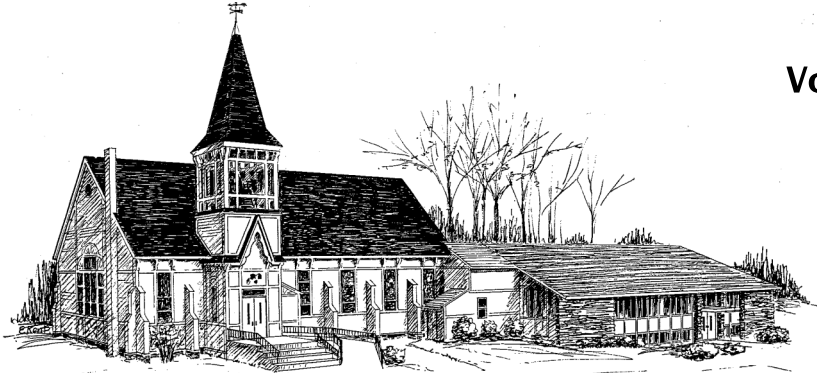


Good News

**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 9:00am (beginning June 9th)



And what is so rare as a day in June?
Then, if ever, come perfect days;
Then heaven tries earth if it be in tune,
And over it softly her warm ear lays;
Whether we look, or whether we listen,
We hear life murmur, or see it glisten;
Now the heart is so full that a drop overfills it,
We are happy now because God wills it;
No matter how barren the past may have been,
'Tis enough for us now that the leaves are green;
We sit in the warm shade and feel right well
How the sap creeps up and the blossoms swell;
We may shut our eyes but we cannot help
knowing
That skies are clear and grass is growing.

— James Russell Lowell,
from *The Vision of Sir Launfal*

“As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to walk in him, rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.” ~Colossians 2:6-7

Beloved,

As I write this, the days have turned mid-summer hot, and we are only a few days out from our remarkable 200th anniversary celebration. But before summer takes root, I just want to say one thing:

Thank you!

As we reflected back upon 200 years of ministry at a Presbyterian congregation (reflecting that will continue to take place over the next year), it has been so wonderful to celebrate, to reminisce (and hear *so many* wonderful stories!), and to rejoice in what God has done through us.

The Akan people of Ghana have a term called “Sankofa,” which literally means “to go back and get it.” The full Akan proverb goes, “It is not taboo to go back for what you forgot (or left behind).” This is usually represented by the figure of a bird with its head turned backward to pick up an egg off its back.

The principle of Sankofa teaches us the importance of learning from the past to build the future. We must know where we have been to learn where we are going.

I believe (and have seen ample evidence!) that God is doing something new at Hamilton Union Presbyterian Church – something that is unfolding in our very midst. It is exciting to be on this journey with you! Yet all of that is for tomorrow.

Today, thank you. Thank you for being you, for being faithful to the kingdom , and for knowing how to celebrate well!

Grace & peace,

~Pastor Kyle



A Sneak Peek at Sermons to Come in June

June 2 – *Music in the Air*, Carol Scott sharing about the music of Thomas Com-muck

June 9 – *Pastor Kyle away*, Don Hyman, preaching: Luke 24:26-53, *To Know Him*

June 16 – 2 Kings 9, Jezebel, *The Daughters of Zelophehad*

June 23 – Joshua 2 & 6, *Rahab*

June 30 – *Pastor Kyle away*, Nazish Naseem, preaching



Women of the Old Testament

This summer, we will be stepping into the waters of the Old Testament to hear some stories of women who rarely come up in any lectionary readings (if ever!). We know very well the stories of Moses, Samuel, David, Samson, and Daniel (or we at least know *of* them!).

When asked to name women in the Bible, most worshipers name Eve and Mary, one the mother of humanity, the other the mother of our Lord. After them however, the list gets much harder... we know Ruth... some can name Lydia... but do you know the story of Deborah? Or Rahab? Or Jephthah's daughter?

There are amazing stories we tend to bypass in scripture that portray powerful, devoted women of God, and this summer we will be exploring their stories. The stories of the daughters of Zelophehad, or Achsah, or the Medium at Endor... the wives of David (he had a few!)... Gomer! I am excited to share in these stories with you, during our summer worship!



"Music in the air: the life and music of Thomas Commuck" presented by Carol Scott, organist at Hamilton Union Presbyterian Church.

"Indian Melodies," a book of hymn tunes by Thomas Commuck, was the first published music by a native American, in 1845. Commuck was born a Narragansett Indian, and later joined the Brothertown movement. He became a prominent citizen of the Brothertown settlement in Wisconsin, and the first Methodist church in the Wisconsin Territory was built on his land there. We will learn about his life and sing several of his tunes.

June 2, 2024 during worship.

