

Hamburg Presbyterian Church



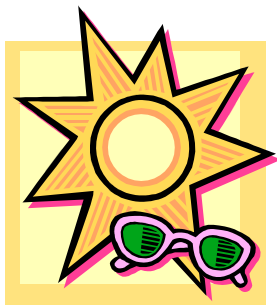
The Towel and Basin

...AS JESUS HAS DONE FOR US,
WE SHOULD DO FOR OTHERS

Praise and Patriotism in the Park on July 4th and an Opportunity to have Your "Church and State" Thoughts Heard

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*Safe and Happy
Summer!*

Dear Church Friends,

Sunday, July 4th, has been a long time in coming. It is not often that the American Day of Independence falls on a Sunday. I am glad that it's here. It is a day that we need to celebrate, but can we? How can we? Do we deserve what we have? For that matter, do we any longer have our beloved country, or has it become a distant vision of "what used to be" fading into a misty fog?

First, on July 4th, you really need to come to Praise and Patriotism in the Park at Memorial Park. The praise will begin at 9:30 a.m. with Josh Fehskens returning for a visit. Then the plan is to sing the wonderful religious and patriotic hymns of our country. During this time we will pray together, sing together and hear a brief message from the patriot Sam Adams.

At about 11:00 a.m. we will be serving a hot dog, a slice of apple pie and a drink to everyone who comes. Sadly, I contacted our local Buffalo Bisons but they were busy. So I tried to schedule the NY Yankees and the NY Mets to play here in Hamburg but they were busy and could not adjust their schedules. Oh, well. ☺

Second, now please listen to my spiritual and patriotic conundrum. May you hear my heart, my national pride and Presbyterian ideal with a generous understanding.

I want to invite you to talk about our national Christian responsibilities. The dates, places and times are at the end of this writing. Friends, God has richly provided for us as a nation. We are living examples of this fact. I fear that we need to regain direction in order that our national chaos might be relieved. The Church is about faith and community building. The church needs to be more than a place where we pray for the safety of men and women in the armed services or occasionally wave a flag.

During the last year, I have been meeting with my friend Chuck. This guy says that I am "a little left of right". What a friend! Anyway, Chuck and I can no longer remain silent. One of our main topics has been the condition of our beautiful Western New York region, New York State itself and our wonderful country. When you place the continuous predicaments in which we find the USA within world events in the mix, what is a person to do? From the many recession issues to the probable ruin of one of the prettiest bodies of water in the world, we need to be involved.

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By the way, I have forgotten, do we eat the fish of Lake Erie or is it the Gulf of Mexico? I am angry about the color of the water in the Gulf and what oil is doing to our world.

Our American heritage is important. However, faith, at least for me, is really important. Now you know the scripture. Faith sets us free but it never negates responsibility or accountability or even determination. Further, I believe that people of a vibrant faith helped form and fashion our country. I believe that the people who came before you and me would be appalled at many excessive behaviors from the many very local issues to our international domination mindset. Yet, we struggle with "the separation of Church and State" issues.

My friend Chuck and I have become interested in "get out of our house" or GOOOH.com. Together, with a few other people, we are answering questions found on that webpage. It is a non-partisan group. Some folk claim that this website is not impartial, but I believe that it is. Anyway, he and I are concerned and we want to invite you into the discussion of what we can do. You are not being asked to join something but you are being asked to be engaged in the direction of our country.

Come, let us reason together. Spend some time talking about being a Christian-minded patriot. I really want to know where you are.

I Thank Our God for You!



The Reverend Jim (James) D. Burton, Pastor

Comfort Zone back room
Thursday, July 8
Friday, July 9
7:00 p.m.

Let's talk about our national Christian responsibilities.

Christian Education Corner

As plans are made for summer, please join your church family at Praise in the Park on Sunday, July 4th. The Christian Education Committee wants families with children to feel comfortable attending the service. There will be a time in the service when children can join with me and volunteers to walk to HPC where they will hear and display the different phrases and symbols of the 4th of July using our sidewalks and chalk.

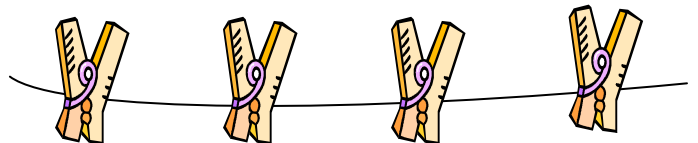
Also, mark your calendars for VBS, August 23 - 26. Our theme is *We Are Church Together* based on Romans 12:4

**Just as each of us has one body with many members,
 And these members do not have the same function.**

Our members are volunteering and are excited about the impact on the children of Hamburg. At the beginning of August, look for a clothesline with cards attached. Each card will list a need for VBS. Pull a card and help!

May God bless you all in your adventures this summer.

