

**FEBRUARY 2022**  
**Hamburg Presbyterian Church**

# *The TOWEL AND BASIN*

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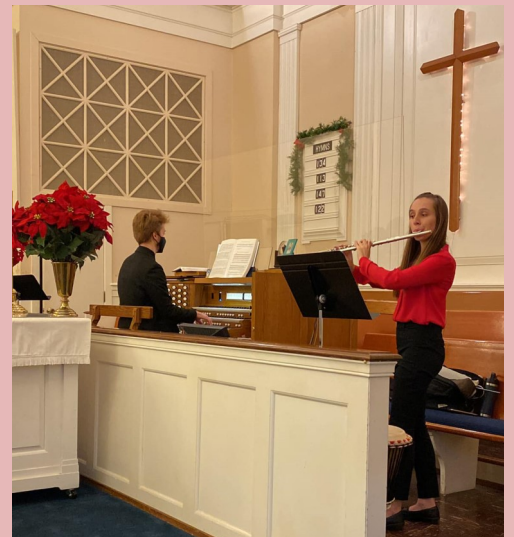


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Mission: To be a spiritually passionate congregation that lives out Christ's teachings;  
through love-filled relationship building, we prayerfully seek to share our lives and resources with the community and the world

♥ *Happy Valentines Day* ♥





## From the Pastor's Heart....

This past month our prayer list has grown and grown with members, friends, co-workers and those in our lives needing healing prayer. On

Sunday January 30th, we came together as a church community to dedicate the Sunday church service to Healing. The Presbyterian church (USA) believes that God can truly heal us in mind, body and soul. As we are feeling beaten down by the pandemic, nasty colds, RSV, the Flu and other illnesses that are prevalent this time of year, we must not lose heart.

Be reminded of these words from the Bible,

**Psalm 139:13-14;** "For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb. I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well."

**2 Corinthians 4: 16 - 18;** "That is why we never give up. Though our bodies are fleeting, our spirits are being renewed every day. For our present troubles are small and won't last very long. Yet they produce for us a glory that vastly outweighs them and will last forever! So we don't look at the troubles we can see now; rather, we fix our gaze on things that cannot be seen. For the things we see now will soon be gone, but the things we cannot see will last forever."

Let us pray: Lord, we pray for your healing strength and power to wash over us and heal us. We pray you heal the sick, encourage the discouraged and strengthen our souls to be faithful to you. Heal us and those we love.

We pray in Jesus name, Amen.

Be filled with the healing power and love of the LORD  
both now and always,

~Pastor Rachel





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

### Seeking to be an Anti-Racist: Living the Love of Jesus A New Year's Resolution

For many of us, when we think of New Year's resolutions, we consider how to improve our physical health. We ponder joining a gym or going on a diet. This year, perhaps, there is another way to change one's life and outlook. This year, consider making a resolution to read a book that could broaden one's understanding of the life experiences of others, or that will deepen one's appreciation for the complex issues facing our society.

Consider the following books, articles or videos, or ask friends for recommendations.

- Keith Burich. *The Thomas Indian School and the "Irredeemable" Children of New York*. Syracuse: Syracuse University Press, 2016.
- Ibram Kendi. *How to be an Antiracist*. New York: One World, 2019.
- "Asian Americans speak out against a decades-old 'model minority' myth" by Yanan Wang
- Robin DiAngelo. *White Fragility: Why it's so Hard for White People to Talk about Racism*. Boston: Beacon Press, 2018.
- "The real reasons the U.S. became less racist toward Asian Americans" by Jeff Guo
- "Moving Beyond the Black-White Binary" by Roberto Lovato
- Debby Irving. *Waking Up White and Finding Myself in the Story of Race*. Cambridge MA: Elephant Room Press, 2014.
- *Latino Americans, Episode 1: Foreigners in Their Own Land*
- Bryan Stevenson. *Just Mercy*. New York: Spiegel & Grau, 2014.
- Heather McGhee. *The Sum of Us: What Racism Costs Everyone and How We Can Prosper Together*. New York: One World, 2021.

Why is this an appropriate issue for our newsletter? Because, none of us can be part of a beloved community unless all members are seeking to understand each other and the challenges they face. We cannot say we love our neighbor if we are not seeking to understand our neighbor. Consider reading: Howard Thurman. *Jesus and the Disinherited*. Boston: Beacon Press, 1976 to deepen your understanding of why the work of Antiracism is faith work.

