Hamburg Presbyterian Church

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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











MINUTES OF SESSION APRIL 2022

The Rev. Rachel Brown, Moderator, called the meeting to order with prayer at 7:01 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, Don Robinson, Wendy Leyonmark – Deacons Representative

Excused Trisha Harrigan, Blair Webster, Devotion was provided by Wayne Hines

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

PASTOR'S REPORT:

Pastor Rachel reviewed the Lilt Grant Sabbatical application she is pursuing. This application is due April 27, 2022. A decision on award is expected in August or 2022 with funds, if awarded to be provided by end of 2022.

The following motion was made.

MOTION: HPC approves submitting the clergy renewal grant application to the Lily foundation. Motion passed unanimously.

CLERK'S REPORT:

A reminder Session was the coffee hour assignment Easter Sunday.

DEACON'S REPORT:

Wendy Leyonmark reviewed recent Deacon Team activities highlighting the Easter flower delivery efforts going on this week.

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.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Blair circulated report via email. No major items to be highlighted. Jerry spoke in Blair's absence and once again emphasized the opportunity request additional dollars from the reserves for special projects as required. One potential special project highlighted was the need to repave the parking lot in 2022. More research being conducted.

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

MOTION: Personnel moves to update and clarify language in the employee handbook to include Session approved vacation time for part-time employees, paid vacation time is to be limited to a maximum of (2) two Sundays per year and employees must request advanced approval from the Head of Staff for vacation requests. Motion passed unanimously.

MOTION: Church Life moves that the cost of catering by Weidner's Barbeque for the 7/10/22 Church Picnic be paid for from the Church Life budget with the understanding that all donations collected at the event will be returned to the general fund. The estimated cost, prior to donations is \$350.00. Motion passed unanimously.

MOTION: Mission moves to have Hamburg Presbyterian Church match any donated funds up to \$5,000 to the Presbyterian Church USA Disaster relief fund for Ukraine. https://pda.pcusa.org/situation/ukraine/

OLD BUSINESS

Team Presentation at Worship – 4th Sunday of Month. A change the schedule has been made with Wayne Hines now delivering the April message focusing on the topic of updating the HPC Heros Board.

NEW BUSINESS

No new business was discussed.

OPEN DISCUSSION Open discussion took place.

Devotion for Session Meeting in May is Hollis Bahruth

The Sacrament of Holy Communion was celebrated on April 3, 2022 at the 10:00 a.m. worship service. The next Sacrament of Holy Communion will be celebrated on:

April 14th– Maundy Thursday April 17th – Easter Sunday May 1st - First Sunday of May

Team Presentation at Worship – 4th Sunday of Month – April 24th will be provided by Wayne Hines as indicated above.

The next meeting date was scheduled for May 9, 2022.

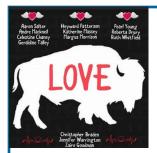
Joys & Concerns were lifted, and Pastor Rachel closed the meeting at 8:02 p.m. with prayer.

MOTION to adjourn was approved unanimously.

Respectfully submitted:

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Tony Cimorelli Clerk of Session



Letter From Pastor Rachel

The Presbytery of Western New York is shocked and saddened by the events that occurred at the tops friendly market on Jefferson on Saturday, May 14th in our city of good neighbors, Buffalo, New York.

We stand together with our faith community around Western New York in praying for the individuals who lost family and friends to this horrific event. We condemn hatred in all forms and, in this case, the hatred toward the black community through white supremacy.

Isaiah 1:17 says; "Learn to do good. Seek justice. Help the oppressed. Defend the cause of orphans. Fight for the rights of widows"

We are called to love our neighbors as ourselves and during this time we must stand united against racism.

May God fill us with comfort, strength and hope during this difficult time.

Standing united in love,

~Rev. Rachel Brown Moderator of the Presbytery of Western NY Pastor, Hamburg Presbyterian

Pastor Rachel is encouraging every member at Hamburg Presbyterian Church to support the black community during this trying time after the tragic shootings of 10 people at the tops friendly market on Jefferson Street in Buffalo New York.

