

# NOVEMBER 2021 Hamburg Presbyterian Church

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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





# HAMBURG PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Hamburg, NY 14075

**Pastor** - Rev. Rachel Brown

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**Pastoral Care Assistant** - Wendy Zimmerman

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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

**December** issue is  
**November 22, 2020**



## HPC OFFICE

### Staff Listing

#### *Pastor*

Rev. Rachel Brown

#### *Minister of Music*

Alex Hamilton

#### *Director of Christian Ed*

Matt Brooks: 585-469-4882

#### *Financial Secretary*

Katie Gertner: 400-4892

#### *Personal Assistant to the Pastor*

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#### *Church Office*

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#### *Sexton*

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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 Desk ...

Dear Hamburg Presbyterian church,

*~Mark 12:30-31 says, "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength The second is this: 'Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these.'"*

*~Proverbs 21:31 says, "To do righteousness and justice is more acceptable to the Lord than sacrifice."*

*~ The Book of Order, W-5.0304 states, "God sends the Church to work for justice in the world: exercising its power for the common good; dealing honestly in personal and public spheres; seeking dignity and freedom for all people..."*

At the July Presbytery meeting, which focused on Anti-Racism, the Rev. Steve Hong kicked off our explorations into racism by giving a thought and heart provoking Homily. In September, the Council of the Presbytery of WNY voted on the 2021-2023 Presbytery-wide theme of Social Justice, focusing on Anti-Racism. At the October Presbytery meeting the Rev. Dr. Cornell Edmonds gave a moving Homily on Anti-Racism.

I invite you to watch both sermons from the presbytery meetings as an opportunity for worship and reflection.

12 min. Sermon from the July Presbytery of Western New York worship service: The Rev. Steve Hong: <https://youtu.be/g7HUI6FqwkI>

20 min Sermon from the October Presbytery of Western New York Worship service: The Rev. Dr. Cornell Edmonds: <https://youtu.be/Mb0-6fVcCsk>

Looking ahead at what you/we can do NEXT:

1. **JOIN** the journey of the Presbytery of Western New York Anti-Racism Task Group which is currently meeting with a consultant from NEXT Church, Ms. Shani McIlwain from Faith Presbyterian in Washington DC.

~Here is the link to more info. on NEXT Church: <https://nextchurch.net/about-next/>

~Contact Cynthia Wickwire-Lundquist to be added to the email list for the Anti-Racism Task Group: [cs112wickwire@gmail.com](mailto:cs112wickwire@gmail.com)

2. **LEARN** more about the Matthew 25 initiative in the Presbyterian church (USA) and consider joining the movement.

~Matthew 25 Website: <https://www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/matthew-25/>

~Matthew 25 Video on Dismantling Structural Racism: <https://vimeo.com/512591705>

3. **PRAY:** Philippians 4:6 says; "Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God."

*Let us pray: Dear Lord, In our efforts to dismantle racism, we understand that we struggle not merely against flesh and blood but against powers and principalities – those institutions and systems that keep racism alive by perpetuating the lie that some members of the family are inferior and others superior. Create in us a new mind and heart that will enable us to see brothers and sisters in the faces of those divided by racial categories. Give us the grace and strength to rid ourselves of racial stereotypes that oppress some of us while providing entitlements to others. Help us to create a church, presbytery and a nation that embraces the hopes and fears of oppressed people of color where we live, as well as those around the world. Heal your family God, and make us one with you, in union with our brother Jesus, and empowered by your Holy Spirit. AMEN. ~Pax Christi*

*May God Strengthen us on the journey together,*

*~Pastor Rachel*

# Christian Education

## 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 the Hamburg Presbyterian Youtube Channel.

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCtZVuwF9DN62b-WK-iXq5Ug>

### November Children's Ministry Schedule

[11/07 Communion Sunday No Children's Church](#)

11/14 Children's Church-During Worship (10:15 am)

11/21 Children's Church-During Worship (10:15 am)

11/28 Children's Church-During Worship (10:15 am)

## Adult Education

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

Adult Study Group meets on 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.



## Upcoming

### Children's Christmas Play (December 19th during worship)

We will begin rehearsing for our annual Christmas Play beginning November 14th during Children's Church. The play will take place on Sunday, December 19th during worship. All students Grades K-12 are welcome to participate. If you're interested in getting involved see Matt for details.

