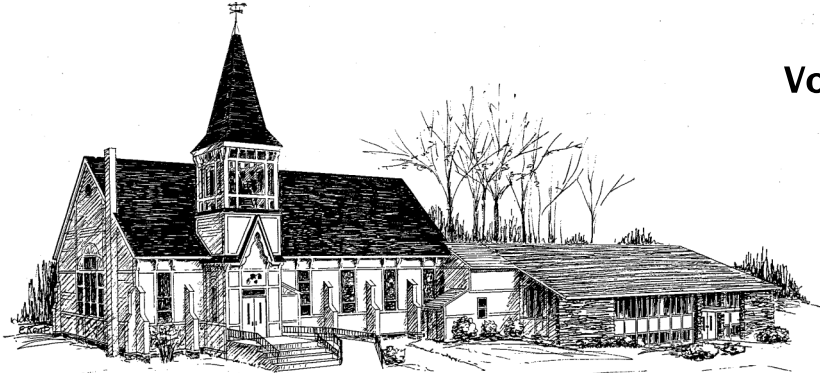


Good News

**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.

May there always be work for your
hands to do;
May your purse always hold a coin or
two;
May the sun always shine on your win-
dowpane;
May a rainbow be certain to follow each
rain;
May the hand of a friend always be near
you;
May God fill your heart with gladness
to cheer you.



“So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!” ~2 Corinthians 5:17

Beloved Congregation,

Christ is risen! Christ is risen indeed!

I am sitting at my desk at home writing to you, and though Easter will have just passed by the time you read this, it is still a week away; we are just beginning our sojourn into the most holy of weeks in our Christian year.

Of course, spring also feels a long way off, considering the big snow and ice storm we are still thawing out from this past weekend. And while trees have fallen and power is still being restored to many, as I look out the window, the ice is glittering in the trees, reflecting the light of the morning sun in glorious ways we do not often see.

I am sharing with this letter a picture Elena took over the weekend that captures the contradictions of this week: it is a green bud encased in ice. At once we have the flowering plant ready to bloom, and the cold of winter still hanging on. Similarly, while we walk in the darkness of this week, we also hold fast to the hope of the resurrection. Pain and suffering meet hope and light. Such is the life of faith.

This transition, from winter to spring, from Lent to Easter, is one of my favorite times of year. We are experiencing a shifting into a season of wild, dramatic flourishing – a bursting forth with the fruits of God’s work in our lives. Death has been overcome, the tomb is empty, and we are invited into the work of ushering in a new creation.

We are that new creation!

At the same time, let us not forget the journey we have taken to get here; let us hold fast to the memory of what it took to become an Easter people.

God is doing a new thing in our world and in our lives. Let us catch hold of that vision, taking with us what we have learned in this season of preparation.

Easter peace be with you all,

~Pastor Kyle



Photo of green bud encased in ice referenced in Pastor Kyle's letter.

Photo by: Elena Delhagen



A Sneak Peek at Sermons to Come in April

April 7 – Acts 1:1-14, *Be a Witness*

April 14 – Acts 3:1-10, *Healing at the Beautiful Gate*

April 21 – Acts 17:1-9, *The World Turned Upside Down*

April 28 – Acts 18:1-4, *More Than Meets the Eye*

LITURGISTS

Apr. 7 **Debi Waggener**

Apr. 14 **TBD**

Apr. 21 **TBD**

Apr. 28 **TBD**

TECH TEAM

Apr. 7 **Kyle and Audrey Hall**

Apr. 14 **Liz and Declan Egan**

Apr. 21 **George Hannett and
Karen Williamson**

Apr. 28 **Meredith and Jack
Eberz**

GREETERS

Apr. 7 **TBD**

Apr. 14 **TBD**

Apr. 21 **TBD**

Apr. 28 **TBD**

***** Please look for liturgist
and greeter schedule in the
bulletin in the next week or
so.*****



Happy Birthday to:

Laurel Edwards- *April 8*

Nancy Snyder- *April 8*

Abbey Ferris- *April 17*

Jim Gade (James Jr.)- *April 20*

If you would like your birthday, anniversary, or some other special occasion printed in the "Good News", please notify Kim at hupc@hamiltonunionpresbyterianchurch.org.

