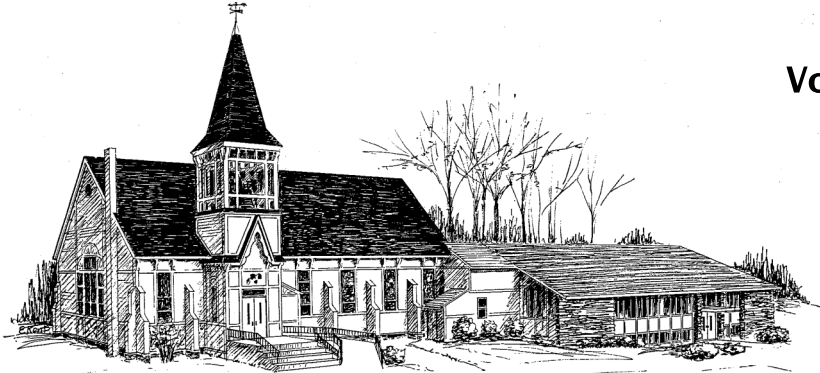


# Good News

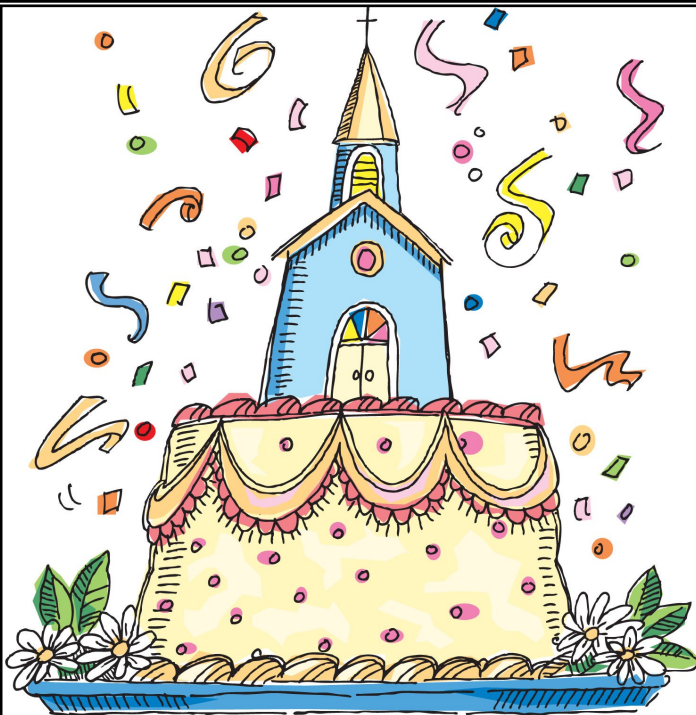
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## May 2024

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



A SEASON OF  
**CELEBRATION**



On this day of heavenly milestone,  
We remember the times when we were alone.  
But God's love and grace brought us together,  
And now, we are a church that will last forever.

We thank the Lord for his guiding hand,  
For leading us to this blessed land.  
With hearts full of joy, we lift our voice, And in  
His name, we will always rejoice.

“All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit” ~Acts 2:4

Family of faith,

We have arrived! On Sunday, May 19th, we will gather together to praise God and to worship in celebration of our bicentennial! Two hundred years is quite a span of time, and I find myself occasionally wandering back in time to think about what those first worshipers on this hallowed ground would think to know that the legacy they began is still going strong.

Sometimes I find myself walking into the sanctuary, just to sit for a bit in that holy space, to remember that God’s Spirit has walked with the faithful here, and continues to do so.

The Pentecost story from the book of Acts, which will be our scripture reading on May 19th, is a great one. It can tend to be a bit violent (a rushing wind, tongues of fire!). But it is also one that affirms our interconnectedness with all of humanity. When the apostles’ go out into the street, each speaking a language that was foreign to them (but not to the people of many nations gathered in the streets) it was a reminder that God was (and is) speaking a word to *all* people.

And that word is an old word... but a new word, too. I know that doesn’t quite make sense on the surface, but bear with me here. It is a word that is as old as time itself. It was the word that God breathed into the nothingness to create the world. But it is a new word that is ever changing and constantly moving. Both, and.

