

JULY / AUGUST 2021

Hamburg Presbyterian Church

The TOWEL AND BASIN

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Our Mission Statement

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



HAMBURG PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Hamburg, NY 14075

Pastor - Rev. Rachel Brown

Christian Education Director - Matt Brooks

Pastoral Care Assistant - Wendy Zimmerman

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[Online Sermons](#)

[YouTube Channel](#)



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 **August 18.**



Welcome

Elders

Class of 2022

Gary Lauchert, Don Robinson,
Blair Webster

Class of 2023

Hollis Bahruth, Kris McGuire,
Jerry Stitt

Class of 2024

Tricia Harrigan, Wayne Hines,
Jeff Leyonmark, Sandy Smith

Deacons

Class of 2022

Anna Robinson, Terri Vogler,
Katie Webster

Class of 2023

Elyse Perry, Wendy Leyonmark,
Carole Mitchell

Class of 2024

Nancy Brogan, Melissa Ferraro

MEETING MINUTES

**Deadlines are
Monday, July 12
and August 9
by 9am.**

Please submit all monthly ministry team minutes to the church office for the July and August Session meetings via email.



HPC OFFICE HOURS (716-649-1970)

Monday 9am - 11am

Tuesday 9am - 11am

Wednesday 9am - 11am

Thursday By Appointment Only

Friday Closed

Limited Summer Office Hours

Please call the Church Office if you'd like to schedule another time by appointment.

In case of an emergency,
Rev. Rachel Brown may be
reached on her cell at 444-7333.

Thank you!

Pastor Rachel's Summer Sermon Series

HOPICS

- July 4 — A Land of Immigrants
- July 11— Our Purpose
- July 18 — Hard Not to Worry About Money
- July 25 — Preparing for Retirement
- August 1—Mean Well, but Don't Mean It
- August 8—So Many Choices, Why Believe in Jesus?
- August 15 —Compassion
- August 22 — Guest Preacher
- August 29 — Healing Service

Summer 2021 Worship Arts Program

Wendy Zimmerman, alto
Katy Webster & Damon Beiter, guitarists
Emilie Tothero, soprano
Ben Mills, trumpet
Ken Partridge, tenor
Karen Saxon, soprano
Anna Reagan, violin
Michael Hobart, violinist

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



CHURCH AT CHESTNUT RIDGE

Sunday, July 11, 10:00am – 12:00pm
 Shelter #3, Chestnut Ridge Park

Join your HPC family for worship and the annual congregational meeting on July 11 at Chestnut Ridge Park, Shelter #3. Pastor Rachel will lead our church service beginning at 10am followed by the annual meeting and a BYOE lunch. Pack your cooler with your favorite lunch and beverages, bring a chair and be prepared to enjoy the morning at "The Ridge." We will worship in the beautiful park, review of all the wonderful things accomplished by ministries of HPC and enjoy lunch along with a couple trivia games and door prizes too! Matt will plan a few games for children as well.

Directions to Shelter 3: Drive past the Casino to the base of the main parking lot, take the first left and follow the road to the shelter. The path is marked in red on the map here.

There will be plenty of room in the shelter for social distancing; restroom facilities and a playground are close by. Feel free to stay and enjoy the park as long as you wish; HPC has reserved the shelter for the entire day.

Please note: Unvaccinated people: masks required, vaccinated people: masks optional.

See you July 11th!!!



TOUCHING LIVES

WITH FOOD AND FRIENDSHIP

August 2-31

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.

Mid-Year Statements to be Emailed

All mid-year pledge / donation statements will be emailed this year. Look for them in your inbox coming in early July.

If you'd prefer a paper copy mailed to you, please fill out the tear off below and drop in the collection plate or call the office at 649-1970. Thank you.



Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Christian Education

What We've Been Up To...

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 the [Hamburg Presbyterian Facebook Page](#).

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY SUMMER SCHEDULE

Children's Church - During Worship (10:15 am)

July 11, 18 and 25
August 8, 15, 22, 29

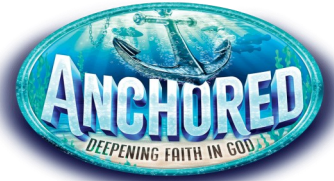
****First Sunday of the month ~ No Children's Church
Communion Sunday (July 4 & August 1)**



Adult Sunday School
(Wed. Nights, 7-8pm)

We're on Summer Break.

New series begins Fall 2021!



Vacation Bible School @ HPC*

Tues, July 27 & Wed, July 28
6:00-8:00pm

Grades K-6th
(Grade for 2021-2022 school year)

Bible Lessons, Memory Verse
Snacks, Crafts, Music, & Games

*Offsite travel to Hamburg Memorial Park with chaperones included



PRESBYTERIAN
WOMEN

The PW Coordinating Team will meet August 3 @ 11:30am TBD. All Circles and Mission Quilters will not meet until September.



Personnel is looking for a Minister of Music.



Requirements are to play organ and piano for all worship services, leads both church choir and bells choir, meets with Worship & Music committee to plan services, and attend weekly staff meetings.

Job description available on request.

