

JUNE 2023

Hamburg Presbyterian Church

The TOWEL AND BASIN

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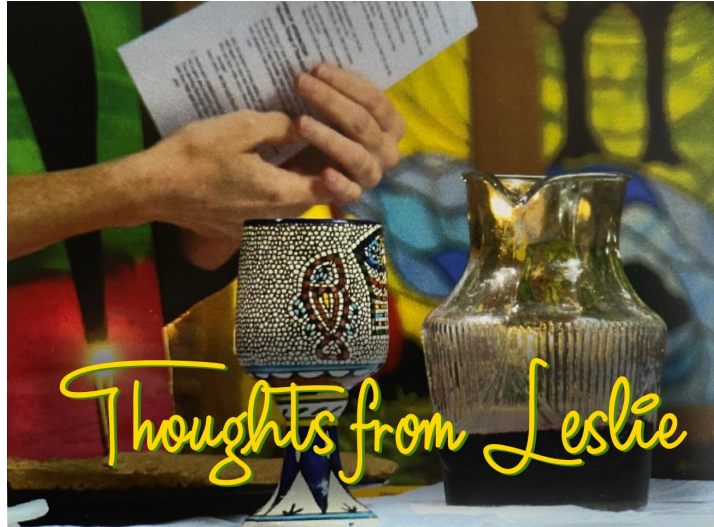
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Mission: To be a spiritually passionate congregation that lives out Christ's teachings; through love-filled relationship building, we prayerfully seek to share our lives and resources with the community and the world





Presbytery of Western New York



Anything but Ordinary

Ahhhhh. Take a deep breath. The business of the first half of the church year, with all but one of the church festivals—and frankly, Christ the King is Advent adjacent—over and done with. Time to settle into ordinary time. The long green season, where nothing special happens, right?

By no means, as our friend Paul would say. “Ordinary” time refers not to the long summer (or winter for the southern half of the world), but ordinal. Numbered Sundays, or even better—ordered days of the calendar, when we are set free to explore the life of Jesus through the Gospel assigned to the year by the Revised Common Lectionary, for those who use that system.

Each of the synoptic Gospel writers—Matthew, Mark, and Luke—tells a slightly different story, from a unique perspective. To understand the rest of the year’s holy seasons, we need to walk alongside Jesus, as he teaches, preaches, prays, and heals. Without this foundation, the rest—especially Lent and Easter—lose some of their impact and meaning.

So, if you’re tempted to spend more of this summer attending “St. Mattress of the Sheets,” also take time to explore the Gospel of Matthew. Think about how Jesus is distinct or the same. Think about what it means for your faith walk. But please, do show up. It’s important for your whole community, and to quote Ricky Bobby, it makes Baby Jesus smile.

Yours in Mission and Ministry,

[Leslie](#)

Rev. Leslie Latham

Pastor, First Presbyterian Church of Buffalo; Presbytery Administrator

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

CIRCLE MEETINGS:

HANNAH CIRCLE, WEDNESDAY, JUNE 14TH @ 11:00AM

NANCY BASSETT'S HOME
MARCI TONEY - LEADER

ELIZABETH CIRCLE, THURSDAY, JUNE 15TH @ 10:30AM

MARY ANNE LESLIE'S HOME
55 WARD COURT, BUFFALO 14220
JANIE SMITH- LEADER

RUTH CIRCLE, WEDNESDAY, JUNE 21ST @ 12:30PM

AMY LOW ROOM
GINNIE SPRAGUE - LEADER

PW COORDINATING TEAM

WILL MEET TUESDAY, JUNE 6TH @ 12:30PM IN THE AMY LOW ROOM

MISSION QUILTERS

WEDNESDAY JUNE 7TH @ 9:30AM IN FELLOWSHIP HALL

Wishing everyone a Safe and Happy Summer!



