



Hamburg Presbyterian Church

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October 2026



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AND
READY TO PRAISE GOD
IN MUSIC



From the Pastor's Heart
Building Love-filled Relationships

Dear Friends in Christ,

As we begin a new season together at Hamburg Presbyterian Church, I believe God is calling us to a year of **building love-filled relationships**--within our church, throughout our community, and around the world.

Jesus tells us, **“You shall love your God with all your heart...and your : as yourself”**. (Matthew 22:37-39). Christian love is more than a feeling; it is a way of living. It calls us to listen, encourage, forgive, welcome, serve, and make room for one another.

Paul reminds us, **“encourage one another and build up each other.”**(Thessalonians 5:11). What might happen if we become a church known not only for what we believe, but for **how deeply we love**?

How Can We Build Love-Filled Relationships?

Within the Church

- **Know one another:** Take time to listen to one another's stories and experiences.
- **Encourage one another:** Offer words of hope, gratitude and affirmation.
- **Reach out:** Remember those who are sick, hurting, lonely, or unable to worship with us.
- **Practice grace:** When disagreements arise, choose patience, forgiveness, and, reconciliation.
- **Serve together:** Use our gifts to strengthen the ministry and mission of our church.

Within Our Community and World

- **Welcome others:** Make room for those who may feel overlooked or alone.
- **Listen with compassion:** seek to understand people whose experience differs from our own
- **Serve our neighbors:** Look for practical ways to respond to needs around us.
- **Build Bridges:** Let our relationships cross boundaries that too often divide us.
- **Live our Faith:** Let our love be seen through our actions, not simply our words.

John reminds us, **“Let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action.”**(1 John 3:18)

My prayer for this year is that we will move from simply **sitting beside one another to walking with one another**--becoming a deeper community of faith where people experience the love of Christ.

Let us ask ourselves **Who needs encouragement? Who needs someone to listen? Who needs to know they are loved? And how might God be calling us to reach out?**

May this be a year of growing together, serving together, and loving one another more deeply. **Let us build relationships. Let us build community. Let us build one another up. And above all, let us build with love.**

~Pastor Rachel

~VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY~
Christmas in the Country Artisan Craft Show
November 5-8 AND November 13-15, 2026
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 for 2 weekends, 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. There will be a signup board in the Narthex or using the Sign Up Genius

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0B4FA5AB2AA6F4CE9-65021924>- copy

QR code:

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).

You do not need to be a member of Hamburg Presbyterian to volunteer; this opportunity is open to all who are willing to help. All mobility ranges will be accommodated. There are seated and standing volunteer positions; please let Tracy know if you need an accommodation.

**If you choose to, you are welcome to enter the show and shop before or after your shift or on a different day of the same weekend show you are volunteering for.*

**Please note: Your return pass only gets you into the weekend of the show you paid for or volunteered at. A new ticket must be purchased for the following weekend's show or if able, volunteer again.*

**Please note: Professional dress is required- no jeans or sweatpants*



CONNECT - GROW - SERVE

Bells of Praise &
Chancel Choir
Tuesday's
5:30 pm Chancel Choir

May God our Father and
the Lord Jesus Christ give
you grace and peace.
Corinthians 1:3

Al Anon
Mon. 7:00pm (FH)
AA
Weds. 7:30 (FH)

Presbyterian Women



The 2026-2027 Horizon Bible Study is United Through Christ, Bound to Each Other, Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians

The Problem Paul saw in the Corinthian church was a lack of love that betrayed God's saving act in resurrecting Jesus Christ. Corinth was a cosmopolitan seaport, and a place notorious for valuing wealth and showing callousness to the poor. The Christian congregation there was diverse and it was easy for factions to form. Paul had no patience for factionalism. In his letter, he called his siblings in faith to a loving

unity rooted in the reality that Jesus Christ had been crucified and resurrected for everyone.

Paul wrote at a time when Christians expected Jesus' imminent return; he challenged his friends to be ready when that day came.

Many of the questions asked by our earliest siblings in faith remain ours today. This Bible study will raise many questions while providing few direct answers. These we will seek for ourselves through prayerful reading, thinking, and discussion.

