

Hamburg Presbyterian Church

The Towel and Basin



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

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November Greetings

Dear Friends,

I want to take this opportunity to wish each and everyone a Happy Thanksgiving. God has indeed been good to us this year. Let us praise our God with great Joy and Thanksgiving!

Now I need to share some important information with you as some changes are happening in the delivery of the November Newsletter, HPC's Towel & Basin. It will be about a six page newsletter suitable for mailing. We are asking that after worship you pick up your newsletter. This will immediately allow both the Stewardship group and the Worship Team to know who is in worship. We need to know who is getting information about the church.

After the November 1 worship services, the Stewardship group will be seeing to the delivery of the newsletters that need to be delivered to everyone who lives locally. Obviously the distance newsletters will be mailed.

This is a time-laden task and I am asking for your gracious participation. We need to have quick accurate information regarding the church and its caring constituency. After the task is completed, I will report back to you our findings.

I Thank God for You!

The Reverend James (Jim) D. Burton, Pastor

NOVEMBER WORSHIP

TIME CHANGE IS NOVEMBER 1 (We fall back one hour.)

Nov 1 – Holy Communion at both services – The Reverend Dr. Mary Lee Tolbert is preaching with Pastor Jim. Some of the conversation will be about the Youth Triennium which happens every three years at Purdue University.

Nov 8 – Sermon: “MiteShares” (What in the world???)
Congregational Meeting after 10:30 worship

Nov 15 – Sermon: “YES!” with Services of Dedication of Our Annual Commitments -- Planning a Mission Sunday about Haiti

Nov 22 – Holy Communion at both services
Sermon: “The Unchanging Christ”

Nov 29 – 8:00 a.m. - Service celebrating Advent I
Sermon: “The Anxiety Machine”

10:30 a.m. – The Christmas Traditions and Decoration Service

ADULT EDUCATION HOUR 9AM TO 10 AM EVERY SUNDAY

Every Sunday morning adults are invited to participate in one of two adult Christian education offerings.

Chapel: Shelly Ring leads a Bible study.

Lounge: During November Bob Beach & Sue Robinson continue to lead a multi-week course study using the book "Disciple Making Church (From Dry Bones to Spiritual Vitality)". Beginning in December, for three Sundays before Christmas, Joe Smith will lead a movie study on the film "The Nativity Story". All are welcome and there really is no need to be reluctant if you have been unavailable to attend previous sessions. If you have any questions about the courses, please feel free to contact any of the volunteer instructors.

Pre-Thanksgiving Dinner

Mark your calendars! Saturday, November 14th will be HPC's Annual Mission Pre-Thanksgiving Dinner. A potluck dinner will begin at 5:30 p.m. followed by an invited speaker. Bring table service, a dish to share (try a new recipe?), and your appetite. Look forward to enjoying a fine dinner and program sponsored by the Mission and Church Life Committees.



Late News!

We will hear of the situation in Gownada/Silver Creek from Donna Lewis, pastor of Gowanda Presbyterian and moderator of our Presbytery.

DEACONS' CORNER

Fall has found us busy! September saw 171 sandwiches delivered to St. Luke's and 188 meals served at Friends of the Night People. We are now also accepting "half" casseroles. If you decide to make one of these, just find a partner to make the other half, and put both your names on the same line on the sign-up list.

We also want very much to thank Janie Smith for the bread for Communion and Lamont Beer for the Communion wine. Both are homemade and have made our monthly worship that much more meaningful by the effort and time put into them.

God Bless! The Deacons

Presbyterian Youth Triennium Purdue University July 20-24, 2010

An event where participants

- Will encounter the Triune God in real and unique ways
- Are encouraged to meet and come to know new friends
- Embrace diversity

Experience worship and small groups

- That engage participants in scripture
- Will be Spirit-filled

Youth entering 9th grade through graduated seniors may attend. The cost is \$409 per person. HPC is committed to supporting every youth who wants to attend.

