

Good News

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“I thank my God through Jesus Christ for all of you, because your faith is proclaimed throughout the world.”

~Romans 1:8

Beloved family of HUPC,

I typically take these letters as opportunities to touch on a piece of our spiritual lives together, to encourage us to think and pray on a specific issue or theme, and to remind us all of the love Jesus has for each of us. This month, I want to take a moment (Robert’s Rules calls it a “point of privilege”), and simply say... *thank you!*

For the past three years, I have been working on my Doctor of Ministry in Pastoral Care and Counseling at New Brunswick Theological Seminary in New Jersey. On May 23, that journey comes to an end as I graduate! It is a little surreal to be at this point (there were some points in some classes that I didn’t think I would make it!). **Yet here we are.**

And I truly could not have done it without you. As a congregation, you prayed for me, encouraged me, and kept me grounded. Individually, you would check in, ask how my course work was going, inquire about my thesis topic, and offer the occasional (and much-needed!) hug.

Ministry is a cooperative endeavor. It is not done alone and it is not done in a vacuum. You have been, whether you realize it or not, my partners on this road. I am grateful for all that you have provided me with over these past three years.

I look forward to celebrating this milestone with you, and to look forward to how the Spirit will continue to move in our midst.

*Gratefully,
Pastor Kyle*



A Sneak Peek at Sermons coming in May!

May 3- *A Philosophical Debate, Acts 17:16-31*

May 10- *Letters from Prison, Philippians 1:1-18a*

May 17- *Joy Made Complete, Philippians 2:1-13*

May 24 (Pentecost Sunday) – *Pastor Kyle Away, Rev. Andrea Holroyd preaching*

May 31- *Loss and Loyalty, Ruth 1:1-22*

A note on our summer worship

The Narrative Lectionary, which we have been following, always takes a break in the summer, following Pentecost Sunday. This summer, we will be breaking the summer up into three different sections. The first, beginning on May 31, will take us through the books of Ruth and Esther, the only two books in scripture named for women, and books that tend to go under-represented in any lectionary cycle. The second section will take us through the letters of First and Second Timothy, and we will wrap up the summer with four weeks through the Ten Commandments. I look forward to this slower pace and more intentional looks at these parts of Scripture as a community of faith!

On April 21, HUPC was awarded the “*Church Partner Award*” at the Cornerstone Campus Ministry Fundraising Dinner! It was a wonderful time, and we are so thankful to be a partner in this ministry!





Coffee & Contemplation

Mondays at 9:30

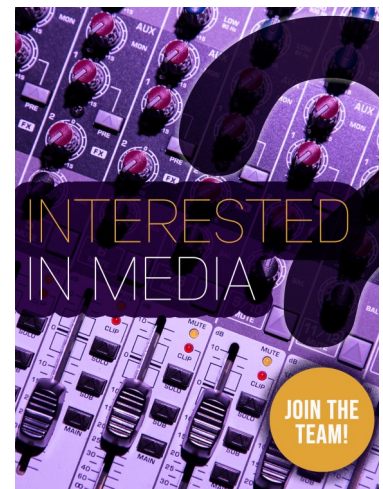
Whenever I attend something like worship or a lecture or workshop, I tend to find myself walking away, chewing over what I heard and thinking about it for a while after (*that is always my hope for you when I preach!*). I also find that sometimes I think of questions or ideas long after I've gotten home,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

On Monday mornings, we have the opportunity 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.

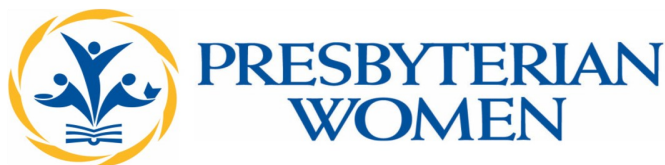
Tech Team Needs YOU!

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, May 26 - 10:30 am to 12.30 pm in the Lounge

We will be discussing Lesson 9, *Sustaining Creation's Health for All*, 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.

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.



This year, the Birthday Offering will be collected on June 7, 2026.

