

Good News

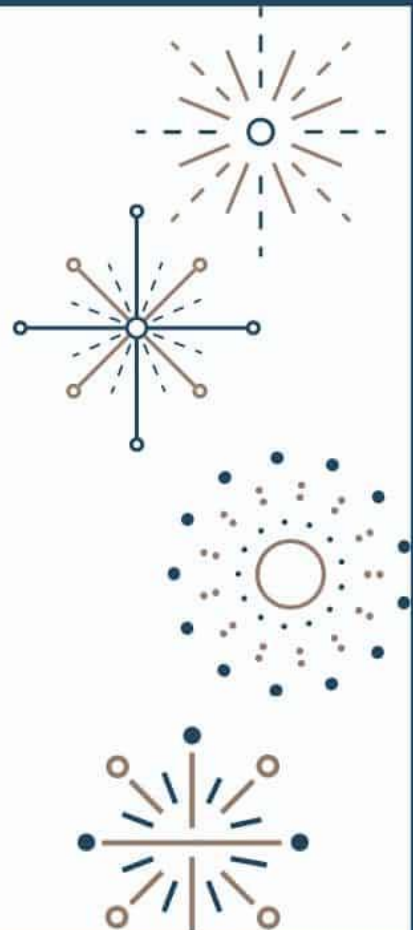
**The Monthly Newsletter of the People of
HAMILTON UNION PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
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HAPPY JULY

May you strengthen
your connection with
God, engaging in
prayer, worship, and
reflection to deepen
your faith.



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"Many people seek a sympathetic ear and do not find it among Christians, because these Christians are talking even when they should be listening. But Christians who can no longer listen to one another will soon no longer be listening to God either; they will always be talking even in the presence of God." ~Dietrich Bonhoeffer

Beloved,

We like to talk. I often joke with the liturgist on Sunday mornings that it's so hard to get people's attention to begin worship because y'all like each other so much! It is one of the things that truly makes our congregation feel like coming home.

And yet, through these rhythms of our lives — talking and listening — can sometimes fall out of balance. We can talk *too* much. We like to share our opinions. We prescribe actions others "should take." We fill silent spaces.

But what if, sometimes, what is most needed is a "sympathetic ear"?

Bonhoeffer considered the ministry of listening to be a key way of serving others in Christ. But he was concerned that some Christians talk more than listen, as he spoke about in the quote above.

We often forget that listening can serve others better than talking. As the writer of James says: "Let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak" (James 1:19). The art of listening is not easy. We want to jump in with "our take," or quickly move to giving advice. What would it be like to instead simply close our mouths and... listen?

This month, I will be taking a trip to Poland with a group from New Brunswick Theological Seminary for a Holocaust study trip. During this, we will be visiting sites like Auschwitz and Treblinka, where unimaginable horrors were perpetrated. I have never had an experience like this, but I

imagine it will require a lot of listening. Listening is how we honor the experiences of others.

There will come a time after I return that I will speak, and I look forward to sharing about my time. But for now, I simply go to listen.

On a smaller scale, I wonder where in our daily lives we might find more opportunities to talk *less* and listen *more*? Where can we heed Bonhoeffer's call to minister to others through the act of listening?

If we are quick to listen to others, perhaps we will learn how to better listen to God. Listening to others is what God calls us to do. Are we listening?

With open heart and open ears,
~Pastor Kyle



A Sneak-Peek at Sermons in July!

July 5– Esther 7:1-10; 9:1-2, 20-22, 29-32, *From Sadness to Joy*

July 12– 1 Timothy 1:12-17, Pastor Kyle Away, Nazish Naseem preaching

July 19– 1 Timothy 6:6-19, Pastor Kyle Away, Lawrence Stewart preaching

July 26– 2 Timothy 1:1-14, *Rekindle the Gift of God*

CHANGE IN OFFICE HOURS

With the official arrival of summer, we here at the HUPC office wanted to communicate a few updates regarding upcoming closures and vacation times. **Please note that Pastor Kyle will be out of the office July 6 through July 19.** If there are any pastoral care emergencies that arise, please reach out either to the church office or to Trudy Hutchinson, chair of the Worship and Congregational Life Committee.

Please also note that **the church office will be closed for vacation from July 6 through July 12.** The following week, July 13 through July 19, Elena will be working, but it will be during off-hours. If you need assistance during that week, or need to access the church office for any reason, please coordinate with Elena by emailing hupc@hamiltonunionpresbyterianchurch.org.

Thank you for your understanding and flexibility!



A Walk In the Woods Returns!

Now that the warm weather is upon us, we will be resuming our monthly Walk in the Woods at the Albany Pine Bush! Meet us at 9am in the parking lot on the fourth Saturday of the month (**this month it's July 25th**), to enjoy a light hike, fellowship, and God's beautiful creation. If you have any questions, please see Pastor Kyle.



Men's Prayer Group: On Pause for the Summer!

Please note that the men's prayer group is cancelled for the summer, but will resume on the second Saturday of September.

Coffee and Contemplation is on pause for July only and will resume the first Monday morning in August.

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!



Thank You...

