

# 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

**Seeking to be an Anti-  
Racist:  
Living the Love of Jesus  
East Side Garden Walk  
Beauty and Pride**

*You can now read ALL of our  
Anti-Racism articles on the  
Presbytery website by click-  
ing [here!](#)*



Once again Gardens of Buffalo Niagara has presented the East Side Garden Walk. The organizers of the event explain that the walk offers opportunities for residents to share not just their gardens, but also their stories of perseverance and to take control of the narrative of their community.

Participants toured all over the East Side, viewing lovely gardens, being welcomed by gracious hosts and discovering remnants of the beautiful Olmsted Park system (1895) such as the Martin Luther King Jr. Park. In the early 19<sup>th</sup> century, the Erie Canal made Buffalo one of the richest cities on the frontier. Landscape architect Frederick Olmsted was hired to create a dramatic system of parks and parkways including the Humboldt Parkway which became known as one of the most beautiful parkways in the U.S. But the beauty of the city was not intended for all residents. Redlining (<https://www.wkbw.com/news/national/two-americas/redlining-how-racial-discrimination-hobbled-black-homeownership-in-buffalo>) forced most Black families to live east of Main Street where white-controlled banks refuse to lend money. Then, government agencies run by white residents destroyed the Humboldt Parkway, the jewel of Buffalo's park system, to build a highway in a pit, the 33. They ruined the parkway and the neighborhood.

The residents on the East Side were stuck in place. With limited financing available, the housing could not be maintained. Even today Black residents that are fully employed and have paid off their home, can have trouble getting a home improvement loan. So, residents of the East Side are working to reclaim the beauty that was so carelessly destroyed. For the Black and Latino residents, "gardening is an act of defiance," says Christopher Maag of the Rochester Democrat and Chronicle.

In these circumstances, "gardening becomes a way to assert one's humanity in dehumanizing conditions" says Kenneth Helphand in his book "Defiant Gardens." These gardens are statements of beauty and pride in circumstances that do not encourage creativity and wonder. But these gardens do. In addition to the Garden Walk, a Children' Garden Festival was held. At this event, backpacks filled with school supplies were passed out to area children. In the aftermath of the 5/14 terrorism at the local Tops Market, this was a sign of caring and hope for the children in the neighborhood. Over 200 backpacks were distributed. Several of the churches in the Presbytery donated to this program.

***This walk, and the festival, are an annual event and you are encouraged to attend next year (July 22-23, 2023) to celebrate the resiliency and strength of the residents of the East Side and the beauty that has been created there.***

## 2022 Fall Duffield Retreat

# Enough.

Join the youth from The Presbytery of WNY at beautiful, peaceful Camp Duffield for the first fall youth retreat since 2019! This retreat is open to all 6th - 12th graders and their advisors. The theme is “enough” with subthemes that will be discussed throughout the weekend.

This weekend will include outdoor activities, group games, hiking adventures (weather permitting), engaging keynote with discussions, s’mores, singing, worship, and plenty of opportunities to enjoy fellowship with new and old friends amidst the beauty of Camp Duffield!!!

*All groups must have at least 1 adult adviser present.*

**Dates: 7pm on Friday, Oct 7th, 2022 to 10am on Sunday, Oct 9th, 2022**

**Cost: \$90 per person (youth and adults) includes retreat t-shirt, lodging, meals, snacks, and activities**

Questions: Feel free to contact Mark Aquino [AskMark@Roadrunner.com](mailto:AskMark@Roadrunner.com)

Registration forms should be filled out and emailed

to [AskMark@Roadrunner.com](mailto:AskMark@Roadrunner.com)

Checks should be made payable to

“Camp Duffield” and mailed to:

Camp Duffield, P.O. Box 55, Kenmore, NY 14217

PLEASE note “Camp Duffield Youth Retreat” on the check.

*The final day for registration is September 23rd, 2022*

[Register Here](#)



**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.



# September

Carole Mitchell September 02  
 William Brodie September 03  
 Alexander Browning September 03  
 Shawn Browning September 03  
 Jonah DeLang September 05  
 Christopher Webster September 05  
 Tom Klug September 06  
 Jennifer Reagan September 06  
 Daniel Smith September 06  
 Sarah Smith September 07  
 Elijah Schmittendorf September 08

Lisa Rotino September 09  
 Kathy Smith September 10  
 Cindy Ferguson September 12  
 William Lovelace September 13  
 TJ Petrilla September 13  
 Wendy Zimmerman September 13  
 Bill Gertner September 14  
 August Miklasz September 14  
 Abby DellaPenta September 15  
 Joanne Hollenbeck September 18  
 Patrick Reagan September 18

Sue Almond September 19  
 Molly Brogan September 19  
 Maddie Tothero September 20  
 Katie Gertner September 21



## September Coffee Hour!

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



**Sept. 4 SESSION and BUILDING & GROUNDS**  
**11 ADULT BELL CHOIR**  
**18 HOSPITALITY & NOMINATING**  
**25 CHRISTIAN ED & YOUTH**

## Sandwich Sunday 9/18

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 noon. They will be delivered to St. Luke's Mission of Mercy in Buffalo.



