

JANUARY 2022
Hamburg Presbyterian Church

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





Christmas Eve 2021





HAMBURG PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

177 Main St.
Hamburg, NY 14075

Pastor - Rev. Rachel Brown

Christian Education Director - Matt Brooks

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Online Sermons - <https://clyp.it/u/rachelbrown333>

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 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

February issue is

January 24, 2022



HPC OFFICE

Staff Listing

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Rev. Rachel Brown

Minister of Music

Alex Hamilton

Director of Christian Ed

Matt Brooks: 585-469-4882

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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.





From the Pastor's Heart....

The Bible Says in Joshua 1: 9; This is my command—be strong and courageous! Do not be afraid or discouraged. For the Lord your God is with you wherever you go."

Let us lean into these words from Corrie Ten Boom: "Worrying does not empty tomorrow of its troubles, it empties today of its strength."

January 2022 has arrived and we are in the 23rd month of the pandemic. We must remain steadfast in doing our part as the pandemic transitions to an endemic. We must remember that the choices we make not only are to save the lives of others but to save our own lives. Since the church building has re-opened we certainly have not missed a step in spreading the love of the LORD. Currently, we are able to assist the community through our Little Free Food Pantry/Blessing Box full of non-perishable food and other items, Sandwich Sunday, The Angel Tree, The Mitten Tree, donations to Friends of Night People and Journey's End and so much more. Please stop by the church and continue to fill the Little Free Food Pantry/ Blessing Box with soup, mac-n-cheese, powdered milk, chili, chef boy-ar-de, pasta, pasta sauce, tea bags, instant coffee, peanut butter, jelly etc. when you are able.

Book Recommendation: Devotional, Jesus Listens by Sarah Young



For January I am inviting you to send a 'thinking of you' card to the following people:

1. Helen Duryea
2. Bob Bickel
3. Don and Pat Baltes
4. George and Sandy Ackerman
5. Bob McKenzie

Contact Mary, 716-649-1970 or hamburgpres@gmail.com for a current church directory.

She can either email or snail mail it to you.

I love you, I am with you, Godspeed,

~Pastor Rachel

716-444- 7333 (cell phone)

**Deacons' Meeting Minutes,
November 18, 2021 7PM (VIA Zoom)**

Present: Nancy B., Melissa F., Wendy L., Carole M., Elyse P., Anna R., Terri V., Katy W.

Guest: Christel B.

Opening Prayer: Terri V.

Devotional: Elyse P.

Caregivers: Christel

Corrine visited Betty Lynn Griffin.

Corrine and Christel made a bereavement visit to Joan Calkins.

NH visits continue to be very limited due to Covid restrictions.

*Bob Pickel dropped off Christmas cards to be used to be sent to homebound congregants. They are in Elyse's and Anna's boxes. Please feel free to take some to send to your December card writing recipients.

Group Home: We have resumed picking up Sandy to bring her to Worship. We still need someone to bring her on the 26th of December. We have an escort signed up on the 2nd, 9th and 16th of January.

Commitment Sign Up Sheet: I will make up a new Commitment sheet for January through April and put it in each of the Deacon's boxes. Please be sure to check sign up genius or the sign up sheet posted in the narthex to see if you can help with Hal's transportation.

Session Report: No Session meeting this month

Poinsettias: Peter from Kenneth Henry's will deliver 20 poinsettias on Saturday, December 18th at 10:AM. Anna, Elyse, Wendy, Melissa and Carole have signed up to help with applying labels that Mary will make up for us and will help to decorate the sanctuary with the plants.

New Business: 1.) Please note that HPC has a new e-mail: Hamburgpres@gmail.com 2.) Pastor Rachel has requested that all church board and committee meetings be held via Zoom until further notice.

Joys and Concerns: 1.) Prayers for college students who will be traveling during the holidays 2.) Elyse asking for prayers for 2 of her neighbors undergoing treatment for cancer (Jeff and Patti) 3.) Katy asking for prayers for a family member who had surgery for breast cancer and will be receiving radiation 4.) Terri asking for prayers for a friend of her son's who had surgery for cancer and will be needing more follow up surgery (Nick Rahn)

Closing Prayer: Katy

Next Meeting will be Thursday, January 20th via Zoom at 6:30

Opening Prayer: Katy, Devotional: Anna, Closing Prayer: Wendy

Respectfully submitted by,

Elyse Perry



From the Presbytery of Western New York

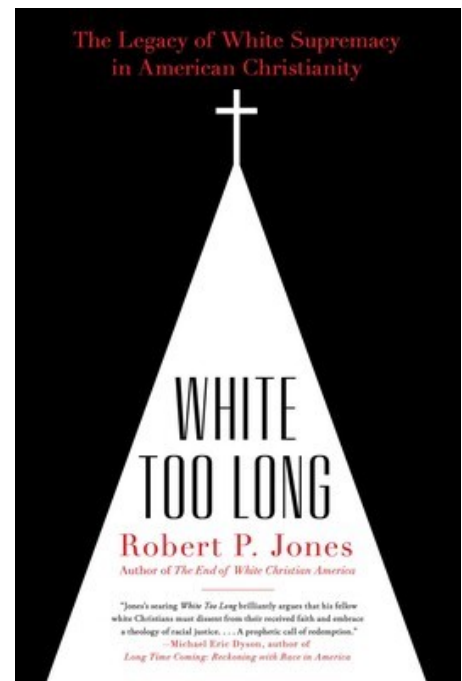
**You are invited to the Tues. Jan. 25, 2022 Presbytery meeting starting at 6 p.m. via ZOOM.
Pastor Rachel will be moderating the meeting.**

**Prior to the meeting there will be:
A discussion of the BOOK: White Too Long: The Legacy of White Supremacy in American Christianity.**

White Too Long: The Legacy of White Supremacy in American Christianity.

