

THE SPIRE

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CONTROL

The challenge this spring/summer in the Appleyard-Pekich family is to grow things. Last summer we had one raised bed in the yard which yielded green beans and tomatoes in abundance. However in our family there never is enough even in a point of abundance of those two. And yes Barb and Sara do eat that many tomatoes. This year instead of one raised bed we are going to try to have three. That means lots more tomatoes and a lot more green beans.

The other growing project that we will be partaking in will be trying to grow grass. Last year when the pine trees along the drive between the parsonage and the church came out no grass seed was planted on the inside of the fence. So this year we have put down lime. The kids and I took the time to put up and stake out snow fence to keep the dogs off the seed. And now all we need is rake up the soil, spread the seed, and make sure that the ground stays damp enough, and we will soon have grass, instead of the dust and mud which normally has filled those areas.

Hopefully. We are trying. These are the caveats which I seem to always place before these two statements. You see I look out on the past experiences of Sara and my collective experience gardening and it hasn't been great. And even though I spent six summers professionally caring for grass and almost 30 summers seeding and mowing, experience is never a guarantee of success. There are so many other factors. A few of the wild cards are the dogs, the squirrels, how wet or dry the spring is, the general highs and lows of temperature.

The difficulty with life is that there are the things which we can control, and then there are the things we cannot. We cannot control all the various things which happen each year, each month and each day. There simply are things that happen which are

beyond the limits of our control. The best we can do is manage and control how it is that we respond to those things. When tragedy strikes we can control how it is that we deal with it. When hardship rears its ugly head we cannot control that hardship, but we can control the way in which we rise up to deal with it. It is up to us how we celebrate and ring out with joy.

An Elder at a former church I served always ended his prayers with the same phrase, "We never know what tomorrow holds but we know who holds tomorrow." There is no telling what the next day, week, month or even year truly will have for us. Of course there are certainties, there are things we can count on and estimate happening. But like control there are simply things which will happen which are beyond the realm of what we could have expected. But there is the one who no matter what happens is with us. No matter what occurs whether good or bad, wonderful or awful, we can trust in the certainty that God is with us, that God is holding us.

We might not be able to control the many things which occur in our lives, but we can control whether or not we lean on, or walk with God as we experience them. We can make the choice to face the challenges or successes of the world on our own or with the partnership of God. We can control whether we face the moments that will be on our own or with the King of Kings. As we progress through life and this pandemic may we find strength and support in the arms of Christ.

Amen.

Rev Bill.



EVENTS

April 4, 11, 18, 25	Worship
April 1	Maundy Thursday
April 2	Good Friday
April 4	Happy Easter!
April 4	Communion
April 12	Consistory by Zoom
April 14	Social Solos by Zoom
April 6, 13, 20, 27	Bible Study by Zoom
April 7, 21	Women's Bible Study by Zoom

USHERS FOR APRIL

April 4	Ushers: Jim Pirro and Linda Moon
April 11	Ushers: Doug Constant and Alan Dumas
April 18	Ushers: Chris Decker and Bob Kindt
April 25	Ushers: Sandy Emrich and Lisa Longto

MISSIONS REPORT



Mission of the month for April is Joshua Bode Missionary in Oman. He was the minister at Woodstock Reformed and was very instrumental in getting Rev Bill for us. The monies will go to him

through the Classis.
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
 Rev. Bob vanderLaan is recuperating at home
 David Giles had a bad fall and is home
 Carla Compusano is recovering from surgery.
 Viola Updahl is in Tenbroeck Rehab.
 Dave Giles has fallen and is now resting at home.
 Jim and Sheila Craven are at home.
 Bev Roosa is at the Terraces at Brookmeade;
 Shirley Ruth is in Golden Hill;
 Fred Horvers at TenBroeck;
 Lori Pinkham in Wingate at Ulster;
 Anthony DiPietro (son of MaryAnn DiPietro),
 Marie Dressel.
 Phil Greer.

