

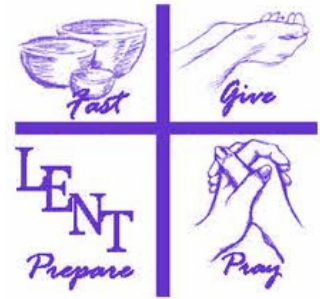


HURLEY REFORMED CHURCH

# THE SPIRE

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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I cannot think of anything to write for this month's Spire. Therefore, I leave you with some memorable quotes of others who have thought long, hard, and creatively about faith and life.

In Christ's service,

Doc Bob

I have committed myself to *Joy*.

I have come to realize that those who make space for *Joy*, those who prefer nothing to *Joy*, those who desire the utter reality, will most assuredly have it.

We must not be afraid to announce it to refugees, slum dwellers, saddened prisoners, angry prophets. Now and then we must even announce it to ourselves.

In this prison of now, in this cynical and sophisticated age, someone must believe in *Joy*.

Richard Rohr, OFM



I want to keep my soul fertile for changes, so things keep getting born in me, so things keep dying when it's time for them to die.

I want to keep walking away from the person I was a moment ago, because a mind was made to figure things out, not read the same page recurrently.

Donald Miller, *Through Painted Deserts*

The choice we face is broader than politics, deeper than charity.

It is whether we see the world chiefly as property to be controlled, defined by walls and fences that must be built ever higher, ever thicker, ever tougher; or made up chiefly of an open weave of compassion and connection.

Rabbi Arthur Waskow from his essay "The Sukkah of Shalom"



Come, my *light*, and illumine my darkness

Come, my *life*, and revive me from death.

Come, my *Physician*, and heal my wounds.

Come, *Flame* of divine love,

And burn up the thorns of my sins, kindling my heart with the flame of thy love.

Dimitri of Rostov



## Women's Guild

Well, winter is almost over & spring is coming. The days are getting longer so that must mean winter is coming to an end ... correct?

Back in December the Guild held the annual Cookie Walk. What a wonderful turn out of delicious baked cookies. Thank you to all of the bakers but a huge thank you to everyone that purchased the cookies. With your help we raised \$652. The Guild turned over all of the money raised to the church for the handicapped accessibility lift. We are thrilled to be able to help with the fundraising for the project. Also, thank you to Shirley Burns & Natalie Woodard who chaired this event.

In January we held our annual church Birthday Party during coffee hour. It was a huge success. Thank you to Ellen Richards for chairing the event & thank you to all of our table decorators. It was another wonderful event & fun was had by all!!!

Also in January we sold Minestrone soup to help warm our bones during these cold winter days. We sold quarts & raised \$252.00. You could take your quart home or you could eat your soup during coffee hour. What a great meal it was. Thank you to everyone that purchased the soup and a HUGE thank you to the gals who made it: Doris Alden, Linda Dux, Linda Shook, Shirley Burns & Natalie Woodard.

We have a meeting coming up on March 10. After this meeting we will hold our annual Butterfly Reveal & Exchange. What is this you ask? This is where someone is thinking of you for a whole year & they do a little something for you on your birthday, holiday or just be-

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## Our Mission

### Project for Febru-

ary will be the Mark Conlin Family. Mark was confirmed at the Hurley Reformed Church, married by Rev. Robert Vanderlaan, Interim Minister at HRC, and two of his three children were baptized at the Hurley Reformed Church.

Mark, at age 38, died suddenly in December and leaves a wife and three children. In February we have the opportunity to help one of our own families by contributing what you can in the Mission envelope. Your generosity will never be forgotten.



Communicants' Class - Meeting for parents and students on February 10, after worship, in the Dutch Room.

## Ash Wednesday Services . . .

February 13, 2013 @7:30 pm

The sanctuary will be open throughout the day for prayer and contemplation.

*"You are dust and to dust you shall return."* Genesis 3:19



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# STICKLEY GARDENS

## Lent

February 13th is  
Ash Wednesday,  
the first day of Lent.

It is the season when we make a sacrifice to give-up something we enjoy, like smoking, chocolate or fast food. This year let's start a new trend for the season of Lent. Let's show our gratefulness, for the sacrifice Jesus made for us, in new ways. Let's be kind to others and remember to say please and thank you. Let's put others needs before our own and who knows, this may be a habit we may want to continue even after Easter arrives. Jesus gave himself for us ... so let's give ourselves to others through kindness and make him proud. *Visit Stickley Gardens to find peace and contemplate the meaning of Lent.*

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON THE COLUMBARIUM,  
PLEASE CONTACT ANY OF THE COMMITTEE MEMBERS.

