



DECEMBER BANNER

Hilton Baptist Church



Dear Friends and Family of HBC,

Whether you are ready or not, Christmas is coming and you can't stop it. According to Dr. Seuss the Grinch not only tried to stop Christmas, he tried to *steal* Christmas.

The Grinch hated every part of Christmas, but the thing he hated the most was the singing. And so, the Grinch devised an evil plan. When all the Who's down in Who-ville were asleep, the Grinch would steal everything related to Christmas. And when they woke up the next morning there would be no celebratory singing because there was nothing left to celebrate.

So, the Grinch stole the Christmas trees, the lights and the decorations. He stole the presents and even the Christmas dinner. He loaded up his sled and took everything back up his mountain where he would listen to everyone waking up and lamented that Christmas was stolen and gone.

Instead, as the Christmas morning dawns, the Grinch hears singing. Confused, the Grinch says

How could it be so? It came without ribbons it came without tags
it came without packages boxes or bags
then the Grinch thought of something he hadn't before
Maybe Christmas (he thought) doesn't come from a store.
Maybe Christmas perhaps means a little bit more.

The cold heart of the Grinch turns warm and he understands the true meaning of Christmas and returns everything. The Grinch is then invited to the table where the Grinch himself carves the roast beast and then serves others. Have you ever noticed that the chair where The Grinch sits is in the shape of a cross?

Christmas leads us to the cross. The cross leads us to new life. New life leads us to a table with others. A table with others leads us to serve others. And by serving others we share the spirit of Christmas.

Our Hope Begins in a manger. Our Hope is Confirmed at the cross. And our Hope is made solid because of the resurrection. All because unto us a child is born. Unto us a Son is given. And he shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

Be Still and Know..... PDan



2024



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 10:00 Worship Service Communion Sunday 1st Sunday in Advent Adult Education 9:00-9:45 No Sunday School Outreach Meeting 11:15	2 Mon. Ladies Bible Study 10-12:00 Finance Meeting 10:00 Gazebo Band Sanctuary 6:00-10:00	3 Property Meeting 6:00	4 Chancel Choir 7:00 Gazebo Band Sanctuary 6:00-10:00	5	6 Gazebo Band Concert 7:30 ??	7 Sat. Bible Study 9:30-11:00 - Library GriefShare 2-4:00
8 10:00 Worship Service 2nd Sunday in Advent Ret. Minister/Miss. Offering Adult Education 9:00-9:45 Sunday School 10:15-11:00 Child Safety Program 11-12:00	9 Mon. Ladies Bible Study 10-12:00 Official Board Meeting 10:00	10	11 Chancel Choir 7:00	12 Wool Club 6:00-8:00 Lloyd Room	13	14 GriefShare 2-4:00
15 10:00 Worship Service 3rd Sunday in Advent Adult Education 9:00-9:45 Sunday School 10:15-11:00 Christian Ed. Meeting 11:15	16 Mon. Ladies Bible Study 10-12:00 Unionville Board 1-3:00	17 Worship Meeting 10:00	18 Chancel Choir 7:00	19	20 Christmas Basket Pick-up	21 GriefShare 2-4:00
22 10:00 Worship Service 4th Sunday in Advent Adult Education 9:00-9:45 Sunday School 10:15-11:00	23 No School	24 Christmas Eve Christmas Eve Service - 7pm Office Closed Dawn Vacation No School	25 Christmas Day Office Closed - Holiday No School	26 Office Closed - Holiday No School	27 Office Closed Dawn Vacation No School	28 GriefShare 2-4:00
29 10:00 Worship Service Adult Education 9:00-9:45 No Sunday School	30 Mon. Ladies Bible Study 10-12:00 Office Closed Dawn Vacation No School	31 New Years Eve No School				



Christian Education News...

- ◆ Adult Education meets on Sunday mornings from 9:00-9:45am in the Library
- ◆ Saturday Women's Bible Study group meets on the 2nd & 4th Saturday of the month in the Library. A new study on the Chosen 3 Series will begin on January 11th and will run for 8 weeks. We have light refreshments, watch each episode, do some homework and have discussions. The workbook for this study is \$10 and needs to be paid to the office by **December 29th**. Please sign-up on our community board and come invest into your spiritual future.

