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Hi. Here is hoping that your summer is going well and that you are staying cool. I wanted to share with you a podcast that I follow. It is called "Thought for the Day", and it airs on BBC Radio Four. (<http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p00szxv6>) It is a three minute program that is "reflections from a faith perspective on issues and people in the news." (from the BBC website) It presents "speakers from the world's major faiths offering spiritual insight." (from the BBC website) I've chosen a recent show to transcribe and to present to you to help you come to terms with the recent violence and terrorist acts in the news. This episode aired the day after the attack in Nice, France and has helped me gain insight and perspective. Hoping it does the same for you. Peace. Dorothy

**A Program from BBC Radio 4 Aired July 16, 2016.
(the day after the attack in Nice France)**

Written and presented by The Rev. Dr. Rob Marshall. Rev Dr. Rob Marshall is a Church of England Priest, writer and broadcaster. Rob has a wide background in communications throughout his ministry and his particular interest is in faith in a digital age. He is Mission Priest at St John's, Digswell, Wellwyn Garden City.

Like many of you, I'm sure, a cloud of overwhelming hopelessness enveloped me yesterday as the shocking consequences of what President Hollande (the president of France) referred to as violence that is absolute gradually unfolded in Nice. The President rightly spoke about solidarity with the victims, young and old, of all faiths, and backgrounds. Of course, many people will be holding them especially in their thoughts and prayers this morning.

But what are we to do? What are we to think? How are we to hope? That's the key question the moral philosopher, Annette Bain, posed in her book, Reflections on How We Live. What is the proper place of

hope in human life? Bain is ruthlessly honest in asserting that whilst hope is a natural human trait, a lack of hope leads to fear. Even in dark moments, my faith helps to hold on to a sense of hope even when wrestling with fear, but the questions of both what's next in our own lives and how to respond to terrible events such as what unfolded in Nice yesterday means that fear is never far from the surface. It's true to say that hope certainly underpins much New Testament theology. Jesus's mantra is "Do not be afraid. Do not fear. Pray for deliverance from evil. Why worry about tomorrow? Today's troubles are plenty enough." It's on this basis that the thrust of the Christian Gospel is that faith brings hope which the world has not yet seen until the Resurrection. And though it's not going to be easy to hang on in there to such hope when dealing with the consequences of human sin and evil, the challenge certainly is to try nevertheless.

To his credit, St. Paul doesn't shrink from recognizing that keeping the flame of hope flickering was not easy in a world which, for him, involved shocking acts of human savagery in and around the Roman Empire. But, and this is important on a morning like this one, Paul did not believe that hope on its own was sufficient. In one of the most popular passages he ever wrote in a letter to the Corinthians explains how hope is linked intrinsically to both faith and love. "Faith, love and hope abide," he writes, "but the greatest of these is love."

It's hard; it's difficult. How can it be that amongst the dead so many children could be killed on what was supposed to be a great happy family day? And yet, somehow we must not fear?? What the flames of hope represent in the many candles lit for those who died in Nice, that must never be extinguished! Our freedom to choose to hope and to love, that can never die!

August Events

August 28 Pizza Potluck and Game Night

September Events

September 8 Choir Practice resumes

September 11 Sunday School resumes

September 16,23,30 Facing Something New:
October 7 Simple Kitchen Comfort
Sponsored by Hurley Library

September 18 Welcome back party for Rev. Gram

September 22 Hurley Heritage Society Lecture



"I won't be coming to church any more, Reverend — I've decided to convert to golf."

*The weather may
not be perfect...*

...yet we can still enjoy the sunshine!

The trees are in full bloom and
the flowers are popping up.

You can listen to the sound
of the happy children playing
in the nursery school playground
and know that we are blessed.

Thanks be to God.

STICKLEY GARDENS

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A SACRED PLACE OF BEAUTY AND CONTEMPLATION.
(LOCATED ON THE SOUTH LAWN OF THE CHURCH)



In June we raised monies for the Preservation Fund that will go to major historical work on the Church that is above and beyond the usual maintenance and repairs.

In July we collected money to shop for the Pregnancy Support Center's supplies for new babies. The committee will be shopping for those much needed supplies.

August's collection is for Angel Food East which provides food to the elderly and the chronically ill.

Rebecca Masters

WOMEN'S GUILD

It sure has been a hot hot summer!! Hope the heat gets turned down soon!!