**PRESBYTERIAN
WOMEN**

June

June 1 Bob Zittel

June 3 Elyse Perry

June 5 Jaiden Barnes & Alan Smith

June 7 Adam Gawlak, Connie Kavanaugh, Casey Low & Katy Webster

June 8 Melanie Fisk

June 11 Heather Ferro

June 14 Sandra Nelson & Abigail Pyne

June 15 Kathy Blood, Marnie Calder, Miranda Smith & Lennox Tomlinson

June 17 Abigail Nash

June 20 Jim Cox & Taylor Weyand

June 21 Anna Robinson & Bill Tuttle

June 23 Lisa Cimorelli

June 25 Alex Hamilton & Ginnie Sprague

June 27 Karen Van Osch-Martin

June 28 Ray Harris, Marilyn Monckton & Jill Smith

June 29 Don Perry

June 30 Lois Cavanaugh & Sarah Connelly



Sandwich Sunday 6/18

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

George Ackerman,
Jonah DeLang,
Donna Burns,
Richard Monckton,
Bob Catalino,

*Contact Church Office with prayer needs.

June Coffee Hour!

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

4 Deacons & Caregivers and Hospitality & Nominating
11 PW Women
18 Church Life
25 Adult Bell Choir



Ushers

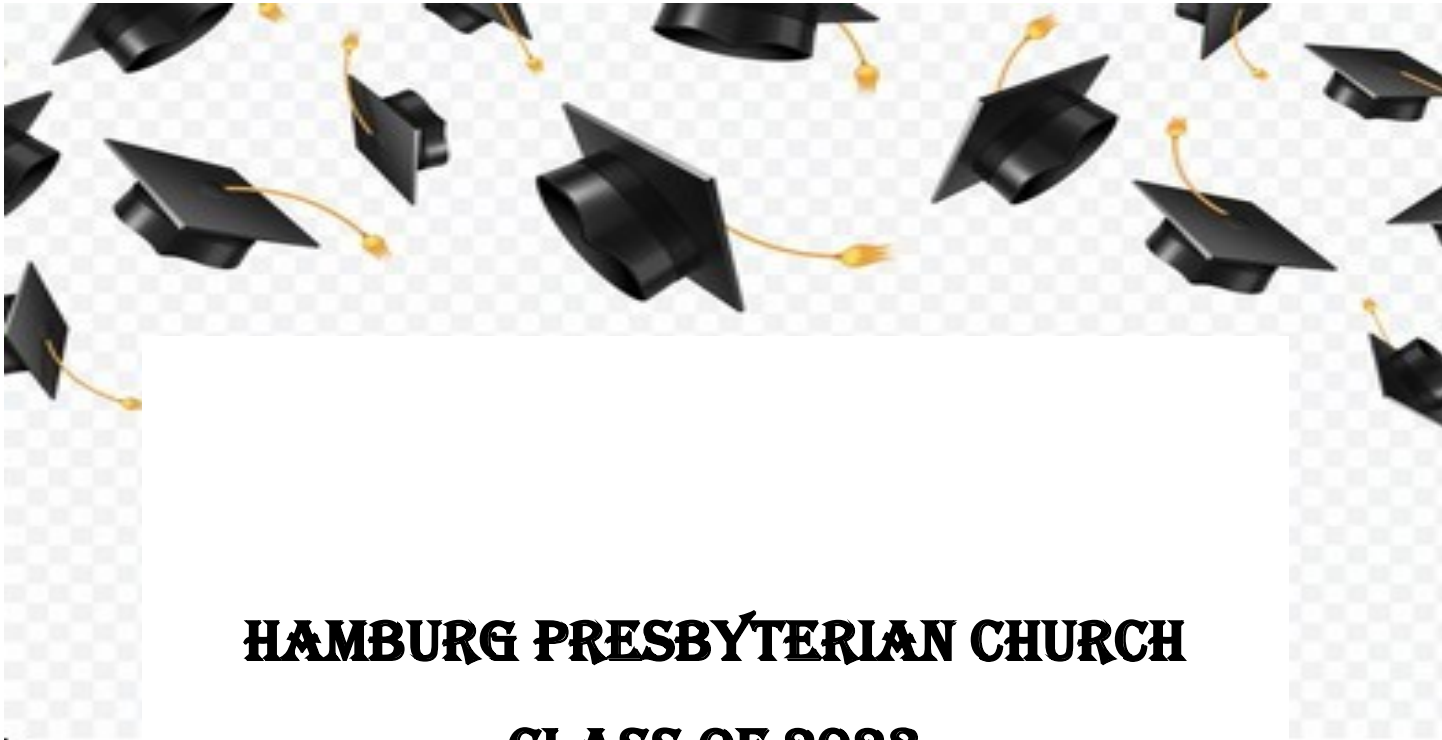
June 4 – Cheryl Koelmel
June 11 – Linda Ryder
June 18 – Melissa Ferraro
June 25 – Jean Coffey

