

THE SPIRE

April 2025



It was a beautiful day. Well at least it was as long as you dressed appropriately for the cold. Liam and Sara were busy, and Barb was asking if we could go on the rail trail. With nothing we had to do for the first Saturday in a while I figured why not. So we set off, Barb on her bike, and me on my two feet. Needless to say we had an issue right off the bat. I wasn't as fast walking as Barb was biking. I know that last statement might be an expected reality. And it was one that I had expected. But not Barb.

Every time that she would get ahead she would stop her bike, set it in the middle of the path and sit on the bench waiting for me to catch up. But then we turned on the newer trail that runs all the way to Washington Ave across from Ulster Savings. After sitting on one bench for what I am sure had felt for her a while, she asked me if I could hurry up. I told her that I was going as fast as I could, and reminded her that I had tweaked my knee earlier in the week and it wasn't quite where it should be. Cue the roll of the eyes. I even suggested that she ride forward and then circle back to me. The calls to speed up and move faster came more and more frequently, to the point that I started to wonder if she would willingly go on the trail with me again, unless I had a bike.

When we walk together, when we journey with one another the reality is that we all move at our own speed. Being 6'1" my pace is not the same as my brother, or either of my sisters. But also being 45 means my pace is not the same as Liam or Barbs either. Some of us move faster and some of us move slower, there are innumerable factors which can speed us up or slow us down.

One of the challenges when moving as a group, moving together is what we do when one or some of us lag behind. I've seen groups that just press on or leave everyone else in the dust, not out of malice but out of a drive to complete the task. It usually take deliberate action or a conscious choice for everyone to slow down or adjust to the slowest persons pace.

A hard thing for us to grapple with is that not all of us are in the same place with our faith. Some of us are way out front, some of us are in a clump in the middle, and some are lagging way behind. Now we could analyze and go over the various ways in which those who are lagging can be caught up. But moments like this say more about the rest of the group than it does about the ones who have fallen behind. What do we do? How do we help them?

The challenge as the church is for us to remember how different our faith walks are. How varied and circuitous they may be or have been. Paul writes in in Romans in the midst of his conversation about foods, and care for those who are weaker in faith "but resolve instead never to put a stumbling-block or hindrance in the way of another." It isn't about how fast or far our faith journey travels. It's about how much we can care for those on their journey as well. Blessings and peace this April.



*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!!!*

Please come visit, feel the peace and serenity.

STICKLEY GARDENS

FOR MORE INFORMATION – CONTACT ANY COMMITTEE MEMBER:

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REV STICKLEY, SECRETARY

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

April 3	Hurley Seniors Meeting
April 6, 13, 20, 27	Worship
April 6	Communion
April 6	Breezy Hill Quintet
April 1, 8, 15, 22, 29	Bible Study
April 7	Consistory Meeting
April 9	Social Solos
April 17	Maundy Thursday Worship
April 20	Easter Worship 7am & 10am



**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

Lori Pinkham is Wingate at Ulster

Terry Conlin

Shirley Burns

April

April 6	Marilyn More and Wally Cook
April 13	Allan Dumas and Terry Gaffken
April 20	Dennis Croswell and Dino Sumerano
April 27	Aileen Helsley and Russ Voigtlaender



Our Mission for April will be Hudson Valley National Center for Veteran Reintegration. Their mission is to provide support for both our current military personnel while they are back home and our veterans by assisting them with their transition back into civilian life. HVNCVR offers programs that serve every aspect of this – such as our career/employment transition programs, financial literacy strategies, classes in social reintegration, and substance abuse assistance.

In the basket we will collect flour and sugar for Bread of Life.

Thank you for helping to support this worthy program in our community.



Deacon for March
Is
Terry Gaffken



Anyone interested in a piano
please contact the church office
or Rev. Bill.



Social Solos meets on Wednesday,
April 9, 2025
At noon

Anyone wishing to join please contact
Rev. Deb Zuill for an invite at
attitudema50@aol.com or 845-247-9157



Please join us for Worship
every Sunday at 10am with Refresh-
ments served after in the Hall.

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



5TH ANNUAL

Fall Shopping!

SEPTEMBER 27, 2025
9AM - 4PM

Crafts Fair

Christmas Shopping!

