

MAY 2022

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 Anti-Racism Task Group

Seeking to be an Anti-Racist: Living the Love of Jesus

Black American History is American History

To understand the work of Anti-Racism and to be authentic in it, it is vital that one have a full and accurate understanding of the history of the United States and the experiences of all of its people. There are white people who would claim that there is nothing significantly wrong with how the history of the United States is taught in our school. They would argue that the enslavement of Black people is discussed and that once the enslaved were freed, and allowed to become citizens, their story is simply part of the general narrative that is currently taught. But the truth is that the experience of White Americans that is taught in our schools is very different from that of Black Americans. And if the truth of the Black American experience is not accurately understood, a White person cannot understand the issues being presented today by Anti-racism scholars and activists, both Black and White.

For example, some argue that enslavement of Black Africans was simply typical of the times (17-19th century). But research has proven that the theories of the racial inferiority of Africans were created to justify enslavement for economic gain. Did you know that Reconstruction failed, not because Black Americans didn't have the skills to prosper after slavery, but because Southern White Democrats used all of their political power to stop their progress? Jim Crow laws were the result. Also, there were over 4,000 lynchings from the end of Reconstruction until the 1950's yet it was not until the 21st century that this country could finally pass an Anti-lynching bill. Did you know that the vast majority of Black GI's did not receive the benefits of the GI bill? Are you aware of how red-lining limited further limited the economic advancement of Black American families?

To understand American history, we need to understand the history of all Americans. This doesn't just mean adding the experiences of Black Americans, their achievements and their incredible perseverance. This means also understanding the actions of White Americans and how that affected the experiences of other Americans. This, of course, includes Asian Americans, Native Americans or Indigenous People, Latinos and more. To understand American History, we must know the full story. Today, we will start with the African American story.

There are numerous resources to help, but the easiest is perhaps You-Tube. There are several series on You-tube. One is Crash Course Black History. You are encouraged to start with the preview to the series: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=S72vfvBTQws> and go from there. There are also videos put together by Dr. Henry Louis Gates all of which are helpful. Take some time to begin to learn this history, because it is the history of all Americans.

A Brief History of the Hamburg Presbyterian Church



The First Free Will Baptist Church of Hamburg was organized in 1826, and met for a time in the school house, in private homes, and in an old store near where Kronenberg's now stands. It was built a house of worship in 1830, at a cost of \$1000. The structure was on the location now occupied by St. Peter and St. Paul's Roman Catholic Church. In 1845 a new building was erected at the corner of Lake Street and Linwood Avenue, again at a cost of \$1000. The first building was sold to the Roman Catholic Church was used by them until 1863, when it was moved to East Main Street opposite Newton Road, where it is still standing, used as a residence.

The building on Lake Street served the Baptist Church for over forty years, with some enlargements. In the late eighties, however, the Free Will Baptist Church had fallen on hard times, and in 1888 a group of them petitioned the Presbytery of Buffalo to be received as a Presbyterian Church. On June 19 of that year the Presbytery met here and organized the Westminster Presbyterian Church of Hamburg. The First Ruling Elders were Elisha Thurston and Clinton T. Fish. In July the new congregation was formally merged with the old Baptist congregation, under the name "Lake Street Presbyterian Church of Hamburg."

The Church had 18 members at its reception by the Presbytery. It had grown to 70 by 1896. The membership was 305 at the start of the present pastorate, and now stands at 710. It had been necessary to enlarge the building taken over from the Baptist group, but it steadily became more and more crowded, so that it became clear that a new building was a vital necessity. An initial start in this direction was the purchase of the lot on Main Street in 1931. The house there was used as a Manse until 1950, when a new Manse was built on Center Street to prepare this site for the building of a Church. Committees for the building program were set up in 1946; financial campaigns were conducted in 1948, 1950, and 1951. The old building was sold to Grace Lutheran Church - so that it is now serving its third congregation. Ground was broken for this building on March 23, 1952, and the Cornerstone was laid on October 12, 1952. The first services were held here on June 14, 1953. The Sunday Church School held its Children's Day Service at 9:15am, with an attendance of 365, and the Worship Service at 11:00am had an attendance of 514. The following Sunday the first Celebration of the Holy Communion in the new building had 261 Communicants.

