

Good News

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“Go.” ~Jesus

Beloved,

If you are like me, you likely find your email inbox overrun from time to time with a lot of spam. I’m not even sure how I get on half the lists I am on and it could be a full time job hitting “unsubscribe” on all of them!

This morning, I received one of these spam emails, but instead of automatically hitting “delete,” I opened it up instead. It was from TripAdvisor (again, I am not really sure how I ended up subscribed, but here we are). The subject line was enticing: “Go big on a once-in-a-lifetime trek.” Inside, accompanied by stunning pictures, was a link to an article titled, “7 unbelievable treks around the world.” What followed were descriptions of seven pilgrimage opportunities along with the rated difficulty, the best time to go, and what to be sure not to miss when you are there.

The allure of a pilgrimage has been attractive to me for a long time. I remember teaching tenth graders Chaucer’s *Canterbury Tales* years ago and being inspired by the commitment to walk to a sacred and holy place. From the Camino de Santiago, to the Kumamo Kodo in Japan, to the 1,250 mile long Via Francigena, pilgrimages have a long and vibrant history.

This fall, the Narrative Lectionary will be inviting us to consider what it means to “Go.” Each week will add its own unique flavor to the journey (Go... create! Go... share! Go... seek! etc.). Jesus often told his followers and those seeking his healing and advice to “go!” (Go... baptize! Go... sell all you have! Go...)

As we “go” into this new season, I want to encourage you to consider where God is calling *you to go*. *What new path might God be calling you to – physically, spiritually, literally or metaphorically?*

I look forward to seeing where this takes us, and what new things God might be stirring.

I’ll see you on the way!

Grace & peace,
~Pastor Kyle



Men’s Group: Coffee and Prayer
Saturdays: October 11, November 8, and December 13
8:30 am – 9:30 am in the Lounge

Starting on Saturday, October 11, men of the congregation are invited to a time of fellowship and prayer (and of course, coffee). This is a time with no agenda, just gathering and sharing about the joys and concerns in our hearts, and praying together in God’s presence. Men of all ages are invited as we pray for our world, our community, our church, our families, and ourselves. Second Saturday of the month.



Don't forget that we resume our regular worship schedule starting on Sunday, September 7th! See you at 10am in the sanctuary!



Coffee & Contemplation

Mondays at 9:30, starting September 8

Whenever I attend something like worship or a lecture or workshop, I tend to find myself walking away, chewing over what I heard and thinking about it for a while after (*that is always my hope for you when I preach!*). I also find that sometimes I think of questions or ideas long after I've gotten home, but by then it's too late!

Starting this September, we will have an opportunity on Monday mornings to gather in the lounge and do what mornings are for: coffee and contemplation. We will get together and spend an hour discussing the sermon from the previous morning, and any questions that may have arisen; any ideas that may have occurred; any thoughts that deserve more thinking.

Come as you are, come as you can, come when you can. *No RSVP or signup.* Coffee will be on. Come contemplate.



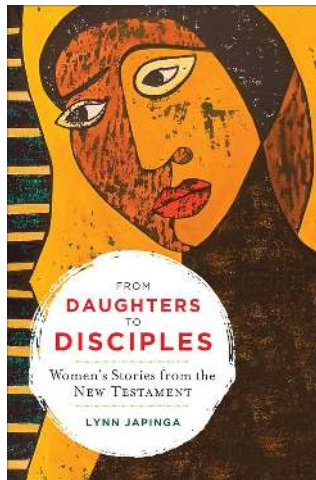
A Sneak Peek at Sermons coming in September!

September 7 — *Go Create, Genesis 1:1-2:4a*

September 14 — *Go Sacrifice, Genesis 2:1-3; 22:1-14*

September 21 — *Go Bless, Genesis 27:1-4, 15-23; 28:10-17*

September 28 — *Go Speak, Exodus 2:23-25; 2:1-15; 4:10-17*



New Study on the Women of the New Testament!

