

Hamburg Presbyterian Church

The Towel and Basin

April 2018 Newsletter

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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HAPPY EASTER



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION NEWS



Scajaquada Creek Earth Day Cleanup –

Saturday April 21, 2018–9:30-12:30

Please join us here at the church at 9:30 AM on Saturday April 21. We will then carpool to Buffalo to meet up with the other Presbyterian churches who are participating. If you want to meet us there, Cally can provide you with the site information – the site is near Niagara Street under the Scajaquada expressway. This is a great way to celebrate Earth Day, meet new people, and help preserve God’s creation!



You and your children are invited to our

Spring Communion/Sacraments class!

It has been some time since we have held a class like this, and we would love to have your family join us in celebrating Jesus, and his death and resurrection, which we remember each time we receive communion. Children of all ages are welcome to join us **during the Sunday School hour (9:15-10:15 AM) on April 22 and 29, 2018** to learn why we as Presbyterians celebrate Communion. We also encourage parent participation in the class.

College/Military Care Packages

Last week there was a bulletin insert with a list of items we need for the care packages that we are sending to college students and active military from our church family. If you would like to help - DONATE items by April 8th (in the narthex):



- Cookies, candy/gum, snacks – all food must be SEALED (Individually wrapped in large bags)!
- NO LIQUIDS/NOTHING THAT MELTS
- MONEY is always good – we can purchase some items to send and/or pay for the postage
- Devotionals, bibles, prayer journals
- Batteries –AA, AAA & 9 Volt
- Pens, stationary, note cards, stamps
- Small First Aid kit, hand sanitizer, small Ziploc bags
- Playing Cards, small travel games, crossword puzzles
- Powdered drinks in individual packs like Gatorade or Crystal Light
- Pretzels, chips, crackers, granola bars, trail mix, dried fruit
- Power, cereal, or protein bars

and/or HELP US PACK UP THE CARE PACKAGES ON Sunday April 15th during the Sunday School hour. Cally has been contacting families to get information on college students/military; if she hasn’t contacted you yet, please let her know that you have a family member who would appreciate a care package. Let’s spread the LOVE OF JESUS to those who cannot worship with us on a weekly basis. Let’s remind them that this is their church home!



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL (VBS) -

August 6-10, 2018

The theme this year is *MEGA SPORTS CAMP*. Kids will enjoy a week of learning about God while playing all kinds of sports! **WE NEED VBS VOLUNTEERS- THERE WILL BE A SIGN-UP SHEET IN THE NARTHEX SOON, OR TALK TO Cally Miklasz.**



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION CELEBRATION SUNDAY - **June 3, 2018**

Please join us in celebrating the end of the "education/school year" during our worship service which will include honoring our Sunday School teachers, honoring our high school/college graduates, recognizing children who have completed the Communion class and those receiving their first bibles. It will be a day to celebrate all things "CE" here at Hamburg Presbyterian Church.

THANK YOU to Lois Cavanagh



for her donation of a beautiful hand painted Nativity set!!

We can't wait to use it!



"God saw all that he had made, and it was very good."
Genesis 1:31



2018 HPC Directory

Now that you have it, do you need something updated or changed? Call or email Mandy!

Directory Updates ~ April 2018

Additions

Calder, Ian, Erin and new baby boy Campbell
7052 West Ln.
Boston, NY 14025
(716) 536-8052 (Ian's Cell)
iancalder80@gmail.com

Change of Address

Connie Kavanaugh
204 Trinity Park Ln.
East Aurora, NY 14052

Tom Rivers
c/o Yvonne Michaels
708 Woodland Dr.
Buffalo, NY 14223
(716) 649-2165
rivham203@aol.com (NEW EMAIL ADDRESS)

Corrections

Michaels, Stephen & *Yvonne – Yvonne cell - (716) 725-4051

CAMP DUFFIELD

Volunteers Needed!

SUMMER 2018!

You NEVER outgrow the fun!

Volunteer a week (or more) this summer at Camp Duffield, a sleep over camp of 135 acres of beautiful woods in Delevan, New York! Camp Duffield is a Christian non denominational camp where campers are surrounded by the natural beauty of God's world! Campers enjoy star gazing, games, camp fires, crafts, swimming, splash hikes, sing-a-longs, night games, and much more! As we grow, we need more staff to provide a safe, enjoyable program where each camper is accepted and encouraged to create memories, deepen their faith, form friendships and have the time of their lives!!

Summer 2018!

July 7-14 Challenge Camp
A unique vacation for developmentally challenged adults. Loads of fun!