LITURGISTS

June 2 **Michael Hall**

June 9 **David Scott**

June 16 **Fred Sirois**

June 23 **Mark Hutchinson**

June 30 **Rae Rau**

TECH TEAM

June 2 **Kyle and Audrey Hall**

June 9 **Mark Hutchinson and
Fred Sirois**

June 16 **Karen Williamson and
George Hannett**

June 23 **Diane Irwin and Hugh
Stevens**

June 30 **Liz and Declan Egan**

GREETERS

June 2 **Cindy Schultz**

June 9 **Betty Deitz**

June 16 **Joanne Wagner**

June 23 **Bill Hasselbarth**

June 30 **Trudy Hutchinson**



JUNE



Happy Birthday to:

Caroline Gade- *June 2*

Chuck Rielly- *June 4*

Jack Haefeli- *June 7*

Megan Reis- *June 8*

Bill Hasselbarth- *June 11*

Camille Lajoie- *June 15*

Kim Matthews- *June 30*

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.

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

Happy Anniversary to:

Melinda & Chuck Rielly- *June 20*

Mickey & Terry Nieman- *June 24*



Save the Date!

When: Saturday, June 8th at 10:30am

Where: Capital City Diner, 1709 Western Avenue in Guilderland

What: The Presbyterian Women's Spring Mission Minded Breakfast. We will have a freewill offering to benefit Banda Bola Sports Foundation

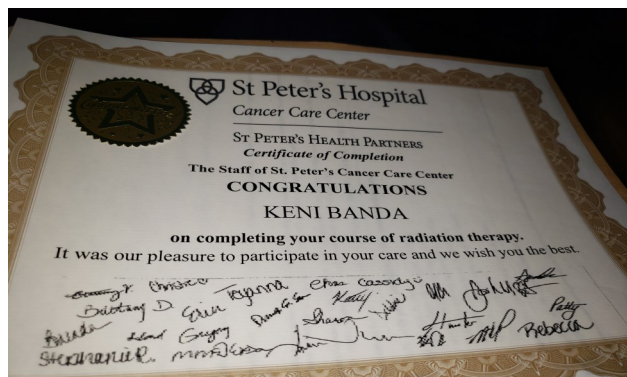
Questions?: Ask Betty Deitz by calling 518-456-4193 or email

bettydeitz2@icloud.com

(If you are unable to attend, but would like to donate, please donate to HUPCPW, with "Banda Bola" in the memo line. Thank you!)

Hope you can join us!

We CELEBRATE with our brother, Keni, that he has finished treatments and we continue to pray for his health and healing!! Keni would like to share his sincere heart felt gratitude to his HUPC family for all of the thoughts and prayers!





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 Circle Meetings to Resume on Tues, Sept 24 - New Bible Study

Sacred Encounters, The Power and Presence of Jesus Christ in Luke-Acts

We don't have Circle meetings in the summer. We will begin our new Bible study at our next Circle Meeting on Tues, Sept 24. Our meetings are from 10:30 am – 12:30 pm. Elena Delhagen will introduce the new study, *Sacred Encounters, The Power and Presence of Jesus Christ in Luke-Acts* & lead a discussion on Lesson 1, *Elizabeth's Sacred Encounter*. Bring a bag lunch. Beverage and dessert will be provided. The Bible Study is discussed during the first hour of our meeting, should you be interested in the Bible Study only. We meet in the Lounge and 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



SAVE THE DATES!!

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

GOT CHIKN?

Don't miss out! The best way to ensure you get your Brooks chicken dinners on June 5 is to sign up NOW to help out at this important HUPC fundraiser.

We currently have only 10 volunteers signed up to work this event and the Head Chicken is getting nervous. Please help him keep his head by signing up to help make this fundraiser a success.

As always, we need help that Wednesday morning to set up the tents and chairs and lay out the lane flagging. Starting at 2:30pm, we need order takers, assembly line workers, cashiers, food runners and greeters.

If you can help, please let Bruce Williamson know at 518-357-0746 or bewillia302@gmail.com.

Thank you!



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.





What a beautiful day we had for our anniversary! With a little over 100 people in attendance, we were quite impressed with how well everyone fit in the sanctuary and in Fellowship Hall and the lounge. We would like to take the time to acknowledge the hard work of a few people and businesses.

We would also like to express our gratitude to the town of Guilderland for acknowledging us with a "Hamilton Union Presbyterian Church Day" proclamation. We would also like to thank Mary Ellen Johnson, town historian, for her talk regarding Guilderland's history. The Guilderland Food Pantry worked so cooperatively with us during our food drive, and for that, we are grateful! We are also so thankful to the Guilderland Fire Dept. for letting us borrow some extra chairs!

