

OCTOBER 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





“For just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, so in Christ we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others”

~Romans 12:4-5~

“Above all, love each other deeply, because love covers over a multitude of sins”

~1 Peter 4:8~



“And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another ”

~Hebrews 10:24-25~



“speaking to one another with psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit. Sing and make music from your heart to the Lord”

~Ephesians 5:19~



“And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it”

~Matthew 16:18~

“Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth. Worship the Lord with gladness; come before him with joyful songs”

~Psalm 100:1-2



From the Pastor's Heart

“The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective”~

James 5:16

Prayer can be one of the most important parts of one's life. It centers the mind, body, soul, and Spirit on God. It is your personal conversation with our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, God the Father and the Holy Spirit. Let us take time to lift up prayer to the Lord.

A prayer of Martin Luther (1483-1546)

Behold, Lord, An empty vessel that needs to be filled. My Lord, fill it. I am weak in faith; Strengthen thou me. I am cold in love; Warm me and make me fervent That my love may go out to my neighbour. I do not have a strong and firm faith; At times I doubt and am unable to trust thee altogether. O Lord, help me. Strengthen my faith and trust in thee. In thee I have sealed the treasures of all I have. I am poor; Thou art rich and didst come to be merciful to the poor. I am a sinner; Thou art upright. With me there is an abundance of sin; In thee is the fullness of righteousness. Therefore, I will remain with thee of who I can receive But to whom I may not give. Amen.



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 October 7th at 12:30pm in the ALR.

Hannah Circle will meet October 8th at 10:00 am in the Church Lounge.

Elizabeth Circle will meet October 16th at 9:30 at Jean Coffey's home.

Ruth Circle will meet October 15th at 12:30pm in the ALR.

Mission Quilters will meet on October 1st at 10:00am in Fellowship Hall.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

Christmas in the Country

Artisan Craft Show

November 6-9, 2025

Event Center on the Fairgrounds, Hamburg, NY

Please consider volunteering your time to support HPC at **Christmas in the Country**. This #1 nationally ranked artisan market/craft fair will return to the Hamburg Fairgrounds in November and HPC members and friends have volunteered by taking/scanning tickets, stamping hands or issuing return passes. The funds raised benefit HPC mission work both locally and internationally.

Please consider volunteering by signing up on the board in the Narthex or using the [Sign Up Genius](#) link.

Passes and instructions will be distributed in-person or via email.

Thank you for your continued support!

Questions??? Please contact Tracy Tone
(716-648-5645 or kttone14075@gmail.com).



Christmas Poinsettia Sale



The deacons will be taking orders for Christmas Poinsettias and Dedications on the following Sundays:

Oct. 26th, Nov. 2nd & 9th. Choices will remain the same as last year: red, white, marble (pink and white), and jingle bells (red with white polka dots). The jingle bells sell out quickly from the grower and probably won't be able to be added to our order after the final sale date.

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.



Save the date!