Sunday School News...

Our Sunday School friends have been learning about living in the light...

that God is the light,
that Jesus is light
how we come from darkness to light and
that we can be a light.

As an effort to be a light, we are learning about giving to others as we promote the gathering of cans of vegetables, "Candamonium project" for our yearly Christmas baskets. We built a lighthouse to remind everyone, that we can be a light to our community. Thanks to all for your generous contributions. We will be helping Jayne pack the cans in the baskets in mid December.

As we approach advent, we read the story of the little drummer boy, who also shared a gift at Christmas, after following the star. Our stars as seen below.





THANK YOU!!

We continue to receive donations weekly to help pay back the "Roof" Loan. We can't pay back the loan without all of YOU!!. We appreciate your generosity and support. Every dollar helps and we Thank You for every one you contribute!!

As of this month we have taken in a total of \$37,975 in donations which does not include any of the fundraisers that the "Fun" Raising Teams has done this year. The fundraisers are included in the budget to help off set the \$17,685 Capital Improvement Loan line item that was put in the budget for 2024.

In March of 2023 the Church Body gave the church permission to take out a 7-year interest free loan from our own Capital Improvement Investment Account in the amount of \$130,820 to pay for a new roof. With your generous donations of \$37,975 and the \$17,685 line item in the budget we currently have \$55,660. towards our loan pay back leaving a balance of \$75,160 left on the loan. The loan is scheduled to be paid back by April 2030 and our hope is to be able to pay it off early. If your generous donations continue to come in we will most likely meet our goal and be able to pay it off early!! Thank you!!

"Raise the Roof" envelopes are available in the pew racks for your donations.

Current Fundraisers

- ♥ Slate Sale ~ Pieces of slate are in the Lloyd Room by the Historians window
- ♥ Solar Eclipse Slate & Keepsake Ornaments ~ \$5 each
- ♥ Oliver's Chocolate Candy Bars ~ \$2 each. Baskets with candy are in the Lloyd Room and back hallway
- ♥ We received many recipes and will start typing in January to create an HBC Recipe Book. If you would like to help us type and or proofread, please let us know.



Wreath Pick-up is Sunday December 1st



Finance News...

- \$ Our Stewardship Campaign is well underway and we hope you will support the 2025 Proposed Budget and submit a pledge card if you haven't already done so. If you have any questions about the budget or the process, please see a member of Finance.
- \$ Purchase Tops Gift Cards for personal use or gifts (29 Days until Christmas). You may call, stop in or email the church office to purchase.
- \$ Annual Offering Envelopes are available in the Narthex for those that wish to have envelopes. These envelopes do not have dates or numbers on them so they can be used year after year. **If you use these envelopes and place cash in them and want your donation to be recorded so you receive a year-end tax statement you will need to make sure you write your name on the envelope.** If there is no name on the envelope the donation cannot be recorded and will be considered an "Anonymous" donation.
- \$ The end of the year is fast approaching... **Is your pledge up to date?** Do you need to know how much you pledged or how much you have given to date? Call or email Dawn and she'd be happy to share this information with you. **If you want your 2024 pledge to be included on your 2024 year-end statement it needs to be turned in by December 30. **Note: If you use your on-line banking to send us payment, please select your dates carefully. It can take up to 10 days from your selected payment date to reach us****

A Look at our Finances as of November...

	November 2024	Monthly Budget	Over Budget	Under budget
Pledges	\$ 7,655.00	\$ 11,247.08		-\$ 3,592.08
Loose Offerings	\$ 2,076.00	\$ 1,666.67	\$ 409.33	
Church Life Events	\$ 4,558.85	\$ 1,667.00	\$ 2,891.85	
Misc. Income	\$ 541.75	\$ 1,167.00		-\$ 625.25
Special Offerings	\$ 120.00	\$ 167.00		-\$ 47.00
Total Income	\$ 14,951.60	\$ 15,914.75		-\$ 963.15
Total Expenses	\$ 17,367.46	\$ 21,302.24		-\$ 3,934.78

Thank you for your Support





Worship News...

