

# Good News

**The Monthly Newsletter of the People of  
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APRIL

Be present.

Let the day flow with grace.

Expect joy. Be positive.

Serve with compassion.

Speak only kindness.

Impart only love.

Never forget you're not alone.

Give thanks for everything.

See goodness in others.

mary  
davis

"I have seen the Lord." ~John 20:18

Beloved,

As I write this, Holy Week has just begun. We have stepped out into the first days of this sacred and solemn week once again, knowing where it inevitably leads.

Yet we are a resurrection people, and we also know what happens next. This doesn't mean we skip over any of the important days and spaces that take place before the glory of the resurrection, but rather, enduring Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and the silence of Saturday where death seemed to have taken hold for good only means the joy of Easter morning is that much sweeter.

When Mary is weeping in the garden, alone, she mistakes Jesus for the gardener. She thinks Jesus' body has been stolen, and the last rituals of death have been robbed from her. But it is Jesus, and when she recognizes him, everything changes.

Walking toward Easter this year, I am wondering: where have we, where do we see the Lord? Where is Jesus present for us in the world today? While things in our world seem so fraught and dangerous and filled with injustice, Jesus is also alive, the Holy Spirit active and at work amongst us.

### **Where have you seen the Lord?**

I know that I see the Lord in every one of you, in the ways you live and love and serve. Make no mistake: Jesus is alive, and Jesus is here.

Keep your eyes open!

In Easter hope,  
~Pastor Kyle



### A Sneak Peek at Sermons coming in April!

April 5 – Easter Sunday, John 20:1-18, *A New Promise*

April 12 – John 20:19-31, *Visible Scars*

April 19 – Acts 9:1-19a, *The Scales Fell From His Eyes*

April 26 – Acts 16:16-34, *A Disturbance in the City*



## Coffee & Contemplation

Mondays at 9:30 – WILL NOT BE HELD ON APRIL 6TH!

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.

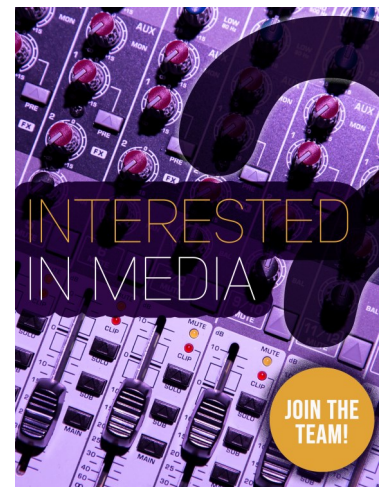
Come as you are, come as you can, come when you can. *No RSVP or signup needed.* Coffee will be on. Come contemplate.

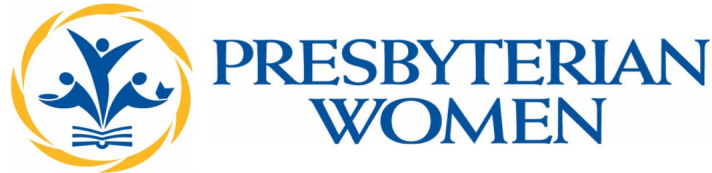
## Tech Team Needs YOU!

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!





**Presbyterian Women's (PW) News – All Women are Welcome!**  
 Circle Meeting Tues, April 28 - 10:30 am to 12.30 pm in the Lounge

We will be discussing Lesson 8, *Intergenerational Justice*, 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](mailto:chasselbarth@hotmail.com).*

Presbyterian Women (PW) traditionally collects two offerings a year: the Birthday Offering is collected in spring and the Thank Offering in fall. The BIRTHDAY OFFERING is a PW offering collected in the spring of each year to celebrate the blessings in the lives of Presbyterian Women. The offering funds up to five projects each year that are not included in ongoing General Assembly mission support, such as agricultural development, childcare, community organization, criminal justice, drug counseling, economic justice, elderly care, employment training, homelessness, literacy, violence and women's concerns.

All women of Hamilton Union Presbyterian Church (and men if you'd like to give), please consider giving to the BIRTHDAY OFFERING. Think of it as a way of reaching out to our fellow Presbyterian women all around our country. Envelopes will be in the pews during the month of May. Two grants are given out each year, and we have provided pages of the grants in the fellowship room so you may get an overview of the work that is being done. Some women give a dollar for each year of their life; others give a set amount that fits their budget. Whatever you give, it goes to a good cause. Perhaps you can think of something HUPC's PW might apply for!