MINUTES OF SESSION MARCH 2022

The Rev. Rachel Brown, Moderator, called the meeting to order with prayer at 7:00 p.m. A quorum was present. The agenda was approved as written. Elders in attendance were: Hollis Bahruth, Sandy Smith, Jeff Leyonmark, Tony Cimorelli, Wayne Hines, Kris McGuire, Jerry Stitt, Gary Lauchert, Trisha Harrigan, Terry Vogler – Deacons Representative
Excused: Don Robinson, Blair Webster.

Devotion was provided by Sandy Smith

MOTION to approve the minutes of February 14, 2022 was presented and approved.

PASTOR'S REPORT:

Pastor Rachel indicated that there have been no baptisms or funerals conducted. Only one wedding is in the planning for July. Rachel is now actively moderating the Session of East Aurora Presbyterian Church as they search for an interim pastor.

CLERK'S REPORT:

Tony Cimorelli reported that the annual Necrology Report submission requested by Presbytery has been completed for Hamburg Presbyterian Church. The names of two past Elders were submitted, James Beatty and Virginia Calkins.

DEACON'S REPORT:

Terry Vogler provided the Deacons Report. Highlighted several programs and activities including the transportation program for Sandy Mallon, the card writing campaign and the Easter flower project.

COMM. TO PRESBYTERY:

The next Presbytery Meeting is not until May 2022, (Olean NY if in person). No representative required at this time. Note: A mini Presbytery meeting is being planned for April 30, 2022 via ZOOM from 10am-12pm. Clerk of Session training will be provided.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Blair circulated report via email. No major items to be highlighted. Jerry spoke in Blair's absence and indicated he will be delivering the Stewardship moment this Sunday. Jerry also indicated all key performance indicators are good at this time.

MINISTRY TEAMS REQUIRING ACTION:

The following motions were presented by Ministry Teams and approved by Session

MOTION: Building and Grounds makes a motion to allow the Ruth Circle to use the church Lounge on the 3rd Wednesday of every month from 12:30-2:30pm. Motion approved.

MOTION: B&G moves to add \$5,000 to the Physical Plant Maintenance budget line item. Motion approved.

OLD BUSINESS

Reviewed the revised building use guidelines statement from February 2022. Tony to work with Mary in the office to update website.

NEW BUSINESS:

No new business was mentioned this month.

Open discussion took place. Christian Education team spoke to the successful Home Again Refugee resettlement project. Worship and Music updated all on the Lenten and Easter season preparations. Church Life spoke to the summer annual picnic planning efforts and the planned resumption of Sunday coffee hours in April. Pastor Rachel provided a status on the effort shape and structure the anticipated sabbatical that is in planning. The Lily grant for funding that is being pursued is due for submission on April 23, 2022.

The devotion for the Session Meeting in April will be provided by Wayne Hines.

The Sacrament of Holy Communion was celebrated on March 6, 2022 at the 10:00 a.m. worship service.

The next Sacrament of Holy Communion will be celebrated on:

April 3rd – First Sunday of April

April 14th – Maundy Thursday

April 17th – Easter Sunday

Team Presentation at Worship – 4th Sunday of Month - March 27 is Nominating as indicated in the schedule below.

The next meeting date was scheduled for April 11, 2022.

Joys & Concerns were lifted, and Pastor Rachel closed the meeting at 8:00 p.m. with prayer.

MOTION to adjourn was approved unanimously.

Respectfully submitted:



Tony Cimorelli
Clerk of Session



Christian Education

May

April Review

Easter Egg Hunt

7 kids participated in our Easter Egg Hunt on Easter Sunday. After the hunt we did a lesson using Resurrection Eggs and symbols.



Upcoming

Confirmation Sunday (May 22)

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

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

We are studying What We Talk About When We Talk About God by Rob Bell. Adult Sunday School will break for the summer at the end of May.