That word has been brought to us, in this time and this place, and we will, one day, hand it off to someone new. But for now, the Spirit is moving in and among us, challenging us, stretching us, and growing us. I am so excited to be celebrating these past two hundred years with you, and while I know that I won't live to see what the next two hundred years bring, I am equally excited to be laying the foundation for them with you.

Grace & peace,

~Pastor Kyle



### A Sneak Peek at Sermons to Come in May

**May 5:** Loving Spirit, *1 Corinthians 13:1-13*

**May 12:** Living Spirit, *1 Corinthians 15:1-26*

**May 19:** Meet Me at the Top of the Hill, *Acts 2:1-4, 1 Corinthians 12:1-13*

**May 26:** Life in the Spirit, *Romans 8:1-17*

### LITURGISTS

*May 5*      **Elena Delhagen**

*May 12*     **Trudy Hutchinson**

*May 19*     **Diane Irwin**

*May 26*     **Betty Deitz**

### TECH TEAM

*May 5*      **Kyle and Audrey Hall**

*May 12*     **Liz and Declan Egan**

*May 19*     **Meredith and Jack  
Eberz**

*May 26*     **Diane Irwin and Hugh  
Stevens**

### GREETERS

*May 5*      **Bill Hasselbarth**

*May 12*     **Trudy Hutchinson**

*May 19*     **Charlotte Hasselbarth**

*May 26*     **Ann McKinney**



*Thanks to our  
Volunteers*

# MAY



*Happy Birthday to:*

**Maryanne Masley- Hannett- May 4**

**Terry Nieman- May 25**

**Brian Nitsky- May 28**

**Nina Zannetti- May 31**

If you would like your birthday, anniversary, or some other special occasion printed (or not printed) in the "Good News", please notify Kim at [hupc@hamiltonunionpresbyterianchurch.org](mailto:hupc@hamiltonunionpresbyterianchurch.org).

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

## Dreams Work

A minister was asked to speak at the anniversary of the founding of a local church.

Probably the most important statement the pastor made was this:

Here, yesterday, today and tomorrow meet  
For workers who dream  
And dreamers who work.

Think of the founding members of the church, the church of yesterday. They built the foundation. Concerning the church at Corinth, St. Paul said, "I planted" [this Corinthian church] (1 Corinthians 3:6, nrsv). Those who responded to the Gospel in Corinth were "the plants" so to speak, the first members of the congregation.

Paul went on to start other churches, but he did not leave those first Corinthian congregants to flounder alone. He left Apollos to water the new plants. "I planted," wrote Paul, "Apollos watered, but God gave the growth" (1 Corinthians 3:6, nrsv).

The church of yesterday began to include the church of today, and in time there would be the church of tomorrow. The seed of the great Gospel had been planted and the soil was good enough to bring forth more members.

The result was church workers. "Workers who dream" – workers who caught the vision and turned to work on behalf of God's kingdom. They were workers who tried to make the dream a reality. They were dreamers who work.

**No church can survive without workers who dream great dreams. And no church can grow in good health without dreamers who work for the church of today and for the church of tomorrow.**





## 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

**Tues, May 28, 10:30 am -12:30 pm - Presbyterian Women's Circle Meeting  
 All women are invited.**

Our next Circle Meeting on Tues, May 28 from 10:30 am -12:30 pm in the lounge. We will be discussing Lesson 9, *Sabbath and Community* 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](mailto:chasselbarth@hotmail.com).



PRESBYTERIAN  
WOMEN

**SAVE THE DATES!!**



Wednesdays: June 5, July 31 and September 25  
2:30pm to 6:00 pm (or sell out)

It's never too early to plan ahead! Session has included 3 Brooks BBQ fundraisers in the 2024 church budget and, as always, we need many volunteers to make these important fundraisers successful. Please mark these dates on your calendars and plan to attend and help out. We need set-up help that morning with tents, tables, chairs and traffic lane flagging, order takers, assembly line packers, cashiers, order deliverers, and a clean-up and take down crew.

