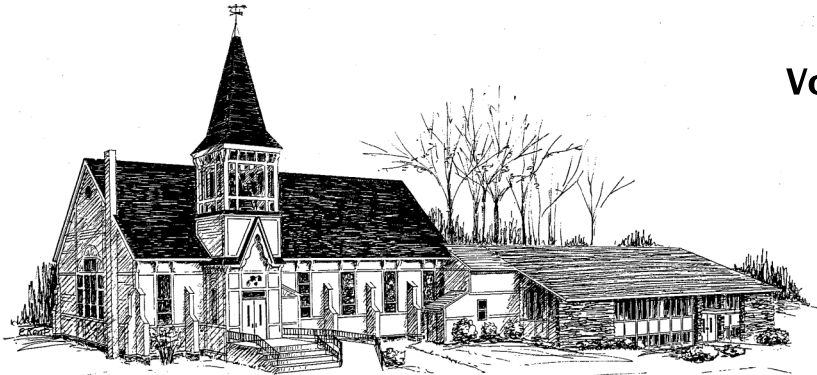


Good News

**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 am

From the fullness of His
GRACE
WE HAVE ALL RECEIVED ONE
Blessing
AFTER ANOTHER
JOHN 1:16



“Peace is a product of justice, but justice is not enough. Love is necessary – the love that makes us feel that we are brothers and sisters is properly what makes for true peace.” ~Archbishop Oscar Romero, 1917-1980

Dear Friends,

For nearly a year, the Holy Land has been enmeshed, yet again, in war. The people of Gaza and the people of Israel held hostage by their governments and leaders insatiable thirst for power and violence.

Since April of last year, a civil war has been raging in Sudan between rival factions of the military government, displacing thousands.

For nearly three years, Ukraine has been at war, fighting off a violent Russian invasion, the largest conflict in Europe since World War II.

Within our own country, political rhetoric and divisiveness have been ramping up in a hotly contested Presidential election.

It certainly feels as if the world is pulling itself apart at the seams, and it often feels as if the only way to find any semblance of peace is to turn off our connection to the world (our phones, computers, televisions, etc.) and simply ignore it all!

And there is absolutely nothing wrong with taking breaks. Our mental health needs times of peace in order to sustain the work we are about. But peace does not come about if we bury our heads in the sand

were it so easy! The work of peace (which the late Oscar Romero points out) is a product of justice, and justice requires work. But he also points out that there is another equally important ingredient: love.

And love is hardly passive. It is active. It is alive. It is on the move and stirs us to be God's partners in building the world that God dreams of. This isn't easy work. It isn't done overnight.

But it is work that, when we are engaged in it, can truly change the world. It may feel like we are hardly making a dent, but some of the best things come about slowly and with time.

During this particular season in our civic calendar, join me in praying for peace... for justice... for love... that all of these would reign supreme. Grace and peace, ~Pastor Kyle

Presbyterian Women's (PW) News

Tues, Oct 22: Circle meeting: Lesson 2, *The Exorcism of Gerasa* from the Bible Study *Sacred Encounters, The Power and Presence of Jesus Christ in Luke-Acts* will be discussed. A Circle leader is needed.

Contact Charlotte Hasselbarth, if you can help.

Tues, Oct 29, 11:30 am – 2:30 pm: Presbyterian Women in the Presbytery of Albany Fall Gathering at West Charlton United Presbyterian Church, Tracey Johnson will speak on *Literacy as Power*. Bring a bag lunch. Beverage and dessert are provided. Walmart's gift cards or financial donations to put toward their purchase will be collected for "Circle of Sisters", a support group to assist women who have recently immigrated to the United States



Sneak Peek at Sermons Coming in October

October 6 (World Communion Sunday) — 1 Kings 5:1-5; 8:27-30, 41-43,
The Promise of Unity

October 13 — Pastor Kyle Away; Rev. Andrea Holroyd, preaching

October 20 — 1 Samuel 1:9-11, 19-20; 2:1-10, *Prayerful Promise*

October 27 — Pastor Kyle Away; Mr. Donald Hyman, preaching, *Spirit Led and Spirit filled Filled*

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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**Loving Your Neighbor in an Election Season
A Special Four-Week Worship Series
Tuesday Evenings at 7:00 pm
October 15-November 5**

There is no getting around it: we live in extraordinarily polarized and divisive times. And we are heading into what very well may be the most contested Presidential election in living memory. Anxiety, tension, and stress dominate headlines and threaten to overwhelm our personal physical health.

To help us work through this last month of an election cycle that feels as if it has been going on for years, we will have four special worship services on Tuesday evenings, beginning on October 15th. This means that our final service will be the evening of Election Day.

