

JANUARY 2026

Hamburg Presbyterian Church

The TOWEL AND BASIN

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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



God is faithful, who has called you into **fellowship** with his Son, Je-
sus **Christ** our Lord.

1 Corinthians 1:9

Session & Deacon

Christmas Dinner

For where two or three gather
in my name, there am I
with them."

Matthew 18:20



Whoever does not **love** does not
know God, because God is **love**.

1 John 4:8





From the Pastor's Heart

"I love you, O LORD, my strength. The LORD is my rock, my fortress, and my deliverer, my God, my rock in whom I take refuge, my shield, and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold. I call upon the LORD, who is worthy to be praised, so I shall be saved from my ene-

Missing family members that have passed away during the Christmastide can be so hard. During a sermon, I spoke about how profound my experience at the Taize Community in Burgundy, France helped to bring healing and forgiveness for the death of my grandfather in WWII, who I think of often, especially at Christmas. Go on a journey with me to the Taize community (virtually) to experience scripture reading, prayer and reflection.

1. Listen to the Sermon: "Trusting the Lord: Israel and Palestine" :<https://www.youtube.com/live/4c6MAAtA2q8I?si=huDXDg7MzVpcKIKg>
2. Learn about the TAIZE community in Burgundy, France: <https://youtu.be/ngA8BFbjrE0?si=J0GqfKQ1sN2Y4lQj>
3. Participate virtually in a Taize Prayer Service: <https://www.youtube.com/live/zKMXRgs-zvk?si=wtM0QMRaGPt6l9KX>

Merry Christmas!

~Rev. Rachel Brown



PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

The 2025-2026 Horizon's Bible Study is "Celebrating SABBATH"- Accepting God's Gift of Rest and Delight By Carol M. Bechtel

Key ideas: As Lord of the Sabbath, Jesus invites all of us who are weary to celebrate a Sabbath that is more about "yes" than "no." Sabbath celebration is something that God has built into the structure of creation. Receiving that gift is part of what deepens our friendship with God, others and the rest of creation and it also involves a commitment to hospitality. Sabbath is first about honoring God.

Community is key for sustaining us in our Sabbath journey.

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

CIRCLE MEETINGS:

Hannah Circle Wed. January 7th at 10:00am

Amy Low Room

Elizabeth Circle Thurs. January 15th at 11:30am

Jania Smith's home

Ruth Circle Wed., January 21st at 12:30pm

Amy Low Room

PW Coordinating Team

January 6th, at 12:30

Mission Quilters will January 21rd at 10:00 am

Fellowship Hall

Thank you to all who donated mittens, scarves and hats to our mitten tree, they will be much appreciated.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SCHEDULE FOR JANUARY

