

JANUARY 2023

Hamburg Presbyterian Church

# The TOWEL AND BASIN

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Mission: To be a spiritually passionate congregation that lives out Christ's teachings; through love-filled relationship building, we prayerfully seek to share our lives and resources with the community and the world







## **From the Presbytery of Western New York**



### **Celebration of African American Music**

**From Gospel to Jazz to Rock  
For Black History Month**

**Please join in sharing your talents for a Celebration of African American Music. Do you sing, play an instrument, or merely wish to enjoy this special concert?**

**It will be held at Orchard Park Presbyterian Church, 4369 S. Buffalo Street, tentatively set for the last Sunday in February, the 26th at 4pm. Please email Rev. Dr. Wylie Hughes at [wylie@oppchurch.org](mailto:wylie@oppchurch.org) or call the church office at 716-662-9348 if you would like to participate. Music will be distributed between now and February and rehearsal times for choirs and bands will be set at a later date.**



## From Pastor Rachel's Heart...

**As I sit and reflect on 2022, my heart soars at the thought that we were able to be in worship together in-person, as well as, have those that are unable to join us in-person be there through Facebook live. My heart dropped at the thought of all the struggles that we've been through, from the recent storms in November and December and the countless lives that were lost in the blizzard of 2022. We could not be together in person on Christmas Eve or day but we were able to worship together through the beauty of our pre-recorded services, as well as, the lovely bulletin put together by the worship planning team.**

**During these times of great highs and lows it's important to remember that there is one at the center of it all that is our rock and fortress, the one in whom we put our trust and guide us forward, Jesus Christ. No matter whether a joy or sadness, Jesus is there. No matter whether we are together or apart, Jesus is there. The love that Jesus pours into us is the same love that we have for one another, our families, the community and the world.**

**For 2023, let us look to Mark 12: 29-31**

**"The most important one," answered Jesus, "is this: 'Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.' The second is this: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no commandment greater than these."**

**Let us love one another as Christ has loved us. A new day has come and with it the hope of a new opportunity to worship the Lord together and serve him however we are called. I am so thankful for the countless people in our church who give their time volunteering to the many opportunities provided, as well as, donate items and money so that we can give of our resources that God has given us to others.**

**Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!**

**~Pastor Rachel**



PRESBYTERIAN  
WOMEN

# PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

## **The 2022-2023 Horizon's Bible Study is "Celebrating SABBATH"- Accepting God's Gift of Rest and Delight By Carol M. Bechtel**

Key ideas: As Lord of the Sabbath, Jesus invites all of us who are weary to celebrate a Sabbath that is more about "yes" than "no." Sabbath celebration is something that God has built into the structure of creation. Receiving that gift is part of what deepens our friendship with God, others and the rest of creation and it also involves a commitment to hospitality. Sabbath is first about honoring God.

Community is key for sustaining us in our Sabbath journey.

**We would like extend a warm welcome to every woman to join our monthly Circle meetings for Bible Study and Fellowship.**

