

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



**We love because he first loved us.
1 John 4:19**

“Love guides the way through every season, in every situation, and
in every life.” ~Mary Scifres

Beloved,

This month’s newsletter is coming out a few days later than normal, and that is my fault. To be honest, it has been difficult to pull together the words for this letter, and that is the reason for the delay.

The words have been hard to come by... for we are in extraordinary times of instability and uncertainty.

Over the weekend, by all definitions of the word, we experienced a coup in our nation, and now the richest man on the planet (indeed, in all of history) now controls access to government finances and sensitive data on millions of us. Our national security is in doubt and at risk.

Over the weekend, a senseless trade war was begun by our president with our two geographic neighbors. Prices on everyday goods and necessities are going to skyrocket. The stock market is already reeling.

Over the weekend, videos and stories continued to emerge of the horrific roundups of migrants, immigrants, and refugees around the nation. A detention center is being planned for Guantanamo Bay, eerily reminiscent of the concentration camps of the third reich.

If you feel overwhelmed and reeling, you are not alone.

The sad truth is, things are probably going to get worse before they get better.

And yet... **our commitment to each other is stronger than their allegiance to wealth and power.**

You may ask, what are we going to do differently in the face of these destructive forces?

In short, nothing. We are not going to do anything differently. We are going to continue to seek after God's justice... we are going to continue to be passionate lovers of what is kind in this world... we are going to continue walking humbly with our God.

The longer answer is more complicated. Because this moment calls for us to step up and step forward and add our voices to the chorus of those who demand an end to the racist attacks and damaging policies that are active in our world.

And the deeper truth is this: what has been exposed is the reality that all of the institutions we have relied on for so long have been functioning in damaging ways for a long time.

1 Corinthians chapter 13 is one we typically hear at weddings. It's all about love, after all. But I think we need this chapter now more than ever. It is a reminder of what love looks like, sounds like, and feels like. There are many who are professing to speak for Christ, yet are preaching a warped vision of the Gospel. This Christian Nationalist faith must be called out for what it is: blasphemy. It is rooted not in love, as Paul calls us to, but in fear and greed.

Our love, and the love of God in Christ, is so much stronger than fear. It is so much more powerful than greed.

In the book of Revelation, John is given a vision of the new heaven and the new earth. It is a place that is rich in its diversity, thrives in its inclusion of all people, and grows in love because of the equity found there. This is the kingdom we are working toward.

May our vision be clear, our courage unwavering, and our love shine forth as we continue to be the hands and feet of Christ in God's very good creation.

Grace & peace,

~Pastor Kyle

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

Circle Meeting - Tues, Feb 25 - 10:30 am to 12.30 pm in the Lounge

We will be discussing Lesson 5, *A Person with Leprosy Encounters Jesus* and Lesson 6, *A Person with a Physical Disability Encounters 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.

There 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.

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Meeting ID: 837 7975 2859 - Passcode: 724235

THE PRESBYTERY OF ALBANY
INVITES YOU TO THE ORDINATION OF

ELENA
DELHAGEN

AS MINISTER OF WORD AND
SACRAMENT OF THE PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH (U.S.A.)



MARCH 1, 2025
AT 11 AM

HAMILTON UNION PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
2291 WESTERN AVE
GUILDERLAND, NY 12084

RECEPTION TO FOLLOW

Easter Basket Project 2025

Sponsored by HUPC Presbyterian Women

#1 Easter Basket Project

The PW Easter Basket Project will begin March 5th, Ash Wednesday. We appreciate and welcome donations at any time from Feb 5th through March 20th. Easter baskets are donated to the New Faith Program for Women and Children at the Capital Area Rescue Mission in Albany, The Family Life Center at Schenectady City Mission and the Living Resources, Inc. Group Home where Brian Nitsky resides. We also make baskets for the church staff as a way of saying "Thank you!"

