home! Even if in-person worship is still taking place, if you do not feel safe being out, we would much rather you stay home, stay safe, and stay warm!*



## 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=U1hudkdXTGFRVm9QRHRQZ1JJeUZaQT09)  
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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](mailto:chasselbarth@hotmail.com). We meet in the lounge, with a zoom option.

At our next Circle Meeting on Tues, Feb 27 from 10:30 am - 12:30 pm. We will be discussing Lessons 6, Sabbath and Hospitality from the Bible Study Celebrating Sabbath: Accepting God's Gift of Rest and Delight. Bring a bag lunch. Beverage and dessert will be provided. Extra study books are available. The Bible Study is discussed during the first hour of our meeting, should you be interested in the Bible Study only.



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## Lenten Signals



Why should we observe Lent? This 40-day season of repentance and reflection that begins on Ash Wednesday has three important purposes. Lent helps us STOP, LOOK and LISTEN.

We observe Lent because it tells us to STOP and rest awhile – and to stop sinning. Lent tells us to LOOK inward for an honest self-examination, to look upward to see the cross of Jesus with healing and love, and to look forward to the hope of the Resurrection. And we observe Lent because it tells us to LISTEN – to the voice of God, the words of Christ and the movement of the Holy Spirit.

STOP, LOOK and LISTEN! These commands that are so crucial for travel safety are also important for our journey through Lent.

## Stopping Continuous Collections

### Purple Pantry & Capital Area Council of Churches Overflow Shelter

Presbyterian Women has decided to stop the continuous collection of personal care items for the Purple Pantry and laundry detergent, men’s flip flops and white athletic socks for the Capital Area Council of Churches Overflow Shelter. We appreciate the Hamilton Union Congregation’s generosity over the years.



Did you receive our 200th anniversary save the date in the mail? If not, please let us know at [hupc@hamiltonunionpresbyterianchurch.org](mailto:hupc@hamiltonunionpresbyterianchurch.org). Many, many thanks to Laura Scott for creating and editing this beautiful flyer for the Anniversary Committee!

**200 TH**    
**ANNIVERSARY**  
**Hamilton Union Presbyterian Church**

We joyfully invite you to save the date for Sunday, May 19th, 2024 for a special celebratory worship service at 11:00AM followed by food, fun & fellowship.

**MAY 19**



Please send us a memory, story or picture(s) to share either by email or mail. If you would like accommodation information or if you have already marked your calendar and plan to attend, please let us know!



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**Easter Basket Project 2024 .....**  
**sponsored by HUPC Presbyterian Women**

Easter comes early this year on March 31<sup>st</sup>.

Our annual 2024 Easter Basket Project will begin soon. We appreciate and welcome donations at any time from February 11 through March 22. 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. Please make checks out to HUPC Presbyterian Women and place in weekly collection plates at church or mail to church office with notation for Easter Baskets. You may also give donations to Darlene Bauer. Baskets will be prepared and delivered by Darlene in mid March.

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

Darlene Bauer

Project coordinator

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# FEBRUARY 2024- Hamilton Union Happenings