Ideally, we'll run 2 "shifts" of workers, of about 2 hours each. In total, we need at least 18-22 folks (or more!) in total. Early sign ups are most welcome and helpful, and they guarantee your choice of jobs! To volunteer, please contact Bruce Williamson at [bewillia302@gmail.com](mailto:bewillia302@gmail.com) or 518-357-0746. Thank you!

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**INVITATION TO THE NEW FAITH PROGRAM - FOR ALL WOMEN**

**MAY 1 - 2:00 PM**

*The women of Hamilton Union Presbyterian Church are invited for tea at the New Faith Program in Albany (behind the Rescue Mission).*

New faith program offers services such as education/career development, employment readiness, spiritual support (Bible study, counseling), life skills/addiction recovery, parenting skills/anger management and health care for up to 12 women and their children.

For more information contact 518.462.0459 ext. 247.

**Our Presbyterian Women of HUPC help support this mission.**

The women at New Faith would like to know approximately how many women are coming, so..... Please RSVP to Ann McKinney, (518) 488-7195, by April 28<sup>th</sup>.





## Volunteer Opportunities

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

**Thurs., May 16  
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](mailto:jgannett@nycap.rr.com). See you there.

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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.

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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.



*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](mailto: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!*



Our 200th anniversary is this month! On May 19th, we will pray, celebrate and honor our church, our community and all of our members and visitors, both past and present. Here is a schedule of the day:

**11:00am- Worship Service (Guilderland Town Supervisor to announce a special proclamation during this time.)**

**12:15- Luncheon set up in Fellowship Hall. Sandwiches, hot ziti, salad, chips and drinks will be provided buffet style. We also are lucky to have former member, Gabe Rodriguez, outside with his Buena Comida Taco Food Truck. He is happy to be part of our celebration! Please visit him!**

**1:00- Town Historian to speak in Sanctuary – This will also be broadcasted on Zoom.**

**3:00- Celebration concludes**

(If you haven't already, please let Kim know if you plan to attend the luncheon, so she can give the caterer a proper count

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!

Stop into the Lounge to see some of HUPC's artifacts and pictures. Maybe you can help us identify the origins of some select items that have been part of our church for years, but have lost their story of origin!

## Gade Farm Days Fundraiser

### **Fri., May 17- Sun., May 19 & Fri., May 31 - Sun., Jun. 2**

Every year, during 2 spring weekends, Presbyterian Women sponsors Gade Farm Days. It is an important fundraiser for our budget, the majority of which goes to mission projects. The Gade family donates a very generous percentage of the purchases made by our church family at the Gade Farm Store, on those weekends. Use the coupon below when you make a purchase.

The Gade farm is located at 2479 Western Ave, Altamont, NY 12009.  
The Gade family have been members of Hamilton Union for generations.

Thank you from the Presbyterian Women.

### **GADE FARM DAYS 2024**

**Friday, Saturday and Sunday: May 17, 18 and 19**  
**Friday, Saturday and Sunday: May 31, Jun. 1 Jun. 2**



Amount: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Presbyterian Women ✝ HAMILTON UNION PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

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Although a formal date has not been decided on yet, it is time to start thinking about our Backpack to School Event (usually held in late August.)

We know some members are bargain shoppers, and like to know in advanced what to look for during sales! If you are an early bird shopper, please feel free to bring your donations to the office at any time.

*The following items will be on our list again this year.*

- ~ Big backpacks (larger than 17 inches)
- ~ Character backpacks
- ~ Pens
- ~ Pencils
- ~ Glue Sticks
- ~ Colored folders
- ~ Character folders
- ~ Binder dividers
- ~ Scissors
- ~ Crayola markers
- ~ Crayola crayons
- ~ Reams of lined 3 hole punched paper (packs of 100)
- ~ Money to be used to purchase any of the above donations (please indicate "backpack" on your envelope or check.)

