

Good News

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I Hello *January*

As the new year begins in January, may you embrace the opportunity for a fresh start, trusting in God's grace and guidance in all aspects of your life.

““Heaven is a banquet and life is a banquet, too... where there is companionship. We have all known the long loneliness and we have learned that the only solution is love and that love comes with community.”

~Dorothy Day

Beloved,

As I write this, colder air has moved back into our area; it is windy and snowy. Yet the magic of the season is still lingering. The new year has not yet dawned, though by the time you are reading this, it may have begun! So, happy New Year!

The turning of the calendar offers us a chance to pause and reflect. What has the past year brought? What celebrations did we enjoy? What griefs came to pass? What challenges and turnings did we endure?

Looking back on 2025, I am mindful that, perhaps more than anything, the ties of our community were strengthened and deepened. With more opportunities to simply *be together*, to fellowship and have conversation (sometimes intentional around a book or scripture reading, other times simply informal time to chat about day to day goings on).

The words above from Dorothy Day are an important reminder of just what we are about: *being* the community of faith in love. If that is where we start, the rest naturally falls into place behind it. All things flow from love formed in community. Jesus knew this, and we follow his example.

I pray that as 2026 begins, that the love we have for one another would flow out into the world, in ways that cultivate community, hope, and justice.

In hope for this new year,
~Pastor Kyle



This
2026

“May the God of hope
fill you with all joy
and peace as you
trust in him.”

Romans 15:13



A Sneak Peek at Sermons coming in January!

January 4 – John 1:19-34, *Word of Wilderness*

January 11 – John 1:35-51, *Word of Witness*

January 18 – John 2:1-11, *Word of Abundance*

January 25 – John 2:13-25, *Word of Zeal*



Coffee & Contemplation

Mondays at 9:30

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.



I can do all things through
**PRAYER
& COFFEE**®

Men's Group: Coffee and Prayer

Saturday, January 10

8:30 am – 9:30 am in the Lounge

Once a month, 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.

MUSIC News



If you've been on the fence about joining the choir or handbell choir, it's never too late to join us! Music reading is not required for either group; we'll teach what you need to know! Choir practices Thursday evenings at 7:00, and handbells practice after church most Sundays. See Rae Rau or Carol Scott for more information!



PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Presbyterian Women's (PW) News – All Women are Welcome!
Circle Meeting Tues, Jan 27 - 10:30 am to 12.30 pm in the Lounge

We will be discussing Lesson 5 Air Quality from the Bible study, *Let Justice Roll Down: God's Call to Care for Neighbors and All Creation*. Bring a bagged 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. Extra study books are available. We also offer a Zoom option:

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

Meeting ID: 837 7975 2859 - Passcode: 724235

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.

PW wants to send a note of appreciation to the HUPC congregation, the Twinkling Stars Place Preschool and Cece’s Wool for the overwhelmingly generous response to our “Mitten Tree” Project. We collected more mittens, gloves, hats, and scarves than ever before!

These donations were delivered to Brian Nitsky’s Living Resources Group Home, the Family Life Center and the Men’s Center at the Schenectady City Mission, the New Faith Program for Women at the Capital City Rescue Mission, plus the Guilderland Food Pantry.



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!

**Dear HUPC,
It’s that time of year again; mark your calendars for our annual meeting!
This year, it will be held immediately following worship on Sunday,
January 25, 2026. Thank you!**

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 GCS D 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

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For more information on how you can get involved, contact

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TECH TEAM

- 1/4 **Liz & Declan Egan**

- 1/11 **Diane Irwin & Hugh Stevens**

- 1/18 **David Scott & George Hannett**

- 1/25 **Meredith & Jackson Eberz**

LITURGISTS

- 1/4 **Fred Sirois**

- 1/11 **Mark Hutchinson**

- 1/18 **Ginny Jones**

- 1/25 **Shannon Mulstay**

GREETERS

- 1/4 **TBD**

- 1/11 **Shannon Mulstay**

- 1/18 **Elena Delhagen**

- 1/25 **Trudy Hutchinson**



JANUARY BIRTHDAYS



January 1: Myra Masley-Hannett

January 13: David Scott

January 2: Doris Donley

January 16: Lynn Horan

January 7: Henry Montgomery

January 19: Joseph Peck

January 7: Carol Scott

January 23: Chris Masley-Hannett

January 31: Jumah Delhagen

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. Thank you!








