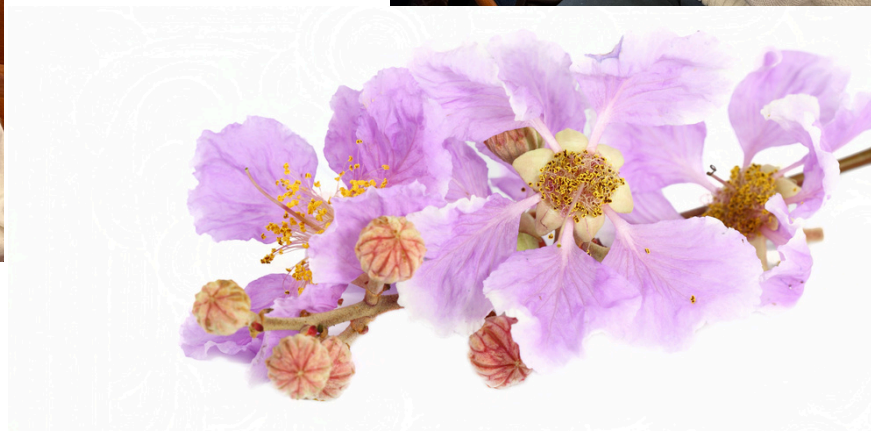


Towel & Basin

Hamburg Presbyterian Church May 2026







From the Pastor's Heart

"Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God." ~ Philippians 4:6

It has been almost a year living out the theme of Prayer at Hamburg Presbyterian church. And so I ask; gently, kindly, and with hope, how is your prayer life? There is no time like the present to dive back in, go deeper, and embrace the journey to pray. As a lifelong pray-er, I have found the peaks and valleys of prayer and realized that there is never a right or wrong time to re engage with our lifelong ritual of prayer. So, reading this, let this be the moment you begin anew, or dive deeper, and go further in your prayer life than ever before. Go to the library, or online, if need be, and acquire a daily prayer guide, book on prayer, journal to pray or to simply see



(From the Pastor's Heart continued)

what is out there that might help you on your journey. Knowing this, I am praying for you. Each week, I pray through the prayer requests given, and I pray for members of the church both from memory and from sitting down with the Church Directory and focusing on the names and photos. Do what works for you, what is best for you in your prayer life. May God Bless you on your journey, every step of the way.

Let us pray: Lord, I love you and ask that you guide me in my prayer life. Help me to know what to pray, when to pray and how to pray. I thank you, Lord, for listening and speaking to me of your eternal wisdom. In Jesus name, Amen.





CONNECT - GROW - SERVE

**Music Opportunities
Tuesday
5:30pm Chancel Choir
6:30 Bells of Praise
Come joins us!!**

PW Coordinating Team will meet on May 5th at 12:30 (ALR)

Hannah Circle will meet on May 13th at 10AM (ALR)

Elizabeth Circle will meet May 14th at 9:30am at Jean Feltz's home

Ruth Circle will meet May 20th at 12:30PM (ALR)

Mission Quilters will meet May 6th at 10AM (FH)

**AA/ AlAnon
Monday 7pm. (FH)
Wednesday 7:30pm
(FH)**



Is your child ready to be confirmed? We will have a confirmation class starting in the fall. Stay tuned for details.



SUNDAY SCHOOL PROGRAM

Hamburg Presbyterian Church is excited to begin a Sunday School program for children ages 5 to 12, starting in September 2026

5-12 YEARS OLD

- Learn about the bible
- Grow in your faith
- Build friendships in a fun and supportive environment

WE ARE CURRENTLY SEEKING STUDENTS AND VOLUNTEERS WHO LIKE TO BE A PART OF THIS NEW PROGRAM!

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED OR WOULD LIKE MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT
HAMBURGPRESGMAIL.COM

Hamburg Presbyterian Supports Churches In Action



HPC is now collecting new or gently used bath towels, hand towels, washcloths, as well as New plastic shower curtain liners, shower curtain rods, and shower curtain hooks

Hamburg Presbyterian Church Spring Collection



The Hamburg Presbyterian Church is organizing its Spring Collection, focusing on essential personal care items for community members in need.

Items Needed

Body Lotion – Helps keep skin moisturized and healthy.

Sunscreen – Provides protection against harmful sun exposure, especially as the weather warms up.

Deodorant – Ensures personal hygiene and comfort.

Nail Clippers – Supports basic grooming and self-care.

Your donations of these items are greatly appreciated and will directly support individuals within our community.



