

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



Hello
January

“When the time was fulfilled...’ What a redeeming power
there is in these words!”

~Eberhard Arnold

Beloved,

Christmas is a season. We make a fantastic mistake when we think of Christmas as only one day (or two or three, depending on how many family homes you end up visiting in the couple of weeks outside of our usual routines). This is important to remember, particularly as we turn the page on the calendar to a new year when it is so tempting to quickly move past what has been, and look forward to what will be — especially because those things that we look ahead to are so often time consuming and energy draining.

Christmas is a season. It is the reminder that God, who so passionately loves the world, broke into history to become one of us. And this was pure gift. There was nothing we did that deserved this. Nothing we did (or are doing) that makes us even remotely worthy of this gift. As Eberhard Arnold writes,

“Christmas did not come after a great mass of people had completed something good, or because of the successful result of any human effort. No, it came as a miracle, as the child that comes when his time is fulfilled, as a gift of [God] which he lays into those arms that are stretched out in longing. In this way did Christmas come; in this way it always comes anew, both to individuals and to the whole world.”

During Advent, we considered how God is calling us to “Stay Awhile” by reminding us of when God came and “stayed awhile.” As we continue in the Christmas season (a spirit which I hope we will carry with us long past Epiphany and into the year as long as we can), I want to encourage you to linger with Christmas for a while. Don’t be too quick to put away the decorations; don’t hurry to pack away the gifts and the treats and the garland.

Linger with Christmas, because Christmas lingers with us.

Christmas blessings,

~Pastor Kyle

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

Circle Meeting - Tues, Jan 28 - 10:30 am to 12.30 pm in the Lounge

We will be discussing Lesson 4, Mary and Martha Encounter Jesus 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 contact Charlotte Hasselbarth at 518-356-0637 or chasselbarth@hotmail.com

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83779752859?pwd=dnp2V2tWSjdJWVZQNWNMVTY5QSt1UT09>

Meeting ID: 837 7975 2859 - Passcode: 724235

Sneak Peek at Sermons Coming in January

January 5 – A Boy in the Temple, Luke 2:41-52

January 12 – Embracing Emmanuel, Luke 2:21-38, Elena Delhagen, preaching

January 17 – Mission Statement, Luke 4:14-30

January 26 – A Fish Story, Luke 5:1-11

Annual Meeting

January 26, immediately following worship

Please mark your calendars for our annual meeting coming up at the end of the month.

This important meeting in the life of our congregation is an opportunity for us to review

where we have been in the past year, and to begin charting where we will go in 2025.

The annual report will be available by January 12, digitally and in print.

MAKING CONNECTIONS BIBLE STUDY

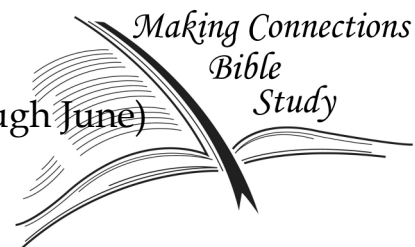
The Making Connections adult bible study group will resume this fall and will meet on Monday afternoons at 1 P.M on Zoom. Come join the group for a lively and informative discussion.

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

Where: Zoom Meeting

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" Hamilton Union supports *The Caring Closet* through a financial donation from our Mission and Social Witness budget. Donatin items will further our commitment to the *Caring Closet*. There are collection boxes at Gade Farm and The Guilderland Public Library".



The Caring Closet Guilderland is a 501(c)(3) with a mission to provide personal hygiene items at no cost to GCSD students and their families in need. Through your donations, we will ensure access to basic hygiene items for those in our Guilderland community.

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- deodorant
- feminine hygiene pads
- tampons
- body splashes/sprays
- facial wash
- lotions

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Amanda Beedle

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TECH TEAM

- Jan 5* **Kyle & Audrey Hall**
- Jan 12* **Liz & Declan Egan**
- Jan 19* **Meredith & Jack Eberz**
- Jan 26* **Karen Williamson & George Hannett**
- Feb 2* **Kyle & Audrey Hall**

LITURGISTS

- Jan 5* **Fred Sirois**
- Jan 12* **Mark Hutchinson**
- Jan 19* **Rae Rau**
- Jan 26* **Ann McKinney**
- Feb 2* **Darlene Bauer**

GREETERS

- Jan 5* **Trudy Hutchinson**
- Jan 12* **Charlotte Hasselbarth**
- Jan 19* **Ann McKinney**
- Jan 26* **Cindy Schultz**
- Feb 2* **Betty Deitz**





Happy Birthday to:

Myra Masley-Hannett - Jan. 1

Doris Donley- Jan. 2

Mylo Davis- Jan. 11

Chris Masley-Hannett- Jan. 23

Jumah Delhagen- Jan. 31

Happy Anniversary to:

Laura & Steve Smith- Jan. 30th

Thank You from Presbyterian Women

We appreciate the HUPC congregation, the “Twinkling Stars Place Preschool” and “Cece’s Wool” for the overwhelmingly generous response to our “Mitten Tree Project”

We collected many mittens, gloves, hats, and scarves. The donations were delivered to the Capital City Rescue Mission and its New Faith Program for Women, the Schenectady City Mission and its Family Life Center, plus the Guilderland Food Pantry.



