

THE SPIRE

April 2023



With the weather turning warmer and the flowers starting to poke their heads up from beneath the surface there are certain signs of the change of the season. For me, one of those signs means that the rear of my SUV is filled with lacrosse equipment and folding chairs. While standing at the fields over by Robert Graves Elementary another parent and I marveled at how much bigger the kids were. For the most part we hadn't seen this group of kids playing together since last June, and the size difference was pretty noticeable. Then just the other day I noticed that a pair of pants which Liam had gotten at Christmas had a noticeable gap between the top of the shoe and the bottom of the pantleg.

When I was growing up on the doorframe at my Grandmother's house there were a set of lines with initials on a doorframe. The peak or highest lines for the longest time had S and B on them. Little by little as time wore on the marked moved up the frame. They climbed ever higher and higher until they had reached or had in the case of two of us passed my uncle and Dad's lines. Now depending on how often we visited or how often we asked to be measured depended on how great the leap was from one mark to another. I remember once when I forgot to get measured for almost a year and how my grandparents were shocked by the amount I had grown.

We are winding down the season of Lent and by the time you read this Lent will have ended or have gotten lost in the early stages of Holy Week and Easter. One of the stated goals of the season is to develop a means to grow closer to God. This is normally done by one of the many spiritual disciplines and is a progressive and steady walk by which we develop a closeness with God. In less technical terms it is a time of spiritual growth.

But anytime we talk about growth we find

ourselves standing at that doorframe with a pencil marking off where we are. But can you measure the growth of faith like you measure your height or your weight? Are the yard-sticks or scales which help us to measure where our faith is growing? Unfortunately there is no real easy answer to this.

Instead we look to what Jesus said not necessarily about the growth of faith and its development but what it is likened to and what Jesus says it is like. For me this always tracks back to a mustard seed. It is seemingly one of the tiniest seeds, which gives life to a huge bush which more resembles a tree, in the regions where Jesus walked. Jesus speaks of how powerful faith is even when it is that small, even the tiniest seed can move a mountain.

So do we measure our faith by the mountains we can move? Or do we instead measure them as we measure the growth of a plant. Now If you're one who measures their plants good on you. But for me the growth is something that I don't notice until I do. It isn't something marked on a doorframe but something I know and can trust has occurred. The beauty of this approach isn't in the marks which show growth but the grace that is given. One of the most disheartening things can be when you go and it turns out you haven't grown as much as you wanted. Our faith is something that grows continually especially when we nurture and nourish it. Sometimes the best we can do is just to let it grow. A happy Easter and faith-filled Holy Week to you all. Amen





April 2,9,16,23,30	Worship
April 2	Communion
April 2	Palm Sunday/Parade
April 6	Maundy Thursday Worship
April 6	Hurley Seniors meeting
April 8	Easter Flowers delivered
April 9	Easter Sunday
April 4,11,18,25	Bible Study
April 9	Women's Ministries Zoom
April 10	Consistory Meeting
April 12	Social Solos
April 19	Women's Bible Study
April 19	A Story of the Hurley Pulpit- Our Past Pastors.
April 3,10,17,24	Tai Chi



**Reach out to those who need your support
in their day to day needs:**

Please keep them in your prayers.

Judy Bell (Terry Gaffken's mom)

Bev Roosa is at the Terraces at Brookmeade

Shirley Ruth is in Golden Hill

Lori Pinkham is Wingate at Ulster

David Giles

Barbara Sartorius, New Hampshire

Terry Conlin

Teresa Decker



Thank you to everyone who purchased Easter plants to make our church look beautiful!

All are welcome to help us set them up in the church on April 8th at 9am!

Please remember to take your plants home with you after Church on April 9th, there will be someone there with a list to help you.

Join us April 19th @ 1pm for some history & folklore at the Hurley Reformed Church.

Wally Cook will present a lecture entitled:

A Story of the Hurley Pulpit-Our Past Pastors.

Hurley is one of the five oldest incorporated villages of New York State. Churches reflect the history and community of a town. Imagine the personalities, and the challenges each minister faced over this 360 year journey.

To reserve a seat please call the church office at 845-331-4121 or email at

admin@hurelyreformedchurch.org

Ushers for April

April 2 Linda Moon and Aileen Helsley

April 9 Glenn Decker and Bob Kindt

April 16 Dino Sumerano and Lisa Longto

April 23 Dennis Croswell and Marilyn More

April 30 Lee Gable and Alan Dumas



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



Allan & Bonnie Dumas	13
Nita & William Rockwell	19
Carla & Craig Paton	22
Dan & Midge Stott	23
Lia & Tom Rutski	28
Gary & Lisa Longto	30

Deacon For April
is
Bob Kindt

Mission of the Month
is
Peoples Place

Social Solos meets on Wednesday,
April 12, 2023 at noon.
Contact Rev. Deb Zuill for an invite at
attitudema50@aol.com or 845-247-9157



*Rejoice in the
Resurrection,
knowing that through
our belief in the risen
Christ, one day,
Jesus will take
our hand and
lead us home.*

Happy Easter!!!

