

Hamburg Presbyterian Church



# The Towel and Basin

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

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Dear Friends,

Do you know what the acronym "S.O.P." means?

"Yes," you say. "It means Standing/Standard Operating Procedure."

Well did you know SOP has several meanings depending on your prospective? These are the first few listed on Wikipedia. There are about 18 other acronyms using these same or similar letters.

- [Standard Operating Procedure](#)
- [Sales and Operations Plan \(S&OP\)](#)
- [Same origin policy](#), a security measure for client-side scripting
- [Seeds of Peace](#)
- [Semantic-oriented programming](#)
- [Sensory organ precursor](#)

Without the periods "sop" is a piece of bread soaked in gravy. (yum, yum!)

Well, at HPC S.O.P. has other meanings. Which one do you like best? How about "sold on prayer?" and there will be a few "Somebody on Prayer" going to lead us, though he or she might be called a "Saint on Prayer." Could this be Sue on prayer? This will be the theme of the Lenten program.

Every Wednesday from 6:30 to 7:30 P.M., we are going to seek God's will for us at HPC. While we learn what God is like, taking a close look at some of the attributes of our God, we will also be praying for our church, our church members and friends plus the other concerns we have.

Below is the brief schedule of some of HPC's plans for the Lenten calendar. While plans are being made, if you have an idea of something that you would see or participate in, please call me on me at 716-432-3085. Presently, we are considering a light soup, etc., supper before the Wednesday evening Lenten program. We will let you know soon. Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter Sunday will be planned soon.

## SOP @ HPC

Fat Tuesday: Pancakes for Mission in Fellowship Hall  
11:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. and 4:30 - 7:00 p.m.  
Ash Wednesday, March 9 at 7:00 p.m.: Holy Communion  
and Imposition of Ashes

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First Sunday in Lent -  
 Wednesday March 16 from 6:30–7:30 PM  
 Second Sunday in Lent -  
 Wednesday March 23  
 Third Sunday in Lent -  
 Wednesday March 30  
 Fourth Sunday in Lent -  
 Wednesday April 6  
 Fifth Sunday in Lent-Flower Deadline - contact the church office  
 Wednesday April 15;  
 Palm Sunday, April 17  
 Maundy Thursday, April 21; Holy Communion; Time TBA  
 Good Friday, April 22; Time TBA; Ecumenical gathering with possible dinner  
 at the Methodist Church  
 Good Friday Service – Time TBA  
 Easter Sunday, April 24; Holy Communion – 10:30 a.m.

So now you know the direction of the Worship Team and Natural Church Development Committee. I certainly hope that you will be available and open to our intention for Passionate Spirituality and Inspiring Worship.

I Thank Our God for You!



The Reverend Jim (James) D. Burton, Pastor

Also known as "Pancake Day", "Fat Tuesday" and "Mardi Gras," Shrove Tuesday always falls on the Tuesday before Ash Wednesday which is the first day of Lent in the Christian faith.

Dates vary from year to year, but it usually falls in February, sometimes early March.

**In 2011 it falls on March 8th.**

It is the day of preparation for Lent, when eating pancakes was made obvious by the need to use up the eggs and fat, the eating of which were prohibited during the forty days of Lent.



