## THE SPIRE

### April 2022

A lot has happened in the last month. And while Easter comes closer, and Lent marches forward lots has happened in the local setting as well as the national and international setting. Just last month I was considering writing something about the Olympics. Our biggest Russian villain was the adults who surrounded a young impressionable skater, and who with her knowing or perhaps not understanding had taken a drug which could help with performance. But then the Ukraine's lands were invaded.

It's has dominated much of our worry cycle, wondering if a world leader who is willing to start such a war and do such horrible things is willing to do what to many of us seems unthinkable. I've heard more discussion in the last few weeks about World War III than I have the rest of my life. It is difficult to read, listen and see all of this play out.

In the midst of all of this there is a profound feeling of powerlessness. When I was a kid and the Desert Shield turned into Desert Storm there was no threat of using nuclear weapons. I remember being told in school how the Iraqi chemical weapons couldn't reach us. Maybe it was naïve of me but after the fall of the Eastern Block and with hunks of the Berlin Wall finding its way all throughout the United States and other countries, I never imagined having to sit my kids down and have to calm their fears of a nuclear war. But here we are.

It is hard as people of faith to watch, listed to or read about the horrors of tragedy. When hurricanes happen, when earthquakes shake, when tornados blow, and wildfires burn, there are things we can tangibly do to meet those tragedies. When a world power invades another and commits unspeakable acts, targeting civilians, hospitals and theaters, it is hard to watch. It becomes harder when we are left to wonder if there is anything



we can do as people of faith.

The simplest and easiest thing which we can do is to pray. Pray for an end to the violence, pray for the civilians, pray for the families which are now torn apart. Prayer is simple, and yet so powerful. On its most basic level is gives us a release for our emotions, fears, worries and everything else which we might have going on inside of us. But we are also taking those prayers to the King of Kings, the Lord our God. We in our prayers are calling on God to help our broken world.

But there are other things we can do as well. You can donate to the Red Cross and other companies who are working to bring aid to refugees. In my own family there are weekly lists shared back and forth of companies which have refused to divest themselves of their holdings in Russia. Has it been difficult getting information about companies which still do business within Russia? Yes it has. Is it hard when a certain company we like makes the decision to not halt operations and so we make the decision to not go there? For some of us it is. Are we making a difference? I hope so.

The reality is that as with other crises that happen our options on what we are able to do as people of faith is only limited by our abilities, comfort level and our imagination. Brothers and Sisters let us meet these crises and tragedies with trust in God and living out of our faith. Amen.



### **EVENTS**

- April 3,10,17,24 Worship
- April 2 Italian Dinner
- April 3 Communion
- April 7 Hurley Senior Citizens
- April 5,12,19,26 Bible Study
- April 10 Women's Ministries
- April 13 Social Solos
- April 14 Maudy Thursday Worship 7pm
- April 17 Easter Worship 6:30am & 10am
- April 4,11,18,25 Balance Class
- April 20 Women's Bible Study

### USHERS FOR APRIL

April 3Alan Dumas & Lee GableApril 10Jeanne Quenzer & Linda MoonApril 17Chris Decker and Bob KindtApril 24Lisa Longto and Dino Sumerano

DEACON OF THE MONTH

Bob Kindt

Mission of the Month The mission for April is Peoples Place. Thank you for your generous donations!

### **REACH OUT TO THOSE WHO NEED YOUR** SUPPORT IN THEIR DAY TO DAY NEEDS:

Keep them in your prayers. Judy Bell (Terry Gaffken's mom) needs prayers

Bev Roosa is at the Terraces at Brookmeade

Shirley Ruth is in Golden Hill

Fred Hovers is at Ten Broeck

Lori Pinkham is Wingate at Ulster

Anthony DiPietro (son of MaryAnn DiPietro)

David Giles

Marie Dressel

Barbara Sartorius, New Hampshire



### A MESSAGE FROM WOMEN'S MINISTRIES

Cards are sent out each month to those unable to attend Church. We welcome you to contact us if there is someone that you feel could use a kind message through a card from The Women's Ministries of The Hurley Reformed Church. Please contact Jane Merrill, Hospitality Secretary, at 914-388-1872 or e-mail her information at janevmerrill@aol.com to send a message through a card. Rejoice in the Resurrection, knowing that through our belief in the risen Christ, one day, Jesus will take our hand and lead us home.