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

“The Singing Guitar”: a concert with El McMeen

Many of you at HUPC have heard Nina Zanetti play her mountain dulcimer at church. What you may not know is that for many years her dulcimer playing and arranging have been inspired by the beautiful music of award-winning guitarist El McMeen. El will be presenting a concert here at HUPC on April 14 at 2 pm (with Nina opening for him on dulcimer). He has graciously offered to donate a generous portion of the proceeds to the church, so it would be great if we could get a good turnout. You can read more about El and his music at: <https://elmcmeen.com/music/>.

For this event, we will need a couple of volunteers, to help set up and manage a table for ticket sales and CDs. If you are interested in helping in this way, please contact Nina (518-956-2463 or ninazanetti@verizon.net) or Pastor Kyle.

Concert: The Singing Guitar!

Beautiful Melodies Rendered on Acoustic Guitar
by Award-Winning Guitarist,
El McMeen



Opening for El will be
National Mountain
Dulcimer Champ
Nina Zanetti



Date: Sunday, April 14, 2024; 2 PM

Location: Hamilton Union Presbyterian Church,
2291 Western Ave., Guilderland, NY

Tickets: \$20 Adult; \$10 Youth Ages 11-18; Under 11, Free.
Available for Purchase at the Door

**** A portion of ticket and CD sales will go to support the church and its outreach to the community. ****



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?pwd=U1hudkdXTGFRVm9QRHRQZ1JJeUZaQT09>

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Presbyterian Women’s (PW) News – All Women are Welcome

Tues, Apr. 23, 10:30 am -12:30 pm - Presbyterian Women’s Circle Meeting

At our next Circle Meeting on Tues, Apr 23 from 10:30 am -12:30 pm in the lounge. We will be discussing Lesson 8, Sabbath and Justice 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. We offer a Zoom option.

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.



**PRESBYTERIAN
WOMEN**

*Presbyterian Women in the Presbytery of Albany
invite you to celebrate*

Our Spring Gathering



Wednesday, April 24, 2024 - 12:00-3:30 pm

**Trinity Presbyterian Church
185 Swaggertown Rd, Scotia, NY 12302**

Guest Speaker is Marianne Montero, the Presbyterian Women in the Synod of the Northeast Representative to the USA Mission Experience trip to the USA/Mexico border.

- **Registration: rsvp to Andrea Ralph at ARalph20@hotmail.com or 516-849-3220 by Apr 17, if possible so the host church can make appropriate arrangements.**
- **Bring a bag lunch. Dessert and beverage are provided.**
- **There will be a Freewill Offering**
- **Registration fee of \$5.00 will be collected at the door.**

To carpool contact Charlotte Hasselbarth at chasselbarth@hotmail.com

Volunteer Opportunities

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

**Thurs., Apr. 18
From 5:00-6:30pm**



All are welcome, 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, Plenty of spots available. Please contact Wayne Gannett to sign up at jgannett@nycap.rr.com. See you there.

So what about this big warehouse where we volunteer?

The Regional Food Bank of Northeastern New York owns and operates a 70,000 square-foot distribution center and office facility. The facility includes dry storage space, 17 loading/distribution docks, a 4,000 square-foot cooler and an 11,000 square-foot freezer. There are approximately 35 Food Bank employees operating the distribution center and driving the Food Bank vehicles.

- The distribution center receives 211,500 pounds of food a day
- The freezer is 321,000 cubic feet, which is equivalent to 53,000 household freezers
- The cooler is 120,000 cubic feet, which is equivalent to 10,000 household refrigerators
- Food Bank drivers travel approximately 421,000 miles a year (1,619 miles a day)
- The facility can store 3,086 dry pallets, 1,601 freezer pallets and 375 cooler pallets
- The Food Bank utilizes eight tractors, 14 trailers, 15 straight trucks, and five vans and serves 23 counties in Eastern New York.

PW and any interested women associated with Hamilton Union Presbyterian Church are invited to the New Faith Family Tea

When: May 1, 2024

Time: 2:00pm

Please let Ann McKinney know if you can drive by calling her cell at 518-788-7195. New Faith would like to know approximately how many people will be coming.