Stone House Day has come & gone. Congratulations to Pam Kuhlmann from Ellenville who was this year's winner of the quilt raffle. She was so exciting to win the beautiful handmade quilt!! Some folks might be saying... what...I didn't receive tickets this year to enter the raffle. Well we did something different this year. We added a sheet of tickets in the last spire. Unfortunately doing it this way caused sales to be much lower than in the past so next year we will be going back to sending the raffle tickets in a separate mailing. We are sorry if you missed your chance this year.

Pecan Sales will be coming. If you haven't received a call in regards to what you would like to order you will be very soon. But, if by chance you don't receive a call for an order and would like to place an order please give me a call(Sandy 687-4006) so we can add you to our calling list. We will be selling Plain, Milk & Dark Chocolate, and Cluster pecans. The holidays are coming fast & you don't want to miss out on these great additions!

Sandie Gregory is once again going to be chairing Operation Christmas Child. This is a great organization & we are thrilled that we once again will be able to help children in other parts of the region. See Sandie for information on how to fill your box. Thank you for your help.

We welcome & invite all women of the church to be a part of the Women's Guild. You don't have to be a member of the church to be a part of the Women's Guild. We meet right after church in the Dutch Room. So, come & see what we are all about!

Our calendar of events:	November 8	Election Day Bake Sale
	November 20	Meeting
	December 10	Cookie Walk Setup
	December 11	Cookie Walk

God Bless,

Sandy Emrich-President

September

BIRTHDAYS

Lindsay Woodard	2
Cody Harder	2
Cindy Sumerano	3
Bailey Jordan	3
Russ Glass	4
Halie Brennan	6
Melinda Herzog	6
Bradley Horvers	6
Wayzeta Stickley-Strouse	9
Elizabeth Mergl	10
Fred Horvers	10
Daniella Helsley	14
Madeline Fox	15
Phil Greer	17
Colin Rowdycz	18

Tessa Hauck	19
Ron Every	19
Kellen Hauck	19
Marissa Rell	20
Jim Craven	20
Bradley Hill	22
Helen Sgroi	24
Jim Mayfield	24
Alice Presti	24
Charles Woodard	24
Wendy Stickley-Ocker	26
Darrell Nicholas	27
Christina Longto	28
Debbie Decker	29
Sheila Craven	30

ANNIVERSARIES

Mark & Beth Woodard	2
Bill & Karen Hogg	4
Dennis & Mimi Croswell	11
Bill & Jane Merrill	13
John & Debbie Tucker	14
Jay & Kim Burgess	17
Lori & John Decker	22
Dennis & Donna Horvers	23
Dean & Bernadette Baker	23



Fitting Physical Activity Into Your Day

Like most people, you've probably heard that regular exercise and physical activity are good for you. But your days are filled with family, work, errands, volunteering, and any number of other important activities. Where's the time for physical activity? Here are a few tips to help you fit exercise and physical activity into your day.

Seize every opportunity to be active. Going shopping? Park at the far end of the lot and walk briskly to the store entrance. Take a few extra minutes to walk the entire mall or every aisle of the grocery store. (Be sure to pat yourself on the back when you resist temptation in the candy aisle!) Need to talk with a colleague at work? Don't call or e-mail. Walk down the hall or take the stairs to her office. Waiting for the coffee to brew in the morning? Do a few wall push-ups.

Do the things you enjoy and pick up the pace a bit. If you love the outdoors, explore local hiking or biking trails. If music is your passion, listen while you do yard work or give dancing lessons a try. Make a social occasion with family or friends an active occasion—play basketball or walk your dogs together.

To find out more about how you can be more active, visit the **Go4Life®** website at www.nia.nih.gov/Go4Life. **Go4Life** is an exercise and physical activity campaign from the National Institute on Aging at NIH. It has exercises, success stories, and free materials to help you get ready, start exercising, and keep going.