This series was written by Rev. Stephen M. Fearing, a PC(USA) pastor in Greensboro, North Carolina, and a Doctoral candidate at New Brunswick Theological Seminary.

Through our worship, we will take the opportunity to reflect deeply on our call to love our neighbors, especially in times of division.

The theme for each Tuesday's worship will be as follows:

October 15, "We Love our Neighbor"

October 22, "We Choose Nonviolence"

October 29, "We Repair the Breach"

LITURGISTS

- Oct 6* **Mark Hutchinson**
- Oct 13* **Rae Rau**
- Oct 20* **Ann McKinney**
- Oct 27* **Darlene Bauer**
- Nov 3* **Debbie Waggener**

TECH TEAM

- Oct 6* **Kyle and Audrey Hall**
- Oct 13* **Liz and Declan Egan**
- Oct 20* **Meredith and Jack Eberz**
- Oct 27* **Diane Irwin and Hugh Stevens**
- Nov 3* **Kyle and Audrey Hall**

GREETERS

- Oct 6* **Trudy Hutchinson**
- Oct 13* **Charlotte Hasselbarth**
- Oct 20* **Cindy Schultz**
- Oct 27* **Ann McKinney**
- Nov 3* **Betty Deitz**





OCTOBER

Birthdays & Anniversaries

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 Birthday to:

Hiram Eberlein-Oct 3rd

Joanne Wagner-Oct 15th

Keni Banda– Oct 24

Happy Anniversary to:

Elena & Kyle Delhagen– October 17th

Save These Dates

Sunday November 17th– Sunday December 8th:

Mitten Tree Collection

Sunday November 17th 8pm-9pm :

Presbyterian Women in the Synod of the Northeast Caring & Sharing Zoom Meeting. Magdalene Lewis, PWSNE Diversity Coordinator will describe her role

Saturday November 19th:

Circle meeting; Lesson 3

A Bleeding Woman Encounters Christ

Thank Offering will be dedicated



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.



Mark Your Calendars

LOST RADIO ROUNDERS



**Special guest
Ryan Dunham
on harmonica**

Lost Radio Rounders

7p.m. Thurs., Oct. 24

**Hamilton Union Presbyterian Church
2291 Western Avenue - Guilderland, NY**

Spirituals, Gospels, Folk Hymns & Gospel Blues!

**Admission is free, donations accepted
to benefit the Guilderland Food Pantry.**

**www.lostradiorounders.com
www.guilderlandfoodpantry.com**

BIG BROOKS THANK YOU,

I want to extend a huge thank you to everyone who helped out at, and/or patronized our last Brooks BBQ fundraiser for 2024 this past Wednesday. Thanks to everyone's efforts, we were able to sell out by 5:15pm and netted just over \$3,200 to support the church and our mission efforts. This exceeded our budgeted goal of \$3,000 and was the best of our 3 BBQ fundraisers this year. Special thanks to Pastor Kyle for his successful prayers that held off the rain this time!





Heavenly Humor

1. Why did Noah discipline the chicken on the ark?

Answer: They were using fowl language!

2. What kind of man was Boaz before he married Ruth?

Answer: Ruthless.

3. How do we know Peter was a rich fisherman?

Answer: By his net income.

4. Why didn't Cain bring an acceptable offering to God?

Answer: Because he wasn't Abel

5. What kind of lights did Noah have on the Ark?

Answer: Flood Lights

October 2024- Hamilton Union Happenings



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
Sunday Worship Service-9:00AM					Room Rental (FH)-7:15am-11:45am	Room Rental (FH) -7:15am- 11:45am
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Sunday Worship Service-10:00AM- NOTE- Resume 10:00 Service time	Making Connections Bible Study Re-sumes- 1:00pm Pastor Kyle away continuing his education →	PW Coordinating Team Meeting- 9:30		Good News Deadline	Room Rental (FH)-7:15am-11:45am	Room Rental (FH) -7:15am- 11:45am
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
Sunday Worship Service-10:00AM → Guest Preacher	Closed Indigenous People's Day				Room Rental (FH)-7:15am-9:00am	Room Rental (FH) -7:15am- 11:45am
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
Sunday Worship Service- 10:00AM		PW Circle meeting (L) 10:30am			Room Rental (FH)-7:15am-11:45am Pastor Kyle is away ->	Room Rental (FH) -7:15am- 11:45am
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Sunday Worship Service-10:00AM Harvest Celebration- 11:30am	1p,m Making Connections Bible Study					
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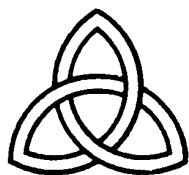
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