Liturgists

June 4 – Sue Almond
June 11 – Corrine Arcangel
June 18 – Chris Burns
June 25 – Lamont Beers

Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing.

1 THESSALONIANS 5:11



HAMBURG PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

CLASS OF 2023

Anna Reagan

Katie Tothero

Aidan Brodie

**Have I not commanded you? Be strong and
courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be
discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with
you wherever you go**

~Joshua 1:9~

Anna Reagan

Anna is a dedicated student and active community member. She received a Citizen Scholar Award, the Ruth Buettner Mathematics Award as well as the Joanne Fuchs Community Service Award while at Nardin. At school she was an enthusiastic participant in Chorus, Orchestra, Radical Math club, Finance Club, Red Cross Club, Spanish Club, Freshman Advisory, and was known to spend her study halls dropping into extra history or science classes simply because she loves to learn.

Outside of school she earned her Girl Scout Silver Award, participated in medical mission trips to El Salvador, volunteered with Roswell, Hamburg Music Festival and Journey's End. At HPC Anna has enjoyed unloading pumpkins, caroling at group homes, and making sandwiches. Anna's favorite HPC memory involves Children's Time. As 12 year olds, Katie Tothoro and Anna made a pact. In their mind, teenagers didn't belong up front for Children's Time. They hit 13 and stopped going up. For several weeks, they sat proudly in their seats while their younger siblings went up. Eventually that catchy tune got the best of them, they gave one another a silent look from across the aisle and both joined the 'little' kids on the alter again.

Anna's sense of humor, fun-loving attitude, enthusiasm, open-mindedness, and energy spread quickly, uplifting those around her. She lets her optimism give her the courage to try new things, and her infectious grin is a reflection of her can-do attitude. She has the ability to meet people where they are, chooses to see the best in others and helps them to see the best in themselves. She is the embodiment of the individual who "does the right thing when no one is looking and makes the world a better place for all.



Katie Tothero

It's hard to believe Katie is about to graduate and head to SUNY Geneseo in the fall to study biology with the goal of moving on to vet school.

Katie has spent a LOT of time in our church, spending two years in Hamburg Nursery School and then being a part of the church. Her favorite memories of her time at HPC have been the pumpkin unloading nights in the fall.

Katie has blossomed through her years in Hamburg High School. She has earned excellent grades while appearing in all four musicals (most recently learning to ride a unicycle for her part in Seussical!) as well as having significant parts in all four plays. She also was a member of the varsity swim team this year and has participated in chorus, concert chorale, chamber choir, band and wind ensemble!