Thank you to everyone for your donations to the PW Caring Closet drive in May! Your generosity has provided needed hygiene items to GCSD students and families served by the Caring Closet Guilderland. Please remember that items may be donated throughout the year at the Guilderland Town Library and the Gade Farm to support this important mission.

Thank you also to Darlene Bauer for delivering the items to the school!



**Presbyterian Women's (PW) News – All Women are Welcome!
Circle Meetings Will Resume on Tues, Sept 22 With A New Bible Study
Order Information for the New Bible Study Book**

We don't have Circle meetings in the summer. We will begin our new Bible study at our next Circle Meeting on Tues, Sept 22. Our meetings are from 10:30 am – 12:30 pm. Rev. Elena Delhagen will introduce the new Bible study, *Finding Resilience, Joy, and Our Identity in Jesus Christ* and lead a discussion on Lesson 1 ("Mary Magdalene, the Tower.") This Bible study will explore resilience as experienced by several biblical characters, gospel and epistle writers, and Jesus. See the author speak about the study here:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sRp_c3zDQNC

If you would like to order a study book, contact Joanne Wagner at 518-355-1408 or jnnwgnr@yahoo.com by Tues, Sept.1. The study books are \$14 and \$20 for large print. Payment is due when they arrive, in mid Sept. There is an option to get a used book at no charge. We have 4 used books available from another PW group on a first come first serve basis.

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. The Bible study is discussed during the first hour of our meeting, should you be interested in the study only. There is also a Zoom option. For questions about Presbyterian Women, contact Charlotte Hasselbarth at 518-356-0637 or chasselbarth@hotmail.com



Mitten Tree Project - Late Fall 2026

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.



As a reminder the Mission Team has the next scheduled volunteer opportunity at the Regional Food Bank, sorting donated food on: **Thursday, July 16 from 5 to 6:30 PM**. To sign up, or if you have questions, please contact Wayne Gannett.

Please speak to Cindy Schultz for the updated list of most-needed items for the **Guilderland Food Pantry**. Thank you!



Summer Music Opportunities!

Do you or a family member play an instrument? Summer is a great time to share musical gifts in Sunday worship. Children are welcome -- if they can play a simple tune, Carol will help them sound great and get performance experience! Please contact Carol to get involved.

TECH TEAM

July 5: David Scott & Liz Egan

July 12: Mark Hutchinson & Fred Sirois

July 19: Diane Irwin & Hugh Stevens

July 26: Liz & Declan Egan

LITURGISTS

July 5: Mark Hutchinson

July 12: Trudy Hutchinson

July 19: Diane Irwin

July 26: Ginny Jones

GREETERS

July 5: Shannon Mulstay

July 12: TBD

July 19: Chandra Reis

July 26: Bill Hasselbarth





July 2- Carolyn Sarbello

July 18 - Molly Davis

July 7 - Molly Elizabeth Gade

July 20 - Mark Hutchinson

July 7 - Karen Williamson

July 27 - Atticus Delhagen

July 9 - Bruce Williamson

July 31 - William Fichtner

July 14 - Thomas Patrick Gade

July 15 - Katie Davis

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

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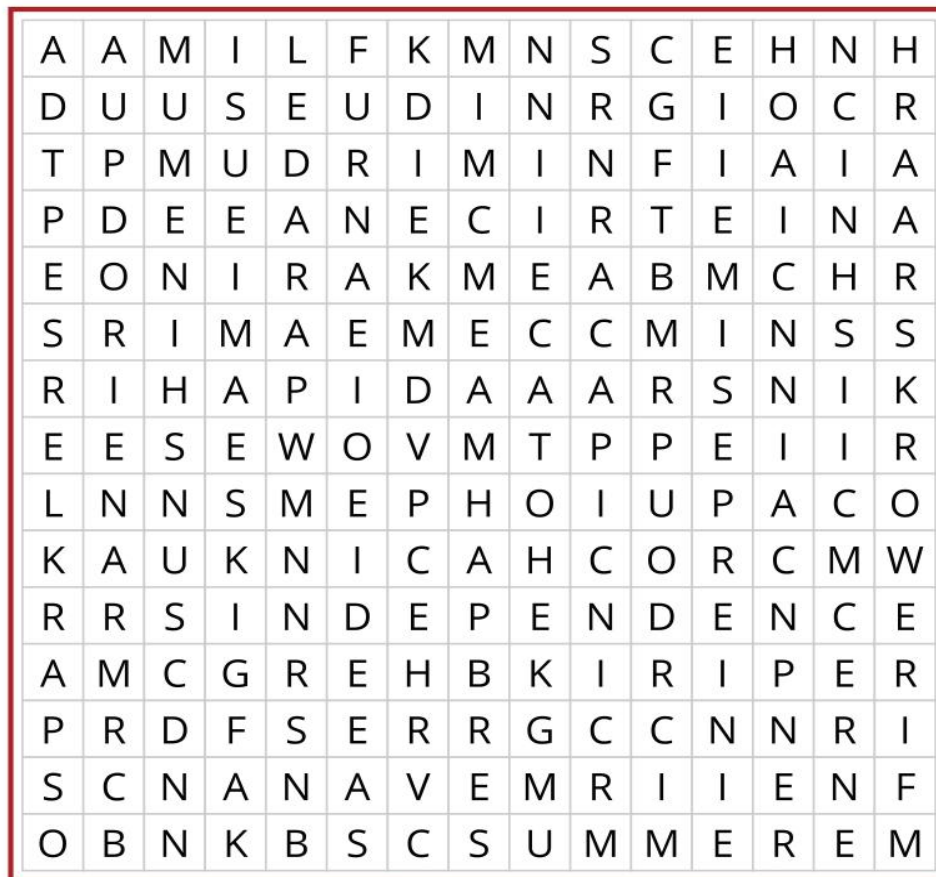
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	1	2	1	2	3 Room Rental (FH) 7:15am– 11:45am	4 Room Rental (FH) 7:15am– 9:30am Happy Independence Day!
5 Sunday Worship - 10am PW Coordinating Team Meeting (L) - 11:30AM	6 OFFICE CLOSED	7 OFFICE CLOSED	8 OFFICE CLOSED	9 OFFICE CLOSED	10 Room Rental (FH) 7:15am– 11:45am	11 Room Rental (FH) 7:15am– 9:30am
12 Sunday Worship - 10am (Nazish Naseem Preaching)	13	14	15	16 Mission Opportunity at Regional Food Bank – 5-6:30	17 Room Rental (FH) 7:15am– 11:45am	18 Room Rental (FH) 7:15am– 9:30am
19 Sunday Worship - 10am (Lawrence Stewart Preaching)	20 Room Rental (L) 6:30-8:30pm	21	22	23	24 Room Rental (FH) 7:15am– 11:45am	25 Room Rental (FH) 7:15am– 9:30am Walk in the Woods (APB) - 9am
26 Sunday Worship - 10am	27	28	29 BROOKS BBQ 3-6 PM (PL)	30	31	