This is presented by the Anti -Racism Task Force of the WNY Presbytery and Hosted by Bruce Levine, pastor of Olean First Presbyterian Church.

We encourage you to read the book in advance in order to get the most out of the discussion.



Be sure to read the Presbytery of WNY Newsletter to stay up to date on what is going on with all our Presbyterian churches in WNY.

Website Link to the Presbytery of WNY Newsletter/s:

<https://www.pbywny.org/newsletter-archives>

Christian Education



December Review **Teen Angel Tree Shopping Trip &** **Christmas Party-Dec 10**

The kids were happy to once again be able to participate in our annual Angel Tree Shopping Trip. We were not able to meet the previous year due to the pandemic. 3 youth participated in this year's trip. We shopped for a family of 3 and enjoyed some (socially distanced) food and fellowship back at the church.

Children's Christmas Play-Dec 19

4 children took part in this year's Christmas play. After being remote last year we were able to once again be back in person. The kids did a fantastic job performing our play, *Wisemen's Journey!* Special thanks to Holly

Bortel for helping to direct, Kristen DellaPenta for helping with costumes, and Sgt. Wayne, Jeff, and Danner for helping set up the staging.



Upcoming

Confirmation Class (January-April 2022)

Hamburg Presbyterian will be offering a Confirmation Class for all students Grades 7-12 starting January 9th. The class will be led by Pastor Rachel and Matt. We will meet twice a month on Sundays after worship from 11:00-12:30. If your teen is interested in attending, please let Matt know asap.

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 for dates. 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>

January Children's Ministry Schedule

- 01/02 No Children's Church-Communion Sunday
- 01/09 Children's Church (10:15 am)
- 01/16 Children's Church (10:15 am)
- 01/23 Children's Church (10:15 am)
- 01/30 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. Jan 12th 10:00 a.m.

Leader: Marci Toney , Gail Wheaton's home.

Elizabeth Circle Thurs. Jan. 11th 10:30 a.m.

Leader: Janie S. , Jean Feltz's Home

Ruth Circle Wed. Jan. 19th 12:30pm

Leader: Ginny Sprague, Amy Low Room

PW Coordination Team will meet Tuesday January 4th at 12:30pm in the Amy Low Room.

Mission Quilters will meet Wednesdays, January 5th and 19th at 9:30am in the Fellowship Hall.

Thank you to all who donated hats, scarves, and mittens to the MITTEN TREE. Donations benefit the Salvation Army.

Thank You

Thank You HPC!

Dear Friends of Operation Good Neighbor,
I would like to say thank you for the \$2000 check donation to us. Please know that this donation will be used to purchase fresh produce and personal items not covered under our grants. Thank you again.

Sincerely, Bea Moy- Operation
Good Neighbor



Dear Friends at Hamburg Pres,
Thank you for your generous donation to the Bethel Soup Kitchen. Your gift will enable us to continue to provide meals to those in need for many months to come. Your support for our mission is greatly appreciated. We extend our wish for peace, joy and love to you all this Christmas season! ~Bethel Church



Dear Friends,
Once again thank you for all your hard work and donation of \$2,000.00 to the soup kitchen and food pantry. We are so very grateful to you. Wishing you all a blessed Holiday.
God bless,
Kathy - Food Ministry



Rev. Rachel and Church Members,
Thank you so much for your support in baptizing Kayleigh. The quilt is beautiful and we love the book as well. We really appreciate it.



Jason, Lindsay, Emily, +
Kayleigh

Dear Hamburg Presbyterian Church,
Your gift to Jericho Road Community Health Center is making a difference in the lives of families both in Buffalo and beyond! Because of your generosity we are able to help men, women, and children have a better tomorrow by improving health outcomes holistically. Thank you for your donation of \$1,500.00! Jericho Road currently provides quality medical care in the following locations: Buffalo, Sierra Leone, Democratic Republic of Congo, and Nepal. We also offer six community development programs in Buffalo: ESL Initiative, Hope Refugee Drop-in Center, Vive Shelter for asylum seekers, ParentChild+, Priscilla Project and Financial Education. Should you wish to learn more about our organization visit us at www.jrchc.org and follow us on social media! We are grateful for your passion and support.



Sincerely,
Dr. Myron Glick

Dear Hamburg Presbyterian Woman Quilters,
Thank you so much for making a beautiful quilt for my son Frankie Grandits! Its one of his favorite blankets.



