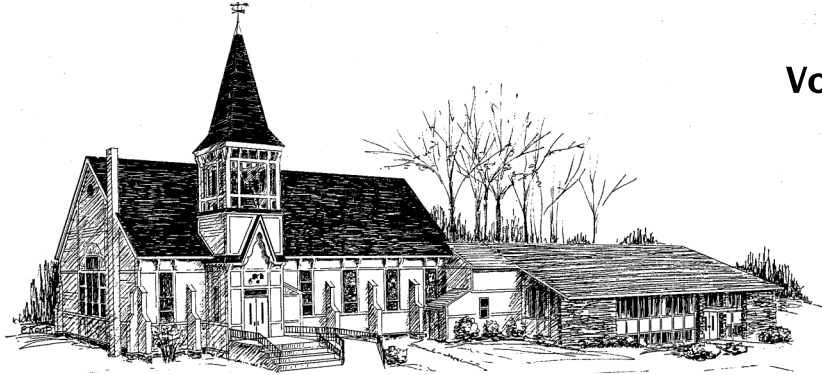


# Good News

**The Monthly Newsletter of the People of  
HAMILTON UNION PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
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Worship Services are held on Sunday at 10:00 am



“The earth is the Lord’s and all that is in it,  
the world, and those who live in it.”  
~Psalm 24:1

Dear Friends,

We have become a bit numb to the chorus of voices who are constantly reminding us that we live in “polarized and divided times.” As if we needed reminding. By the time you read this, you may have already voted. By the time you read this, we will not know the results of the election (unless you forgot where you put this and are just now picking it up!).

So much remains uncertain. Things we used to take for granted, like the peaceful transfer of power from one presidential administration to the next, is suddenly something we are questioning.

It is important for us to remember where we can turn in all times, but particularly when the world seems to be shifting beneath our feet: scripture. It is our source, our breath, our very life.

And the words of the psalmist that I have shared above are the ones I am holding to. They remind us that everything — every thing and every person — is God’s. I am God’s. You are God’s. Our church, our community, our families and friends and yes, even the neighbor who votes differently from us as well. Even the candidate who we oppose.

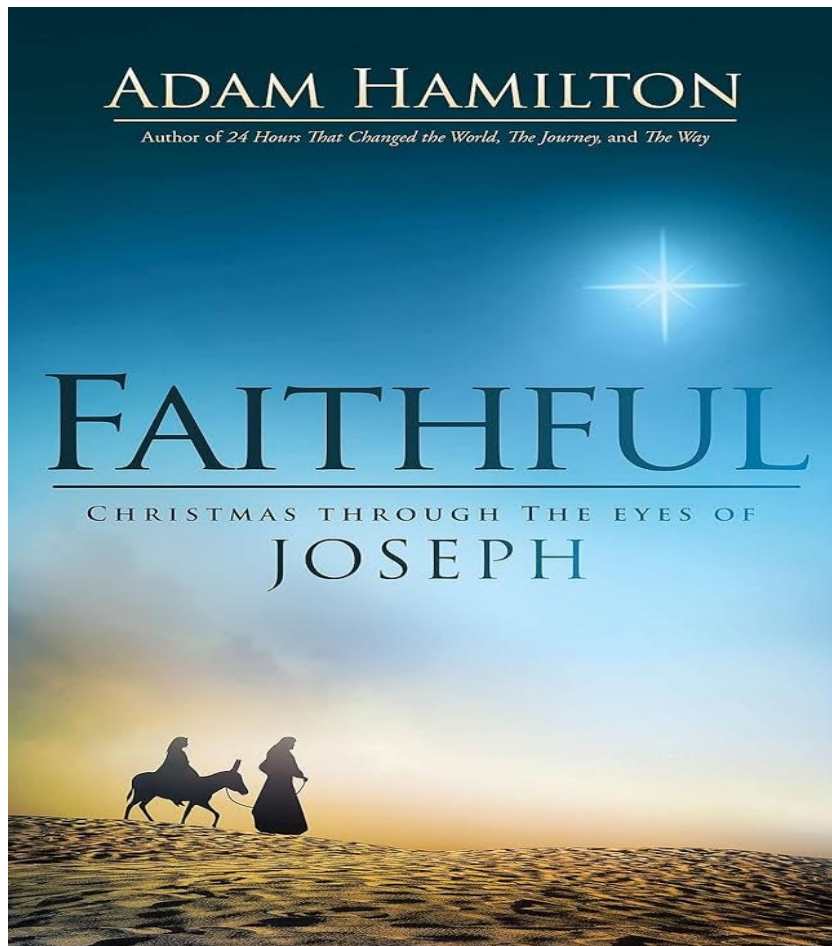
We are called as Christ-followers to bear and share a song of peace on our lips to a world that is weary. We are called as disciples to share the love of Christ through our hands and feet.

May you be reminded that the Holy Spirit is walking with us — all of us — in this time of uncertainty.

And may that be enough.

Grace & peace,

~Pastor Kyle



### **Advent Book Study**

#### **Faithful: Christmas Through the Eyes of Joseph, by Adam Hamilton**

From his beginnings as a humble carpenter to his all-important role as the earthly father of Jesus Christ, Joseph's place in the nativity story is sometimes overlooked but contains valuable lessons for all of us.