HELLO JULY

WORD SEARCH

Solve the following puzzle by finding all the hidden words!



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PARADE

FIREWORKS

CAMPING

ICE CREAM

SUNSHINE

SWIMMING

BARBECUE

BEACH

VACATION

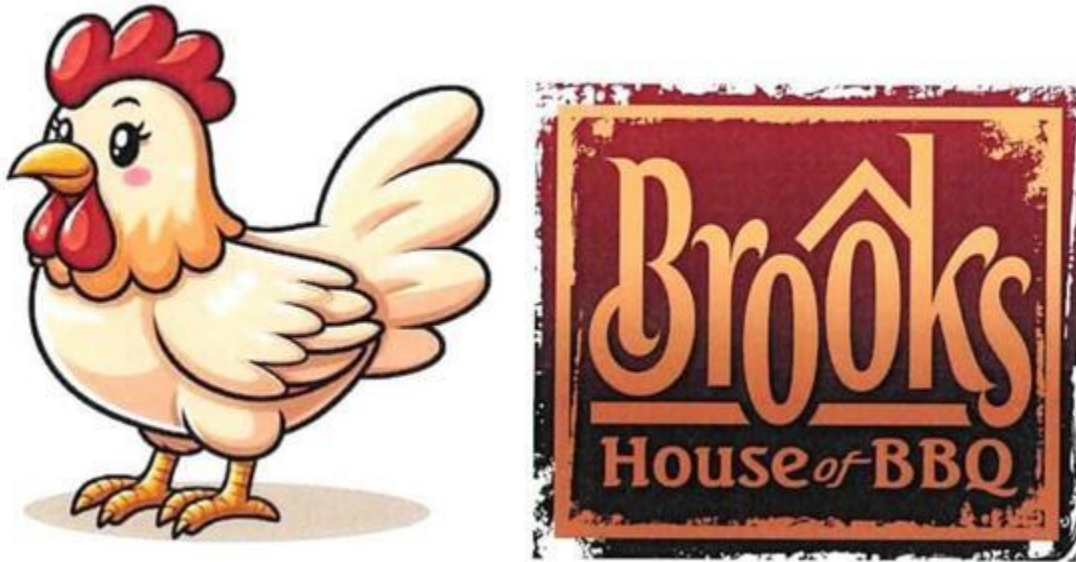
FREEDOM

PICNIC

HOT

SUMMER

SPARKLERS



5 WEEKS UNTIL CHICKEN DAY!

Yup, our next Brooks BBQ fundraiser (and last one for this year) is coming up in just 5 weeks, on Wednesday, July 29. As always, we need as many people as possible to sign up to help run this important HUPC fundraiser.

You all know the drill: we have a job opening for everyone! Sitting, standing, counting, packing, order-taking, order delivery, set-up, and clean-up. **Come one, come all!** Pastor Kyle will use all his connections to ensure good weather and large crowds. Sign-up sheets are available in Fellowship Hall and at the rear of the sanctuary OR you can let Bruce Williamson know you can help at 518-357-0746 or bewillia302@gmail.com.

Don't make us hunt you down!!

THANK YOU!
The Chicken Team

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