July 14-21 Children's Camp
(grades 1st-8th)

July 21-28 Night Owls
A great teen camp which has an ideal teen schedule-stay up late, wake up late!

July 28-August 4
Children's Camp

Contact:
Pat Cookfair-Casseri
716-440-9833
pacookfaircasseri@gmail.com

Business Address
Camp Duffield
P.O. Box 55
Buffalo, New York 14217

Camp Duffield
11740 Worden Road
Delevan, New York 14042

Volunteers needed

- ~counselors (18+)
- ~counselors in training (16-18)
- ~medical personnel
- ~kitchen assist
- ~lifeguards
- ~specialty staff (music, ministry, crafts, ..)

Volunteer benefits

- ~building your resume
- ~hands on experience for future teachers, medical professionals, and more
- ~networking within your field and getting great references
- ~community service hours for your school
- ~volunteer and bring your child on a scholarship
- ~having loads of fun while making a difference in someone's life!



The Presbytery of WNY is offering partial/full scholarships for youth to attend a Christian camp of their choice during the summer of 2018. Submit an application by June 1, 2018 to the Presbytery of WNY. Cally Miklasz has information/forms or see CE bulletin board in the narthex for more information.

Soap & Washcloths Needed

In April, Mission Team is collecting soap and washcloths for hygiene kits used at Friends of Night People.

A collection basket is located in the narthex.



Wrapped in God's Love

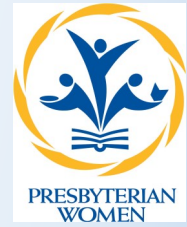


{WIGL Baby Shower}

The baby shower cradle will be set up in the narthex from *April 22nd through May 13th* for your gifts to the **Kathleen Mary House**.

Donations of new and gently used, unwrapped baby items such as clothing, blankets, diapers, lotions and cleansing products, etc. needed for a baby's first year would be greatly appreciated.

The Kathleen Mary House is a Southtowns transitional house that opened it's doors to women and their children who are victims of domestic violence and need safe, short term housing. The Kathleen Mary House will benefit families in this area.



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

Our April 2018 Calendar...

Hannah Circle
Wednesday, Apr. 11
at 10:00am
- Church Lounge

Elizabeth Circle
Thursday, Apr. 12
at 9:30am
- Helen Duryea's home

Ruth Circle
Wednesday, Apr. 18
at 7:00pm
- Church Lounge

The PW Coordinating Team will meet
Tuesday, Apr. 3
at **11:30am**
in the Amy Low Room.

Mission Quilters will meet at 9:30am
Wednesdays, Apr. 4 and 18 in Fellowship Hall.

Come and join us, bring a sandwich and stay for lunch.



Thank You So Much



...for another successful Sandwich Sunday!

We delivered 128 sandwiches and a case of Girl Scout cookies to St. Luke's Mission of Mercy in March.

Special thanks to Shawn Ferro for delivering the items and to ALL who participate in this worthwhile ministry!



Presbyterian Women of WNY Spring Gathering

First United Presbyterian Church
Of Silver Creek, NY
35 Park Place, Silver Creek, NY 14136

SATURDAY, APRIL 21, 2018
10:30AM Registration

"Building Community Through Witnessing for Creation"

Joseph Pillittere
West Valley Demonstration Project
Speaker

Rev. Rachel Brown
Worship Leader

Installation of New Coordinating Team Members

LUNCH - \$7.00 at Registration

RSVP by April 9th
to Cluster Leader or Peggy Fanning 826-7542
peggyfanning@hotmail.com

Mission Project

Please bring school supplies (pencils, pens, etc.) for teachers in Buffalo and Chautauqua County with students from Puerto Rico

April Fellowship Schedule

April 1 - Hospitality and Nominating

April 8—Bell Choir

April 15—Mission

April 22—Financial Mgmt. and Stewardship

April 29—Deacons and Caregivers

LITURGIST SCHEDULE FOR APRIL 2018

April 1—Hollis Bahruth

April 8—Heather Ferro

April 15—Christel Beers

April 22—Shirley Hines

April 29—Wendy Zimmerman



- April 1 ~ Sadie Rupp & Emma Sipos
- April 3 ~ Burt Marsh
- April 4 ~ Lauren Tone
- April 6 ~ Rich McAlpine & Anne Nelson
- April 7 ~ Joyce Millar
- April 8 ~ Christopher Baltes, Kris McGuire & Craig Schmittendorf
- April 9 ~ Keara Rupp
- April 11 ~ Olivia Knauss & Lola Faye Reynolds
- April 12 ~ Shawn Ferro
- April 14 ~ Sandy Stearns
- April 17 ~ Donovan Grandits
- April 18 ~ Claire Mills
- April 19 ~ Blair Webster
- April 20 ~ Gary Lauchert
- April 21 ~ Cheryl Koelmel
- April 22 ~ Claire Smith
- April 23 ~ Doug Lehmann & Gabrielle Petrilla
- April 24 ~ Danner Leyonmark
- April 25 ~ Virginia Tytka
- April 26 ~ Mary Rey
- April 28 ~ Jim Lewis
- April 29 ~ Erin Gawlak
- April 30 ~ Chris Gawlak & Dudley Hollenbeck