January 2025- Hamilton Union Happenings



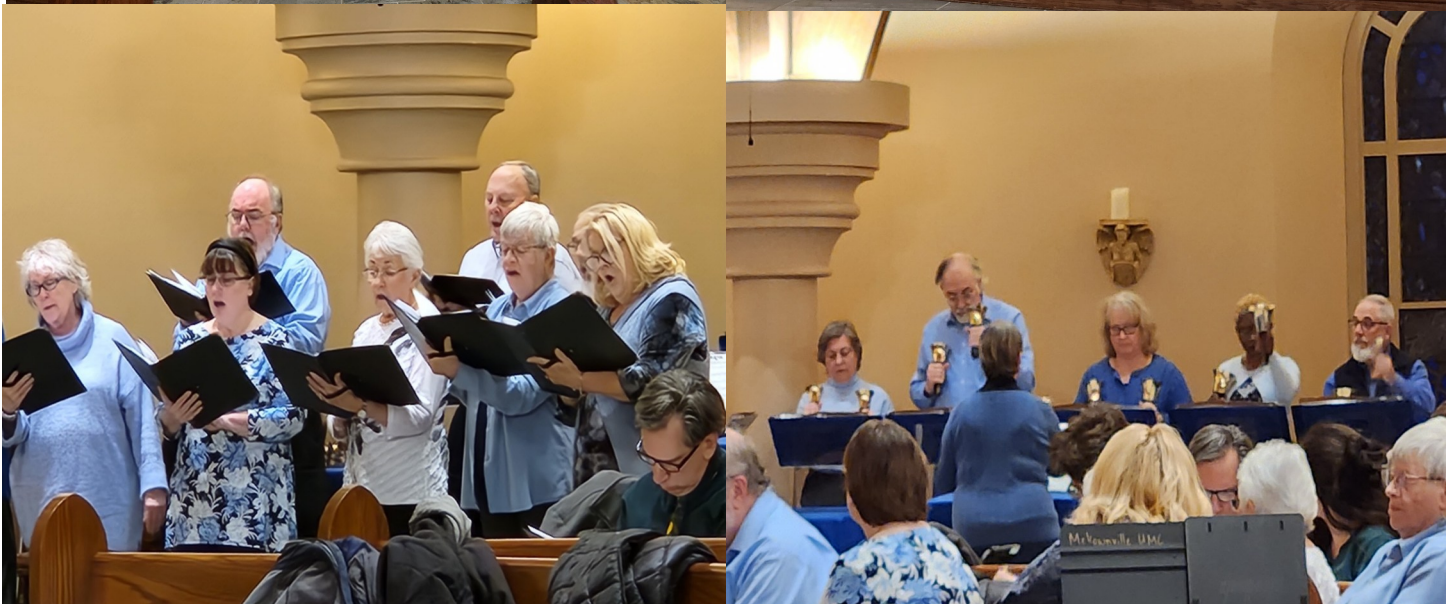
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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					Room Rental (FH)-7:15am-11:45am	Room Rental (FH) 7:15am- 11:45am
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Sunday Worship Service-10:00AM	1p,m Making Connections Bible Study Annual Report due	Room Rental 9:30am-1pm PW 10am-12:30		Good News Deadline	Room Rental (FH)-7:15am-11:45am	Room Rental (FH) -7:15am- 11:45am
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
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19	20	21	22	23	24	25
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26	27	28	29	30	31	
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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

December Recap:

December was a busy month here at Hamilton Union Presbyterian Church!

Incase you missed some of our events here is a recap with photos from our very own Maryanne Masley.

December 8th: Advent Lessons & Carols at Christ the King Church:



December Recap Continued:

December 10th: *Taste of Tradition*
- PW Potluck Luncheon



December Recap Continued:

December 24th Christmas Eve Service





Dear friends of HUPC,

I want to thank you so very much for your generosity in the gift to my family and I for Christmas. We are so grateful to each of you, not just today, but every day in this work of ministry. It is a joy to be partnered with you as we share the good news of Jesus with our community and our world.