If interested, please send your resume to:

hamburgpresbyterianchurch@verizon.net

Congratulations to

Danner Leyonmark and Casey Low

Recipients of PW Scholarship Award 2021

May God bless your future endeavors!



MISSION TEAM UPDATE

Our Blessing Box has been Remodeled

Many thanks to Earl Knauss and Rich McAlpine the little free food pantry that is located on the Main Street lawn has a new door and a fresh coat of paint. Thanks, Guys!!

Donations of boxed and canned goods are appreciated. Please keep this in mind when you are grocery shopping - a can or two, perhaps a few, makes a huge difference to an unknown friend.

*Because of your love...
HPC and friends provided
310 Sandwiches to
St. Luke's in June.*



July Babies

July 3 ~ Pat Stitt
 July 4 ~ Christel Beers, Nancy Brogan & Christine Petrilla
 July 5 ~ Eric Herman
 July 8 ~ Tracy Tone
 July 9 ~ Liam Brodie
 July 10 ~ Chuck Boehler & Bradley Lauchert
 July 11 ~ Russell Rich
 July 12 ~ Peter Leyonmark
 July 15 ~ Danielle Lovelace
 July 17 ~ Sarah Reagan
 July 18 ~ Judith Kassman
 July 19 ~ Don Baltes & Joe Smith, Jr.
 July 20 ~ Griffin Harrigan, Wendy Leyonmark & Derek Zellefrow
 July 22 ~ Sandra Smith
 July 26 ~ Jacki Knauss
 July 29 ~ Kyle Griffin
 July 31 ~ Robert Green



August Babies

August 4 ~ Stephanie Griffin, Sandy Mallon & Linda Ryder
 August 5 ~ Harbour Whipple
 August 7 ~ Nancy Wood
 August 11 ~ Karen Klug

August 12 ~ Helen Jones
 August 14 ~ Ed Osborne & Brigit Reynolds Hubert
 August 15 ~ Lindsey Metzger & Benjamin Mills
 August 17 ~ Amanda Morrissey
 August 18 ~ Cheryl Weyand
 August 19 ~ David Knauss
 August 20 ~ Amy Brodie
 August 21 ~ Sandy Ackerman & James Fisk
 August 22 ~ Hannah Shuttleworth
 August 24 ~ Shirley Hines & Zach Nelson
 August 27 ~ George Ackerman & Case Whipple
 August 28 ~ Shannon Ring
 August 29 ~ Hunter Barnes, Leah Harrigan & Devin Thompson
 August 31 ~ Jane Cox, Maleah Gawlak & Barbara Robie

July Liturgical Volunteers

LITURGISTS

4—Cheryl Koelmel
 11—Shirley Hines
 18—Wayne Hines
 25—Linda McAlpine

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Matt Brooks

HEAD USHER

4—Gary Lauchert
 11—Don Robinson
 18—Lamont Beers
 25 - Elyse Perry

ATTENDANCE

Cheryl Koelmel

IN OUR Thoughts and Prayers

Please pray for the needs of our fellow church members

Tom Andino, GERALYN Bahruth, Hollis Bahruth, Donna Burns, Diane Buzy, Virginia Calkins, Bob Catalino, Connie Crossan, Jonah DeLang, Emma Duggan, Sue Ganey, Betty Lynn Griffin, Alan Hall, Duane Hartloff, James Klinger, Doug Lehmann, Bill McCoy, Richard Monckton, Meredith Robinson, Tracy Tone, Kim VanTine, Gail Wheaton, and Sydney Zimmerman

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

Sanctuary Flowers

Honor Our Lord through flowers! Dedicate in honor of someone special ~ or as a traditional memorial. 649-1970.



August Liturgical Volunteers

LITURGISTS

1—Christel Beers
 8—Tony Cimorelli
 15—Kris McGuire
 22—Elyse Perry
 29—Tom Tabone

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Matt Brooks

HEAD USHER

Jean Coffey

ATTENDANCE

Cheryl Koelmel



Transportation Assistance Needed

Hal Lewis needs a ride to church. Can you help? Sign up in the narthex.



With heartfelt Sympathy



As a church family, we mourn the passing of Jim Beatty beloved member of HPC. May God grant comfort to his family and friends during this time.

Coming soon...

CIA's Undie Sunday

Help by donating new undergarments for Men, Women, and Kids. Collection will take place during September at most CIA member churches.



Minutes of Session ~ May 10, 2021

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 presented. Elders in attendance were: Jeff Leyonmark, Gary Lauchert, Joyce Huen, Leanne Howe, Holly Bortel, Don Robinson, Blair Webster, Joe Smith, and Cheryl Koelmel, Clerk. Excused: Jim Beatty, Tony Cimorelli, and Kris McGuire. Guest: Deacon Elyse Perry.

The Session minutes of April 12, 2021 were approved with the following correction: With respect to the Re-Opening Document of allowing a vocalist, the sentence will now read "Allow a vocalist to perform in the back choir seating area without a mask and behind a plexiglass shield".

PASTOR'S REPORT:

Pastor Rachel attended a clergy retreat on May 3 & 4 at the Chautaugua Institution.