Thank you!
Donovan, Melanie, & Frankie

Thank you to everyone who helped at Christmas in the Country and Yuletide in the Country. You helped provide over \$3000.00 to Hamburg Presbyterian Church. I am ever so grateful for your willingness to do whatever needed to be done.



Thank you! Janie Smith,
coordinator of volunteers

Thank You

JANUARY

Happy New Year

William McCoy	Jan.1	Christian Lovelace	Jan.21
Diana Perry	Jan.1	Leonard Tomlinson	Jan.23
*Katherine Leyonmark	Jan. 3	Sharon Fisk	Jan. 24
Jeffrey Leyonmark	Jan. 6	Marilyn Wittmeyer	Jan. 24
Linda Connelly	Jan. 7	Robert McKenzie	Jan. 26
David Hubert	Jan. 8	Kendra Quinn Moultrie	Jan. 26
*Joanne Yoviene	Jan. 8	Kristin Obenshain	Jan. 27
Julie Cimorelli	Jan. 11	Lorraine Wilson	Jan. 27
Ella Herman	Jan.11	Joe Streamer	Jan. 28
Helen Duryea	Jan. 12	Diane Tomlinson	Jan. 28
*Gina Browning	Jan. 13	Marcia Skuse	Jan. 29
Robert Catalino	Jan. 13	Mike O'Leary	Jan. 31
Kate Zellefrow	Jan.13		
Bonnie Orlow	Jan. 15		
Kristin DellaPenta	Jan.16		
Janie Smith	Jan.17		
Benjamin Reagan	Jan.18		
John Griffin	Jan.19		
Liam Alimonti	Jan. 21		
Lucas Alimonti	Jan. 21		



Angel Tree Update: Thank you to everyone who so generously donated to the Angel Tree. We helped make Christmas special for 62 kids from 21 families in the Hamburg and Frontier school districts

Thank You



Transportation Request: Hal Lewis needs a ride to church. Can you help? Sign up in the lobby.



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!



Are you interested in Joining Hamburg Presbyterian church? We will hold a New Member Inquiry Class on Saturday January 8th at 11 a.m. for 1 hr. via ZOOM; you do not need a computer or internet to participate, you can call into the class using your phone. Please contact Mary Prentice, church secretary to sign up 716-649-1970 or email

MEMBER



In February Anna Reagan is traveling to Los Naranjo, El Salvador on a mission trip with Young Life. While in a remote village, Anna will work with other students to run a clinic, participate in work projects and lead events for the community. Anna is putting together care packages with essential items like Visine dry eye, toothpaste, tooth brushes, vitamins, Ibuprofen, and Tylenol for children and adults. In addition to the essential items above, she is also collecting Hydrocortisone cream, antifungal cream such as Lotrimin, Neosporin/antibiotic ointment, ant acids, cough drops, Excedrin, lice or scabies shampoo and lotion, cough, cold and allergy meds, leather work gloves, and sun glasses. Donations can be left in the basket in the coat room.



January 2022

Hamburg Presbyterian Church



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 Happy New Year 9:00am United Church of God (FH)
2 10:00am Worship Service & Communion	3 6:00pm Christian Ed. (Z) 7:00pm Financial Mgmt. (Z) 7:00pm Personnel (Z) 7:30pm AlAnon (FH)	4 11:30am Presbyterian Women (AL) 11:00am Worship Planning	5 9:30am Quilters (FH) 7:15pm Adult Ed (Z) 7:30pm AA (FH)	6 Happy Epiphany!	7 10:00pm AA (FH)	8 9:00am United Church of God (FH) 11:00am New Member Inquiry Class (Z)
9 10:00am Worship Service & Children's Church Confirmation Class after Worship	10 9:30am Caregivers 11:30am PW of WNY (FH) 7:00pm Session (Z) 7:30pm AlAnon (FH)	11 11:00am Worship Planning & Staff 10:30am Elizabeth Circle	12 10:00am Hannah Circle 7:15pm Adult Ed (Z) 7:30pm AA (FH)	13	14 10:00pm AA (FH)	15 9:00am United Church of God (FH)
16 10:00am Worship Service & Children's Church Sandwich Sunday	17 7:00pm Worship and Music(Z) 7:30pm AlAnon (FH)	18 11:00am Worship Planning & Staff 7:00pm Deacons (Z)	19 9:30am Quilters (FH) 12:30pm Ruth Circle (AL) 7:00pm Mission (Z) 7:15pm Adult Ed (Z) 7:30pm AA (FH)	20	21 10:00pm AA (FH)	22 9:00am United Church of God (FH)
23 10:00am Worship Service & Children's Church Confirmation Class after Worship	24 7:00pm Building and Grounds (Z) 7:30pm AlAnon (FH)	25 11:00am Worship Planning	26 7:15pm Adult Ed (Z) 7:30pm AA (FH)	27	28 10:00pm AA (FH)	29 9:00am United Church of God (FH)
30 10:00am Worship Service & Children's Church	31 7:30pm AlAnon (FH)					