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

05/01 Confirmation

Class Alternative Service at St. Luke's

05/01 No Children's Church-Communion Sunday

05/08 Children's Church (10:15 am)

05/15 Children's Church (10:15 am)

05/22 Confirmation Sunday

05/22 No Children's Church--Confirmation

05/29 Children's Church (10:15 am)



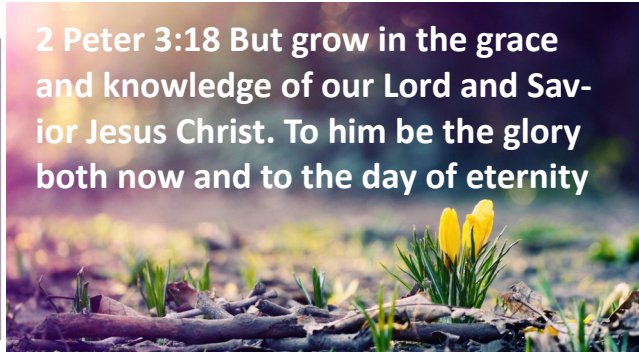
CONNECT - GROW - SERVE

Tuesdays

Bell Choir 5:30pm

Choir 6:30pm

2 Peter 3:18 But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be the glory both now and to the day of eternity



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. May 11th 10:00 a.m.

Leader: Marci Toney , Gail Wheaton's home

Elizabeth Circle Thurs. May 12 10:30 a.m.

Leader: Janie S. , Jean Feltz's home

Ruth Circle Wed. May 18 12:30pm

Leader: Ginny Sprague, Amy Low

Mission Quilters

Quilters will not meet this month

PW Coordinating Team

will meet Tuesday,

May 3 at 12:30

in the Amy Low Room.





Catherine Knauss	May 04	Wayne Arcangel	May 26
Jevene Osborne	May 07	Anna Pap	May 28
Joe Smith	May 09	Timmy Connelly	May 31
Beth Grabar	May 13	Jordyn Howe	May 31
Melissa Obenshain	May 17		
Katie Tothero	May 21		
Aidan Brodie	May 23		
Joyce Huen	May 24		

Sandwich Sunday is May 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

*Jim Klünger,
 George Ackerman,
 Bill McCoy,
 Jonah DeLang,
 Donna Burns,
 Gail Wheaton,
 Richard Monckton,
 Dick Reynolds,
 Wendy Zimmerman's
 next door neighbor, Ro
 Shadle,
 Bob Catalino*

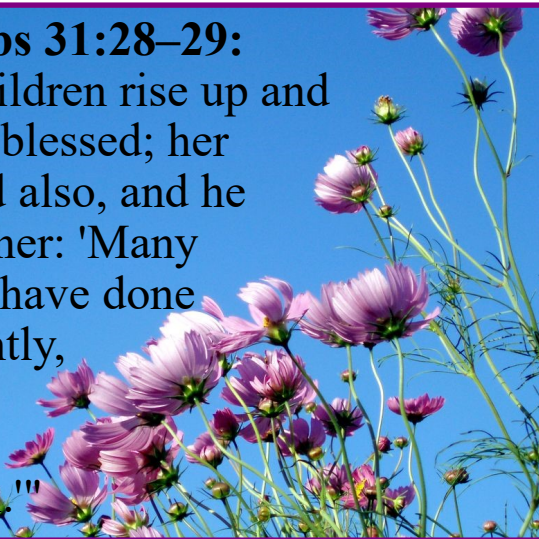
*If you know of anyone who needs long-term continued prayer please contact the office.

Non-perishable food items are needed for the Blessing Box located on the 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!

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

Proverbs 31:28–29:

"Her children rise up and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praises her: 'Many women have done excellently, but you surpass them all.'"



Galatians 6:10 Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers.

Thank you HPC Family!

Thank you for the ways you have shown love to Pat Baltes after the passing of her husband. She is greatly appreciative and grateful for the many cards, messages and the Easter flowers!



