

HURLEY REFORMED CHURCH

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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I'm afraid I have writer's block. I would like to do a meaningful Spire article this month, but my mind is on hold—an emotional brain freeze which complements what frosty mother nature has had up her woolen sleeve. Thus my article will be brief. I'm sure Jesus is pleased because he modeled succinctness in other areas like preaching, teaching, and praying. My sense is that our Lord is not particularly fond of sermons which close long after the eyelids of bored parishioners do. In other words I pray that I am not becoming—or have become, unbeknownst to me, although you may be very aware of this issue but are too kind to say anything—a windbag in the pulpit. Nor would it help my cause as parent or grandparent by sustaining monologues in which family poises to spring out the door the split second my speech ends. In the Sermon on the Mount Jesus states: "And when you pray do not keep on babbling like pagans, for they think they will be heard because of their many words." (Matthew 6:7) I think we can infer that our Lord would say writing falls under his rubric as well. In deference to our Lord, I offer a brief top ten list of the things I've been grateful for this month:

10. Heated car seats. Before their invention, how did civilization survive?
9. Finding car keys, house keys, and wallet without searching for hours. (Sadly I'm still missing a set of car keys.)
8. Purchasing a new iPhone 5 which knows more than its owner. (Sadly I lost its dumber predecessor. Hopefully it has found its way to Verizon Heaven on its own.)
7. Snow tires and full service car washes.
6. Sushi, Coffee Heath Bar Crunch Ice cream, and homemade cookies and cake made by our church women.
5. Naps
4. Using the Step Master at the fitness center without falling off. (I've had only one tumble this month.)
3. Opening a letter which states, "Check enclosed".
2. Lengthy showers after snowshoeing. (Psst: Don't tell the Finance Committee.) followed by a glass of Dr. Loosen Riesling.
1. All of You.



May you be aware of God's blessings to you, and may your life abound with gratitude in this new year.

Yours in Christ,

Doc Bob

Queens Galley Tree

Just want to say Thank You for all of your donations during this holiday season. With your help we donated:

44 Toys
42 pairs of socks
16 bed pillows
15 T-Shirts
15 sweatshirts
10 blankets
8 pairs of gloves
8 pairs of sweatpants
5 sets of sheets
3 pairs of slippers



Once again our church family & friends who also wanted to help rise when a need is put out there. We were able to touch so many lives during this holiday season!! Thank you from the bottom of our hearts!!

Lisa Longto
Sandy Emrich

Local Missions

Rebecca Masters, Chair

Our February Mission is FAMILY House, which is supported by Family of Woodstock. It is a safe, supportive shelter for up to fourteen young people ages 12–18 who cannot live with their families at the time. The facility is drug and alcohol free and is staffed 24 hours a day. They may stay up to sixty days. The goal is reunification with the family. Residents go to school, participate in groups, and share house chores.

Please use your mission envelope or one found in the pew to support this worthy endeavor.



Women's Guild

Winter sure has arrived many times over this season. A storm hit on Saturday and carried into Sunday causing us to cancel the Annual Cookie Walk. Many of the cookies had been made and I thank the bakers for that but we had to cancel. We are thinking of doing something in the Spring so say tuned for more information.

A meeting has been scheduled for February 9 since we had to cancel a few meetings in the fall. Please bring your calendar so we can plan for the year & hope to see you there.

We welcome and 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

Women's Guild Calendar of Events

| | |
|---------|------------------------------|
| 2/9/14 | Meeting |
| 3/9/14 | Meeting |
| 3/23/14 | Annual Church Birthday Party |



Boy Scout Troop 20 is collecting non-perishable food on a regular basis. A box is located in Schade-wald Hall. Please - no glass or expired food! The Scouts will deliver the food to three area food banks & shelters. If you have any questions please see a boy scout or David Emrich.



Our Valentines: The people we love dearly.
 Our family.
 Our sweethearts.
 Our closest friends.
 Special people in our lives.
 Our favorite ancestors.
 The people who form who we are.
 The sparkles in our lives.
 The souls of our heart.
 The people we thank God for.

*Some have gone home
 but remain in our hearts.*

Happy Valentines!