### **CIRCLE MEETINGS:**

**Hannah Circle Wed. January 4th at 11:00am**

Gail Wheaton's home

**Elizabeth Circle Thurs. January 12th at 10:30am**

Jean Feltz's home

**Ruth Circle Wed., January 18th at 12:30pm**

HPC Lounge

**PW Coordinating Team**

will **NOT** meet in January

**Mission Quilters will January 3rd and January 18th at 10:00am, in the Fellowship Hall.**

**Thank you to all who donated mittens, scarves and hats to our mitten tree, they will be much appreciated.**

**Blessings to all for a healthy and Joy filled New Year!**

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## SCHEDULE FOR JANUARY

### Ushers

Jan. 1 - Joyce Huen

Jan. 8 - Leyonmark Family

Jan. 15 - Rich Family

Jan. 22 - Leyonmark Family

Jan. 29 - Leyonmark Family

### Liturgists

Jan. 1 - Wendy Zimmerman

Jan. 8 - Hollis Bahruth

Jan. 15 - Linda McAlpine

Jan. 22 - Shirley Hines

Jan. 29 - Elyse Perry

## ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICES

**FEBRUARY 22ND, 2023**

~NOON IN THE CHAPEL FOLLOWED BY  
A SOUP & SALAD LUNCH IN THE  
LOUNGE, RSVP 716-649-1970

~7 PM IN THE CHAPEL



## PALM SUNDAY SERVICES

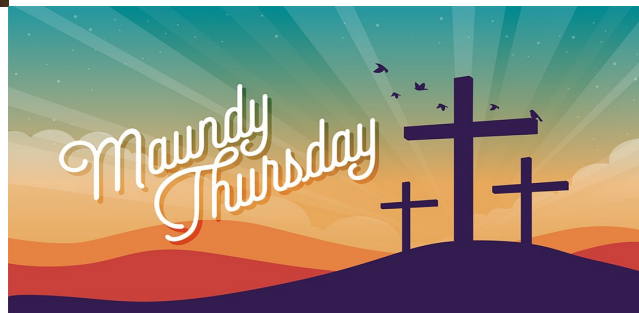
APRIL 2ND, 2023

10AM IN THE SANCTUARY

## MAUNDY THURSDAY

APRIL 6TH, 2023

7PM IN THE CHAPEL



## EASTER SUNDAY

APRIL 9TH, 2023

10AM IN THE SANCTUARY

# JANUARY



January 1 Samuel Gewase, Bill McCoy, Diana Perry

January 3 Katherine Leyonmark

January 6 Jeff Leyonmark

January 7 Linda Connelly

January 8 Joanne Yoviene

January 11 Julie Cimorelli, Elta Herman

January 12 Helen Duryea

January 13 Gina Browning, Bob Catalino, Kate Zellefrow

January 15 Bonnie Orlow

January 16 Kristin DellaPenta

January 17 Janie Smith

January 18 Ben Reagan

January 19 John Griffin

January 21 Lucas and Liam Alimonti, Christian Lovelace

January 24 Sharon Fisk, Marilyn Wittmeyer

January 26 Bob McKenzie,

Kendra Quinn-Moultrie

January 27 Kristin Obenshain

January 28 Joe Streamer, Diane Tomlinson

January 29 Marcia Skuse



## Sandwich Sunday 1/15

Please bring individually wrapped sandwiches to church Sunday morning and put them in the coolers in the coat room. Or, bring them to the Hollenbeck's front porch at 480 Pleasant Ave anytime Saturday or Sunday morning until noon. They will be delivered to St. Luke's Mission of Mercy in Buffalo.

## IN OUR Thoughts and Prayers

*Rich McAlpine,*

*Tom Tabone*

*Bob Bickel*

*George Ackerman,*

*Bill McCoy,*

*Jonah DeLang,*

*Donna Burns,*

*Gail Wheaton,*

*Richard Monckton,*

*Bob Catalino,*

\*Contact Church Office with prayer needs.

## January Coffee Hour!

Meet in the lounge after service for a time of fellowship!

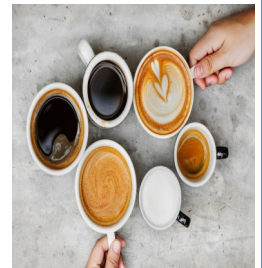
**1 Mission and Financial Mgmt. & Stewardship**