LISA LONGTO (331-1438) CHAIRPERSON  
JIM PIRRO (383-0079) TREASURER  
ESTHER STICKLEY (331-2919)  
SANDIE GREGORY (338-7626)  
DIANA CLINE (338-7276) CONSISTORY LIAISON  
REV STICKLEY, SECRETARY

A SACRED PLACE OF BEAUTY AND CONTEMPLATION.  
(LOCATED ON THE SOUTH LAWN OF THE CHURCH)

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cause. You get to know a person by the little things you do for them. This is a wonderful connection that we make with each other. Hope you can attend. If you can't attend please see Natalie Woodard & she will make sure you are included.

We welcome & invite all women of the church to be a part of the Women's Guild. You don't have to be a member of the church to be a part of the Women's Guild. We meet right after church in the Dutch Room. So, come & see what we are all about!

Blessings,

Sandy Emrich-President

Our calendar of events:

3/10/13	Meeting & Butterfly Exchange
4/14/13	Meeting

*Group Spiritual Direction* will be offered from 9-9:50 a.m. on Sundays Feb. 17, March 3, March 17, and March 24. Men and women are welcome. No previous experience with spiritual direction is necessary. Come listen to the voice of God in your everyday life during Lent. For more information please contact Linda Miles at 845-430-3348 or [lindajmiles@yahoo.com](mailto:lindajmiles@yahoo.com).



Lenten Fish Fry

Prepared by the Sea Deli

Saturday, March 16

Tickets going on sale in March

## YOUTH GROUP NEWS

The youth group continues to meet the 1st and 3rd Sunday of the month. We had a sleepless sleep-over in January which the kids thoroughly enjoyed. They have designed a t-shirt for the group. The next couple of months will be very busy for us. We will be making chili to sell for Souper Bowl Sunday. The funds will be donated to Queens Galley and Caring Hands. We will also be snow tubing that day. On March 2nd we are having a Penny Social and March 5th will be our Brooks BBQ. These fundraisers allow our group to participate in the annual Youth Group Retreat in Warwick. It also will allow the group to become more involved with mission trips. We have had 2 groups go down to assist with rebuilding what Superstorm Sandy had destroyed. We are planning on more trips as the need unfortunately remains.

A huge thank you to our congregation in supporting our Youth Group!

Christine Henning and Shannon Butler

Don't want to cook?  
Pick-up Brooks!

**BROOKS'**  
HOUSE OF BAR-B-Q

"The best BBQ ever!"  
Yummmmmmm!

The Hurley Reformed Church Youth Group is sponsoring

The Famous  
**Brook's BBQ**  
of Oneonta, NY!

**March 5, 2013**  
**4:00 pm – 7:00 pm**  
at the Hurley Reformed Church

Dinners include:

1/2 Brook's famous chicken or rib,  
baked potato, coleslaw, dinner roll,  
butter, dessert & beverage.

**Adult Chicken: \$11.00**

**Child Chicken: \$10.00**

**Adult Ribs: \$12.00**

**If your office has more than 10 dinner orders – We Will Deliver!!**  
Simply call Alyson to arrange delivery.

To make a reservation call **Alyson** at **338-4469**  
(don't be afraid to leave a message!)

## NURSERY CARE



We welcome Nicole Giebelhaus and Christine Holsapple as new permanent teachers for our Nursery for toddlers and infants during our Sunday morning worship service. Either Nicole or Christine will be there each Sunday throughout our church year.

Nicole was the head teacher at the Hurley Nursery School for five years. She has a Bachelor's in Elementary Education and a Masters in Reading and is a certified teacher in New York. Her husband Jeff is a music teacher in the Kington School District. They have two children, a son Ryan, 12, and a daughter, Lynea, 9.

Christine is a pastry chef and has served on the Hurley Nursery School Board for many years. In that capacity she took part in the hiring of the nursery school teachers. Her husband is director of operation at Frost Valley. They have a daughter Barrett, 8, and a son Wade, 5.

We entrust our youngest members to their maternal care.





