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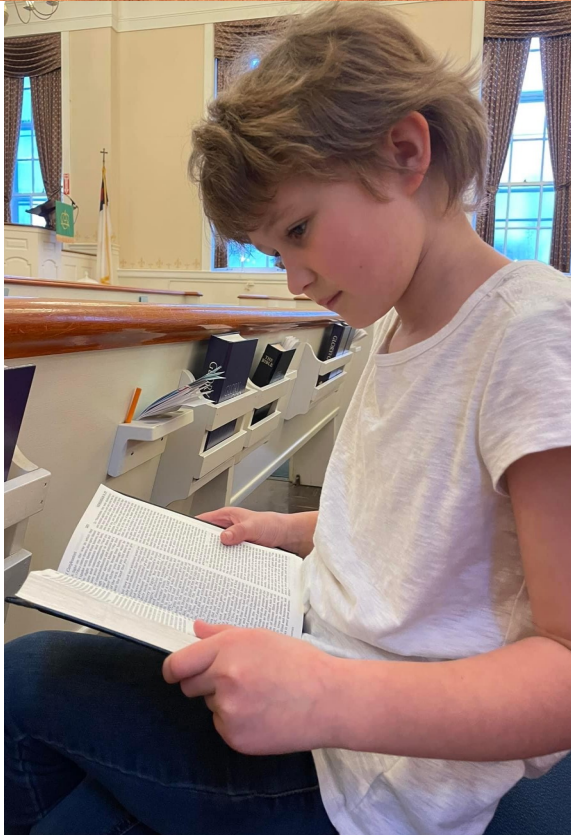
Hamburg Presbyterian Church

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





Engaging in the Anti-Racism Journey

The Anti-racism Task Group believes it is called by Jesus to recognize, acknowledge and root out racism, be it interpersonal, structural or systemic, in our communities, churches, state and country. We admit our own complicity in racism and commit to this work as an essential expression of our faith. Our focus is to work with the people of the Presbytery to challenge and support each other in this Anti-racism work. Our intent is to do this through encouraging education, discussion, partnership and action.

[Anti-Racism Resource Page](#)

THE DOCTRINE OF DISCOVERY

THE DOCTRINE OF DISCOVERY HAS ITS ROOTS IN THE MIDDLE AGES (500 TO 1450 CE). IT DEVELOPED OUT OF THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH DOCTRINE USED TO SUPPORT THE CRUSADES TO THE HOLY LAND FROM 1026 TO 1271. TO JUSTIFY THE CRUSADES, THE POPE ESTABLISHED THE IDEA THAT IT WAS HIS RESPONSIBILITY TO CREATE A UNIVERSAL CHRISTIAN WORLD, CONTROLLED BY THE CHURCH. THAT MEANT THAT ATTACKING THE NON-CHRISTIANS, OR PAGANS, WAS JUSTIFIED. WHILE MANY HAVE HEARD ABOUT THE CRUSADES, FEW PROBABLY THINK ABOUT THEIR RELATIONSHIP TO THE EUROPEAN ATTITUDE TOWARD THE “DISCOVERY” OF NORTH AMERICA AND THE DOCTRINE OF DISCOVERY THAT GUIDED IT. AND WHY TALK ABOUT THIS IN THIS COLUMN ANYWAY? BECAUSE, THE RACISM THAT IS STILL CAUSING SO MUCH PAIN TODAY, HAS DEEP ROOTS IN EUROPE’S HISTORY.

IN THE 1400’S, AS SPAIN AND PORTUGAL BEGAN THEIR DISCOVERY AND CONQUEST OF THE WORLD BEYOND EUROPE, THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH ADOPTED SEVERAL NEW DOCTRINES. THESE DOCTRINES CLAIMED TO PROTECT THE RIGHTS OF “PAGANS” (ANYONE NOT CHRISTIAN) BUT ONLY IF THEY DID NOT STRAY TOO FAR FROM EUROPEAN NORMS FOR BEHAVIOR. THIS MEANT THAT SPAIN AND PORTUGAL HAD THE RIGHT TO LEGALLY SEIZE LANDS AND RIGHTS OF NON-CHRISTIANS WHO DIDN’T BEHAVE AS EUROPEANS DID.