**8 Personnel - Snacks**

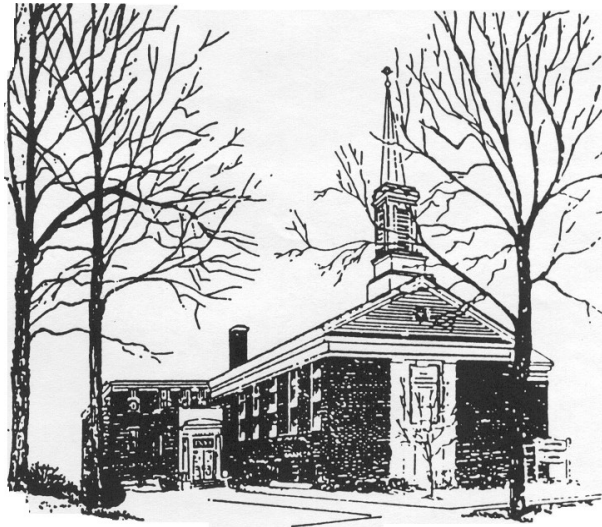
**15 Worship & Music**

**22 Session**

**29 PW Women (all circles)**



**Non-perishable food items are needed for the Blessing Box located on Main St. lawn. Canned soups/stews/pasta, peanut butter and packaged dry goods are great items to share. Please note, no expired/close to expiration date items can be accepted. Thank you!**



# HAMBURG PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

177 Main St.  
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**Minister of Music**- Alexander Hamilton  
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## Sunday Worship & Christian Ed Schedule

10:00am Worship Service  
in the Sanctuary and on Facebook  
10:15am Children's Church  
(after Children's Sermon)

### Worship Online with us!

Visit [www.hamburgchurch.org](http://www.hamburgchurch.org) and click on the Media tab to the drop down Bulletin tab. Select the bulletin of the week and access [Facebook Live](#)

## Newsletter

### Deadline

The deadline for the

**February Issue** is

**February 16, 2022**



## HPC OFFICE

### Staff Listing

#### *Pastor*

Rev. Rachel Brown: 444-7333

#### *Minister of Music*

Alex Hamilton

#### *Financial Secretary*

Katie Gertner: 400-4892

#### *Church Office*

Kendra Quinn-Moultrie: 649-1970

#### *Sexton*

Dave Monaco: 931-5213



## HPC OFFICE HOURS

(716-649-1970)

**Monday** 9am - 2pm

**Tuesday** 9am - 2pm

**Wednesday** 9am - 2pm

**Thursday** 9am-2pm

### Friday Closed

In case of an emergency,  
Rev. Rachel Brown may be  
reached on her cell at 444-7333.

Please let Pastor Rachel know of your prayer needs by contacting her directly at (716) 444-7333.

All prayer requests are confidential and may be made through church email or by phone as well.

NEED PRAYER?



## MINUTES OF SESSION DECEMBER 10th 2022

The Rev. Rachel Brown, Moderator, called the Session meeting to order at 7:02pm. Motion to approve agenda was approved

Elders in attendance were: Wayne Hines, Jerry Stitt, James Sampson, Blair Webster, Jeff Leyonmark, Kris McGuire, Sandy Smith. Also in attendance were Pastor Rachel and Tony Cimorelli Clerk of Session.

Excused was Hollis Bahruth, Tom Tabone, Chris Burns, Trisha Harrigan

Deacon in attendance was Karen Klug.

The meeting minutes from November 14, 2022 were approved.

### **PASTOR'S REPORT:**

Reverend Rachel Brown took the time to thank all of the Session members for all they do. She also mentioned that a funeral for Jim Leslie will be conducted at Hamburg Presbyterian Church as 11:00am on January 14, 2023.

### **CLERK'S REPORT (Via email from Tony Cimorelli):**

Tony Cimorelli mentioned the two completed baptisms since last meeting, Ben Schittendorf on November 27, 2022 and Olive Vincent on December 11, 2022.

Tony also informed Session a request has been made by a congregation member to ensure that any votes on a Pastors CBE be done in a congregational meeting without the Pastor present. Session agreed this was a practice Hamburg Presbyterian Church should follow.

### **DEACON'S REPORT:**

The Deacon representative in attendance, Karen Klug, informed Session that the Deacons continue to complete their assigned responsibilities as business as usual. This includes the Christmas poinsettia program.

### **COMM. TO PRESBYTERY:**

This was tabled. The next meeting is not until the end of January. Session will discuss this in the January 2023 meeting.

### **TREASURER'S REPORT:**

Blair Webster reviewed the Treasurer's report. He reported that the church should finish 2022 close to being on budget.