Thank You

Thank You

May Volunteers

Ushers

- MAY 1 TOM TABONE
- MAY 8 MELISSA FERRARO
- MAY 15 LINDA RYDER
- MAY 22 SUE ALMOND
- MAY 29 JEAN COFFEY

Liturgists

- MAY 1 SHIRLEY HINES
- MAY 8 LINDA MCALPINE
- MAY 15 TONY CIMORELLI
- MAY 22 ANNA ROBINSON
- MAY 29 WAYNE HINES

Hamburg Nursery School's

Annual

Chicken BBQ

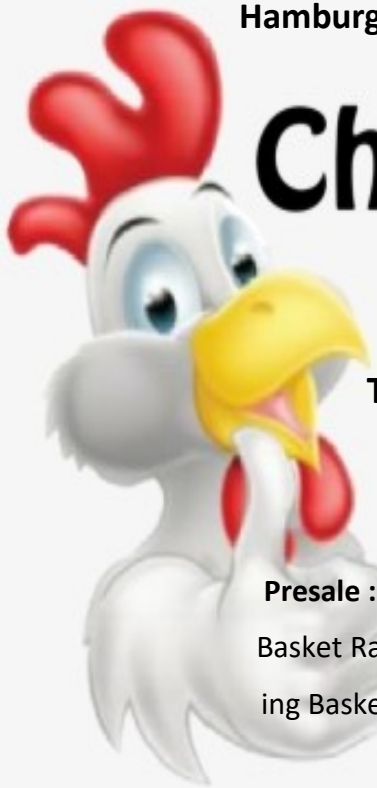
Tuesday May 10th

3pm -6pm

Weidner's Dinner

Presale : \$13, At the Door: \$14

Basket Raffles, Lockwood Hanging Baskets, Bottle & Can Drive and Bake Sale

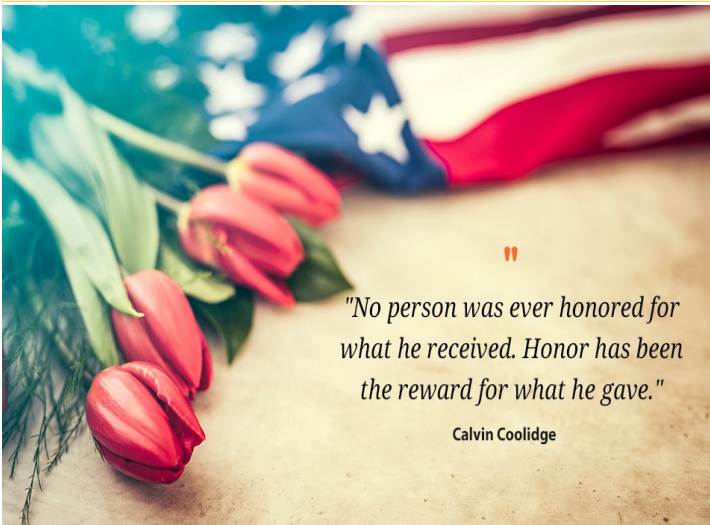
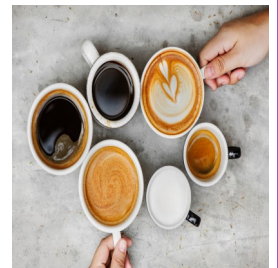


Coffee Hour is Back!!

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.

MAY SCHEDULE

- 1 PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN, ALL CIRCLES and PERSONNEL
- 8 DEACONS & CAREGIVERS
- 15 MISSION
- 22 CHRISTIAN ED & YOUTH
- 29 BUILDING & GROUNDS



"No person was ever honored for what he received. Honor has been the reward for what he gave."

Calvin Coolidge

SAVE THE DATE!

Church in the Park, Annual Meeting, Church Picnic

Sunday, July 10th 10:00AM

Chestnut Ridge Park Shelter # 3

THANK YOU HPC FOR SUPPORTING THE BLESSING TREE!

This past winter, HPC and the surrounding community helped keep those in need warm by donating winter garments that anyone could have. Weekly, new gloves, hats, scarfs and the like were placed on the tree outside the church for those to have.

It is estimated that nearly 200 items were supplied to help keep our neighbors warm!



Thank you to all who helped support this new program. Watch for the return of the Blessing Tree next winter season!

Your Mission Team



April – May, 2022

As we approach Memorial Day, HPC would like to honor our Military Heroes who defended our freedom and have sacrificed so much to preserve it. If you are a veteran, have a family member who is a veteran, a family member who is currently serving in the military (Regular, Guard or Reserve) or have had a family member of any branch who has died while in uniform, your church family would like to honor them by placing the names on our Military Heroes Board located next to the main entrance of the church. Forms can be found [at this link](#), in the email announcements or in the church lobby. Please return to Wayne Hines or the Church Office. Thank you!



