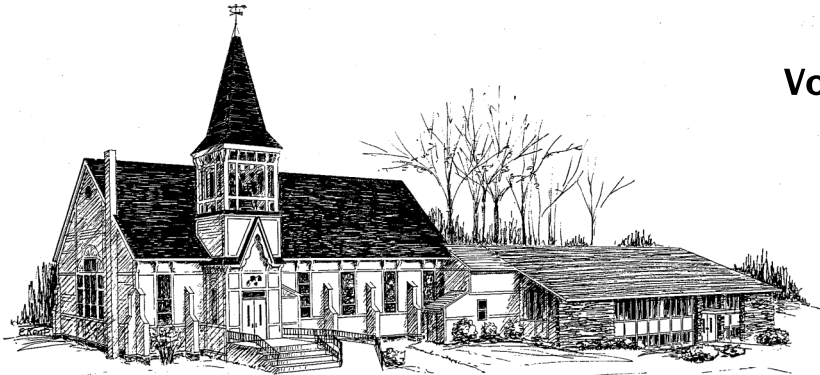


Good News

**The Monthly Newsletter of the People of
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GUILDERLAND, NEW YORK**



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**Worship Services are held on Sunday at 9:00am
(10:00am service to resume on Sept. 8)**



HONOR THE LORD
WITH YOUR WEALTH
AND WITH THE
FIRSTFRUITS OF
ALL YOUR PRODUCE;
*then your barns will
be filled with plenty.*

PROVERBS 3:9-10, ESV

“Christ has no body now on earth but yours, no hands but yours, no feet but yours. Yours are the eyes through which Christ’s compassion is to look out to the world; yours are the feet with which he is to go about doing good; yours are the hands with which God is to bless people now. ~Teresa of Avila

Beloved,

September always has the feel of a fresh start to me: the beginning of a new school year, cooler temperatures, the smell of harvest on the wind. To be honest, it feels more like a new year than January!

So what better time than now to shake off the cobwebs, work out the rusty places, and step into something new?

As Christians, we are called to serve, but that serving comes in many different forms. It could be volunteering with Wizard’s Wardrobe; or stepping onto one of our many committees to aid in the important work we do; it could even be as simple as committing to pray for every person on our prayer list each week. There are many ways to be the hands and feet of Jesus.

Because as sixteenth-century Spanish mystic Teresa of Avila reminds us, the work of Christ won’t be done unless *we* do it. Feeding, clothing, sheltering, visiting... all of these are our call, and now is the perfect time to respond.

Grace & peace,

~Pastor Kyle

Blessing of the Backpacks

Sunday, September 22 during worship

September marks the return to school for students of all ages! Whether you are starting Kindergarten or a Master's program or gearing up for a new year as a teacher, bring your backpack/bag to worship with you as we remember God's promise to walk with us as we learn and stretch and grow!



**Book Study, Sunday evenings, September 15 - October 20
7-8pm *VIA ZOOM**

From Widows to Warriors: Women's Stories from the Old Testament

For too long, the women of the Bible have been depicted in one-dimensional terms. On one side are saints, such as Mary, while on the other are "bad girls," such as Eve and Jezebel. Just as often, the female characters of the Bible are simply ignored. However, the women of the Bible are complex, multidimensional individuals whose lives are inspiring, funny, and tragic in ways too many of us never hear.

Following our summer sermon series that explored some of these characters, we will broaden our view out to look at even more of these women who have often been overshadowed by their male counterparts.

In six sessions, we will look at the Matriarchs, the Women of the Exodus, Women of the Promised Land, Women of Israel and Judah, Women and the Prophets, and others.

We will meet at 7:00 pm via Zoom on Sunday evenings for six weeks starting on September 15. Books are \$13/each.



Sneak Peek at Sermons Coming in September!