In this study, we will examine Christmas through the eyes of Joseph, a man who is absent from much of the biblical narrative. He never spoke a word, but his courageous actions were crucial to the birth of Christ and God's salvation plan for humanity.

We will discover how Joseph's story is much like our own. In life, we encounter circumstances that we would never have chosen for ourselves. At times it can be tempting to simply walk away. Joseph provides us a great example of humbly obeying God, even when we don't understand, and faithfully moving forward in the strength that God provides.

This four week study will take place each Sunday in Advent (December 1, 8, 15, and 22). We will meet at 7:00 pm via Zoom.

Books are \$12/each, and will be ordered the week before Thanksgiving.

If you would like to sign up for this study, please call the church office or speak to Pastor Kyle.



**Sneak Peek at Sermons Coming in October**

**November 10 – Jonah 1:1-17; 3:1-10; 4:1-11, A Principled Promise, or, It's Not About a Whale!**

**November 17 – Isaiah 6:1-8, A Prophetic Promise**

**November 24 – Jeremiah 36:1-8, 21-23, 27-28; 31:31-34, Covenantal 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

ID: 829 5227 6592

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**Presbyterian Women's (PW) News - All Women are Welcome.**

**November Circle Meeting - Tues, Nov 19 - 10:30 am to 12:30 pm in the Lounge**

We will be discussing Lesson 3, A Bleeding Woman Encounters Christ from the Bible Study Sacred Encounters, The Power and Presence of Jesus Christ in Luke-Acts. 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 offer a Zoom option. Extra Study books are 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.

**Cornerstone Campus Ministry - Food and Faith Program****Food & People Needed**

**Tuesday, November 19, 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, Nov.19. 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 will be a sign-up sheet in the back of the Sanctuary by Sun, Nov. 3 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.



## LITURGISTS

*Nov 3*      **Debbi Waggener**

*Nov 10*     **Megan Reis**

*Nov 17*     **Bill Hasselbarth**

*Nov 24*     **Cindy Schultz**

*Dec 1*      **Elena Delhagen**

## TECH TEAM

*Nov 3*      **Kyle and Audrey Hall**

*Nov 10*     **Diane Irwin and Hugh Stevens**

*Nov 17*     **Meredith and Jack Eberz**

*Nov 24*     **George Hannett and Karen Williamson**

*Dec 1*      **TBD**

## GREETERS

*Nov 3*      **Charlotte Hasselbarth**

*Nov 10*     **Joanne Wagner**

*Nov 17*     **Bill Hasselbarth**

*Nov 24*     **Trudy Hutchinson**

*Dec 1*      **Charlotte Hasselbarth**





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](mailto:hupc@hamiltonunionpresbyterianchurch.org).

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

### *Happy Birthday to:*

**John Hauf Gade: November 6th**

**David Scott: November 13th**

**Mary Jane Fryer: November 16th**

**Michael Hall: November 24th**

**Betty A Deitz: November 27th**



**Bill & Charlotte Hasselbarth**  
**November 11th**

## 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

**Presbyterian Women's Christmas Potluck Luncheon**

**Tues, Dec 10 - 10:30-am -1:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall**

**All Women Invited**

Please consider coming to our Christmas Potluck Luncheon, even if you have never been to

a PW activity before. We would love to have you join us.



### Gently Used Knitting and Crochet Needles - Just in Time for the Mitten Tree

Presbyterian Women has been given some gently used knitting and crochet needles for anyone's use. This donation came just in time for our Mitten Tree.

We will be collecting winter mittens, hats and scarves from Sun, Nov 17 - Sun, Dec 8:  
The needles will be on the counter in the Lounge.





### Thanksgiving humor

Need to lighten the mood at your holiday dinner table? Share some laughter with these Thanksgiving-themed jokes.

Why did the turkey decline dessert?

*Because it was stuffed.*

Why did the turkey cross the road twice?

*To prove he wasn't a chicken.*

What smells the best at Thanksgiving dinner?

*Your nose.*

Why didn't the chef season the turkey?

*There wasn't enough thyme.*

Why did the turkey leave the band?  
*sticks*

*People were fighting over the drum-*

# November 2024– Hamilton Union Happenings



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Sunday Worship Service-10 AM					1 Room Rental (FH)-7:15am–11:45am	2 Room Rental (FH) -7:15am– 11:45am
3 Sunday Worship Service-10:00AM- NOTE– Resume 10:00 Service time	4 Making Connections Bible Study Re-sumes– 1:00pm	5	6	7 Good News Deadline	8	9 Room Rental (FH) -7:15am– 11:45am
10 Sunday Worship Service-10:00AM	11 Veterans Day (Office Closed)	12	13	14	15 Room Rental (FH)-7:15am–9:00am	16 Room Rental (FH) -7:15am– 11:45am
17 Sunday Worship Service– 10:00AM	18	19 PW Circle meeting (L) 9:00-10:45 (PW)	20	21	22 Room Rental (FH)-7:15am–11:45am	23 Room Rental (FH) -7:15am– 11:45am
24 Sunday Worship Service-10:00AM	25	26	27	28 Thanksgiving (Office Closed)		
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29	30	31				
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