Please pray for the needs of our fellow church members


Geralyn Bahruth, Veronica Baldwin, Lanny Bennett, Donna Burns, Virginia Calkins, Lucy Charles, Connie Crossan, Bob Catalino, Adam DeLang, Jonah DeLang, Grant Domogala, Emma Dugan, Jim Fanning, Betty Lynn Griffin, Alan Hall, Duane Hartloff, Pat Headlee, Steven Heatley, Wendy Leyonmark, Harry Mitchell, Richard Monckton, Kim VanTine., The Weyand's grandson, Joshua and Gail Wheaton

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





Congratulations to
Ian and Erin Calder
on the birth of their son,
Campbell Alexander
born Sunday, March 18, 2018!



Transportation Reminder

Deacons are available for transportation to and from church.



Contact Hollis Bahruth at 648-8629.



HPC Welcomes You!

We are blessed to have you join our church!

Bill McCoy
Sandy and George Ackerman

**MINUTES OF SESSION
HAMBURG PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
FEBRUARY 12, 2018**

The Rev. Rachel Brown, Moderator, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. A quorum was present. The agenda was approved as presented. Elders in attendance were: Gary Lauchert, Leanne Howe, Craig Schmittendorf, Terri Vogler, Jim Beatty, Joyce Huen, Sandy Stearns, Christel Beers, Carole Mitchell, Kris McGuire, and Cheryl Koelmel, Clerk. Guests: Deacon Moderator Katy Webster and Treasurer Jeff Leyonmark.

Pastor Rachel opened the meeting with prayer and Terri Vogler presented her devotions which was an inspirational email received from a colleague.

SESSION MINUTES:

The Session Minutes of January 8, 2018 were approved as written.

PASTOR'S REPORT:

Pastor Rachel attended the Presbytery Pastoral Retreat at the Clarion Hotel in Dunkirk from February 5-8, 2018. One topic was about pastor's stepping back and being less involved in pastoral care and meetings, and working on stress control.

As Chair of Council at Presbytery, and since the Sabbath at Presbytery, she is spending a lot of time with Presbytery meetings and concerns.

Home visits were made to Betty Lynn Griffin and Tom Rivers.

Pastor Rachel will be on vacation in Baltimore from March 7-9th.

Pastor Rachel and the committee have been working on the Women's Retreat which will be held on Sunday, March 4 following worship.

CLERK'S REPORT:

Craig Schmittendorf, Chair of Building and Grounds requested an email vote to allow the Hamburg Nursery School to use Fellowship Hall for an activity on February 8, 2018. Seven yes votes were received.

Jim Beatty was installed as an elder at worship on Sunday, January 28, 2018.

Shawn Ferro asked that the new Planning Calendar be circulated to the Team Chairs to complete and return to him.

On Sunday, February 25, 2018 Craig will present the Moment for Team Ministry during the worship service.

DEACON'S REPORT:

Katy Webster reported that she now has three new Deacons...Zak Nelson, Elyse Perry, and Cheryl Weyand. During Sunday School the children made Valentines and they were distributed by the deacons to our homebound members. Deacon meeting minutes were received.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

The financial report for the month of January 2018 was presented. Jeff Leyonmark, Treasurer, reviewed highlights of the month.

Income:	\$16,287.01	Expenses:
	\$37,125.96*	
Savings:	\$122,271.82	
Checking:	\$13,578.04	

*\$19,000.00 Loan Repayment

COMM. TO PRESBYTERY REPORT:

The Presbytery Meeting on January 20, 2018 was held at Wayside Presbyterian. Pastor Rachel, Cally & August Miklasz, and Cheryl Koelmel attended. One main issue of the meeting that was discussed by the Trustee Craig Miller was regarding per capita. As most churches do not remit the entire per capita based on active church membership, Presbytery must remit to Synod and General Assembly, the full amount due for each church, therefore churches have the responsibility to review their active membership register.

Cheryl reported that as of today's date, approximately 80 members of the 217 on record have paid their \$31.00 (or more) per capita. Of the \$3497.00 budgeted for 2018, we have received \$2990.00.

