

NOVEMBER 2025

Hamburg Presbyterian Church

# *The TOWEL AND BASIN*

**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





“Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name. For the Lord is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations.”

~Psalm 100:4-5~



“Oh, give thanks to the Lord, for He is good! For His mercy endures forever”

~1 Chronicles 16:34~



“In everything give thanks, for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus toward you

~1 Thessalonians 5:18~





# Presbyterian Women

The 2025-2026 PW Horizons Bible Study is **Finding Resilience, Joy, and Our Identity in Jesus Christ**. We have recently experienced stress and changes in our church, families, work and our sociopolitical environments as well as our personal relationships.

In this bible study we will explore resilience and seek to discover our own identity as found in Jesus Christ. We will follow Mary Magdalene, Mary “of a certain village”, the woman who was poor, the prodigal child, the woman who was bent over, the traveler on the way to Emmaus, as well as Jesus. These biblical characters and the writers model for us **resilience, joy, and finding our own identity in Christ**.

Here is an opportunity to become grounded again, renew your faith, and reconnect to Christ.

**PW Coordinating Team** will meet on **November 4th at 12:30pm** in the ALR.

**Hannah Circle** will meet **November 12th at 10:00am** in the Church Lounge.

**Elizabeth Circle** will meet **November 20th at 9:30am** at Jean Coffey’s home.

**Ruth Circle** will meet **November 19th at 12:30pm** in the ALR.

**Mission Quilters** will meet on **November 5th at 10:00am** in Fellowship Hall.

## HPC Fundraiser

The Building and Grounds team at HPC will be conducting a fundraiser, starting on September 1st and running through to the end of the year. Our goal is to raise \$20,000 to do some major repairs and maintenance to our church building and grounds. Some work has already been completed, while others are being scheduled for later this year and into next year. The cost of this work will go beyond our normal scheduled budget for maintenance. Here is a list of scheduled projects:

- Parking lot re-sealing and stripping.
- Sanctuary exterior windows repainting/caulking.
- Improving the sound system within the Sanctuary with new speakers/mike outlets.
- Repairing the choir bathroom after winter thaw damage.
- Replacing the roof over the extension on the front door. Leaks have caused ceiling damage to the Narthex.
- Gutter and flashing repair due to ice damage.
- New security measures for Hamburg Nursery School.
- New electronic control for exterior parking lot lighting. Current one is 73 years old and constantly needs resetting.

Please consider donating to help make our sanctuary and grounds look their best. Mark any donations as "Building Fund". Pew or standard envelopes can be used. Thank you and God Bless.



## **HARVEST DINNER**

**This Saturday!**

**November 15th 5:00 PM Fellowship Hall**

Please join your HPC family at our traditional pot luck Harvest Dinner on Saturday, November 15th at 5PM.

**Many hands make light work.**

If you're willing to help with the event, or donate a turkey, please contact Kris McGuire or any Church Life team member.

# SESSION MEETING MINUTES

September 8, 2025

**Elders in Attendance:** Rev. Rachel Brown, Chris Burns Sr., Jerry Stitt, Vicki Quinn, JoAnne Yoviene, Jim Sampson, Hollis Bahruth.

**Excused:** Gary Lauchert, Wayne Hines, Julie Mills

**Deacon Representative:** Wendy Leyonmark, Karen Klug, Elyse Perry, Melissa Ferraro

**Guest:** Angela Vullo, Hamburg Home School Enrichment

## Annual Combined Meeting with Deacons:

- Rev. Brown called the meeting to order at 6:03 PM.
- All attendees introduced themselves and shared their committee affiliations and duties.
- All attendees watched the first in a series of five video presentations regarding boundary training. Followed up with general discussion on the video content. Elders and Deacons will watch remaining videos on their own, one per month, prior to the following meeting.
- Rev. Brown closed the meeting with prayer at 7:02.

approve by Jim Sampson, second by Hollis Bahruth. Carried.

## Clerk's Report: Chris Burns, Sr

- Provided Treasurer with two signed copies of letter to Bank of America, naming James Sampson and Catherine Gertner as sole signatories for HPC accounts at BOA.

## Deacons Report: Wendy Leyonmrk

- At October meeting, Terri Vogler will meet with them regarding annual poinsettia sale.

## Commissioner to Presbytery Report: Jim Sampson

- Attended meeting in late August:
  - Approved two candidates for installation.
  - Approved an administrative commission for Orchard Park Presbyterian Church to resolve a conflict.