Presbyterian Women October 2026

PW Coordinating Team will meet on October 6th at 12:30 in the ALR

Elizabeth Circle will meet October 15th in Tracie Tone's home

Ruth Circle will meet October 21, in the ALR.

Mission Quilter's will meet October 14th at 10am in Fellowship Hall

Christian Education



SundaySchool for Children 5-12 will begin **October 11 at 9am** in the CEclassroom on the 2nd floor. The class will be led by Pastor Rachel and Randi Smith



Adult Sunday School led by Tony Cimorelli. Each session is a stand alone class so come as you are able.



Session Meeting Minutes: August 10, 2026, 7:00 PM

Elders in Attendance: Rev. Rachel Brown, Chris Burns, Hollis Bahruth, Jim Sampson, Wayne Hines, Julie Mills, Joanne Yoviene, Gary Lauchert, Vicki Quinn

Excused:

Deacon Representative: Joyce Huen

Monthly Session meeting:

- Rev. Brown called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM and provided a prayer.
- Motion to approve agenda by Hollis. Carried by the Body.
- Hollis provided the devotional.
- Motion to approve minutes of the June 8, 2026 meeting by Jim. Carried.

Pastor's Report:

- Performed the baptism of Evelyn Morrissey on August 2nd.
- Motion by Jim to approve the baptism of Colton Ferarro (grandson of Melissa) on September 20, 2026. Carried.
- She will be gone August 30th. Dr. Kenneth Hughes from Pulpit Supply will be guest preacher.
- She will be also gone September 27th. No guest preacher scheduled yet.
- Sunday school begins September 20th at 9 AM for seven children. There will be a small Confirmation class of three this year.
- Adult Sunday school also begins September 20th, led by Tony Cimorelli. The theme is Community Building & Relationships – Community, Church and World
- Continued visits, including the Hollenbecks in Orchard Park.
- Made flower mugs with Corinne.

Clerk's Report (Chris):

- Recorded baptism of Evelyn James Morrissey on August 2, 2026.
- Requested that new e-mail threads be started for any new actionable messages, because when sent as a reply to a previous email, the message is often buried and easily missed.
- Passed around sign-up lists for Communion and counting. Thank you to our volunteers.
- Verified that the committee chairs listed on the agenda were correct.

Deacon's Report (Joyce):

- There are three remaining Deacons from last year – Karen Klug, Elyse Perry and Joyce Huen. Tony Cimorelli participates as well. Cristel Beers, Diane Buzy, Sue Almond and Pat Catalino are new Deacons. It will take a little time to get them acclimated to their responsibilities. A sort of "getting started again".
- Still sending cards.
- Wendy, Melissa and Carol will assist the Deacons through the end of the year.
- Hoping Terri Vogler will do poinsettias again.
- Will need to select a Sunday to ordain and install the new Deacons and Elders..

Commission to Presbytery (Jim):

- July 28th was the last meeting. Rev. Brown attended for HPC. Two certified ruling Elders to the Presbytery were ordained - Lisa Elkington and Mark Aquino. WNY is one of the first Presbyteries in the USA to do this.

Treasurer's Report (Jim):

- Generally on track, slightly behind on pledges, but that is not unusual for summer. No financial report for July was available yet.
- Question about \$4700 expense in July categorized as snow removal. Will look into it.

Ministry Teams REQUIRING ACTION:**Nominating:**

- Still short one Elder and actively looking for someone interested.

Old Business:

- None

New Business:

- None.

Open Discussion:

- Vicki mentioned that Liturgist cannot be seen in video streaming window.
 - There were problems with the streaming on August 2nd. This has been fixed.
- Joanne suggested that since September 20th is especially busy, perhaps do something special during fellowship, like "Kickoff Sunday".
- Wayne mentioned that we passed building inspection on July 20th. Summer camp running smoothly. Nursery school requested waxing work on the floor.
- Chris mentioned that per Hollis, weekly counting is needed in months with three pay periods – this year October 2026 and April 2027. Chris will reflect on volunteer sheet.
- Rev. Brown will be attending a speaking class which begins with a Zoom series, then also includes a seminar at Duke University.
 - She is also in the anti-racism task group for the Presbytery.
- Joyce reminded everyone about the combined meeting with the Deacons in September.