*Thank You!*

Sept.  
Volunteers

Liturgists:

Sept. 18 - Cheryl Koelmel

Sept. 25 - Hollis Bahruth

## 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.

## People Still Need Underwear!

Donations gratefully received

Now through September 25th

Please bring new bras, underwear, long underwear, socks to church to be donated to those in need.

All items are due by Sunday Sept. 25th.

Items can also be dropped off to the Rich Family back porch 144 Long Ave. Hamburg Village, NY 14075. Thank you 144 Long Ave, Hamburg

Cash or check donations are also accepted.

Mail donations to:

Churches in Action: Attn. Russell Rich

144 Long Ave Hamburg NY 14075

## PUMPKIN PATCH 2022

Sign-Up Sheet located in the Narthex

Participate! Donate!

Be part of it!

Help our local food pantries!!!



## UNDIE SUNDAY

Churches in Action is collection NEW underwear, bras, and socks for those in need.

Here are a few options on how to help:

- You can donate a check or cash
- Order underwear, socks or bras online from your favorite site or from our Amazon Wish List <https://a.co/3BEHKpQ>
- Drop off new items
- Group order or pickup from Walmart or Target.
- Drop off at Trinity Church on Sept. 25th between 11:30 am-12:30 pm!

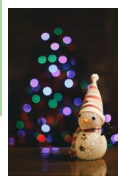
Checks and donations can be mailed/ dropped off at 144 Long Ave Hamburg NY 14075. There is a red bin on the back porch for underwear. Feel free to drop off any day in September before the 25th.

The final day of collection will be **September 25th from 11:30 am - 12:30 pm to be sorted.** Sorting will take place outside at Trinity Church at 261 East Main St Hamburg NY 14075.

If you have any questions or ideas please let us know!

Russell Rich 716-912-3200

Hannah Shuttleworth 716-912-8691



## Christmas in the Country

It's never too soon to start thinking about volunteering your time to support HPC as we help out at Christmas in the Country. This #1 nationally ranked artisan market/craft fair will return to the Hamburg Fairgrounds on November 3-6, 2022. For over 30 years, Hamburg Presbyterian Church members and friends have been the smiling folks at the doors to welcome everyone. The funds that we raise benefit many programs at HPC.

Please sign up by October 23 using the sign up board in the Narthex or click on the SignUp Genius link below. Passes and instructions will be distributed Sunday, October 30th. If you have any questions about the show or volunteering, please contact Janie Smith at 868-6153 or [dtchmn@verizon.net](mailto:dtchmn@verizon.net).

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E4AA5AD2CA7FDC52->



Hamburg Presbyterian

STEWARDSHIP

Managing God's Gifts To Us

Watch for your Pledge 2022 packet in the mail.

## MINUTES OF SESSION AUGUST 8th 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: Sandy Smith, Chris Burns, Tony Cimorelli, Wayne Hines, Jerry Stitt, Blair Webster, Kris McGuire, Trisha Harrigan, Melissa Ferraro – Deacons Representative

**Excused:** Jeff Leyonmark, James Sampson

**Guests:** Shawn Ferro – Personnel Representative  
Devotional were led by Sandy Smith

A motion was made to name Church Officers for the 2022-2023 fiscal year.

MOTION to approve the 2022-2023 officers of Hamburg Presbyterian Church as follows:

President – Chair of Financial Management – Jerry Stitt; VP Chair of Building & Grounds - ; Treasure is the Treasurer – Blair Webster; Secretary is the Clerk – Tony Cimorelli. The motion was approved unanimously.

### PASTOR'S REPORT:

Pastor Rachel reported that she is in touch with the In touch with Schmittendorf's about baptizing their baby Benjamin. A date has yet to be determined. Pastor will lead Worship on August 258, 2022 but will be out of town on September 4, 2022. Pastor Drew Ludwig will lead Worship on that Sunday. Pastor Rachel also mentioned there has been no new developments in the Lily grant process for the potential sabbatical funding she applied for.

