

Good News

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Happy June

AS YOU CELEBRATE THE BLESSINGS OF JUNE,
MAY YOU ALSO CELEBRATE THE GIFT OF GOD'S
LOVE. FOR YOU!

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“But he said to me, ‘My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness.’ So I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me.”

~2 Corinthians 12:9

Beloved,

I’ve been dwelling on the Apostle Paul for quite a bit these past few weeks, particularly as the Narrative Lectionary wound down the program year with readings from Acts and Philippians. Paul and I have had a tumultuous relationship over the years, but I confess I have found myself growing more fond of him (I think a lot of his bad reputation in certain sectors of the Church comes more from bad translations and interpretations than anything Paul actually said or wrote). But I digress...

One of my favorite metaphors Paul employs in his letters is that of the body as representative of the Church and of Christ. It is profoundly meaningful to consider our community of faith, and the larger Church, as Christ’s body in the world. It is a metaphor that embraces the diversity of humanity, recognizing that we all have different functions and abilities. One activity I have liked to do with young people is to have a large outline of a body on the floor and have each individual stand on or near the part of the body they feel they best represent (a mouth if they are a good speaker, an ear for a good listener, etc.). I wonder what part of the body you think yourself to be?

The part of this metaphor I like the best though, is what happens to a body when it is injured. If I break my foot, I do not cease to function; if I lose my hearing, my entire body does not shut down. Rather, the rest of my body compensates for the loss – temporary or permanent.

There is a reason Paul does not equate the Church to a machine: if one part of a machine breaks, the entirety becomes useless until that part is replaced (if it even can be).

As a body of Christ, we celebrate one another’s victories and we bear one another’s burdens. It is one of the best things about the Church. If one member is in pain (or ill or broken), we tend to them and care for them. Do we always do this well? No. But we strive to, and that is a worthy calling indeed.

Pope Leo XIV recently spoke about the existential threat of Artificial Intelligence, and I believe he was channeling Paul when he wrote: “For an algorithm, an error is a flaw to be corrected; for a person, however, an error can be a catalyst for profound change.” I think this is true not only for us as individuals, but as a community as well.

As the body of Christ, we strive for the kin-dom of God, where all are cared for, all are cherished and valued, and every person has a place, regardless of race, gender, sexual orientation, ethnicity, or any other human-made designation. Because in Christ, we are all one beautiful body.

Your partner in this,
~Pastor Kyle



A Sneak-Peek at Sermons in June!

June 7– Ruth 2:1-23, *Gleaning and Hope*

June 14– Ruth 3:1-18, *Daring to Act*

June 21– Ruth 4:1-22, *New Life*

June 28– Esther 4:1-17, *For a Moment Like This*



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, beginning June 27th, to enjoy a light hike, fellowship, and enjoying God's beautiful creation. If you have any questions,

please see Pastor Kyle.



Men's Prayer Group: Second Saturday of the month

On Saturday, June 13 at 8:30 am, all men of HUPC are invited to join Pastor Kyle in the Lounge for a time of fellowship, prayer – and of course, coffee! No RSVP needed. Hope to see you there!



Please be advised that Twinkling Stars Preschool will be having their Graduation Day on Wednesday, June 10th from 10:30am to 12:00 pm, and their Moving Up Day Celebration on Thursday, June 11th from 11:00am - 12:00 pm. Please try to keep the parking lot clear so that all students and staff are safe while they're outside, and also to leave spots for parents who will be joining the celebrations. Thank you!



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.

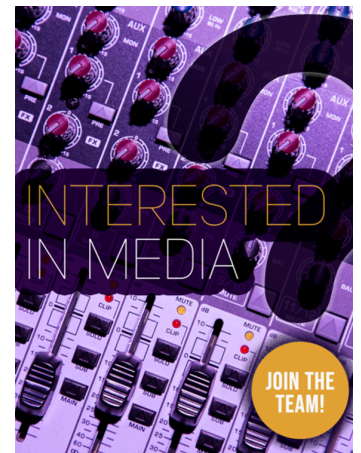
Come as you are, come as you can, come when you can. *No RSVP or signup needed.* Coffee will be on. Come contemplate.

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) Circle Meetings Off for the Summer!

We take off Circle meetings for the summer. We will resume on **Tuesday, Sept. 22**, with a new Bible study: *Finding Resilience, Joy, and Our Identity in Jesus Christ*. Rev. Elena Delhagen will provide an introduction and lead a discussion on the first lesson, Mary Magdalene, the Tower. Information on how to purchase the new study book will be in the July newsletter.

Bring a bagged lunch. Beverage and dessert will be provided. Extra study books will be available. We offer a Zoom option. 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.