May 04 Catherine Knauss

May 06 Aubrey Rae Harris

May 07 Jevene Osborne

May 08 Peggy Halik

May 09 Joe Smith

May 13 Beth Grabar

May 15 Suzanne Richardson

May 17 Melissa Obenshain

May 19 Polly Ferro

May 20 Nicholas Richardson

May 21 Katie Tothero

May 22 Cally Miklasz

May 23 Aidan Brodie

May 24 Joyce Huen

May 25 Jake Vincent

May 26 Wayne Arcangel, Quinn Brodie

May 27 Kim O'Leary, David Ring

May 29 Matthew Richardson

May 31 Tim Connelley, Jordyn Howe, Ezra Vincent

Sandwich Sunday 5/17

Please bring individually wrapped sandwiches to church Sunday morning and put them in the coolers in the coat room. They will be delivered to the Hamburg Hotels. Contact Vicki Quinn if you can help with the delivery.

Tracy Tone, Jane Davis,
Doug Lehman, Lois
Cavanaugh, Marcy Toney,
Nancy Wood, George
Ackerman, Jonah DeLang,
Donna Burns, Jackie Kalisz,
Merideth Robinson, Doug &
Kathy Blood

Contact the church if
you are in need of prayer..

May Coffee Hour!

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

May 3 PW (all circles) and
Personnel

10 Building and Grounds

17 Christian Ed.

24 Worship & Music

31 Mission

Annual Reports and updates to the
Church directory are due by Tuesday.
June 16, 2026.

Please submit your annual report from
July 2025 through June 2026, and
updates to the Church directory to
Holly, Hamburgpres@gmail.com

**“But as for you brothers and
sisters, never tire of doing what
is right”**

- 2 Thessalonians 3:13



Session Meeting Minutes: April 13, 2026, 7:00 PM

Elders in Attendance: Rev. Rachel Brown, Chris Burns, Jerry Stitt, Joanne Yoviene, Wayne Hines, Julie Mills, Vicki Quinn, Hollis Bahruth

Excused: Gary Lauchert, Jim Sampson

Deacon Representative: Joyce Huen

Monthly Session meeting:

- ☐ Rev. Brown called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM.
- ☐ Motion to approve agenda by Chris, second by Wayne. Carried by the Body.
- ☐ Motion to approve minutes of the March 9, 2026 meeting by Hollis, second by Joanne. Carried.

Pastor's Report:

- ☐ Officiating wedding of Miranda (Randy) Smith and Xavier.
 - o Motion to approve wedding at HPC sanctuary on 06/26/2026 at 4:00 PM. Carried.
- ☐ Adult education prayer class continuing.

Clerk's Report (Chris):

- ☐ Requested transfer for Lee Ann Corman from Wayside Presbyterian Church.
- ☐ Recorded death of Lois Cavanaugh.
- ☐ Sectioned off obsolete numerical member listing in church registry.
- ☐ Passed around sign-up lists for Communion and counting. Thank you to our volunteers.

Deacon's Report (Joyce):

- ☐ 40 easter flowers ordered, 11 or 12 were taken to shut-ins. Thank you to Teri Vogler.
- ☐ There will be at least one opening on the Deacons this year.

Commission to Presbytery (Jim):

- ☐
- ☐

Treasurer's Report (Jim):

- ☐ Jim provided financial narrative review.
- ☐ Money is starting to come in through the Tithely QR code.
- ☐ Tree damage fund has been going well.

Ministry Teams REQUIRING ACTION:

Buildings & Grounds:

- ☐ Motion to approve the lease agreement between HPC and Stutelage Innovations. Carried.
 - o Term dates: June 22, 2026 - Sept. 6, 2026.
 - o Rental fee: \$ 5,000 paid in full April 9, 2026.
 - o Liability insurance provided: \$1,000,000.
 - o All other terms consistent with the Hamburg Nursery School lease.
 - o Signed April 8, 2026.

Financial Management & Stewardship:

- ☐ Motion to move HPC's banking relationship from Bank of America to M&T Bank, with James Sampson and Katie Gertner as signatories. Second by Wayne. Carried.