Cindy Hardin
 Christian Education Coordinator



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
August 23 - 26

Brian Webster
New Summer Music/Technology Coordinator

It is with great joy that we announce that Brian Webster will be working as the new Summer Music/Technology Coordinator. Currently, there is a Director of Music search team seeking to find a replacement for the recently departed Josh Fehskens. We are indeed fortunate that, in the interim, Brian has offered his services to “bridge the gap”. Brian comes to us as a Senior Student of Music Education at the University of Hartford, West Hartford, CT. He will be returning to the university in August to complete his student teaching and will graduate in December. As most of us know, Brian has a marvelous tenor voice that we look forward to hearing him share with us again. He will be working ten hours a week assisting in many needed tasks in the music and technology area of our church.

Welcome Brian!



Dear Friends,

We would like to say Thank You for your monetary donation. We have a long way to go, but when we put things in God's hands it is amazing the miracles he performs. The fire has just brought us together and made us stronger in our faith that the Lord has a plan for us.

We know that during these economic times, your donation even means more to us. Every penny helps us with the restoration of Trinity UCC.

It is so nice to know that you have reached out to us in our hour of need. Please keep us in your prayers, and please know how blessed we feel that you have thought of us.

Sincerely,

*Murrlene Flay, Church Administrator
 Trinity United Church of Christ*

Marianne and Pastor Jim thank you for all your cares while he is still recovering.

TO:
**High School Seniors,
 Juniors and their Parents**

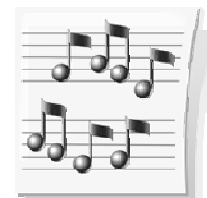
In 2002, as Westminster College celebrated its 150th anniversary, the Board of Trustees took a serious look at the question of what it means to be a PC (USA) related college. As a result, the decision was made to offer up to 150 scholarships, each worth \$16,000 annually, to outstanding PC (USA) students and offer them a way to continue to grow in faith and leadership while on our campus. The scholarships are given to all PC (USA) congregations, in essence, to award a student of their choosing who meets the qualifications: PC (USA) membership, 3.5 (or higher) cumulative HS GPA and Nomination by pastor/congregation by October 31.

Check out Westminster's website www.westminster.edu and include it on your list of colleges to visit. It's about 3 hours' drive from Hamburg, just west of the Grove City Mall! Feel free to talk to Pastor Jim or Janie Smith.



Due to low attendance and economic conditions, Weight Watchers will no longer be meeting at HPC on Saturday mornings. They extend their thanks to the church for our relationship over the years.

WORSHIP & MUSIC
All summer worship is at 9:30 a.m.



- July 4** **Praise and Patriotism in the Park**
 Independence Day
 Josh Fehskens in Praise
 Joanne Hollenbeck, HPC Organist
 Message from Sam Adams, a Founding Father
 Sermon: “Thoughts About America”
 Summer Worship Music - The Church Ladies
- July 11** **Holy Communion**
 Sermon Text & Title - Colossians 1:1-14 & Luke 10:25-37; “The AFLAC Duck” (with apologies to the insurance company)
 Summer Worship Music - The Gawlak Brass Trio; Sandra Nelson - clarinet
- July 18** Sermon Text & Title - Colossians 1:15-28 & Luke 10:38-40; “Distractions”
 Summer Worship Music - Guest Buffalo tenor George Davis
- July 25** Sermon Text & Title - Colossians 2:6-19 & Luke 11:1-13; “Caught with a Loss for Words!”
 Summer Worship Music - Don Robinson - bass
- August 1** **Holy Communion**
 Sermon Text & Title - Colossians 3:1-11 & Luke 12:13-21; “New and Messing Up”
 Summer Worship Music - The Summer Choir
- August 8** Sermon Text & Title - Isaiah 1:1, 10-20, Hebrews 11:1-3,8-16 & Luke 12:32-40; “When God Says, ‘Don’t Be Afraid””
 Summer Worship Music - Hannah Rich - marimba
- August 15** Sermon Text & Title - Hebrews 11:29-12:2 & Luke 12:49-56; “Divisions in the Family”
 Summer Worship Music - Karen Hummel - alto
- August 22** Sermon Text & Title - Jeremiah 1:4-10 & Luke 13:10-17; “Finding Joy in the Church”
 Summer Worship Music - Gail Wheaton and Carole Mitchell - vocalists
- August 29** Sanctuary Worship at 9:30 a.m.
 Church Wide Picnic with Worship (TBA)
 Summer Worship Music - Lori Jacobs Crawford - soprano
- September 5** Summer Worship Music - Jessica Grabar - vocalist

Vacation Bible School 2010 We are the Church Together!



St. Matthew's UCC, Hamburg Presbyterian, St. James UCC

Save the Dates! August 23rd - 26th 9 AM-12 Noon
Closing Thursday Night
Open to the Entire Congregation
St. Matthew's UCC on McKinley Hosting



Closing Thursday August 26th 7:00
Ice Cream Social & Square Dance with Gary Burdick and Company

Free Will Offering

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Join together with your church neighbors and share time and talents with our kids! See some ideas below
If you can help, see your VBS representative!
Don't miss out!

