

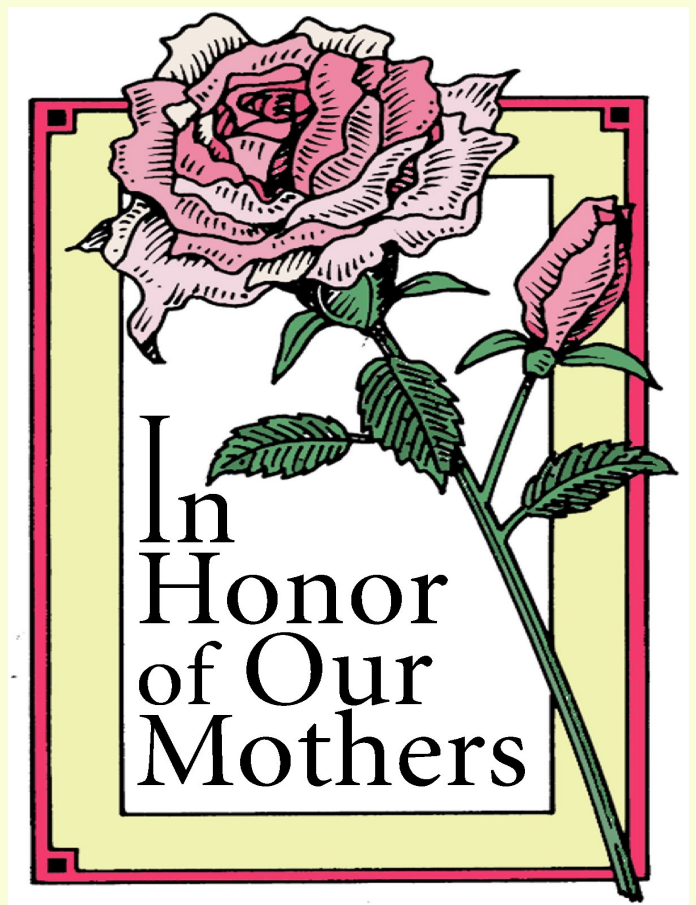
# Good News

**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 10:00am



“They will know we are Christians by our love.”

~Peter Scholtes

Beloved,

Whenever I read these simple words, “they will know we are Christians by our love,” I am instantly transported back to camp days, singing around a campfire, or in the chapel as the voices of a hundred campers fill the air. It may actually be one of my top five camp songs of all time. Another favorite camp song is an a capella song that puts the words of 1 John 4:7-8 to music: “Beloved, let us love one another, because love is of God, and everyone who loveth is born of God, and knoweth God” (I really can only sing it in the King James!).

I think what has stuck with me about both of these songs is their simplicity — in their tunes and in their message.

Really, the overwhelming message of the Gospel — indeed of all of scripture — is this: love. Jesus summed it up as such: “love God, love neighbor.” That’s it. If you can do those two things, you’ve got it.

And in times like we are currently living in, when so much seems bent on divisiveness and hate and isolation... the most powerful thing we can do... is love.

If love were easy, I doubt we would have so many books and movies and songs dedicated to it!

But love is worthy of all that we do. It is our purpose in this life as followers of the servant Christ. After all, it is love that led Jesus to the cross... love that led him to endure torture and death... love that raised him from the tomb... love... for us!

As we celebrate this Easter season (for it is a season... nay, it is our life!), let the sounds of our alleluias never fade from our lips. May love infuse every moment of our lives. That is how we change the world.

Grace & peace,

~Pastor Kyle



A Sneak-Peek at Sermons coming in May!

**May 4** — Selected to Serve, *Acts 6:1-7:2a, 44-60*

**May 11** — Pastor Kyle Away, Rev. Nazish Naseem, preaching

**May 18** — A Bigger Table, *Acts 15:1-18*

**May 25** — Living by Faith, *Galatians 1:13-17; 2:11-21*



### Mitten Tree Project - Late Fall 2025

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.



## Help Wanted!

Our Tech Team, which brings you Sunday worship and special events via Zoom, Facebook and YouTube, could use some new members. Computer literacy is helpful, but training is provided. Parent-child teams (we currently have several), volunteer teams and single volunteers (we'll pair you with someone experienced if you like) are all welcome. Usually, your commitment would be for roughly one Sunday per month, although this varies depending on Team members' sched-

ules (before making the schedule, we ask what Sundays you are and aren't available for the upcoming three months). We'll work with you!