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



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



PW will be collecting items during the month of May!
Collection boxes can be found in the Sanctuary and at the top of the stairs in the Education Building

 @The Caring Closet - Guilderland

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Gade Farm Fundraiser

**Friday, May 15 - Sunday, May 17 &
Friday, May 29 - Sunday, May 31**

Every year, during 2 spring weekends, Presbyterian Women sponsor Gade Farm Days. It is an important fundraiser for our budget, the majority of which goes to mission projects. The Gade family donates a very generous percentage of the purchase made by our church family at the Gade Farm Store on those weekends. Please use the coupons below when you make a purchase.

The Gade Farm is located at:

2479 Western Ave., Altamont, NY 12009

The Gade Family have been members of Hamilton Union for generations and we thank them for continuing this fundraiser with us!

Thank you,

The Presbyterian Women

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Mark your calendars now for the next Presbyterian Women (PW) Mission-Minded Breakfast on Saturday, June 6th at 9:30. Breakfast will be at Blake 925, which is located at 2678 Hamburg Street, Schenectady NY, 12303. If you have any questions, or if you'd like more information, please contact Nancy Messersmith.

The Mission Team has the next volunteer opportunity at the Regional Food Bank, sorting donated food on **Thursday, May 14, 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*.



THE CHICKENS ARE COMING! THE CHICKENS ARE COMING!

Those chicken dinners don't sell themselves!

There are only 6 weeks until our first Brooks BBQ fundraiser of the year. We are still well short of a full crew to make this fundraiser go so we need your help! Several "regulars" are either out-of-town or out-of-commission for this BBQ which means we need anyone who can to step up and sign up soon. Friends and young people are welcome!

We have sitting, standing and walking jobs available and we can use anyone. Pick your spot! Specifically, we need a couple more people who can help with set-up at 10am that morning (tents, tables, chairs and lane flagging), as well as line workers, cashiers (outside and inside), baggers, order takers and runners plus a clean-up crew (take down and store the tents, tables, chairs and put garbage into the shed.)

There are sign-up sheets in the back of the sanctuary and in Fellowship hall, by the coffee. Or, you can let Bruce Williamson know at bewillia302@gmail.com or 518-357-0746 or let David Scott know, who will be serving as "Stand-in Head Chicken" for this event.

THANK YOU!!

TECH TEAM

- 5/3 David Scott & Karen Williamson
- 5/10 Meredith & Jackson Eberz
- 5/17 Liz & Declan Egan
- 5/24 Diane Irwin & Hugh Stevens
- 5/31 Mark Hutchinson & Fred Sirois

LITURGISTS

- 5/3 Shannon Mulstay
- 5/10 Rae Rau
- 5/17 Elena Delhagen
- 5/24 Fred Sirois
- 5/31 Debbi Waggener

GREETERS

- 5/3 Trudy Hutchinson
- 5/10 Darlene Bauer
- 5/17 Trudy Hutchinson
- 5/24 Ginny Jones
- 5/31 Shannon Mulstay





May 1 – Dianne Gade

May 26 – John Nitsky

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May 28 – Brian Nitsky

May 12 – Stewart Pattison

May 31 – Logan 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.