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.



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 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)

City Mission of Findlay

WOMEN AND CHILDREN'S
CRISIS SHELTER
FINDLAY, OHIO
FINDLAYMISSION.ORG
\$125,000

City Mission of Findlay empowers change by offering safe shelter, warm meals and hope. One of their services is Martha's Home, a haven of compassion and support for women and children in crisis. By offering not only shelter, but also services and resources tailored to the needs of women and their families, Martha's Home strives to break the cycle of homelessness.

The Birthday Offering grant will support renovations at Martha's Home including roof and window replacements, an upgraded water heater and a new air conditioning unit. The grant will also purchase a vehicle to provide reliable transportation to employment, medical appointments, recovery meetings, childcare and community services. PW's Birthday Offering is helping Martha's Home to maintain safe, comfortable living conditions at the crisis shelter and ensuring access to critical resources for more than 100 individuals each year.



Haywood Christian Ministry

RURAL FOOD ASSISTANCE PROJECT
WAYNESVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA
HCMNC.ORG
\$125,000

Haywood Christian Ministry (HCM) believes that everyone deserves access to high-quality, healthy food. Food shouldn't simply be about survival but also about showing love through quality ingredients and thoughtful preparation. Their anti-hunger programs, including the Smoky Mountain Harvest Hub, work to ensure that people across Haywood County, North Carolina, have the food they need, when they need it, and where they are.

The Birthday Offering grant will equip a commercial kitchen within HCM's food hub, facilitating the preparation of food products from rescued produce. The grant will also cover the cost of retrofitting a decommissioned school bus into a mobile market to expand food access and reduce food waste. Together, these tools will enable Haywood Christian Ministries to reach underserved, rural communities and ensure that everyone has ready access to healthy, fresh, good food.

If you are celebrating a birthday in 2026,
please come to your
BIRTHDAY PARTY



Sunday, June 7
immediately following worship



Since 1922, Presbyterian Women have facilitated a long succession of new projects that meet basic human needs through **Birthday Offering Grants**.

We are encouraged to give as we have been blessed, generously and as led by the Holy Spirit.



PW's Mission-Minded Breakfast

The annual spring PW Mission-Minded Breakfast will be Saturday, June 6. It will be held at Redwood Diner, 2688 Hamburg Street, Schenectady NY 12303 at 9:30am.

This year the collection will be supporting Amina, a young woman from Afghanistan who is now a resident of Albany. She came to the US on a student visa. In January Amina began to study for a Master's Degree in Communications at the University of Albany. Currently she needs funds to cover the tuition for the fall semester. If she is not enrolled as a full-time student, she will lose her student visa and could be forced to return to Afghanistan. To defend against that, she is applying for asylum in the US but will need \$300 for the initial consultation. Due to restrictions of her visa, she is unable to work, but when she has asylum, she will be able to work and help pay the tuition.


It would be wonderful to support this young woman to achieve her dreams of higher education in her challenging situation. Contact Nancy Messersmith at 518-698-8966 by June 3 if you are able to join us for breakfast. A collection will be made to support Amina.



As a reminder the Mission Team has the next scheduled volunteer opportunity at the Regional Food Bank, sorting donated food on: **Thursday, June 18 from 5 to 6:30 PM**. To sign up, or if you have questions, please contact Wayne Gannett.

The **Guilderland Food Pantry** has updated their list of most needed items. For June, they are focusing on condiments, such as ketchup, mustard, and mayonnaise. Thank you!



<p style="text-align: center;"><u>TECH TEAM</u></p> <p>June 7: Karen Williamson & George Hannett</p> <p>June 14: David Scott & Mark Hutchinson</p> <p>June 21: Diane Irwin & Hugh Stevens</p> <p>June 28: Liz & Declan Egan</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>LITURGISTS</u></p> <p>June 7: Darlene Bauer</p> <p>June 14: Chandra Reis</p> <p>June 21: Bill Hasselbarth</p> <p>June 28: Cindy Schultz</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>GREETERS</u></p> <p>June 7: Betty Deitz</p> <p>June 14: Mark Hutchinson</p> <p>June 21: Trudy Hutchinson</p> <p>June 28: Charlotte Hasselbarth</p>	 <p style="text-align: center;">Thanks to Our Volunteers!</p>



June 1 - Peter Lee Gannett

June 17 - Darlene Bauer

June 2 - Caroline Anne Gade

June 21 - Leisha Hall

June 8 - Megan Reis

June 24 - Pamela Allen

June 11 - Bill Hasselbarth

June 26 - Timothy Anatriello, Jr.

