

Hamburg Presbyterian Church

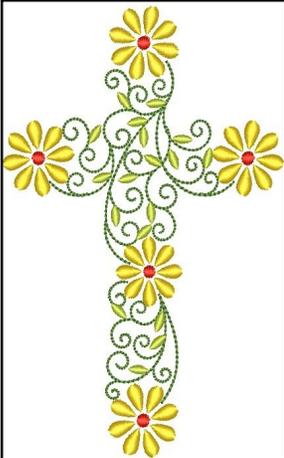
The Towel and Basin

April 2017, Issue 4

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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HOLY WEEK



WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Palm Sunday, April 9 @ 10:30am

Maundy Thursday, April 13 @ 7:00pm

Good Friday, April 14 Church Office Closed

Easter Sunday, April 16 @ 10:30am Communion

Christian Education News



Annual Easter Egg Hunt (Inside)

Sunday, April 9th at 9:30 AM

Second floor in the Sunday School area.

Please join us afterwards for more fun including
Easter themed games, crafts, and snacks.

All children are welcome - see you then!

HPC Youth - Upcoming Events

EARTH DAY 2017 – Clean up Event

Saturday April 22 – Riverkeeper’s Shoreline Sweep (8:45 AM-12:30 PM) – this will be our 2nd year attending this event. If you are a tree hugger (yes, I am) this is right up your alley. We will meet at HPC at 8:45 AM to head to the clean-up site. Last year we worked on the mouth of the Scajaquada Creek on the west side (we will be there again this year). We cleaned up debris and garbage to make this urban stream a much prettier and cleaner oasis for both humans and animals. We will meet up with other Presbyterian church members for a two hour clean-up. Pray for nice weather!!



This EVENT IS GEARED TOWARDS YOUTH IN 6-12 GRADES (and parents). If you can go, please sign up in the narthex, so we can plan to have enough room in our vehicles/enough drivers. Thanks, and we hope to see you then!



Confirmation – This year our five confirmands will officially become adult members of the congregation on **May 7, 2017**. Pastor Rachel has been leading these youth since September through their confirmation journey. Help us celebrate this milestone for our youth and congratulate them on a job well done!!

Montreat 2018 –dates TBD in July 2018- this year we had no youth able to go to the Montreat Youth Conference in North Carolina in July. However, we did have a **GENEROUS DONATION** from a member of the congregation, to help pay for the cost of one youth attending the conference. Next summer, the Presbytery is planning to send a large group from western New York to the conference. So please start planning now. And if financial reasons were the reason you opted out this year, then **DON'T MISS OUT** next year. We know that there will again be scholarships through the Presbytery, and in addition, next year there is a strong possibility they will also pay for travel expenses to and from the event. And we now also have the funding here through our generous member gift. All that should cover the entire cost for one youth to attend the conference. Please talk to Cally Miklasz or Pastor Rachel if

Christian Education News

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A FEW REMINDERS...

Last Day of Sunday School is May 21, 2017

~ Sunday School Teacher Recognition/Graduate Sunday ~

If you know of someone graduating (high school or college) please let Cally know so they can be recognized for their achievements. Also, please join us to thank the teachers who have been working with our youth all year!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL (VBS) - JUNE 26-30, 2017

VBS will again be co-hosted by HPC and HUMC. It will be held at HUMC at 166 Union Street, Hamburg. This year's theme is Maker Fun Factory – learn about how we are all wonderfully made and learn how to make some cool things yourself!!



UPDATE: We previously mentioned the Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser for VBS – we decided to wait and have it closer to VBS; so it has tentatively been rescheduled to **Saturday June 10, 2017 9-11 AM**- pencil it in your calendars now!! As the date gets closer we will have tickets available. We will need volunteers to help at the event and donations of bottled pancake syrup as well.



SUMMER CAMP TIME Camp Duffield sign-ups going on NOW!!

Sign your children/grandchildren up to go to Christian camp this summer. Information/brochures are on the CE bulletin board in the narthex, or go to Camp Duffield's web site at: www.campduffield.net. Most opportunities are during the month of July.

HURRY – to get Early Bird discounts, you must register/pay by May 1, 2017.

If you are interested, for a complete listing of other Christian camps in NYS go to www.thegoodnewsnewyork.com.