September 1 – Esther 1, *Vashti*

September 8 – Genesis 2:4b-7, 15-17; 3:1-8, *A Fallen Promise*

September 15 – Genesis 15:1-6, *Faith's Promise*

September 22 – Genesis 37:3-8, 17b-22, 26-34, 50:15-21, *The Promise of a Dream*

September 29 – Exodus 12:1-13; 13:1-8, *Passover Promise*

MAKING CONNECTIONS BIBLE STUDY

The Making Connections adult bible study group will resume this fall and will meet on Monday afternoons at 1 P.M on Zoom. Come join the group for a lively and informative discussion.

When: Mondays at 1 PM (start date Sept. 9 through June)

Where: Zoom Meeting

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One Man's Response to September 11

by: *Peter McKinney*

Darkness overwhelms!

Destruction, rained from nether realms.
Such mindless violence benumbs.
We fathom not from whence it comes.

Pure hatred down upon us fell,

Our world engulfed by fires from hell.
Airliners used as tools of war,
First one, then two, now three and four.

The rescue workers, by the score,

Rushed in to go from floor to floor.
Ignoring risk and hazard great,
Many succumbed to deadly fate.

Such images, beyond our ken.

From towers tall, fell steel --- and men.
Black clouds of doom rolled down the street.
Glass, shattered, crunched 'neath running feet.

Our minds reject reality.

This devastation can not be.
How can such inhumanity be real?
Sent purposely? With human zeal?

While strong men cry 'neath smoke filled sky,

Around the earth, the world asks "Why?"
Thousands dead, the rest in dread,
Result they say, of men misled.

Soon, on each porch, each car, each breast,

Old Glory flies to meet the test.
The Eagle soars o'er hallowed land,
While patriots flock to lend a hand.

Some dig among the rubble, deep.

Some, holding candles, vigils keep.
Good works abound and prayers galore
To Allah, God and saints of yore.

One nation, under God --- not riven.

With blood and time and toil given,
To heal the wounds and build anew,
'Neath banners bold --- red, white and blue.

Our prayers and dollars, that we send,

Will make a difference in the end.
But more, we know, we need to do,
To right our world, now so askew.

We can not all be heroes, great.

But neither can we sit and wait.
Each one has talents, from Above,
To change our world, when used with love.

A candle light, right where you stand,

A neighbor close could use a hand.
Your town, a hospital, your church,
For talents that you have, may search.

Let shine the Light on those around,

And darkness pales, or so I've found.
Do something positive, right now,
This world, with justice, to endow.

So let us heed our nation's call

To make a difference, one and all.
Amidst the strife, assess your life,
Each brother, sister, husband, wife.

LITURGISTS

Sept. 1 **Diane Irwin**

Sept. 8 **Betty Deitz**

Sept. 15 **Michael Hall**

Sept. 22 **David Scott**

Sept. 29 **Fred Sirois**

TECH TEAM

Sept. 1 **George Hannett and
Mark Hutchinson**

Sept. 8 **Karen Williamson and
Diane Irwin**

Sept. 15 **Meredeth and Jack
Eberz**

Sept. 22 **Kyle and Audrey Hall**

Sept. 29 **Diane Irwin and Hugh
Stevens**

GREETERS

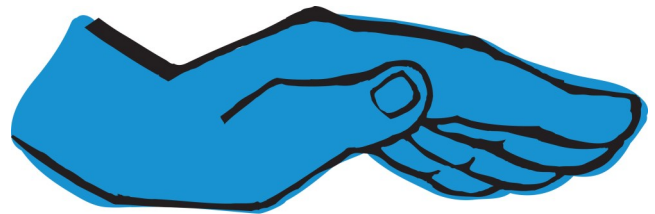
Sept. 1 **Ann McKinney**

Sept. 8 **Cindy Schultz**

Sept. 15 **Betty Deitz**

Sept. 22 **Joanne Wagner**

Sept. 29 **Bill Hasselbarth**



WAYS  TO SERVE





Happy Birthday to:

Trudy Hutchinson- *Sept. 7*

Bev Montgomery- *Sept. 12*

Lindsay Hall- *Sept. 26*

Vi McKaig- *Sept. 28*

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

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

Happy Anniversary to:

Lynn & Vince Horan- *Sept. 7*

Karen & Bruce Williamson- *Sept. 20*

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We'd like to Welcome Brittney St. Pierre as our new Administrative Assistant. She will be training with Kim over the next couple weeks until Kim leaves in September. Brittney has two little girls 5, & 7. Brittney grew up in Guilderland and is excited to get to know everyone. She is a big gardener & has chickens and ducks as a hobby farm with her husband Jason. Stop in, say hi and meet her during office hours!