On Sunday, November 1st, Rev. Mary Lee Talbot will visit HPC to share information about this event. Please pray for this event- it impacts all who attend and I extend an invitation to each of our youth to consider attending.



On Saturday, October 3rd at 6:58 **Lydia Henrich - Sydnor** was born!

She's a little Henrich-Sydnor, weighing in at only 8 lbs 13 oz and 21 inches long.

She was over a week early... I was induced. If you really want to know all the gory details, I'll share them over coffee. It suffices to say it was the worst labor yet, but that I am deeply grateful to my midwives who used all of their best instincts and medical skill to help me avoid a c-section. One midwife was a Colgate Grad!

Our cup runneth over. Lydia is our long awaited child. We can barely believe she is here. And a girl at that.

The boys, who both wanted a little sister, are ecstatic. Josiah is being so perfect he has me worried. Isaac on the other hand reminds me hourly that I have betrayed him (although he loves Lydia) with some sort of demand or fit. Jon Paul is home for over a week: no comprehensive exams to study for, no dissertation to write! Amazing!

Thank you all for loving our growing family and for your prayers for us ever since we lost our last child over 2 years ago.

With a joyful heart, Abby

P.S. If you want to see pictures, join Facebook and friend Jon Paul!

Rev. Abigail A. Henrich Union Congregational Church East Walpole, MA 508.668.1355

SENIOR HIGH YOUTH FELLOWSHIP (SHYF)

The Senior Highs have been meeting since September in their room off of the Fellowship Hall. Amy & Bill Brodie and Russell & Sue Rich have been leading a group of about a dozen senior high students. So far they have participated in many group activities, such as a crazy bowling contest. They have gotten to know each other by sharing their favorite i-pod songs. The youth fellowship participated: in the Hunger Banquet at the Orchard Park Presbyterian Church with others from the presbytery to better understand the issues of hunger in the world; unloaded a truck full of pumpkins in preparation for our Pumpkin Patch sale; walked in the Crop Walk; and made posters for Undie Sunday. In class they have been reading and discussing Bill Hybel's book "Too Busy Not to Pray." In order to keep up their strength during the Sunday school hour, they have been fed breakfast treats by their teachers/advisors. They have adopted Quinn Brodie as the "official" SHYF "mascot" who helps them each week sample the Sunday morning snacks.

The SHYF has about half of the eligible 9th to 12th grade members of our church attending, so there are about twelve more of you out there that are missing out in enjoying friendship and fun while sharing in your personal faith journey. Upcoming events will include hearing from a staff person from presbytery describing the Triennium Conference for Presbyterian teen-agers from throughout the U.S. to be held next summer at Purdue University (on November 1st), Christmas in the Country (on November 8th) and Christmas Caroling (on December 7th). The SHYF meets every Sunday morning from 9am to 10am in the SHYF room. Drop in and join your fellow Presbyterians.

Don't forget to bid farewell
to Bruce Felger as he leaves us the first
part of November!
We will miss his energy and vision.

We Believe Workshop for November

Ruth Ruth 1-4

Sunday Morning 9:00

Verse to remember

Where you go, I will go; where you lodge, I will lodge; your people shall be my people, and your God, my God. –Ruth 1:16b

What we will learn

- How dear the love between family members can be.
- The theme of inclusion and acceptance.

What is Happening in We Believe Workshops

- Make a “Ruth’s Gleaned Potpie” to share
- Make stick puppets and use them to retell the story

Watch the movie *Ruth*

PLEASE BRING YOUR CHILDREN – THEY ARE ALL INVITED.

**NURSERY IS AVAILABLE FOR INFANTS TO AGE 1
SUNDAY SCHOOL AVAILABLE FOR AGES 2, 3, AND 4**

Please note- for November and December, only 3 workshops are offered because Advent workshop is planned for Nov. 29th and no Sunday School is planned for 12/27th.