Next Meeting Date:

- Monday September 14, 2026 at 6:00 PM in the lounge. Combined meeting with Deacons.
- See schedule of future meetings on next page. Will be updated regularly.

Motion to adjourn by Jim. Carried.

Rev. Brown provided the closing prayer at 7:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Christopher Burns Sr., Clerk of Session

Daily Devotionals for the Month of October, 2026

Thursday, October 01, 2026:

Semi-continuous: Psalm 19; Exodus 23:1-9; Colossians 2:16-23;

Complementary: Psalm 80:7-15; Jeremiah 2:14-22; Colossians 2:16-23;

Friday, October 02, 2026:

Semi-continuous: Psalm 19; Exodus 23:14-19; Philippians 2:14-18; 3:1-4a;

Complementary: Psalm 80:7-15; Jeremiah 2:23-37; Philippians 2:14-18; 3:1-4a;

Saturday, October 03, 2026:

Semi-continuous: Psalm 19; Exodus 23:10-13; John 7:40-52;

Complementary: Psalm 80:7-15; Jeremiah 6:1-10; John 7:40-52;

Sunday, October 04, 2026: Proper 22 (27)

Monday, October 05, 2026:

Semi-continuous: Psalm 119:49-56; Deuteronomy 5:1-21; 1 Peter 2:4-10;

Complementary: Psalm 144; Ezekiel 19:10-14; 1 Peter 2:4-10;

Tuesday, October 06, 2026:

Semi-continuous: Psalm 119:49-56; Deuteronomy 5:22-6:3; 2 Corinthians 5:17-21;

Complementary: Psalm 144; Isaiah 27:1-6; 2 Corinthians 5:17-21;

Wednesday, October 07, 2026:

Semi-continuous: Psalm 119:49-56; Deuteronomy 6:10-25; John 11:45-57;

Complementary: Psalm 144; Song of Solomon 8:5-14; John 11:45-57;

Thursday, October 08, 2026:

Semi-continuous: Psalm 106:1-6, 19-23; Exodus 24:1-8; 1 Peter 5:1-5, 12-14;

Complementary: Psalm 23; Isaiah 22:1-8a; 1 Peter 5:1-5, 12-14;

Friday, October 09, 2026:

Semi-continuous: Psalm 106:1-6, 19-23; Exodus 24:9-11; James 4:4-10;

Complementary: Psalm 23; Isaiah 22:8b-14; James 4:4-10;

Saturday, October 10, 2026:

Semi-continuous: Psalm 106:1-6, 19-23; Exodus 24:12-18; Mark 2:18-22;

Complementary: Psalm 23; Isaiah 24:17-23; Mark 2:18-22;

Sunday, October 11, 2026: Proper 23 (28)

Monday, October 12, 2026:

Semi-continuous: Psalm 97; Exodus 32:15-35; Jude 17-25;

Complementary: Psalm 34; Exodus 19:7-20; Jude 17-25;

Monday, October 12, 2026: Canadian Thanksgiving Day

Tuesday, October 13, 2026:

Semi-continuous: Psalm 97; Exodus 33:1-6; Philippians 3:13-4:1;

Complementary: Psalm 34; Amos 9:5-15; Philippians 3:13-4:1;

Wednesday, October 14, 2026:

Semi-continuous: Psalm 97; 2 Kings 17:7-20; John 6:25-35;

Complementary: Psalm 34; Song of Solomon 7:10-8:4; John 6:25-35;

Thursday, October 15, 2026:

Semi-continuous: Psalm 99; Exodus 33:7-11; 3 John 9-12;

Complementary: Psalm 96:1-9; Judges 17:1-6; 3 John 9-12;

Friday, October 16, 2026:

Semi-continuous: Psalm 99; Exodus 31:1-11; 1 Peter 5:1-5;

Complementary: Psalm 96:1-9; Deuteronomy 17:14-20; 1 Peter 5:1-5;

Saturday, October 17, 2026:

Semi-continuous: Psalm 99; Exodus 39:32-43; Matthew 14:1-12;