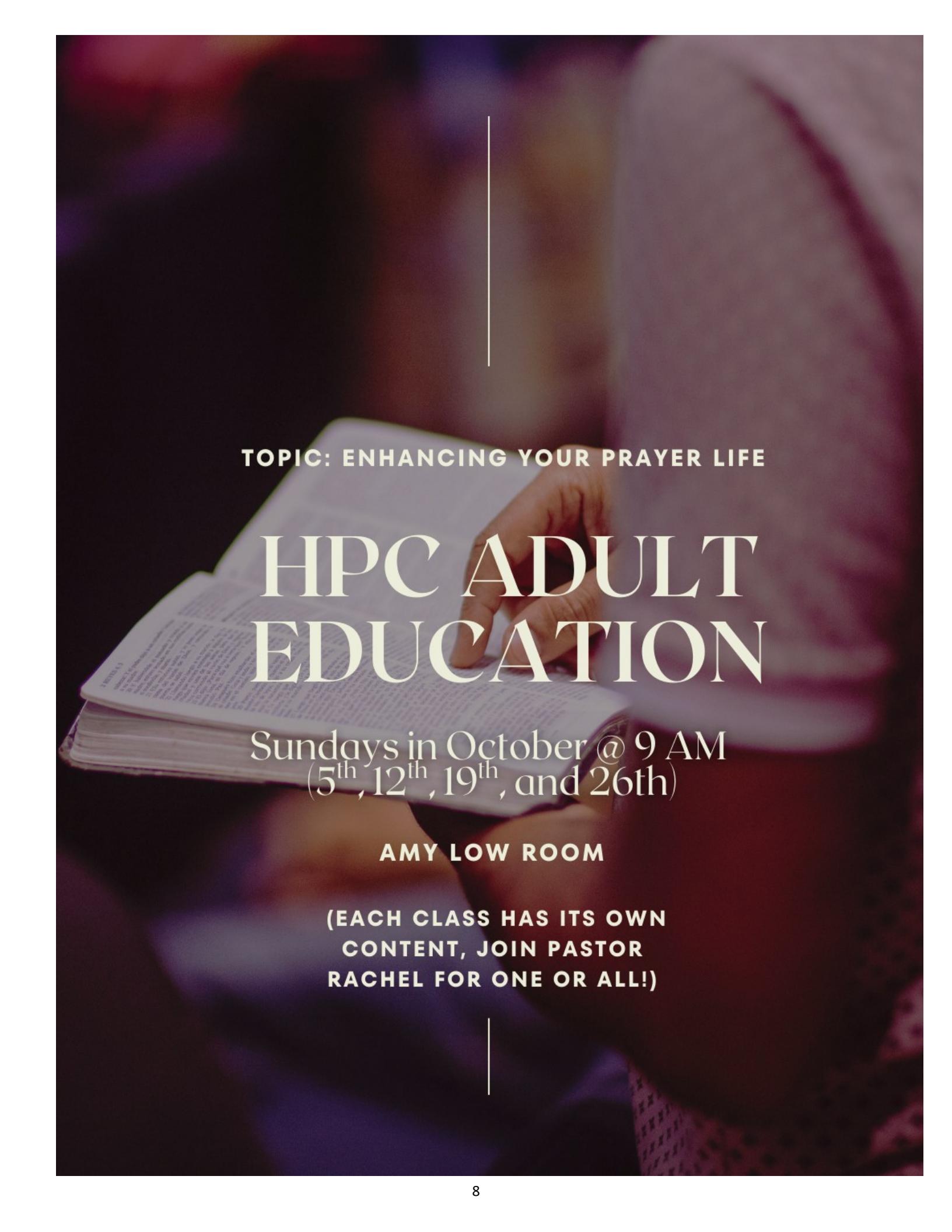
Saturday, November

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.



TOPIC: ENHANCING YOUR PRAYER LIFE

HPC ADULT EDUCATION

**Sundays in October @ 9 AM
(5th, 12th, 19th, and 26th)**

AMY LOW ROOM

**(EACH CLASS HAS ITS OWN
CONTENT, JOIN PASTOR
RACHEL FOR ONE OR ALL!)**

SESSION MEETING MINUTES

August 11, 2025

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

Excused: Julie Mills

Deacon Representative: Rev. Brown called the meeting to order at 7:01 PM.

Motion to approve agenda by Joyce Huen, second by Hollis Bahruth. Carried by the Body.

Rev. Brown provided the opening prayer. Hollis Bahruth provided the devotional.

Motion to approve minutes of June 9th meeting by Jim Sampson, second by Jerry Stitt. Carried.

Pastor's Report:

- Rev. Brown was on study leave at Chautauqua
- August 4th-7th Presided over the funeral of Carl Wahl on August 8th
- She will be away from August 27th – September 3rd. David Rickey will provide pulpit supply for August 31st

Karen Klug. Joyce is staying on for another year.

- Christel Beers and Tony Cimorelli will participate but not be on the committee.
- Terri Vogler will continue doing flowers. Poinsettias will be ordered in October.

Clerk's Report: Chris Burns, Sr

- Recorded baptism of Genevieve Tone on July 20th
- Motion by Jim Sampson to accept new members Kevin Sauer and Jennifer Zucarelli. Second by Hollis Bahruth. Carried.
- Recorded Gary Lauchert and Vicki Quinn as members of Session.
- Motion by Jim Sampson to approve Christopher Burns, Sr. as Clerk of Session. Second by Jerry Stitt. Carried.
- Motion by Chris Burns Sr. to name James Sampson as treasurer for a one-year term. Second by Gary Lauchert. Carried.
- For Corporation for the State of New York, President is Jerry Stitt, Vice President is Gary Lauchert, Treasurer is James Sampson, Secretary is Christopher Burns, Sr. Motion to approve by Chris Burns, second by Hollis Bahruth. Carried.