Take Action:

1. You are invited to attend a church service at Karen Saxon's church at **10 AM Sundays**:

First Shiloh Baptist Church

15 Pine Street

Buffalo, NY 14204

2. You are invited to attend a church service at Talitha & Michael Farrows church where their mother is the pastor.

Grace Community Church Saturday nights 6:30 pm

with a fellowship dinner to follow

175 Potomac Ave Buffalo NY

Let us take time to pray for the victims of the racially targeted shooting at Tops. Let us pray: Lord, we thank you for the unique, beautiful and amazing lives of our fellow Buffalonians Celestine, Heyward, Pearl, Roberta, Ruth, Aaron, Katherine, Andre, Geraldine & Margus. And those injured ; Zaire, Christian, and Jennifer. Lord, please comfort the family, friends and community whose hearts are broken with grief. We grieve the knowledge that they were killed because they were black. Lord, we know that you LOVE all no matter what their race and so we pray you transform hearts to show LOVE without prejudice. Help us heal, comfort and change for the good of all. In Jesus name, amen.





From the Presbytery of Western New York Anti-Racism Task Group

5/18/22 Seeking to be an Anti-Racist: Living the Love of Jesus Living So What Now?

As was explained last week, the Anti-Racism Task Group has recently received a copy of a report from the GA Special Committee on Racism, Truth and Reconciliation. This report is being circulated ahead of its consideration by the 2022 GA. It comes out of 4 years of study and interviews carried out by the Special Committee within the PCUSA. Our task group had been working out how to introduce the report to the Presbytery, and building projects rooted in its sugges-

tions. We had a plan...

And then all hell broke loose, literally, last Saturday. So, what do we do now, how do we respond to what has happened, how do we move forward? It is clear that this was the work of a troubled young man, but this is far more than a mental health crisis. He accepted ideas, such as the White Supremacist Replacement Theory*, that are found easily on the internet and supported in numerous mainstream venues. So, these ideas clearly need to be confronted and refuted, actively.

Silence is truly deadly. We may feel some comfort to see how the city is coming together, sharing in prayer. But we must make sure we do not ignore the realities of the suffering that is present and will not be quickly healed. Whites need to listen to the voices that are speaking about the ongoing and real suffering that has been, and still is, experienced. Prayer is important, but it is not a replacement for action. We commit to helping the victims, waiting to get past this. But as painful as it is to face, white people need to realize that after we have moved on, Black Americans will still live with the risk of white terrorist violence. White people need to refuse to simply move on, even though as White people we have

that choice. So again, what is a response that will be authentic and last past the next few days and weeks? For white people, it is important to understand what is happening all around us (that we too often miss) if we are to help dismantle the racism that produces such manifestos, such violence and hate, and so much more. This will take reading, discussion and a lot of listening. And then we need to act on our understanding.

With this in mind, at the next Presbytery meeting, Council and the Anti-Racism Task Group will present the Report of the Special Committee on Racism, Truth and Reconciliation and a program of response to its conclusions. We are seeking to offer concrete goals for the Presbytery and its churches that will enable us to develop and carry out an effective Anti-Racism ministry. For example, the Report speaks of how conversations are experienced differently according to race. They suggest that opportunities need to be created for careful listening to one another. So, opportunities will be created for such listening including presentations and study groups and more. White people too often do not act in help-ful ways, no matter their good intentions, because they don't understand the reality of people who are unlike them. The Special Committee also points out that when education is the sole goal, anti-racism ministries get stalled. We are setting measurable goals for our work. We will be reaching out to help churches explore possible ministries of anti-racism. Edu-

cation is essential, but it is not the end of the journey. Rather it is the guide for the journey of anti-racism. In their report, the Special Committee challenges the church with the image of Isaiah 58, where the people of Israel put on a show of faithfulness but do not do the real work of faithfulness and justice. In the coming weeks, Council and the Anti-racism Task Group will offer a variety of ways for you to become involved in the work of Anti-Racism.