Oh may we be, by Thy great power, Renewed these spring-tide days; And so reflect Thee in each hour, That all shall give Thee praise

HPC Supports the People of Ukraine

Dear Friends,
The Session of Hamburg Presbyterian Church has approved a motion to MATCH up to \$5,000.00 in funds donated from our faith community. Money collected will go to the Presbyterian Church USA Disaster relief fund for Ukraine.

You can donate by:

1. Using a pew envelope and placing it in the collection plate labeled FOR UKRAINE.
2. Send a donation to the Church office indicating FOR UKRAINE



Please consider helping us surpass our \$5,000.00 goal. The people of Ukraine need our help.

GALATIANS 6:2 "Carry each other's burdens and so you will fulfill the law of Christ."



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

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Sexton - Dave Monaco

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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 and click on the Media tab to the drop down Bulletin tab. Select the bulletin of the week and access [Facebook Live](#)

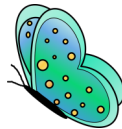
Newsletter

Deadline

The deadline for the

June issue is

May 25, 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.



Thank You!



You are in our prayers!

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



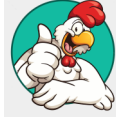


All prayer requests are confidential and may be made through church email or by phone as well.





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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>1 10:00am Wor- ship Service & Communion</p>	<p>2 1:00pm Financial Mgmt. (AL) 6:30pm Christian Ed. (Z) 7:00pm Personnel</p>	<p>3 11:00am Wor- ship Planning 12:30pm Pres- byterian Wom- en (AL)</p>	<p>4 9-12 HNS (FH) 7:15pm Adult Study (Z) 7:30pm AA (FH)</p> 	<p>5 9-12 HNS (FH) 7pm YogaFaith (FH)</p>	<p>6 9-12 HNS (FH) 10:00pm AA (FH)</p>	<p>7 9:00am United Church of God (FH) 10:00am Church Life (AL)</p>
<p>8 10:00am Wor- ship Service & Children's Church</p> 	<p>9 9:30am Caregivers 7:00pm Session (L) 7:30pm AlAnon</p>	<p>10 HNS Chicken BBQ 11:00am Wor- ship Planning & Staff</p> 	<p>11 10:00am Han- nah Circle 7:15pm Adult Study (Z) 7:30pm AA (FH)</p>	<p>12 10:30am Eliza- beth Circle (Jean Feltz's House) 6:00pm League of Women Vot- ers Board of Ed. Forum 7pm YogaFaith</p>	<p>13 10:00pm AA (FH)</p>	<p>14 9:00am United Church of God (FH)</p>
<p>15 Sandwich Sunday</p>  <p>10:00am Wor- ship Service & Children's Church</p>	<p>16 12:30pm PW of WNY (FH) 7:00pm CIA (L) 7:00pm Worship and Music (Z) 7:30pm AlAnon (FH)</p>	<p>17 11:00am Wor- ship Planning 6:30pm Dea- cons (Z)</p>	<p>18 12:30pm Ruth Circle (AL) 7:00pm Mission (Chapel) 7:15pm Adult Study (Z)</p>	<p>19 7pm YogaFaith (FH)</p>	<p>20 10:00pm AA (FH)</p>	<p>21 9:00am United Church of God (FH)</p>
<p>22 Confirmation Sunday</p> <p>10:00am Wor- ship Service</p>	<p>23 7:00pm Building and Grounds (Z) 7:30pm AlAnon (FH)</p>	<p>24 11:00am Wor- ship Planning</p>	<p>25 7:15pm Adult Study (Z) 7:30pm AA (FH)</p>	<p>26 7pm YogaFaith (FH)</p>	<p>27 10:00pm AA (FH)</p>	<p>28 9:00am United Church of God (FH)</p>
<p>29 10:00am Wor- ship Service & Children's Church</p>	<p>30 Office Closed</p> <p>7:30pm AlAnon (FH)</p> 	<p>31 11:00am Wor- ship Planning</p>	