

Hamburg Presbyterian Church

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

Towel
&
Basin

March 2026



The beauty of the season



That came at a price



Let all that you do be done with love.
1 Corinthians 16:14



From the Pastor's Heart

We are in the season of Lent, a time of prayer and Fasting

As you navigate this journey, plan to fast through this Lenten season. From a Christian perspective, fasting is intentionally abstaining from something for spiritual purposes. Though fasting most often involves abstaining from food, it could also include the removal of other activities like sports, media, hobbies, etc. Ask the Spirit to guide you as you choose your fast. Here are some fasting examples:

- Fast from lunch a couple days a week and use that time for extra Bible reading and prayer
- Fast from food a 24-hour period once a week during Lent
- Fast from sweets, meat, coffee or alcohol
- Fast from social media, TV, or music

Let us pray; Lord, we asked that you draw us closer to you during this Lenten season. May we prepare our hearts for your coming at Easter through prayer and fasting. Help us, oh Lord to turn our hearts and countenance to you that we may love you and love one another. In Jesus name, Amen.



CONNECT - GROW - SERVE

Bells of Praise & Chancel
Choir!

Tuesday

5:30pm - Chancel Choir

6:30pm - Bells of Praise

**"I have found the one
whom my soul loves."**

Song of Solomon 3:4

Al Anon/AA

7:30 PM - AlAnon

7:30pm (FH) AA



PRESBYTERIAN
WOMEN

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

PW Coordinating Teams

March 3rd at 12:30pm in the ALR.

Hannah Circle

March 11th at 10:00am in the Amy Low Room

Elizabeth Circle

March 12th at 11:30am at Jean Coffey's home.

Ruth Circle

March 18th at 12:30pm in the Amy Low Room.

Mission Quilters

March 4th & 18th at 10:00am in Fellowship Hall



Join us Wednesday March 18th at 5:30PM

For a Taize Service

Followed by a soup and salad meal

A Taizé prayer service is a meditative, ecumenical Christian worship style originating from a monastic community in Taizé, France.

These services are characterized by candlelight, repetitive, mantra-like chants, Scripture readings, and extended periods of silence designed to foster inner peace and reconciliation.

Hello, Hamburg Presbyterian Church!

Springtime in the Country

March 20-22, 2026

Event Center @ Hamburg Fairgrounds

Are you ready for warm weather and thoughts of flowers, bright colors and sunshine? Then please consider volunteering at *Springtime in the Country*, an artisan/craft show sponsored by Premier Promotions. Our friendly faces are needed to manage the doors (take tickets/stamp hands) and sell bags by working 2 ½-3 ½ hour time slots. Hamburg Presbyterian Church receives a donation from Premier Promotions for the volunteer slots we are able to fill. The funds raised benefit HPC mission work both locally and internationally.

There are many ways you can arrange to volunteer:

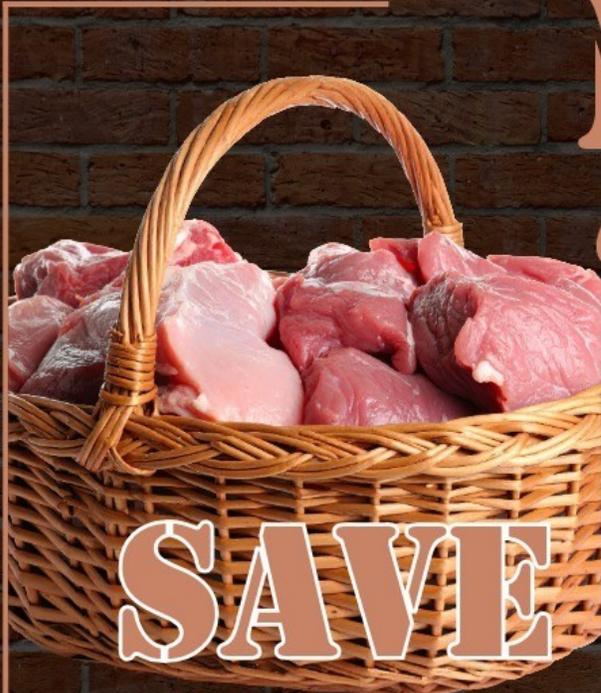
*Sign-up sheet in the narthex

*Sign-up Genius link <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0B4FA5AB2AA6F4CE9-62196058-springtime>

