

# 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 Anti-Racism Task Group



### The Story of Buffalo's Michigan Street Churches

One street, with so much history. In 1816, of the 400 Buffalo residents, 16 were African Americans, 9 of whom were enslaved (a reminder that enslavement was not confined to the southern states). But, by 1828, there were 60 Black residents and amazing things were soon accomplished. The Vine Street African Methodist Episcopal Church (on Michigan Street) was established in 1831 and Michigan Street Baptist Church in 1836 (its first building was constructed in 1844-45 in large part by members). These churches, however, were not just symbols of security for their members. They felt called to stand against the sin of enslavement.

In 1842, Michigan Street Baptist Church passed a resolution that condemned slavery saying it was "opposed to the spirit of the Gospel." Over the years, they helped hundreds of the enslaved as a stop on the Underground Railroad.

In 1843, Vine Street AME church hosted the National Negro Convention where Presbyterian minister Henry Highland Garnet (a Presbyterian minister) and Frederick Douglass debated whether force was the right way to overthrow the institution of slavery, a significant moment in the Abolition Movement. In 1901, a member of Michigan Street Baptist Church, Mary Talbert, led a protest against two exhibits at the Pan American Exhibit: Darkest Africa and Old Plantation because they included demeaning (and inaccurate) portrayals. Then, in 1905, Ms. Talbert and her husband William offered their home to W.E.B. DuBois for the first meeting of the Niagara Movement Conference, the forerunner of the NAACP. Ms. Talbert, with her church's support, later became the chair of the national NAACP Anti-Lynching Committee, which worked for the passage of the Dyer Anti-Lynching Bill, which tragically failed to pass the Senate.

Ms. Talbert once said, "It should not be necessary to struggle forever against popular prejudice."

Yet, the struggle continues.

This is a weekly feature by the Presbytery of Western New York's Anti-Racism Task Group. This task group is made up of local Presbyterians who are seeking to grow in understanding of the issue of racism in our communities and churches. We seek to learn about the issues, listen to voices that need to be heard, and explore ways that we and others might respond to, and actively engage in the work of anti-racism.

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at [cathriego@gmail.com](mailto:cathriego@gmail.com).



## MINUTES OF SESSION FEBRUARY 2022

The Rev. Rachel Brown, Moderator, called the meeting to order with prayer at 7:02 p.m. A quorum was present. The agenda was approved as written. Elders in attendance were: Hollis Bahruth, Jerry Stitt, Wayne Hines, Tony Cimorelli, Don Robinson, Anna Robinson, Kris McGuire, Rachel Brown, Trisha Harrigan, Sandy Smith, Blair Webster, Excused-Gary Lauchert Devotion was provided by Jeff Leyonmark

**MOTION** to approve the minutes of January 10, 2022 was presented and approved.

**PASTOR'S REPORT:** Pastor Rachel Brown informed Session that she informed the Worship and Music team that pulpit supply will be needed on 2/20, 3/13, 4/24, 8/21, 11/20. An update on the potential Pastor's sabbatical was provided by Rachel this week via email. The application process for the Lily grant is extensive and the effort is in process. Pastor Rachel Brown will now be moderating the Session of East Aurora Presbyterian Church since their recent pastor has retired.

**CLERK'S REPORT:** Tony Cimorelli informed Session that the annual statistics report was submitted. He mentioned that Cheryl Koemel has volunteered to update the membership picture directory. He also informed Session that we have been informed that church annual meetings cannot be done in a hybrid format based on New York State law. Only all virtual or in person meetings are allowed. He has also completed the Church Sexual Harassment Training Class completed.

**DEACON'S REPORT:** Elyse Perry provided the Deacons Report. Highlighted several programs and activities including Hal returning to walking to church, that the flower program input has been ongoing and that their meetings have been moved to the third Thursday of the month.

**COMM. TO PRESBYTERY:** The next Presbytery Meeting is not until May 2022. No representative required at this time.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Blair reviewed the January report. There were no noticeable trends to mention at this time. No questions were asked. Blair asked we all think about ways to spend 55K of savings on major repairs. (Example parking lot expenses.) He also reminded us of the Memorial Funds to be spent.

**MINISTRY TEAMS REQUIRING ACTION:**  
**The following motions were presented by Ministry Teams and approved by Session**

### **Worship and Music:**

**MOTION:** Session approves the HPC 2022 Communion schedule presented by the Worship and Music team. Motion approved.

### **Building & Grounds:**

**MOTION:** Building Use request: "Building & Grounds makes a motion to allow Hamburg Nursery School use the Kitchen and FH on 5/10/22 9 am-4pm for their annual Chicken BBQ". Motion approved.

**MOTION:** Building Use request: "Building & Grounds

makes a motion to allow United Church of God use FH on 4/14/22 7 pm-9pm for their Passover Service". Motion approved.

