

THE SPIRE

August 2022



It happens often in our house. The kids will pick up on a particular phrase or familiar statement and define it within their own context. "Maybe" in their minds becomes no, just with a delay. "Let's see where your behavior has been," will usually be interpreted as don't ask again or else you might lose the opportunity. There is one phrase which will often incur a groan more than any other. Like when my Dad would use the phrase, "It builds character," which was always code for a ton of work for the good of learning to work. That phrase we use is "teachable moment."

Now there have been "teachable moments," which don't illicit a response like when every Saturday during the early weeks of the pandemic we would all load into my SUV and volunteer for Project Resilience. We would pack the meals in the back of the car, get our masks handy, and drive along with Longtos and Helsleys around Hurley delivering meals. We felt it was important for the kids to know why we did what we were doing, and why we gave of our time, gas and selves to help those in our community. Sure there were some days when we spent more hours than we needed to trying to figure out where a house was. And there were moments when the kids were bored. But on the last day they were both sad that this time of serving others had ended.

But there are other moments when an attempt to teach falls flat. At the Walk for Water I was convinced that I needed to have the kids understand what we were doing and the impact that clean water would have on them or on someone in a similar circumstance to us. I filled up my two five gallon buckets and headed down the rail trail. Bar-

bara got rid of her water pretty quickly and was off running with Teagan. Liam instead of listening to the lesson was more focused on taking care of or worrying about me. And as I plodded along, knee aching and hands straining to hold the buckets, Liam couldn't hear the lesson. I won't call it a failed lesson, because I still hope that the kids might look back someday and learn from it, but it didn't succeed like I had hoped.

The lesson was entirely mine. Instead of the kids seeing how heavy the burden children in like circumstance to us with one parent physically disabled, was, I learned that I am not as young as I was. My hands still hurt a bit from that day. My shoulders ached for days and my arms felt like they had been stretched a few inches. My lesson was one in my own humanity. And humility when I had to share this with my siblings.

The success or lack thereof of a moment doesn't necessarily determine the overall success. What is a teachable moment now might be a lesson lost later, and what is a lesson which falls flat might be a lesson which someday awakens a dormant faith to new heights and depths. What matters in these lessons is our ability to listen and learn in them. It is about us allowing God to move and speak in ways that are familiar but also ways that are profoundly and dramatically different.

What matters is are we listening and can we take the lesson to heart when it is given. While school is done for most of us, the lessons of faith make us lifelong learners.





August 7,14,21, 28	Worship
August 7	Communion
August 2,9,21,6,23,30	Bible Study
August 8	Consistory Meeting
August 9	UCA Lunch & Learn
August 10	Social Solos
August 14	Women's Ministries

SOCIAL SOLOS meets on Wednesday,
August 10, 2022 at noon.

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

USHERS FOR AUGUST

August 7	Linda Moon & Allan Dumas
August 14	Jeanne Quenzer & Lee Gable
August 21	Chris Decker & Bob Kindt
August 28	Glenn Decker & Bill Baldinger



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
FRED HOVERS IS AT TEN BROECK
LORI PINKHAM IS WINGATE AT ULSTER
ANTHONY DIPIETRO (SON OF MARYANN DIPIETRO)
DAVID GILES
MARIE DRESSSEL
BARBARA SARTORIUS, NEW HAMSHIRE

Come visit...

*Sit for a while ... enjoy the beauty
of the area. Feel the serenity ...*

feel God's presence...

*feel the warmth of the sunlight and
the peace that surrounds our church.*

*When the beauty of nature fills our hearts,
we know God is speaking to us.*

Let Him fill your heart with peace and love.

*Visit those who have passed and contemplate
the serenity of his blessings upon us forever.*

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)**

**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.**



**Mission
of the Month**
*The mission for August is
Family of Woodstock .*

Thank you for your generous donations!



DEACON FOR AUGUST

is
Lee Gable



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



Jim Pirro	2
Reid Jordan	3
Donna Harder	10
Florence Kurtz	10
Stevie Peralta	12
Frank Pinckney	12
Rev. Charles Stickley	13
Kathleen Jansen	15
Aubrey Horvers	16
Lily Dockery	18
Roslie Gilpatric	19
David Emrich	20
Alison Cline	22
Charles Emrich	23
Barbara Kindt	28
Gary Longto	28
Sara Appleyard-Pekich	29

Bryan & Leigh Hill	1
David & Gretchen Giles	6
Hal & Kathy Hauck	6
Annemarie & Fred Kurtz	15
Kathy & Ted Musialkiewicz	16
Jim & Roslie Gilpatric	19
David & Sandra Emrich	29
Cindy & Dino Sumerano	30



Upcoming
Events!