### CLERK'S REPORT:

Tony reported that Pastor Rachel married Lisa Cimorelli and Ivan Delgado at Westminster Presbyterian Church on July 2, 2022. He reminded Session that a motion was approved by email for the official transfer on Bridgette Books to the Sardinia United Methodist Church on July 1, 2022. He informed new Elders that it is common practice share committee reports with all Session members prior to the meeting. He also informed Session of a nice circumstance where HPC was contacted by Alyssa Canfield, (Nee Denzel) from Connecticut requesting documentation of her baptism in 1985. BY researching the archives in the tower, he was able to find documentation that in fact Ms. Canfield was baptized at HPC. He provided a letter to her stating that Alyssa Brooke Kari Denzel, daughter of Larry John and Patricia Diane, was baptized in the Hamburg Presbyterian Church by Reverend Edwin H. Sprague on November 10, 1985. We were happy we could accommodate!

### DEACON'S REPORT:

Melissa Ferraro presented the Deacon's report. She mentioned that the new committee members were present in the last meeting. The card list and visitation list updates were updated. Terry Vogler volunteered to due poinsettias this year. Deacons will bring disposable cups of communion to home bound or nursing homes members. She also led a conversation

about Communion returning to the use of bread and wine as determined by the Worship and Music committee.

### COMM. TO PRESBYTERY:

Next Presbytery Meeting is not until October . We will discuss in September meeting.

### TREASURER'S REPORT:

Blair reviewed the summary of finances sent via email earlier week. In general, he mentioned that giving is a bit behind. He is not concerned yet, but will be watching closely.

### Ministry Teams REQUIRING ACTION

#### Personnel

**MOTION:** Personnel requests that Session approve the revised position description for CE Director. The motion was approved unanimously

**MOTION:** Personnel moves that HPC raise the hourly rate of pay for the Church Secretary and the Christian Education Director positions as follows.

Raise the hourly rate of the Secretary position from \$16.96 / hour to \$20 / hour.

Raise the hourly rate of the CE Director position from \$16.96 / hour to \$20 / hour.

The motion was approved unanimously

#### Worship & Music

**MOTION:** Session approves the restart of normal communion beginning September 4th.

The motion was approved unanimously. Note: Elder to volunteer on September 4th is Tom Tabone.

#### Building & Grounds

**MOTION:** Session approves the following building use requests

1. Ruth Circle to use the building use, 3rd Wednesday of the month

(Sept-Dec), 12:30-2:30.

2. CIA to use the building (Lounge) on 8/18 from 7-9 pm.

The motion was approved unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

## MINUTES OF SESSION AUGUST 8th 2022 cont'd

OPEN DISCUSSION was had by all and included discussion around the following items.

The Christian Education Team needs help with committee members, Sunday School help, and Time for Children in Worship.

The church PA system needs some adjustments and improvements

The church parking lot needs to be presented to Session prior to any vendor contract signing or funding allocation.

The Mission Team decided to donate \$100 to our friend, Pastor Mario from Haiti, for an apartment deposit from the Mission designated funds account.

The Church Life Team is beginning to plan a 2022 Harvest Dinner event.

The Pumpkins are coming! Blair is preparing for this program and asked Session for ideas on how we can better monetize our brand of being the church that sells pumpkins to raise more money for local food pantries?

Devotion for Session Meeting in September is Trish Harrigan

Reminder – 4th Sunday Ministry Team Assignment August 28 – Christian Education

Next meeting date September 12, 2022

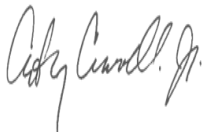
The **Sacrament of Holy Communion** was celebrated on July 3, 2022 at the 10:00 a.m. Worship service.

The next **Sacrament of Holy Communion** will be celebrated on August 7, 2022 at the 10:00am Worship Service

**MOTION** to adjourn was approved unanimously.

Pastor Rachel closed the meeting at 8:40 p.m. with prayer.

Respectfully submitted:



Clerk of Session



## MINUTES OF SPECIAL SESSION MEETING AUGUST 18th 2022

The Rev. Rachel Brown, Moderator, called the meeting to order with prayer at 6:11 p.m. A quorum was present. The agenda was approved as written. Elders in attendance were:

**Attendees:** Pastor Rachel, Jeff Leyonmark, Kris McGuire, Wayne Hines, Tom Tabone, Sandy Smith, Jerry Stitt, Tony Cimorelli - Clerk

**Excused:** Tricia Harrigan, Chris Burns, Blair Webster, Jim Sampson, Hollis Bahruth

The purpose of this special Session meeting was to discuss potential parking lot repair using funds from the Church reserves.

The motion was put forth by Building & Grounds:

**MOTION:** "Building and Grounds requests funds to replace the blacktop from the Northeast corner of the rear entrance (the narrow section) to Union Street. Sum total of \$8,781."