- † Join us for Worship on December 15 and watch the kids perform a small Christmas story during the Children's Moment.
- † December 24th is our Christmas Eve Candlelight Service @ 7:00pm. We hope you will join us on this special day. If you are unable to attend in person we will be live streaming at YouTube under "Hilton Baptist Church Live"

Property News...



The church parking lot will be closed on Wednesday, January 1. If you need to use the church, you will need to park off premises and walk over.

Outreach News...

- ♥ Retired Ministers & Missionary Offering will be taken on December 8.

If you wish to support this year's offering, envelopes are available on the stand in the back entrance way before you come up the steps.

RMMO provides financial support to retired ministers, missionaries and their widowed spouses who have helped build and sustain our churches. Thank You checks, as well as emergency financial assistance, are made possible by the contributions of American Baptist congregations. The financial assistance restores that lifeline and ongoing connection to the ABC family. Rooted in thankfulness, RMMO acknowledges the individual acts of support and faith that recipients have shown to their congregations and communities.

The Retired Ministers and Missionaries Offering

Together, we remember.

"Remember the wondrous works that God has done."
—1 Chronicles 16:12



Office News...

- √ The office will be closed for the Christmas Holiday December 24-30. If you have any news or prayer requests that you would like to share during this time you can send them to Jayne Gerega at jgererga@rochester.rr.com and she will send them out when she has a chance.
- √ All bills and reimbursement receipts need to be turned into the office by December 20
- √ Did you recently move? Did you get rid of your landline and only have a cell phone now? If you answered yes to either of these questions, please remember to let the office know so Dawn can update her information. If you want to keep this information private, that is not a problem, just let Dawn know that when giving her your new information and she will not share it without your permission.
- √ The office will also be closed January 1 for the holiday
- √ Save the date.... Sunday, January 26, 2025 is our Annual Finance Church Body Meeting which is held after the worship service in the Sanctuary

Help Wanted...

- ♥ Tech Team is looking for some additional folks to help out in the Sound Room on a rotating schedule. No experience necessary, we will train. Should be at least 12 years old. Please see Dan or Dave Lloyd if interested.

A Note From the Church Historian...

Thank you to those who have welcomed me as your new church historian! Sharon's shoes will be hard to fill. Please check out my first window display in the Lloyd Room. A nativity scene along with a timeline & a few pictures of our past Christmas sprites! Merry Christmas! --Julie Daubert

Welcome New Members...

Please help us welcome Laurie Francati & Beth Heintz to HBC. They both became members on December 1st

Sale Table...

The Caring Cooks will be having a Sale Table on **Sunday, December 15th** and we are now accepting pre-orders....



If you would like any of the following items, please email the church office.

Assortment of Cookies \$8 ~ Cranberry/Orange Bread (Small loaf) \$5 ~ White Trash \$5 ~ Candid Almonds \$5
Spike's Peanut Brittle \$15 ~ Peanut Clusters \$5 ~ Assortment of Fudge \$5



Wednesday Dinners at HBC...

HILTON Baptist Church

50 Lake Ave., Hilton N.Y.

“Chicken & Biscuits”

Wednesday, January 8

4:30-6:00pm

OR

Until We Sell Out!!



Dinners are **\$12** per person and should be
Ordered and Prepaid in Advance

To order your dinners, please call the church office at
(585) 392-7990

Email us at hbchurch50@gmail.com or
Stop in during office hours M-F 9:30-1:30

Dinner will include:
Chicken & Biscuits ~ Sides ~ Dessert



Christmas Basket and “Gift Giving” Information....

Hoping that by the time you read this, we will already have family information and been able to get started on our shopping for gifts for our families. [*The Christmas Basket program only guarantees a Christmas dinner for families.*]

Food pickup from the Food Shelf, perishable food purchase, and delivery of the Christmas “Baskets” and gifts will occur on Friday, December 20th.

Challenges:

- **Timing:** A lot happening on Friday, December 20th.
- **COVID/Flu:** COVID and the flu continue to challenge us.
- **There is a greater need for Christmas Basket Sponsors:** We have increased the number of families we will be assisting and, to do so, we are looking at the following:
 - **The cost of food:** Yes, it has gone up. We are reducing the amount/variety that we have provided in the past – with the knowledge that the recipients will still receive other items from the Food Shelf.
 - **Gifts:** Hoping that all of our tags have been taken to purchase family gifts!