January 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2 Room Rental (FH) 7:15am–11:45am	3 Room Rental (FH) 7:15am–9:30am
4 Choir Warmup—9:30 AM Sunday Worship— 10 AM Bells — 11:30 AM Advent Book Study — 6:30 PM	5 Coffee & Contemplation—9:30 (L) Making Connections Bible Study—1PM (Z)	6	7	8 Choir Practice—7:00 PM (S)	9 Room Rental (FH) 7:15am–11:45am	10 Room Rental (FH) 7:15am–9:30am Men’s Prayer Group 8am (L)
11 Choir Warmup—9:30 AM Sunday Worship— 10 AM Bells —11:30 AM	12 Coffee & Contemplation—9:30 (L) Making Connections Bible Study—1PM (Z) Communications Meeting—7PM (Z)	13 Worship Meeting — 7:30 (Z)	14 Mission Meeting —7:00 (Z)	15 Choir Practice—7:00 PM (S) Mission Team Opportunity at Regional Food Bank 5–6:30 PM	16 Room Rental (FH) 7:15am–11:45am	17 Room Rental (FH) 7:15am–9:30am
18 Choir Warmup—9:30 AM Sunday Worship— 10 AM Bells —11:30 AM	19 Coffee & Contemplation —9:30 (L) Making Connections Bible Study—1PM (Z)	20	21 Congregational Care Meeting — 10:00 (L)	22	23 Room Rental (FH) 7:15am–11:45am	24 Room Rental (FH) 7:15am–9:30am
25 Choir Warmup—9:30 AM Sunday Worship— 10 AM Annual Meeting After Worship!	26 Making Connections Bible Study—1PM (Z)	27 PW Circle Meeting—10:30 (L)	28	29	30 Room Rental (FH) 7:15am–11:45am	31 Room Rental (FH) 7:15am–9:30am