Please consider joining us. On any given Sunday, from two to upwards of 10 or more people join us on Zoom and Facebook for worship. Some of our "regulars" have specifically mentioned how grateful they are to have this online option for worship.

If you are interested, please call or email the church office or call or email Karen Williamson at 518-669-4450 or [kawillia302@gmail.com](mailto:kawillia302@gmail.com).



✓ OLD INDIAN HYMN. C. M. (Double.)\*

**Music in the Air:**  
**Thomas Commuck's Indian Melodies**

**May 4, 2025** Presented by Carol Scott, MATS  
 @ 3pm HUPC organist  
 refreshments provided

**Hamilton Union  
 Presbyterian Church**  
**2291 Western Ave.**  
**Guilderland, NY 12084**



...sed Dove,  
 ...love,  
 ...ast.  
 ...ther, cry,  
 ...d, my God,  
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have a tradition, that the following tune was heard in the air by them, and other tribes bordering on the Atlantic coast, many years before the arrival of the whites. It was first published in 1794, and has since been sung by the Indians at on their first visiting a church in Plymouth Colony, after the settlement of that place by the whites, the same tune was sung while performing duties as well as the whites. The tune therefore is preserved among them to this day, and is sung to the words here set.

Thomas Commuck, a Narragansett Indian and member of the Brothertown Indians, became the first published Native American composer. His book *Indian Melodies* consists of 120 hymn tunes written in shape note and traditional notation.

Learn about his life and the history of Brothertown, and sing the music!

Presented by Carol Scott, MATS, and HUPC organist.

\*Refreshments will be served

\*Presentation will also be live streamed on HUPC's FB page.

Dear HUPC Family and Friends:

Thank you for your help with making this year's PW Easter Basket Project a success . It was indeed a team effort in all ways including donations, shopping, assembly, and delivery. 26 baskets were put together and distributed.


There was much Easter Joy spread, thanks to everyone's generosity.

With Blessings to all,  
Darlene Bauer  
On behalf of  
HUPC PW



**Gade Farm Days Fundraiser****Sponsored by Presbyterian Women****Fri, May 16 – Sun, May 18**

The Gade family donates a very generous percentage of the purchases made by our church family at the Gade Farm Store, on that weekend, using the coupon below. Gade Farm is located at 2479 Western Ave, Altamont, NY 12009. The Gade family have been members of Hamilton Union for generations. There will also be

<b>Gade Farm Days 2025</b>	
<b>May 16,17,18</b> <b>May 30, 31, Jun.1</b>	
Amount: \$ _____	
Name: _____	

**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



<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82952276592?>

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COCK-A-DOODLE DOO! WE NEED YOU!!

Our first Brooks Chicken BBQ of 2025 is coming up on Wednesday, June 4. So far, we have ONE volunteer signed up to help. I think you can see the problem here...

We need about 20 folks, minimum, to make this important fundraiser go, plus a crew of 4-6 to help set up the tents, tables and traffic lane flagging that morning. We have a job for everyone. Inside office accounting, cashiers, assembly line workers, baggers, greeters, order takers and runners and clean-up crew. We need help starting at 2:30pm running until 6:00pm, or sold out. If we have enough help, we like to run two 2-hour shifts.

It's important for volunteers to sign up early to make sure we have enough help to successfully run this event. If you can help, please let Bruce Williamson, or Pastor Kyle know as soon as possible. Contact Bruce at (518) 435-5039 or bewillia302@gmail.com. If you have a job preference, let us know that too. First come, first served!

Thank you all!!