*Contact Tracy: 716-648-5645 (c), kttone14075@gmail.com



Consider joining us for our first meat raffle



HAMBURG PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

MEAT Raffle

SAVE THE DATE

APRIL 18
First Spin
6:00PM

\$15/Ticket
\$100 Table of 8

Hamburg Moose Lodge
45 Church Street
Hamburg, NY 14075

Chinese Auction 50/50 raffle Special Raffle

TO BENEFIT LOCAL FOOD PANTRIES

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SCHEDULE FOR MARCH

USHERS

MAR. 1 - NANCY BROGAN

MAR 8 --LINDA RYDER

MAR. 15 - SUE ALMOND

MAR. 22 - MELISSA FERRARO

MAR 29 --JEAN COFFEY

LITURGISTS

MAR 1 - JIM SAMPSON

MAR. 8 - JOANNE YOVIENE

MAR. 15 - HOLLIS BAHRUTH

MAR. 22 - KRIS MCGUIRE

MAR 29--WAYNE HINES

Adult Sunday School

Prayer in the season of Lent

Sundays at 9 AM in the Amy Low room

Led by Pastor Rachel and Tony Cimorelli

3/01 - Embrace the freedom God gives you in prayer.

3/08 - Use Bible verses and passages in your prayers.

3/15 - Practice silence and learn to listen.

3/22 - Let wonder deepen your prayer life AND allow prayer to shape your daily decisions.

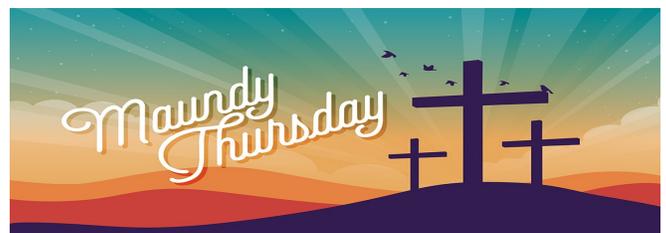
3/29 - Persevere when prayer feels dry or difficult

4/05 - Easter Sunday, No Class



PALM SUNDAY

MARCH 29TH, 2026



MAUNDY THURSDAY

APRIL 2ND, 2026



EASTER SUNDAY

APRIL 5TH, 2026

10AM IN THE SANCTUARY



March 02 Pat Smith

Bob Webster

March 17 Kelly Ring

March 06 Weston Ferris,
JoAnne Reed

March 11 Rebecca Reed

March 18 Campbell Calder

March 07 Leanne Howe,

March 12 Josh Howe

March 27 Don Robinson

March 09 Kathryn Griffin

March 14 Yvonne Michaels,
Laurie Smith

March 28 Louise Zittel, Nick
Nelson

March 10 Sue Ganey,

March 15 Rebecca Whipple

March 29 Aaron Pickel

Sandwich Sunday 3/15

Please bring individual-ly wrapped sandwiches to church on the third Sunday of the month

IN OUR Thoughts and Prayers

Tracy Tone,
Jane Davis,
Doug Lehman,
Lois Cavanaugh,
Nancy Woods,
George Ackerman,
Jonah DeLang,
Donna Burns,
Jackie Kalisz
Wayne Arcangel
Meridith Robinson

*Contact Church Office with

March Coffee Hour!

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

Mar 1 Session

Mar 8 PW (all circles)

Mar 15 Deacons

Mar 22 Mission

Mar 22 Bells of Praise

Daily devotionals for the month of March

Sunday, March 01, 2026: [Second Sunday in Lent](#)

Monday, March 02, 2026: [Psalm 128; Numbers 21:4-9; Hebrews 3:1-6;](#)

Tuesday, March 03, 2026: [Psalm 128; Isaiah 65:17-25; Romans 4:6-13;](#)

Wednesday, March 04, 2026: [Psalm 128; Ezekiel 36:22-32; John 7:53-8:11;](#)

Thursday, March 05, 2026: [Psalm 95; Exodus 16:1-8; Colossians 1:15-23;](#)

Friday, March 06, 2026: [Psalm 95; Exodus 16:9-21; Ephesians 2:11-22;](#)

Saturday, March 07, 2026: [Psalm 95; Exodus 16:27-35; John 4:1-6;](#)

Sunday, March 08, 2026: [Third Sunday in Lent](#)

Monday, March 09, 2026: [Psalm 81; Genesis 24:1-27; 2 John 1:1-13;](#)