## Treasurer's Report: Jerry Stitt

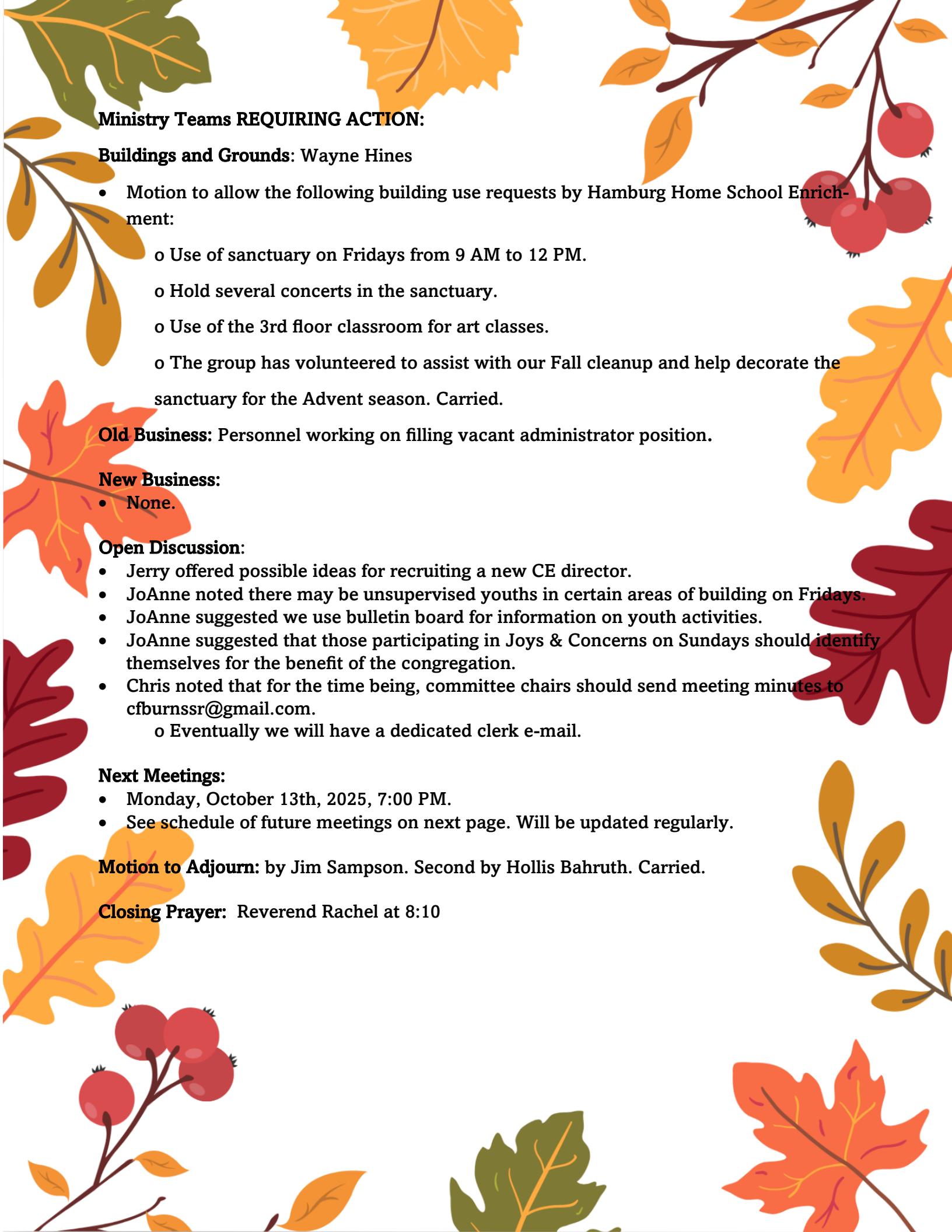
- Financial Management met on September 8th
  - Will review financials and processes with Katie.
  - Discussed utility costs, pledge cards, fundraiser.
- Both CD's have matured and earned roughly \$2,400 in interest.

## Regular Session Meeting:

- Rev. Brown called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM and opened with a prayer.
- Rev. Brown provided the devotional.
- Angela Vullo introduced herself and described her home-schooling program, which serves over 40 students. Attendees followed up with questions.
- Motion to approve agenda by Hollis Bahruth, second by Chris Burns. Carried by the Body.
- Motion to approve minutes of the August 13th meeting by Jim Sampson, second by Jerry Stitt. Carried.

