

The TOWEL AND BASIN



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

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From the Presbytery of Western New York



Summertime Reading at the Center for Christian Growth

Summer is a time to check up on reading; both for pleasure and for planning future events. Come visit the Center for Christian Growth, located at First Presbyterian in Tonawanda. We're open Monday through Thursday, from 10AM to 1PM. If you have any questions, call us at 716 389-2023.

Under the section of pleasure, look at our collection of Flyaway books. These children's books can be used for Children's Time, and should be in the hands of the families in your church. Below are only some of the Flyaway books on our shelves. Come and browse the rest of our collection

I Love You, Blue explores the friendship of a lighthouse keeper with a whale named Blue. Readers are introduced to the impact of plastic waste on the ocean and oceans life. Simple text and charming watercolor illustrations gently depict the damage humans can do to the environment.

Apple and Magnolia this is an endearing story of the unusual friendship between a Magnolia and an Apple tree.

A Very Big Problem by Amy-Jill Levine and Sandy Eisenberg Sasso. In this retelling of creation, children are encouraged to imagine, question and reflect on the world around them.

Who Is My Neighbor? In picture book retells the story of the Good Samaritan in a world of yellows and blues.

Under the heading of reading books for possible adult discussion, here are two possibilities.

Common Ground: Talking About Gun Violence in America by Donald V. Gaffney. Written by a Presbyterian pastor and Sandy Hook Alumnus, this slim volume could be a part of a church's discussion of gun violence with chapters on America's Culture of Guns, Violence and the Bible and Talking About Guns as Christians. There's a chapter on how to use this book and discussion questions at the end of each chapter.

Trouble I've Seen: Changing the Way the Church Views Racism by Drew G.I. Hart, a theologian, a *Christian Century* blogger and activist. His book, **Trouble I've Seen** can read as a companion book to **White Too Long**. Hart offers concrete practices for churches that seek solidarity with the oppressed and are committed to racial justice. It's an uncomfortable read for churches who are too comfortable.



Camp Duffield Summer 2022

Challenge Camp - a camp for adults with developmental disabilities. Our experienced staff provides a unique vacation for this special population. Experience campfires, fishing, swimming, sing-a-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 Ed News !

The CE Committee is looking for new members! We are small but feisty group and would love to have you join us! We meet the first Monday of the month at 6:30. Are you interested in new and exciting programming for your kids? Are you a recently confirmed “kid” who would like to get more involved and learn about helping your church? Are you creative and willing to brainstorm? Are you quiet and want to help behind the scenes???

Any and all people welcome! We strive to re-launch CE in a “less covid restricted world” and look forward to new ideas! [Please contact Trish Harrigan at 716-472-9594 or trishharrigan@gmail.com if you can help out!](#)

Vacation Bible School 2022

With many changes in Christian Ed, the Vacation Bible School opportunity this summer will be coordinated with St Johns Lutheran Church in Orchard Park. VBS will run Mon 8/22-Thurs 8/25 from 9-12p at 4536 South Buffalo St, Orchard Park. If you are interested in your K thru 5th grade child attending, please check the stjohnsop.com website for details, or reach out to Trish (details above) for more info!

Please note: Children's Church (during worship) will not meet in July and August! Looking forward to regrouping in September!



**The 2022-2023 Horizon's Bible Study is
"Celebrating SABBATH"- Accepting God's Gift of
Rest and Delight by Carol M. Bechtel**

Key ideas: As Lord of the Sabbath, Jesus invites all of us who are weary to celebrate a Sabbath that is more about "yes" than "no." Sabbath celebration is something that God has built into the structure of creation. Receiving that gift is part of what deepens our friendship with God, others and the rest of creation and it also involves a commitment to hospitality. Sabbath is first about honoring God. Community is key for sustaining us in our Sabbath journey.

**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. Sept. 14th at 10:00 a.m.

Leader: Marci Toney , Gail Wheaton's home

Elizabeth Circle Thurs. Sept. 15th

Leader: Janie S. , Location/Time TBD

Ruth Circle Wed. Sept. 21st

Leader: Ginny Sprague, Location/Time TBD

Mission Quilters will meet Wednesdays, **September 7th and 21st at 9:30am** in Fellowship Hall

PW Coordinating Team

will meet Tuesday,

Sept. 6th at 12:30

in the Amy Low Room.