Tuesday, March 10, 2026: [Psalm 81; Genesis 29:1-14; 1 Corinthians 10:1-4;](#)

Wednesday, March 11, 2026: [Psalm 81; Jeremiah 2:4-13; John 7:14-31, 37-39;](#)

Thursday, March 12, 2026: [Psalm 23; 1 Samuel 15:10-21; Ephesians 4:25-32;](#)

Friday, March 13, 2026: [Psalm 23; 1 Samuel 15:22-31; Ephesians 5:1-9;](#)

Saturday, March 14, 2026: [Psalm 23; 1 Samuel 15:32-34; John 1:1-9;](#)

Sunday, March 15, 2026: [Fourth Sunday in Lent](#)

Monday, March 16, 2026: [Psalm 146; Isaiah 59:9-19; Acts 9:1-20;](#)

Tuesday, March 17, 2026: [Psalm 146; Isaiah 42:14-21; Colossians 1:9-14;](#)

Wednesday, March 18, 2026: [Psalm 146; Isaiah 60:17-22; Matthew 9:27-34;](#)

Thursday, March 19, 2026: [Psalm 130; Ezekiel 1:1-3, 2:8-3:3; Revelation 10:1-11;](#)

Friday, March 20, 2026: [Psalm 130; Ezekiel 33:10-16; Revelation 11:15-19;](#)

Saturday, March 21, 2026: [Psalm 130; Ezekiel 36:8-15; Luke 24:44-53;](#)

Sunday, March 22, 2026: [Fifth Sunday in Lent](#)

Monday, March 23, 2026: [Psalm 143; 1 Kings 17:17-24; Acts 20:7-12;](#)

Tuesday, March 24, 2026: [Psalm 143; 2 Kings 4:18-37; Ephesians 2:1-10;](#)

Wednesday, March 25, 2026: [Psalm 143; Jeremiah 32:1-9, 36-41; Matthew 22:23-33;](#)

Wednesday, March 25, 2026: [Annunciation of the Lord](#)

Thursday, March 26, 2026: [Psalm 31:9-16; 1 Samuel 16:11-13; Philippians 1:1-11;](#)

Friday, March 27, 2026: [Psalm 31:9-16; Job 13:13-19; Philippians 1:21-30;](#)

Saturday, March 28, 2026: [Psalm 31:9-16; Lamentations 3:55-66; Mark 10:32-34;](#)

Sunday, March 29, 2026: [Liturgy of the Palms](#)

Sunday, March 29, 2026: [Liturgy of the Passion](#)

Monday, March 30, 2026: [Monday of Holy Week](#)

Tuesday, March 31, 2026: [Tuesday of Holy Week](#)



HAMBURG PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

177 Main St.

Hamburg, NY 14075

Pastor – Rev. Rachel Brown

Minister of Music– Jesse Bonaventura

Pastoral Care Assistant – Wendy Zimmerman

Treasurer – Jim Sampson

Financial Secretary – Katie Gertner

Church Office Hollis Bahruth

Sunday Worship & Christian Ed Schedule

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

Worship Online with us!

**April
Newsletter
Deadline
is
March 17,
2026**



HPC OFFICE

Staff Listing

Pastor

Rev. Rachel Brown: 716-444-7333

Minister of Music

Jesse Bonaventura: 716-341-2857

Financial Secretary

Katie Gertner: 716-400-4892

Administrative Secretary

Hollis Bahruth: 716-649-1970

Sexton

Dave Monaco: 716-931-5213

Church Office Hours. The church office is open on Mondays through Thursdays from 9 AM until 2 PM. . Thank you!

E-mail - hamburgpres@gmail.com

Website:www.hamburgpresbyterianchurch.org

Facebook - [Facebook Page/Livestream](#)

YouTube - [HPC YouTube Channel](#)

Session Meeting Minutes

 A wooden sign for Hamburg Presbyterian Church. The sign is dark brown with gold lettering. It reads "HAMBURG PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH" in large letters. Below that, in smaller letters, it says "Rev. Rachel Brown, Pastor" and "Worship: 10:00 AM / 11:00 AM".	<p style="text-align: center;">Session Meeting Minutes: February 9, 2026, 7:00 PM</p> <p>Elders in Attendance: Rev. Rachel Brown, Chris Burns, Jim Sampson, Jerry Stitt, Hollis Bahruth, Wayne Hines, Vicki Quinn, Joanne Yoviene, Julie Mills</p> <p>Excused: Gary Lauchert</p> <p>Deacon Representative: None</p>
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Monthly Session meeting:

- Rev. Brown called the meeting to order at 6:58 PM.
- Motion to approve agenda by Jim, seconded by Vicki. Carried by the Body.
- Motion to approve minutes of the December 4, 2025 meeting (budget only) by Hollis, seconded by Wayne. Carried.