Cheryl is still searching for two Commissioners to Presbytery. She will put an article in the Town & Basin and several Sunday bulletins.

MINISTRY TEAMS REQUIRING ACTION:

Written reports were received from the following ministry teams: Hospitality, Worship & Music, Personnel, Presbyterian Women, Building & Grounds, and Mission.

Personnel.....Gary Lauchert, Chair present a **MOTION** from committee to dismiss the current sexton as of February 28, 2018. At 8:01 p.m. the elders went into Executive Session. The Executive Session ended at 8:15 p.m. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

MINISTRY TEAMS REQUIRING ACTION (CONT'D):

Building & Grounds.....Craig Schmittendorf presented the following two motions:

The Building & Grounds committee is asking session to approve our request for \$1,600.00 from our savings account, to be used to replaced the old metal chairs in Fellowship Hall with 80 new, heavy duty plastic chairs from BJ's. The **MOTION** was seconded and passed.

The Building & Grounds committee is asking session to approve our request for \$2,482.00 from our savings account to be used to complete the electrical upgrade in the church. The work will be completed by Simoncelli Electric and is the third of three phases we had outlined in 2017, which will include the supply and install of 70 – 4' LED Lamps in the lounge, copy room, office, restrooms, chapel, foyer and kitchen and also upgrading the four recessed lights near the elevator to LED bulbs. The **MOTION** was seconded and passed.

OLD BUSINESS:

Joyce Huen and Sandy Stearns had questions regarding the changes to the July-June new elder/deacon terms. Kris McGuire stated that she and Shawn Ferro are currently working out details regarding shorter/longer terms and starting the nominating process for this July.

NEW BUSINESS:

The 2018 Elder Training will be Monday, February 26 from 6-8:00 p.m. Dinner will be provided.

The following **MOTION** was made to designate the Corporation Officers for 2018: Jim Beatty, President, Craig

Schmittendorf, Vice-President, Jeff Leyonmark, Treasurer, and Cheryl Koelmel, Secretary. The motion was seconded and passed.

DISCUSSION:

Craig gave an update on the recent repairs to the boiler.

Sandy advised the Health Department encourages wearing gloves when preparing and serving food, i.e. Coffee Hour, Harvest Dinner, Annual Meeting Luncheon, etc.

Names of members who are ill, in the hospital, in rehab and at home, were lifted up in prayer.

Joyce Huen circulated the communion sign-up sheet.

Sandy Stearns volunteered to do devotions at the March meeting.


The **Sacrament of Holy Communion** was celebrated on February 4, 2018 at the 10:30 a.m. worship service.

The next **Sacrament of Holy Communion** will be at the Ash Wednesday service on February 14, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. and March 4, 2018 at the 10:30 a.m. worship service.

The next scheduled Session meeting is Monday, March 12, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.

Pastor Rachel closed the meeting with prayer at 9:04 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:
Cheryl L Koelmel, Clerk of Session



Sparks of Hope
Recovery Support Center
107 Main Street, Hamburg

Mondays & Fridays	10 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Tuesdays	10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Thursdays	5 - 9 p.m.
Sundays	1 - 5 p.m.

If you're in recovery, we've got coffee, comfy chairs, listening ears and sparks of hope. Come visit us.

HOPE ■ HELP ■ HEALING



Got questions?
sparksofhopecenter2017@gmail.com or call 716-548-2284
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Don't Be Ashamed of your story

It Will Inspire others



Sparks of Hope for Families
SUPPORT GROUP

FOR FAMILIES DEALING WITH ADDICTION
2nd and 4th Wednesdays ■ 7 p.m.
107 Main Street, Hamburg

Gathering together to:

- Talk, share and listen
- Learn coping strategies for living with addiction in the family
- Come as you are ... find "sparks of hope"