Old Business:

- ☐ None

New Business:

- ☐ None

Open Discussion:

- ☐ Wayne shared the following updates:
 - o Repair work by Lehigh Construction on the tree damage will begin on April 27. An insurance check for \$7600 is expected shortly.
 - o Four heaters were leaking. Two were capped off, two were repaired by Mazza.
 - o Electronic keyboard worth \$7,000 is being donated.
 - o Building fund still at roughly 50% of its goal of \$20,000.
 - o Issues with the Wednesday AA group have been sufficiently worked out.
 - o All other repairs are caught up.
 - o Discussed other nearby trees that could be at risk.
- ☐ Joanne shared that website photos of tree damage resulted in several donations to the fund. Tech guy Chris Marshall has been a great help with the website.
- ☐ Julie shared that Sunday school for Fall is in the early discussion stages.
- ☐ Coffee hour on 04/26/2026. Chris will be out of town but will drop off snacks.

Next Meeting Date:

- ☐ Monday May 11, 2026 7:00 PM.
- ☐ See schedule of future meetings on next page. Will be updated regularly.

Motion to adjourn by Hollis, second by Wayne. Carried.

Rev. Brown provided the closing prayer at 8:22 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Christopher Burns Sr., Clerk of Session

HOC FUNDRAISER

The Building and Grounds team at HPC would like to graciously thank everyone who has already contributed to our ongoing fund raiser. Our goal is **\$20,000**, and we have only raised **\$10,240** year to date. The fund raiser will continue through the rest of 2026 in hopes of reaching our ultimate goal.

The cost of this scheduled work that we want to complete, will go well beyond our normal scheduled budget for maintenance, especially for the emergency repair work that has to be done as soon as possible.

PROJECTS COMPLETED 2025 (\$10,100)

Parking lot was resealed and new stripping applied. **(\$2,800)**

Sanctuary tall exterior windows have been repainted and window panes re caulked. **(\$6,800)**

New safety security measures for the Hamburg Nursery School were completed. **(\$500)**

Various minor repairs/painting both inside and out.

PROJECTS/DAMAGE REPAIRS STILL TO BE DONE 2026 (\$ 54,000)

Improving the sound system within the Sanctuary with new speakers/mike outlets. Jessie and the team are working on this now.

In addition, it has been a tough winter on our 74yr old building.

Severe gutter/downspout damage from this winter, the ice ripped them down on the East side of the building. Not done yet. **(\$1,800)**

Heating system repair. 4 heaters with severe core leaks have been replaced. Boiler now working properly. Work has been completed. **(\$6,800)**

Recent Storm damage from the uprooted tree that damaged our elevator entrance roof and ripped down our main power line to the church. **(\$20,000)**

Please consider continuing to donate to our “Building Fund” to help make the necessary repairs and improve the quality of our services.

Mark any donations as “Building Fund”. Pew or standard envelopes can be used as well as the HPC website, or the Tithely QR code.

Thank you and God Bless.

Building and Grounds Ministry Team

Friday, May 01, 2026

Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16; Exodus 3:1-12; Acts 7:1-16;

Saturday, May 02, 2026 Psalm

31:1-5, 15-16; Jeremiah 26:20-24; John 8:48-59;

Sunday, May 03, 2026

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Monday, May 04, 2026 Psalm

102:1-17; Exodus 13:17-22; Acts 7:17-40;

Tuesday, May 05, 2026 Psalm

102:1-17; Proverbs 3:5-12; Acts 7:44-56;

Wednesday, May 06, 2026 Psalm

102:1-17; Proverbs 3:13-18; John 8:31-38;

Thursday, May 07, 2026 Psalm

66:8-20; Genesis 6:5-22; Acts 27:1-12;

Friday, May 08, 2026

Psalm 66:8-20; Genesis 7:1-24; Acts 27:13-38;

Saturday, May 09, 2026 Psalm

66:8-20; Genesis 8:13-19; John 14:27-29;

Sunday, May 10, 2026

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Monday, May 11, 2026 Psalm 93;

Genesis 9:8-17; Acts 27:39-44;

Tuesday, May 12, 2026

Psalm 93; Deuteronomy 5:22-33; 1 Peter 3:8-12;

Wednesday, May 13, 2026

Psalm 93; Deuteronomy 31:1-13; John 16:16-24;

Thursday, May 14,

2026 Ascension of the Lord

Friday, May 15, 2026

Psalm 93; 2 Kings 2:1-12; Ephesians 2:1-7;

Saturday, May 16, 2026

Psalm 93; 2 Kings 2:13-15; John 8:21-30;

Sunday, May 17, 2026

Seventh Sunday of Easter

Monday, May 18, 2026

Psalm 99; Leviticus 9:1-11, 22-24; 1 Peter 4:1-6;

Tuesday, May 19, 2026 Psalm

99; Numbers 16:41-50; 1 Peter 4:7-11;