Ushers

Jan. 4 – Leanne Howe

Jan. 11 – Kris McGuire

Jan. 18 – Joanne Yoviene

Jan. 25 – Julie Cimorelli

Liturgists

Jan. 4 – Pat Catalino

Jan. 11 – Hal Lewis

Jan. 18 – Jean Coffey

Jan. 25 – Sandy Smith

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICES

FEBRUARY 18TH, 2026

~NOON IN THE CHAPEL

~7 PM IN THE CHAPEL



PALM SUNDAY SERVICES

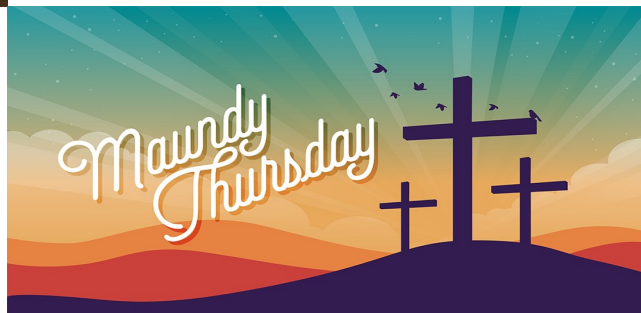
MARCH 29TH, 2026

10AM IN THE SANCTUARY

MAUNDY THURSDAY

APRIL 2ND, 2026

7PM IN THE CHAPEL



EASTER SUNDAY

APRIL 5TH, 2026

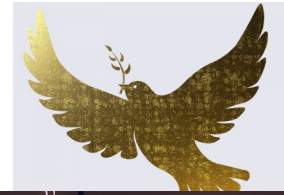
10AM IN THE SANCTUARY

JANUARY Birthdays



January 1 Diana Perry
 January 3 Katherine Leyonmark
 January 6 Jeff Leyonmark
 January 7 Linda Connelly
 January 8 Joanne Yoviene
 January 11 Julie Cimorelli
 January 12 Helen Duryea
 January 13 Gina Browning, Kate Zellefrow
 January 15 Bonnie Orlow
 January 16 Kristin DellaPenta

January 17 Janie Smith
 January 18 Ben Reagan
 January 19
 January 21 Lucas and Liam Alimonti, Christian Lovelace
 January 24 Sharon Fisk,
 January 26 Kendra Quinn-Moultrie
 January 27 Kristin Obenshain
 January 28 Diane Tomlinson
 January 29 Marcia Skuse



Sandwich Sunday 1/18

Please bring individually wrapped sandwiches to church Sunday morning and put them in the coolers in the coat room. They will be delivered to Hamburg Hotels

January Coffee Hour!

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

4 Mission & Financial Management
11 Building & Grounds
18 Christian Ed
25 Session



IN OUR Thoughts and Prayers

Tracy Tone,
 Jane Davis,
 Doug Lehman,
 Lois Cavanaugh,
 Nancy Woods,
 George Ackerman,
 Jonah DeLang,
 Donna Burns,
 Geralyn Bahruth,
 Jackie Kalisz

*Contact Church Office with prayer needs.

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!

A big thank you to everyone who volunteered at **Christmas in the Country** (November 2025) and/or **Yuletide in the Country** (December 2025). Hamburg Presbyterian Church received \$3,300 from Premier Promotions for the volunteer hours provided. This wouldn't be possible without all the support and time given by HPC members, families and friends. Thank you again!!

Tracy Tone, Volunteer Coordinator

~Mark your calendars!!! **Springtime in the Country** will be held March 20-22, 2026



Session Budget Meeting Minutes: December 4th, 2025, 5:00 PM

Elders in Attendance: Rev. Rachel Brown, Chris Burns Sr., Jim Sampson, Jerry Stitt, Wayne Hines, Julie Mills, Vicki Quinn, Gary Lauchert,

JoAnne Yoviene, Hollis Bahruth.

Excused: None

Deacon Representative: None

Budget Session meeting:

- ☐ Rev. Brown called the meeting to order at 5:13 PM and offered an opening prayer.
- ☐ Motion to approve agenda by Jim Sampson. Second by Jerry Stitt. Carried by the Body.
- ☐ Chris Burns provided the devotional.
- ☐ Motion to approve minutes of the November 10th meeting by Hollis Bahruth. Carried.
- o Correction to minutes of November 10th meeting. Motion to call a congregational meet to approve Pastor's terms of call was actually raised by Jim Sampson, not Gary Lauchert.

Pastor's Report:

- ☐ Pastor Rachel will be away December 25th to January 2nd. Rev. Dorothy Pearman will lead the service on December 28th.
- ☐ Pastor Rachel will be at a prayer conference in New York City for Salvation Army January 30th to February 5th. Rev. Cynthia Wickwire-Lundquist will lead the service on February 1st.

Clerk's Report (Chris Burns, Sr.):

- ☐ Pastor's 2026 terms of call approved at congregational meeting on November 30th.
- ☐ Passed around sign-up lists for Communion and counting.

Treasurer's Report (Jim Sampson):

- ☐ Provided budget versus year-to-date actuals spreadsheet for review.
- ☐ Reviewed YTD 2025 actuals:
 - o Income is running slightly behind but may catch up as December is usually higher.
 - o Verify that all checks for facility usage have been received and recorded.

☐ Reviewed 2026 proposed budget:

- o Conservative pledge income budget of \$185,000.
- o Will use cash accounting going forward, not accrual accounting.
- o Discussed what constitutes Miscellaneous Income.
- o Utilities are sharply higher versus previous years.