**HEY!**  
*We're so glad*  
**YOU'RE**  
**HERE!**



## PEACE BY PIECE

### Creating, Connecting, and Conserving

A collaborate exhibit will take shape at Guilderland Public Library, starting in August and running through September. Think of the show as a giant puzzle, comprised of many people, ideas, and art pieces assembled in different ways. What unites this diverse group is a passion for creativity, focusing on community and conservation.

You'll see fresh perspectives that bring new life to traditional crafts, including ideas for innovative recycling and repurposing of old materials.

Join Rae Rau, Laura Scott, Kathy Zazarine, and other artists for a meet-and-greet on September 15 from 2 to 4 p.m. Weave on a story loom, collage bookmarks, and try your hand at other fun activities! Spark your creativity and see what happens!

Library hours and directions: <https://guilderlandlibrary.org/get-to-know-us/places/directions-hours/>



### 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.



**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. Extra Study books will be available.

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).

**Bible Study—Appropriate for Both Men and Women as  
Personal or Group Study**

**Presbyterian Women's New Bible Study Books to be Ordered– Deadline– Sept. 1  
*Sacred Encounters: The Power and Presence of Jesus Christ in Luke -Acts***

This study invites you to consider Jesus and his disciples when they shared the Good News through sacred encounters with everyday people during their time on Earth. Each lesson discusses an encounter with specific people such as Elizabeth, the person with Leprosy, and the bleeding woman. These encounters demonstrate the unfolding of God's redemptive purposes in human history and present a distinctive perspective on the person and work of Jesus Christ.

If you would like to purchase the new study book for the Presbyterian Women's Circle Meetings, your own private use or use in another group, contact Joanne Wagner at 518-355-1408 or [jnnwgnr@yahoo.com](mailto:jnnwgnr@yahoo.com) by Sun, Sept.1. The study books are \$10 and \$15 for large print. Payment is due when they arrive, in mid Sept. There will be an option to get a used book at no charge.



PRESBYTERIAN  
WOMEN



**SAVE THE DATE!!**

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 July 31 is to sign up NOW to help out at this important HUPC fundraiser.

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](mailto:bewillia302@gmail.com).

Thank you!



**Brooks BBQ**  
Sept. 25

HAMILTON UNION PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
2291 WESTERN AVE. GUILDERLAND, NY. 12084

**Chicken Dinner: \$ 15.00**  
**1/2 Chicken only: \$ 10.00**

Sept 25, 2024 | 3pm-6pm  
or when food runs out! **DRIVE THRU ONLY!**

Well, despite the torrential (at times) rain, complete with thunder and lightning, we had a very successful (and wet!) Brooks BBQ fundraiser. A GREAT BIG THANK YOU goes out to everyone who helped set-up, run and take-down the BBQ!! SPECIAL KUDOS go to our dauntless order takers and order deliverers who bore the brunt of the downpours with style and good humor.

In the end, we almost sold out the day of, and sold the last 20 today (Thanks Kim!) making just a bit over our budgeted \$3,000 for this important fundraiser.

So, many thanks, again, for everyone who helped and/or bought chicken!!

Our last Brooks BBQ of the year is Wednesday, September 25. Please mark your calendars and sign up to help out. Never too early! With schools back in session and fall sports in full swing, it's challenging to get enough volunteers to run this fall BBQ. Your early sign-up will help ensure we can make this show go once more.

THANKS TO EVERYONE INVOLVED!