Duffield Women's Retreat- June 3-5, 2022 (Registration 5-7 pm, Gathering at 7:30 pm) Leader: Laura Norris Buisch Theme: Calming the Storms Scripture: Mark 4: 35-41, Reimagine, Refresh, & Recreate Take time for yourself by taking a walk in the woods & seeing God's love in creation. To Register, contact us at: 716-440-9833 or contactus@campduffield.net Cost: \$90 per person. All women are welcome

Challenge Camp - a camp for adults with developmental disabilities. Our experienced staff provides a unique vacation for this special population. Experience campfires, fishing, swimming, singa-longs, bingo, theatre in the woods, crafts, talent show and much more.

July 3-9 Price: \$520

Children Camps

Chipmunks - For those too young for other camps, this is an opportunity to experience all camp has to offer in just three days. Bring your favorite relative (parent is required to stay and is included in the cost) Sleep away from home. Make new friends! (Grades 1-2) July 10-13 /July 17-20 Price: \$220 Foxes - Explore Camp Duffield through traditional camp activities of hiking, campfires, swimming, singing, games, crafts, and learning about God. (Grades 3-5) July 10-16 /July 17-23 Price: \$320 Raccoons - Splash hikes, games, low ropes, star gazing, swimming, crafts, campfires! Learn about God's love. (Grades 6-8) July 10-16 /July 17-23 Price: \$320

Night Owls - Stay up late and sleep in late- a perfect teen schedule! Creek walks, crafts and team building exercises that lead us to a better understanding of God's word, and when the sunsets, we kick-start our night off with games, hikes, and campfires! (Grades 9-12) July 24-30 Price: \$320

For more information, contact Pat Cookfair-Casseri at kids@campduffield.net or call 716-440-9833.

Click Here for Registration



Christian Education



May Review Confirmation Sunday (May 22) 5 teens were confirmed and officially joined the church on May, 22nd. As part of the final piece of Confirmation Class the teens took over the worship service and did a fantastic job playing music, be-

ing liturgists, and preaching the sermon. I am super proud of this group! This was the culmination of all of their hard work and dedication to participating in Confirmation Class from January-May.



Please welcome Benjamin, Ben, Connor, Maddie, and Polly as full voting members of the Hamburg Presbyterian Church family.



June will be my last month as the Christian Education Director at Hamburg. I have been called to serve as a lead pastor. Bridgette and I want to thank everyone so much for welcoming us and supporting the Christian Education ministry over these past 3 years. We will miss you!

Blessings,

Matt

Children's Church All children are welcome to join us during	June CE Minist	ry Schedule
worship (10:15) for Children's Church. Please see the sched- ule below. If you are not able to join us in person you can check out the Worship Service, as well as the Children's	06/05 No Chil- dren's Church- Communion Sun-	06/19 Children's Church (10:15 am)
Sermon, each week on Facebook Live and the Hamburg Pres- byterian YouTube Channel. <u>https://www.youtube.com/</u> <u>channel/UCtZVuwF9DN62b-WK-iXq5Ug</u>	day 06/12 Children's Church (10:15 am)	06/26 Children's Church (10:15 am)



CONNECT - GROW - SERVE

Bells and Choir taking a break for the Summer O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his steadfast love endures forever! Ps. 118:1 Al Anon/AA

Mon- Zoom

7:30pm

Wed. - FH 7:30pm

Fri.- FH 10:00pm

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. June 8th at 10:00 a.m. Leader: Marci Toney , Gail Wheaton's home Elizabeth Circle Fri. June 10th at 10:30 a.m. Leader: Janie S. , Janie's home Ruth Circle Wed. 15th at 12:00pm Leader: Ginny Sprague, Anna Robinson's home

Mission Quilters will not meet until September

PW Coordinating Team will meet Tuesday, June 7th at 12:30 in the Amy Low Room.

No PW WNY Team Meeting this month.

Meetings will resume in September.