Every other Sunday at 6:30, in-person & Zoom, starting September 21

This summer, we spent some time learning about women in the New Testament through Pastor Kyle's sermon series. For a deeper dive into the lives and stories of these women, Elena Delhagen invites you to join her in this new Bible study group this fall! This Bible study introduces and re-tells every female character who contributes to one or more New Testament stories, diving deeply into what each woman's story means for us today with questions for reflection and discussion. Books are \$12 each; **please register with Elena by September 10th.**

LAST CHANCE FOR 2025 – DON'T CHICKEN OUT!

Our final Brooks Chicken BBQ of 2025 is coming up on

Wednesday, September 24!



It's that time (again!) when we need folks to sign up to help out at our next (and last for 2025) Brooks Chicken BBQ fundraiser. You all know the drill by now. We need help with set-up in the morning, line help, order takers, deliverers, and cashiers from 2:30-6 (or until we sell out) plus take-down and clean-up help. Please let Bruce Williamson know if, when, and how you can help out: bewillia302@gmail.com or 518-357-0746.



Mission Opportunity at Regional Food Bank

As a reminder, the Mission Team has the next volunteer opportunity at the Regional Food Bank, sorting donated food, scheduled for **Thursday, September 18 from 5 to 6:30 PM.**

Please note that **pre-registration is now required** if you plan on volunteering. You may [sign up digitally using this link](#) or use the sign-up sheet in the narthex next to the prayer list and flower sign-up. Registrations are due by September 15, 2025.

There is a seat waiting for you!



Join us as the Guilderland Food Pantry celebrates
service to the community.

Thursday, September 18th, 6:30p-8:30p
Christ the King Gymnasium

The evening features:

Food from Café Italia, OTW, Nicoles, Jimmy Johns, Big 'D's' Meats and DC Pizza

Refreshments by Elegant Touch and Adirondack Beverages

Photo booth and DJ by Overtime Events

Silent auctions, raffles, prize pong and the Prize Wheel

**Tickets are \$30 and available on-line at
guilderlandfoodpantry.com or using VENMO (search for
Guilderland Food Pantry and be sure to put TOG Tickets in the
comment section)**

**All proceeds will be used to support the GFP mission of
providing food to those in need.**

Presbyterian Women's (PW) News – All Women are Welcome
Circle Meetings Will Resume on **Tuesday, Sept 23** –
Beginning New Bible Study

We will begin our new Bible study at our next Circle Meeting on Tues, Sept 23. Our meetings are from 10:30 am – 12:30 pm. Rev. Elena Delhagen will introduce the new study, Let Justice Roll Down: God's Call to Care for Neighbors and All Creation. In this study, biblical scholar Patricia Tull, discusses the ways people of faith can learn and talk about how they could address current ecological issues.



Presbyterian Women in the Presbytery of Albany Fall Gathering

Thursday, October 30, 2025 - 11:30 am to 2:30 pm

at First United Presbyterian in Troy

1917 5th Ave, Troy, NY 12180

(518) 272-2771

Speakers: Mary Anne Davis, Vice Moderator of The Presbytery of Albany will speak on the Thank Offering Grant that St. Peter's Presbyterian Church received to renovate its kitchen.

Rev. Donna Elia, Executive Director of Troy Area United Ministries and Pastor of St. Peter's Presbyterian Church will speak on the two Thank Offering Grants that Troy Area Ministries received to establish its "Tech for Teens" and then to expand it.

Details:

- RSVP to Andrea Ralph at ARalph20@hotmail.com or 516-849-3220 by Oct 23. if possible, so the host church can plan.
- Registration fee of \$10.00 will be collected at the door.
- Bring a bag lunch. Dessert and beverage are provided.
- A freewill offering will be received.
- For carpooling information contact Charlotte Hasselbarth at 518-356-0637



Tech Team Needs YOU!

Our Tech Team, which brings you Sunday worship and special events via Zoom, Facebook, and Youtube, needs YOU! Typically, the commitment is one Sunday a month, and you will be working with another person. We schedule for three-month intervals and have flexible scheduling! Want to work with your child or significant other? We can accommodate you (and sign for volunteer hours!)