## Come Eat Pancakes

**Support the Hamburg Presbyterian Church & our Mission Work**

**in the Community and Around the World**

**Tuesday, March 8, 2011 - 11:00 am - 1:30 pm and 4:30 - 7:00pm**

**Many pancakes, two sausages each, drink**

**\$7.50 adult; \$4.50 child; Under 2 years free**

**Maximum per family \$24.00**

**For information and tickets**

**call the church office - 649-1970**

## WORSHIP & MUSIC



Dear Members,

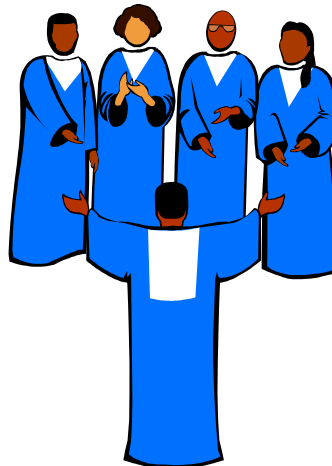
It is time we re-address involvement in our music program at HPC. In this specific article, I want to address vocal music. To simply put it, we need more involvement in the praise band, and chancel choir. In addressing this subject, it would be easy for me to just say a few words, being afraid of offending someone, and telling myself that I tried to help things, and just moving on for six more months and approaching the subject again without a solution. My very valid fear is that as our young people leave the church to go to college, we do not have anyone to replace them; therefore no praise band in the not so distant future. My valid fear is also that if we do not add more members to the chancel choir, that in a minimum of ten years time, we can look at the choir loft, and no one will be there. Is this really what you want? We have decisions to make. Get involved, or do not get involved. It is that simple. While I respect that we have our jobs and other obligations that take our time, we seem to not put aside time to enhance the vocal music program at HPC. We live in a do not get involved society which nurtures apathy.

OK, easy to pen these thoughts, and not offer solutions. So...here is what we are going to do. Expect in the near future a questionnaire in which you provide feedback to me about better rehearsal nights other than Thursday, an adult praise band and/or a mixture of adult-youth praise band, and a men's ensemble, to name just a few. We simply must start working together to find ways to open up inclusive opportunities, rather than just saying that we do not have the time. We have to sacrifice, and make time. We as a congregation must now step forward and take more ownership in the music program, and not just idly stand by. Oh...and by the way, for those who share with me that you cannot carry a tune, statistics say that only 1.29% of all people in the world are tone deaf, and I know that not all of those people are in our congregation. Your wonderful sound on Sunday mornings discredits the excuse for tone deafness!

There are three types of people in this world; ones who make things happen; ones who watch things happen, and ones who wonder what happened. What category do you see yourself fitting into as we begin to take aggressive strides to improve and enhance the vocal music at our beloved church! I will be talking to you soon. I implore you to please respond with answers, ideas, and possible solutions. I do not have all of the answers; WE do!! We have to think outside the box and create a way to make things work! Time for some progressive creative thinking. Are you with me?

Respectfully submitted,

Dave Brewer





Since 1949, Presbyterians have joined with millions of other Christians to share God's love with people experiencing need through One Great Hour of Sharing. Our gifts support ministries of disaster response - from Gowanda to Haiti and beyond, refugee assistance and resettlement, and community development that help people find safe refuge, start new lives and work together to strengthen their families and communities.

Recognizing that the hope we have in Christ is lived out in our hope for one another, we respond with gifts that help our sisters and brothers around the world find the hope for a brighter future. Last year our congregation here at Hamburg Presbyterian Church gave \$3,396.00 -- what will it be this year? Special envelopes can be found in the pew racks during Lent. We will celebrate this on Palm Sunday and Easter.

# LENT

Dear Church Family,

The NCD (Natural Church Development) Committee is planning a special focus during the Lenten season. Our goal is to encourage the entire HPC church family to come together in prayer for our church. Beginning March 16<sup>th</sup>, for five consecutive Wednesdays from 6:30pm to & 7:30pm, we are asking you to gather at the church for prayer. With united hearts, we will be seeking God's will for our church, asking Him to give us a fresh vision and renewed energy, to seek forgiveness for our apathy and to seek reconciliation with each other. We will be asking God to deepen our relationship with Christ and to place a passion in our hearts to serve Him and to share Christ in our homes, community and workplace. Please plan on joining us for this very special time of prayer for our church.

In Christ,  
The NCD Committee

**Save the dates: Wednesday, March 16, 23, 30, April 6 & 13 from 6:30pm - 7:30pm.**

## HAITIAN PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Father, a cold wind seems to have chilled us. Wrap us in the blanket of your Word and warm us up.

Lord, speak to our hearts so when we are at home, our heart will speak to our head and control our actions.

Don't put your load of trouble in a basket on your head. Put them on Jesus' head. You won't have headaches.

Lord, all my life I have been just a weed; but the other day you pulled me up and planted me in your garden. I became a flower. I am young and I want to grow and be cultivated so I can become more beautiful.

Lord, we find your Word like a cabbage. As we pull down the leaves, we get closer to the heart. And as we get closer to the heart, it is sweeter.