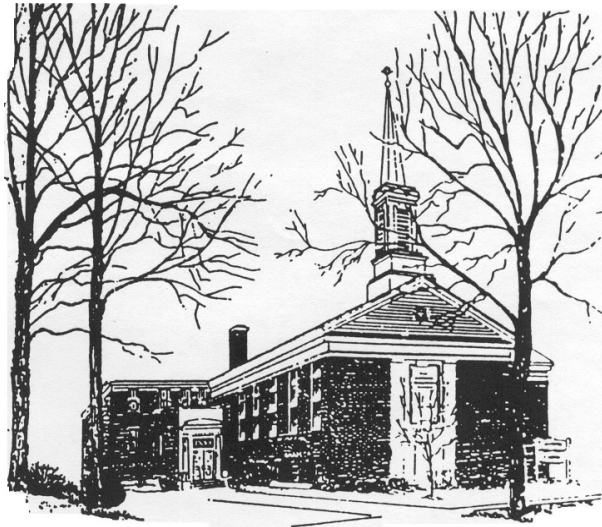
Outside of school, Katie has participated in STAR swimming while becoming a great cook and baker. She also loves to draw animals (her drawing of Indy Jr is in the coffee area of the church!). Katie's kindness, friendliness and compassion come across to everyone who meets her and her future is bright!



Aidan Brodie



Aidan will be attending SUNY Cortland in the fall starting his studies in math education. Apparently all the helping out with VBS and other times entertaining the younger kids has had an impact on him. At Frontier High School he is a member of the National Honor Society and on the Varsity Baseball team. Aidan also played JV soccer his sophomore year. In his junior and senior years he has been an active Frontier "fan section" at basketball and football games. Aidan enjoys helping Bill and Amy deliver meals in August for HPC Meals on Wheels month. Also, he is one of the few gingers greeting patrons and Christmas, Yuletide, and Springtime in the Country. His favorite memory of HPC is the Charlie Brown play many years back. His father's best memory is when he was the mascot MEGA "giant panda head" for our vacation bible school that HPC hosted. Finally, he has become a huge Bills fan and hosts weekly watch parties in the basement and wants to continue this tradition at Cortland.



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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 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

June Issue is
June 20th, 2023



HPC OFFICE Staff Listing

Pastor

Rev. Rachel Brown: 444-7333

Minister of Music

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.

NEED PRAYER?

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.





THE LORD WILL FIGHT FOR YOU. ALL YOU HAVE TO DO IS KEEP STILL.

EXODUS 14:14



Minutes of Session: May 8th 2023

The Rev. Rachel Brown, Moderator, called the Session meeting to order at 7:01pm.
Motion to approve agenda was approved.

Elders in attendance were: Jerry Stitt, Chris Burns, Wayne Hines, Blair Webster, Sandy Smith, Jim Sampson, Kris McGuire, Tricia Harrigan, Hollis Bahruth

Also in attendance was Pastor Rachel and Karen Klug

Excused was Jeff Leyonmark

Deacon in attendance was Karen Klug

The devotion was provided by Hollis Bahruth.

The meeting minutes from April 11, 2023 were approved.

PASTOR'S REPORT:

Pastor Rachel Brown informed us that the following baptisms are taking place.

- Baptism - May 14, 2023 Sanctuary, Charles John McIntosh / Marley Elizabeth McIntosh
- Baptism - July 23, 2023 Baltimore, Melina Monroe McFarland / Kadence Curtis Kauffman

Motion to approve we requested and approved.

Pastor Rachel reminded us that she will be away on the following dates and that Pastor Supply has already been identified for the Sundays in May. Away May 21st, 28th, & July 23rd. In addition Rev. Laura Buisch will handle the emergency or find another pastor during Rachel's absence and Wendy Zimmerman will be available as the Pastoral Assistant if needed.

Rachel conducted the Celebration of Life Memorial Service for Bob McKenzie on May 6, 2023 and plans to lead the grave side funeral for Tom Tabone on May 13, 2023.

Lastly, Pastor Rachel announced the resignation of our Director of Music Alexander Hamilton presented his effective June 18, 2023.

CLERK'S REPORT:

Nothing to report at this time.