*Jean Michelle "Mickey" Nieman  
 For PW Celebration Giving*



**Presbyterian Women in the Presbytery of Albany  
Spring Gathering**

**Thursday, April 30, 2026 - 11:30 am to 2:30 pm  
Westminster Presbyterian Church  
85 Chestnut St., Albany, NY 12210 (parking lot)  
518-436-8544**

Program: 2026 World Day of Prayer Service

*Rest for the Weary*

“I Will Give You Rest: Come.” Matthew 11:28–30

Written by the World Day of Prayer Committee of Nigeria.

The World Day of Prayer is an international ecumenical Christian laywomen's initiative that encourages women to be aware of other countries and cultures and encourages a sense of belonging.

Details:

- 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.

A group from Hamilton Union will be going to this event. To carpool, please contact Charlotte Hasselbarth at 518-356-0637 or [chasselbarth@hotmail.com](mailto:chasselbarth@hotmail.com)



Presbyterian Women of HUPC would like to say a big "THANK YOU!" to all who donated towards this year's Easter baskets project. These baskets provided Easter joy to Schenectady City Mission children, Albany City Mission's New Faith Family children, Living Resources group home in Schenectady (where Brian Nitsky resides) and HUPC staff members.

Thank you for your support and generosity!





# Hamilton Union Presbyterian Church To Receive "The Cornerstone Church Partner Award"

The Cornerstone Church Partner Award is presented to a congregation whose ongoing partnership with Cornerstone, especially through the Food and Faith program, has helped cultivate a spirit of welcome, nourishment, and Christ-centered community for students. The keynote speaker is Maria Villacreses Valarezo. Maria graduated from UAlbany in 2025. While she was student, through our Mission and Social Witness Committee, HUPC had supported her Peer Minister position as Food and Faith Coordinator.

**RSVP date has been extended!**

March 2026



SCAN FOR TICKETS OR SEE INSIDE FOR OPTIONS

YOU ARE INVITED TO A

# DINNER FUNDRAISER

*Spring*

2026

TUESDAY | **21** | APRIL

6:00pm

GENERAL TICKETS: \$75  
HONORARY TICKETS: \$150

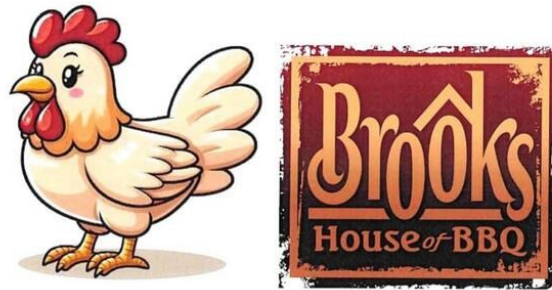
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**DUNES**

257 WASHINGTON AVENUE EXT,  
ALBANY, NY 12205

[www.ualbanycornerstone.org](http://www.ualbanycornerstone.org)



The Mission Team has the next volunteer opportunity at the Regional Food Bank, sorting donated food on **Thurs., April 16, 2026 from 5 to 6:30 PM.** We will have up to 5 slots available, first come, first served. Wear good solid shoes (no sandals or open-toed shoes). Please see *Wayne Gannett with questions or to sign up.*



## **Make HUPC's Brooks BBQ Your "Conflict"!**

*Our first Brooks BBQ fundraiser is coming up on Wednesday, June 3, and we need volunteers to sign up. (To date, we have none.) This year, don't wait until you have a conflict. Put the BBQ on your calendar now and make that your "conflict" with other plans!*

These 2 BBQs are important fundraisers that support our budget and mission efforts. We need at least 15-20 people to run these events and the sooner we get commitments, the better we can plan. Just let Bruce Williamson know if and when you can help at [bewillia302@gmail.com](mailto:bewillia302@gmail.com) or 518-357-0746. As always, first come, first choice of jobs! Seated jobs are available too. THANK YOU!!



Choir and bells both continue through May so new singers and ringers are still welcome! Choir rehearses Thursdays at 7:00 (and it's still light out!); bells rehearse after worship on Sundays. See Carol or Rae if you are interested!