### Confirmation Class (January 2022)

Hamburg Presbyterian will be offering a Confirmation Class for all students Grades 6-12 starting January 9th. The class will meet twice a month on Sundays after worship from 11:00-12:30. If your teen is interested in attending, please see Matt for more details.

Blessings,



Online Worship Links for HPC ~ Join Us as we Celebrate God's Word

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# CONNECT - GROW - SERVE

## Tuesday Night Small Group

November 9 and 23

7pm

June and Joe Streamer's Home



## Womens's Breakfast

November 13th

9:30am

ZJ's Restaurant



PRESBYTERIAN  
WOMEN

### CIRCLE MEETINGS:

Hannah Circle

Wed. Nov 10th

10:00 a.m.

Marci Toney

Elizabeth Circle

Thurs. Nov 11th

9:30 a.m.

Janie Smith's

Ruth Circle

Wed., Nov 17th

12:30pm

Ginny Sprague

**QUILTERS WILL MEET WEDNESDAY November 3 and 17**

**9:30 a.m. ~ Fellowship Hall**



## Thursday Night Group

Women's Bible Study

November 4 and 18

1pm

Jean Coffey's House




Prayer that Heals



Nov. 4 ~ Maggie O’Leary  
 Nov. 6 ~ Corrine Arcangel, Douglas Blood, Diane Hall & Vivian Lovelace  
 Nov. 7 ~ Julie Mills  
 Nov. 9 ~ Bridgette Brook  
 Nov. 12 ~ Karen Hummel  
 Nov. 13 ~ Dorothy Smith  
 Nov. 15 ~ Betty Lynn Griffin & Amanda Obenshain  
 Nov. 16 ~ Earl Knauss  
 Nov. 17 ~ Marcella Toney  
 Nov. 18 ~ Emily Fisk  
 Nov. 20 ~ Susan Rich  
 Nov. 24 ~ Laura Herman & Scott Obenshain  
 Nov. 27 ~ Jennifer DeLang  
 Nov. 28 ~ Holly Bortel  
 Nov. 30 ~ David Richardson

**Ushers**  
 Nov. 7 Carole Mitchell  
 Nov. 14 Corrine Arcangel  
 Nov. 21 Linda Ryder  
 Nov. 28 Jean Coffey




**Liturgist Schedule**  
 Nov. 7 - Cheryl Koelmel  
 Nov. 14 - Wayne Hines  
 Nov. 21 - Steve Tothoro

Thank you to everyone who helped make Christmas in the Country such a success last week! We will have raised over \$2400 for HPC's work. Now we look ahead to Yuletide in the Country December 4 & 5. There is a sign up sheet in the narthex, call Janie Smith (992-3479), text (868-6153) or email ([dtchmn@verizon.net](mailto:dtchmn@verizon.net)).


The Hanging of the Green’s church service, kick off to Advent & Christmas, will be Sunday, November 28 at 10 AM.



**Friends of the Night People.** We are going to collect winter coats for Friends of the Night People in November and December. If you would like to donate, please leave your gently used items in the coat room. FONP is especially in need of men’s coats!




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



The funeral service for Dr. Virginia Calkins will be held on Sat., Nov. 20th at Noon in the sanctuary of Hamburg Presbyterian church, please wear a mask.

**New Staff Member.** Mary Prentice started November 1st as the new Office Secretary. She will be in the office every Monday through Thursday from 9am to 2pm. Office is closed on Fridays.



It’s that time again! The Angel Tree is an opportunity for you to shop for a needy child or family, from our local community, this Christmas. The “Angel Tree,” with the children, their needs and more instructions will be set up in the Narthex and online through sign up genius in mid- November. Gifts will be due December 12<sup>th</sup>. The children will be listed as a family this year. Please consider going in with your family, friend(s) or as a mission team or small group to select a family from the tree to shop for this holiday season. Additional donations from the congregation will be used for wrapping supplies, any additional families/children remaining and for anyone that needs additional help providing gifts.

**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!





# Minutes of Session Meeting ~ Sept. 13, 2021

Covid 19 Worship attendance updates: Unvaccinated attendees must wear masks. For vaccinated attendees it is optional whether or not to wear masks.

-All committees **can** meet in the building with mask use as outlined above. Keep in mind we can combine virtual/in person through the use of Zoom . We also have the option of meeting outdoors.

**Worship and Planning:** Includes Wendy Z., Hollis B., Chrystal B., Wayne H., Alex H. with Pastor Rachel. This committee decides which hymns and scriptures will be included in Worship. The hymns should coordinate with the scriptures and the sermon.

