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Appreciate the Journey

One of my greatest shortcomings is that I am not a patient person. When I was younger my impatience would often be fed by the other impatient people in my family. When we would join my grandparents for dinner and everyone was done eating, my grandfather would “volunteer” to take my brother and I for a walk. I later realized that this was grandpa’s way of not patiently waiting as others chatted or enjoyed dessert. My Dad was infamous for his lead foot and mouth as he yelled at other drivers who weren’t going at the speed which he wanted.

One way that this impatience truly overflowed was around Christmas. I couldn’t wait to open my presents. I couldn’t wait for Christmas to arrive. I often would be found shaking presents and gauging their weight to try and discern what was underneath the wrapping paper. Even my mom’s efforts to place presents in different shaped and sized boxes didn’t deter me. It even egged me on even more, since it added to the challenge.

One year it got really bad. I was so impatient that I wasn’t satisfied with shaking presents. I went looking for them. I searched in all of my mom’s regular hiding places. I uncovered new hiding places. When all was said and done there wasn’t a present that was given to anyone that I hadn’t uncovered. And while my need to feed that lack of patience was sated, my enjoyment of the holiday was not what it could or should have been. Yay, Edie got the American Girl Doll set she wanted. Jenny and Rob each got the Playmobil set that they wanted. And I got the new catcher’s mitt. Woo hoo! My impatience had left me

with a lackluster feeling. I was like when you have a meal that you are really excited about and then when that meal happens it is bland at best, and bad at worst.

Christmas isn’t about the rush to get there. It isn’t about how fast we can get through the four Sunday’s of Advent, and the 33 days that separate Christmas and Thanksgiving. It’s about being patient and taking your time. It about preparing and getting ready. And most of all it is about waiting. For four weeks and change we wait. We wait to celebrate the day when Christ came to us. That day when God set into action the plan of salvation through his son. It takes patience every year when the church calendar turns and Advent begins, for us to wait and progress through Advent before we get to Christmas.

As an adult I have learned not to shake presents or to weigh them to guess what I’ve been given. But more importantly even though patience still seems to elude me, I’ve learned to appreciate the journey that takes us there. May we take our time in Advent, and prepare for the coming of Christmas. Let’s try and enjoy the journey.

Blessings,

Rev Bill



DECEMBER EVENTS

December 2	Prayer Chain
December 5, 19	Women's Bible Study
December 8	Youth Group in Kitchen
December 9	Cookie Walk
December 10	Consistory
December 15	Breakfast with Santa
December 23	Christmas Pageant
December 24	Christmas Eve
December 25	Christmas



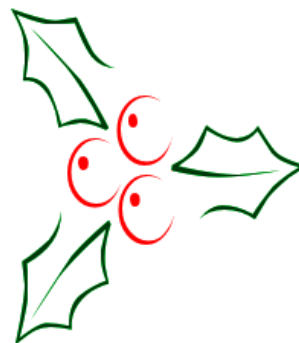
WOMEN'S Bible Study

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Our next meeting is on Wednesday, December 5 from 9:00 am to 11:00 am. We meet on the first and third Wednesdays of the month.

Please join us; we have refreshments and much laughter and love.

Deb Zuill



O Come, Let Us Adore Him

You and Your family are invited to join us to celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ in our Christmas Eve Services:

7:00pm - A service of Carols and Candles to welcome the Light that comes in the Christ Child

9:00pm - We celebrate His birth with a service of Carols, Candles, and Celebration of the Lord's Supper

*Experience the Wonder in the beauty of the season
as we join together in the sanctuary to welcome Him
as the Babe of Bethlehem who comes to give us joy and
peace, this night and all year long.*



Breakfast with Santa

Saturday, December 15, 2018
at the Hurley Reformed Church
 11 Main Street, Hurley, NY
9 AM to NOON

- Children 2 and under . . . \$ 2
- Children 3-12 \$ 5
- Adults (12 and up) . . . \$10

Have your picture taken with Santa
 and receive a small gift!
 Christmas Crafts at 10 AM

**PROCEEDS TO BENEFIT PUERTO RICO RELIEF EFFORTS,
 "SAMARITAN'S PURSE"**

Reservations are needed:
Call 331-4121



***REACH OUT TO THOSE WHO
 NEED YOUR SUPPORT IN
 THEIR DAY TODAY NEEDS:***

Keep them in your prayers.

Terry Conlin is in Golden Hill; Darrel Nicholas is home; Helen Sgroi is recovering at home; Bob Williams is in Ivy Lodge; Dolores McGoldrick is at Ferncliff; MaryLou Vogt is in Hudson Valley Senior Residence; Clarence Jansen and Shirley Ruth are in Mountain Valley Manor; Bud Dussol at Golden Hill; Don Kent at the Terraces at Brookmeade; Bev Chrisey, Friedel Borst, Audrey Hornbeck and Fred Horvers at TenBroeck; Tony Peralta (Julie Provenzano's son-in-law); William Wiacek (Cathy McGraw's brother), Anthony DePietro (son of MaryAnn DiPietro).

Social Solos

**Next Lunch date:
 December 12, 2018 at 12
 Noon.**

Place: TBA

There's something in the air,
 a breeze that smells of snowflakes,
 all cool, crisp and fair.
 Snowflakes will fall silently on
 the garden, and as you sit in this
 special place, perhaps having
 to brush some snow off the benches,
 take the time to reflect, and know
 that God's love comes again
 and again. He will give us strength
 as well as comfort.