Donation of cash/check are welcome and appreciated. Please make checks out to HUPC Presbyterian Women and place in the weekly collection plates at church or mail them to the church office with a notation for Easter Baskets. You may also give cash to Ann McKinney. Baskets will be prepared after our PW meeting march 25th at 12:30pm, so **SAVE THE DATE** and join us while we "put together" these Easter Baskets. They will be delivered during Holy Week (April 13-17)

#2 TOUR AND TEA at The NEW FATH PROGRAM FOR WOMEN AND CHILDREN

We have been invited to be guests of the women at the New Faith Center for a tour of their facility and to share high tea with them.

Date: April 2nd 2025 (Arrive at 2:00 pm)

Time: Meet at 1:20 pm HUPC to Carpool (Parking is limited)

Where: 154 Grand Street, Albany 12202

Please RSVP to: Ann McKinney at (518) 488- 7195 or Email Ann (annandpetermckinney@gmail.com) by March 30th

THANK YOU SO MUCH!!

Sneak Peek at Sermons Coming in February

February 2 – Sabbath Choices, Luke 6:1-16

February 9 – By What Authority? Luke 7:1-17

February 16 – More Than a Prophet, Luke 7:18-35

February 23 – Love’s Motivation, Luke 7:36-50

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

Passcode: 609425

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Ash Wednesday Service
Wednesday, March 5, 7:00 pm

Ash Wednesday begins the season of Lent each year with a public act of confession. It is a special service in which we express our utter reliance on God's saving grace. Join us in the sanctuary or online at 7:00 pm on Wednesday, March 5, as we step gently into this season which is a time of growing in our faith — through prayer, spiritual discipline, and self-examination in preparation for the dying and rising of our Lord Jesus Christ.



Save the Date

Cornerstone Campus Ministry - Food and Faith Program

Food & People Needed - Tuesday, March 11, 6 pm - 7:30 pm

Food and Faith is a program of the Cornerstone Campus Ministry at the Inter-faith Center on the UAlbany Campus. Hamilton Union will be providing a meal.. Donations of main dish, side dish, and dessert are needed, plus people to visit with the students. Details will be in the March Goodnews. A sign-up sheet will be in the Sanctuary on Sunday Feb 23. If you have questions, contact Charlotte Hasselbarth at chasselbarth@hotmail.com or 518-356-0637.



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.

Acceptable items:

- body wash/bar soap
- shampoo/conditioner
- tooth paste/tooth brush
- dental floss
- deodorant
- feminine hygiene pads
- tampons
- body splashes/sprays
- facial wash
- lotions

Scan to donate



For more information on how you can get involved, contact

Amanda Beedle



[@The Caring Closet - Guilderland](#)



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TECH TEAM

Feb 2nd **Kyle & Audrey Hall**

Feb 9th **Diane Irwin & Hugh Stevens**

Feb 16th **Meredith & Jack Eberz**

Feb 23rd **Karen Williamson & George Hannett**

March 2nd **TBD**

LITURGISTS

Feb 2nd **Darlene Bauer**

Feb 9th **Debbi Waggener**

Feb 16th **Chandra Reis**

Feb 23rd **Bill Hasselbarth**

March 2nd **Cindy Schultz**

GREETERS

Feb 2nd **Betty Deitz**

Feb 9th **Joanne Wagner**

Feb 16th **Bill Hasselbarth**

Feb 23rd **Trudy Hutchinson**

March 2nd **Charlotte Hasselbarth**





Happy Birthday to:

Fern Weber – February 1st

Steve Smith – February 25th

Dorothy Favitta – February 28th

February 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 Pastor Kyle away
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Sunday Worship Service-10:00AM	1p,m Making Connections Bible Study	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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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

St. Valentine's Day Word Search

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Trust
in
God
with
All
Your
Heart

Saint Valentine, Pray for Us.

True
Love
Comes
from
Above

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Newsletter deadline for the
March issue is
Thursday the 8th.

GOOD NEWS



Published monthly by the Session, and is available electronically on our website. Copies are also mailed to select church family households, students away from home, and others.

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