**MOTION:** Building Use request: "Building & Grounds makes a motion to allow United Church of God use FH on 4/15/22 7:30 pm-9:30 pm for their Good Friday Service". Motion approved.

**MOTION:** "Building & Grounds makes a motion to allow Chevalier Lawn and Landscape install a digital camera on Church grounds for the purpose of monitoring their equipment and snow fall levels". Motion approved.

**MOTION:** "Building & Grounds makes a motion to expense \$1,000 to renovate the ½ bath adjacent to the Sanctuary". Motion approved.

### **Church Life:**

**MOTION:** Church Life moves that the Annual Meeting of the Congregation be held on Sunday, July 10th, 2022 at Chestnut Ridge Park, Shelter 3, in conjunction with the worship service and church picnic. Motion approved.

### **Approved**

### **OLD BUSINESS**

Session reviewed the existing HPC Re-Opening & Moderated Building Use Document. Much discussion took place. A motion was made to rescind the document immediately.

**MOTION:** A motion to rescind the current moderated building use document was made. Motion passed with a vote of 9 -1.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

No new business was mentioned this month.

Open discussion took place.

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

Upcoming Dates for Sacrament of Holy Communion – March 2<sup>nd</sup> and March 6<sup>th</sup>

The next **Sacrament of Holy Communion** was celebrated on February 6, 2022 at the 10:00 a.m. worship service. The next **Sacrament of Holy Communion** will be celebrated on March 2, 2022 and March 6, 2022 and March 27, 2022.

The next meeting date will be March 14, 2022

Joys & Concerns were lifted, and Pastor Rachel closed the meeting at 8:02 p.m. with prayer.

MOTION to adjourn was approved unanimously.

Respectfully submitted:

Tony Cimorelli  
Clerk of Session





# Christian Education

## March Review

### Journeys End Home Again Project

On March 5th Our Confirmation Class and friends took part in a Home Again Project for an Afghan family of 9. We loaded up the U-Haul and headed over to clean and set up a home near Buff State. 9 kids and 8 adults spent the day doing a lot of cleaning, putting bunk beds together, and setting up everything someone would



need to move into a new home. Thank you for all of your donations and support that helped to make this project a great success!



## Upcoming

### Confirmation Class

5 teens grades 8th-10th are participating in this year's Confirmation Class. This class meets twice monthly after church. April is the final month of class followed by a youth led service in May.

### Confirmation Sunday (May 22)

The youth will be leading worship on May 22nd. Confirmands will also be joining the church on this Sunday.

### Adult Education (Wednesday Nights on Zoom, 7:15pm-8:00pm)

On March 16th we began a new Anti-Racism study that was created and led by Pastor Rachel. This class will be concluding this month. Please see the bulletin for details.

## Children's Church

All children are welcome to join us during worship (10:15) for Children's Church. Please see the schedule below. If you are not able to join us in person you can check out the Worship Service, as well as the Children's Sermon, each week on Facebook Live and the Hamburg Presbyterian YouTube Channel.

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

### CE Ministry Schedule

- 04/03 Confirmation Class (11:00-12:30)
- 04/03 No Children's Church-Communion Sunday
- 04/10 Children's Church (10:15 am)
- 04/17 Children's Church (10:15 am)
- 04/24 Children's Church (10:15 am)
- 04/24 Confirmation Class (11:00-12:30)
- 04/24 Alternative Worship Service at St. Lukes



## CONNECT - GROW - SERVE

**Tuesdays**

**Bell Choir 5:30pm**

**Choir 6:30pm**



**Al Anon**

**Mondays - Zoom 7:30pm**

**Wednesdays- FH 7:30pm**

**Fridays- FH 10:00pm**

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



**PRESBYTERIAN  
WOMEN**

### **CIRCLE MEETINGS:**

**Hannah Circle **Wed. April 13th** 10:00 a.m.**

Leader: Marci Toney , Gail Wheaton's home

**Elizabeth Circle **Thurs. April 14th** 10:30 a.m.**

Leader: Janie S. , Jean Coffey's home

**Ruth Circle **Wed. April 20th** 12:30pm**

Leader: Ginny Sprague, Fellowship Hall

### **Mission Quilters**

Wednesdays, **April 6th and 20th**

at 9:30am in the Fellowship Hall.

### **PW Coordinating Team**

will meet Tuesday,

**April 5th at 12:30**

in the Amy Low Room.