FOOD & DRINKS
AVAILABLE

GENERAL ADMISSION = \$2 (UNDER 12 FREE)

VENDOR FEE = \$40 (INSIDE ONLY)

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CHURCH OFFICE 845-331-4121

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Now Enrolling
for the 2025 - 2026 school year

Offering:

Toddler Time

10 AM - 11 AM - Tuesdays
(18 month olds - 3 yr. olds with a grown up)

3-Year-Old Class

9 AM - 11:30 AM Monday * Wednesday * Friday

4-Year-Old Class

Kingston City Schools Universal Pre-Kindergarten
or Self Pay Preschool

12:30 PM - 3:00 PM Monday - Friday

Please call (845) 339-1036 for more information or to
schedule a tour. You can also visit us at
www.hurleynurseryschool.org.

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If you are unable to attend Worship in person please join us through our Zoom link. It can be found on our webpage on the right side under our bulletin and on the left side under Worship Material.



April Birthdays!

Wayne Waligurski	1
Travis Horvers	2
Mildred Mattison	4
Barbara Bondar	4
Trevor Davenport	4
Kathy Hauck	5
Fred Kurtz	6
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
Kinsley LeLay	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

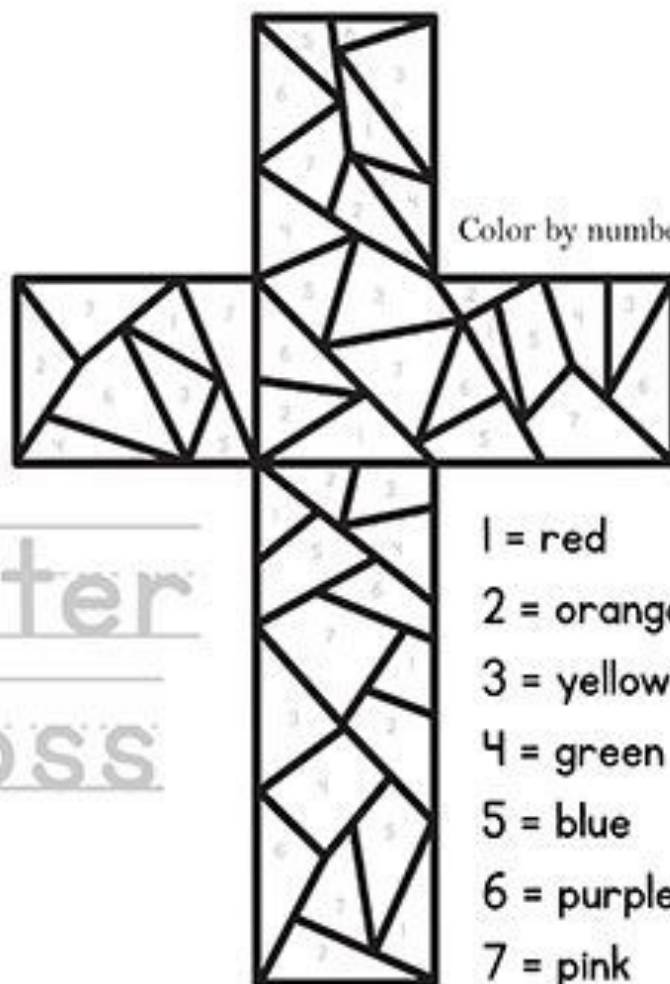
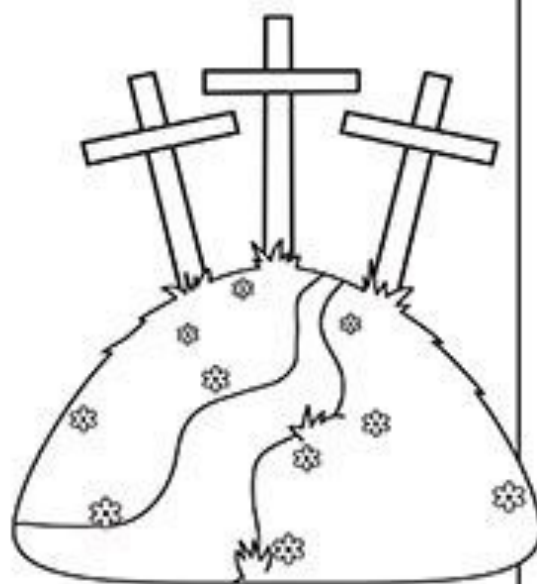
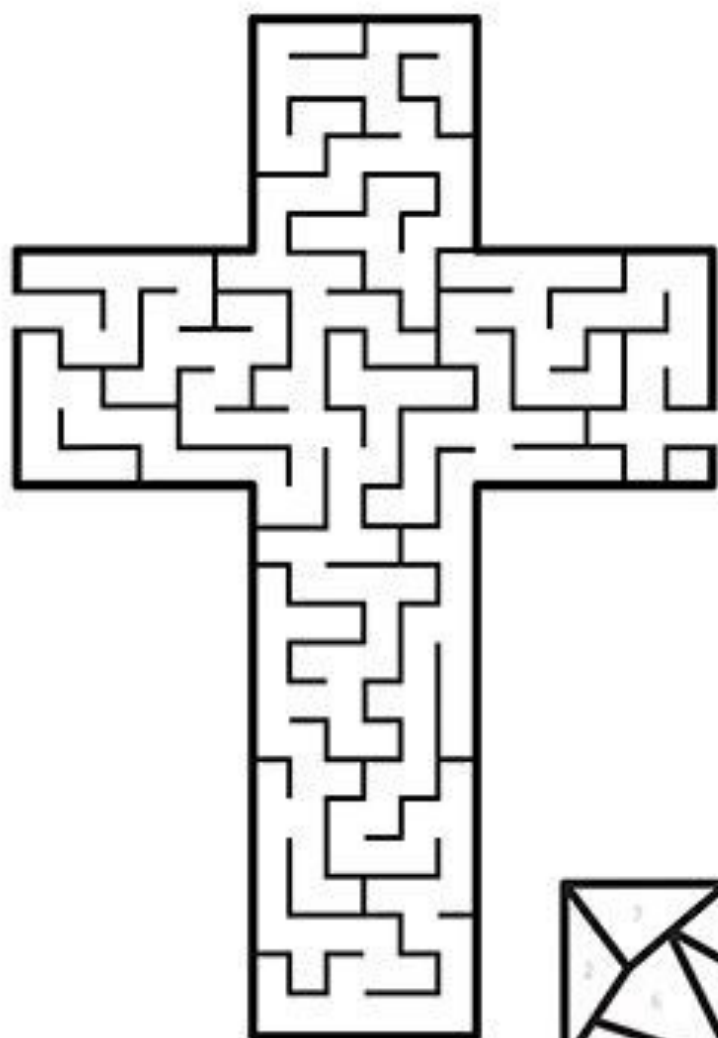


