

THE SPIRE

September 2023



Do you ever take something for granted? There are usually a ton of sermon examples which show themselves over and over again throughout a vacation. When you're lucky you pay attention, and write one or two down. If you're really living well you write every single one of them down. These moments could trigger a theological reckoning or simply make you see a moment which shines a light on an instance or moment of faith. To be honest as I circle back to the original question the reality is that life is full of instances where we take things for granted.

One of the biggest moments where this happened along the many hours of road that took us from Hurley to Pekin IL, to Lockport IL, to Niagara Falls and back was along toll roads. Now hop on the thruway and head north or south and whether or not you have an EZ pass or not you can pay your tolls without stopping. But as we headed on the second longest leg of our trip from Lockport Illinois to Niagara Falls. We were heading out of Chicago and onto the Indiana toll road. Now I have not driven on a toll road with toll booths for quite a while, especially ones which you need to pay right away. But low and behold there they were.

Above each open booth was a sign. Some said EZ pass only, some said cash only and some said both. Wanting to get on to Niagara Falls as quickly as possible I headed over to an EZ pass only lane. I should've chosen a different one. I had taken for granted a few things in that moment and wound up paying in patience and time. A car was at the guard and it wasn't going up. I noticed that the driver's side window was open and the driver kept trying to use the coin bin to pay the toll. Finally, a worker came and assisted the driver and we were on our way. The whole moment was filled with moments and things

which are so easy and in our lives so much that it is almost second nature to take them for granted.

The ease of not stopping at a toll booth, of having an EZ pass and knowing what one was, and not having to have a pocket full of change or cash for tolls are just the tip of the iceberg. But added with that is how easy and simple it is to take not just points of life but points of faith for granted.

It wasn't all that many years ago that the simple idea of hearing God's word in your native tongue or having the Bible available in your own language were dreams of many and utterances of a small few. Even the ability to read God's word, in any language was beyond the pale of belief. The list can go on and on of the little things we take for granted in our faith, but what about the big, the grand or great as it pertains to God? Do we ever take those things for granted.

When we take things for granted the basic math is that we assume or neglect to remember the importance of something. On a toll road, it can be an EZpass or simply paying attention to what the sign over a toll booth says. In life it means remembering at all times how instrumental and always present God is for us. There is a hymn which comes to mind, "God you spin the whirling planets," it speaks of how absolutely integral God is to life and being. The difficulty is understanding and remembering this, as well as never taking it for granted. Brothers and sisters in the big ways and all the little ways may we see Christ, the Holy Spirit and God the Father throughout our days.





Sept. 3,10,17,24	Worship
Sept. 3	Communion
Sept. 7	Hurley Seniors meeting
Sept. 5,12,19,26	Bible Study
Sept. 11	Consistory Meeting
Sept. 12	Brook's BBQ
Sept. 13	Social Solos
Sept. 20	Women's Bible Study
Sept. 30	Walk for Water



For September

Sept. 3	Dennis Croswell and Lee Gable
Sept. 10	Alan Dum and Marilyn More
Sept. 17	Dino Sumerano and Lisa Longto
Sept. 24	Glenn Decker and Bob Kindt



Deacon For September

is

Aileen Helsley

*The seasons
come and go...*

Come enjoy the beauty of
Stickley Gardens while the
garden is still in bloom.

The leaves are turning and
autumn's crisp air is upon us.

This too is the miracle
that GOD gives to us –
for HE is everywhere –
in the garden – in our homes –
and in our hearts.

Please come visit, feel the peace and serenity.

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)**



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

Cindy Sumerano	3
Bailey Jordan	3
Halley Brennan	6
Melinda Herzog	6
Bradley Horvers	6
Maggie Sass	7
Wayzeta Stickley-Strouse	9
Daniella Helsley	14
Diane Nicoletti	17
Tessa Hauck	19
Kellen Hauck	19
Jim Craven	20
Helen Sgroi	24
Charles Woodard	24
Wendy Stickley-Ocker	26
Christina Longto	28
Debbie Decker	29



Bryan & Leigh Hill	1
Hal & Kathy Hauck	6
Annemarie & Fred Kurtz	15
Kathy & Ted Musialkiewicz	16
Cindy & Dino Sumerano	30

Mark & Beth Woodard	2
Dennis & Mimi Croswell	11
Bill & Jane Merrill	13
John & Debbie Tucker	14
Jay & Kim Burgess	17
Lori & John Decker	22
Dennis & Donna Horvers	23

**VOLUNTEERS
NEEDED!**

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

Drive-Up
Take-Out

Brook's Chicken BBQ

from
Oneonta, NY

Drive-Up
Take-Out

Sept. 12, 2023

4:00pm - 6:00pm

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

\$15.00

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Crafts fair

Christmas Shopping!

Fall Shopping!
OCTOBER 7, 2023
9AM - 4PM

GENERAL ADMISSION = \$3 (UNDER 12 FREE)

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

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***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

Teresa Decker

David Kent

Shirley Burns

Our Hearts go out to to the Giles Family
on the passing of David.