Those who would like to provide a gift (and can do so by December 16)

- Contact Jayne Gerega at jgerega@rochester.rr.com or 392-9737 if you haven't selected a family/person. She will try to match you up with someone – and will provide as much information as possible. (Note: Mindi Barnes will be assisting so you may hear from her.)
- **Please remember** – Try to limit your gifts to \$10-\$20 per person. It may be sad/difficult for one family member to get several packages to open, while another only gets one – and families in the program do compare their Christmas baskets with others who receive baskets from other organizations. Gift cards are an excellent choice for an individual or perhaps something larger if you choose to do the whole family. (*Note: Tops gift cards can be purchased through the church for adults. Walmart gift cards might also be good for a family since they deliver – and they can purchase food and other items in case you want to allow the family to do their own shopping. If you want to donate money for gifts and have us do the shopping for you, we can do that...*)

Return gifts by Monday, December 16th. Please wrap your gift and place the tag on the gift for identification. (It will be a “Family Number” and age/gender combination. **Use the tag that you selected when signing up.**) Make sure that you note the return on the sign-up sheet.

Our church is blessed with a congregation of givers - who provide generously through the Communion Offering so that we can, and do, exceed the requested list of items for the Christmas Baskets. We attempt to provide enough food for several meals - not just enough for one day.

As a new activity, we will be trying to involve the kids with the assembly of the non-perishables on December 15th. We will likely need to set aside another morning (December 19th) to make sure that the “baskets” have the appropriate non-perishables and gifts, On December 20th, we will finally add the perishable foods that we purchased along with the foods supplied by the Food Shelf and other local organizations – as we prepare them for pick up or delivery.

We thank you in advance for your participation in the Christmas Basket Program and for your generous giving to the Communion Offering throughout the year!

And when the time is appropriate, know that we all wish you a Very Merry Christmas!
Your Outreach Department



Crafting Day

Hosted by Creative Memories Advisor,
Holly McNair

Bring your own Craft Project to work on while socializing
with friends and family

Date: Sat., January 18, 2025

Time: 9:00am to 4:00pm

Location: Hilton Baptist Church, 50 Lake Ave.
Hilton, NY 14468

Registration Fee: \$25 per person

Lunch: \$5 per person



Pre-Register by January 15, 2025

Cash or checks accepted. Checks made payable to *"Hilton Baptist Church"*
Questions call 585-392-7990 or Email hbchurch50@gmail.com

Name _____ Phone # _____

Email _____

Project you might bring to work on/Notes for us _____



Our Dear Loved Ones Who We Honor
and Remember Always
With Our Christmas Poinsettias...

Poinsettias in Honor of...

Our Children, Aaron, Kelly, Matt and Suzana

Love, Mom & Dad

Our Grandchildren, Sofia and Michael

Love, Grandma & Grandpa

Our Children, Jennifer, Garrett and Bryan

Love, Mom & Dad

Our Grandchildren, Esten, Ava, Mya, Siena & Erin

With love, Nana & Papa

My Clothes Closet Family

Love, Jayne

Our Church Family

Love, Mike & Jayne

Our GriefShare Family

Love, Mike & Jayne



Poinsettias in Remembrance of...

Our Parents, William & Joan Perkins and Harold & Ethel Fisher

We were blessed to have you as our parents. You are missed, Mary

Dave

I miss you every hour of every day, Mary

Nancy P. Thomas

You are missed, Love, Mat

Kit I Thomas

You are missed, Love, Mat

Chuck & Kitty Fishbaugh and Ralph & June Shaver

Your memory is treasured forever in our hearts. Love, Karl, Cheryl, Kyle & Liz

Esther & George Eisenbraun

In loving memory, Bev & Vern Eisenbraun

Amy & T. Howard Wood

In loving memory, Bev & Vern Eisenbraun

Louise (Mitzi) McConnell

In loving memory, Kurt & Lisa McConnell

In Loving Memory of Beverly Eisenbraun, Beloved Wife, Mother, Grandmother and Great Grandmother

Love, Vern, Jill, Lynne & Jim, Kim & Andy, Lisa & Kurt, Colette, Erik, Lee & Tara, Ethan & Ava

Jim and Rob Rohland

Love you and Miss you, Grace



Poinsettias in Remembrance of...