Allan & Bonnie Dumas	13
Nita & William Rockwell	19
Carla & Craig Paton	22
Dan & Midge Stott	23
Lia & Tom Rutski	28
Gary & Lisa Longto	30



Our former pastor, Dr. Bob Gram has been nominated for the top 6 finalist for the Chrono-gram's Readers Choice Author Award. If you would like to submit a vote please go to [https://www.cronogram.com/ HUDSONVALLEY/awards/Page#//](https://www.cronogram.com/ HUDSONVALLEY/awards/Page#/). From there you can navigate to "People" and then "Author", where you will find Bob's name. You need only provide an email and can vote daily until May 15th.

Easter Cross Maze



Easter
cross

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						
	10am - Worship 3pm - Breezy Hill Quintet	9am - Bible Study @ Dutch 4:30pm - Karate Class @ hall	8:30am - Meeting @	1:30pm - Hurley Senior 4:30pm - Karate Class	1pm - Knitters @ Dutch Room	10am - Karate Class @ Hall
	12:45pm - Tai Chi 6:30pm - Al-Anon @ Hall 7pm - 1st Capitol Corvettes 7pm - Consistory	8am - Bible Study @ Dutch 4:30pm - Karate Class @ hall	8:30am - Meeting @ 12pm - social solos @ Lunch 2pm - Local 1582 Trailways 7pm - Radio Club @ Hall	4:30pm - Karate Class	9am - HNS (if raining) @ Hall 1pm - Knitters @ Dutch Room	10am - Genealogy @ Room 10am - Karate Class @ Hall 12pm - Woodworkers @ Hall
	10am - Worship-Palm 12pm - Event @ Hall	9am - Bible Study @ Dutch 4:30pm - Karate Class @ hall	8:30am - Meeting @	4:30pm - Karate Class 6:30pm - Maundy Thursday	1pm - Knitters @ Dutch Room	10am - Karate Class @ Hall
7am - Worship 10am - Worship	10am - Genealogy @ Rooms 12:45pm - Tai Chi 6:30pm - Al-Anon @ Hall	9am - Bible Study @ Dutch 4:30pm - Karate Class @ hall 6pm - Nursery School Board	8:30am - Meeting @	4:30pm - Karate Class	1pm - Knitters @ Dutch Room	10am - Karate Class @ Hall
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