May the Christmas season bring
 you closer to family both past
 and present and may you feel
 the love of Jesus within.

STICKLEY GARDENS

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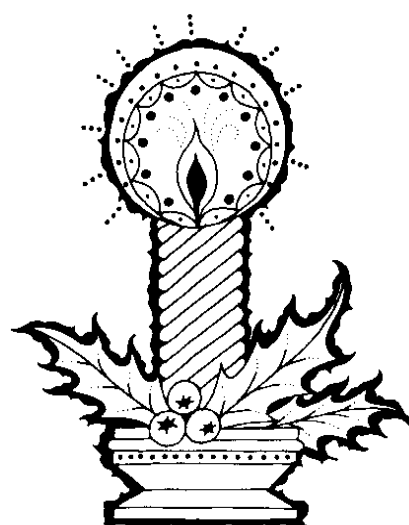
REV STICKLEY, SECRETARY

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

December

BIRTHDAYS

	Lauren Rubino	16	Alyson Rafferty	31
Coty Burgess	2 Linda Moon	16	Daniel Waligurski	31
Toni Hedges	2 Delaney Cox	17	ANNIVERSARIES	
Pat Baker	4 Reid Dumas	20	Nancy & Rick Salzmann	15
Micaela Ryan	5 Mary Lou Vogt	20	Barbara & Jim Mayfield	19
Thomas Horvers	5 Brian Rafferty	22	Steve & Kristen Helm	21
Bailey Kane	5 Kathleen Pfeiffer	23		
Hal Hauck	6 Don Kent	25		
Caitlin Decker	7 Jim Prentice	27		
Joyce Ann Leverenz	7 Bill Baldinger	28		
Brent Jordan	11 Lia Sumerano	28		
William Rockwell	11 Megan Christiana	28		
Renee Nekos	11 Frieda Constant	29		
Rich Little	11 Dawn O'Brien	29		
Jezmain Hubbard	12 Judy Horvers	30		
Jennifer Mayfield	14 Jada Nekos	30		



Slight Change in Missions this next couple of months. November's mission is the Church's Deacons' Fund. December's mission will be Family of

Woodstock. In January, our mission will be the **Warming Center.** Rev. Jordan Scruggs, Deacon at St James United Methodist Church will be giving a presentation before worship on January 6th at 9:30 am. She will be staying for services after her presentation. A wonderful opportunity to see the good we do in the community.

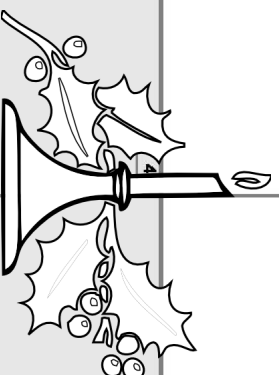


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Dec 2018 (Eastern Time - New York)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
25	26	27	28	29	30	1
10am - Worship @ 11am - Prayer Chain @ 1pm - Eagle Court @	11am - basket case 3pm - Quilting @ Dutch 4:30pm - Dog Training 7pm - 1st Capital 7:30pm - Al-Anon @	9am - Bible Study @ 11am - balance class @ 4:30pm - PC 101 @ 7pm - Boy Scouts Troop 7:30pm - Sisters In	9am - women's bible 4:30pm - Dog Training 7pm - Boy Scouts Troop	9:30am - Badminton @ 1:30pm - Hurley Senior 4:45pm - Dog Training 6pm - English as a 7pm - Choir Rehearsal		swing dance
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
10am - Worship @ 11am - cookie walk @ 11am - Women's 6pm - Blue Christmas @	11am - VFW @ Dutch 3pm - Quilting @ Dutch 4:30pm - Dog Training 7pm - Consistory @ 7pm - Hudson Valley 7:30pm - Al-Anon @	9am - Bible Study @ 11am - balance class @ 7pm - Boy Scouts Troop 7:30pm - Sisters In	12pm - social solos @ 4:30pm - Dog Training 6:30pm - Local 1582 @	9:30am - Badminton @ 4:45pm - Dog Training 6pm - English as a 7pm - Choir Rehearsal	7pm - Motorcycle Club	breakfast with sante 3pm - United Health
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
10am - Worship @ 5:30pm - baps.org	10am - Genealogy @ 3pm - Quilting @ Dutch 4:30pm - Dog Training 7:30pm - Al-Anon @	9am - Bible Study @ 11am - balance class @ 7pm - Boy Scouts Troop 7:30pm - Sisters In	9am - nursery school 9am - women's bible 4:30pm - Dog Training 7pm - Hurley Lions @	9:30am - Badminton @ 4:45pm - Dog Training 6pm - English as a 6pm - nursery school 7pm - Choir Rehearsal 7pm - NE WoodWorkers		5pm - Youth group
16	17	18	18	20	21	22
10am - Worship @ 11:30am - Christmas	10:30am - Genealogy @ 3pm - Quilting @ Dutch 4:30pm - Dog Training 7:30pm - Al-Anon @	9am - Bible Study @ 11am - balance class @ 7pm - Boy Scouts Troop 7:30pm - Sisters In	4:30pm - Dog Training	9:30am - Badminton @ 4:45pm - Dog Training 6pm - English as a 7pm - Choir Rehearsal		
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
10am - Worship @ 11:30am - Women's	3pm - Quilting @ Dutch 4:30pm - Dog Training 7:30pm - Al-Anon @					
30	31	1	2	3	4	5

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