**Building and Grounds:** Jeff Leyonmark

A new security system has been installed. The same door codes will be used.

If you have “small requests”, i.e. elevator keys and minor requests for our sexton, list them in the “job Jar” which is posted right outside the church office. For major requests, please get in touch with Jeff Leyonmark.

In the event of a power outage, Rich M., Wayne H., and Jeff L. have kitchen keys to facilitate entry to the building.

**Church Life:** Kris McGuire

This year’s Harvest Dinner may be held as a picnic at Chestnut Ridge.

There will be a outside coffee hour held next week (9/19), for the dedication of our new Blessing Box.

Also planning an outside coffee hour October 3<sup>rd</sup>.

When we resume regular coffee hours after Worship, we will only have treats on Communion Sundays. The other Sundays in the month will just include coffee and juice.

**Mission:** Don Robinson

The Pumpkin Patch will be managed by Dudley H., and Blair W. Sign up for selling shifts will be online as well as on the bulletin board in the narthex.

Some of the recipients of our Mission dollars include: Functional Literacy, Sandwich Sunday, Haiti, local food banks, CIA undies Sunday, and a Weidner’s Chicken BBQ.

**Financial Management:** Blair

Pledging is behind \$3,000, which is typical in August and September.

Rental income and unpledged giving is ahead. Expenses are lower than expected partially because copies and office supplies are lower.

Personnel financial output is lower than previous years.

Stewardship will present a low key campaign starting in October.

**Christian Education:** Trish H., Sandy S.

The kick-off was this past Sunday

Confirmation will be coming up soon.

Adult Sunday School will be resuming on Wednesday nights, led by Matt B.

**Personnel** is looking for a executive secretary to replace Mandy. Kendra is filling in for now. Her tentative hours are on Monday, Tuesday and Saturday. She can be reached by e-mail or her cell phone (see church directory).

Respectfully submitted by,

Elyse Perry

# November 2021

## Hamburg Presbyterian Church



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<b>1</b> <b>10:00am</b> Church Life <b>6:00pm</b> Christian Ed. (Z) <b>7:00pm</b> Financial Mgmt. (Z)	<b>2</b> <b>11:30am</b> Presbyterian Women <b>11:00am</b> Worship Planning	<b>3</b> <b>9:30am</b> Quilters (FH) <b>7:30pm</b> AA (FH)	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> <b>10:00pm</b> AA (FH)	<b>6</b> <b>9:00am</b> United Church of God (FH)
<b>7</b> <b>10:00am</b> Worship Service & Communion	<b>8</b> <b>9:30am</b> Caregivers <b>7:00pm</b> Session (Z) <b>7:30pm</b> AlAnon (FH)	<b>9</b> <b>11:00am</b> Worship Planning	<b>10</b> <b>10:00am</b> Hannah Circle <b>7:30pm</b> AA (FH)	<b>11</b> <b>10:30am</b> Elizabeth Circle 	<b>12</b> <b>10:00pm</b> AA (FH)	<b>13</b> <b>9:00am</b> United Church of God (FH) <b>9:30am</b> Women's Breakfast Group at ZJs
<b>14</b> <b>10:00am</b> Worship Service & Children's Church	<b>15</b> <b>7:00pm</b> Worship and Music (Z) <b>7:30pm</b> AlAnon (FH)	<b>16</b> <b>11:00am</b> Worship Planning <b>7:00pm</b> Deacons (Z)	<b>17</b> <b>9:30am</b> Quilters (FH) <b>12:30pm</b> Ruth Circle (C) <b>7:00pm</b> Mission (Z) <b>7:30pm</b> AA (FH)	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> <b>10:00pm</b> AA (FH)	<b>20</b> <b>9:00am</b> United Church of God (FH)
<b>21</b> <b>10:00am</b> Worship Service & Children's Church Sandwich Sunday	<b>22</b> <b>7:00pm</b> Building and Grounds (Z) <b>7:30pm</b> AlAnon (FH)	<b>23</b> <b>11:00am</b> Worship Planning	<b>24</b> <b>7:30pm</b> AA (FH)	<b>25</b> 	<b>26</b> <b>10:00pm</b> AA (FH)	<b>27</b> <b>9:00am</b> United Church of God (FH)
<b>28</b> <b>10:00am</b> Worship Service & Children's Church Hanging of the Greens!	<b>29</b> <b>7:30pm</b> AlAnon (FH)	<b>30</b> <b>11:00am</b> Worship Planning & Staff				