*The task group is made up of local Presbyterians who are seeking to grow in understanding of the issue of racism in our communities and churches. We seek to learn about the issues, listen to voices that need to be heard, and explore ways that we and others might respond to, and actively engage in the work of anti-racism.*

For more information contact Cynthia Wickwire Lundquist at [csl12wickwire@gmail.com](mailto:csl12wickwire@gmail.com)

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PRESBYTERIAN  
ASSOCIATION OF  
MUSICIANS

## 2022 Worship & Music Conference

Montreat Conference Center  
Montreat, NC

June 19 - 24

June 26 - July 1

In-Person & Online

Register at

<https://www.presbysmusic.org/2022conference>



### What is a Worship & Music Conference?

The Worship and Music Conference is an intergenerational conference for children, youth, adults, pastors, directors, organists, pianists, instrumentalists, dancers, ringers, worship leaders, choir members, and anyone who loves and takes part in the worship and music of the church.

**The Worship and Music Conference theme In the Stranger's guise comes from the Celtic Rune of Hospitality**

*Presbyterian Association of Musicians or PAM is a national organization of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) for people who are involved in the areas of worship, music, and the arts. Choir directors, organists, Christian educators, clergy, worship musicians, and lay people will find PAM to be a valuable resource for creative worship planning. PAM is not just for Presbyterians. Other denominations find our resources, conferences, and publications helpful in their service to God.*



# Christian Education February

## January Review

**Confirmation Class** began meeting in January. 5 teens grades 8<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> are participating this year. As part of the service requirement of the class we have started collecting donation for our Journeys End Home Again Project. This project helps set up refuges, many of whom come to this country with little more than what they can carry with them. We are collecting any gently used or new items that one would need in an apartment: appliances, furniture, kitchenware, toiletries, etc. **Our final collection date** for donations is **Sunday February 6<sup>th</sup>**. Please see me (Matt) or Laura Low if you'd like to contribute.



## Upcoming

### **Confirmation Class (January-April 2022)**

Students grades 8<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> will take part in this class with an opportunity to become members of the congregation.

### **Adult Education**

*(Wednesday Nights, 7:15pm-8:00pm)*

Adult Study Group meets Wednesdays **on Zoom**. We have been exploring how to read the bible in context by reading *What Is The Bible?* by Rob Bell. If you're interested in joining us please see the bulletin for details.

## 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**

[02/06 Final Collection for Journeys End Home Again Project](#)

02/06 Confirmation Class (11:00-12:30)

02/06 No Children's Church

02/13 Children's Church (10:15 am)

02/20 Children's Church (10:15 am)

02/20 Confirmation Class (11:00-12:30)

02/27 Children's Church (10:15 am)



## CONNECT - GROW - SERVE

**Tuesdays**

**Bell Choir 5:30pm**

**Choir 6:30pm**



**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. Feb. 9th 10:00 a.m.**

Leader: Marci Toney , Gail Wheaton's home.

**Elizabeth Circle Thurs. Feb. 10th 10:30 a.m.**

Leader: Janie S. , Jean Coffey's Home

**Ruth Circle Wed. Feb. 16th 12:30pm**

Leader: Ginny Sprague, Fellowship Hall

### **Mission Quilters**

meet Wednesdays, February 2nd and 16th  
at 9:30am in the Fellowship Hall.

### **PW Coordinating Team**

will meet Tuesday,  
February 1st at 12:30  
in the Fellowship Hall.



# February



Carolyn Gunning	Feb. 1	Benjamin Pyne	Feb.16
Brian Obenshain	Feb. 1	Anna Reagan	Feb.22
Rebecca Gunning	Feb. 3	Madison Rich	Feb.22
Tony Cimorelli	Feb.4	Clara Rich	Feb.22
Vicki Quinn	Feb.4	Zachary Tone	Feb.22
Wayne Hines	Feb.5	Scott Nelson	Feb.24
Steve Tothero	Feb.5	David Bortel	Feb.25
Shelly Ring	Feb.7	Robert Bickel	Feb.26
Eric Rupp	Feb.7	Diane Buzy	Feb.26
Riley Hummel	Feb.10	Gerald Stitt	Feb.26
Michael Weyand	Feb.12	Lamont Beers	Feb.27
Patty Ring	Feb.14		

## Sandwich Sunday is Feb. 20th

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.



# HAPPY BIRTHDAY

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!



The HPC confirmation class will be collecting gently used home goods and furnishings for a Home Again Project. The project, for Journey's End Refugee Services (JERS), will entail cleaning and furnishing an apartment for a refugee family who will be resettled by JERS in Buffalo.