The sentimental 200th anniversary gift from the Twinkling Stars Place Preschool also brought a smile (and tear) to so many people. We thank them for their thoughtfulness. Thank you to Mike's Express Catering for catering our lunch and Buena Comida taco truck for providing us with a delicious alternative. Thank you to Gade Farm for donating the beautiful bows that adorned our pews.

We would also like to thank our thoughtful church members. Thank you Ginny Jones and her anonymous friend for supplying the flower centerpieces. They were just beautiful and really brightened up our space. We also want to acknowledge Cindy Schultz for donating our Food Drive thermometer, picking up our cake and being an amazing liaison between the Guilderland Food Pantry and the Guilderland Fire Dept. We thank the anonymous couple who donated our altar flowers. They were so lovely! Also, thank you Mark Hutchinson for volunteering to help the town historian with her slide show. We are also so appreciative of Maryanne Masley-Hannett's hard work assembling years worth of pictures and articles. Thank you to the anniversary committee for your hard work each month! Your input and dedication were so helpful in making this day a reality! Thank you to the members of the property team who helped put up signs, set up tents, tables and chairs! Lastly, thank you to Pastor Kyle, all of our current and former members and visitors for making our day complete!

Volunteer Opportunities

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

**Thurs., June 20
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.



Gade Farm Days Fundraiser 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: _____

Name: _____

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Our Backpack to School Event will be held on August 24, 2024 from 11:00am- 1:00pm! 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.)

June 2024- Hamilton Union Happenings-



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

DRAFT July 2024- Hamilton Union Happenings-



| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| | 1 KIM AWAY- OFFICE CLOSED | 2 KIM AWAY- OFFICE CLOSED | 3 KIM AWAY- OFFICE CLOSED | 4 4th of July! Office Closed | 5 | 6 Room Rental (FH) -7:15am- 11:45am |
| 7 Sunday Worship Service-9:00AM | 8 | 9 | 10 Room Rental (FH)-7:00PM | 11 Good News Deadline | 12 Room Rental (FH)-7:15am- 11:45am | 13 Room Rental (FH) -7:15am- 11:45am |
| 14 Sunday Worship Service-9:00AM | 15 | 16 | 17 Room Rental (FH)-7:00PM Evening Ves- pers- 7:00PM (S) | 18 | 19 Room Rental (FH)-7:15am- 9:00am | 20 Room Rental (FH) -7:15am- 11:45am |
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| 28 Sunday Worship Service-9:00AM | 29 | 30 | 31 Brooks BBQ- 3:00PM (PL) | | | |
| KEY- | (Z)- Zoom (FH)- Fellow- ship Hall | (L)- Lounge (C)- Confer- ence Room (S)- Sanctu- ary | (QR)- Quiet Room (PL)- Park- ing Lot | (Z)- Zoom (FH)- Fellow- ship Hall | (UA) Uni- versity of Albany In- terfaith Cen- ter | (O)- Office (CCD)- Capital City Diner |

FAMILY FEAST



Serve protein-packed waffles for a family breakfast on **FATHER'S DAY** or any special occasion.

What you need:

- Adult help
- Waffle maker
- Blender
- 1 cup old-fashioned oats
- 1 cup cottage cheese
- 6 eggs
- Cooking spray
- Diced strawberries
- Powdered sugar



What you do:

1. With adult help, preheat the waffle maker.
2. In the blender, add oats and cottage cheese. Crack eggs in a separate bowl, then add to the blender. Pulse to combine the mixture. Then blend on medium speed for 10 seconds.
3. Coat the waffle maker with cooking spray. Spoon about 1/3 cup batter onto the iron and close.
4. Carefully remove the waffle when it's golden brown. Repeat with remaining batter.
5. Top with strawberries and powdered sugar. Makes about 6 waffles.



PUZZLE



FOLLOWING OUR FATHER'S WILL

Jesus always did his Father's will. What does our heavenly Father desire of us?

Directions: Using the coordinates, circle the corresponding words. Then add those to the blanks below to complete John 6:40, NIV.

Coordinates

T3, R1, F6, E2, T1, H5, A6, R4, F5, T5, H3, F2, A4, E6

| | F | A | T | H | E | R |
|---|--------|---------|----------|---------|-------|----------|
| 1 | Father | them | the | believe | that | who |
| 2 | have | will | if | heart | to | live |
| 3 | perish | whoever | everyone | shall | shall | give |
| 4 | God | eternal | send | into | Him | believes |
| 5 | in | come | him | Son | rest | with |
| 6 | looks | and | forever | Where | life | hope |

"For my Father's will is that _____

and I will raise them up at the last day." *John 6:40, NIV*

Answers: everyone who looks to the Son and believes in him shall have eternal life

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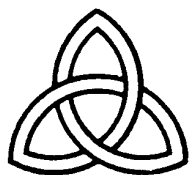
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