Gretchen Giles

8W Main St. Apt 277

Groton, MA 01450

Our Hearts go out to to the Sartorius Family
on the passing of Barbara.

Her celebration of life is planned for
Sunday, Sept. 17th, 1pm at the

Hurley Reformed Church.

The family would like to ask of those attend-
ing Barbara's memorial service on the 17th of

September and also attending the luncheon

after to let them know for the purposes of
planning. Please let either Barb Hornbeck or
Rev Bill know if you plan on attending.

Dave Sartorius

63 Deer Ridge Dr.

Barrington, NH 03825



The mission for September
will be teen hygiene items
to be donated to the Kingston high school.
The collection will run through all of Sep-
tember.

Items will include shampoo, deodorant,
body wash, women's hygiene products,
toothpaste, and toothbrushes,
and small laundry detergent.

Items may be dropped off at the church
and placed in the basket at the top of the
stairs.

Thank you to all who are able to help
with these needy donations.



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.

Consider Foster Care:

A Look into Opening Hearts and Homes-

On August 5th, the Adult Study Committee hosted an enlightening talk centered around fostering children.

The event featured two speakers, Jeannette Ramos-Cutolo and Caitlin Cahill from the Ulster County Department of Social Services.

Their presentation offered valuable insights into the world of fostering, shedding light on its importance and impact.

With a smaller, more intimate group in attendance, participants were able to engage deeply with the subject matter.

There was good participation from the attendees, with many questions, allowing them to explore the various aspects of foster care.

The event underscored the significance of fostering as a means to provide a stable and nurturing environment for children in need.

If you want more information, you can pick up a pamphlet in the Narthex or reach out to: Jeanette at 845-334-5188 Or Luke at 845-334-5195, 1091 Development Court Kingston, NY

Fostering can be a meaningful way to make a positive impact on a child's life. If you have any ideas for future presentations, please feel free to contact any members of the committee.

Rev Bill—pastor@hurleyreformedchurch.org

Wally Cook—wally.cook@gmail.com

Lee Gable—leegable94@gmail.com



In search of singers!

St. James United Methodist Church is celebrating its 200th anniversary and is in need of singers for the event on September 23rd, please contact Lonnie at 914-552-5325 if you are interested.



Some wonderful news to share!

Rev. Stickley been chosen by the Ulster County Chamber of Commerce to receive the prestigious Len Cane Heart of Ulster County Award in appreciation of his many years of service to the people of Ulster County. He will be honored at the Annual Business Recognition Awards Celebration on October 26th at Diamond Mills Hotel in Saugerties. Tickets are available by contacting the Chamber Office-- 845-338-5100.

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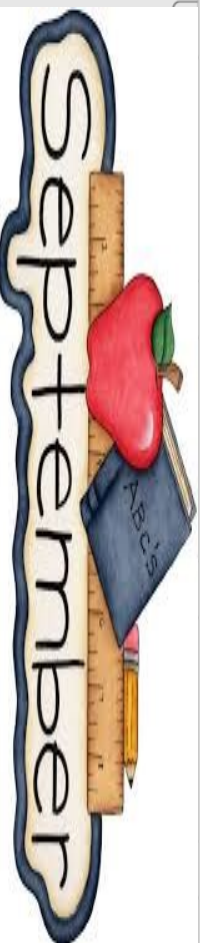
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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				31	12pm - Knitters @ Dutch	9am - Karate Class @ Hall
				7	9am - Nursery School @ Hall 12pm - Knitters @ Dutch	9am - Karate Class @ Hall 10am - Genealogy @ Room 12pm - Woodworkers @ Hall
10am - Worship by Zoom and 12:30pm - Baby Shower-	4:30pm - Dog Training @ Hall 7pm - 1st Capitol Corvettes 7:30pm - AI-Anon @ Room 9	9am - Bible Study @ Dutch 4:15pm - Karate Class @ hall 4:30pm - PC 101 @ Dutch	4pm - Dog Training	12pm - Nursery School @ 1:30pm - Hurley Senior 4:15pm - Karate Class 4:30pm - Dog Training @ Hall	9am - Nursery School @ Hall 12pm - Knitters @ Dutch	
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10am - Worship by Zoom and 12:30pm - Baby Shower-	11am - VFW @ Dutch Room 4:30pm - Dog Training @ Hall 7pm - Consistory @ Dutch 7pm - Hudson Valley 7:30pm - AI-Anon @ Room 9	Brooks @ Hall & Kitchen 9am - Bible Study @ Dutch 4:15pm - Karate Class @ hall	12pm - social solos by Zoom 4pm - Dog Training	4:15pm - Karate Class 4:30pm - Dog Training @ Hall	12pm - Knitters @ Dutch 5pm - BAPS @ Hall	9am - Karate Class @ Hall
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17	18	19	20	21	22	23
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24	25	26	27	28	29	30

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