DEACON'S REPORT-Karen Klug:

It was reported that the Deacons are in the process of updating the Deacon's Handbook. Updates to the birthday card list are also underway. Elyse Perry will be going off the committee because she has served two consecutive terms.

COMM. TO PRESBYTERY:

Jim Sampson volunteered to be our Commissioner to the Presbytery on Tuesday May 23rd at 4pm in person at the Presbyterian church in Olean.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Blair Webster reviewed the report sent prior to the meeting in detail. In summary, expenses and income are on budget. It was noted that we are still waiting on an update on the status of our application for the personnel tax rebate application from the COVID period. Also, Blair shared with us a special presentation on the current status of our church reserves and ideas, projections and thoughts on what we should be thinking about in regards to long term financial planning. As a result, Session will be looking to discuss

monthly and potentially research what additional resources might be available from Presbytery.

MINISTRY TEAMS REQUIRING ACTION:

.Church Life

MOTION: The Church Life Team moves that the HPC Annual Meeting be held Sunday, August 6th at Chestnut Ridge Park, Shelter 3 with worship beginning at 10:00AM, followed by the meeting and a picnic lunch.

- Worship and Music to lead service
- Session to lead annual meeting
- Church Life to lead lunch.

Motion was approved.

OLD BUSINESS:

Personnel – The previously tabled motion was voted on.

MOTION: The Personnel Team moves that the HPC Employee Handbook be modified to clarify vacation time for part-time employees and to provide for sick leave. Those modifications are attached and highlighted in "red".

Motion approved.

NEW BUSINESS: none

OPEN DISCUSSION

Open discussion was held. Some topics mentioned were the ongoing search for a CE Director.

No applicants have been received at this time. Additional discussion included requests for prayers, conversations about the upcoming May 28, 2023 Memorial Day Worship Service and the potential upcoming fellowship events that could involve the Church Life Team.

There will be a Moment for Ministry Team opportunity on May 28, 2023 for the Nominating Team.

The devotion for the Session Meeting in June will be provided by Blair Webster.

The **Sacrament of Holy Communion** was celebrated on May 7, 2023 at the 10:00am Service.

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

Next meeting date Monday June 12, 2023 at 7:00pm.

A motion to adjourn was approved.

Pastor Rachel closed the meeting at 8:22 p.m. with prayer.

Respectfully submitted:



Clerk of Session

June 2023



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<h2>JUNETEENTH</h2>				1	2 10:00pm AA (FH)	3 9:00am United Church of God (FH)
4 10:00am Worship Service & Communion	5 9:30am Caregivers 1:00pm Fin. Mgmt. 6:30pm Christian Ed. 7:30pm AIAnon	6 11:00am Worship Planning & Staff 12:30pm PW Coordinating (ALR)	7 9:30am Mission Quilters (FH) 7:30pm AA (FH)	8 7pm YogaFaith (FH)	9 10:00pm AA (FH)	10 9:00am United Church of God (FH)
11 10:00am Worship Service	12 7:00pm Session (L) 7:30pm AIAnon (FH)	13 11:00am Worship Planning	14 11:00am Hannah Circle (Nancy Bassett's Home) 7:00pm Mission (L) 7:30pm AA (FH)	15 10:30am Hannah Circle (Mary Anne Leslie's Home) 6:30pm Deacons 7pm YogaFaith (FH)	16 10:00pm AA (FH)	17 9:00am United Church of God (FH)
18 10:00am Worship Service & Sandwich Sunday	19 7:00pm Worship and Music (Z) 7:30pm AIAnon (FH) JUNETEENTH	20 11:00am Worship Planning	21 12:30pm Ruth Circle (ALR) 7:30pm AA (FH)	22 7pm YogaFaith (FH)	23 10:00pm AA (FH)	24 9:00am United Church of God (FH)
25 10:00am Worship Service	26 7:30pm AIAnon (FH)	27 11:00am Worship Planning	28 7:30pm AA (FH)	29	30	