DEACON OF THE MONTH:

Deacon of the Month is Linda Moon.
 Contact her at if you need a Deacon's assistance.

SOCIAL SOLOS meets by Zoom on Wednesday, April 14, 2021 at noon.

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

All proceeds benefit the Hurley Reformed Church, Main St, Hurley NY

Drive-Up
Take-Out

Chicken BBQ

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Take-Out

June 15, 2021
4:00pm - 6:30pm

*1/2 chicken, coleslaw,
baked potato & dinner roll*

\$14.00

For Tickets Call: **845-687-4006**



A MESSAGE FROM WOMEN'S MINISTRIES

It's hard to believe that this month we are now at a full year since corona-

virus shut down so much of our lives. During this year, the Women's Ministries have continued to minister with phone calls and cards. Cards are sent out each month to our church community shut-ins, those in our congregation who are not well, and to those families that have lost loved ones. We welcome you to connect with 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.

In person worship at 11:30 am

requires a reservation. Contact the office by Thursday. Seating is limited and assigned.



Reminder:

Access to Sunday worship service at 10:00 am is available through **Zoom**. Contact Rev. Bill for invitation.



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BIRTHDAYS

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

ANNIVERSARIES

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

*There is a heavenly garden
in which God takes great pleasure,
because He's placed within it
the loved ones that we treasure.*

As we patiently await spring-
time... Soon the trees will give
blessed shade, soon the fragrance
of the flowers will fill your nose
with sweetness. The song of birds
above in the trees will fill your
heart with praise, for God's
melodies of springtime.
In this special place, you will feel
the peace and love of the Lord.

STICKLEY GARDENS

FOR MORE INFORMATION - CONTACT ANY COMMITTEE MEMBER:

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JIM PIRRO (383-0079) TREASURER

ESTHER STICKLEY (331-2919)

SANDIE GREGORY (338-7626)

LEE GABLE

REV STICKLEY, SECRETARY

A SACRED PLACE OF BEAUTY AND CONTEMPLATION.

(LOCATED ON THE SOUTH LAWN OF THE CHURCH)



CHURCH & CHURCH FAMILIES YARD SALE

Yard Sale: The date of the yard sale has changed. The church & church family yard sale on June 5, 2021 from 8am till 3pm. It is the same day as the Town of Hurley Yard Sale Day. Spots available for \$15 (tables will not be available for rental). To rent a spot for the June yard sale please contact Kelly Maggiore 845-532-2995.

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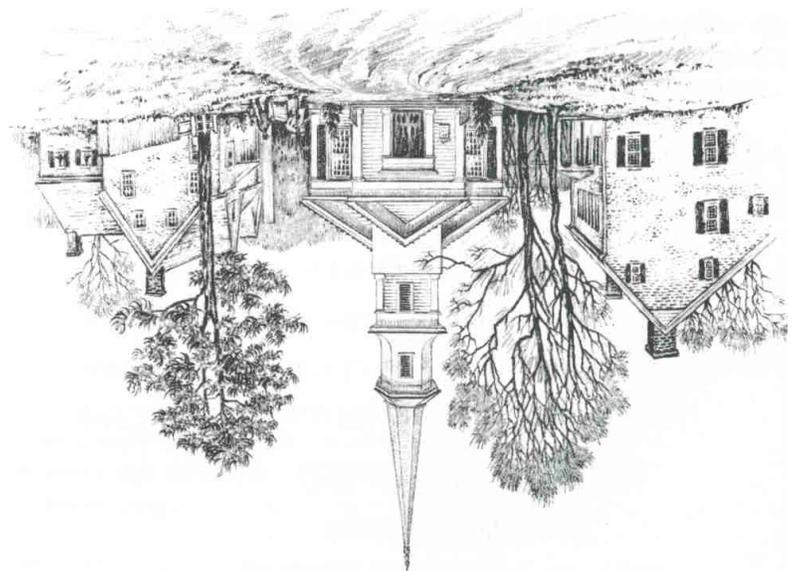
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