STICKLEY GARDENS

FOR MORE INFORMATION
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LEE GABLE

REV STICKLEY, SECRETARY

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



Who doesn't love a RAFFLE???

We will be holding a raffle on May 11th to help raise money for our school and playground. We are hoping to raffle off different gift certificates for local restaurants, local activities, and more....as well as multiple gift baskets! If you have a business, are a member of our community, or know someone that is willing/able to donate an item, basket, or gift certificate to our raffle, please call Mrs. Cotter at 845-339-1036 or email us at info@hurleynurseryschool.org.



Please join us for Worship
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.



EASTER

BIBLE ACTIVITY PAGE



See if you can unscramble these words
from the Easter story!

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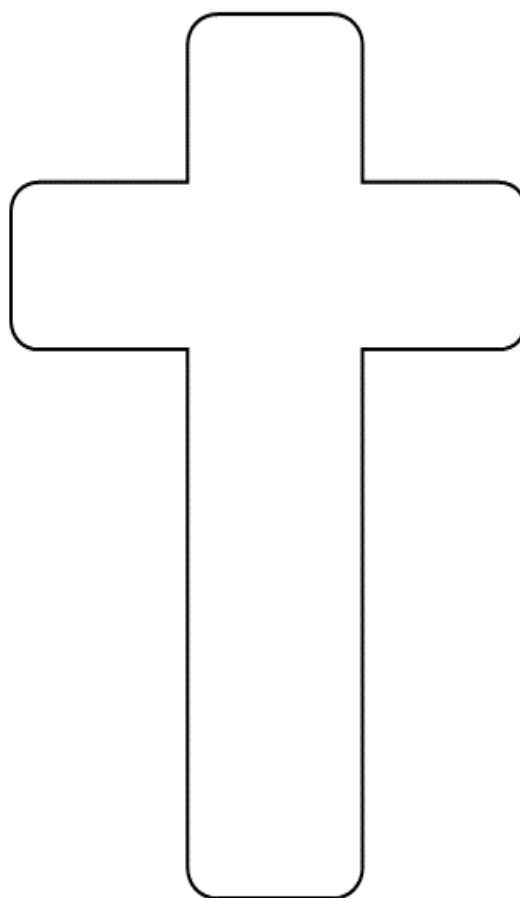
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Color and decorate the
cross for Easter!



CRACK THE CODE

Use the code to fill in the blanks and see
why Easter is so amazing!

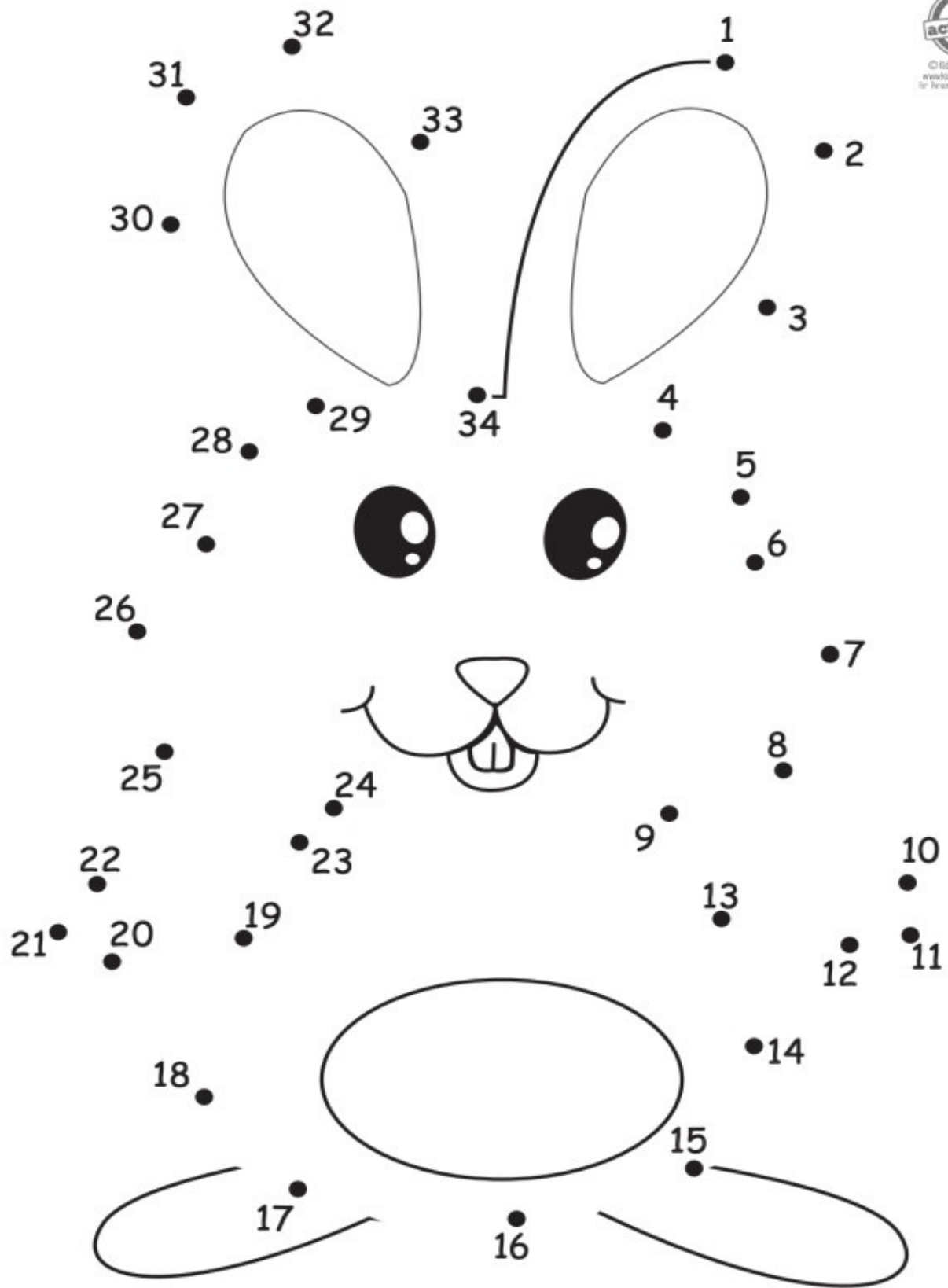
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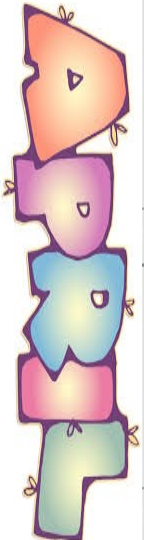
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8 5 / 8 1 19 / 18 9 19 5 14 ! Luke 24:6A