Arctic Animal






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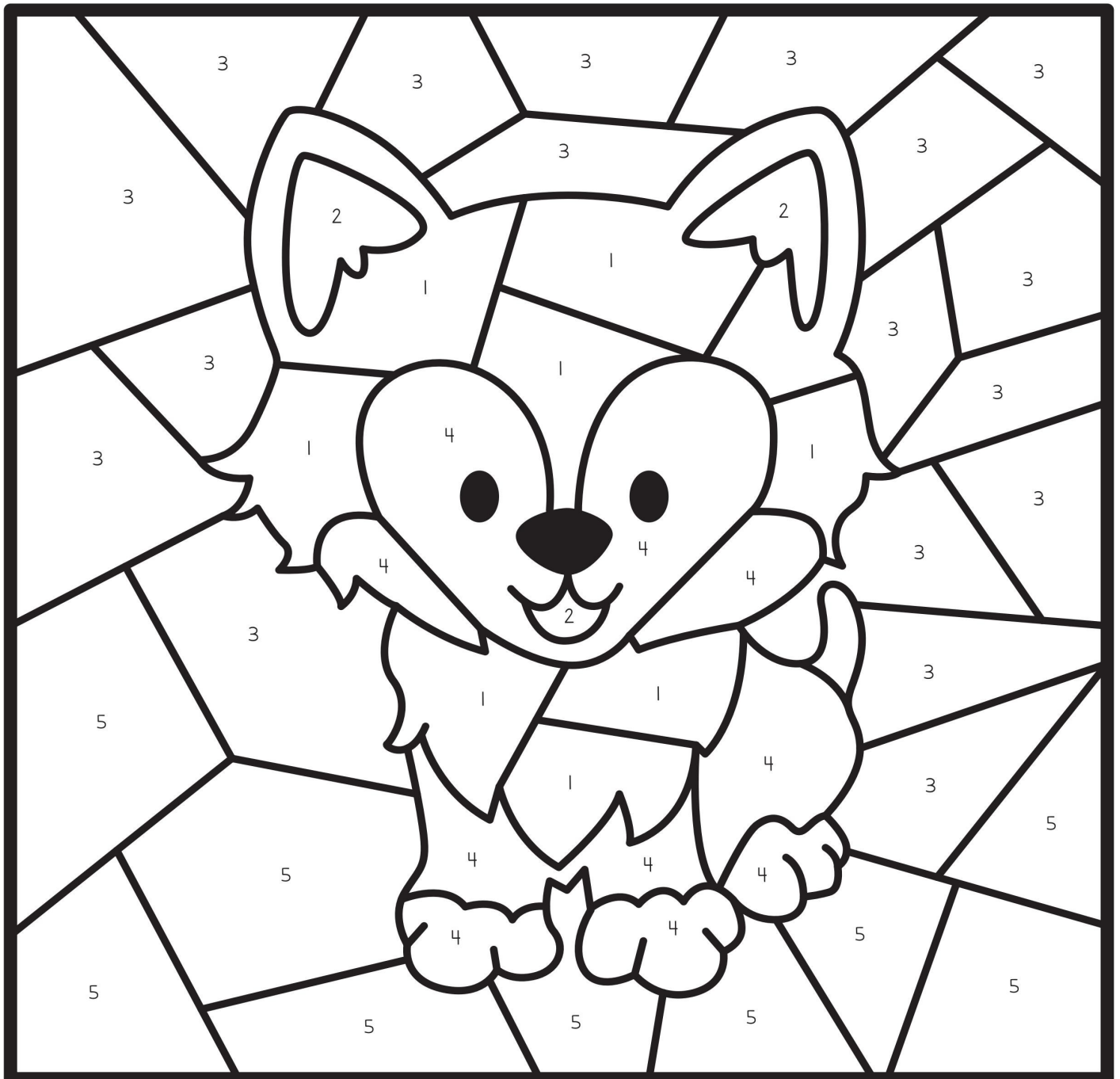
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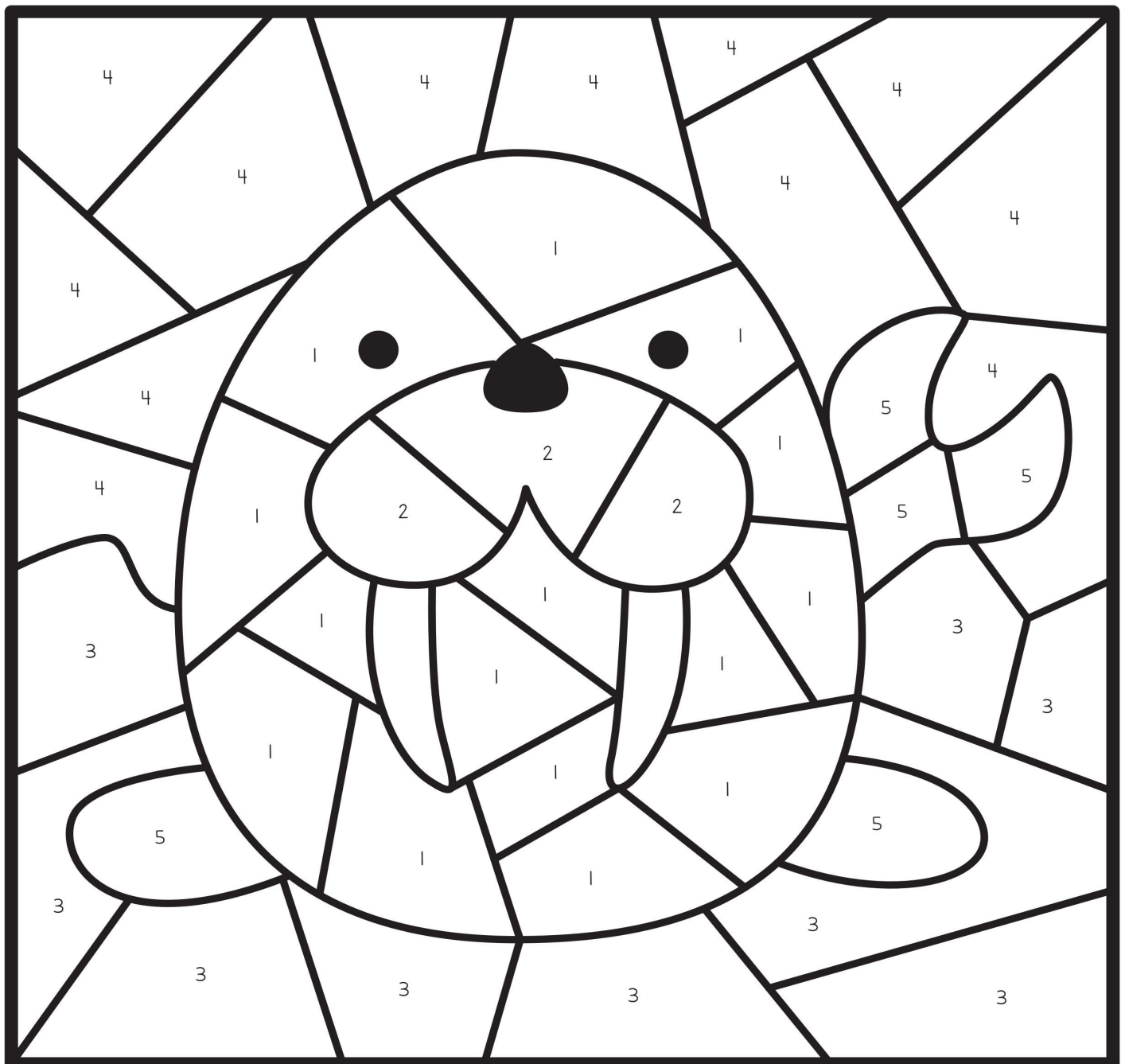
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