STONE HOUSE DAY

This year's Stone House Day went off without a problem, except for the weather. It did rain in the morning, and then was cloudy and cooler in the afternoon, and that is probably the reason our attendance was down about 60 from last year. This means that we sold 462 tickets. 56 of our visitors came on a tour bus from New York City. The Cafeteria made about \$2,500, which is close to what it made last year. The play, *Voices from New Village (Nieuw Dorp)* had to be



moved inside because of the wet weather, and that was probably a good and a bad thing. It made the Cafeteria noisier for those who were still enjoying their food, and the sound was not good to begin with, but it brought in more people to buy food and also to buy the baked goods, which was a sell-out. We had a lot of positive comments regarding the delicious food and reasonable prices, and a lot of wonderful comments about the day in general. The Native American performers were also moved inside, which gave Lonnie, on the organ, some competition since it was simultaneous. We also had a trio playing traditional music and a wonderful violinist outside, which added some good old-fashioned ambience (?) to the day. The bus tours went off without a problem, and our wonderful Walking Tour Guides were very much appreciated (according to our comment cards). We thank you all very much for giving us all the help that you did. The most wonderful thing about Stone House Day, I think, is that it brings us all together, including the folks who own the stone houses and do not attend our church (actually Don Kent is the only owner who is a member of our church). Since it has been going on for 66 years, let's keep it up and help each other out.

STONE HOUSE DAY COMMITTEE needs your HELP!!

Stone House Day is our biggest fun(d) raiser for the year, and it is a wonderful event. It is a lot of fun to walk around and talk to the visitors, and also the home owners who are all proud of their old houses. Hurley is one of the few villages that has such old houses still lived in. May of the old stone houses have been turned into museums, and we love the fact that our houses are still in private ownership. Next time you do work on SHD, try to take a break and walk around. I guarantee you will enjoy seeing all the happy and admiring people who come every year. And as Don is reporting, some of them come from far away places, and some from Hurley!

Having said that, the committee needs your help!! We need a person to be in charge of the Cafeteria line during SHD, and we need a person (or two if you have a friend you want to work with) to get the docents (also called host/hostess) for SHD. There is lots of information and help available for the people who are wonderful enough to join us. We only meet a few times (if at all) in the fall, but after the New Year we meet on a monthly basis. We do need committee members who are willing to attend the meetings, if not all of them then at least some, since we do a lot of planning and talking and then take a vote before anything new is implemented. We are a friendly group, and spend time listening to each other and to new ideas. Please do try us out!! If it does not work out, then at least you gave it a try, and we appreciate that.

Sincerely,

Ellen Richards, Stone House Day Committee

News Bytes

Information you should know ; Opportunities for Fellowship.



Hospitality Committee:

Mark your calendars for pizza potluck and games night August 28, 6:00 pm. Order a pizza of any size or type from your favorite pizza place and bring it to contribute to the "pizza pot luck". We can share and compare the different types! Bring games for all ages- Candy Land, Uno, Apples to Apples, or your family favorite. Join the group that is playing a game you like, or learn a new one!

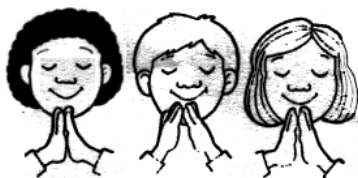


"It's the most wonderful time of the year. . ." that's right . . . Back to school and thoughts of Operation Christmas Child. Check the ads for back to school sales, pick up a few things and put them aside for our shoebox collection. If you'd like to have someone else do the shopping for you, just contact Sandie Gregory 338-7626. More information to come as we get closer to the distribution of our boxes.



Looking for good fellowship?!

The Men's Group meets the third Wednesday of the month. Next meeting is August 17 at 7 pm. Come hang with us. See Wally Cook for details.



Prayer Chain resumes its meetings on Sunday, September 4, 2016 directly after worship and fellowship.



I wish to thank all of my good friends for the visits and food they delivered during my rehab from a fall. Thank you for the encouragement and love.

Shirley Ruth

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HONING IN ON SHD VISITORS

Nine visitors from 5 foreign countries– West Indies, Brazil,. Germany, Sweden, and New Zealand-- signed the Spy House Visitors Book Stone House Day.

The counter showed 521 visitors, 211 of whom signed in this year. Forty-three came from other states, and 79 of the New York State signers came from beyond roughly 25 miles, including Brooklyn, Long Island, and Albany. The 43 out-of-state signers came from NJ, OH, TX, CT, NH, VT, VA, MA, GA, PA, RI, FL, CA, DE, and MO.

Many thanked the Spy House, and surely other stone house owners, for opening their homes.

SHD is certainly a worthwhile community relations program for the Town and our hamlet as well as the Church.

Don Kent



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(Thank you Bill Beesmer, for suggesting putting this information in the Spire !)



Each Sunday after service you will see someone standing with Rev. Gram who will greet you, hand you a brochure and for those visitors, accompany you into Schadewald Hall where another Greeter will speak with you and answer any questions you may have. We wear name tags as well.

Deb Zuill, President

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