June 13 - Amy Messersmith

June 27 - MJ Pattison

June 15 - Camille Lajoie

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



JUNE 2026

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
	1 C&C –9:30 (L) Making Connections Bible Study – 1PM (Z)	2	3 BROOKS BBQ 3-6 PM (PL)	4 Choir Practice - 7:00pm	5 Room Rental (FH) 7:15am–11:45am	6 Room Rental (FH) 7:15am–9:30am
7 Choir Warmup - 9:30am Sunday Worship - 10am	8 C&C –9:30 (L) Making Connections Bible Study – 1PM (Z) Comm. Mtg - 7PM (Z)	9 Worship Meeting - 7:30PM (Z)	10 Twinkling Stars Graduation - 10:30am-12pm	11 Twinkling Stars Moving Up Celebration- 11am-12pm	12 Room Rental (FH) 7:15am–11:45am	13 Room Rental (FH) 7:15am–9:30am Men’s Prayer Group (L) - 8:30am
14 Sunday Worship - 10am	15 C&C –9:30 (L) Making Connections Bible Study – 1PM (Z) Room Rental (L) 6:30-8:30pm	16	17 Congregational Care Mtg - 10:00 AM	18 Mission Opportunity at Regional Food Bank – 5-6:30	19 Room Rental (FH) 7:15am–11:45am	20 Room Rental (FH) 7:15am–9:30am
21 HAPPY FATHER’S DAY! Sunday Worship - 10am	22 C&C –9:30 (L) Making Connections Bible Study – 1PM (Z)	23	24	25	26 Room Rental (FH) 7:15am–11:45am	27 Room Rental (FH) 7:15am–9:30am Walk in the Woods (APB) - 9am
28 Sunday Worship - 10am	29 C&C –9:30 (L) Making Connections Bible Study – 1P (Z)	30				



When: Saturday June 20th

Where: First United Methodist Church of Delmar,
428 Kenwood Ave. Delmar, NY.

**The festival will take place across all 3 parking lots,
with a stage, food vendors, and over 30 arts/craft and
nonprofit vendors.**

**Starting at 1pm vendors will open,
performances start at 2pm.
Drag revue begins at 3:30**

**Contact HUPC's office if you are interested in
carpooling to this event!**

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✦ <https://bethlehempride.com>





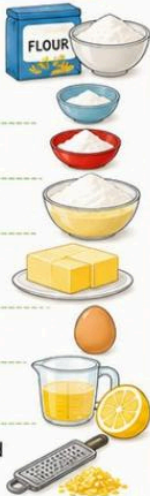
LEMON BUTTER COOKIES

Sweet, Zesty & Totally Delicious!

Kids
Cook

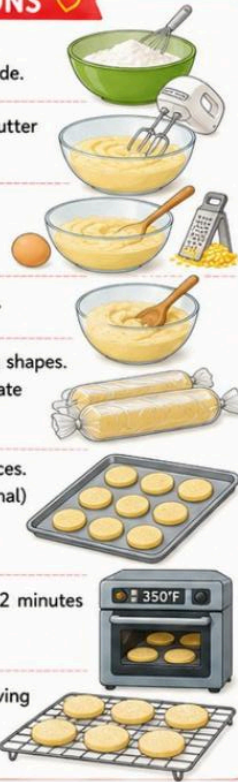
INGREDIENTS

- 3 cups all-purpose flour
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon baking soda
- 1 1/2 cups sugar
- 3/4 cup butter (room temperature)
- 1 large egg
- 1/4 cup fresh lemon juice
- 2 tablespoons finely grated lemon peel (optional)



DIRECTIONS

- 1 Mix together flour, salt and baking soda in bowl and set aside.
- 2 In a large bowl, mix together butter and sugar until creamy.
- 3 Beat in egg, lemon juice and lemon peel.
- 4 Gradually blend in flour mixture.
- 5 Roll the dough into 2, 9-inch log shapes. Wrap in cling wrap and refrigerate until firm (about one hour).
- 6 Cut dough into 1/4-inch thick slices. Sprinkle slices with sugar (optional) and place on lightly greased cookie sheets.
- 7 Bake at 350°F for about 10 to 12 minutes or until golden around edges.
- 8 Cool for 5 minutes before removing to wire rack to cool completely.



CHEF TIP!

For extra lemon flavor, add a little more lemon peel!



FUN IDEA!

Drizzle cooled cookies with a simple lemon glaze for a sweet treat!



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for our community!



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Don't forget that our final Brooks BBQ for 2026 will be held in August (exact date to come). Session approved holding only two of these important fundraisers in 2026, so please do try to help us make them successful!

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