Commissioner to Presbytery Report: Jim Sampson

- Rev. Brown attended meeting at Wright Presbyterian Church, which included the installation of Rev. Abigail Trautman as the Executive Presbyter Stated Clerk. Jim Sampson explained the interview process for Rev. Trautman's hire.

Treasurer's Report: Jerry Stitt

- Profit and loss statements, bank statements and financial reports were circulated.
- Terms of Call CDE has not yet been received from the Presbytery.
- New treasurer James Sampson must be recorded on the Bank of America accounts.
- CD that matured in July has been replaced by a 7-month CD. CD that matures in August will be used to repay an interest free loan, the remainder into the general fund.
- Budget planning for 2026 will begin soon. Committees should provide their requests to
- Financial Management by the end of September.
- Audit planned for Spring 2025 will now take place in Spring 2026.

Deacons Report: Joyce Huen

- Caregivers have disbanded due to lack of participants. Duties now being handled by the Deacons. This includes sending cards, making calls, writing Joys & Concerns, bereavement visits and door drop visits.
- Elyse Perry back on as co-moderator with

Ministry Teams REQUIRING ACTION:

Buildings and Grounds: Wayne Hines

- Motion to approve snow plowing contract for 2025-2026 season. Prefer to remain with Chevalier, as they have a good working relationship with HPC. Five percent increase over last season to \$8,255. Motion by Jim Sampson, second by Hollis Bahruth. Carried.

Old Business: Personnel working on filling vacant administrator position.

New Business:

- Motion to approve James Sampson, Treasurer and Catherine Gertner, Financial Secretary as the approved sole signatories for Hamburg Presbyterian Church at Bank of America. Motion by Hollis Bahruth, second by Wayne Hines. Carried. Clerk will draft a resolution on church letterhead to present to BOA.
- Fund drive to begin September 1st to cover various projects – Parking lot marking, window painting, gutter repair, two new air conditioners for Fellowship Hall, new door to nursery school and associated security improvements.
- Shrubbery will be trimmed and cleared in September.

Open Discussion:

- Hollis and JoAnne are working on new website. They have requested tech guidance from Jesse.

Next Meetings:

- Monday, September 8th. Arrive by 5:30 PM. Required training at 6:00 PM with the Deacons. Regular Session meeting at 7:00 PM.
- See schedule of future meetings on next page. Will be updated regularly.

Motion to Adjourn: by Jim Sampson at 8:27 PM. Second by Hollis Bahruth. Carried.

Closing Prayer: Reverend Rachel

October Devotional Readings

Wednesday, October 01, 2025: Semi-continuous: Psalm 119:49-56; Jeremiah 33:1-13; Matthew 19:16-22; Complementary: Psalm 62; Hosea 12:2-14; Matthew 19:16-22;

Thursday, October 02, 2025: Semi-continuous: Lamentations 3:19-26; Jeremiah 52:1-11; Revelation 2:8-11; Complementary: Psalm 37:1-9; 2 Kings 18:1-8, 28-36; Revelation 2:8-11;

Friday, October 03, 2025: Semi-continuous: Lamentations 3:19-26; Jeremiah 52:12-30; Revelation 2:12-29; Complementary: Psalm 37:1-9; 2 Kings 19:8-20, 35-37; Revelation 2:12-29;

Saturday, October 04, 2025: Semi-continuous: Lamentations 3:19-26; Lamentations 1:7-15; Matthew 20:29-34; Complementary: Psalm 37:1-9; Isaiah 7:1-9; Matthew 20:29-34;

Sunday, October 05, 2025: Proper 22 (27)

Monday, October 06, 2025: Semi-continuous: Psalm 137; Lamentations 1:16-22; James 1:2-7; Complementary: Psalm 3; Habakkuk 1:5-17; James 1:2-11;

Tuesday, October 07, 2025: Semi-continuous: Psalm 137; Lamentations 2:13-22; 1 John 5:1-5, 13-21; Complementary: Psalm 3; Habakkuk 2:5-11; 1 John 5:1-5, 13-21;

Wednesday, October 08, 2025: Semi-continuous: Psalm 137; Lamentations 5:1-22; Mark 11:12-14, 20-24; Complementary: Psalm 3; Habakkuk 2:12-20; Mark 11:12-14, 20-24;