THEN, IN 1452, IN A DOCUMENT TITLED DUM DIVERSAS, POPE NICHOLAS V GAVE PERMISSION TO KING ALFONSO V OF PORTUGAL “TO CAPTURE, VANQUISH, AND SUBDUE, ALL SARACENS, PAGANS, AND OTHER ENEMIES OF CHRIST,” TO “REDUCE THEIR PERSONS TO PERPETUAL SLAVERY” AND TAKE AWAY ALL THEIR POSSESSIONS AND PROPERTY. WHEN COLUMBUS “CLAIMED” THE LANDS HE ENCOUNTERED IN HIS JOURNEY, ISABELLA AND FERDINAND ASKED THE POPE TO AFFIRM THAT THEY NOW OWNED THESE LANDS. IN TIME, THE ENGLISH PROTESTANT CHURCH EMPLOYED THE SAME DOCTRINE TO JUSTIFY ITS CLAIM OVER THE LANDS THEY WANTED TO TAKE.

THIS IS THE CONTEXT, AND THESE ARE THE ATTITUDES, THAT INFORMED THOSE WHO “DISCOVERED” AMERICA. BECAUSE NO EUROPEANS HAD SEEN THESE LANDS BEFORE, WHICHEVER EUROPEAN NATION LANDED ON ANOTHER LAND, FELT JUSTIFIED IN TAKING POSSESSION OF IT. AS FOR THE RESIDENTS, BECAUSE THEY WERE NOT CHRISTIAN, THEY NEED NOT BE TREATED AS FULL HUMAN BEINGS. THIS IS THE DOCTRINE OF DISCOVERY.

TODAY, SOME WOULD SAY THAT THIS WAS JUST HOW PEOPLE THOUGHT AT THAT TIME. WHAT IS PAST IS PAST. BUT WHAT WAS, IN SOME WAYS STILL IS. NEXT WEEK, WE WILL EXPLORE HOW THE DOCTRINE OF DISCOVERY, THIS IDEA THAT ANYTHING A EUROPEAN DISCOVERED BECAME THEIRS, CONTINUES TO HOLD POWER IN OUR NATION TODAY.

AND SOME OF US MAY NEED TO EXPLORE HOW IT MAY STILL HOLD SWAY IN US AS WELL.



From Pastor Rachel's Heart...

"Lent is upon us, and it is always a wonderful time to reflect upon, and spend more time deepening our faith in Jesus. Let us ..."

Pray - Prayer accompanies fasting as a historic tradition of Lent. We should pray to improve our communion with God and strengthen our spiritual discipline during the preparation of Easter Sunday.

"Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God." ~ [Philippians 4:6](#)

"Watch and pray that you may not enter into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak." ~ [Matthew 26:41](#)

Fast - Fasting is a well-known aspect of Lent, inspired by the fast of Jesus spending 40 days in the wilderness. Christians partake in fasting to increase their self-control over worldly desires, such as food.

"Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. And after fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry. And the tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread." But he answered, "It is written, "Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.'" ~ [Matthew 4:1-4](#)

Give - Helping others is also a tradition of the Lent season, inspired by the command of Jesus to "[love your neighbor as yourself](#)." While we should likewise give to others in love throughout the entire year, an extra emphasis is added during the time of Lent.

"Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God." ~ [Hebrews 13:16](#)

"Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others." ~ [Philippians 2:4](#)

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

CIRCLE MEETINGS:

HANNAH CIRCLE, WEDNESDAY, MARCH 8TH @ 10:00AM

AMY LOW ROOM
MARCI TONEY - LEADER

ELIZABETH CIRCLE THURSDAY, MARCH 9TH @ 10:30AM

JANIE SMITH'S HOME
JANIE SMITH - LEADER

RUTH CIRCLE WEDNESDAY, MARCH 15TH @ 12:30PM

AMY LOW ROOM
GINNIE SPRAGUE – LEADER

PW COORDINATING TEAM

WILL MEET TUESDAY, MARCH 7TH @ 12:30PM IN THE AMY LOW ROOM

MISSION QUILTERS

WEDNESDAYS MARCH 1ST @ 9:30AM IN FELLOWSHIP HALL



**PRESBYTERIAN
WOMEN**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SCHEDULE FOR JANUARY

Ushers

Mar. 5 – Cheryl Koelmel

Mar. 12 – Melissa Ferraro

Mar. 19 – Joyce Huen

Mar. 26 – Jean Coffey

Liturgists

Mar. 5 – Anna Robinson

Mar. 12 – Christel Beers

Mar. 19 – Shirley Hines

Mar. 26 – Jeff Leyonmark

EASTER FLOWERS!