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

Hamilton Union Happenings



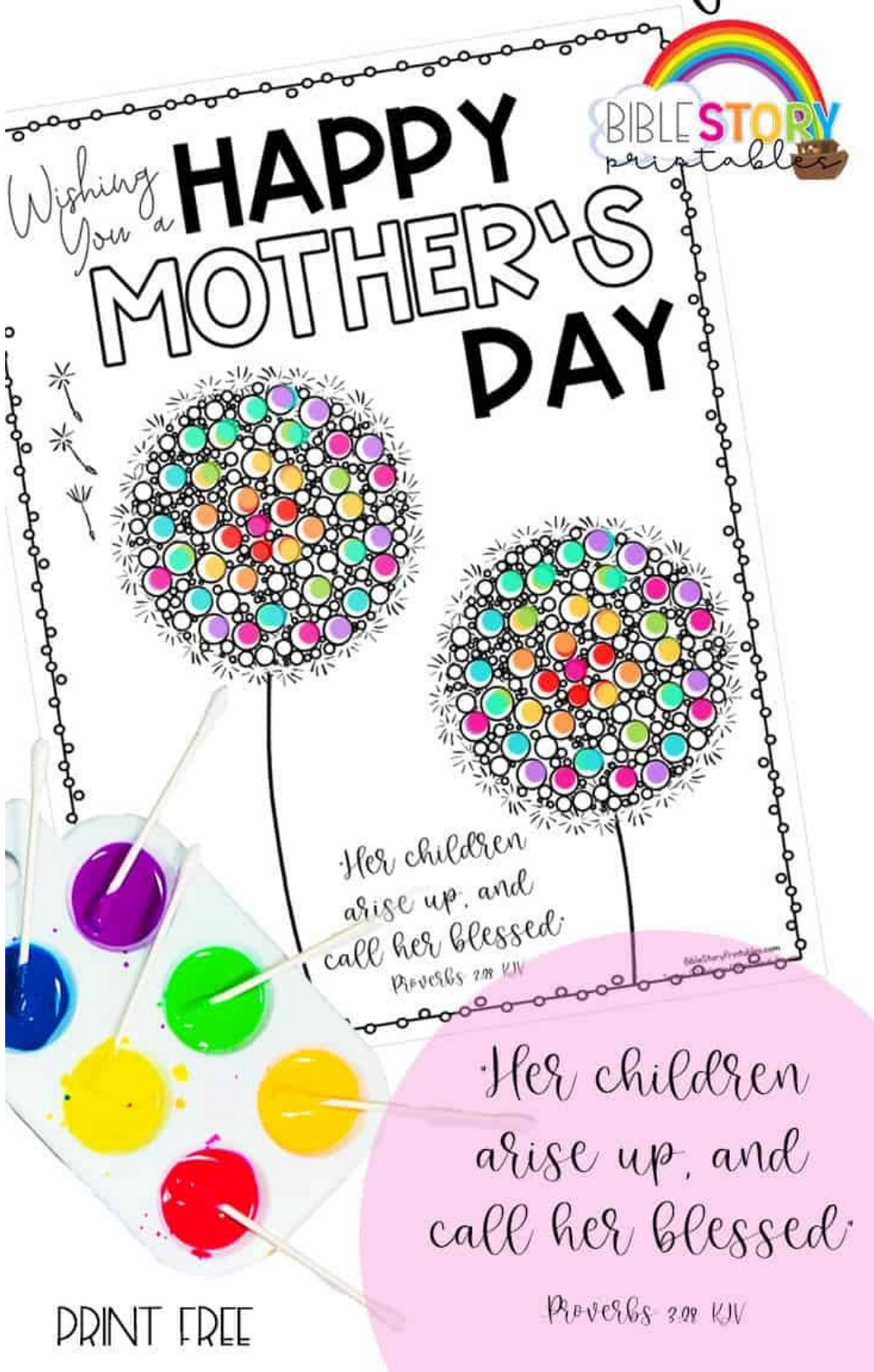
May 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Room Rental (FH) 7:15am– 11:45am	2 Room Rental (FH) 7:15am– 9:30am
3 Choir Warmup— 9:30 AM Sunday Worship— 10 AM Bells —11:30 AM	4 Coffee & Contemplation —9:30 (L) Making Con- nections Bible Study—1PM (Z)	5	6 Room Rental (FH) 7:00pm	7 Choir Practice—7:00 PM (S)	8 Room Rental (FH) 7:15am– 11:45am	9 Men’s Prayer Group (L) - 8:30 am
10 Choir Warmup— 9:30 AM Sunday Worship— 10 AM Bells —11:30 AM HAPPY MOTHER’S DAY!	11 Coffee & Contemplation —9:30 (L) Making Con- nections Bible Study—1PM (Z) Communica- tions Meeting— 7:15PM (Z)	12 Worship Committee Meeting — 7:30 PM (Z)	13 Room Rental (FH) 7:00 pm	14 Choir Practice—7:00 PM (S) Mission Opportunity at Regional Food Bank—5-6:30	15 Room Rental (FH) 7:15am– 11:45am	16 Room Rental (FH) 7:15am– 9:30am
17 Choir Warmup— 9:30 AM Sunday Worship— 10 AM Bells —11:30 AM	18 Coffee & Contemplation —9:30 (L) Making Connections Bible Study— 1PM (Z) Property Meet- ing - 7:30P (Z)	19	20 Room Rental (FH) 7:00 pm	21 Choir Practice—7:00 PM (S)	22 Room Rental (FH) 7:15am– 11:45am	23 Room Rental (FH) 7:15am– 9:30am
24/31 Choir Warmup— 9:30 AM Sunday Worship— 10 AM Bells —11:30 AM	25 HAPPY MEMORIAL DAY! Making Connections Bible Study— 1PM (Z)	26 PW Circle Meeting— 10:30AM– 12:30 PM (L)	27 Room Rental (FH) 7:00 pm	28 Choir Practice—7:00 PM (S)	29 Room Rental (FH) 7:15am– 11:45am	30 Room Rental (FH) 7:15am– 9:30am