July / August

Pat Stitt July 03
 Christel Beers July 04
 Nancy Brogan July 04
 Christine Petrilla July 04
 Tracy Tone July 08
 Chuck Boehler July 10
 Bradley Lauchert July 10
 Russell Rich July 11
 Peter Leyonmark July 12
 Danielle Lovelace July 15
 Judith Kassman July 18
 Joe Smith July 19
 Griffin Harrigan July 20
 Wendy Leyonmark July 20
 Sandy Smith July 22
 Jacki Knauss July 26
 Kyle Griffin July 29
 Robert Green July 31



Stephanie Griffin August 04
 Linda Ryder August 04
 Nancy Wood August 07
 Karen Klug August 11
 Helen Jones August 12
 Ed Osborne August 14
 Brigit Reynolds August 14
 Amanda Morrissey August 17
 Cheryl Weyand August 18
 David Knauss August 19

Amy Brodie August 20
 Sandy Ackerman August 21
 James Fisk August 21
 Hannah Shuttleworth August 22
 Shirley Hines August 24
 Zachary Nelson August 24
 George Ackerman August 27
 Hunter Barnes August 29
 Leah Harrigan August 29
 Devin Thompson August 29
 Jane Cox August 31
 Maleah Gawlak August 31
 Barbara Robie August 31



Sandwich Sunday 7/17 and 8/21

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.



Support our local Christian communities this summer by attending First Shiloh Baptist.

Sign up in the Lobby.



TOUCHING LIVES WITH FOOD AND FRIENDSHIP

August 1-31

Monday - Friday

11:00am



Could you spend about 1 hour and your special touch given to the lives of those in our community that we serve? The sign up calendar is in the narthex. Please sign up quickly to assure the dates that work best for you. Thank you.

Please contact Linda Ryder at 649-4792 if you are interested in this wonderful ministry.

HPC Supports the People of Ukraine Deadline July 10th

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 labelled 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.

Please Sign up to help the Missions Team with the Hot Dog Sale, July 9-10 at Memorial Park. [Sign up online here](#) or call Leanne Howe at 716-648-3166. Blocks of time are 10-12:30 or 12-2:30 on Sat. or Sun. Duties include, taking orders and payment. Proceeds go to the Presbyterian Disaster Relief for Ukraine.



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 10th**. 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





July and August Coffee Hour!

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

JULY

3 Mission and Financial Management & Stewardship

10 Picnic at Chestnut Ridge- Church life

17 Personnel

24 Worship & Music

31 Session

August

7 Adult Bell Choir and Christian ED

14 Presbyterian Woman (ALL CIRCLES)

21 Deacons & Caregivers

28 Mission

IN OUR Thoughts and Prayers

*Jim Leslie,
Jim Klinger,
George Ackerman,
Bill McCoy,
Jonah DeLang,
Donna Burns,
Gail Wheaton,
Richard Monckton,
Dick Reynolds,*

*Wendy Zimmerman's
next door neighbor,
Ro Shadle,
Bob Catalino,
Hollis Bahruth*

**Contact Church Office
with prayer needs.*



Pastor Rachel's Summer Sermon Series

July 3 — For Faith and Country

July 10— A Church United

July 17 — The Longest Prayer

July 26 — Racism and Anti-Racism

July 31— Healing Service

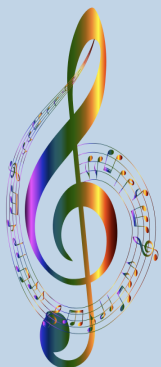
August 7—What Does the Bible Say about Alcohol?

August 14—So Many Choices, Why Believe in Jesus?

August 21—Guest Preacher

August 28 — Money, Gifts & Tithing

**Bells of Praise
and Chancel
Choir taking a
break for the
Summer**



Summer 2022 Worship Arts Program

Justin Joseph-Maraj, Trumpet

Erin Keppner, Flute

Lindsey Scanio, Soprano

Aida Carducci, Alto

Robert Hamilton, Bagpipes

And Various HPC Musical Talents

Watch for these and other talented musicians in the weekly bulletin.

MINUTES OF SESSION MAY 2022

The Rev. Rachel Brown, Moderator, called the meeting to order with prayer at 7:45 p.m. A quorum was present. The agenda was approved as written. Elders in attendance were: Hollis Bahruth, Sandy Smith, Tony Cimorelli, Wayne Hines, Jerry Stitt, Gary Lauchert, Trisha Harrigan, Blair Webster, Terry Vogel – Deacons Representative
Excused: Don Robinson, Kris McGuire, Jeff Leyonmark
Devotion was provided by Hollis Bahruth

MOTION to approve the minutes of April 11, 2022 was presented and approved.

PASTOR'S REPORT:

Pastor Rachel mentioned that the annual reports are due from the Ministry Teams by June 20, 2022. They should be written from July 2021-June 2022.

In addition, she is also asking (recommending) each committee leader to send thank you notes to their committee members and staff members.

CLERK'S REPORT: No report at this time.