A CONVERSATION ABOUT PEACEBUILDING IN THE HOLY LAND

Monday April 15, 6:30 p.m. at the First Church in Albany, 110 N. Pearl Street, Albany &

Tuesday April 16, 7:00 p.m. at the First Reformed Church in Schenectady, 8 North Church Street

You are invited to join Churches for Middle East Peace (CMEP) in a conversation about peacebuilding and advocacy related to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. Speakers include the Rev. Dr. Mae Cannon, executive director of Churches for Middle East Peace, and Tamar Haddad, the Coordinator at Churches for Middle East Peace's women empowerment program: And Still We Rise (ASWR). Dr. Cannon is the author of several publications about the conflict including *A Land Full of God: Christian Perspectives toward the Holy Land* (Cascade, 2017). Tamar Haddad is based in Jerusalem and previously served as the Project Manager for Gender Justice at the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Jordan and the Holy Land (ELCJHL). This year their presentations will give particular attention to the events that have unfolded in the Holy Land since October 7, 2023.

Formed in 1984, Churches for Middle East Peace (cmep.org) is a coalition of national church denominations and organizations working to encourage U.S. policies that actively promote just, lasting and comprehensive resolutions to conflicts in the Middle East. CMEP helps church organizations, leaders, and individuals nationwide advocate in a knowledgeable, timely, holistic, and effective way to express their concerns about justice and peace for all peoples in the Middle East.

Did you receive our 200th anniversary invitation in the mail? If not, please let us know at hupc@hamiltonunionpresbyterianchurch.org. We can't thank Elena Delhagen enough for the time and talent she used to make this creative invitation!

You are warmly invited

**TO OUR 200TH
ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION**



Sunday, May 19th, 2024 at
Hamilton Union
Presbyterian Church
(2291 Western Avenue in
Guilderland NY)

Worship service at
11am with a fellowship
luncheon to follow.
Town historian is
coming at 1pm.



Kindly RSVP by May 1 at hupc@hamiltonunionpresbyterianchurch.org or 518-456-5410 with your name, your phone number or email address, number of attendees, and any dietary restrictions. Thank you!

FYI- regarding parking for our May 19th celebration, the Guilderland Fire House has generously donated their parking lot for overflow parking. We are asking those who need closer proximity to the church, to park in our HUPC parking lot. Those who are able to walk safely, please park at the fire house. Please note- **PARKING SPOTS WITH RED LINES ARE FOR FIRE FIGHTERS ONLY!** WHITE LINED SPOTS ARE FOR THE PUBLIC. Please spread the word!

Cornerstone Campus Ministry - Food and Faith Program

Food & People Needed

Tuesday, April 9, 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, Apr. 9. Donations of main dish, side dish, and dessert for 15 are needed, plus people to visit with the students. If you would like to help, there is a sign-up sheet in the back of the Sanctuary or contact Charlotte Hasselbarth at 518-356-0637 or chasselbarth@hotmail.com. Food needs to be brought to the kitchenette in the Christian Education Building, in a disposable container, labeled "Campus Ministry", by 5 pm that night. If you would like to eat and visit with the students, a carpool will leave the church at 5:15 pm or come right to the Interfaith Center at 6 pm.

After the dinner, Rev. Kyle Delhagen will lead a casual worship program.

Mitten Tree Project - Late Fall 2024

Presbyterian Women will once again be collecting new (handmade or purchased) gloves, mittens, scarves, and hats to be donated to local agencies. We want to make the HUPC congregation aware of our plans to give people the opportunity to take advantage of winter clothing sales and time to start homemade items. Free yarn is available on the Fellowship Room table.



ELENA DELHAGEN AND RAE RAU INVITE
YOU TO

WOVEN TOGETHER: A SPIRITUAL RETREAT

Weaving is a powerful spiritual symbol that reminds us of the One who wove us together while calling us to be connected to others in relationship.

In a time when the Church is rapidly changing, what does it look like for us to be woven together?