Thursday, October 09, 2025: Semi-continuous: Psalm 66:1-12; Jeremiah 25:1-14; 2 Timothy 1:13-18; Complementary: Psalm 111; Leviticus 14:33-53; 2 Timothy 1:13-18;

Friday, October 10, 2025: Semi-continuous: Psalm 66:1-12; Jeremiah 27:1-22; 2 Timothy 2:1-7; Complementary: Psalm 111; Numbers 4:34-5:4; 2 Timothy 2:1-7;

Saturday, October 11, 2025: Semi-continuous: Psalm 66:1-12; Jeremiah 28:1

-17; Luke 5:12-16; Complementary: Psalm 111; Numbers 12:1-15; Luke 5:12-16;

Sunday, October 12, 2025: Proper 23 (28)

Monday, October 13, 2025: Semi-continuous: Psalm 102:1-17; Jeremiah 29:8-23; Acts 26:24-29; Complementary: Psalm 61; 2 Kings 5:15-19a; Acts 26:24-29;

Monday, October 13, 2025: Canadian Thanksgiving Day

Tuesday, October 14, 2025: Semi-continuous: Psalm 102:1-17; Jeremiah 29:24-32; Ephesians 6:10-20; Complementary: Psalm 61; 2 Kings 5:19b-27; Ephesians 6:10-20;

Wednesday, October 15, 2025: Semi-continuous: Psalm 102:1-17; Jeremiah 25:15-32; Matthew 10:5-15; Complementary: Psalm 61; 2 Kings 15:1-7; Matthew 10:5-15;

Thursday, October 16, 2025: Semi-continuous: Psalm 119:97-104; Jeremiah 26:1-15; Acts 17:22-34; Complementary: Psalm 121; Isaiah 54:11-17; Acts 17:22-34;

Friday, October 17, 2025: Semi-continuous: Psalm 119:97-104; Jeremiah 26:16-24; 2 Timothy 2:14-26; Complementary: Psalm 121; Genesis 31:43-32:2; 2 Timothy 2:14-26;

Saturday, October 18, 2025: Semi-continuous: Psalm 119:97-104; Jeremiah 31:15-26; Mark 10:46-52; Complementary: Psalm 121; Genesis 32:3-21; Mark 10:46-52;

Sunday, October 19, 2025: Proper 24 (29)

Monday, October 20, 2025: Semi-continuous: Psalm 129; Jeremiah 38:14-28; 1 Corinthians 6:1-11; Complementary: Psalm 57; 1 Samuel 25:2-22; 1 Corinthians 6:1-11;

Tuesday, October 21, 2025: Semi-continuous: Psalm 129; Jeremiah 39:1-18; James 5:7-12; Complementary: Psalm

57; 1 Samuel 25:23-35; James 5:7-12;

Wednesday, October 22, 2025: Semi-continuous: Psalm 129; Jeremiah 50:1-7, 17-20; Luke 22:39-46; Complementary: Psalm 57; 1 Samuel 25:36-42; Luke 22:39-46;

Thursday, October 23, 2025: Semi-continuous: Psalm 65; Joel 1:1-20; 2 Timothy 3:1-9; Complementary: Psalm 84:1-7; Jeremiah 9:1-16; 2 Timothy 3:1-9;

Friday, October 24, 2025: Semi-continuous: Psalm 65; Joel 2:1-11; 2 Timothy 3:10-15; Complementary: Psalm 84:1-7; Jeremiah 9:17-26; 2 Timothy 3:10-15;

Saturday, October 25, 2025: Semi-continuous: Psalm 65; Joel 2:12-22; Luke 1:46-55; Complementary: Psalm 84:1-7; Jeremiah 14:1-6; Luke 1:46-55;

Sunday, October 26, 2025: Proper 25 (30)

Monday, October 27, 2025: Semi-continuous: Psalm 87; Joel 3:1-8; 1 Peter 4:12-19; Complementary: Psalm 84:8-12; 1 Samuel 2:1-10; 1 Peter 4:12-19;

Tuesday, October 28, 2025: Semi-continuous: Psalm 87; Joel 3:9-16; 1 Peter 5:1-11; Complementary: Psalm 84:8-12; Daniel 5:1-12; 1 Peter 5:1-11;

Wednesday, October 29, 2025: Semi-continuous: Psalm 87; Joel 3:17-20; Matthew 21:28-32; Complementary: Psalm 84:8-12; Daniel 5:13-31; Matthew 21:28-32;