DEACON'S REPORT:

Terry Vogler provided the Deacons report. Highlights included an update on Sandy Mallon who is moving to a new group home in West Seneca, an update on Easter flower delivery and information on contacting the HPC "shut-ins" and potentially the idea of future communion delivery for them.

COMM. TO PRESBYTERY:

The next Presbytery Meeting is not until May 24, 2022 in Olean. Will be Rachel's last meeting as moderator. A delegate from HPC still needs to be identified.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Blair highlighted the treasures report provided in advance of the meeting. In summary income and giving is on track. HPC seems to be underspending on staff year to date. Building and Grounds has used their budget. We expect an increase in 2022 expenses based on utility rate increases. Overall, finances looks fine.

Ministry Teams REQUIRING ACTION

Christian Education

MOTION: A motion was made to accept the 2022 confirmation class of Polly Ferro, Ben Reagan, Ben Mills, Conner Low and Maddie Tothoro in the membership of Hamburg Presbyterian Church as of May 22, 2022. Motion approved.

Building & Grounds

MOTION: Building and Grounds makes a motion to allow CIA (Russell Rich) use the

Lounge on 5/16 from 7pm to 9pm.

MOTION Approves.

OLD BUSINESS

Pastor sabbatical Lily grant application was submitted April 27th. We expect to hear a response in August 2022

NEW BUSINESS

The Session selected July 10th, at the annual meeting and church picnic, as the date for the congregational vote on new Elders & Deacons.

OPEN DISCUSSION

Open discussion was held.

MISCELLANEOUS

The devotion for Session Meeting in June is Tony Cimorelli

The 4th Sunday Ministry Team Assignment on May 22 will be for Nominating.

Next Session meeting date June 13, 2022

The Sacrament of Holy Communion was celebrated on May 1, 2022 at the 10:00 a.m. Worship service.

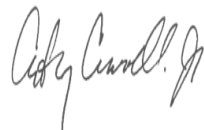
The next Sacrament of Holy Communion will be celebrated on June 5, 2022 at the 10:00am Worship Service

Joys & Concerns were lifted, and Pastor Rachel closed the meeting at 8:25 p.m. with prayer.

MOTION to adjourn was approved unanimously.

Respectfully submitted:

Tony Cimorelli



Clerk of Session

MINUTES OF SESSION JUNE 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: Sandy Smith Tony Cimorelli Wayne Hines Jerry Stitt Blair Webster Don Robinson Kris McGuire Jeff Leyonmark Gary Lauchert Nancy Brogan – Deacons Representative Excused Hollis Bahruth Trisha Harrigan Guests Chris Burns – Incoming Elder Cheryl Koelmel – Incoming Deacon James Sampson – Incoming Elder Guests not able to attend Joyce Huen – Incoming Deacon Karen Klug – Incoming Deacon Tom Tabone – Incoming Elder
Devotion was provided by Tony Cimorelli based on Hebrews 1: 1-3

MOTION to approve the minutes of May 9, 2022 was presented and approved.

PASTOR'S REPORT: Pastor Rachel reported that she will be marrying Lisa Cimorelli and Ivan Delgado at Westminster Presbyterian Church on July 2, 2022. Pastor will be leading the funeral for Darius Duggen 10am 6/10/2022. Pastor reported on the numerous support activities she has been involved with and leading to bring healing to the community after the mass shooting in Buffalo on May 14th. These included her activities on the anti-racism task force, supporting PCUSA's Presbyterian Disaster Relief presence in Buffalo and her activities related to being the Moderator of the Presbytery of Western New York. Pastor also reported on her attendance at Worship First Shiloh Baptist Church and the thanks she was given from Pastor Staples. Pastor is encouraging a rotation of HPC members to continue attending their worship services to show support. Pastor Rachel also informed Session of the terrible racist attacks on Marci Toney and her family. She asked for our continued support and prayers for the Toney family. Pastor informed Session on the passing of frequent visitor Peggy Fanning, welcomed the incoming Elders and Deacons in attendance, and thanked exiting Elders Gary Lauchert, Don Robinson and Tony Cimorelli for their service.

CLERK'S REPORT: Tony Cimorelli reported that HPC welcomed the five new confirmands to the HPC Membership. Connor Low Benjamin Mills, Benjamin Reagan, Madeline Tothoro and Polly Ferro. Tony reported that we received a letter of transfer request for Matt Brooks. Motion was made to accept the transfer of Matt Brooks to Sardinia United Methodist Church. Motion approved. Tony indicated a new 2022-2023 Session Devotion Assignment list will be circulated before next meeting and that the HPC Congregational meeting is still scheduled for Sunday July 10, 2022 at Chestnut Ridge Park

DEACON'S REPORT: Nancy Brogan provided a verbal overview of the most recent Deacon's report. She reported that there are ongoing discussions to bring back the HPC Meal Train. She asked Music and Worship about returning to regular communion and was informed it is being discussed. Nancy mentioned that thank you notes and letters have been sent. She informed Session that there are no transportation needs at this time. Lastly, she thanked Anna Robinson, Terry Vogler and Katy Webster for their service as Deacons as they will be rotating off the committee.