June 01	Bob Zittel	June 14	Sandra Nelson,	June 25	Pamela Boehler,
June 03	Elyse Perry		Abigail Pyne		Ginnie Sprague
June 05	Alan Smith	June 15	Kathy Blood,	June 28	Marilyn Monckton,
June 06	James Klinger		Marnie Calder,		Jillian Smith
June 07	Adam Gawlak,		Miranda Smith	June 30	Lois Cavanagh,
Con	nie Kavanaugh,	June 20	Jim Cox,		Sarah Connelly
	Katy Webster		Taylor Weyand		Happiness is
June 08	Melanie Fi s k	June 21	Anna Robinson,		a June Birthday!
June 11	Heather Ferro		William Tuttle		
		June 23	Lisa Cimorelli		TK



Sandwich Sunday 6/19 Sunday 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

Jím Klínger, George Ackerman, Bill McCoy, Jonah Delang, Donna Burns, Gail Wheaton, Richard Monckton, Dick Reynolds, Wendy Zímmerman's next door neighbor, Ro shadle, Bob Catalíno. Hollís Bahruth *Contact Church Office with prayer needs.

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.

June Coffee Hour! Meet in the lounge or outside after service for a time of fellowship! 5 Deacons, Caregivers, Hospitality, and Nominating **12 Adult Bell Choir 19 Church Life**



26 Presbyterian Women 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!



A good father is one of the most UNSUNG, unpraised, unnoticed,

and yet one of the most valuable **assets** in our society.

-Max Lucado-

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:

 Using a pew envelope and placing it in the collection plate labelled FOR UKRAINE.
Send a donation to the Church office in-



dicating 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.



Church at Chestnut Ridge Sunday, July 10, 10:00 Shelter #3

Please join your HPC family for Sunday worship followed by our annual congregational meeting and picnic at Chestnut Ridge Park

on **Sunday**, **July 10**^{th.} Pastor Rachel will lead us in worship beginning at 10:00, followed by the annual meeting. BBQ chicken lunch will be catered by Weidner's. Dessert and beverages will be provided.

We'll enjoy worship and music under the shelter, play some trivia and lawn games and savor the beautiful setting of Chestnut Ridge. A playground and restroom facilities are close by. Bring your family, enjoy your HPC family and feel free to stay and explore the park as long as you wish; HPC has reserved the shelter for the entire day. And finally, please bring a chair if you like, and any lawn games or toys you may have for all to play!

See you Sunday, July 10th! Please sign up on the sheet posted in the lobby before Sunday June 26h

Hamburg Presbyterian Church ~ I would like to thank whoever left the lovely bouquet of flowers on my front porch on April 28th. The card read "something special to make you smile" and signed Hamburg Presbyterian Church.

The past several weeks have been quite stressful due to my daughter, Michellene, having had a heart attack. Those flowers did make me smile - even before I opened the card. They made my day.

Yes! HPC is a very caring church. I have no idea who left those flowers, but I want you to know how much I appreciated



Church Life is happy to bring back our annual Strawberry Social after church on **Sunday, June 19th!!!** Join us for coffee hour and some *berry* sweet treats as we welcome summer and enjoy the time for fellowship.

THE STRAWBERRY SOCIAL IS

BACK!

On Sunday, May 22nd, a week after the terrible shootings at Tops Friendly Market in Buffalo a group of congregation members, Kris M., Vicki Q., Dudley H., Joanne H., Dave B., Holly B., Gary L., Mary L., Mike W., Cheryl W. and Shelly R. in hope, love and solidarity joined members at the First Shiloh Baptist Church on Pine Street in Buffalo, to worship God together.

A message of thanks from Karen Saxon:

Good morning, Pastor Rachel and Pastor Staples! My heart is FULL this morning. Pastor Rachel, I am beyond grateful to you for reaching out to Pastor Staples; he is someone worth knowing! "Thank you" doesn't seem

like enough to express my gratitude for the presence of so many from Hamburg Presbyterian Church. I've loved you guys for quite some time; yesterday elevated you all to family. Your presence in the moment was beyond powerful. Pastor Staples will speak on behalf of my beloved First Shiloh - I just HAD to speak for myself. Our musical sharing's have been uplifting so far. I look forward to sharing more in the future. Pastor Staples, THANK YOU for allowing me occasions to share with the Hamburg Presbyterian Church. I'm so glad that you got to look upon the faces of those whom you've shared me with - they are wonderful people! My love to you both!