HELP WANTED: Calligrapher

Does anyone in the congregation do calligraphy, or know someone that does? We need help with a small project involving five items to be inscribed for a special occasion. Can you help us out? Please respond to Cally Miklasz - cally@hamburgchurch.org, or Terri Vogler - terrivoglerhpc@hotmail.com.

News at HPC!!

The Meal Train Has Arrived at HPC!

Meal Train is rooted in the idea that providing a meal is a symbolic gesture of one person's willingness to help another. The meal is a vehicle that allows the giving party the opportunity to show they care, that they hope to reduce a burden, and they will be there for the receiving party in the future.

How does it work? Many in the HPC family have already participated in providing or receiving meals from other members via a telephone system. The Meal Train simplifies the process.

First, the person identified as the receiver will be contacted by the meal coordinator, Marilyn Monckton of Caregivers Ministry Team.

Next, a church-wide e-mail will be sent inviting all to participate. The e-mail will have a calendar with dates meals are needed and

information on diet restrictions, meal preferences and drop times.

If you are going to participate, all you need to do is choose a date and fill in the meal you will be providing. The calendar will let you see what other meals are being provided to help eliminate duplication. Meal Train will send you a reminder 24 hours prior to the date you signed up for. If you need to change your date or menu, just go back into Meal Train and make the changes.

If you are unable to participate at that time, simply delete the email. That's all there is to it!

This is a great part of our ministry that shows our willingness to reach out in love and support for members our church family and surrounding community. Everyone is invited to "Hop on Board the Meal Train"!



Missed Pastor Rachel's sermon last week?

Sermons Now Online!!

Visit <https://clyp.it/user/wmj3113c>

to listen to her words of wisdom and faith anytime! Simply click on the "play" icon for the desired sermon title arranged by the worship service date and ...prepare to be inspired!



A very special THANK YOU to Earl Knauss...



for generously sharing his time and talents with HPC. Earl designed and made the cross that will embellish our front entry planter during the Easter season. Your kindness is greatly appreciated.

Women's Retreat 2017



Despite the cold weather March brought us, our minds, hearts and souls were warmed by the many signs of friendship and sharing God's love throughout the Women's Retreat held on Sunday, March 5. The annual afternoon retreat, "Celebrate the Gifts of Women" was a great success with 59 participants, which included even a few of our youth as well as friends of HPC.

This celebration began at Noon with a proper English Tea complete with homemade and catered selections of finger sandwiches, fruit salad, and a lovely array of desserts. As hostesses served every table with a smile, all of the women enjoyed the food, fellowship and fun. This was a wonderful opportunity to renew friendships and make new acquaintances that will be a lasting reminder of the day.

A Communion Worship Service followed, led by our own Pastor Rev. Rachel Brown. In her meditation Pastor Rachel reminded us of our connectedness as women of faith "who do justice, love kindness and walk humbly with God". Special musical offerings by Emilie Tothoro and Wendy Zimmerman were cherished by all and further enhanced the celebration of our God given gifts.

In the final segment of the retreat everyone was invited to participate in a variety of guided meditation and prayer experiences, such as: reflecting on Scripture in silence, while coloring, through the working of clay, with a stone in the palm of one's hand, praying with M+Ms; creating a prayer chain with fabric, signaling our connectedness to God and to one another; as well as being reminded that we are like the pieces of a puzzle being held together by our loving Creator, God. Without a doubt, in all things, we will remain in God and remember to "Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart".

And as we recall the events of the day we would also like to give a big THANK YOU to Pastor Rachel and all the dedicated women at HPC who so creatively helped make this Women's Retreat possible. We look forward to next year's retreat to once again break from the cold weather and enjoy the warmth of faith and friendship. Hope to see you there!

~Submitted by Christel Beers





Sanctuary Flowers

The sign-up sheet for donations of flowers to adorn our worship space is on the Narthex bulletin board.

What a wonderful way to honor a loved one for their birthday, wedding anniversary or the birth of a new baby as well as a traditional memorial.

On Our Front Cover

From top to bottom: Women's Tea 2017; Madison Rich distributing water filters during Haiti Mission Trip 2017.