## Pastor's Report:

- On Saturday Sept. 6th, Rev. Brown officiated the wedding of Jennifer Austin and Willie Williams, Jr. at Lafayette Avenue Presbyterian Church in Buffalo.
- Presbytery of Western New York requested use of the HPC lounge on October 3rd, from approximately 9:00 AM to noon. Motion to



## Ministry Teams REQUIRING ACTION:

### **Buildings and Grounds:** Wayne Hines

- Motion to allow the following building use requests by Hamburg Home School Enrichment:
  - Use of sanctuary on Fridays from 9 AM to 12 PM.
  - Hold several concerts in the sanctuary.
  - Use of the 3rd floor classroom for art classes.
  - The group has volunteered to assist with our Fall cleanup and help decorate the sanctuary for the Advent season. Carried.

### **Old Business:** Personnel working on filling vacant administrator position.

### **New Business:**

- None.

### **Open Discussion:**

- Jerry offered possible ideas for recruiting a new CE director.
- JoAnne noted there may be unsupervised youths in certain areas of building on Fridays.
- JoAnne suggested we use bulletin board for information on youth activities.
- JoAnne suggested that those participating in Joys & Concerns on Sundays should identify themselves for the benefit of the congregation.
- Chris noted that for the time being, committee chairs should send meeting minutes to [cfburnssr@gmail.com](mailto:cfburnssr@gmail.com).
  - Eventually we will have a dedicated clerk e-mail.

### **Next Meetings:**

- Monday, October 13th, 2025, 7:00 PM.
- See schedule of future meetings on next page. Will be updated regularly.

### **Motion to Adjourn:** by Jim Sampson. Second by Hollis Bahruth. Carried.

### **Closing Prayer:** Reverend Rachel at 8:10

# November Devotional Readings

Saturday, November 01, 2025: [All Saints Day](#)

Saturday, November 01, 2025: [Semi-continuous](#): Psalm 119:137-144; Habakkuk 2:5-11; John 8:39-47; [Complementary](#): Psalm 32:1-7; Isaiah 1:1-9; John 8:39-47;

Sunday, November 02, 2025: [Proper 26 \(31\)](#)

Monday, November 03, 2025: [Semi-continuous](#): Psalm 142; Habakkuk 2:12-20; 1 Corinthians 5:9-13; [Complementary](#): Psalm 50; Nehemiah 13:1-3, 23-31; 1 Corinthians 5:9-13;

Tuesday, November 04, 2025: [Semi-continuous](#): Psalm 142; Habakkuk 3:1-16; Jude 1:5-21; [Complementary](#): Psalm 50; Zechariah 7:1-14; Jude 1:5-21;

Wednesday, November 05, 2025: [Semi-continuous](#): Psalm 142; Habakkuk 3:17-19; Luke 19:11-27; [Complementary](#): Psalm 50; Amos 3:12-24; Luke 19:11-27;

Thursday, November 06, 2025: [Semi-continuous](#): Psalm 145:1-5, 17-21; Zechariah 1:1-17; Acts 22:22-23:11; [Complementary](#): Psalm 17:1-9; Deuteronomy 25:5-10; Acts 22:22-23:11;

Friday, November 07, 2025: [Semi-continuous](#): Psalm 145:1-5, 17-21; Zechariah 6:9-15; Acts 24:10-23; [Complementary](#): Psalm 17:1-9; Genesis 38:1-26; Acts 24:10-23;

Saturday, November 08, 2025: [Semi-continuous](#): Psalm 145:1-5, 17-21; Haggai 1:1-15a; Luke 20:1-8; [Complementary](#): Psalm 17:1-9; Exodus 3:13-20; Luke 20:1-8;

Sunday, November 09, 2025: [Proper 27 \(32\)](#)

Monday, November 10, 2025: [Semi-continuous](#): Psalm 98; Haggai 2:10-19; 2 Peter 1:16-21; [Complementary](#): Psalm 123; Job

20:1-11; 2 Peter 1:16-21;

Tuesday, November 11, 2025: [Semi-continuous](#): Psalm 98; Haggai 2:20-23; 2 John 1:1-13; [Complementary](#): Psalm 123; Job 21:1, 17-34; 2 John 1:1-13;

Wednesday, November 12, 2025: [Semi-continuous](#): Psalm 98; Zechariah 8:1-17; John 5:19-29; [Complementary](#): Psalm 123; Job 25:1-26:14; John 5:19-29;

Thursday, November 13, 2025: [Semi-continuous](#): Isaiah 12; Isaiah 57:14-21; Romans 1:18-25; [Complementary](#): Psalm 98; 1 Samuel 28:3-19; Romans 1:18-25;

Friday, November 14, 2025: [Semi-continuous](#): Isaiah 12; Isaiah 59:1-15a; 2 Thessalonians 1:3-12; [Complementary](#): Psalm 98; 2 Samuel 21:1-14; 2 Thessalonians 1:3-12;