~Karen , Minister of Music: First Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church



History

Freedom finally came on June 19, 1865, when some 2,000 Union troops arrived in Galveston Bay, Texas. The army announced that the more than 250,000 enslaved black people in the state, were free by executive decree. This day came to be known as "Juneteenth," by the newly freed people in Texas.

Fun Facts About Juneteenth

It is the oldest known holiday that commemorates the end of slavery in the US.

Juneteenth is the title of a book by author Ralph Ellison. Other books by Carolyn Meyer and Ann Rinaldi also center around the day.

Some cities and groups have Miss Junteenth contests. Strawberry soda pop was once a popular drink associated with celebrating the day.

There is a Juneteenth Flag of Freedom. It is half red and half blue with a star in the middle. Each year a

Juneteenth Flag raising ceremony is held in Galveston. In Buffalo

In 1976, the Juneteenth Festival of Buffalo was started by B.U.I.L.D. as an alternative celebration to the nation's Bicentennial celebration, according to Juneteenth of Buffalo Festival. These celebrations started on Jefferson Avenue, where many Black businesses were at the time.



<u>History</u>

World Refugee Day is an international day designated by the United Nations to honour refugees around the globe. It falls each year on June 20 and celebrates the strength and courage of people who have been forced to flee their home country to escape conflict or persecution. World Refugee Day is an occasion to build empathy and understanding for their plight and to recognize their resilience in rebuilding their lives.

World Refugee Day shines a light on the rights, needs and dreams of refugees, helping to mobilize political will and resources so refugees can not only survive but also thrive. While it is important to protect and improve the lives of refugees every single day, international days like World Refugee Day help to focus global attention on the plight of those fleeing conflict or persecution. World Refugee Day falls each year on June 20 and is dedicated to refugees around the globe. World Refugee Day was held globally for the first time on June 20, 2001, commemorating the 50th anniversary of the 1951 Convention relating to the Status of Refugees. It was originally known as Africa Refugee Day, before the United Nations General Assembly officially designated it as an international day in December 2000. Credit: https://www.unhcr.org/en-us/worldrefugee-day.html



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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 <u>www.hamburgchurch.org</u> and click on the Media tab to the drop down Bulletin tab. Select the bulletin of the week and access <u>Facebook Live</u>





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.



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Newsletter

Deadline

The deadine for the

July/August Issue is

June 22, 2022

Monday	9am - 2pm
Tuesday	9am - 2pm
Wednesday	9am - 2pm
Thursday	0am-2pm

Friday Closed

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



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JUNE 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
GOOD VVILL H	THINGS IAPPEN		1 7:30pm AA (FH)	2 7pm YogaFaith (FH)	3 10:00pm AA (FH)	4 9:00am United Church of God (FH) 10:00am Church Life (AL)
5 10:00am Wor- ship Service & Communion Spring Clean Up after service.	6 1:00pm Finan- cial Mgmt. (AL) 6:30pm Chris- tian Ed. (Z) 7:00pm Person- nel (Z) 7:30pm AlAnon	7 11:00am Wor- ship Planning 12:30pm Pres- byterian Women (AL)	8 10:00am Han- nah Circle 7:30pm AA (FH)	9 7pm YogaFaith (FH)	10 11:00am Eliza- beth Circle 10:00pm AA (FH)	11 9:00am United Church of God (FH)
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19 10:00am Wor- ship Service & Sandwich Sun- day & Strawber- ry Social HAPPY FATHER'S DAY	20 Committee Reports Due to Office! 7:00pm Worship and Music (Z) 7:30pm AlAnon (FH)	21 11:00am Wor- ship Planning	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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