**February Birthdays**

Tanner Sirni	6, '99
Alex Sirni	7, '95
Morgan Schaffrick	7, '96
Avery Davenport	13, '96
Christopher Decker	2
Dean Baker	2
Drew Wonderly	3
Robert Kindt, Sr.	4
Ron Burns	7
Molly Nicholas	8
Shannon Butler	8
Betty Pirro	8
Elsie Kemble	9
Christie Prentice	10
John Mizel	12
Steve Helm	12
Colette Woodard	13
Eugene Groelle	13
Todd Rubino	13
Sherman Richards	13
Friedel Borst	14
Matt Sirni	16
John Tucker	19
Leslie Shambo	19
Donna Horvers	19
Amanda Horvers	19
Lisa Longto	20
Rick Salzmann	22
Shirley Ruth	27
Leanne Warren	28

Jake Croswell

Nikki Cline

Lisa Rowdycz

**March**

Lily Gram Collins

Ireland Sirni

Terry Read

Craig Jansen

Linda Bognar

Jack Gill

2 Dennis Horvers


2 Dr. Bob Gram

**28 ANNIVERSARIES****29 February****29** Doris & Bob Alden


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**Donations** are needed for the Penny Social. Please contact Shannon Butler 399-2002 if you have donations; new or slightly used items will be accepted.




**Hurley Reformed Church Youth Group**  
Main Street, Hurley, NY 12443






**Friday, March 2nd, 2013**  
**Doors Open at 5:30 pm**  
**Calling at 7:00 pm**  
 at the Hurley Reformed Church



**50/50 Raffle**

**Refreshments Available**

Also accepting donations, please contact Shannon at 399-2002 for information.



## *Handicapped Accessibility Update*

*Dave Giles*



There has been additional activity on our project. **First, thank you for the donations to-date.**

Members have asked several questions concerning the project.

*Why not use a chair lift?*

The design of the stairwell does not allow for a lift to be installed and meet the mandates for accessibility.

*What will the lift look like?*

It will be fully enclosed with plexus- glass for safety (able to see if the individual has a problem).

*How does someone in a wheelchair use it?*

First, there will someone there to initially assist you. Secondly, a friend or family member can ride with you. There are three buttons, one for each level—push and ride to level you choose.

*How does someone using a walker or a cane use it?*

First, there will someone there to initially assist you. Secondly, a friend or family member can ride with you. There are three buttons, one for each level—push and ride to level you choose. There also is a seat to sit on should standing be difficult for the occupants.

*Why install a handicapped accessible bathroom?*

None of bathrooms will accommodate wheelchairs. And, these individuals should not be embarrassed by asking for assistance.

*What is the projected cost for the project?*

The initial estimate for completion is \$80,000. The lift portion will be about half of the projected cost.

*What are the projected start and end dates?*

The work will start in late May and the completion date is early September. That is considered to be the least disruptive and safest schedule.

*Will outside donations be solicited?*

Part of mission is to serve the greater community. Yes, there are many diverse groups using our facility and a letter requesting a donation will be sent to them all.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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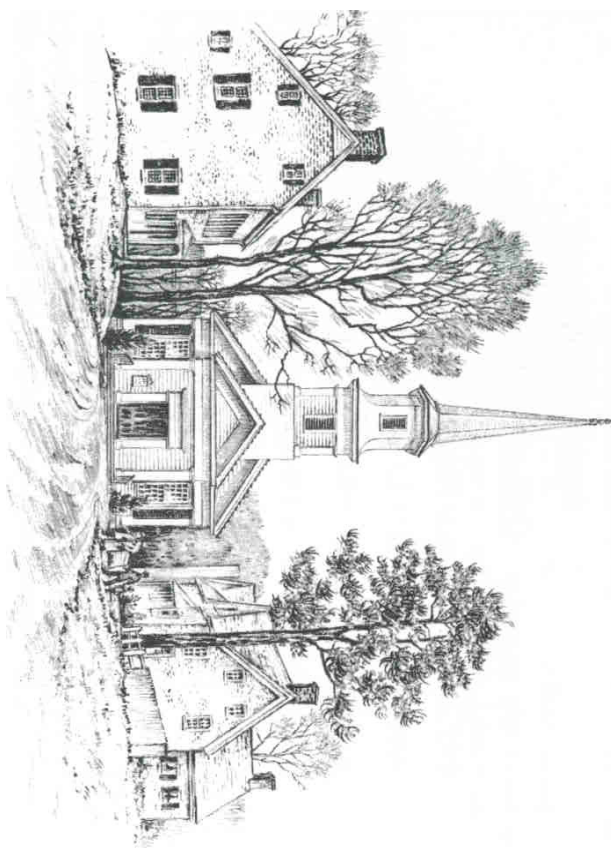
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