Wednesday, May 20

2026 Psalm 99; 1 Kings 8:54-65; John 3:31-36;

Thursday, May 21, 2026:

Psalm 33:12-22; Exodus 19:1-9a; Acts 2:1-11;

Friday, May 22, 2026 Psalm

33:12-22; Exodus 19:16-25; Romans 8:14-17;

Saturday, May 23, 2026

Psalm 33:12-22; Exodus 20:1-21; Matthew 5:1-12;

Sunday, May 24, 2026 Day

of Pentecost

Monday, May 25, 2026

Psalm 104:24-34, 35b; Joel 2:18-29; Romans 8:18-24;

Tuesday, May 26, 2026

Psalm 104:24-34, 35b; Ezekiel 39:7-8, 21-29; Romans 8:26-27;

Wednesday, May 27, 2026

Psalm 104:24-34, 35b; Numbers 11:24-30; John 7:37-39;

Thursday, May 28, 2026

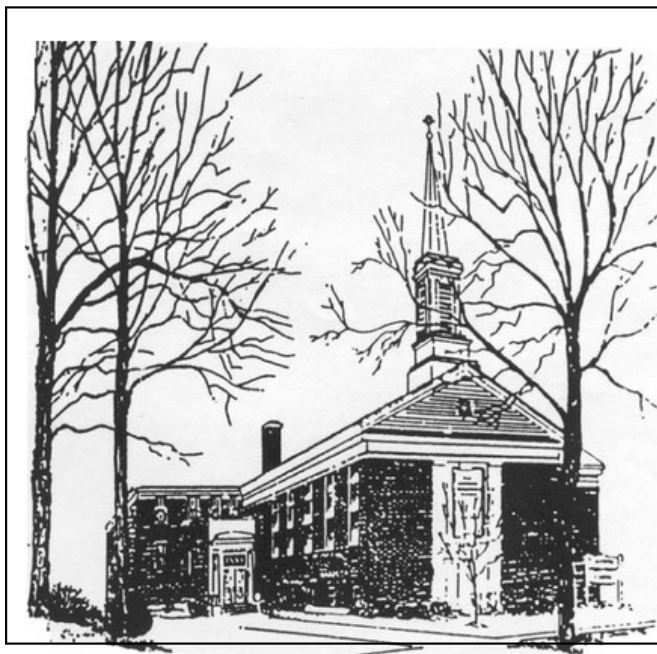
Psalm 8; Job 38:1-11, 2 Timothy 1:8-12a;

Friday, May 29, 2026

Psalm 8; Job 38:12-21; 2 Timothy 1:12b-14;

Saturday, May 30, 2026

Psalm 8; Job 38:22-38; John 14:15-17;



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Jim Sampson

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Sunday Worship & Christian Ed Schedule

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

Worship Online with us!

www.hamburgpresbyterianchurch.org

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

Church Office Hours: The office is open Monday through Thursdays
from 9AM to 2PM. Contact Holly if you need her outside of these
times.

June
Newsletter

Deadline

is

May 19,



Staff Listing

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Hollis Bahruth: 649-1970
Sexton

Dave Monaco: 398-1278

And now abide Faith, Hope and Love,
these three, but the greatest is

Love

1 Corinthians 13:13

MAY 2026

SUN

MON

TUE

WED

THU

FRI

SAT

01

9am
Homeschool

02

9am UCG (FH)

03

10am Worship &
Communion

04

1pm FM(ALR)
7:30pm AiAnon

05

11am WP (Z)
12:30pm PW
(ALR)
5:30pm Choir
6:30pm Bells
BellChoir

06

10am Mission
Quilters (FH)
7:30pm AA (FH)

07

7pm YogaFaith

08

9am
Homeschool

09

9am UCG

10

10am Worship

11

7pm Session
(L)
7:30pm AiAnon

12

11am WP (Z)
12:30pm PW
(ALR)
5:30pm Choir
6:30pm Bells

13

10am Hannah
Circle (ALR)
7pm CIA (C)
7:30pm AA(FH)

14

7pm YogaFaith
9:30am
Elizabeth
Circle @J
Feltz

15

9am
Homeschool

16

9am UCG

17

10am Worship
Sandwich Sunday

18

7pm W&M(Z)
7:30pm
AiAnon

19

11am WP (Z)
12:30pm PW
(ALR)
5:30pm Choir
6:30pm Bells

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12:30pm Ruth
Circle
7:30pm AA (FH)

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7pm Yoga
Faith

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9am
Homeschool

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10am Worship

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