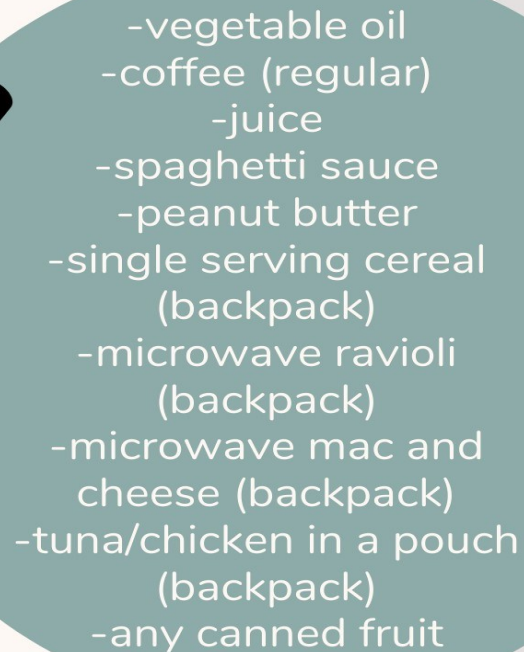
As of April 29th, when this was published, we have reached 76.5% of our goal! We are still in need of bottles of juice, coffee, vegetable oil, tomato sauce, peanut butter, microwaveable ravioli, tuna/chicken pouches and any canned fruit. If you were someone who was waiting until the end to see what was left to purchase, now would be a good time to look at the chart and help us fill in the remaining items. We have just 3 weeks left! Please help us reach our goal!

**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

# Hamilton Union Happenings- MAY-



| Sun                                                                                                   | Mon                                                                          | Tue                                  | Wed                           | Thu                                                                                                        | Fri                                                     | Sat                                                     |
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|                                                                                                       |                                                                              |                                      | 1                             | 2                                                                                                          | 3<br>Room Rental (FH)-7:15am-11:45am                    | 4<br>Room Rental (FH)-7:15am- 11:45am                   |
| 5<br>Choir Practice-9:30AM<br>Sunday Worship Service-10:00AM                                          | 6<br>Making Connections Bible Study (Z)-1:00PM                               | 7                                    | 8<br>Room Rental (FH)-7:00PM  | 9<br>Good News Deadline<br>Choir Practice (FH)- 7:00PM                                                     | 10<br>Room Rental (FH)-7:15am-11:45am                   | 11<br>Room Rental (FH)-7:15am-11:45am                   |
| 12<br>Choir Practice-9:30AM<br>Sunday Worship Service-10:00AM                                         | 13<br>Making Connections Bible Study (Z)-1:00PM                              | 14                                   | 15<br>Room Rental (FH)-7:00PM | 16<br>200th Anniversary Meeting- 10:00am<br>Choir Practice (FH) - 7:00PM<br>Mission Team Food Bank- 5:00pm | 17<br>Room Rental (FH)-7:15am-11:45am<br>GADE FARM DAYS | 18<br>Room Rental (FH)-7:15am-11:45am<br>GADE FARM DAYS |
| 19<br>GADE FARM DAYS<br>200th Anniversary Sunday Worship Service-11:00AM<br>Town Historian-1:00PM (S) | 20<br>Making Connections Bible Study (Z)-1:00PM<br>Property Meeting - 7:00PM | 21                                   | 22<br>Room Rental (FH)-7:00PM | 23<br>Choir Practice (FH) - 7:00PM                                                                         | 24<br>Room Rental (FH)-7:15am-11:45am                   | 25<br>Room Rental (FH)-7:15am-11:45am                   |
| 26<br>Choir Practice-9:30AM<br>Sunday Worship Service-10:00AM                                         | 27<br>OFFICE CLOSED- Memorial Day<br>Making Connections Bible Study (Z)-     | 28<br>PW Circle Meeting- 10:30AM (L) | 29<br>Room Rental (FH)-7:00PM | 30                                                                                                         | 31<br>Room Rental (FH)-7:15am-11:45am<br>GADE FARM DAYS |                                                         |