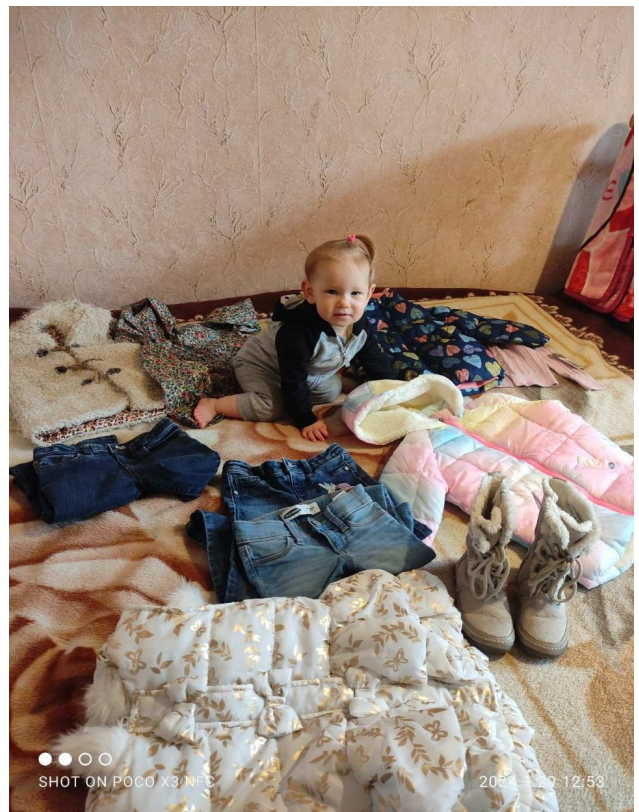
**JOIN US APRIL 12-14 IN CHATHAM, NY
FOR A TIME OF REFLECTION,
RENEWAL, AND ART.**

Each participant will collaboratively create a meaningful art piece as a tangible reminder of our interconnectedness.

Cost is \$100 for the weekend.

RSVP elenatjg@gmail.com and r2paintfx@yahoo.com

Back in November 2023, the Mission committee learned of a collection organized by a Ukrainian guest staying in Nolan House. She was organizing the collection for the Power of Ukraine Charitable Fund, an organization that supports orphanages housing orphans and internally displaced refugees from Eastern Ukraine. We contributed to this collection by donating warm clothes and shoes for children and adults, some small Christmas gifts and a monetary donation from our operating budget. The organization was so thankful for our contribution and recently sent us some heartwarming photos of the kids enjoying their new clothes and gifts.



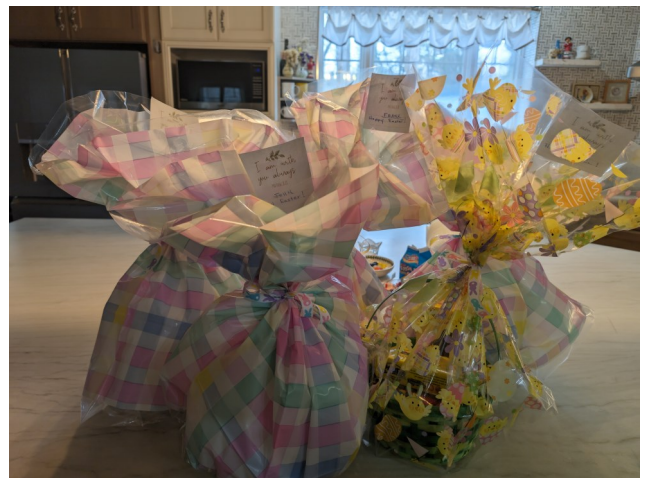


Easter Basket Project 2024
sponsored by HUPC Presbyterian Women

Dear HUPC family and friends:

Once again thank you to all for your generous hearts and wallets for the HUPC PW Easter Basket project. This endeavor was started years ago by our very own Vi McKaig, and brings many smiles to the recipients. Happy Spring!

HUPC PW



HAMILTON UNION
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
(2291 WESTERN AVE, GUILDERLAND)
PRESENTS



200 For Our 200th!

As HUPC nears its 200th anniversary, we're setting a goal to collect 200 each of the following items for the Guilderland Food Pantry!