Although we lack a dress to wear to church, lack food at home, and have only 2 cents in our pockets, the grace of Jesus is enough. With this grace, we are rich.

Lord, may your missionaries feel younger each day to distribute your Word. Give them zeal and keep them young and unwrinkled in their souls. Although the body may get old, the hair white, the skin wrinkled, keep their souls unwrinkled.

Lord, I heard a man say, "I give you my heart." But this morning I feel I cannot give only my heart. I offer my whole self.

On its best day, Haiti is a land of stark contrasts: incredible beauty next to ecological disaster, great wealth living above the grinding poverty, the hope of a people next to the corruption of government. All of this coupled with the effects of the devastating earthquake one year ago seems incomprehensible. What is also incomprehensible is the strength of the Haitian people.



We thank you, Lord, from the depths of our hearts, that you have been a source of comfort to these special people. May you continue to guide them in their journey of life; and through you they will know that they are always and forever enfolded in your arms. Let them know your peace and your love. Amen.



Pastor Jim & the entire congregation -

Thank you so much for the beautiful baptismal for Abigail. She is so blessed to be surrounded by such loving & wonderful people!

Thank you also for the beautiful quilt - Abby loves it! She also loves being read the Bible she received.

Thanks again -  Pat, Sara & Abby Nash 

HPC,

IT MEANT SO MUCH  
TO BE REMEMBERED

Thank you for all your thoughts and prayers regarding the passing of my Dad. The cards and fruit basket were really appreciated.

Sincerely,  
Wendy Leyonmark

To Hamburg Presbyterian Church,

I am writing on behalf of my mother, Ursula Rowell. She moved to Minnesota to be near me, her daughter, as her health required a little more assistance and has not been in Hamburg since August 2010. She is doing well and has benefited greatly from a little more support that my family is able to provide her.

Debbie Rowell Legan  
1004 Glen Paul Court  
Shoreview, MN 55126-8113

*Lynn,  
I have been attending different Presbyterian churches around where I live but they are located some distance from where my daughter lives and she works every Sunday so that makes it difficult.*

*I've been in Charlotte, NC and Florida the past two months and return to my daughter's in New York March 23rd.*

*I miss quilting and all my friends. Hope to see everyone in the spring.*

*Sincerely,  
Mildred Alexander  
8 Erie Court  
Waterford, NY 12188*

January 30, 2011

Hi there:

I was born in Hamburg. That was a long, long time ago. I grew up then moved away and then back to Hamburg, then off to high school in PA. The Phelps School became my home for six years. Then the family moved to Baltimore. I entered Phelps in September of 1953 and got out May 30, 1959.

We lived at 171 Union St. right next to the school. I remember when they shot archery and the arrows would come in my yard.

I was born October 27, 1940. Yes, I am 70 now.

Dick Powell lived up the street, John Thomas across the street and Chris down the street. There was a produce market down the street, an Esso station and nice park, lots of churches to go to. I may try to bus it up this summer. Is there some place to stay? Hope to see you.

Horace Berean  
600 Light St. #S528  
Baltimore, MD 21230-3856

### Need a gun safe?

The church has a gun safe for sale. It holds fourteen guns. The asking price is \$400. Please call the treasurer, Wendy Zimmerman, at 648-6285 for more information including why the church has a gun safe.



### “The Runaway”

God’s Kids are busy preparing a musical by Joe E. Parks. On Sunday, March 6<sup>th</sup> they will be presenting “**The Runaway**” for the 10:30 AM service of worship. They have been hard at work learning the music since October and have just been assigned solos and speaking parts. They have been painting scenery and hopefully all will be ready for your enjoyment on that first Sunday in March.

“The Runaway” tells the story of Jonah who ran away from his city, his friends, and even tried to run away from God. He soon learned that no one can do that and, if they try, they might just get swallowed by a whale.