Ministry Teams REQUIRING ACTION:

Financial Management & Stewardship:

☐ Motion by Financial Management to approve 2026 proposed budget as presented. Carried.

Old Business:

- ☐ Building fundraiser up to \$10,000, will continue into 2026.
- ☐ Mission still working on a meat raffle. Scheduled date is Saturday April 18th.

New Business:

☐ None.

Open Discussion:

☐ None.

Next Meeting Date:

- ☐ Monday December 8th, 2025, 5:30 PM. Annual Session/Deacons Christmas dinner at the Villas at Brierwood.
- ☐ No meeting in January unless needed.

Rev. Brown provided the closing prayer at 6:03.

Respectfully submitted,

Christopher Burns Sr., Clerk of Session

DAILY DEVOTIONALS FOR JANUARY, 2026

Thursday, January 01, 2026
[Holy Name of Jesus](#)

Thursday, January 01, 2026
[New Year's Day](#)

Friday, January 02, 2026
[Psalm 20; Genesis 12:1-7; Hebrews 11:1-12;](#)

Saturday, January 03, 2026
[Psalm 72; Genesis 28:10-22; Hebrews 11:13-22;](#)

Sunday, January 04, 2026
[Second Sunday after Christmas Day](#)

Monday, January 05, 2026
[Psalm 72; Joshua 1:1-9; Hebrews 11:32-12:2;](#)

Tuesday, January 06, 2026:
[Epiphany of the Lord](#)

Wednesday, January 07, 2026
[Psalm 72; 1 Kings 10:1-13; Ephesians 3:14-21;](#)

Thursday, January 08, 2026
[Psalm 29; 1 Samuel 3:1-9; Acts 9:1-9;](#)

Friday, January 09, 2026
[Psalm 29; 1 Samuel 3:10-4:1a; Acts 9:10-19a;](#)

Saturday, January 10, 2026
[Psalm 29; 1 Samuel 7:3-17; Acts 9:19b-31;](#)

Sunday, January 11, 2026:
[Baptism of the Lord](#)

Monday, January 12, 2026
[Psalm 89:5-37; Genesis 35:1-15; Acts 10:44-48;](#)

Tuesday, January 13, 2026
[Psalm 89:5-37; Jeremiah 1:4-10; Acts 8:4-13;](#)

Wednesday, January 14, 2026
[Psalm 89:5-37; Isaiah 51:1-16; Matthew 12:15-21;](#)

Thursday, January 15, 2026
[Psalm 40:1-11; Isaiah 22:15-25; Galatians 1:6-12;](#)

Friday, January 16, 2026:
[Psalm 40:1-11; Genesis 27:30-38; Acts 1:1-5;](#)

Saturday, January 17, 2026
[Psalm 40:1-11; 1 Kings 19:19-21; Luke 5:1-11;](#)

Sunday, January 18, 2026
[Second Sunday after the Epiphany](#)

Monday, January 19, 2026
[Psalm 40:6-17; Exodus 12:1-13, 21-28; Acts 8:26-40;](#)

Tuesday, January 20, 2026
[Psalm 40:6-17; Isaiah 53:1-12; Hebrews 10:1-4;](#)

Wednesday, January 21, 2026: [Psalm 40:6-17; Isaiah 48:12-21; Matthew 9:14-17;](#)

Thursday, January 22, 2026: [Psalm 27:1-6; 1 Samuel 1:1-20; Galatians 1:11-24;](#)

Friday, January 23, 2026
[Psalm 27:1-6; 1 Samuel 9:27-10:8; Galatians 2:1-10;](#)

Saturday, January 24, 2026
[Psalm 27:1-6; 1 Samuel 15:34-16:13; Luke 5:27-32;](#)

Sunday, January 25, 2026
[Third Sunday after the Epiphany](#)

Monday, January 26, 2026
[Psalm 27:7-14; Judges 6:11-24; Ephesians 5:6-14;](#)