COMM. TO PRESBYTERY: It was reported that the next meeting is scheduled for July 26th Tuesday 6pm. A commissioner will be needed. **TREASURER'S REPORT:** Blair provided a verbal summary of the previously provided treasures report. In summary giving is a little down. Staff expense is also slightly under budget which is expected to be seasonal. Blair encouraged donations to the Pastor Discretionary fund. Ministry Teams **REQUIRING ACTION** Building & Grounds

MOTION: Building & Grounds moves to allow the Boy Scouts of America to use the building on Wednesday 9:00am – 1:00pm.

OLD BUSINESS There is no update on the previously submitted Lily Grant application for Pastor Sabbatical grant relief. Gary Lauchert presented a motion for an additional technology installation to enable hybrid meeting environments for HPC. **MOTION:** HPC is to contract with Gremlin Controls for the amount of \$2150 to enable HPC to be capable of doing a high quality hybrid meetings in the Lounge. Motion failed 4-5. Jeff Leyonmark will do more research with Gremlin Controls and bring this opportunity back to Session in a future meeting.

NEW BUSINESS No new business mentioned.

OPEN DISCUSSION Open discussion was held which included the need for renewing the technology contract with Gremlin, the potential need for security cameras, a possible future fire drill, HPC's ongoing fundraiser for Ukraine Relief, and our CE Director resignation and the impact it will have on Youth Sunday School in the near future. Lastly, we discuss the preference to conduct Coffee Hour gathering after Worship in the church lounge. **MISCELLANEOUS** The devotion for the Session Meeting in August will be assigned. The 4th Sunday Ministry Team Assignment on June 26 will be given by Church Life. Next Session meeting date August 8, 2022 The Sacrament of Holy Communion was celebrated on June 5, 2022 at the 10:00 a.m. Worship service. The next Sacrament of Holy Communion will be celebrated on July 3, 2022 at the 10:00am Worship Service Joys & Concerns were lifted, and Pastor Rachel closed the meeting at 8:25 p.m. with prayer. **MOTION** to adjourn was approved unanimously.

Respectfully submitted:



Tony Cimorelli Clerk of Session



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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
September Issue is
Aug. 19th, 2022



HPC OFFICE Staff Listing

Pastor

Rev. Rachel Brown: 444-7333

Minister of Music

Alex Hamilton

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Katie Gertner: 400-4892

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Kendra Quinn-Moultrie

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Mary Prentice: 649-1970

Sexton

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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?



July 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
*Meeting dates and times subject to change					1 10:00pm AA (FH)	2 9:00am United Church of God (FH)
3 10:00am Worship Service & Communion	4 OFFICE CLOSED 7:30pm AlAnon	5 11:00am Worship Planning	6 7:30pm AA (FH)	7 7pm YogaFaith (FH)	8 10:00pm AA (FH)	9 9:00am United Church of God (FH)
10 10:00am Church at the Park, Picnic and Annual Meeting	11 9:30am Caregivers(AL) 7:00pm Personnel (Z) 7:30pm AlAnon	12 11:00am Worship Planning	13 7:30pm AA (FH)	14 7pm YogaFaith (FH)	15 10:00pm AA (FH)	16 9:00am United Church of God (FH)
17 10:00am Worship Service Sandwich Sunday	18 7:00pm Worship and Music (Z) 7:30pm AlAnon (FH)	19 11:00am Worship Planning 6:30pm Deacons (z)	20 7:00pm Mission (Chapel) 7:30pm AA (FH)	21 7pm YogaFaith (FH)	22 10:00pm AA * (FH) 	23 9:00am United Church of God (FH)
24 10:00am Worship Service	25 7:00pm Building and Grounds (Z) 7:30pm AlAnon (FH)	26 11:00am Worship Planning	27 7:30pm AA (FH)	28 7pm YogaFaith (FH)	29 10:00pm AA (FH)	30 9:00am United Church of God (FH)
31 10:00am Worship Service						



August 2022

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*Meeting dates and times subject to change	1 1:00pm Financial Mgmt. (AL) 6:30pm Christian Ed. (Z) 7:00pm Personnel (Z)	2 11:00am Worship Planning	3 7:30pm AA (FH)	4 7pm YogaFaith (FH)	5 10:00pm AA (FH)	6 9:00am United Church of God (FH)
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