Complementary: Psalm 96:1-9; Isaiah 14:3-11; Matthew 14:1-12;

Sunday, October 18, 2026: Proper 24 (29)

Monday, October 19, 2026:

Semi-continuous: Psalm 63:1-8; Exodus 40:34-38; Revelation 18:1-10, 19-20;

Complementary: Psalm 98; Daniel 3:1-18; Revelation 18:1-10, 19-20;

Tuesday, October 20, 2026:

Semi-continuous: Psalm 63:1-8; Numbers 12:1-9; Revelation 18:21-24;

Complementary: Psalm 98; Daniel 3:19-30; Revelation 18:21-24;

Wednesday, October 21, 2026:

Semi-continuous: Psalm 63:1-8; Numbers 13:1-2, 17-14:9; Matthew 17:22-27;

Complementary: Psalm 98; Daniel 6:1-28; Matthew 17:22-27;

Thursday, October 22, 2026:

Semi-continuous: Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17; Deuteronomy 31:14-22; Titus 1:5-16;

Complementary: Psalm 1; Numbers 5:5-10; Titus 1:5-16;

Friday, October 23, 2026:

Semi-continuous: Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17; Deuteronomy 32:1-14, 18; Titus 2:7-8, 11-15;

Complementary: Psalm 1; Deuteronomy 9:25-10:5; Titus 2:7-8, 11-15;

Saturday, October 24, 2026:

Semi-continuous: Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17; Deuteronomy 32:44-47; John 5:39-47;

Complementary: Psalm 1; Proverbs 24:23-34; John 5:39-47;

Sunday, October 25, 2026: Proper 25 (30)

Monday, October 26, 2026:

Semi-continuous: Psalm 119:41-48; Numbers 33:38-39; James 2:8-13;

Complementary: Psalm 119:41-48; Deuteronomy 6:1-9, 20-25; James 2:8-13;

Tuesday, October 27, 2026:

Semi-continuous: Psalm 119:41-48; Exodus 34:29-35; James 2:14-26;

Complementary: Psalm 119:41-48; Deuteronomy 10:10-22; James 2:14-26;

Wednesday, October 28, 2026:

Semi-continuous: Psalm 119:41-48; Deuteronomy 26:16-27:7; Matthew 19:16-22;

Complementary: Psalm 119:41-48; Proverbs 16:1-20; Matthew 19:16-22;

Thursday, October 29, 2026:

Semi-continuous: Psalm 107:1-7, 33-37; Joshua 1:1-11; Romans 2:17-29;

Complementary: Psalm 43; 1 Samuel 2:27-36; Romans 2:17-29;

Friday, October 30, 2026:

Semi-continuous: Psalm 107:1-7, 33-37; Joshua 2:1-14; 2 Peter 2:1-3;

Complementary: Psalm 43; Ezekiel 13:1-16; 2 Peter 2:1-3;

Saturday, October 31, 2026:

Semi-continuous: Psalm 107:1-7, 33-37; Joshua 2:15-24; Matthew 23:13-28;

Complementary: Psalm 43; Malachi 1:6-2:9; Matthew 23:13-28;



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 Charolotte Hall

October 30 Henry Mills

October 31 Adam Metzger, Maureen Sercu

Sandwich Sunday

October 18
bring individually
wrapped sandwiches to
church and place them
in the coolers in the coat.
room. They will be delivered.
to the Hamburg Hotels.
Please sign up in the Narthex
if you are able to help with
delivery.th

In Our Thoughts and Prayers

Tracy Tone,
JaneDavis,
Doug Lehman,
Nancy Wood,
George Ackerman,
Jonah DeLang,
Donna Burns

October Coffee Hour

October 4: Church Life and
Worship & Music
October 11: Presbyterian
Women
October 18: Session
October 25: Deacons



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Sunday Worship & Christian Ed Schedule

Sunday School for 5-12 yr olds

9am in CE classroom beginning October 11th

With Pastor Rachel and Ran di Smith

Adult Sunday School at 9am in the Amy Low Room, led by Tony Cimorelli

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

Worship Online with us!

Visit 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](#)

November
 Newsletter
 Deadline
 is
 October 21,
 2026



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

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

Love

1 Corinthians 13:13