WORSHIP & MUSIC



I haven't written anything for the newsletter since Josh took the position of Director of Music at the end of this past June; and I have really missed writing! So occasionally I'll be writing little dabs of this and that, and November is the first of these “dabs”.

Perhaps you have noticed that on Sunday mornings there have been a variety of keyboard music styles. This is because we have intentionally scheduled a particular music “venue” for each of the Sundays in the month. Below you will see that schedule:

1st Sunday of month:

Piano arrangements of familiar hymns

2nd Sunday of month:

Traditional/arranged organ pieces

3rd Sunday of month:

Jazz on piano and instruments

4th Sunday of month:

Classical organ works

(5th Sunday):

An extended organ selection for Prelude/Postlude

Occasionally the schedule may have to be altered, but this is what will be happening on Sunday mornings. I am enjoying my new position as Keyboardist SO MUCH; and especially am enjoying working with Josh!! We both love to make music together, and he is helping me grow in musical areas that I never thought I would ever explore in public! Actual time for practice has been WONDERFUL! So all in all, a great move with NO regrets! We both hope that you, the congregation, are enjoying the collaboration, also!

Joanne



**Churches in Action
Christmas in the Country
November 5-8, 2009**

The CIA is looking for volunteers to work 3 hour shifts for the CIA's largest fund raising project: "Christmas in the Country".

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Thursday November 5 & Friday November 6

9:45 a.m. – 12:45 p.m.
12:45 p.m. – 4:45 p.m.
4:45 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

Saturday November 7

8:45 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
12:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.
3:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.

Sunday November 8

9:45 a.m. - 12:45 p.m.
12:45 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

We need volunteers to sell bags for 3 different shifts. This is a great way to help the CIA raise money to pay for next years mission projects. Please call **Dudley Hollenbeck at 648-4910** or **Russell Rich at 648-5785** if you can help... Thanks.

**Undie Sunday
MISSION PROJECT RESULTS**

Many thanks to the CIA representatives, church members, and friends for all the "undies" collected this past month. Thank you to all who: donated, brought the underwear to Trinity Episcopal Church, helped separate, bag and distribute them to the designated missions.

Here are the results of your generosity:

	<u>UNDIES</u>	<u>SOCKS</u>
St. Luke's	373	121
Trading Post	288	183
St. Peter & Paul	285	176
Shalom Zone	290	312
Gowanda	359	418
Harvest House	372	156
Cornerstone Manor	<u>278</u>	<u>266</u>
TOTAL:	2245	1632

**GRAND TOTAL: 3877 items donated to our neighbors
THANK GOD FOR THE OPPURTUNITY**

SESSION

Clerk of Session: Sue Ganey

Class of 2009

Lamont Beers
Guy Hummel
Susan Robinson

Class of 2010

Tom Conway
Jim Lewis
Janie Smith
Blair Webster

Class of 2011

David Bortel
Anna Robinson
Joe Streamer
Wendy Zimmerman

THE DEACONS

Moderator: Dudley Hollenbeck

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Julie Cimorelli
Sandy Bethge
Dudley Hollenbeck

Lisa Cimorelli
Peter Leyonmark
June Sercu

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NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

5	Molly Lanfear
6	Corrine Arcangel
8	Bob Bergner
8	Anna Sterns
9	Christopher Ring
11	Pam Henrich
* 13	Dorothy Smith
15	Betty Lynn Griffin
15	Dick Headlee
15	Amanda Obenshain
15	Brendon Pickel
17	Danielle Leyonmark
17	Marci Toney
18	Emily Fisk
20	Sue Rich
24	Scott Obenshain
28	Holly Bortel
28	Don Dickerson
30	David Richardson
30	John Skuse



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* 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.

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 **December** issue of the Towel & Basin is **Wednesday, November 18, 2009**. 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:
hpc.hpc@verizon.net.

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