### STICKLEY GARDENS

#### FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT ANY COMMITTEE MEMBER:

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A SACRED PLACE OF BEAUTY AND CONTEMPLATION. (LOCATED ON THE SOUTH LAWN OF THE CHURCH) SOCIAL SOLOS meets on Wednesday, April 13, 2022 at noon.

Contact Rev. Deb Zuill for an invite at attitudema50@aol.com or 845-247-9157



Afraid of falling? Want to get Stronger, stand straighter and just have fun?

### JOIN OUR SIT TO STAND CLASS!

Monday's @ 1pm in Schadewald Hall \$15/ class Any questions please call Ruth Beyl 845-688-2516



Please join us either in person or through zoom every Sunday at 10am with Refreshments served after in the Hall.

Sign up sheets are posted in the Hall for flowers and refreshments.



Wayne Waligurski	1
Travis Horvers	2
Mildred Mattison	4
Barbara Bondar	4
Trevor Davenport	4
Mia Zimmerman	5
Kathy Hauck	5
Fred Kurtz	6
Jeff Rafferty	7
Jean Dussol	8
Shirley Burns	9
Esther Stickley	11
Beverly Roosa	12
Christine Beesmer	14
Zachary Burns	15
Lily Barra	16
Kyle Constant	17
Ann Every	17
Joan Sutton	19
Todd Jordan	19
Jane Merrill	20
Lauren Shaffrick	20
Lois Morehouse	20
Karen Waligurski	25
Kendra Rubino	26
Braison Boice	27
Miranda Davenport	27
Mackenzie Dockery	27
Cody Baker	27
Julie Jordan	27
Emily Waligurski	26
Pat Brennan	28
Molly Shambo	29

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Allan & Bonnie Dumas	13
Nita & William Rockwell	19
Carla & Craig Paton	22
Dan & Midge Stott	23
Lia & Tom Rutski	
Gary & Lisa Longto	30





### HELP WANTED/HELP NEEDED

Stone House Day needs a chair person(s). This event was cancelled last year due to COVID-19 & lack of leadership. This is the BIGGEST fundraiser our church has. This event doesn't need to be chaired by one person. Many hands make work light. Please contact Lisa Longto <u>llongto@earthlink.net</u> or Rev Bill <u>pas-</u> tor@hurleyreformedchurch.org if this is something that you would like to inquiry about. We thank you for your consideration.

### New Bibles



Some months ago, when social distancing and other measures lightened and while returning Bibles and hymnals were being placed back in their pews a problem was noticed. Well, maybe not a problem. We were running out of Bibles. Now this might seem like not much of a problem since obviously if a Bible has left, we hope that wherever it ended up it is being used. But we were presented with the difficulty that the current Bibles in our pews are no longer printed. Through a gift we were able to replace them all with some extras. I'd like to invite you to sponsor as many Bibles as you feel led, in memory or in honor of someone. In order to do so just fill out the form below, and submit or attach \$15 per Bible. If you need more forms give the church office a call during the week.

Name:	
# of Bi	ibles:
In Memory of:	
In Honor of:	
Please make checks out to	o the Hurley Reformed Church and
return with this form to	the church office or by mail to:
Hurley Re	eformed Church
1	1 Main St.
P	O Box 328

Hurley, NY 12443



10am - Worship by	17 6:30am - Easter 10am - Easter Worship 10am - Worship by	10am - Worship by 11:30am - Women's	10am - Worship by	Hurley Reformed Church Sun Mon Mon
25 10:30am - Genealogy @ 1pm - Balance Class @ 4:30pm - Dog Training 7:30pm - Al-Anon @	10am - Genealogy @ 1pm - Balance Class @ 4:30pm - Dog Training 7:30pm - Al-Anon @	11 11am - VFW @ Dutch 1pm - Balance Class @ 4:30pm - Dog Training 7pm - Consistory @ 7pm - Hudson Valley 7:30pm - Al-Anon @	4 1pm - Balance Class @ 4:30pm - Dog Training 7pm - 1st Capitol 7:30pm - Al-Anon @	
9am - Bible Study @ 4:30pm - Karate Class 6pm - Girls Scouts	19 9am - Bible Study @ 4:30pm - Karate Class 6pm - Girls Scouts 6pm - Nursery School	9am - Bible Study @ 4:30pm - Karate Class	9am - Bible Study @ 4:30pm - Karate Class 4:30pm - PC 101 @ 6pm - Girls Scouts	Tue Bewers Bring
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