THE DEACONS WILL BE SELLING FLOWERS UNTIL MARCH 5TH! FLOWERS WILL BE IN 6IN POTS FOR \$7.15



DAFFODILS



GERBER DAISIES



TULIPS



PALM SUNDAY SERVICES

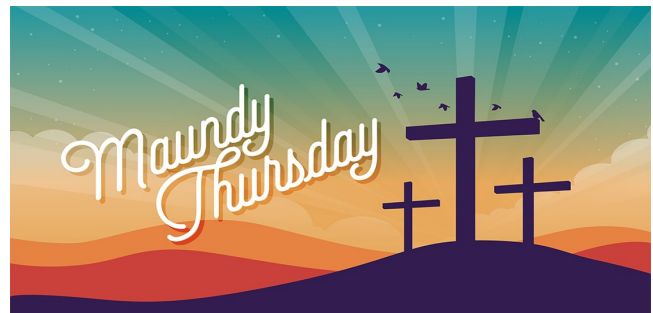
APRIL 2ND, 2023

10AM IN THE SANCTUARY

MAUNDY THURSDAY

APRIL 6TH, 2023

7PM IN THE CHAPEL



EASTER SUNDAY

APRIL 9TH, 2023

10AM IN THE SANCTUARY

March

March 2 Pat Smith	March 12 Joshua Calder	March 21 Patricia
March 6 Weston Ferro	Howe	Battes & Ken Walker
March 7 Garrett Her-	March 14 Dick Reyn-	March 27 Don Robin-
man & Leanne Howe	olds, Yvonne	son
March 9 Kathryn	Michaels & Laurie	March 28 Nicholas
Griffin	Smith	Nelson & Louise Zittel
March 10 Sue Ganey,	March 15 Rebecca	
Bob Webster	Whipple	
March 11 Kayleigh	March 17 Kelly Ring	
Griffin	March 18 Campbell	



From the Mission Team: We reached out to St. Luke's, Friends of Night, and Resurrection Life Food Pantry and asked about their ongoing needs. We are having a collection for these much needed items. We are asking for donations of the following: Travel/hotel sized toiletries, socks, bars of soap, toothbrushes/toothpaste, toilet paper, paper towels, and adult Depends (or similar brands). There is a large white basket in the coat room for these items. Thank you!

Blessing Tree: 150 items have been taken so far!



Sandwich Sunday 3/19

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

Non-perishable food items are needed for the Blessing Box located on Main St. lawn. Box cereal, instant oatmeal, box milk, canned milk, dried milk packets, canned soup, chili, Chef Boyardee, SpaghettiOs, chicken noodle soup, Top Ramen, baked beans, peanut butter and jelly, dried fruit, mixed nuts, granola bars, spaghetti sauce and pasta noodles, mac & cheese, canned tuna, canned chicken, peanut butter crackers, cheese crackers, plain crackers, hot cocoa packets, instant coffee & tea bags. Please note, no expired/close to expiration date items can be accepted. Thank you!

IN OUR Thoughts and Prayers

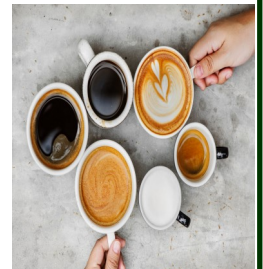
*Rich McAlpine,
Tom Tabone,
Sydney Zimmerman
Bob Bickel
George Ackerman,
Bill McCoy,
Jonah DeLang,
Donna Burns,
Richard Monckton,
Bob Catalino,*

*Contact Church Office with prayer needs.

March Coffee Hour!