Bring your friends and family and don’t miss this special performance presented by the HPC Children’s Choir. There may even be a huge whale **right there in the sanctuary!**

Karen Hummel

### March Fellowship Time

<b>March 6</b>	<b>Trustees</b>
<b>March 13</b>	<b>PW - Ruth and Hannah Circles</b>
<b>March 20</b>	<b>Worship &amp; Music</b>
<b>March 27</b>	<b>Caregivers</b>



*"He is at it again so will you help him?"*

Needed: Twelve Men to help with Holy Week on Good Friday

This is what HE SAYS he needs:

- <> If able, grow some facial hair
- <> Dress for one hour as a "disciple" in semi-authentic Apostolic garb
- <> Read or memorize some info on a 3 x 5 card.
- <> Come to one practice to use the microphone on Sunday, April 17 and/or Monday, April 18
- <> Be available Good Friday, April 22

See Pastor Jim or call him at the office (649-1970) or at home (824-6861).

*Pastor Jim is Up to Something Good!  
Please, Let's Help Him!*

## **VET TO VET**

A Support Group for Veterans

**Open to all veterans with no strings attached,  
just an opportunity for veterans to share their experiences  
with other veterans.**

**Group led by Mitchell Collard (a local veteran)**

**Group will meet every Thursday from 7- 8 pm  
at**

**St. Paul's Lutheran Church,  
3487 North Boston Road, Eden**

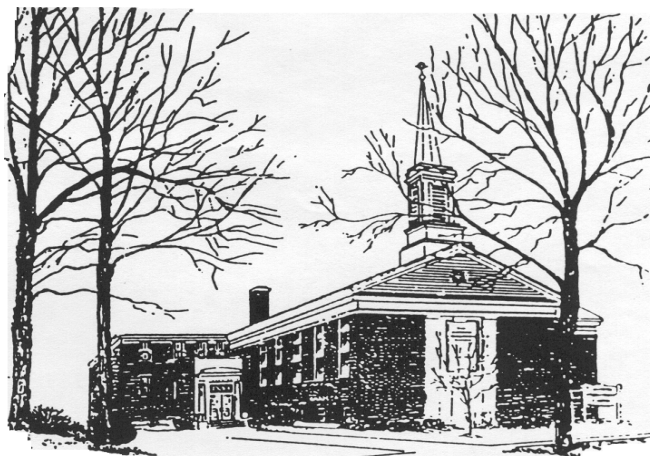
**For further information, please contact  
Mitchell Collard at 771-8938 or [mccollard@rocketmail.com](mailto:mccollard@rocketmail.com)**

The following “Mission Statement” has been adopted by the Session of Hamburg Presbyterian Church. As can be understood from the following and as our motto states, we are a church “where God’s love makes all the difference”.

### **HPC MISSION STATEMENT**

- Our family of faith believes that God’s love makes all the difference in our lives and in the world.
- Based on faith and heritage, it is our vision to present Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord through worship, education, outreach, member care and evangelism.
- In worship we are faithful and reverent as we joyously praise the Lord through a rich blend of prayer, music and The Word.
- We actively reach out to the community around us to share the saving grace of Jesus Christ.
- We offer and encourage the study of God’s word for all ages and nurture young people to find a place in the life of the church.
- We are a compassionate congregation seeking to meet the physical and spiritual needs of our members.
- We are an active mission-oriented congregation providing hands-on, as well as financial, support to local and global missions.
- Led by the Holy Spirit, we do all this to express our gratitude for God’s unending love.
- We are a “Mission Oriented” church, both internally and externally. We evangelize through actions, which show the Love of God.

Matthew 28: 19-20 “Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commended you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”



## PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN



Dear Lord,

My faith contains such splendid, glowing nouns:

holiness      benediction      peace      heaven.

They are words rich in meaning, and just saying them over brings an image of dimly lighted sanctuaries and stained-glass windows. And I bask in this feeling of goodwill.

But somehow the verbs don't give the same comfortable warmth:

come              forgive              go              work  
do              pardon              be              console  
help              understand              love.

They *require* of me.

They require not just a feeling, but an action.

They require involvement  
and straining my mind  
and getting my hands dirty.

They require more than self-fulfillment, the receiving of the nouns.

They require an *expenditure* of self for the good of all mankind.

They require of me.

*You* require of me.

I go.                              Amen.