STICKLEY GARDENS

FOR MORE INFORMATION – 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)
 REV STICKLEY, SECRETARY

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

Bouquets of Anemones for Mental Health Flower Sale

Bouquet of 10 anemones: \$12.50

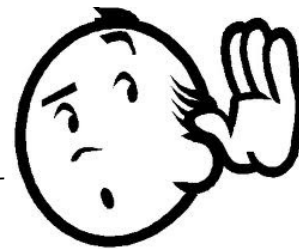
Orders to Debbie Decker by 2/17 (call the church office or see her at coffee hour)

Flowers will be delivered to church for pick up on 2/27



Have Trouble Hearing Sermons?

Many churches have implemented wireless headphones or ear buds that link into the broadcast system. Hurley Reformed Church is considering the purchase of such technology.



Wireless technology usually depends upon infrared or FM radio signals; some solutions can link directly to telecoils in specially equipped hearing aids. We are looking at FM radio solutions which would pick up the audio system used for sermons in the sanctuary. These products have individual receivers and headphones or ear buds which can be used by those having difficulty with the traditional audio system currently in use.

Your input and opinions are important in the process of selecting a product. Most important, we need to determine how many people would use such a system. Headphones can be stored at the church and shared among those users, but ear buds should be assigned to a specific person.

Some typical systems under review are the Telex Soundmate SM-2 used by Fair St. Reformed Church, William Sound PPA 457, and the Listen Technologies LP3CV072.

We plan a survey during February to solicit input from you all, but especially from those who need hearing assistance. Please complete the survey and return to the church office or deposit in the survey box in the narthex. If you would like to discuss your thoughts, please contact Wally Cook at 845-338-2193 or wally.cook@gmail.com.

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 4, 2014
4:00 pm – 7:00 pm

at the Hurley Reformed Church

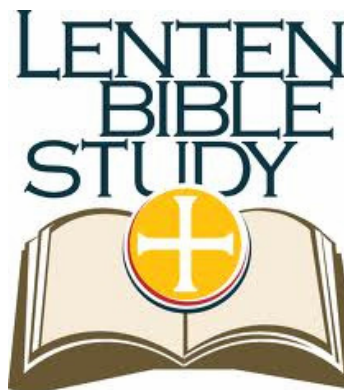
Dinners include:

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

Chicken
or 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)!



Watch the bulletin for
more details!

Have recyclable bottles and cans?

Hate having sticky fingers after tak-
ing them to the grocery store?

Bring your
clean empty
cans & bottles
to Schadewald
Hall. Terry &
William Gaf-
fken will cash

them in and the money received is
donated to MHA in Ulster.

Thanks Terry & Will!!!



BIRTHDAYS

| | | | |
|-------------------|----------|------------------|--|
| | | Steve Helm | |
| | | Colette Woodard | |
| | February | Eugene Groelle | |
| Morgan Schaffrick | 7, '96 | Todd Rubino | |
| Chris Decker | 2 | Sherman Richards | |
| Drew Wonderly | 3 | Friedel Borst | |
| Robert Kindt, Sr. | 4 | John Tucker | |
| Ron Burns | 7 | Leslie Shambo | |
| Molly Nicholas | 8 | Donna Horvers | |
| Shannon Butler | 8 | Amanda Horvers | |
| Betty Pirro | 8 | Lisa Longto | |
| Elsie Kemble | 9 | Shirley Ruth | |
| Christie Prentice | 10 | Leanne Warren | |
| John Mizel | 12 | Jake Croswell | |

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|----|--------------|----|
| 12 | Nikki Cline | 29 |
| 13 | Lisa Rowdycz | 29 |

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| 13 | | March |
| 13 | Lily Gram Collins | 1, '96 |
| 13 | Terry Read | 2 |
| 14 | Craig Jansen | 2 |
| 19 | Linda Bogнар | 3 |
| 19 | Jack Gill | 5 |
| 19 | Dennis Horvers | 5 |
| 19 | Dr. Bob Gram | 6 |

ANNIVERSARIES

| | | |
|----|-------------------|----|
| 28 | Doris & Bob Alden | 17 |
|----|-------------------|----|

Hearing Assistance Survey

Do you have difficulty hearing the sermon?

☐ Yes ☐ No

Do you wear a hearing aid equipped with audio loop (t-coil) capability?

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Not sure

Would you use a separate wireless device that would boost audio clarity of the sermon?

☐ Yes, prefer headphones ☐ Yes, prefer earbuds ☐ Yes, either headphones or earbuds are fine
☐ No, I would not use either headphones or earbuds

If wireless earbuds are acceptable, would you prefer to:

☐ Keep your set and bring to church ☐ Have an assigned set stored at the church

Are there other options that should be entertained?

Would you like to discuss the audio arrangement and personal considerations?