Saturday, November 15, 2025: [Semi-continuous](#): Isaiah 12; Isaiah 59:15b-21; Luke 17:20-37; [Complementary](#): Psalm 98; Ezekiel 10:1-19; Luke 17:20-37;

Sunday, November 16, 2025: [Proper 28 \(33\)](#)

Monday, November 17, 2025: [Semi-continuous](#): Psalm 76; Isaiah 60:17-22; Ephesians 4:25-5:2; [Complementary](#): Psalm 141; Ezekiel 11:14-25; Ephesians 4:25-5:2;

Tuesday, November 18, 2025: [Semi-continuous](#): Psalm 76; Isaiah 66:1-13; 1 Corinthians 10:23-11:1; [Complementary](#): Psalm 141; Ezekiel 39:21-40:4; 1 Corinthians 10:23-11:1;

Wednesday, November 19, 2025: [Semi-continuous](#): Psalm 76; Isaiah 66:14-24; Matthew 23:37-24:14; [Complementary](#): Psalm 141; Ezekiel 43:1-12; Matthew 23:37-24:14;

Thursday, November 20, 2025: [Semi-continuous](#): Luke 1:68-79; Jeremiah 21:1-14; Hebrews 9:23-28; [Complementary](#): Psalm 46; 2 Chronicles 18:12-22; Hebrews 9:23-28;

Friday, November 21, 2025: [Semi-continuous](#): Luke 1:68-79; Jeremiah 22:1-17; 1 Peter 1:3-9; [Complementary](#): Psalm 46; Zechariah 11:1-17; 1 Peter 1:3-9;

Saturday, November 22, 2025: [Semi-continuous](#): Luke 1:68-79; Jeremiah 22:18-30; Luke 18:15-17; [Complementary](#): Psalm 46; Jeremiah 22:18-30; Luke 18:15-17;

Sunday, November 23, 2025: [Reign of Christ - Proper 29 \(34\)](#)

Monday, November 24, 2025: [Semi-continuous](#): Psalm 117; Jeremiah 30:1-17; Revelation 21:5-27; [Complementary](#): Psalm 24; Jeremiah 46:18-28; Revelation 21:5-27;

Tuesday, November 25, 2025: [Semi-continuous](#): Psalm 117; Jeremiah 30:18-24; Revelation 22:8-21; [Complementary](#): Psalm 24; Isaiah 33:17-22; Revelation 22:8-21;

Wednesday, November 26, 2025: [Semi-continuous](#): Psalm 117; Jeremiah 31:1-6; Luke 1:1-4; [Complementary](#): Psalm 24; Isaiah 60:8-16; Luke 1:1-4;

Thursday, November 27, 2025: [Thanksgiving Day](#)

Thursday, November 27, 2025: [Psalm 122; Daniel 9:15-19; James 4:1-10;](#)  
Friday, November 28, 2025: [Psalm 122; Genesis 6:1-10; Hebrews 11:1-7;](#)

Saturday, November 29, 2025: [Psalm 122; Genesis 6:11-22; Matthew 24:1-22;](#)

Sunday, November 30, 2025: [First Sunday of Advent](#)



## CONNECT - GROW - SERVE



### Bells of Praise & Chancel Choir!

5:30pm Chancel Choir



6:30pm Bells

Pray without ceasing.

1 THESSALONIANS 5:17

### Al Anon/AA

Mon. - 7:30pm (FH)

Wed. - 7:30pm (FH)

*Hamburg Presbyterian Church will not be hosting the pumpkin patch fundraiser this year. There is still an opportunity to donate and help our local food pantries. Please consider making a financial or food donation as you are able to.*

### HPC Food pantry donation opportunities 2025:

#### 1. Operation Good Neighbor

<https://ognwny.wordpress.com/>

#### 2. Eden North Collins food pantry

<http://mobile.edennccfoodbank.org/>

#### 3. Blasdell Church of Christ Food pantry

<https://www.211wny.org/provider/4171/>

#### 4. Saint Peter and Paul food pantry

<https://hamburgfoodpantry.org/>

#### 5. The Hamburg Little free food pantry

<https://www.facebook.com/share/19hNGvCeqV/?mibextid=wwXIfr>

# November

**November 6** Corrine Arcangel, Douglas Blood, Diane Hall, Vivian Lovelas

**November 7** Julie Mills

**November 15** Amanda Obenshain

**November 16** Earl Knauss

**November 20** Sue Rich

**November 24** Scott Obenshain

**November 27** Jenn DeLang

**November 28** Holly Bortel



## Adult Sunday School

Topic: Prayer

9 am Sundays; Amy Low Room (ALR)

Nov. 16th, 23rd. & 30th Pastor Rachel



### Sandwich Sunday 11/16

Please bring individually wrapped sandwiches to church Sunday morning and put them in the coolers in the coat room. They will be delivered to St. Luke's Mission of Mercy in Buffalo.

