

# THE SPIRE

July/August 2025



I hope that you all have had a productive or restful summer. One of the things that happens during this period of a little over two months is that things get quiet, and not just because the nursery school isn't in session.

Meanwhile beneath the surface something has been happening. Well its actually not as ominous as all that. Back in November at the congregational meeting it was mentioned that we needed to grow. In January a church growth committee was formed and worked at studying and looking at all the various ways that we could put this into action. To be honest we put out several dozen different ideas. Not to bore you with the process of it all and what all those ideas were, but at the June consistory meeting we presented a report for the consistory. That report divided up the ideas which the committee feels will make the biggest impact for our congregation.

Once the consistory makes everything official then the next steps are where the real work begins. These steps are to present the plan to the congregation as well as putting the plan into place. The six main areas of focus are Signage, Website/social media, Celebration, Welcome Wagon, Kids events, and worship. Within each of these headings are a list of activities and ideas which with the help of the Spirit and a bit of HRC hard work will help us to grow.

Those of you who have been in worship when Unicorse has come to visit for the children's message will of course have on the tips of your tongue the question, "Aaaand why should we care?" The most secular reason is that any church that isn't growing is in fact dying. It's not a really

pleasant thing to think about and the truth is that it really isn't the reason why.

After the resurrection in Matthew's gospel the disciples travel to Galilee where Jesus meets up with them. He then tells them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age." This is commonly called the Great Commission.

As we embrace or work towards embracing growth, we are following our call and commissioning from Christ. We are doing what we have been instructed by Christ, and assisted by the Holy Spirit to do. I'm going to be honest, I do not believe that this is going to be a comfortable journey. But what is usually paired with the discomfort of following where God leads, is the fulfillment the satisfaction of hearing God tell us well done good and faithful servant. If you'd like to know more or would like to put in your name to assist in any of the earlier categories let myself or a member of consistory know. Be in prayer for all of us as we embrace the Great Commission. Amen



*God takes care of  
the ones who touch our lives  
now and forever...*

*The people we love dearly.*

*Our family.*

*Our sweethearts.*

*Our closest friends.*

*Special people in our lives.*

*Our favorite ancestors.*

*The people who form who we are.*

*The sparkles in our lives.*

*The souls of our heart.*

*Please come visit the people  
we thank God for.*

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## STICKLEY GARDENS

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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)



August 3	Communion
August 3, 10, 17, 24, 31	Worship
August 5, 12, 19, 26	Bible Study
August 11	Consistory Meeting
August 13	Social Solos



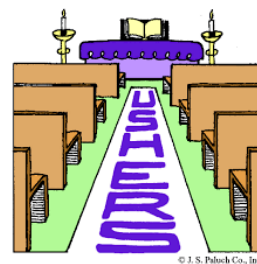
**Reach out to those who need your support  
in their day to day needs:**

**Please keep them in your prayers.**

Judy Bell (Terry Gaffken's mom)

Lori Pinkham is Wingate at Ulster

Terry Conlin



## August

August 3	Allan Dumas and Terry Gaffken
August 10	Russ Voigtlaender and Wally Cook
August 17	Marilyn More and Aileen Helsley
August 21	Chris Decker and Bill Baldinger
August 31	Jeanne Quenzer and Maggie Sass



Our Mission for August is Boys and Girls club of Kingston Since 1946, the Boys & Girls Clubs have proudly served the youth in the Ulster County communities of Kingston, and Saugerties. They commit themselves to giving more young people all the skills necessary to lead meaningful, productive lives. With your help, we will continue to provide the many needed services and programs to our youth and truly be "The Positive Place for Kids."



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.



DEACON FOR AUGUST  
IS  
RUSS VOIGTLAENDER



Social Solos meets on Wednesday,  
August 13, 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.

# Summer Birthdays

## JULY

Bonnie Dumas	3
Rachel Cline	4
Bill Beesmer	4
Nancy Salzmman	5
Teagan Helsley	6
Debbie Tucker	6
Nicholas Rockwell	13
Alyssa Kurtz	14
Bryan Hill	15
Lori Decker	16
Jennifer Bell	20
Win Morrison	20
Russ Voigtlaender	24
Dan Stott	24
Brayden Horvers	24
Daniel Nekos	25
Midge Stott	27
Spencer Herzog	28
Caitlin Cox	28
Matthew Horvers	28

## AUGUST

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
William Schiff	24
Barbara Kindt	28
Gary Longto	28
Sara Appleyard-Pekich	29



## JULY

Joyce & Frank Pinckney	6
Rev. Bill and Sara Appleyard-Pekich	11
Rebecca & Allan Masters	27

## AUGUST

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

# Summer Anniversaries



## **Congratulation to all of our Class of 2025 Graduates!**

- ♦ Marlene Constant graduated from SUNY Plattsburgh with a BS in Accounting, she is the daughter of Doug and Frieda Constant.
- ♦ Anthony Nicoletti graduated from Kingston High School and Ulster Boces Welding Program and will be attending Lincoln Tech in Connecticut for Welding, he is the grandson of Diane Nicoletti.
- ♦ Caleb M. Lenz graduated from Lockport Township High School and will be attending Western Michigan University in the Fall. Uncle Bill, Aunt Sara, Bill and Barb are so proud.
- ♦ Johnathan Helsley graduated from SUNY Ulster with an Associates Degree in Individual Studies on May 24, 2025. He is the son of Wendy and Steve Helsley and brother of Daniella. We are so proud!
- ♦ Anna Gramoglia graduated from Saugerties High School and will be heading off to college to study at SUNY Cortland in the Fall. Anna is the granddaughter of Terry and Russ Voigtlaender.
- ♦ Julia Rose Tucker, daughter of Deborah and John Tucker, graduated from Albany Law School with a Juris Doctor (J.D.) Degree in May 2025
- ♦ Reid Dumas graduated from Kingston High School this month and will be attending Clarkson University in the fall. Reid is the son of Allan and Bonnie Dumas



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. 9, 2025**  
**4:00pm - 6:00pm**

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

**\$15.00**  
Cash or Check

To Pre-Order Please Call By 9/7/25

**845-331-4121**



**5<sup>TH</sup> 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)**

**SPACE RESERVATIONS CALL**

**CHURCH OFFICE 845-331-4121**

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# August

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
27	28	29	30	31	1	2
					1pm - Knitters @ Dutch Room 4pm - Wedding Rehearsal	10am - Karate Class @ Hall
10am - Worship 1pm - Event?	6:30pm - Al-Anon @ Hall 7pm - 1st Capitol Corvettes @	9am - Bible Study @ Dutch 4:30pm - Karate Class @ hall	8:30am - Meeting @	4:30pm - Karate Class	1pm - Event?? 1pm - Knitters @ Dutch Room	10am - Genealogy @ Room 9 10am - Karate Class @ Hall 12pm - Woodworkers @ Hall
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10am - Worship	11am - VFW @ Dutch Room 6:30pm - Al-Anon @ Hall 7pm - Consistory @ Dutch	9am - 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	1pm - Knitters @ Dutch Room	10am - Karate Class @ Hall
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
10am - Worship						
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
10am - Worship 6:30pm - Al-Anon @ Hall	10am - Genealogy @ Rooms 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
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
10am - Worship 6:30pm - Al-Anon @ Hall	10:30am - Genealogy @ 6:30pm - Al-Anon @ Hall	9am - Bible Study @ Dutch 4:30pm - Karate Class @ hall	8:30am - Meeting @	4:30pm - Karate Class	1pm - Knitters @ Dutch Room	10am - Karate Class @ Hall
31	1	2	3	4	5	6
10am - Worship						

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