### **MINISTRY TEAMS REQUIRING ACTION:**

Finance/Stewardship

**MOTION** to approve the proposed 2023 budget as presented. **Motion approved.**

### **OLD BUSINESS**

No old business was discussed

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Hamburg Presbyterian Church recently experienced severe roof damage from the November snow storm. In response, Hamburg Presbyterian Church applied for a \$5,000 grant from the Presbyterian Disaster Relief fund to cover these unforeseen expenses. Funds have not been received yet. We expect a response shortly.

### **OPEN DISCUSSION**

General open discussion was held including a conversation about general signage related to the about pandemic being removed.

The devotion for the Session Meeting in January will be provided by Kris McGuire.

There will not be a Moment for Mission Team on December 25, 2022.

The **Sacrament of Holy Communion** was celebrated on December 4, 2022 at the 10:00 a.m. Worship service.

The **Sacrament of Holy Communion** will be celebrated on Christmas Eve Services at 4:00pm and 9:00pm and January 8, 2023.

Next meeting date January 9, 2022 at 7:00pm. John Wong from the Synod of the North East will be joining us via ZOOM to talk about evaluating and improving our community involvement.

Pastor Rachel closed the meeting at 7:40 p.m. with prayer.

Respectfully submitted:



Clerk of Session



# January 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>1</b> <b>10:00am</b> Wor- ship Service	<b>2</b> <b>6:30pm</b> Chris- tian Ed. (AL) <b>7:30pm</b> AlAnon	<b>3</b> <b>5:30pm</b> Bell Choir <b>6:30pm</b> Chancel Choir	<b>4</b> <b>11am</b> Hannah Circle (Gail Wheaton's home) <b>10:00am</b> Mis- sion Quilters (FH) <b>7:00pm</b> Mission	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> <b>10:00pm</b> AA (FH)	<b>7</b> <b>9:00am</b> United Church of God (FH)
<b>8</b> <b>10:00am</b> Wor- ship Service & Communion	<b>9</b> <b>9:30am</b> Caregiv- ers <b>7:00pm</b> Session (L) <b>7:30pm</b> AlAnon	<b>10</b> <b>11:00am</b> Wor- ship Planning <b>12:30pm</b> Pres- byterian Women (AL)	<b>11</b> <b>7:30pm</b> AA (FH)	<b>12</b> <b>10:30am</b> Eliza- beth Circle (Jean Feltz's home) <b>7pm</b> YogaFaith (FH)	<b>13</b> <b>10:00pm</b> AA (FH)	<b>14</b> <b>9:00am</b> United Church of God (FH)
<b>15</b> <b>10:00am</b> Wor- ship Service &	<b>16</b> <b>Martin Luther</b> <b>King Jr. Day</b> <b>7:00pm</b> Worship and Music (Z) <b>7:30pm</b> AlAnon	<b>17</b> <b>11:00am</b> Wor- ship Planning & Staff	<b>18</b> <b>10:00am</b> Mis- sion Quilters (FH) <b>12:30pm</b> Ruth Circle (HPC Lounge) <b>7:30pm</b> AA (FH)	<b>19</b> <b>7pm</b> YogaFaith (FH) <b>6:30pm</b> Dea- cons	<b>20</b> <b>10:00pm</b> AA (FH)	<b>21</b> <b>9:00am</b> United Church of God (FH)
<b>22</b> <b>10:00am</b> Wor- ship Service & Sandwich Sun- day	<b>23</b> <b>7:30pm</b> AlAnon (FH)	<b>24</b> <b>11:00am</b> Wor- ship Planning <b>5:30pm</b> Bell Choir <b>6:30pm</b> Chancel Choir	<b>25</b> <b>7:30pm</b> AA (FH)	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> <b>10:00pm</b> AA (FH)	<b>28</b> <b>9:00am</b> United Church of God (FH)
<b>29</b> <b>10:00am</b> Wor- ship Service	<b>30</b> <b>7:30pm</b> AlAnon (FH)	<b>31</b> <b>11:00am</b> Wor- ship Planning <b>5:30pm</b> Bell Choir <b>6:30pm</b> Chancel Choir				