MOTHER'S DAY

Bible Craft

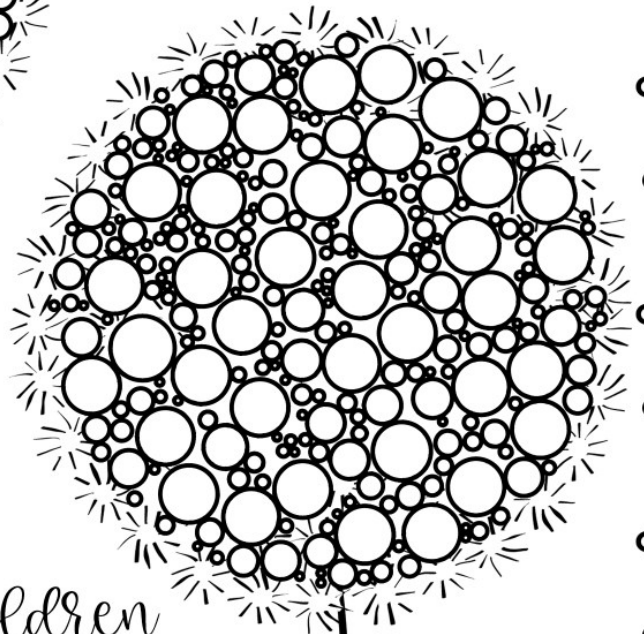
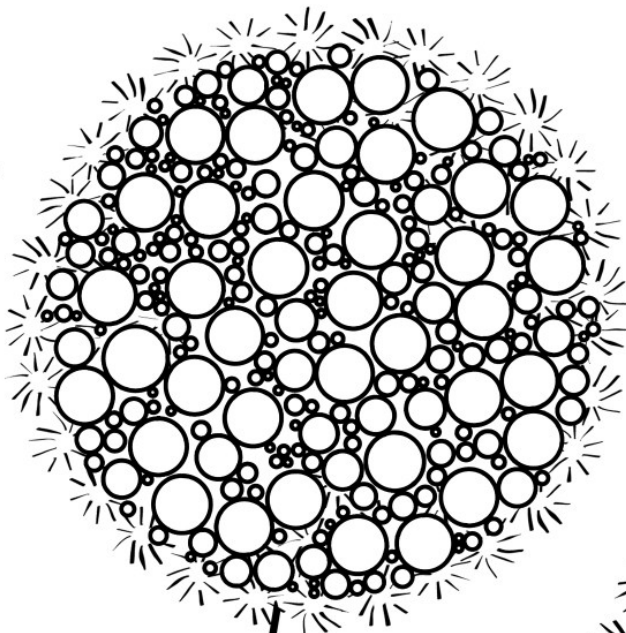


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Wishing
You a

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY



Her children
arise up, and
call her blessed.
Proverbs 31:28 KJV

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