Computer literacy is helpful, but we can train. Also, our “Tech Guru” has put together a step-by-step, illustrated, detailed operational manual to answer those inevitable questions that arise during operation.

Please consider joining us. Our “Zoom Ministry” is proving vital to several members of our congregation. On any given Sunday, from two to upwards of 10 or more people join us on Zoom

and Facebook for worship. Some have specifically told us how grateful they are to have this online option for worship, since it would be difficult for them to be physically present in church.

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.

Thank you for considering Tech Team! We hope you’ll join us!



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.

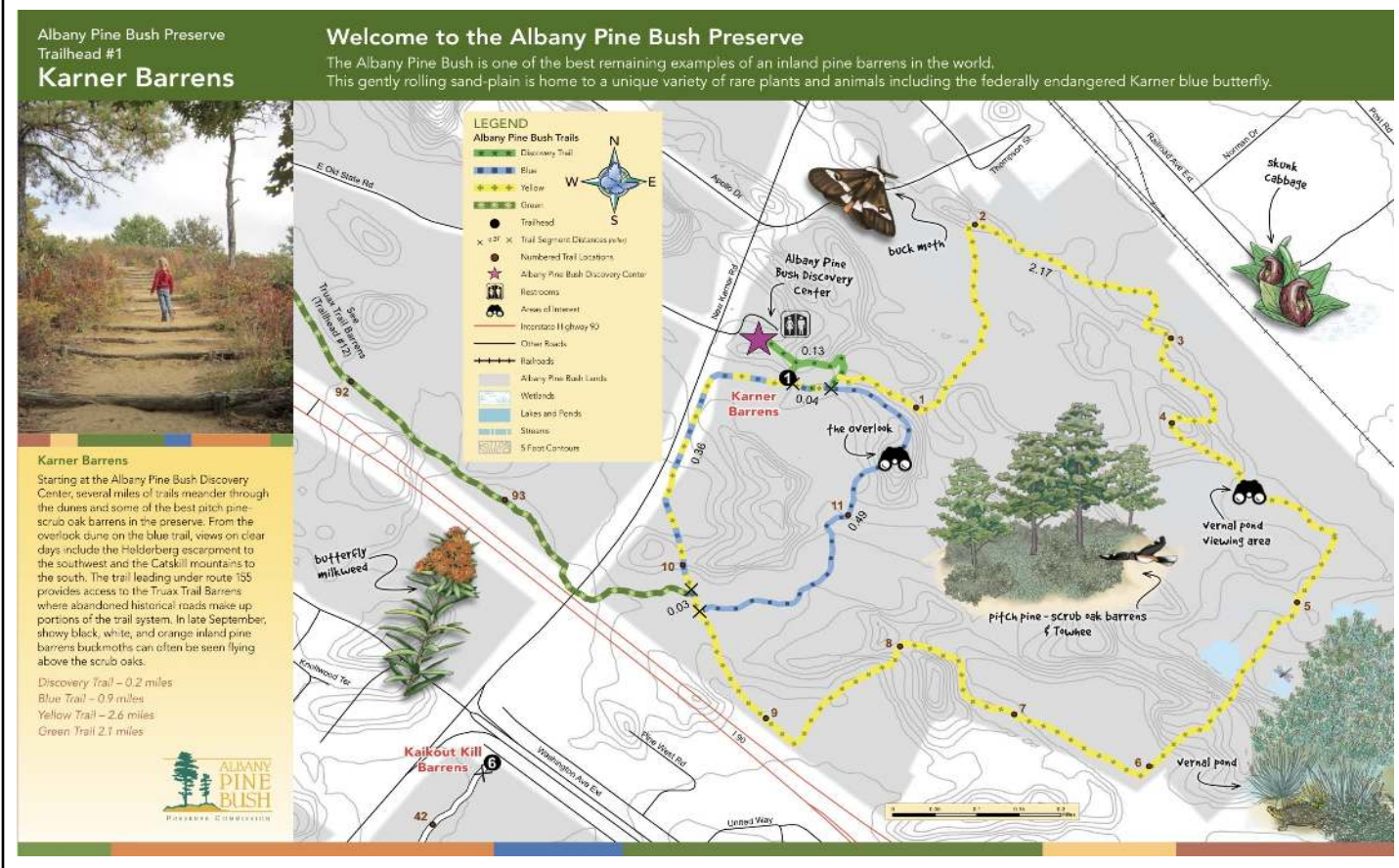
A Walk in the Woods Albany Pine Bush Preserve September 20 at 9:00 am Rain Date September 27th

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, September 20, 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!