Bruce Williamson





To all of the people at Hamilton Union,  
Thank you for your kindness, patience and love over the past 3 years. I never could have anticipated what a joy it would be to work here! I have shared some laughs, tears but most of all, wonderful memories with so many of you! I will be sure to stay in touch!

Good luck to all of the students, teachers and school staff as they embark on a new school year! In honor of my return to a school environment, I leave you with these.

Sincerely, Kim

## Back-to-school laughs

These education-themed riddles will make the return to classrooms more fun!

Why was the arithmetic book so sad?

*It had too many problems.*

What school supply is in charge of the classroom?

*The ruler*

What does the English teacher make for breakfast?

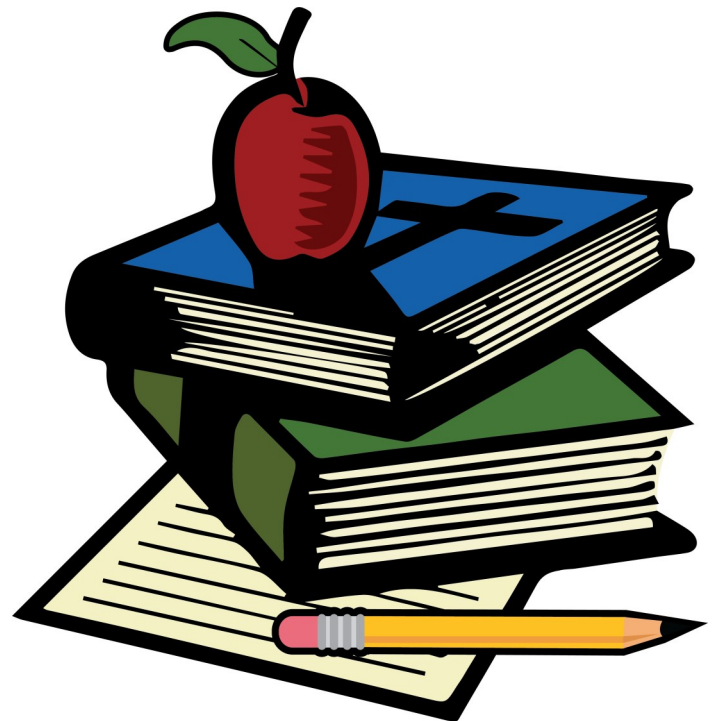
*Synonym rolls*

Why doesn't the school library have a clock?

*It tocks too much.*

What is the blackboard's favorite drink?

*Hot chalk-olate*



# Sept. 2024- Hamilton Union Happenings



| Sunday                                                               | Monday                                              | Tuesday                                               | Wednesday                             | Thursday                           | Friday                                      | Saturday                                 |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------|
| 1<br>Sunday Worship Service-9:00AM                                   | 2<br>LABOR DAY - OFFICE CLOSED                      | 3                                                     | 4                                     | 5                                  | 6<br>Room Rental (FH)-7:15am-11:45am        | 7<br>Room Rental (FH) -7:15am- 11:45am   |
| 8<br>Sunday Worship Service-10:00AM- NOTE- Resume 10:00 Service time | 9<br>Making Connections Bible Study Resumes- 1:00pm | 10<br>PW Coordinating Team Meeting- 9:30              | 11                                    | 12<br>Good News Deadline           | 13<br>Room Rental (FH)-7:15am-11:45am       | 14<br>Room Rental (FH) -7:15am- 11:45am  |
| 15<br>Sunday Worship Service-10:00AM                                 | 16<br>Property Team Meeting- 7:30 (Z)               | 17                                                    | 18                                    | 19                                 | 20<br>Room Rental (FH)-7:15am-9:00am        | 21<br>Room Rental (FH) -7:15am- 11:45am  |
| 22<br>Sunday Worship Service- 10:00AM                                | 23                                                  | 24<br>PW Circle meeting (L) 10:30am                   | 25<br>Brooks BBQ- 3:00PM (PL)         | 26                                 | 27<br>Room Rental (FH)-7:15am-11:45am       | 28<br>Room Rental (FH) -7:15am- 11:45am  |
| 29<br>Sunday Worship Service-10:00AM                                 | 30                                                  |                                                       |                                       |                                    |                                             |                                          |
| KEY-                                                                 | (Z)- Zoom<br>(FH)- Fellowship Hall                  | (L)- Lounge<br>(C)- Conference Room<br>(S)- Sanctuary | (QR)- Quiet Room<br>(PL)- Parking Lot | (Z)- Zoom<br>(FH)- Fellowship Hall | (UA) University of Albany Interfaith Center | (O)- Office<br>(CCD)- Capital City Diner |