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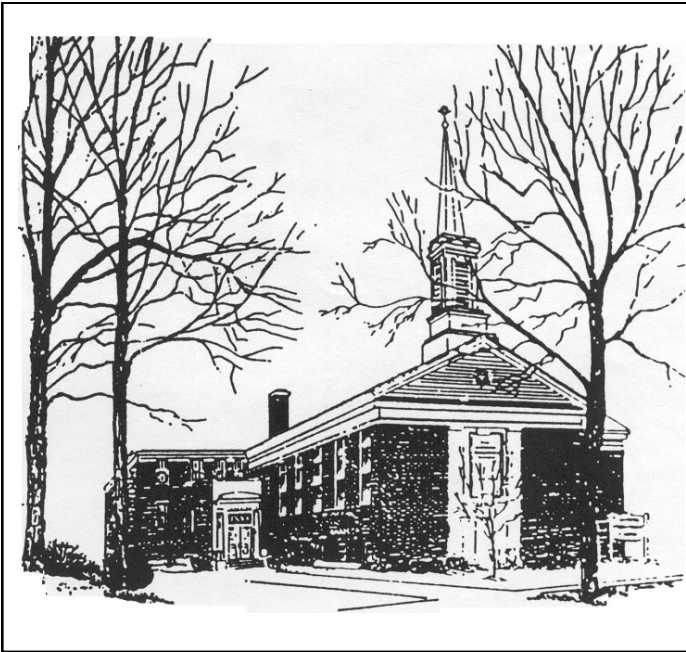
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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 <i>Happy Easter!</i> No Sunday School 9:00am Bells & Chancel Choir Rehearsal 10:30am Communion Sunday Worship Service	2 <i>Office Closed</i> 10:00am Church Life 7:15pm AlAnon (FH)	3 10:00am Worship Planning 11:30am Presbyterian Women (ALR)	4 9:30am Quilters 7:30pm AA (FH)	5 1:00pm Jean C's Small Group	6 9:00pm AA (FH)	7 9:30am-3pm United Church of God (FH)
8 9:15am Sunday School 10:30am Worship Service <i>CE Care Package Items Due</i>	9 10:00am Caregivers 7:00pm Session 7:15pm AlAnon (FH)	10 4:00pm Worship Planning 5:00pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal 6:00pm Bell Choir Rehearsal 7:00pm Ken W's Small Group (@ Streamer's)	11 10:00am Hannah Circle (CL) 6:30pm Boy Scouts (CE Common Area) 7:30pm AA (FH)	12 9:30am Elizabeth Circle (@Helen D's)	13 9:00pm AA (FH)	14 9:30am-3pm United Church of God (FH) 9:30am Women's Breakfast Group at ZJs
15 9:00am Bell Rehearsal 9:15am Sunday School (Care Package Pack up) 10:30am Worship Service <i>Sandwich Sunday</i>	16 7:00pm Worship and Music 7:15pm AlAnon (FH)	17 4:00pm Worship Planning 5:00pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal 6:00pm Bell Choir Rehearsal 7:10pm Mission (CL) 7:15pm Deacons (ALR)	18 9:30am Quilters 7:00pm Christian Ed. 7:00pm Ruth Circle (CL) 7:30pm AA (FH)	19 1:00pm Jean C's Small Group	20 <i>Newsletter Articles Due</i> 9:00pm AA (FH)	21 9:30am <i>Scaj. Creek Earth Day Cleanup</i> Carpool From HPC 9:30am-3pm United Church of God (FH)
22 9:15am Sunday School (Spring Communion/ Sacraments Class) 9:30am Chancel Choir Rehearsal 10:30am Worship Service	23 7:00pm Building and Grounds 7:15pm AlAnon (FH)	24 4:00pm Worship Planning 5:00pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal 6:00pm Bell Choir Rehearsal 7:00pm Ken W's Small Group (@ Streamer's) 7:15pm Christian Nurture Service for the Developmentally Disabled	25 7:30pm AA (FH)	26	27 9:00pm AA (FH)	28 9:00am <i>HPC Spring Cleanup</i> (Rain date 5/5) 9:30am-3pm United Church of God (FH)
29 9:15am Sunday School (Spring Communion/ Sacraments Class) 9:30am Chancel Choir Rehearsal 10:30am Worship <i>Service of Healing</i>	30 7:15pm AlAnon (FH)					Meeting dates and times subject to change. Updated 3/29/18.



HAMBURG PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

177 Main St.
Hamburg, NY 14075

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Minister of Music - Sandy Ackerman
Christian Education Coordinator - Cally Miklasz
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Sermons Now Online!! - www.clyp.it/u/rachelbrown333

Christian Nurture Service
will be held on Tuesday, April 24 at
7:15pm in the Chapel

Worship for individuals
with developmental disabilities.



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**
(excluding December)



"Is the spring coming?"
he said. "What is it like?" ...
"It is the sun shining on the
rain and the rain falling on
the sunshine, and things
pushing up and working
under the earth."
—Frances Hodgson
Burnett, *The
Secret Garden*

HPC OFFICE HOURS

(716-649-1970)



Closed Monday & Friday
Tuesday 9:00am - 2:00pm
Wednesday 9:00am - 2:00pm
Thursday 9:00am - 2:00pm

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

Thank you!

Newsletter Deadline

The deadline for the **May** issue is

April 20, 2018.

