**ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR August 14, 2016**.

**Thank you, Rev. Ruth Kent,** for leading us in worship today.

**A Warm Welcome** to all as we gather as God’s people to worship the Lord.

May our worship strengthen your faith and your desire to serve him who loves us with an everlasting love in Christ Jesus. Visitors, we’re especially glad to see you! Please come again!

**Greeting you today** are Doug and Frieda Constant. Ushers are Wally Cook

and Rebecca Masters.

**Flowers this morning**, are placed in honor of Rev. Stickley on his birthday and

his ten year retirement as pastor emeritus from Hurley Reformed  Church. The flowers are placed by his three daughters and their families.

***Activities this week:***

*After Worship: Women’s Ministry*

*Tuesday****:*** *Badminton, 9:30 am*

*Balance for Life, 11:00 am*

*Wednesday, Men’s Group, 7:00 pm*

*Thursday: Badminton, 9:30 am*

**Please join** us in Schadewald Hall after the worship service for fellowship.  The

refreshments are provided by the Stickley Family in honor of Rev's birthday and the anniversary of his ten year retirement from the Hurley Reformed Church.

We love**all**goodies -**homemade or store bought.** **Please sign** **up** for

refreshments for fellowship hour. There is a signup sheet posted in Schadewald Hall.  **DATES AVAILABLE.**

**Mission of the month:** For the month of August our Mission contributions will go

to Angel Food East which provides food to the elderly and the chronically ill.

**“It’s the most wonderful time of the year . . .”** that’s right . . . back to school

and thoughts of Operation Christmas Child. Check the ads for back to school sales, pick up a few things and put them aside for our shoe box collection. If you’d like someone else doing the shopping for you, just contact Sandie Gregory, 338-7626. More information as we get closer to the distribution of our boxes.

**Back to School** also means **Sunday School.** Church Schoolbegins September 11.

**Mark your calendar: Sojourner Truth** is speaking at Kiersted House in

Saugerties for the Historical Society on August 21 at 3:00 pm.

**Rev. Gram’s Welcome Home Party** is on September 11 not on September 18

(as is in the Spire).

**Women’s Ministry Bible Study:** “Bad Girls of the Bible,” Women the Lord used

to achieve his work. Study continues Tuesday, **August 23** at 1:00 pm in the Dutch Room. A delightful book is available as part of the study. Light refreshments are served. New members welcome. For further information, call Nancy Sweeny at 336-5267 or email her at sweeney.n11@gmail.com.

**Beginning September 20,** Women’s Ministry Bible Study will begin a new study series using the book *Really Bad Girls of the Bible* by Liz Curtis Higgs. Women’s Ministry Bible Study meets every other Tuesday at 1pm in the Dutch Room.

**Many Churches use lay readers** in their services. We have had, and may have

other, Pastors who like to use lay readers. If you would like to participate, let Dorothy know and also let her know when you are available.

**The Reformed Church is a connectional church**. Our classis includes 33

congregations in the Mid-Hudson Valley. We pray for the strength and vision of the pastors and the revitalization of their members. Today we pray for the Old Dutch Church, Kingston, New York.

**Deacon of the month is Bill Beesmer.** His phone number is 914-388-3246.

Contact Bill if you are in need of a deacon’s assistance.

**If you know** of someone in the Hurley Church community in need of pastoral

care (because of hospitalization, a death in the family or for good (happy) news reasons as well ☺) please let the office know or contact Rebecca Masters 338-3556.

**Each Sunday after service** you will see someone from Women’s Ministries

standing with Rev. Gramwho will greet you, hand you a brochure and for visitors, accompany you into Schadewald Hall where another Greeter (from Women’s Ministries) will speak with you and answer any questions you may have about our church.  We wear name tags as well**.**

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**Events at other churches in the region:**

August 12 Lobster Bake, St John’s Reformed Church, 5:00 pm

September 9, “Murder at the Mansion”, Trinity Evangelical Lutheran

Church

More information can be found on the bulletin board.

**Volunteers needed:** 13th Annual Bike Ride for Cancer Care and 5K run/walk.

To benefit the Rosemary D. Gruner Cancer Fund at “Benedictine Hospital” Sunday, September 18, 2016. For more information call Meg, 845-340-4152 or visit www.bikeforcancer.org

*“Happiness is when what you think, what you say, and what you do are in harmony.” Mahatma Gandhi*

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You've heard of pot luck suppers!

You've heard of pizza parties!

You've heard of games nights!

 Well now they are all together in one fabulous night!!

Mark your calendar for August 28 6pm for PIZZA POTLUCK and GAMES night!

With  family or friends, bring a pizza of your choice, estimating about 2 slices per person. If you are a singleton, just show up, we'll share!

We'll spread them out, like a potluck supper and you can choose the pizzas you'd like to try!

Also bring a family friendly game: Apples to Apples, Mad Libs, Outburst, Candy Land.

We'll set them up at tables and you go play the game of your choice!

It will be a fun time to see everyone as the summer winds down and before back to school busy-ness begins