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

**5 Personnel
12 Adult Bell
Choir
19 Session and
Buildings & Grounds - snacks
26 Deacons & Caregivers**



*Springtime in the Country
March 24-26, 2023
Fairgrounds in Hamburg*

Are you ready for warm weather and thoughts of flowers, bright colors and sunshine? Then please consider volunteering at Springtime in the Country, an artisan/craft show sponsored by Premier Promotions. Our friendly faces are needed to manage the doors (take tickets/stamp hands) by working 2 ½-3 hour time slots. Hamburg Presbyterian Church receives a donation from Premier Promotions for the volunteer time slots we are able to fill.

*Sign-up sheet in the narthex

*[Sign-up Genius](#)

*Contact Janie: 716-992-3479 (h), 716-868-6153 (c), dtchmn@verizon.net

*Contact Tracy: 716-648-5645 (c), kttone14075@gmail.com



From our kitchen to yours...

Cinnamon Cheesecake Dessert

Ingredients:

- 2 (10 ounce) cans refrigerated crescent dinner rolls
- 2 (8 ounce) packages cream cheese, softened
- 1 cup white sugar
- 1 tablespoon vanilla extract
- ½ cup butter, melted
- ½ cup white sugar
- 1 tablespoon ground cinnamon

Instructions:

1. Preheat the oven to 350°F
2. Flatten one tube of crescent roll dough, and press into the bottom of a 9x13 inch pan.
3. In a medium bowl, mix together the cream cheese with 1 cup sugar and vanilla until smooth. Spread the cream cheese mixture over the dough in the pan.
4. Unroll the remaining crescent roll dough, and place over the top of the cream cheese layer.
5. Spread melted butter over the top, and sprinkle the top with a mixture of 1/2 cup sugar and cinnamon.
6. Bake for 30 minutes in the preheated oven, or until top is lightly toasted. Cool, and refrigerate before serving.

Slow Cooker Broccoli Cheese Soup

This recipe can be doubled, but you'll need to use a 6-quart crock pot.

Ingredients:

- 8 oz Cheese Whiz
- 2 cans Cream of Celery Soup
- 1-pint half and half
- 2 (10 oz) packs frozen chopped broccoli

Instructions:

Combine all four ingredients in a crock pot and cook on low for 5 hours. Stir well and cook on low for an additional hour.

Notes:

I like to use broccoli florets but chopped broccoli works fine too.

The soup I made for the Lenten lunch cooked overnight, gives it a different flavor but I like the way it tastes with the shorter cooking time as above.

I've added a dash or two of cayenne to spice it up.





HAMBURG PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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YouTube <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCtZVuwF9DN62b-WK-iXq5Ug>



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 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

April Issue is

March 13th, 2023



HPC OFFICE

Staff Listing

Pastor

Rev. Rachel Brown: 444-7333

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Alex Hamilton

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Katie Gertner: 400-4892

Church Office

Kendra Quinn-Moultrie: 649-1970

Sexton

Dave Monaco: 931-5213

One Great Hour of Sharing is a special offering to Presbytery. It provides relief from natural disasters, food for the hungry and support for the poor and oppressed. Offering envelopes are in the pews and on the table in the Narthex. Collections will be made until April 2nd. These can be placed in the offering basket or text OGHS to 91999 or online: pcusa.org/give-oghs.



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 February 13th 2023

The Rev. Rachel Brown, Moderator, called the Session meeting to order at 7:00pm. Motion to approve agenda was approved.

Elders in attendance were: Jerry Stitt, Chris Burns, Jeff Leyonmark, Sandy Smith, Hollis Bahruth, Trisha Harrigan

Also in attendance were Pastor Rachel, Tony Cimorelli Clerk of Session and Rev. Dr. Cynthia Wickwire-Lundquist from the Antiracism Task Group of the Presbytery of WNY.

Excused was Tom Tabone, James Sampson, Kris McGuire, Wayne Hines, Blair Webster.

Deacon in attendance was Elyse Perry.

The devotion was provided by Jeff Leyonmark.

The meeting minutes from January 9, 2023 were approved.

A special guest presentation was Rev. Dr. Cynthia Wickwire-Lundquist from the Antiracism Task Group of the Presbytery of WNY. She shared with us the purpose of the task force and the resources available to us to help eliminate racism. Resources she spoke of are attached to the end of these minutes.