Here are a few shots of our August walk. We had so much fun!



Thank you to all who made Backpack to School a success!

This past weekend, we held our fourth annual Backpack to School event, an initiative of HUPC as a way to live out our commitment to be a Matthew 25 Church. Though we did not have as many participants as previous years, we saw several families who we've nurtured relationships with over the years -- and made some new connections, too! Kids and parents alike had ear-to-ear smiles, and it was a beautiful day of sharing God's abundant love with all who came. Thank you to our incredible volunteers, and all who donated items so we could offer school supplies completely free to families in need. We're already looking forward to next year's event!





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



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TECH TEAM

9/7	Meredith & Jackson Eberz
9/14	David Scott & Mark Hutchinson
9/21	Diane Irwin & Hugh Stevens
9/28	Liz & Declan Egan

LITURGISTS

9/7	Debbi Waggener
9/14	Chandra Reis
9/21	Michael Hall
9/28	David Scott

GREETERS

9/7	Trudy Hutchinson
9/14	Diane Irwin
9/21	Ginny Jones
9/28	Elena Delhagen





September 2: Ayona Lane

September 7: Trudy Hutchinson

September 13: Wayne Crounse

September 16: Ann McKinney

September 21: Bev Montgomery

September 27: Cara Victor

September 28: Vi McKaig
Matthew Gade

If you would like your birthday, anniversary, or some other special occasion printed in the "Good News", please notify the office at hupc@hamiltonunionpresbyterianchurch.org.

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

September 2025– Hamilton Union Happenings



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	
	HAPPY LABOR DAY! (CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED)			Choir Practice – 7:00 PM	Room Rental (FH) 7:15am– 11:45am	Room Rental (FH) 7:15am– 11:45am	
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Choir Warmup – 9:30 AM Sunday Worship Service – 10 AM	Coffee & Contemplation – 9:30 (L)	Worship Meeting – 7:30 PM (Z) PW Coordinating Team Meeting – 10AM (L)		Choir Practice – 7:00 PM	Room Rental (FH) 7:15am– 11:45am PW Synod of the Northeast Leadership Meeting - 3PM (S)	Room Rental (FH) 7:15am– 11:45am PW Synod of the Northeast Leadership Meeting - 9AM (S)	
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21	22	23	24	25	26	27	
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Apple Puppets!



1. Start by coloring and cutting out your apple template.



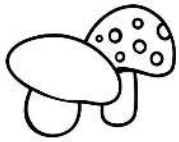
2. Glue the features and accessories to the apple shape.



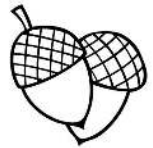
3. Glue a popsicle stick to the back of the apple shape.



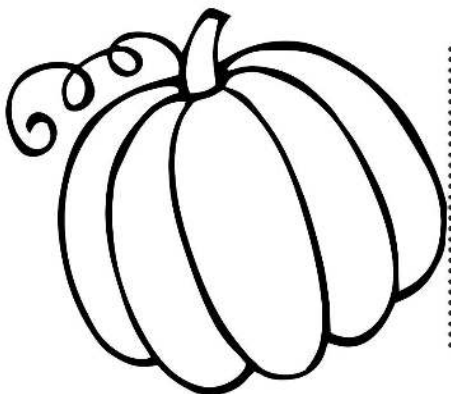
4. Enjoy your puppets!



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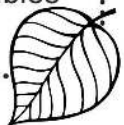


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