# DRAFT- October 2024- Hamilton Union Happenings



| Sunday                                                              | Monday                                     | Tuesday                                                        | Wednesday                                     | Thursday                                   | Friday                                             | Saturday                                         |
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|                                                                     |                                            | 1<br>Session Meeting (Z)<br>7:30pm                             | 2                                             | 3                                          | 4<br>Room Rental (FH)-7:15am-11:45am               | 5<br>Room Rental (FH) 7:15am- 11:45am            |
| 6                                                                   | 7                                          | 8                                                              | 9                                             | 10                                         | 11                                                 | 12                                               |
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| 20                                                                  | 21                                         | 22                                                             | 23                                            | 24                                         | 25                                                 | 26                                               |
| Sunday Worship Service- 10:00AM                                     | Property Team Meeting- 7:30pm              |                                                                |                                               |                                            | Room Rental (FH) 7:15am-11:45am                    | Room Rental (FH) 7:15am- 11:45am                 |
| 27                                                                  | 28                                         | 29                                                             | 30                                            | 31                                         |                                                    |                                                  |
| Sunday Worship Service- 10:00AM<br><br>Harvest Celebration- 11:30am |                                            |                                                                |                                               |                                            |                                                    |                                                  |
| <b>KEY-</b>                                                         | <b>(Z)- Zoom<br/>(FH)- Fellowship Hall</b> | <b>(L)- Lounge<br/>(C)- Conference Room<br/>(S)- Sanctuary</b> | <b>(QR)- Quiet Room<br/>(PL)- Parking Lot</b> | <b>(Z)- Zoom<br/>(FH)- Fellowship Hall</b> | <b>(UA) University of Albany Interfaith Center</b> | <b>(O)- Office<br/>(CCD)- Capital City Diner</b> |





# a Brainy breakfast

Add a smart start to your school day with



**superfoods**

that promote a healthy body and mind.

**What you need:**

- Large bowl
- 1 medium avocado
- 3 hard-boiled eggs
- Salt
- Whole wheat toast
- Pumpkin seeds, chopped
- Adult help



**What you do:**

1. Mash the avocado in the bowl.
2. Chop the eggs into cubes and add to the bowl.
3. Add salt to taste. Mix well.
4. Spread over two pieces of toast. Top with chopped pumpkin seeds.
5. Adjust this recipe with your favorite flavors. Add herbs, "everything bagel" seasoning or hot sauce.
6. Refrigerate leftovers in an airtight container.

# PUZZLE



## AMAZING ILLUMINATION

God grants us knowledge and understanding through his holy Word, which is like a flashlight.

Directions: Arrange the words from Psalm 119:105 (NIV) in order. Then unscramble the circled letters to complete James 1:5 (NIV).

PATH IS LIGHT WORD  
 YOUR A FEET  
 MY FOR LAMP A ON MY

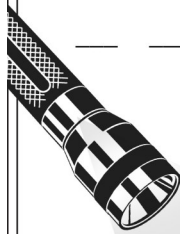
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Psalm 119:105, NIV



If any of you lacks \_\_\_\_\_, you should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to you. *James 1:5, NIV*

Answer: Your word is a lamp for my feet; a light on my path; wisdom

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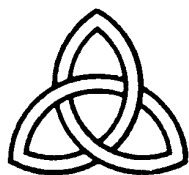
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