Guess Who?? It's Sue and Russell Rich and a good neighbor (circa 2014)!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO

Sadie Rupp	April 1
Burt Marsh	April 3
Lauren Tone	April 4
Richard McAlpine	April 6
Anne Nelson	April 6
Joyce Millar	April 7
Christopher Baltes	April 8
Kris McGuire	April 8
Craig Schmittendorf	April 8
Keara Rupp	April 9
Olivia Knauss	April 11
Lola Faye Reynolds	April 11
Shawn Ferro	April 12
Sandra Stearns	April 14
Claire Mills	April 18
Blair Webster	April 19
Gary Lauchert	April 20
Cheryl Koelmel	April 21
Claire Smith	April 22
Doug Lehmann	April 23
Gabrielle Petrilla	April 23
Danner Leyonmark	April 24
Virginia Tytka	April 25
Jessica Lyn Grabar	April 26
Mary Rey	April 26
James Lewis	April 28
Erin Gawlak	April 29
Chris Gawlak	April 30
Dudley Hollenbeck	April 30

Transportation Reminder

Deacons are available for transportation to and from church. Contact Holly Bahruth at 648-8629.



April Schedule

- Apr. 2 – Building & Grounds
- Apr. 9 – Session
- Apr. 16 – Presbyterian Women (All Circles)
- Apr. 23 – Personnel
- Apr. 30 - Deacons and Caregivers



Coffee Fellowship



- Donna Burns
- Shari Gallagher
- Richard Monckton
- Connie Crossan
- Nancy Crossan
- Bob Catalino
- Jonah DeLang
- Harry Mitchell
- Emma Duggan
- Jack & Betty Lynn Griffin
- Grant Domogala
- Lois Cavanagh
- Virginia Calkins
- Family of Edie Beatty

Don't forget to contact the Church Office when a loved one is ill, injured, or hospitalized.

MISSION TEAM UPDATE



“Feast for Friends” CASSEROLES ONLY in April! Please sign up in the narthex and deliver your homemade goodness to the Church Office no later than Thursday, April 27 during regular office hours.

~Thank you!



Volunteers will be needed for serving the last Sunday of May during the Feast for Friends (Friends of Night People). Prayerfully consider this experience and enjoy the time spent with those in need. Our group will leave HPC at 3:45pm.

What does ‘serving’ at Friends of Night People mean?

Most people probably envision serving up dishes of food when they volunteer to go to Friends the last Sunday of the month.

That is just one of the jobs you might be asked to do. In addition, you may be: *pouring hot or cold drinks, wiping down trays, running the dishwasher or signing people in (on a touch screen) as they enter and pick out a few clothes off the racks by the door.*

If there is an abundance of volunteers on any given day, the upper floor has a clothes closet where *you may be asked to help sort clothes.*

At the end of the evening, everyone pitches in to *wipe down counters and tables and mop floors* before they leave.

Friends asks that volunteers arrive by 4:30 to begin serving at 5:00. We are generally done and on our way home before 7:30. If this sounds like something you would like to do, there is a sign-up sheet in the narthex!



Lenten Fish Banks - How's it going?

Please remember to continue collecting throughout Lent. Small acts of sacrifice are always a blessing to yourself and so many others...and as you know...pennies add up quickly!

Please remember to bring your banks to church for collection on Palm Sunday.



During the February district Presbytery meeting at Fredonia Presbyterian Church, HPC donated **72 ponchos** which were used in kits for homeless veterans in the Jamestown area. We were glad to be a part of this worthwhile project benefitting those who have selflessly served our nation.



There were **144 sandwiches delivered** to St. Luke's on Sunday, 3/19/17. Thank you to all who donated this month and every month. The men are very appreciative and thankful

Presbyterian Women of HPC

Our April 2017 Calendar:

The PW Coordinating Team will meet April 4th at 1:00 in the Amy Low Meeting Room.

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

Hannah Circle Wednesday, April 12th, at 10:00am
- Church Lounge

Elizabeth Circle Thursday, April 13th, at 9:30am -
Jean Coffey's home

Ruth Circle Wednesday, April 19th, at 7:00pm -
Church Lounge

Mission Quilters will meet on Wednesdays, April 5th
and April 19th in Fellowship Hall

to assemble quilts for mission projects.

*~ Join the Quilters ~
Everyone is welcome...*



bring a sandwich and stay for lunch.