## A Walk in the Woods Albany Pine Bush Preserve May 17th at 9:00 am (\*Rain Date: May 24th)

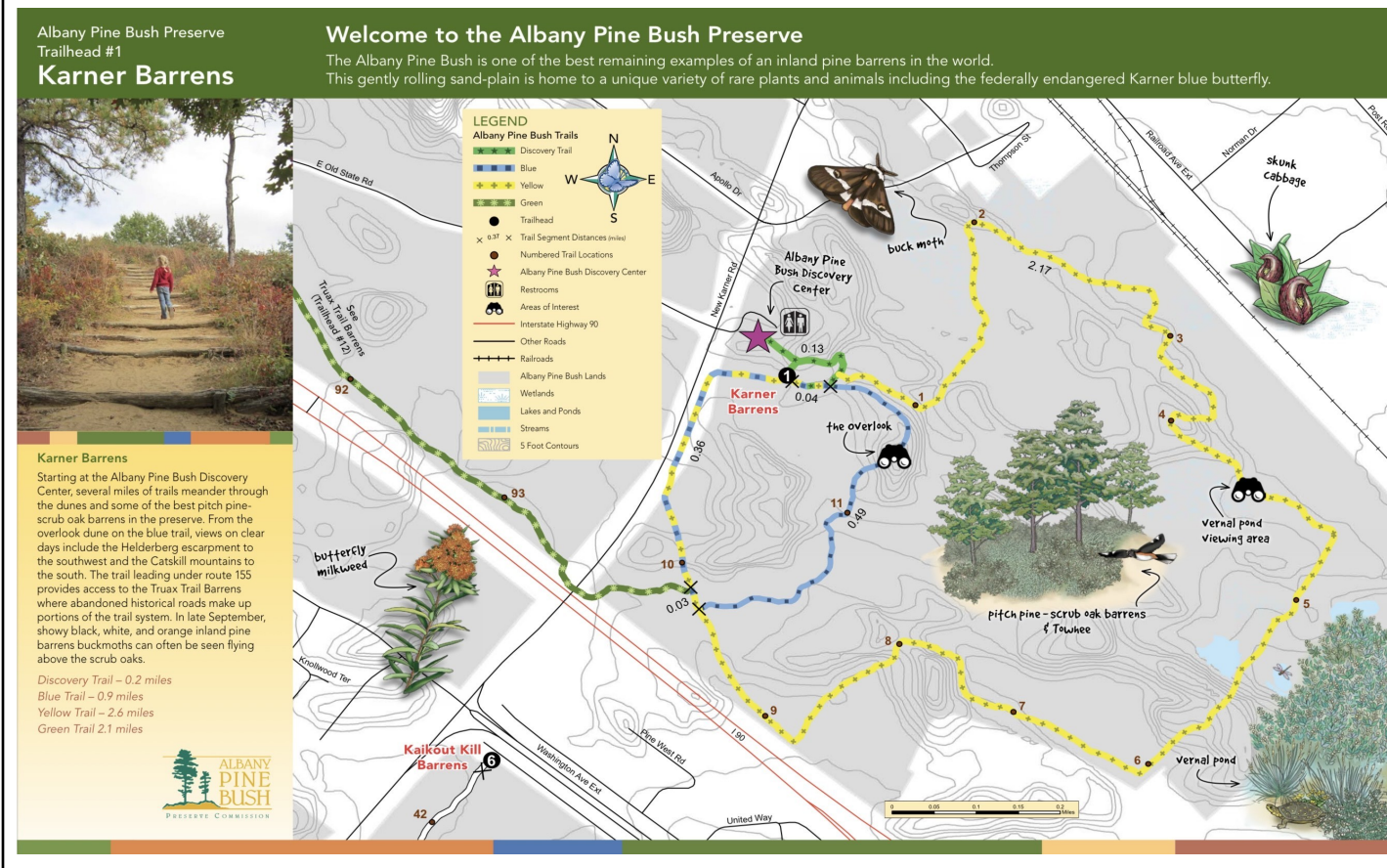
John Calvin (yes, that John Calvin), liked to use the metaphor of the world as the “theater of God’s glory.” He used this as a way of talking about the wonder, awe, and astonishment that creation evokes.

Unfortunately, life in the modern world keeps us from fully enjoying God’s amazing creation as often as we should. Let’s change that, shall we?

On Saturday, May 17th\*, anyone who is interested is invited to join us in a hike around the Albany Pine Bush. We will meet at the Discovery Center (195 New Karner Road) at 9:00 am. We will aim to walk the Blue trail portion of the Karner Barrens trail (.9 miles). This is an easier, moderate walk, and gives us access to a beautiful overlook! All abilities and ages are welcome!

Bring a water bottle and sunscreen and an appreciation for God’s creation!

\*Rain date will be May 24th at 9:00 am



" Hamilton Union supports *The Caring Closet* through a financial donation from our Mission and Social Witness budget.

Donation 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.

#### 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



[TheCaringClosetGuilderland@gmail.com](mailto:TheCaringClosetGuilderland@gmail.com)

## TECH TEAM

<i>May 4th</i>	<b>Diane Irwin &amp; Hugh Stevens</b>
<i>May 11th</i>	<b>Meredith &amp; Jack Eberz</b>
<i>May 18th</i>	<b>Liz &amp; Declan Egan</b>
<i>May 25th</i>	<b>Kyle &amp; Audrey Hall</b>

## LITURGISTS

<i>May 4th</i>	<b>Shannon Mulstay</b>
<i>May 11th</i>	<b>Rae Rau</b>
<i>May 18th</i>	<b>Elena Delhagen</b>
<i>May 25th</i>	<b>TBD</b>

## GREETERS

<i>May 4th</i>	<b>TBD</b>
<i>May 11th</i>	<b>TBD</b>
<i>May 18th</i>	<b>TBD</b>
<i>May 25t</i>	<b>TBD</b>







May 4: Maryanne Masley-Hannett

May 12th: Rev Stewart Pattison

May 25th: Terry Nieman

May 28th: Brian Nitsky

If you would like your birthday, anniversary, or some other special occasion print-ed in the "Good News", please notify The office at [hupc@hamiltonunionpresbyterianchurch.org](mailto:hupc@hamiltonunionpresbyterianchurch.org).