On May 22, 2021, Pastor Rachel will officiate at the wedding in Buffalo of member Kate Boehler.

Pastor Rachel will be installed as Moderator of the Presbytery of WNY at the Presbytery ZOOM meeting on May 25, 2021.

CLERK'S REPORT:

No updates

DEACON'S REPORT:

No updates

COMM. TO PRESBYTERY:

The next Presbytery Meeting through ZOOM will be on May 25, 2021.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

The following reflects the Profit and Loss Statement ending April 30, 2021.

INCOME:	\$20,865.00
SAVINGS:	\$117,498.02
EXPENSES:	\$16,676.66
CHECKING:	\$ 46,844.32

MINISTRY TEAMS REQUIRING ACTION:

The following teams emailed their minutes to the elders prior to the meeting: Presbytery Women, Music & Worship, Mission, Deacons, Christian Education, and Building & Grounds.

Personnel....Personnel request that the Church continues to pay employees while on PFL. The insurance company will reimburse the church 67% of the salary. The **MOTION** from committee passed.

Building & Grounds..... Building & Grounds recommends that we contract with Gremlin Controls to update our sanctuary sound and visual system. The total cost for the update is \$13,205.00. The **MOTION** from committee passed. B&G will have ownership of these systems.

OLD BUSINESS:

Following discussion, **MOTIONS** were made, seconded and approved to make the following changes to the Re-Opening Document effective Sunday, May 16, 2021.

Every other pew with the six- foot seat markings will now be available for seating during worship.

Worshippers will now be allowed, while masked, to sing and participate in verbal responses during worship.

Teams can physically meet in the chapel as this area is sanitized.

The motion by Blair Webster made at the April session meeting to "encourage the pastor and liturgist to remove their masks when speaking to the congregation" was opposed by session.

NEW BUSINESS:

Gary Lauchert, chair of Personnel, is requesting that an additional \$1000.00 be added to their 2021 budget due to advertising costs for two staff vacancies.

DISCUSSION:

Gary would like to thank Financial Management for getting the PPP loan forgiven.

The **Sacrament of Holy Communion** was celebrated on May 2, 2021 at the 10:00 a.m. worship service.

The next **Sacrament of Holy Communion** will be celebrated on May 30, 2021 at Springtime in the Country and on June 6, 2021 at the 10:00 a.m. worship service.

Blair Webster will be responsible for devotions at the June session meeting. The next Session Meeting is June 14, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.








Prayers and concerns were lifted and Pastor Rachel closed the meeting with prayer at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:
Cheryl Koelmel, Clerk of Session

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
<p>Meeting dates and times subject to change. Updated on 6/26/21.</p> 					1	2 10:00pm AA (FH)	3 9:00am United Church of God (FH)
<p>4 Happy Independence Day! 10:00am Worship Service & Communion No Children's Church</p> 	<p>5 Office Closed 7:00pm Financial Mgmt. (Z) 7:00pm Personnel (Z) 7:30pm AIAnon (FH)</p>	<p>6 5:00pm Worship Planning & Staff (Z)</p>	<p>7 7:30pm AA (FH)</p>	8	<p>9 10:00pm AA (FH)</p>	<p>10 9:00am United Church of God (FH) 9:30am Women's Breakfast Group at ZJs</p>	
<p>11 10:00 am Worship Service at Chestnut Ridge Park - Shelter #3 ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING w/ election of Deacons & Elders</p>	<p>12 7:00pm Session (Z) 7:30pm AIAnon (FH)</p>	<p>13</p> 	<p>14 7:30pm AA (FH)</p>	15	<p>16 10:00pm AA (FH)</p>	<p>17 9:00am United Church of God (FH)</p>	
<p>18 10:00am Worship Service & Children's Church Ordination & Installation of Session Members Sandwich Sunday</p>	<p>19 7:30pm AIAnon (FH)</p>	<p>20</p> 	<p>21 7:30pm AA (FH)</p>	<p>22</p> 	<p>23 10:00pm AA (FH)</p>	<p>24 9:00am United Church of God (FH)</p>	
<p>25 10:00am Worship Service & Children's Church</p>	<p>26 7:00pm Building and Grounds (Z) 7:30pm AIAnon (FH)</p>	<p>27</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; background-color: #e0e0ff; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;"> <p>6—8pm HPC Vacation Bible School</p> </div>		<p>28 7:30pm AA (FH)</p>	29	<p>30 10:00pm AA (FH)</p>	<p>31 9:00am United Church of God (FH)</p>

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1 10:00am Wor- ship Service & Communion No Children's Church	2 6:00pm Chris- tian Ed. (Z) 7:00pm Person- nel (Z) 7:30pm AIAnon (FH)	3 11:30am PW Coordinating Team	4 7:30pm AA (FH)	5 	6 10:00pm AA (FH)	7 9:00am United Church of God (FH)
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15 10:00am Wor- ship Service & Children's Church Calder Baptism Sandwich Sun- day	16 7:00pm Worship and Music (Z) 7:30pm AIAnon (FH)	17 	18 7:00pm Mission (Z) 7:30pm AA (FH)	19	20 10:00pm AA (FH)	21 9:00am United Church of God (FH)
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