(From "Bless This Mess & Other Prayers" by Jo Carr & Imogene Sorley)

For your Calendar:

PW Coordinating Team: Tuesday, March 1, 12:30 pm - Church Lounge

Hannah Circle: Wednesday, March 9, 10:00 am - Church Lounge

Elizabeth Circle: Thursday, March 10, 9:30 am - Jean Feltz

Ruth Circle: Wednesday, March 16, 7:00 pm - Joyce Huen

Mission Quilting: Every 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday at 9:00 am in fellowship hall to work on quilt projects. No sewing skills required. Join us for a few hours or bring a sack lunch if you can stay a while longer.

### **FUNERAL RECEPTIONS**

As a mission outreach to our church family PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN are offering bereavement receptions for our church members after funeral services held at HPC.

On request we will arrange a simple reception in the church lounge or in the fellowship hall. We will provide and serve hot and cold beverage as well as an assortment of cookies at these simple receptions.

Should families desire a more elaborate reception (i.e. deli platters, finger sandwiches, catered meals) the responsibility for providing the food, paper products, eating utensils etc. will fall upon the families according to their special needs. Our ladies will gladly set up, help serve and clean up after the reception.

Please, let the Pastor know if you are in need of our assistance when you make funeral arrangements with HPC.

THE PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN COORDINATING TEAM

### **HPC CHURCH OFFICERS**

#### **SESSION**

**Clerk of Session:** Sue Ganey

#### **Class of 2011**

David Bortel  
Anna Robinson  
Joe Streamer  
Wendy Zimmerman

#### **Class of 2012**

Holly Bahruth  
Wayne Hines  
Tom Rivers  
Susan Robinson

#### **Class of 2013**

Sue Ganey  
Marcella Toney

#### **THE DEACONS**

**Moderator:** Trish Harrigan

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Trish Harrigan  
Anne Nelson  
Shari Gallagher  
Mary Rey

Joyce Huen

Cindy Ferguson  
Carole Mitchell  
Joe Smith Jr.  
Leanne Howe

#### **THE TRUSTEES**

**President:** Mike Weyand

Jeff Leyonmark  
Mike Weyand  
Nancy Brogan  
JoAnne Reed  
Scott Nelson

## MARCH BIRTHDAYS

- \* 2 **Edith Beatty**
- 2 Nicole Bethge
- 2 Pat Smith
- 3 Dawn Sauda
- 4 Kristi Davis
- 4 Emily Szczublewski
- 6 Tyler Bortel
- 6 Weston Ferro
- 6 JoAnne Reed
- 7 John Blood
- 7 Leanne Howe
- 7 Gail Wheaton
- 9 Kathryn Griffin
- 10 Sue Ganey
- 11 Rebecca Reed
- 12 Joshua Howe
- 14 Yvonne Michaels
- 14 Dick Reynolds
- 17 Dave Coleman
- 17 Matt Lanfear
- 17 Dorothy Marrelli
- 19 Chase Bortel
- 20 Jakson Ross
- 21 Claire Conway
- 21 Ken Walker
- 28 Nicholas Nelson
- 29 Aaron Pickel
- 29 Lyn Rivers
- 30 Cayla Courteau
- 31 Rachel Reed



**\* Special Note:**

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

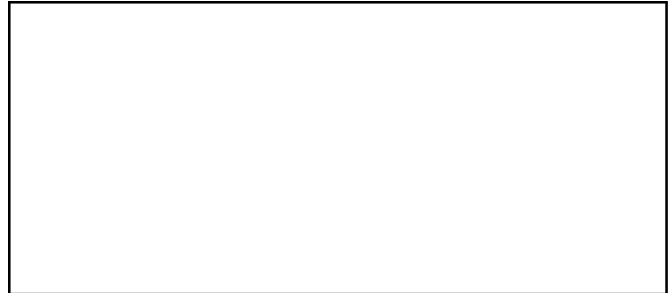
*If we've missed a birthday in your family or have printed incorrect information, please phone the church office with the updates at 649-1970.*

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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 **April** issue of the Towel & Basin is **Wednesday, March 16, 2011**. 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:

**[hamburgchurch@cavtel.net](mailto:hamburgchurch@cavtel.net)**