Burt Marsh April 03  
 Lauren Tone April 04  
 Rich McAlpine April 06  
 Anne Nelson April 06  
 Joyce Millar April 07  
 Kris McGuire April 08  
 Craig Schmittendorf April 08  
 Hal Lewis April 09  
 Keara Rupp April 09  
 Olivia Knauss April 11  
 Shawn Ferro April 12  
 Adam DeLang April 14  
 Blair Webster April 19  
 Gary Lauchert April 20  
 Cheryl Koelmel April 21

Claire Smith April 22  
 Doug Lehmann April 23  
 Donna Tuttle  
 Danner Leyonmark April 24  
 Jessica Grabar April 26  
 Erin Gawlak April 29  
 Chris Gawlak April 30  
 Dudley Hollenbeck April 30



### Sandwich Sunday is April 17

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.



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.



### Sunrise Easter Service, April 17th at 6:15am. 725 Center St East Aurora.

Pastor Rachel will be leading an Ecumenical Service with East Aurora First Presbyterian Church. Dress for cold and muddy weather.



**YOGAFAITH™**

\* With Erin \*

**THURSDAY NIGHTS 7-8pm**  
**@HAMBURG PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
 Downstairs in the Fellowship Hall  
 177 Main Street Hamburg, NY  
 Donation based fee  
 Suggested donation \$5-10

### IN OUR Thoughts and Prayers

*Jonah DeLang,  
 Donna Burns,  
 Gail Wheaton,  
 Richard Monckton,  
 Dick Reynolds,  
 Wendy Zimmerman's  
 next door neighbor,  
 Ro Shadle,  
 Bob Catalino*

\*If you know of anyone who needs long-term continued prayer please contact the office.

**HPC is currently updating our Church Directory.** Cheryl Koelmel will be available on Sundays to re-do your photo if you wish or you can email an updated photo to the church.

## Easter 2022



### Holy Week Schedule

***Palm Sunday, April 10 at 10am***

Worship Service, Communion & Palm Distribution

***Maundy Thursday, April 14 at 7pm***

Worship Service & Communion

***Easter Sunday April 17 at 10am***

Worship Service & Communion



### ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

<https://specialofferings.pcusa.org/offering/oghs/>

#### BRINGING THE PROMISE OF LIFE TO THE BORDER

As if coping with the pandemic wasn't difficult enough, last year pummeled native Venezuelan Paola M. and her family with devastating news. Her father was diagnosed with a rare type of stomach cancer for which a high-risk surgery was needed. A desperate internet search resulted in a name, Gabriela Zavala, and when Paola connected with Gaby, it made all the difference. Paola said, "I was able to contact Gaby [Zavala] and explain the situation we were going through. She guided me by giving me some options, among them the option of immigrating to the United States where they could perform my father's medical treatment." Although their decision to seek entry into the U.S. was by no means an easy one, Paola saw it as their only choice to literally save her father's life.

Paola's family is just one of thousands who make treacherous journeys in search of help and hope. As the needs at the border continue to escalate, Gabriela is grateful for the generous gifts of Presbyterians, which help the Resource Center maintain its presence. She says, "A lot of times if it weren't for us, people would not have the resources they need to escape dangerous situations."

One Great Hour of Sharing is the single, largest way that Presbyterians come together to work for a better world by advancing the causes of justice, resilience and sustainability. During Lent, we celebrate that God connects with us through Jesus' resurrection and connects us with those "who have the least" — and that's what One Great Hour of Sharing is all about.



Lent is here!

Click on the link for the Presbyterian Mission Agency's weekly 2022 Lenten devotional:

<https://www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/today/2022lent/>



### April Volunteers

#### Ushers

4/3 Tom Tabone

4/10 Sandy Smith

4/17 Kris McGuire

4/24 Janie Smith

#### Liturgists

4/3 Tony Cimorelli

4/10 Corrine Arcangel

4/17 Jeff Leyonmark

4/24 Jean Coffey

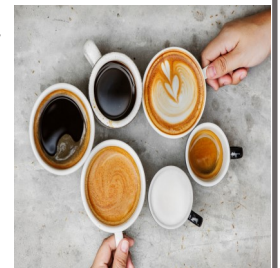
### Coffee Hour is Back!!

Starting Apr. 3rd meet in the lounge after service for a time of fellowship! There have been changes to the process so check with your committee leader for details. Schedule can be found in the church kitchen.

APR 3 CHURCH LIFE and WORSHIP & MUSIC-

SNACKS

10 FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT & STEWARDSHIP  
17 SESSION  
24 HOSPITALITY & NOMINATING



## SAVE THE DATE!

**Church in the Park, Annual Meeting,  
Church Picnic**

**Sunday, July 10th 10:00AM  
Chestnut Ridge Park Shelter # 3**



# HAMBURG PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

177 Main St.  
Hamburg, NY 14075

**Pastor** - Rev. Rachel Brown  
**Christian Education Director** - Matt Brooks  
**Minister of Music**- Alexander Hamilton  
**Pastoral Care Assistant** - Wendy Zimmerman  
**Treasurer** - Blair Webster  
**Financial Secretary** - Katie Gertner  
**Church Office** - Kendra Quinn-Moultrie & Mary Prentice  
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Facebook - <https://www.facebook.com/hamburgpresbychurch/>