Wrapped in God's Love
{WIGL Baby Shower}



The baby shower cradle will be set up in the narthex from April 16th - April 30th for your gifts to Aids Family Services. Donations of unwrapped baby items such as clothing, blankets, diapers, lotions and cleansing products, etc. needed for a baby's first year would be greatly appreciated.

PW HELPING MOMS FOR 9 YEARS

Did you know??

*Hamburg Presbyterian Women has a
Memorial Scholarship Fund.*

If you have anyone you wish to honor or remember, donations may be directed to Hamburg Presbyterian Women
- line item: scholarship fund.
Peace be with you.



Presbyterian Women of the Presbytery of WNY

A Spring Gathering

SPEAKER Carol Ann Harlos, master gardener

"Bees and Pollinators: Key to Healthy Earth"

Rev. Cynthia Wickwire, worship leader

April 22, 2017 10:30 A.M. to 1 P.M.

First Presbyterian Church, Springville, NY

38 North Buffalo Street, Springville, N.Y. 14141

directions: from NY 39, one block north on Buffalo Street

--details at springvillefpc.org

Action piece:

Bring materials to create posters and signs for Climate March in Buffalo and Western New York, April 29;
and Donate to VIVE-- twin sheets, towels, blankets for recent refugees

Cost of lunch is \$7.00 Reservation for lunch are requested by April 10
Please contact: Peggy Fanning 716-826-7542 peggyfanning@hotmail.com



**So much to do in 2017!
Please, plan to join us...**

- * May Work Weekend - 5/19-20
- * Undies Sundays - All Sundays in September
- * Christmas in the Country Fundraiser 11/2-5
- * Christmas Caroling at Group Homes - 12/10
- * Bibles for Haiti - Month of December

**Please join us for our next
Churches in Action meeting!**

Date: April 4, 2017
Time: 7:00pm
Place: St. Matthews UCC
5289 McKinley Pkwy., Hamburg, NY 14075

Have you moved, changed your phone number,
or your email address?



Are you a snow bird?
Do you have a winter address to share with the
church while you're gone?

Please let Mandy in the office know so she can update
our records at **649-1970**.

The next meeting of Session is
Monday, April 10 at 7:00pm.

Please have any committee meeting
minutes emailed to all Members of
Session and cc the church office at:
hamburgpresbyterianchurch@verizon.net
no later than 12:00pm the same day.

Thank you!



Newsletter Deadline

The deadline for the **May** issue of
the Towel & Basin is **April 19, 2017**.

Please send in all the information you would like to include
in the newsletter by this date.

You may submit your articles via e-mail to:
hamburgpresbyterianchurch@verizon.net

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**Saturday, April 22 from 9-11am
we will be having a New Members class
at the church. If you or someone you
know is interested in joining our
congregation please contact
Cheryl Koelmel at jkoel@verizon.net or
Mandy in the Church office @ 649-1970
to register.**



Living in God's Abundance

If you never feel you have enough, living with a sense of God's abundance is difficult indeed. If you feel that you have enough, then God's abundance is easy to see.

It is a great irony that we who have more than any other people in the world often live in an attitude of scarcity and with anxiety about what we don't have. If we are to recognize God's abundance, we will need to get past these inaccurate attitudes. What might it take for us to begin to see abundance, given the messages that surround us?

The starting point for any talk about stewardship is the knowledge that God is the source of all that exists. We are all stewards of His abundant blessings.

Ken Martin
Stewardship

Treasurer Report



The Financial Management Team is making great progress on our conversion to QuickBooks. In fact, we are a few months ahead of our goal (as set forth according to the Audit)!

Each month, Session will be presented a Profit and Loss Statement that illustrates the previous month's Income and Expenses as well as Year to Date Financials. We will also be forecasting Monthly Expenses as it pertains to the 2017 Budget.

For this newsletter, we are reporting 3/1/17 Bank of America balances of: \$26,843.63 in Business Checking and \$94,243.89 in Business Savings (Reserves).

If you have any questions about the HPC Finances, please feel free to contact me.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jeff Leyonmark
Treasurer and acting Bookkeeper

A Note of Thanks from...



To Hamburg Presbyterian Church,

Thank you for your \$500 contribution to Water = Life! We believe that clean water is essential to healthy lives and that healthy lives lead to happy and productive people.