Mom & Dad

With love, Dan & Dave

Mae & Issac Loyd

With love, Dan & Dave

Elizabeth & Frank Waugh

With love, Dan & Dave

Dave McCracken

Love always, Debbie & Ben

Jim Rohland

Love you and miss you, Dale & Barb

Cliff & Bea Provost

Love you and miss you, Dale & Barb

Our Parents, Doris & Ernest Avel and Bev Wing

Love, Mike & Jayne

John & Margaret Bennett

Love always, Vicki, Debbie & Families

Our Parents, Eleanor Knodel, Donald Rockcastle, Fay & Katherine Schalge

Love, Donna & Gary



Poinsettias in Remembrance of...

Lloyd (Hy) & Audrey Sheldon Burritt

With love from all the Burritt Families

Stephen L. & Isobel (Isa) Burritt

With love from all the Burritt Families

Gladys & Herman Albrecht & Laura & Jack McLean

Love, Sue & Gary

Jim Nolan

Love, Cheryl

My Parents, Pete & Dorothy Dwyer & My Grandparents, Clarence &

Elizabeth Studer

Love, Cheryl





Save the Dates and Let Your Friends Know

If you are currently an “Ambassador for GriefShare”, thank you and please share this information with friends who may be grieving or who may know someone who is grieving.

Anyone who has lost a loved one, whether recently or years ago, is welcome to join us.

What to expect: Nothing to fear and there is no cost. There will be a sign in and you will receive a participant's book. There will be a video, discussion and light refreshments.

Note: While GriefShare encourages a sharing of thoughts and feelings, no one should feel pressured to do so if they are not feeling able.

Meeting Time and Place:

Saturdays: 2:00-4:00 pm

Hilton Baptist Church, 50 Lake Avenue, Hilton

We occasionally run into a conflict at our designated location (Hilton Baptist Church, 50 Lake Avenue, Hilton) or may have weather issues so, if you are planning on attending, it is important for us to have contact information so that we can notify you of any changes to our meeting place/time. If you would like to attend, please sign up on-line at www.griefshare.org or call the Church Office at 392-7990. You can also send questions to Jayne Gerega at jgerega@rochester.rr.com.

The 13-week GriefShare program includes 13 stand-alone videos. **(But it's never too late to join. You can check us out now and consider joining us again for a new series in early 2025.)** Each video covers a different topic - however, they are all beneficial so we encourage the attendees to make an effort to attend as many as possible. Note: No matter which one you attend, the hardest one will be the first one - and finding the courage to walk through the door. We understand. You may bring (or be someone's) support.

12/7/2024	GS #10	Questions for God
12/14/2024	GS #11	Stuck in Grief
12/21/2024	GS #12	Hope & Resilience
12/28/2024	GS #13	What Do I Live For Now?



Hilton-Parma Gazebo Band Community Christmas Concerts

Hilton Baptist Church

50 Lake Ave., Hilton

December 6th, 2024 7:30 P.M.

Orchard Community Church

2285 Latta Rd., Rochester (Greece)

December 13th, 2024, 7:30 P.M.

Dr. Charles P. Schmidt, Conductor

Donation: Non-perishable food items at the door



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Sunday Mornings...

Worship Service @10:00 AM ~ In-person or Streaming at YouTube under "Hilton Baptist Church Live"
Adult Education Class 9:00-9:45 AM in the Library

Tuesdays....

Clothes Closet Open 9:00-11:30 AM every week

Wednesdays....

Choir Rehearsals - 7:00pm

Thursdays.....

Clothes Closet Open December 5 from 5:00-7:00 PM

Saturdays....

Saturday Bible Study meets the 2nd & 4th Saturday at 9:30 AM

Clothes Closet Open December 21 from 9:00-11:00 AM