*Use colored pens or pencils to write the words and make this paper colorful!



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						
<div>2</div> <div> 9am - parade @ Main St 10am - Worship by Zoom and </div>	<div>3</div> <div> 1pm - Tai Chi 4:30pm - Dog Training @ Hall 7pm - 1st Capitol Corvettes 7:30pm - AI-Anon @ Room 9 </div>	<div>4</div> <div> 9am - Bible Study @ Dutch 4:30pm - Karate Class @ hall 4:30pm - PC 101 @ Dutch </div>	<div>5</div> <div> 4pm - Dog Training </div>	<div>6</div> <div> 1:30pm - Hurley Senior 4:30pm - Dog Training @ Hall 4:30pm - Karate Class 6:30pm - Maundy Thursday </div>	<div>7</div> <div> 12pm - Knitters @ Dutch </div>	<div>8</div> <div> 9:30am - Karate Class @ Hall 10am - Genealogy @ Room 12pm - Woodworkers @ Hall </div>
<div>9</div> <div> Easter Sunday 7:30am - Sunrise Worship 10am - Worship by Zoom and 11:30am - Women's </div>	<div>10</div> <div> Easter Monday 11am - VFW @ Dutch Room 1pm - Tai Chi 4:30pm - Dog Training @ Hall 7pm - Consistory @ Dutch 7pm - Hudson Valley 7:30pm - AI-Anon @ Room 9 </div>	<div>11</div> <div> 9am - Bible Study @ Dutch 4:30pm - Karate Class @ hall </div>	<div>12</div> <div> 12pm - social solos by Zoom 4pm - Dog Training 5:30pm - Local 1582 </div>	<div>13</div> <div> 4:30pm - Dog Training @ Hall 4:30pm - Karate Class </div>	<div>14</div> <div> 12pm - Knitters @ Dutch </div>	<div>15</div> <div> 9:30am - Karate Class @ Hall </div>
<div>16</div> <div> 10am - Worship by Zoom and </div>	<div>17</div> <div> 10am - Genealogy @ Rooms 1pm - Tai Chi 4:30pm - Dog Training @ Hall 7:30pm - AI-Anon @ Room 9 </div>	<div>18</div> <div> Tax Day 9am - Bible Study @ Dutch 4:30pm - Karate Class @ hall 6pm - Nursery School Board </div>	<div>19</div> <div> 10am - women's bible study 1pm - Adult Study Lecture 4pm - Dog Training </div>	<div>20</div> <div> 4:30pm - Dog Training @ Hall 4:30pm - Karate Class </div>	<div>21</div> <div> 8:45am - HNS-Grandparents 12pm - Knitters @ Dutch 5pm - BAPS @ Hall </div>	<div>22</div> <div> 9:30am - Karate Class @ Hall </div>
<div>23</div> <div> 10am - Worship by Zoom and </div>	<div>24</div> <div> 10:30am - Genealogy @ 1pm - Tai Chi 4:30pm - Dog Training @ Hall 7:30pm - AI-Anon @ Room 9 </div>	<div>25</div> <div> 9am - Bible Study @ Dutch 4:30pm - Karate Class @ hall </div>	<div>26</div> <div> 4pm - Dog Training </div>	<div>27</div> <div> 4:30pm - Dog Training @ Hall 4:30pm - Karate Class </div>	<div>28</div> <div> 12pm - Knitters @ Dutch </div>	<div>29</div> <div> 9:30am - Karate Class @ Hall </div>
<div>30</div> <div> 10am - Worship by Zoom and </div>						

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