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](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

**May issue** is

**April 21st 2022**



## HPC OFFICE

### Staff Listing

#### *Pastor*

Rev. Rachel Brown: 444-7333

#### *Minister of Music*

Alex Hamilton

#### *Director of Christian Ed*

Matt Brooks: 585-469-4882

#### *Financial Secretary*

Katie Gertner: 400-4892

#### *Personal Assistant to the Pastor*

Kendra Quinn-Moultrie

#### *Church Office*

Mary Prentice: 649-1970

#### *Sexton*

Dave Monaco: 931-5213

## HPC OFFICE HOURS

(716-649-1970)

**Monday** 9am - 2pm

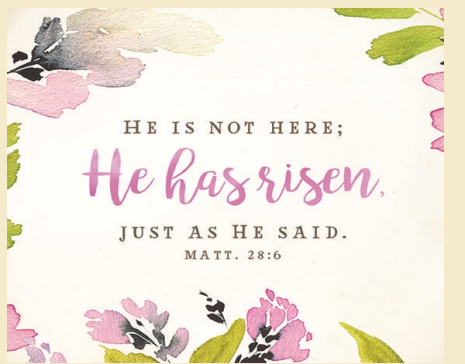
**Tuesday** 9am - 2pm

**Wednesday** 9am - 2pm

**Thursday** 9am-2pm

**Friday Closed**

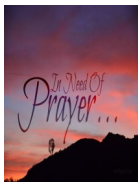
In case of an emergency,  
Rev. Rachel Brown may be  
reached on her cell at 444-7333.



## You are in our prayers!

Please let Pastor Rachel know of your prayer needs by contacting her directly at (716) 777-4333.

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














# APRIL 2022



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 <b>10:00pm</b> AA (FH)	<b>2 9:00am</b> United Church of God (FH)  <b>10:00am</b> Church Life
3 <b>10:00am</b> Worship Service & Communion  <b>11-12:30pm</b> Confirmation class	4 <b>1:00pm</b> Financial Mgmt. (AL)  <b>6:30pm</b> Christian Ed. (Z)  <b>7:00pm</b> Personnel (Z)	5 <b>11:00am</b> Worship Planning (Z)  <b>12:30pm</b> Presbyterian Coordinating Team (FH)	6 <b>9:30am</b> Quilters (FH) <b>7:15pm</b> Adult Ed (Z) <b>7:30pm</b> AA (FH)	7 <b>7pm</b> YogaFaith (FH)	8 <b>10:00pm</b> AA (FH)	9 <b>9:00am</b> United Church of God (FH)
<b>10 10:00am</b> Worship Service & Children's Church   PALM SUNDAY	11 <b>9:30am</b> Caregivers (AL)  <b>7:00pm</b> Session (L)  <b>7:30pm</b> AIAnon (FH)	12 <b>11:00am</b> Worship Planning & Staff (Z)   <b>Holy Week</b>	13 <b>10:00am</b> Hannah Circle (Gail Wheaton's home)  <b>7:15pm</b> Adult Ed (Z) <b>7:30pm</b> AA (FH)	14 <b>7pm Maundy Thursday</b>  <b>10:30am</b> Elizabeth Circle (Jean Coffey's house)  <b>No YogaFaith</b>	15 <b>10:00pm</b> AA (FH)   Good Friday	16 <b>9:00am</b> United Church of God (FH)
<b>17 10:00am</b> Easter Sunday Service  Sandwich Sunday  	18 <b>11:30am</b> PW of WNY(FH)  <b>7:00pm</b> Worship and Music (Z)  <b>7:30pm</b> AIAnon (FH)	19 <b>11:00am</b> Worship Planning(Z) <b>6:30pm</b> Deacons (Z)	20 <b>9:30am</b> Quilters (FH) <b>12:30pm</b> Ruth Circle (AL) <b>7:00pm</b> Mission (Chapel) <b>7:15pm</b> Adult Ed (Z)	21 <b>7pm</b> YogaFaith (FH)	22 <b>10:00pm</b> AA (FH)  	23 <b>9:00am</b> United Church of God (FH)
24 <b>10:00am</b> Worship Service & Children's Church <b>11-12:30pm</b> Confirmation class	25 <b>7:00pm</b> Building and Grounds (Z)  <b>7:30pm</b> AIAnon (FH)	26 <b>11:00am</b> Worship Planning (Z)	27 <b>7:15pm</b> Adult Ed (Z) <b>7:30pm</b> AA (FH)	28 <b>7pm</b> YogaFaith (FH)	29 <b>10:00pm</b> AA (FH)	30 <b>9:00am</b> United Church of God (FH)