Pastor's Report:

- Continuing with Communion visits with deacons.
- Continuing Bible study on Sundays before service.
- Attended the Altars prayer conference in New York City.
- Will be away Sunday February 22. Rev. Drew Ludwig will lead the service.
- Lenten dinner scheduled for March 18.
- Ash Wednesday services on February 18 at 12:00 PM and 7:00 PM.

Clerk's Report (Chris):

- Passed around sign-up lists for Communion and counting.

Deacon's Report :

- None.

Commission to Presbytery (Jim):

- Approved items recommended by the anti-racism task group.
- Wayside Presbyterian Church now has a half time pastor.
- Approved 2026 budget.
- Orchard Park Presbyterian Church has dissolved its relationship with pastor Wylie Hughes.

Treasurer's Report (Jim):

- Will get January reports out this week.
- Currently in the black for 2026 and holding our own with regards to cash.
- Jim will speak at March moment for stewardship regarding per capita.
- Considering moving accounts from Bank of America to another bank once the CD has matured, due to the quality of customer service at BOA.
- Question from Joanne regarding former Memorial Fund line in budget. There are currently no funds designated for this purpose.

Ministry Teams REQUIRING ACTION:

Church Life:

- Motion by Joanne to approve 2026 annual meeting/picnic at Chestnut Ridge Park, Sunday July 12 at 10:00 AM. Jim seconded. Carried.

Finance & Stewardship:

- Motion to approve the Treasurer, Jim Sampson, to open a Tithely account and a Venmo account through PayPal, for Hamburg Presbyterian Church. Seconded by Joanne. Carried.

Buildings & Grounds:

- Motion to approve building use request by Stutelage Innovations Summer Camps from June 29, 2026 through September 4, 2026. Carried.

Old Business:

- Building fundraiser continues, approximately 50% of goal reached thus far.
- Meat raffle scheduled for Saturday, April 18, 2026 at Hamburg Moose Lodge. Volunteers needed.

New Business:

- Vote to accept the following new members:
 - Karl Hamberger (by letter of transfer from OPPC).
 - Michelle Pellete (by letter of transfer from OPPC).
 - Lee Ann Coman (by profession of faith).
- Motion to approve by Jim. Carried.
- Chris will request transfer paperwork from Orchard Park Clerk of Session.

Open Discussion:

- Joanne shared that new website is completed.
- Joanne suggested updates to visitor cards and prayer requests, and provided samples.
- Joanne suggested updates to the "I Love My Church" brochures.
- Wayne discovered radiator leaks in the building.
- Wayne mentioned elevator will be inspected this month. Health inspection was in January.
- Wayne and Jesse are working on the new sound system.

Next Meeting Date:

- Monday March 9, 2026 7:00 PM.
- See schedule of future meetings on next page. Will be updated regularly.

Motion to adjourn by Hollis, seconded by Jerry. Carried.

Rev. Brown provided the closing prayer at 8:17 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Christopher Burns Sr., Clerk of Session



March Activities

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

1 <i>10am Worship Service & Communion</i>	2 1pm Fin Mgmt (ALR) 7pm CE (ALR) 7:30pm	3 11am Worship Planning 12:30pm PW Coordinating (ALR) 5:30pm Chancel Choir 6:30pm Bells	4 10am Mission Quilters (FH)	5 7pm YogaFaith (FH)	6 9AM Home-school Program	7 9am United Church of God (FH)
8 <i>10:00am Worship Service</i>	9 7pm Session (L) 7:30pm AIAnon	10 11am Worship Planning 4pm Mission (ALR) 5:30pm Chancel Choir 6:30pm Bells	11 10AM Hannah Circle (ALR) 7pm CIA 7:30pm AA (FH)	12 9:30am Elizabeth Circle (Jean Coffey's Home) 7pm YogaFaith (FH)	13 9AM Home-school Program	14 9am United Church of God (FH)
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