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# June 2024- DRAFT- Hamilton Union Happenings-



| Sunday                                                                               | Monday                                                                         | Tuesday                                               | Wednesday                                                  | Thursday                                                             | Friday                                                               | Saturday                                                    |
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| 30                                                                                   |                                                                                |                                                       |                                                            |                                                                      |                                                                      | 1<br>Room Rental (FH)<br>-7:15am- 11:45am<br>GADE FARM DAYS |
| 2<br>Last Choir Practice -9:30AM<br>Sunday Worship Service-10:00AM<br>GADE FARM DAYS | 3<br>Making Connections Bible Study (Z)- 1:00PM                                | 4                                                     | 5<br>BROOKS BBQ- 2:30PM<br><br>Room Rental (FH)-7:00PM     | 6<br>Good News Deadline                                              | 7<br>Room Rental (FH)-7:15am- 11:45am                                | 8<br>Room Rental (FH)<br>-7:15am- 11:45am                   |
| 9<br>Sunday Worship Service-10:00AM                                                  | 10<br>Making Connections Bible Study (Z)- 1:00PM<br>Property Team Meeting- 7PM | 11                                                    | 12<br>Room Rental (FH)-7:00PM                              | 13<br>Preschool Graduation 11:00am- no parking in front row of spots | 14<br>Preschool Graduation 11:00am- no parking in front row of spots | 15<br>Room Rental (FH)<br>-7:15am- 11:45am                  |
| 16<br>SUMMER WORSHIP TIME BEGINS- Sunday Worship Service- 9:00AM                     | 17<br>Making Connections Bible Study (Z)-1:00PM                                | 18                                                    | 19<br>OFFICE CLOSED- JUNETEENTH<br>Room Rental (FH)-7:00PM | 20<br>Mission Team Food Bank- 5:00PM                                 | 21<br>Room Rental (FH)-7:15am- 11:45am                               | 22<br>Room Rental (FH)<br>-7:15am- 11:45am                  |
| 23<br>Sunday Worship Service-9:00AM                                                  | 24<br>Making Connections Bible Study (Z)- 1:00PM                               | 25<br>PW Circle Meeting(L)- 10:30am                   | 26                                                         | 27                                                                   | 28                                                                   | 29                                                          |
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# a fun Flower Frog

A flower frog sits atop a vase to help arrange flowers and hold stems in place. This personalized frog will become a favorite!

**What you need:**

- Air-dry clay
- Roller
- Vase (or jar)
- Plastic knife
- Straw
- Acrylic paint and brushes



**What you do:**

1. Roll out a portion of clay to about ½-inch thickness.
2. Cut out a circle that's slightly larger than the vase opening. (This will allow the finished frog to sit securely on top.)
3. To make holes for stems, use a straw to punch out circle shapes. If you make more than one frog, try arranging the holes in different patterns.
4. Let dry completely. Then personalize your work with acrylic paint.
5. When dry, place the frog atop the vase. Arrange flowers and greenery to make a Mother's Day bouquet.



# PUZZLE

## UNFADING BEAUTY

Peter says beauty shouldn't come from outward adornment. How does a godly woman adorn herself on the inside?

*Directions: From each list, write the word that doesn't belong. Then insert the circled letters in order below to complete 1 Peter 3:4, NIV.*

flower, stem, bee, leaf

—○—

pink, red, yellow, blue

—○—

mother, sister, brother, aunt

—○—

purple, dress, skirt, blouse

—○—

necklace, ring, bracelet, braid

—○—

diamond, emerald, heart, ruby

—○—

orange, cherry, potato, kiwi

—○—

my, our, she, your

—○—

faith, family, love, hope

—○—

sunny, rainy, snowy, temperature

—○—

cookie, cake, pie, sandwich

—○—

silver, white, gold, bronze

—○—

“Rather, it should be that of your inner self, the unfading beauty of a g \_\_\_\_\_ and qu \_\_\_\_\_ p \_\_\_\_\_, which is of great worth in God's sight.” 1 Peter 3:4, NIV

Answers: bee, pink, brother, purple, braid, heart, bracelet, necklace, diamond, orange, my, faith, sunny, cookie, silver; stem, red, sister, dress, ring, emerald, cherry, our, family, rainy, cake, white; leaf, aunt, blouse, skirt, braid, ruby, kiwi, your, hope, temperature, sandwich, gold, bronze

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