- Carpentry
- Gardening
- First Aid
- Languages
- Child Care
- Puppet Ministry
- Jewelry Making
- Quilting
- Recreation
- Music
- Clowning
- Dance
- Snack Prep
- Knitting
- Cooking
- Geology
- Arts & Crafts
- ???

JULY/AUGUST COFFEE HOUR

- July 4** Praise in the Park - Mission & Stewardship
July 11 Financial Management
July 18 Nominating & Personnel
July 25 Presbyterian Women - Ruth & Hannah
- August 1** Bells of Praise
August 8 Deacons
August 15 Session
August 22 Caregivers
August 29 Church Picnic - Church Life & Evangelism





IN TRANSITION

HPC is in a transition period as we upgrade our telephone system and internet services.

If you have difficulty reaching us, it's just temporary so please bear with us.



Telephone Extensions

Don Baltes, Custodian	306
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SESSION

Clerk of Session: Sue Ganey

Class of 2010

Tom Conway
Janie Smith
Blair Webster

Class of 2011

David Bortel
Anna Robinson
Joe Streamer
Wendy Zimmerman

Class of 2012

Holly Bahruth
Wayne Hines
Tom Rivers
Susan Robinson

THE DEACONS

Moderator: Tricia Harrigan

Pat Headlee
Peter Leyonmark
Hannah Rich
June Sercu

Katy Webster
Tricia Harrigan
Anne Nelson
Shari Gallagher
Mary Rey

Joyce Huen

THE TRUSTEES

President: Mike Weyand **Session Rep:** Wayne Hines

Jeff Leyonmark
Mike Weyand

Nancy Brogan
JoAnne Reed
Scott Nelson



JULY BIRTHDAYS

1	Pat Friant
3	Madison Ross
4	Christel Beers
4	Nancy Brogan
4	Heather Conway
4	Christine Petrilla
* 5	Evan Calkins
5	Connor Gow
* 8	Jayne Ahrens
8	Tracy Tone
8	Richard Wojtkowski
9	Liam Brodie
10	Chuck Boehler
10	Bradley Lauchert
10	Robert Reed
11	Russell Rich
12	Peter Leyonmark
12	Jen Walker
13	Chris Brucker
13	Dave Sterns
17	Dana Frank
18	Judith Kassman
18	Kristina Lewis
19	Don Baltes
19	Abigail Norman
19	Alexa Norman
19	Joey Smith
20	Griffin Harrigan
22	Sandy Smith
24	Ginny Jansen
26	David Cohoon
26	Skip Grishkat
26	Jacki Knauss
26	Brian Webster
27	Olivia Sauda
29	Kyle Griffin

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

2	Ann Marie Cohoon
3	Jerry Bastedo
4	Linda Ryder
7	Malcolm Buckley
7	Nancy Wood
8	Layla Lewis
* 8	Charles Olin
* 9	Herb Kusche
9	Dan Szczublewski
13	Josh Fehskens
14	Donna Beach
14	Ed Osborne
14	Brigit Reynolds
15	Benjamin Mills
* 16	Lou Lester
17	Amanda Cimorelli
18	Lynn Bushen
18	Adam Conway
18	June Sercu
18	Cheryl Weyand
19	David Knauss
20	Amy Brodie
20	Jacob Huen
21	James Fisk
22	Cooper Davis
* 22	Jeanette McGuire
22	Hannah Rich
22	Anne Skuse
24	Jack Griffin
24	Shirley Hines
24	Zachary Nelson
26	Liz Sterns
29	Leah Harrigan
30	Kaitlin Bethge
30	Keith Rey
31	Jane Cox
31	Maleah Gawlak

*** Special Note:**

We congratulate our members on reaching the wonderful milestone of 85 or more!

If we've missed a birthday in your family or have printed incorrect information, please phone the church office with the updates at 649-1970.

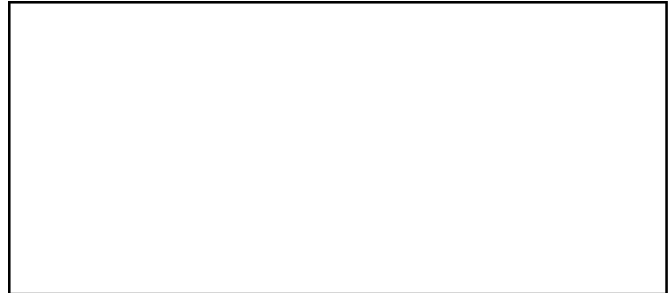


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Worship Services

Worship Services at 8:00 and 10:30 a.m. September through May
and one service only at 9:30 a.m. June through Labor Day.
7:15 p.m. Christian Nurture - the fourth Tuesday of each month
Service for the developmentally disabled individuals in area group homes.

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

The deadline for the **September** issue of the Towel & Basin is **Wednesday, August 18, 2010**. Please label articles with your name and telephone number and deliver them to the church office. (No article will be accepted without identification.) You may also submit your articles via e-mail to:

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