PASTOR'S REPORT:

Pastor Rachel reported she oversaw the funeral of Carolyn Whaley. She also conducted a funeral for a non-member by the name of Eric West.

CLERK'S REPORT:

Tony Cimorelli reported that he completed Annual Church Statistics Report online for the Presbytery of Western New York. Tony will also not be able to make the March 2023 Session meeting. In his absence Jeff Leyonmark will capture the notes for the meeting.

DEACON'S REPORT:

Elyse Perry reported that Deacons are now taking orders for Easter flowers. Volunteer Terry Vogler is starting the process. Other usual normal activities are taking place such as visits, card writing, etc. Deacons are also revisiting the concept of a prayer chain. In today's digital world email and electronic communication has replaced much of the need for this but none the less they are reviewing if a revised program is required.

COMM. TO PRESBYTERY:

A report on the January meeting will be provided next month by Jim Sampson. The next Presbytery meeting is scheduled for May.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Jerry Stitt spoke to the Treasurer's Report provided from Blair Webster. Jerry shared some financial concerns that it is important for Session to be aware of. In summary, the financial situation for HPC is changing. The trajectory of reduced revenue could lead towards us not being able to do some things in the future. Concerns mentioned include our reserves are down, pledges are down and general giving is down. It is recommended that Session Ministry Team leads watch spending limits, stay within budget and be prudent in 2023.

It was also noted that the Building and Grounds Team will be meeting with the Treasurer to review major church expenses.

MINISTRY TEAMS REQUIRING ACTION:

Buildings & Grounds

MOTION: To allow the Hamburg Nursery School to use the HPC building and parking lot for their annual chicken BBQ on Tues May 16, 2023. Motion passed .

OLD BUSINESS

No old business was discussed

NEW BUSINESS

No new business

OPEN DISCUSSION

General open discussion was held.

The devotion for the Session Meeting in March will be provided by Sandy Smith for Tom Tabone.

The Sacrament of Holy Communion was celebrated on February 5, 2023 at the 10:00 a.m. Worship service.

The Sacrament of Holy Communion will be celebrated on February 22, 2023 at the Ash Wednesday Services.

The Sacrament of Holy Communion will be celebrated on March 5, 2023 at the 10:00am Worship service.

Next meeting date March 13, 2023 at 7:00pm.

A motion to adjourn was approved.

Pastor Rachel closed the meeting at 8:10 p.m. with prayer.

Respectfully submitted:



Clerk of Session

March 2023



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 9:30am Mission Quilters (FH)	2 7pm YogaFaith (FH)	3 10:00pm AA (FH)	4 9:00am United Church of God (FH)
5 10:00am Worship Service & Communion	6 9:30am Caregivers 1:00pm Fin. Mgmt. 6:30pm Christian Ed. 7:30pm AlAnon	7 11:00am Worship Planning 5:30pm Bell Choir 6:30pm Chancel Choir	8 10am Hannah Circle (ALR) 7:00pm Mission 7:30pm AA (FH)	9 10:30am Elizabeth Circle (Janie Smith's home) 7pm YogaFaith (FH)	10 10:00pm AA (FH)	1 9:00am United Church of God (FH)
12 10:00am Worship Service	13 7:00pm Session (L) 7:30pm AlAnon	14 11:00am Worship Planning & Staff 5:30pm Bell Choir 6:30pm Chancel Choir	15 12:30pm Ruth Circle (ALR) 7:00pm Mission (L) 7:30pm AA (FH)	16 7pm YogaFaith (FH) 6:30pm Deacons	17 10:00pm AA (FH)	18 9:00am United Church of God (FH)
19 10:00am Worship Service & Sandwich Sunday	20 12:30pm PW Coordinating (ALR) 7:00pm Worship and Music (Z) 7:30pm AlAnon (FH)	21 11:00am Worship Planning 5:30pm Bell Choir 6:30pm Chancel Choir	22 7:30pm AA (FH)	23 7pm YogaFaith (FH)	24 10:00pm AA (FH)	25 9:00am United Church of God (FH)
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