- vegetable oil
- coffee (regular)
- juice
- spaghetti sauce
- peanut butter
- single serving cereal (backpack)
- microwave ravioli (backpack)
- microwave mac and cheese (backpack)
- tuna/chicken in a pouch (backpack)
- any canned fruit

THE DETAILS:

- Collection goes from 2/18 until 5/26
- Items can be dropped off at HUPC or in the brown bin outside the church

APRIL 2024- Hamilton Union Happenings-



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
				Choir Practice (FH)- 7:00PM	Room Rental (FH)-7:15am-11:45am	Room Rental (FH) -7:15am- 11:45am
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
Choir Practice-9:30AM Sunday Worship Service-10:00AM	Making Connections Bible Study (Z)-1:00PM	Food & Faith Program—6-7:30pm (UA)	Room Rental (FH)-7:00PM	Good News Deadline Choir Practice (FH)- 7:00PM	Room Rental (FH)-7:15am-11:45am Woven Together Spiritual Retreat	Room Rental (FH) -7:15am- 11:45am Woven Together Spiritual Retreat
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
Choir Practice-9:30AM Sunday Worship Service-10:00AM Benefit Concert-2:00PM- (S) Woven Together Spiritual Retreat	Making Connections Bible Study (Z)-1:00PM Property Team Meeting- 7PM		Room Rental (FH)-7:00PM	200th Anniversary Meeting (O)- 10:00AM Choir Practice (FH)- 7:00PM Mission Team Food Bank- 5:00PM	Room Rental (FH)-7:15am-11:45am	Room Rental (FH) -7:15am- 11:45am
21	22	23	24	25	26	24
Choir Practice-9:30AM Sunday Worship Service- 10:00AM Session Meeting-11:30am	Making Connections Bible Study (Z)-1:00PM	PW Circle Meeting(L)-10:30am Mission Team Meeting- 7:00PM	Room Rental (FH)-7:00PM	Choir Practice (FH)- 7:00PM	Room Rental (FH)-7:15am-11:45am	Room Rental (FH) -7:15am- 11:45am
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KEY-	(Z)- Zoom (FH)- Fellowship Hall	(L)- Lounge (C)- Conference Room (S)- Sanctuary	(QR)- Quiet Room (PL)- Parking Lot	(Z)- Zoom (FH)- Fellowship Hall	(UA) University of Albany Interfaith Center	(O)- Office

Hamilton Union Happenings- MAY- DRAFT

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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5 Choir Practice-9:30AM Sunday Worship Service-10:00AM	6 Making Connections Bible Study (Z)-1:00PM	7	8 Room Rental (FH)-7:00PM	9 Good News Deadline Choir Practice (FH)- 7:00PM	10 Room Rental (FH)-7:15am-11:45am	11 Room Rental (FH)-7:15am-11:45am
12 Choir Practice-9:30AM Sunday Worship Service-10:00AM	13 Making Connections Bible Study (Z)-1:00PM	14	15 Room Rental (FH)-7:00PM	16 200th Anniversary Meeting- 10:00am Choir Practice (FH) - 7:00PM Mission Team Food Bank- 5:00pm	17 Room Rental (FH)-7:15am-11:45am	18 Room Rental (FH)-7:15am-11:45am
19 200th Anniversary Sunday Worship Service-11:00AM Town Historian-1:00PM (S) Pentecost	20 Making Connections Bible Study (Z)-1:00PM Property Meeting - 7:00PM	21	22 Room Rental (FH)-7:00PM	23 Choir Practice (FH) - 7:00PM	24 Room Rental (FH)-7:15am-11:45am	25 Room Rental (FH)-7:15am-11:45am
26 Choir Practice-9:30AM Sunday Worship Service-10:00AM	27 Making Connections Bible Study (Z)-1:00PM	28 PW Circle Meeting- 10:30AM (L)	29 Room Rental (FH)-7:00PM	30	31 Room Rental (FH)-7:15am-11:45am	

KEY-	(Z)- Zoom (FH)- Fellowship Hall	(L)- Lounge (C)- Conference Room (S)- Sanctuary	(QR)- Quiet Room (PL)- Parking Lot	(Z)- Zoom (FH)- Fellowship Hall	
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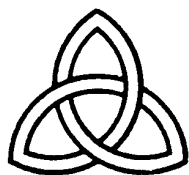
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"I cannot do all the good that the world needs. But the world needs all the good that I can do."

-Jana Stanfield

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