### IN OUR Thoughts and Prayers

Tracy Tone, Jane Davis, Doug Lehman, Lois Cavanaugh, Marcy Toney, Nancy Wood, George Ackerman, Jonah Delang, Donna Burns, Hollis Bahruth, Jackie Kalisz

### November Coffee Hour!

Meet in the lounge or outside after service for a time of fellowship!

**2 PW (all circles) and**

**Personnel**

**9 Session**

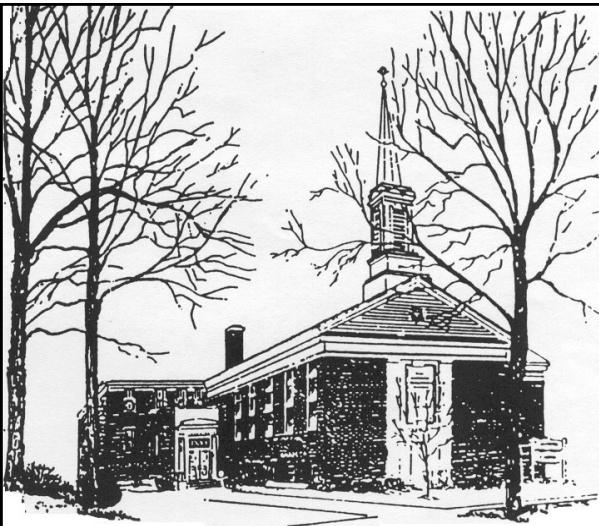
**16 Worship & Music**

**23 Mission**

**30 Financial Mgmt.**

# November

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	<b>2</b> <b>9am</b> United Church of God (FH)
<b>3</b> <b>10am</b> Worship Service and Communion Sunday	<b>3</b> <b>7:30pm</b> AlAnon	<b>4</b> <b>11am</b> Worship Planning <b>12:30pm</b> PW Coordinating Team <b>5:30pm</b> Chancel Choir <b>6:30pm</b> Bells	<b>5</b> <b>10am</b> Mission Quilters <b>7:30pm</b> AA (FH)	<b>6</b> <b>7pm</b> YogaFaith (FH)	7	<b>8</b> <b>9am</b> United Church of God (FH)
<b>9</b> <b>10:00am</b> Worship Service	<b>10</b> <b>7pm</b> Session <b>7:30pm</b> AlAnon (FH)	<b>11</b> <b>11am</b> Worship Planning <b>5:30pm</b> Chancel Choir <b>6:30pm</b> Bells	<b>12</b> <b>10am</b> Hannah Circle (Church Lounge)  <b>7:30pm</b> AA (FH)	<b>13</b> <b>6:30pm</b> Deacons <b>7pm</b> YogaFaith (FH)	14	<b>15</b> <b>Harvest Dinner</b>  <b>9am</b> United Church of God (FH)
<b>16</b> <b>10:00am</b> Worship Service Sandwich Sunday	<b>17</b> <b>7pm</b> W&M(Z) <b>7:30pm</b> AlAnon (FH)	<b>18</b> <b>11am</b> Worship Planning <b>5:30pm</b> Chancel Choir <b>6:30pm</b> Bells	<b>19</b> <b>12:30pm</b> Ruth Circe (ALR)  <b>7:30pm</b> AA (FH)	<b>20</b> <b>9:30am</b> Elizabeth Circle (Jaean Coffey's Home)  <b>7pm</b> YogaFaith (FH)	21	<b>22</b>  <b>9am</b> United Church of God (FH)
<b>23</b> <b>10am</b> Worship Services	<b>24</b> <b>7:30pm</b> AlAnon (FH)	<b>25</b> <b>11am</b> Worship Planning <b>5:30pm</b> Chancel Choir <b>6:30pm</b> Bells	<b>26</b> <b>7:30pm</b> AA (FH)	<b>27</b> <b>7pm</b> YogaFaith (FH)	28	<b>29</b>  <b>9am</b> United Church of God (FH)
<b>30</b> <b>10am</b> Worship Services						



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### Sunday Worship & Christian Ed Schedule

10:00am Worship Service  
in the Sanctuary and on Facebook

#### 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](#)

**December  
Newsletter  
Deadline  
is  
November  
19, 2025**



**HPC OFFICE**  
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#### *Pastor*

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And now abide Faith, Hope and Love,

these three, but the greatest is

*Love*

1 Corinthians 13:13