Christmas blessings, and Happy New Year!

~Pastor Kyle, Elena, Jumah and Atticus Delhagen



To Everyone at Hamilton Union,
Thank you for the generous Christmas present gifted to me by all of you. I also want to thank you for your grace and kindness as I navigate my way these last few months. It's been so nice to meet a lot of you. I hope you had a wonderful Christmas and enjoy a happy, healthy and memorable new year!

Thank you again,
Brittney St.Pierre



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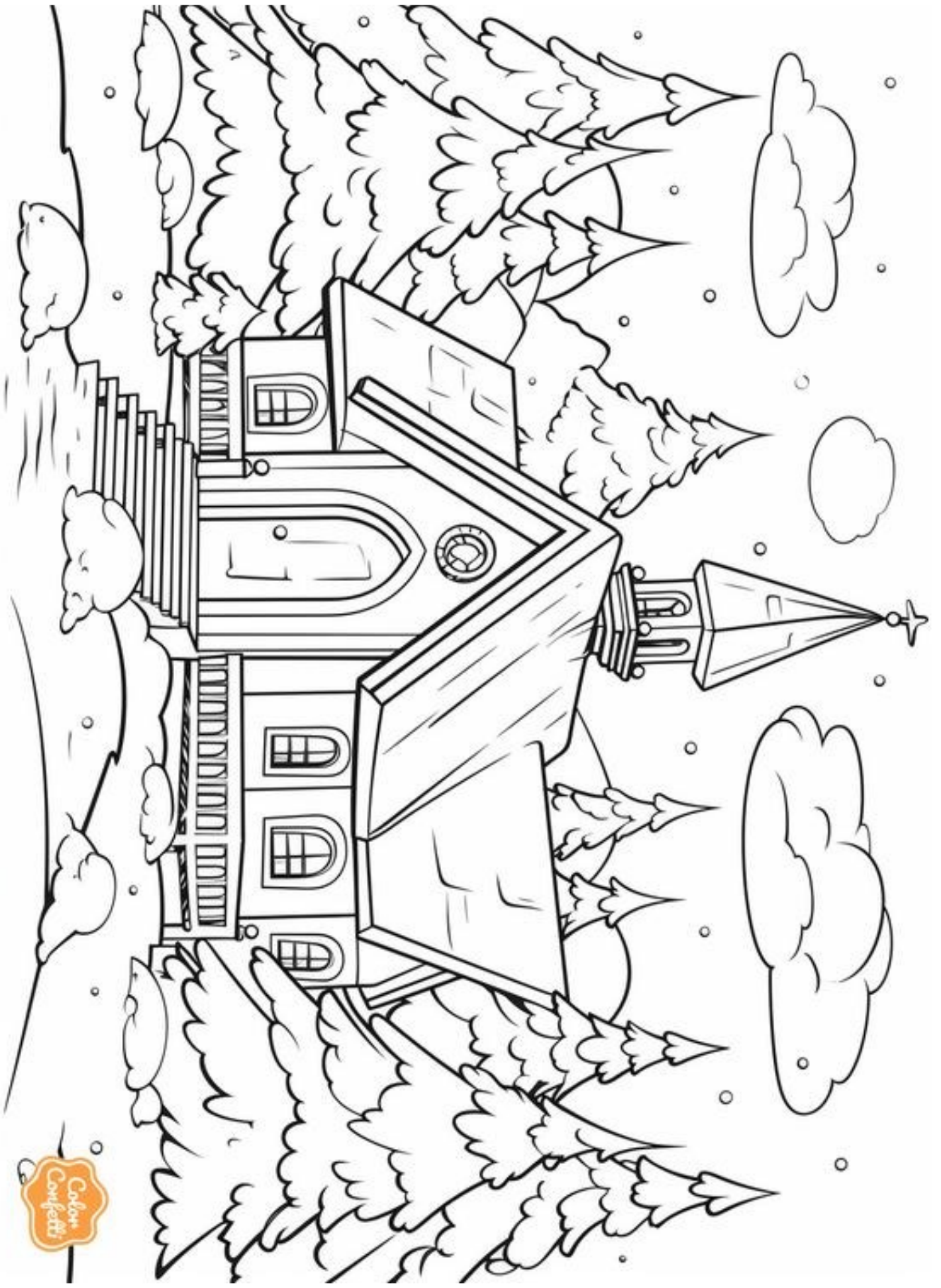
God made
me
UNIQUE



**"I will praise
thee; for I am
fearfully and
wonderfully
made."**

Psalm 139:14 KJV

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GOOD NEWS



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