

THE SPIRE

April 2024



To say that the last week has been interesting in a natural phenomenon way would really be understating what all has happened. Friday we had an earthquake. Being a Midwesterner who has lived through two of these they still amaze and thrill me. And then not even a week later we got to experience at 3:25 pm Hurley time an eclipse. Once again maybe it is the infrequency that things like this happen. 2024, 2017 and before that 1979 is a fairly high level of infrequency. And the next one won't be until 2044. Add to all of this amazing, the beauty of the flowers popping their heads up from the ground. And the trees and bushes are all bursting forth with buds, and flowers. Oh the allergies have come as well.

It can be easy to look at the world which God has blessed us with and marvel at the beauty of it all. From the moment where all the trees still have their leaves but they have turned to a lovely red, yellow and orange color, to those moments when the newly fallen snow on a moonlit night produces enough light that we don't need yard lights. Even those evenings in summer when you hear all the animals making all sorts of noise and the lightning bugs and fireflies move all over your yard, and you suddenly are broken out of your reverie as a mosquito lands on your arm, direct your eyes to the wonder which God has blessed us with.

There is a steady ease to which we look out at our world and marvel at its beauty and wonder. I'm reminded of way back in 6th grade when our school which sat next to a nature preserve afforded us the ability to have what our teachers termed "Magic spots." They were a place in nature where we would go three or four times a month and journal about life, and nature. There were goals instead of rules when we picked our spots out, and once our spot was our spot we couldn't change it unless we went through a sort of petitioning process. The only real rule we had to follow was that we couldn't be right on top of one another, we had to give one another plenty of space.

There really wasn't too much magic really about them. It really was only a spot in the woods where for a few minutes it was you and nature, and God when God chose to make you aware of God's presence. But for kids growing up in the seeming concrete jungle of Grand Rapids in many ways being able to watch quietly the beauty of what God had done was pretty magnificent.

The trouble is that we talk of the wonder and beauty of nature, often forgetting the marvelous hands which fashioned it. We speak of how lovely the flowers are but forget to remember that as beautiful as they are, how much more wonderful are the hands which fashioned and made them. The other day Liam was asking about what type of plant a certain one was. When I told him that it was a daffodil his eyes became wide and he said I thought those were only yellow!

Nature, the natural world makes it easy to look at, marvel at and be amazed. However, it also challenges us. It challenges us to not just look at the beauty and wonder, the majesty of creation and marvels of our world and forget the great author, the great painter who has made it so. In Psalm 118 verse 23 the author writes "the Lord has done this and it is marvelous in our eyes." While specifically this psalm is not referencing creation, it does not change the truth. May spring allow us to see the hand of God in creation, may the marvels of the earth continue to have us be awed by the creator's works. Children of God let us enjoy the Lord's handiwork. Amen





April 7,14,21,26	Worship
April 7	Communion
April 4	Hurley Seniors meeting
April 2,9,16,23,30	Bible Study
April 8	Consistory Meeting
April 10	Social Solos



For April

April 7 Linda Moon and Aileen Helsley
 April 14 Glenn Decker and Bob Kindt
 April 21 Dino Sumerano and Lisa Longto
 April 28 Dennis Croswell and Marilyn More

Misson for April is Family Inn in Kingston and we will be collecting cereal and snacks (crackers, cookies, etc) for Bread of Life

Deacon For April
 is
 Bob Kindt

HE DOES IT ONCE AGAIN...

God gives us all kinds of reminders as the trees bud, the flowers are in bloom, the songs of birds fill the air... Re-creation! God touches

His creation and new life springs forth all around us but also in His promise to us.

Take a moment at the Columbarium to sit and reflect upon all that He shares with us... in life and in the promise of new life.

Visit Stickley Gardens and meditate, anticipate, appreciate and celebrate.

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)

Please join us for Worship 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
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
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

Social Solos meets on Wednesday,
April 10, 2024 at noon.

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



**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

Terry Conlin

Shirley Burns

Debbie Tucker



calling all
Vendors



4TH ANNUAL

Fall Shopping!

OCTOBER 5, 2024
9AM - 4PM

Christmas Shopping!

Crafts Fair

**FOOD & DRINKS
AVAILABLE**

GENERAL ADMISSION = \$3 (UNDER 12 FREE)

VENDOR FEE = \$35 (INSIDE ONLY)

SPACE RESERVATIONS CALL

CHURCH OFFICE 845-331-4121

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
 <p>10am - Worship by Zoom and 12:30pm - Party</p>	<p>Easter Monday 1:15pm - Tai Chi 7pm - 1st Capitol Corvettes 7pm - Al-Anon @ Room 9</p>	<p>9am - Bible Study @ Dutch 4:15pm - Karate Class @ hall 5:30pm - Kidspace</p>				
<p>10am - Worship by Zoom and 12:30pm - Party</p>	<p>Tax Day 10am - Genealogy @ Rooms 1:15pm - Tai Chi 7pm - Al-Anon @ Room 9</p>	<p>9am - Bible Study @ Dutch 4:15pm - Karate Class @ hall 6pm - Nursery School Board</p>	<p>9am - HNS grandparents day 12pm - social solos @ Lunch 2pm - Local 1582 Trailways 7pm - Radio Club @ Hall</p>	<p>1:30pm - Hurley Senior 4:15pm - Karate Class</p>	<p>12pm - Knitters @ Dutch</p>	<p>9am - Karate Class @ Hall 1pm - Bday Party -Raskoskie</p>
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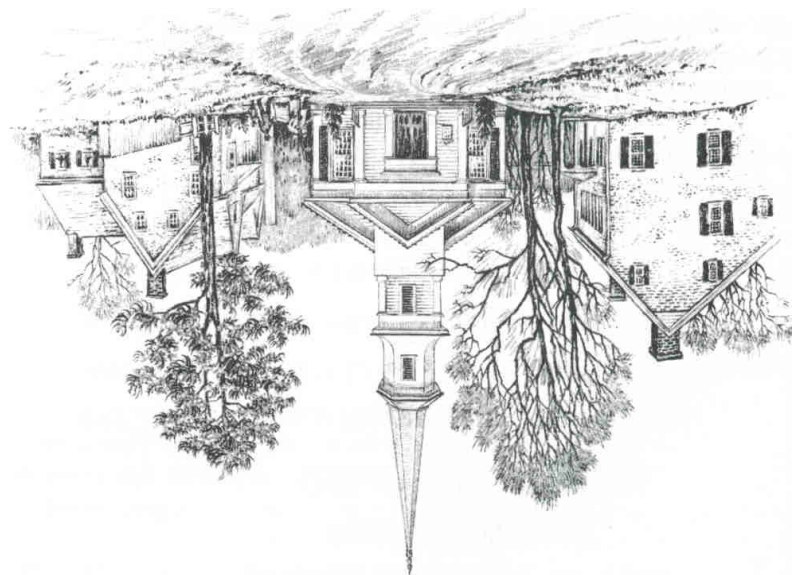
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