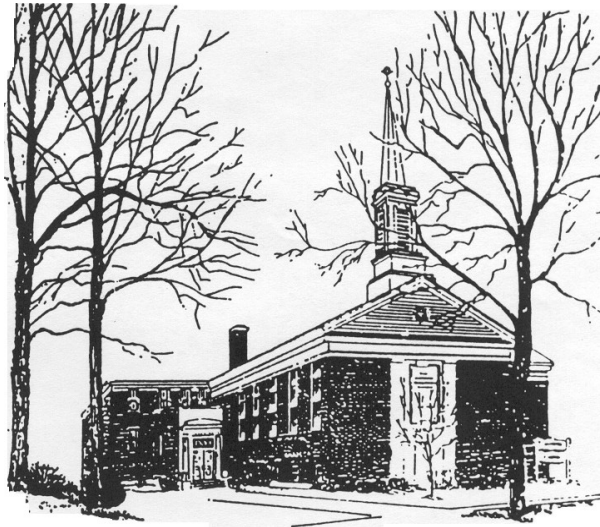
Tuesday, January 27, 2026
[Psalm 27:7-14; Judges 7:12-22; Philippians 2:12-18;](#)

Wednesday, January 28, 2026: [Psalm 27:7-14; Genesis 49:1-2, 8-13, 21-26; Luke 1:67-79;](#)

Thursday, January 29, 2026
[Psalm 15; Deuteronomy 16:18-20; 1 Peter 3:8-12;](#)

Friday, January 30, 2026
[Psalm 15; Deuteronomy 24:17-25:4; 1 Timothy 5:17-24;](#)

Saturday, January 31, 2026
[Psalm 15; Micah 3:1-4; John 13:31-35;](#)



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Sunday Worship & Christian Ed Schedule

10:00am Worship Service
in the Sanctuary and on Facebook
Worship Online with us!

Visit our new website

www.hamburgpresbyterianchurch.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

February Issue is

February 16, 2022



HPC OFFICE

Staff Listing

Pastor

Rev. Rachel Brown: 444-7333

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Jesse Bonaventure

Financial Secretary

Katie Gertner: 400-4892

Church Office

Hollis Bahruth: 649-1970

Sexton

Dave Monaco: 398-1278



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.

NEED PRAYER?

Please let Pastor Rachel know of your prayer needs by contacting her directly at (716) 444-7333.

All prayer requests are confidential and may be made through church email or by phone as well.



January 2026

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
|---|---|--|---|--|---------------------------------------|--|
| | | | | 1 | 2 | 3 9:00am United Church of God (FH) |
| | 4 10:00am Worship Service & Communion | 5 9:30am Caregivers 7:30pm AlAnon | 6 11:00am Worship Planning 12:30pm PW (AL) 5:30pm Chancel Choir 6:30pm Bells | 7 7:30pm AA (FH) 10:00am Mission Quilters (FH) | 8 7pm YogaFaith (FH) | 9 10 9:00am United Church of God (FH) |
| 11 10:00am Worship Service & | 12 Martin Luther King Jr. Day 7:00pm Worship and Music (Z) 7:30pm AlAnon | 13 11:00am Worship Planning & Staff 5:30pm Chancel Choir 6:30 pm Bell Choir | 14 11am Hannah Circle 7:30pm AA (FH) | 15 10:30am Elizabeth Circle 7pm YogaFaith (FH) 6:30pm Deacons | 16 | 17 9:00am United Church of God (FH) |
| 18 10:00am Worship Service & Sandwich Sunday | 19 7:30pm AlAnon (FH) | 20 11:00am Worship Planning 5:30pm Chancel Choir 6:30pm Bell Choir | 21 7:12:30pm Ruth Circle (HPC Lounge) :30pm AA (FH) | 22 7pm YogaFaith (FH) | 23 | 24 9:00am United Church of God (FH) |
| 25 10:00am Worship Service | 26 7:30pm AlAnon (FH) | 27 11:00am Worship Planning 5:30pm Chancel Choir 6:30pm Bell Choir | 28 7:30pm AA (FH) | 29 7pm YogaFaith (FH) | 30 | 31 |