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# KNIT

## FOR FOOD

KNIT•A•THON

### 04.11.26

10AM-10PM EASTERN  
TIME ZONE

Please  
Join CeCe's  
Wool Team !!  
😊

A 12-hour knitting marathon (or any other crafting practice) to raise funds and awareness for food insecurity in the US

**JOIN** by signing up to knit during the event

**ASK** your people to donate in support of your efforts

**SHARE** with your knitting community, LYS, guild, etc

**MAKE** a donation

For more information or to sign up to participate visit

[www.knitforfood.com](http://www.knitforfood.com)

PROCEEDS WILL BE EQUALLY DIVIDED BETWEEN THESE ORGANIZATIONS

FEEDING  
AMERICA



World  
Central  
Kitchen

TEAM  
NO KID  
HUNGRY

MEALS  
ON WHEELS  
AMERICA

We will be crafting from 10am-8pm at CeCe's Wool

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

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**

- 4/5      **Liz & Declan Egan**
  
- 4/12     **Diane Irwin & Hugh Stevens**
  
- 4/19     **Mark Hutchinson & Karen Williamson**
  
- 4/26     **Meredith & Jackson Eberz**

**LITURGISTS**

- 4/5      **Michael Hall**
  
- 4/12     **David Scott**
  
- 4/19     **Chandra Reis**
  
- 4/26     **Trudy Hutchinson**

**GREETERS**

- 4/5      **TBD**
  
- 4/12     **Trudy Hutchinson**
  
- 4/19     **TBD**
  
- 4/26     **TBD**





April 8 – Laurel Edwards

April 14 – Victor Rae-Sirois

April 11 – Wayne Goodnow

April 20 – James Otto Gade

April 14 – Lindsay Hall

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](mailto:hupc@hamiltonunionpresbyterianchurch.org).