The primary objective of Water = Life is to provide clean, sustainable water for children through the delivery of personal water filtration systems and community wells to families in developing countries around the globe. Clean water Provides healthier living conditions to families, improves educational opportunities for children, and inspires individuals to achieve their highest potential.

Our goals will be achieved through the generosity of those who share our vision...and that your generous donation will help make this vision possible!

With Sincere Thanks,
Reyne Jankowski



One Great Hour of Sharing Special Offering, sharing resources and changing lives. A gift to One Great Hour of Sharing enables the church to share God's love with our neighbors-in-need around the world by providing relief to those affected by natural disasters, provide food to the hungry, and helping to empower the poor and oppressed.

You will hear more about where our gifts are shared during the Moment for Mission throughout the Lenten season.

HPC will collect this offering on Palm Sunday, April 9th.



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April 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 Sunday School 9:15am Choir Rehearsal 9:30am Communion Worship Service & Baptism 10:30am	3 Church Life 10:00am Personnel 7:00pm Financial Mgmt. 7:00pm AIAnon (FH) 7:15pm	4 Worship Planning 10:00am Staff Meeting 11:00am Pres. Women 1:00pm Bell Choir 6:30pm	5 Quilters 9:30am Hospitality 7:00pm AA (FH) 7:30pm	6 J. Coffey's Small Group 1:00pm	7 AA (FH) 9:00pm	8 Vision Planning Meeting 9-11:00am Women's Breakfast Group at ZJs 9:30am
9 <i>Palm Sunday</i> Sunday School & Egg Hunt 9:15am Choir Rehearsal 9:30am Worship Service 10:30am	10 Session 7:00pm AIAnon (FH) 7:15pm	11 Worship Planning 10:00am Staff Meeting 11:00am Bell Choir 6:30pm	12 Hannah Circle 10:00am AA (FH) 7:30pm	13 Elizabeth Circle 9:30am <i>Maundy Thursday</i> Worship Service 7:00pm	14 <i>Good Fri- day</i> AA (FH) 9:00pm	15
16 <i>Easter</i> No Sunday School Choir Rehearsal 9:15am Worship Service 10:30am Bells of Praise Sandwich Sunday	17 <i>HPC Office Closed</i> Worship and Music 7:00pm AIAnon (FH) 7:15pm	18 Worship Planning 10:00am Staff 11:00am Bell Choir 6:30pm Caregivers 6:30pm Deacons 7:15pm Christian Ed. 7:30pm Mission 7:30pm	19 <i>May Nwsltr. Articles Due</i> Quilters 9:30am Ruth Circle 7:00pm AA (FH) 7:30pm	20 J. Coffey's Small Group 1:00pm	21 AA (FH) 9:00pm	22 New Member Class 9 - 11:00am
23 Sunday School 9:15am Choir Rehearsal 9:30am Worship Service 10:30am	24 Building and Grounds 7:00pm AIAnon (FH) 7:15pm	25 Worship Planning 10:00am Staff Meeting 11:00am Bell Choir 6:30pm Christian Nurture Service 7:15pm	26 AA (FH) 7:30pm	27 <i>Friends Casseroles Due</i>	28 AA (FH) 9:00pm	29
30 Sunday School 9:15am Choir Rehearsal 9:30am Worship Service & Baptism 10:30am				*** <i>Upcoming in May</i> *** May 7: Communion Sunday and Confirmation May 14: Mother's Day May 16: Nursery School Chicken BBQ 3pm-'til sold out May 21: Last Day of Sunday School / Teacher Appreciation May 29: Memorial Day - Church Office Closed Updated 3/24/17		



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Worship Service Schedule

Weekly Worship Service

Sunday: 10:30 am - Worship Service
9:15 am - Education hour for all ages

Summer Worship Service

(June - Labor Day)

Sunday: 9:30 am - Worship Service

Christian Nurture:

Service for developmentally disabled individuals in area group homes.

Monthly on the Fourth Tuesday: 7:15 pm



Christian Nurture Service

**will be held on
Tuesday, April 25
7:15pm in the Chapel**

Worship for individuals
with developmental disabilities.



HPC OFFICE HOURS

(716-649-1970)

Monday 9am - 12pm
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!



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