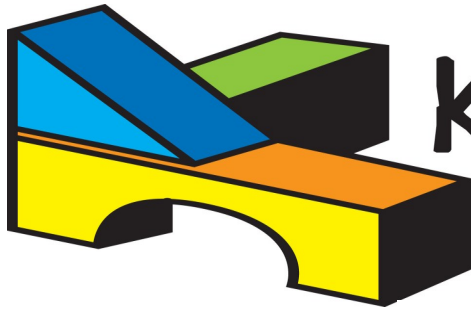
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Thanks!

# May 2025- Hamilton Union Happen-



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
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Sunday Worship Service- 10:00AM  3:00 CROP Walk  3:00 Commuck Event with Carol	1p,m Making Connections Bible Study	Room Rental 9:30am-1pm  PW 10am-12:30			Room Rental (FH)-7:15am-11:45am	Room Rental (FH)-7:15am-11:45am
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
Sunday Worship Service- 10:00AM			Good News Deadline		Room Rental (FH)-7:15am-9:00am  PW Gade Farm Days	Room Rental (FH)-7:15am-11:45am  PW Gade Farm Days
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
Sunday Worship Service- 10:00AM  PW Gade Farm Days	Making Connections Bible Study- 1:00pm			Mission Team Regional Food Bank 5-6:30	Room Rental (FH) 7:15am-11:45am	Room Rental (FH)7:15am-11:45am
25	26	27	28	29	30	
Sunday Worship Service- 10:00AM	Making Connections Bible Study- 1:00pm	PW Circle Meeting 10:30-12:30 (Lounge)			PW Gade Farm Days	
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



# KIDS CORNER



Make these sweet sandwiches for a Mother's Day tea party.

### What you need:

- 4 oz. cream cheese, softened
- 1 cup heavy cream
- 3 Tablespoons powdered sugar
- 1 teaspoon lemon juice
- 6-10 strawberries, washed and sliced
- 6 slices of white bread
- Cellophane
- Adult help



### What you do:

1. With an electric mixer, whip the cream cheese in a bowl until fluffy.
2. Add cream, powdered sugar, and lemon juice. Continue whipping on high speed until mixture is stiff.
3. On each slice of bread, spread a layer of the mixture. Then arrange some sliced strawberries on top.
4. Place the sandwiches together, with filling on the inside.
5. Wrap tightly in cellophane. Chill for two hours so the filling sets.
6. Trim off crusts with a serrated knife. Cut sandwiches in squares or triangles. Serve and enjoy!



## A NOBLE EXAMPLE

Proverbs 31 describes a God-honoring woman. How are the women in your life like her? How can you follow their example?

Directions: Use the word bank to complete all the Bible verses. Then write the circled letters in order below to complete Proverbs 31:30, NIV.



### WORD BANK

bread, household, women, laugh, children, clothed, speaks, husband, tongue



She is \_\_\_\_\_ with strength and dignity;  
she can \_\_\_\_\_ at the days to come.

She \_\_\_\_\_ with wisdom,  
and faithful instruction is on her \_\_\_\_\_.

She watches over the affairs of her \_\_\_\_\_  
and does not eat the \_\_\_\_\_ of idleness.

Her \_\_\_\_\_ arise and call her blessed;  
her \_\_\_\_\_ also, and he praises her:

"Many \_\_\_\_\_ do noble things,  
but you surpass them all." Proverbs 31:25-29, NIV

Charm is \_\_\_\_\_eptive, and be\_\_\_\_\_ty is fl\_\_\_\_\_eting; but a  
woma\_\_\_\_\_ w\_\_\_\_\_o f\_\_\_\_\_rs the Lo\_\_\_\_\_d is to be prais\_\_\_\_\_d.

Proverbs 31:30, NIV

deceptive, and beauty is fleeting; but a woman who fears the Lord is to be praised. Proverbs 31:30, NIV

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