The motion passed unanimously.

Discussion that preceded the motion vote included.

A clarification that the section of parking lot to be repaired was only for the 265 x 20 area that connects to Union Street.

The proposal language regarding "not responsible for cracking in resurfaced drive due to previous cracking in existing drive" was discussed extensively. In the end it was deemed standard with all contractors and this is the 3rd time for us using this paving company. He track record and reputation honorable and Buildings and Grounds indicated they were comfortable with him and this language.

Additional bids are still being received to seal the strip from Main Street to the nursery school wing. It was also clarified that we do not need to repave that section, only stripe and seal.

Session was reminded that this is a three phase process and this is the first phase. Future phases will be handled in a similar manner and could last until late 2023 or 2024.

Several Session member supported the idea of trying to do all three phases now, but it was not recommended considering all the other church financial priorities at this time.

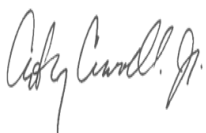
Session suggests that a solicitation of the congregation for additional funds to offset the money required from church reserved be conducted.

Session was reminded that any church officer could sign the contract and it does not have to be solely the president.

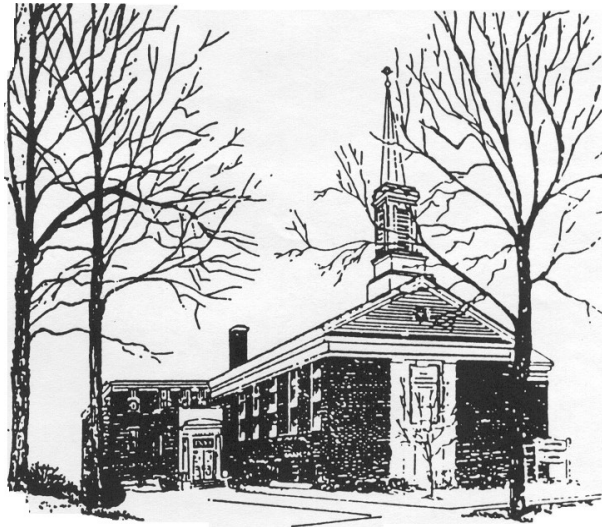
MOTION to adjourn was approved unanimously.

Joys & Concerns were lifted, and Pastor Rachel closed the meeting at 7:02 p.m. with prayer.

Respectfully submitted:



Tony Cimorelli  
Clerk of Session



# HAMBURG PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

177 Main St.  
Hamburg, NY 14075

**Pastor** - Rev. Rachel Brown  
**Minister of Music**- Alexander Hamilton  
**Pastoral Care Assistant** - Wendy Zimmerman  
**Treasurer** - Blair Webster  
**Financial Secretary** - Katie Gertner  
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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](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

**October Issue** is  
**Sept, 19th, 2022**



## HPC OFFICE

### Staff Listing

#### *Pastor*

Rev. Rachel Brown: 444-7333

#### *Minister of Music*

Alex Hamilton

#### *Financial Secretary*

Katie Gertner: 400-4892

#### *Administrative Secretary*

Kendra Quinn-Moultrie

#### *Sexton*

Dave Monaco: 931-5213



## HPC OFFICE HOURS

(716-649-1970)

**Monday** 9am - 2pm

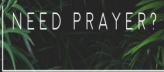
**Tuesday** 9am - 2pm

**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.



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.

# September



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 7pm YogaFaith (FH)	2 10:00pm AA (FH)	3 9:00am United Church of God (FH)
4 10:00am Worship Service & Communion	5 <b>Labor Day</b> 1:00pm Financial Mgmt. (AL) 6:30pm Christian Ed. (Z) 7:00pm Person-	6 12:30pm Presbyterian Women (FH) 11:00am Worship Planning	7 9:30am 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 & Children's Church	12 9:30am Caregivers 11:30am PW of WNY(FH) 7:00pm Session	13 11:00am Worship Planning & Staff	14 10:00am Hannah Circle 7:30pm AA (FH)	15 10:30am Elizabeth Circle (Jean Feltz's House) 7pm YogaFaith (FH)	16 10:00pm AA (FH)	17 9:00am United Church of God (FH)
18 10:00am Worship Service & Children's Church Sandwich Sunday	19 7:00pm Worship and Music (Z) 7:30pm AIAnon (FH)	20 11:00am Worship Planning 6:30pm Deacons (Z)	21 9:30am Quilters (FH) 12:30pm Ruth Circle (AL) 7:00pm Mission (Chapel) 7:30pm AA (FH)	22 7pm YogaFaith (FH) 	23 10:00pm AA (FH)	24 9:00am United Church of God (FH)
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