**Confirmation students will be available to collect donated goods brought to church prior to service on February 6th.**

**To arrange for larger furniture pick-up, call or text Laura Low (716) 239-1149.**



## IN OUR Thoughts and Prayers

Lorraine Wilson,  
Heather Ferro's Aunt  
Bonnie, Dick  
Reynolds, Kathy  
and Doug Blood,  
Naomi Barton, Jim  
and Peggy Klinger,  
Sue and Russell  
Rich + family.

## Blessing Tree

HPC now has a blessing tree to go along with our Blessing Box .

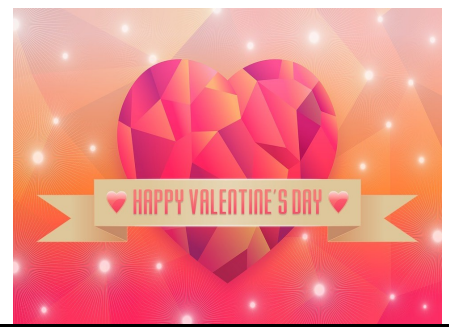
If you would like to help donate , please put winter hats, gloves or scarves in Ziplock bags and clothespin them to the tree out front.

Need It = Take It  
Want to Help = Add it



# February 2022

## Hamburg Presbyterian Church



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		<b>1</b> <b>11:00am</b> Worship Planning <b>12:30pm</b> Presbyterian Coordinating team (FH)	<b>2</b> <b>9:30am</b> Quilters (FH) <b>7:30pm</b> AA (FH)	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> <b>10:00pm</b> AA (FH)	<b>5</b> <b>9:00am</b> United Church of God (FH)
<b>6</b> <b>10:00am</b> Worship Service & Communion	<b>7</b> <b>6:00pm</b> Christian Ed. (Z) <b>7:00pm</b> Financial Mgmt. (Z) <b>7:00pm</b> Personnel (Z) <b>7:30pm</b> AlAnon (FH)	<b>8</b> <b>11:00am</b> Worship Planning	<b>9</b> <b>10:00am</b> Hannah Circle <b>7:15pm</b> Adult Ed (Z) <b>7:30pm</b> AA (FH)	<b>10</b> <b>10:30am</b> Elizabeth Circle	<b>11</b> <b>10:00pm</b> AA (FH)	<b>12</b> <b>9:00am</b> United Church of God (FH)
<b>13</b> <b>10:00am</b> Worship Service & Children's Church <b>Confirmation Class</b> after Worship	<b>14</b> <b>Valentines Day</b> <b>9:30am</b> Caregivers <b>7:00pm</b> Session (Z) <b>7:30pm</b> AlAnon (FH)	<b>15</b> <b>11:00am</b> Worship Planning & Staff <b>7:00pm</b> Deacons (Z)	<b>16</b> <b>9:30am</b> Quilters (FH) <b>12:30pm</b> Ruth Circle (AL) <b>7:00pm</b> Mission (Z) <b>7:15pm</b> Adult Ed (Z) <b>7:30pm</b> AA (FH)	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> <b>10:00pm</b> AA (FH)	<b>19</b> <b>9:00am</b> United Church of God (FH)
<b>20</b> <b>10:00am</b> Worship Service & Children's Church Sandwich Sunday	<b>21 Presidents' Day</b> <b>12:30pm</b> PW of WNY(FH) <b>7:00pm</b> Worship and Music (Z) <b>7:30pm</b> AlAnon	<b>22</b> <b>11:00am</b> Worship Planning	<b>23</b> <b>7:15pm</b> Adult Ed (Z) <b>7:30pm</b> AA (FH)	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> <b>10:00pm</b> AA (FH)	<b>26</b> <b>9:00am</b> United Church of God (FH)
<b>27</b> <b>10:00am</b> Worship Service & Children's Church <b>Confirmation Class</b> after Worship	<b>28</b> <b>7:00pm</b> Building and Grounds (Z) <b>7:30pm</b> AlAnon (FH)					





# HAMBURG PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

177 Main St.  
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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](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](#)

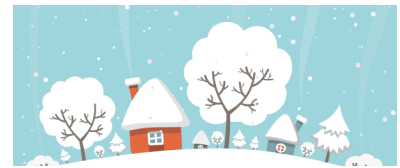
## Newsletter

### Deadline

The deadline for the

**March** issue is

**February 21, 2022**



## HPC OFFICE

### Staff Listing

#### *Pastor*

Rev. Rachel Brown: 444-7333

#### *Minister of Music*

Alex Hamilton

#### *Director of Christian Ed*

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Katie Gertner: 400-4892

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Kendra Quinn-Moultrie

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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.



*Happy Valentine's Day*