Thursday, October 30, 2025: Semi-continuous: Psalm 119:137-144; Jeremiah 33:14-26; 2 Corinthians 1:1-11; Complementary: Psalm 32:1-7; Proverbs 15:8-11, 24-33; 2 Corinthians 1:1-11;

Friday, October 31, 2025: Semi-continuous: Psalm 119:137-144; Habakkuk 1:5-17; 2 Peter 1:1-11; Complementary: Psalm 32:1-7; Job 22:21-23:17; 2 Peter 1:1-11;



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)

Fri. - 10:00pm (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>

October



October 1 Christian Knauss

October 4 Ron Ferguson

October 13 Dave Monaco

October 18 Geralyn Bahruth, Pat Catalino

October 20 Luther Almond, Chris Burns

October 22 Naomi Barton

October 24 Jess Schmittendorf

October 25 Charlotte Hall

October 30 Henry Mills

October 31 Adam Metzger, Maureen Sercu



October Ushers

5th: Joanne Yoviene

12th: Linda Ryder

19th: Kris McGuire

26th: Vicki Quinn

October Liturgists

5th: Anna Robinson

12th: Jim Sampson

19th: Linda McAlpine

26th: Hal Lewis



Sandwich Sunday 10/19

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

October Coffee Hour!

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

5 Church Life and Worship & Music

12 Adult Bell Choir

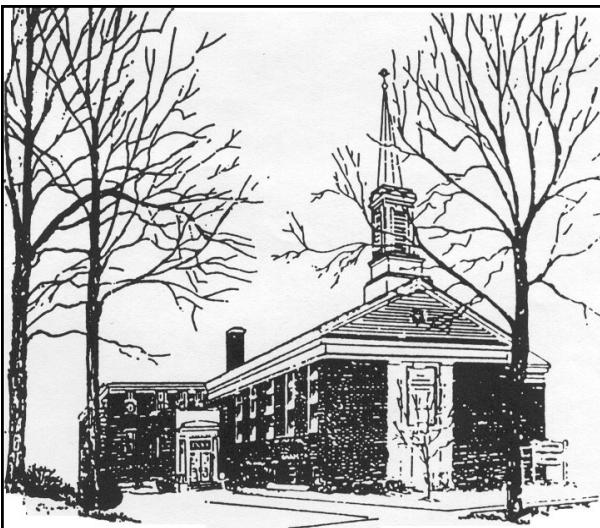
19 B&G

26 Church Life



October

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 10am Mission Quilters (FH) 7:30pm AA (FH)	2 7pm YogaFaith (FH)	3 10pm AA (FH)	4 9am United Church of God (FH)
5 10am Worship Service and World Communion Sunday	6 7:30pm AlAnon	7 11am Worship Planning 12:30pm PW Coordinating Team 5:30pm Chancel Choir 6:30pm Bells	8 10am Hannah Circle (Church Lounge) 7:30pm AA (FH)	9 7pm YogaFaith (FH)	10 10pm AA (FH)	11 9am United Church of God (FH)
12 10:00am Worship Service	13 7pm Session 7:30pm AlAnon (FH)	14 11am Worship Planning 5:30pm Chancel Choir 6:30pm Bells	15 12:30pm Ruth Circle (ALR) 7:30pm AA (FH)	16 9:30am Elizabeth Circle (Jaean Coffey's Home) 6:30pm Deacons 7pm YogaFaith (FH)	17 10pm AA (FH)	18 9am United Church of God (FH)
19 10:00am Worship Service Sandwich Sunday	20 7pm W&M(Z) 7:30pm AlAnon (FH)	21 11am Worship Planning 5:30pm Chancel Choir 6:30pm Bells	22 7:30pm AA (FH)	23 7pm YogaFaith (FH)	24 10pm AA (FH)	25 9am United Church of God (FH)
26 10am Worship Services	27 7:30pm AlAnon (FH)	28 11am Worship Planning 5:30pm Chancel Choir 6:30pm Bells	29 7:30pm AA (FH)	30 7pm YogaFaith (FH)	31 10pm AA (FH)	



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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 and click on the Media tab to the drop down Bulletin tab. Select the bulletin of the week and access [Facebook Live](#)

**November
Newsletter
Deadline
is
October 21,
2025**



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And now abide Faith, Hope and Love,

these three, but the greatest is

Love

1 Corinthians 13:13