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Room Rental (FH)-7:00PM	1 Choir Practice (FH)- 7:00PM	2 Room Rental (FH)-7:15am-11:45am	3 Room Rental (FH) -7:15am- 11:45am
4 Choir Practice-9:30AM Sunday Worship Service-10:00AM	5 Making Connections Bible Study (Z)-1:00PM	6	7 Room Rental (FH)-7:00PM	8 Good News Deadline Choir Practice (FH)- 7:00PM	9 Room Rental (FH)-7:15am-11:45am	10 Room Rental (FH) -7:15am- 11:45am
11 Choir Practice-9:30AM Sunday Worship Service-10:00AM PW Easter Basket Collection begins	12 Making Connections Bible Study (Z)-1:00PM	13	14 Room Rental (FH)-7:00PM	15 200th Anniversary Meeting (O)- 10:00AM  Choir Practice (FH)- 7:00PM	16 Room Rental (FH)-7:15am-11:45am	17 Room Rental (FH) -7:15am- 11:45am
18 Choir Practice-9:30AM Sunday Worship Service- 10:00AM	19 <b>OFFICE CLOSED-</b> <b>President's Day</b>  Making Connections Bible Study (Z)-1:00PM	20	21 Ash Wed. Service  Room Rental (FH)-7:00PM	22 Choir Practice (FH)- 7:00PM	23 Room Rental (FH)-7:15am-11:45am	24 Room Rental (FH) -7:15am- 11:45am
25 Choir Practice-9:30AM Sunday Worship Service-10:00AM	26 Making Connections Bible Study (Z)-1:00PM	27 PW Circle Meeting(L)-10:30am	28	29		
<b>KEY-</b>	<b>(Z)- Zoom</b> <b>(FH)- Fellowship Hall</b>	<b>(L)- Lounge</b> <b>(C)- Conference Room</b> <b>(S)- Sanctuary</b>	<b>(QR)- Quiet Room</b> <b>(PL)- Parking Lot</b>	<b>(Z)- Zoom</b> <b>(FH)- Fellowship Hall</b>	<b>(UA) University of Albany Interfaith Center</b>	<b>(O)- Office</b>

# Hamilton Union Happenings- MARCH DRAFT

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
31					1 <b>WORLD DAY OF PRAYER</b> Room Rental (FH)-7:15am-11:45am	2 Room Rental (FH)-7:15am-11:45am <small>PW sponsored World Day of Prayer Service 1:30pm</small>
3 Choir Practice-9:30AM <b>Sunday Worship Service-10:00AM</b>	4 Making Connections Bible Study (Z)-1:00PM	5	6 Room Rental (FH)-7:00PM	7 Choir Rehearsal (FH)- 7:00PM	8 Room Rental (FH)-7:15am-11:45am	9 Room Rental (FH)-7:15am-11:45am
10 Choir Practice-9:30AM <b>Sunday Worship Service-10:00AM</b> * DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME*	11 Making Connections Bible Study (Z)-1:00PM	12	13 Room Rental (FH)-7:00PM	14 Choir Rehearsal (FH)- 7:00PM	15 Room Rental (FH)-7:15am-11:45am	16 Room Rental (FH)-7:15am-11:45am
17 Choir Practice-9:30AM <b>Sunday Worship Service-10:00AM</b>	18 Making Connections Bible Study (Z)-1:00PM	19	20 Room Rental (FH)-7:00PM	21 Choir Rehearsal (FH)- 7:00PM	22 Room Rental (FH)-7:15am-11:45am <small>PW Basket Collection Ends</small>	23 Room Rental (FH)-7:15am-11:45am
24 Choir Practice-9:30AM <b>Sunday Worship Service-10:00AM</b>	25 Making Connections Bible Study (Z)-1:00PM	26 Pres. Women Circle Meeting (L)- 10:30AM	27 Room Rental (FH)-7:00PM	28 Choir Rehearsal (FH)- 7:00PM	29 Room Rental (FH)-7:15am-11:45am	30 Room Rental (FH)-7:15am-11:45am

KEY-	(Z)- Zoom	(L)- Lounge	(QR)- Quiet Room	(Z)- Zoom	
	(FH)- Fellowship Hall	(C)- Conference Room	(PL)- Parking Lot	(FH)- Fellowship Hall	
		(S)- Sanctuary			

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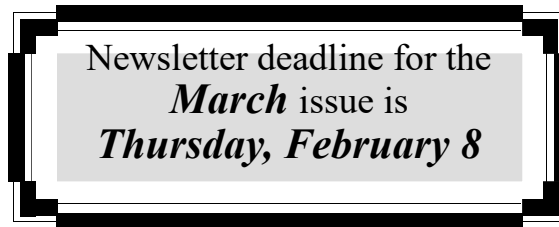


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WEDNESDAY