Please indicate your name and contact number:

NOTE: Return survey to the church office or drop in the collection box in the Narthex

**Bring Our
Office Equipment
Out of the
Stone Age!**



Serious problems limit the use of the main church
office computer

**The Church Workstations are no longer worth
fixing.**

A major upgrade is needed now!

Our goal is to raise \$3500 to purchase
Two computers, hardware, and related software for
church office operations.

Please help by contributing to the
Office Equipment Fund!
Thank You for Your Help!

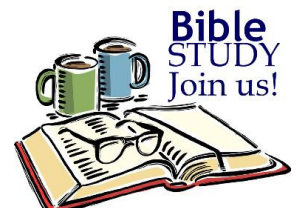
See Wally Cook for information

We are planning a new church cookbook. We need recipes of all kinds: entrees, salads, sauces, vegetables, desserts, beverages, including holiday fare. We are planning a section for those who like to barbeque, diabetic dishes, soups. There will be a section of canning and freezing spaghetti sauce, vegetables, such as red cabbage, creamed corn and zucchini relish.



So far we have received 53 recipes and need at least 70-80 more. Please help make this worthy fundraiser succeed by giving your favorite home recipes or personal favorites to Roberta Falatyn at church or email them to rfalatyn@falahome.com.

Meeting Weekly each
Wednesday at 7:30am
in the Dutch Room



admin@hurleyreformedchurch.org, Hurley Reformed Church, US Holidays

Feb 2014 (Eastern Time)

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
|--|---|---|---|---|----------------------------------|---|
| 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 | 1 |
| | | | FEBRUARY 2014 | | | 9:30am - Chill Prep 10am - Library @ 1pm - Dog Training |
| | | | | | | 3am - Brandon 10am - Genealogy @ |
| 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 |
| Groundhog Day 10am - Worship @ 11am - Prayer Chain 11am - Souper Bowl | 5pm - Dog Training 7pm - Little League 7:30pm - 1st Capitol 7:30pm - Al-Anon @ | 9:30am - Badminton 4pm - Hurley Puriers 4:30pm - PC 101 @ 6:30pm - By Laws 7pm - Boy Scouts | 7:30am - Bible 9:30am - Tax 5:30pm - Dog 6pm - Cub Scout 6pm - Den 1 Bears @ 6:30pm - Girl Scout | 9:30am - Badminton 9:30am - Tax 1:30pm - Hurley 3pm - Quilting @ 4:45pm - Dog 7:30pm - Choir | | |
| 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 |
| Scout 10am - Worship @ 11am - Women's | 11am - VFW @ 1pm - Baskets @ 5pm - Dog Training 6pm - HVFYH @ 7pm - Consistory @ 7pm - Hudson Valley 7:30pm - Al-Anon @ | 9:30am - Badminton 4pm - Hurley Puriers 7pm - Boy Scouts | Lincoln's Birthday 7:30am - Bible 9:30am - HNS @ Hall 9:30am - Tax 5:30pm - Dog 6pm - Cub Scout 6pm - Den 1 Bears @ | 9:30am - Badminton 9:30am - Tax 3pm - Quilting @ 4:45pm - Dog 7:30pm - Choir | Valentine's Day 9am - Brandon | |
| 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 |
| 10am - Worship @ 7pm - Youth Group | Washington's 10am - Genealogy @ 1pm - Baskets @ 5pm - Dog Training 7:30pm - Al-Anon @ | 9:30am - Badminton 4pm - Hurley Puriers 7pm - Boy Scouts | 7:30am - Bible 9:30am - Tax 5:30pm - Dog 6pm - Cub Scout 6pm - Den 1 Bears @ 7pm - Hurley Lions 7pm - Men's Group | 9:30am - Badminton 9:30am - Tax 3pm - Quilting @ 4:45pm - Dog 7pm - NE 7:30pm - Choir | | 9am - HNS @ Hall |
| 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | |
| 10am - Worship @ 3pm - Order of the | 10:30am - Genealog 5pm - Dog Training 7:30pm - Al-Anon @ | 9:30am - Badminton 4pm - Hurley Puriers 7pm - Boy Scouts | 7:30am - Bible 9:30am - Tax 5:30pm - Dog 6pm - Cub Scout 6pm - Den 1 Bears @ 7pm - Men's Group 7:45pm - Bagpiper | 9:30am - Badminton 9:30am - Tax 3pm - Quilting @ 4:45pm - Dog 7:30pm - Choir | | |



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