Crafts Fair

Christmas Shopping!

Fall Shopping!

SEPTEMBER 10, 2022
9AM - 4PM

GENERAL ADMISSION = \$3 (UNDER 12 FREE)

VENDOR FEE = \$35 (INSIDE) / \$30 (OUTSIDE)

**FOOD & DRINKS
AVAILABLE**

**SPACE RESERVATIONS CALL
KELLY 845-532-2995**

HURLEY REFORMED CHURCH • MAIN STREET, HURLEY NY

Upcoming Events:

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

Drive-Up
Take-Out

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Take-Out

Brook's Chicken BBQ

from
Oneonta, NY

Sept. 13, 2022
4:00pm - 6:00pm

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

\$14.00

To Pre-Order Call: 845-331-4121

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 4:30pm - Dog Training @ Hall 7pm - 1st Capitol Corvettes 7:30pm - Al-Anon @ Room 9	2 9am - Bible Study @ Dutch 9am - Kids Yoga @ Hall 4:30pm - Karate Class @ hall 4:30pm - PC 101 @ Dutch	3 	4 9am - Kids Yoga @ Hall 1:30pm - Hurley Senior 4:30pm - Dog Training @ Hall 4:30pm - Karate Class	5 12pm - Knitters @ Dutch	6 9:30am - Karate Class @ Hall
7 10am - Worship by Zoom and	8 11am - VFW @ Dutch Room 4:30pm - Dog Training @ Hall 7pm - Consistory @ Dutch 7pm - Hudson Valley 7:30pm - Al-Anon @ Room 9	9 9am - Bible Study @ Dutch 10am - Lunch & Learn 4:30pm - Karate Class @ hall	10 9am - Kids Yoga @ Hall 12pm - social solos by Zoom 5:30pm - Local 1582	11 9am - Kids Yoga @ Hall 4:30pm - Dog Training @ Hall 4:30pm - Karate Class	12 12pm - Knitters @ Dutch	13 9:30am - Karate Class @ Hall 10am - Genealogy @ Room 12pm - Williams Gathering @
14 10am - Worship by Zoom and 11:30am - Women's	15 10am - Genealogy @ Rooms 4:30pm - Dog Training @ Hall 7:30pm - Al-Anon @ Room 9	16 9am - Bible Study @ Dutch 4:30pm - Karate Class @ hall 6pm - Nursery School Board	17 10am - women's bible study 7pm - Hurley Lions @ Dutch	18 4:30pm - Dog Training @ Hall 4:30pm - Karate Class	19 12pm - Knitters @ Dutch 5pm - BAPS @ Hall	20 9:30am - Karate Class @ Hall
21 10am - Worship by Zoom and	22 10:30am - Genealogy @ 4:30pm - Dog Training @ Hall 7:30pm - Al-Anon @ Room 9	23 9am - Bible Study @ Dutch 4:30pm - Karate Class @ hall 6pm - Nursery School Board	24 	25 4:30pm - Dog Training @ Hall 4:30pm - Karate Class	26 12pm - Knitters @ Dutch	27 9:30am - Karate Class @ Hall
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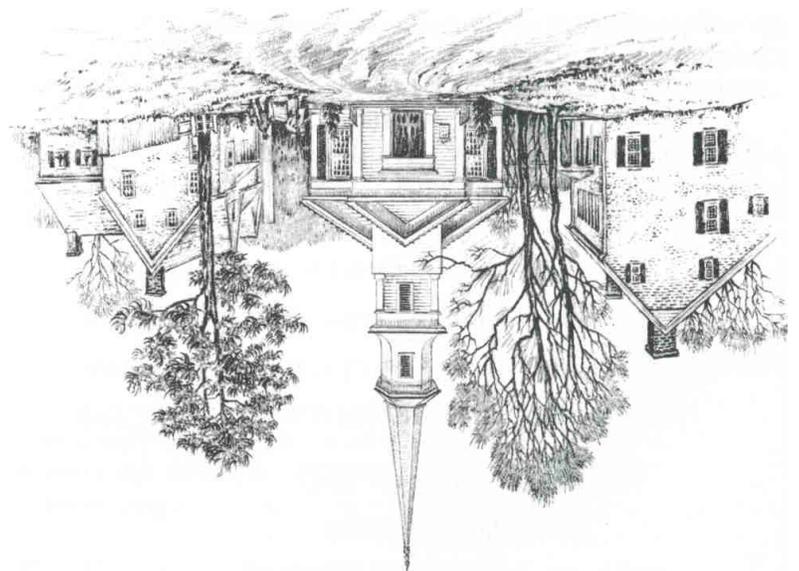
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