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

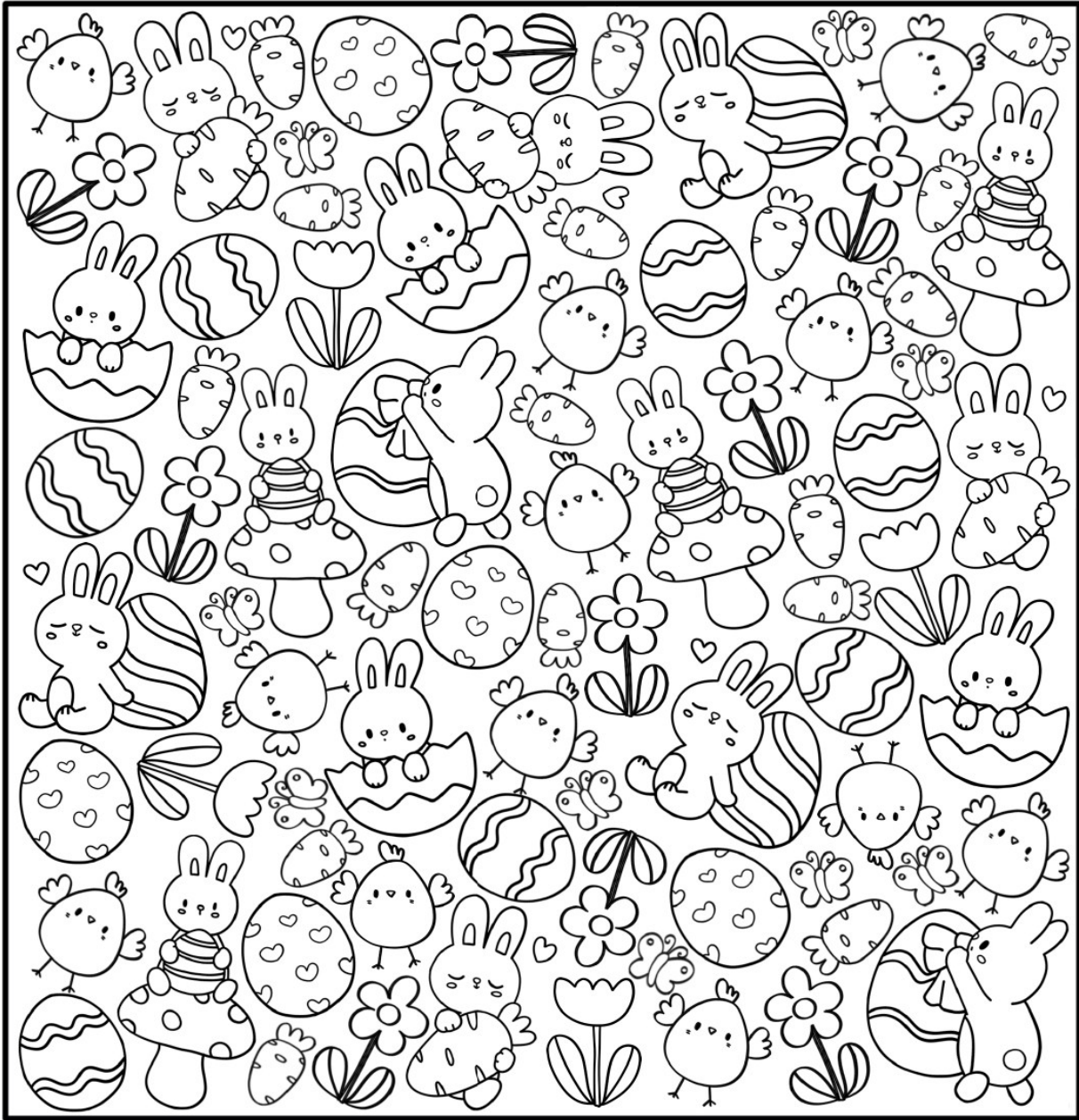
# Hamilton Union Happenings



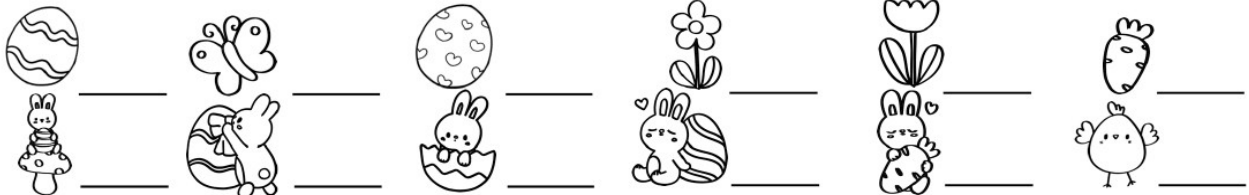
# April 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Lenten Book Study—6:30 PM (Z)	2 Maundy Thursday Service —7:00 PM (S)	3 Room Rental (FH) 7:15am—11:45am	4 Room Rental (FH) 7:15am—9:30am
5 Easter Sunrise Service—8:15 AM Choir Warmup—9:30 AM <b>Easter Sunday Worship— 10 AM</b>	6 OFFICE CLOSED Making Connections Bible Study—1PM (Z)	7 Session Meeting—7:30PM (Z)	8	9 Choir Practice—7:00 PM (S)	10 Room Rental (FH) 7:15am—11:45am	11 Doris Donley's Memorial Service—10:00 AM (S)
12 Choir Warmup—9:30 AM <b>Sunday Worship— 10 AM</b> Bells —11:30 AM	13 Coffee & Contemplation —9:30 (L) Making Connections Bible Study—1PM (Z) Communications Meeting—7:00PM (Z)	14 Worship Meeting—7:30PM (Z)	15 Congregational Care Meeting—10:00 AM (L)	16 Choir Practice—7:00 PM (S) Mission Team Opportunity at Regional Food Bank 5—6:30 PM	17 Room Rental (FH) 7:15am—11:45am	18 Room Rental (FH) 7:15am—9:30am
19 Choir Warmup—9:30 AM <b>Sunday Worship— 10 AM</b> Bells —11:30 AM	20 Coffee & Contemplation —9:30 (L) Making Connections Bible Study—1PM (Z) Property Meeting—7:30PM	21 Cornerstone Campus Ministry Fundraising Dinner—6:00PM	22	23 Choir Practice—7:00 PM (S)	24 Room Rental (FH) 7:15am—11:45am	25 Room Rental (FH) 7:15am—9:30am
26 Choir Warmup—9:30 AM <b>Sunday Worship— 10 AM</b> Bells —11:30 AM	27 Coffee & Contemplation —9:30 (L) Making Connections Bible Study—1PM (Z)	28 PW Circle Meeting—10:30AM—12:30 PM (L)	29	30 Choir Practice—7:00 PM (S)		

# I SPY EASTER



Search and color these 12 items - How many of each can you find?



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