

# THE SPIRE

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February 2022

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Snow and cold, snow and cold, that seems to be the weather norm right now. Well, maybe with a little bit of ice thrown in for good measure. On the days when the snow is falling heavy, or heavy enough to play in it, our house is filled with a specific refrain. “Take care of your stuff, and make sure that it’s ready to go, and then come help with pancakes.” Then for the about the next ten minutes chaos reigns as Liam and Barb run and skip their way around the main floor. Calls of “I can’t find my mittens, or where are my boots!” echo up and down the hall.

The chaos doesn’t end once the kids have managed to locate all their snow gear. Then the real chaos starts as they each do their best to help make the pancakes. Each one wants to add mix, water, eggs, oil, and milk depending on what type of mix we are using. Then each one wants to try and mix it up with the hand whisk. I wish I could say that all of the energy and chaos doesn’t wind up with a mess, but.....I can’t. Once pancakes are done, and the mess cleaned then the fun really begins. Snowballs, snow forts, snow people (the kids have naming rights), and snow angels lay all around the yard. There is usually a sled track from them being pulled around me getting exhausted. All in all it’s a great time, unless it’s during the week, then we have to put some of the fun on hold.

A snow day is a great lesson, while as adults we grumble about road conditions or having to scrape or wipe off our cars. We have to shovel or snow blow and salt. We even have added concerns about how old we are and should we shovel. But kids see the snow and cold differently. Where we see work, cold, danger, and frustration, children see a world filled with opportunity and majesty. They are able to find the beauty and possibilities that exist.

But this world view isn’t just stuck in the

snow. Show me a cardboard box and most of us adults will show you a trip to the recycling bin or a trip up to the transfer station. Give that same box to a child and they will turn it into a fort. Used paper towel tubes become spyglasses, telescopes, swords, and the list can go on and on.

Maybe this difference of perspective and ability to see things differently is greater in kids. But try and tell that to a wood worker who can see unlimited possibilities in a block of wood, or a metal worker who sees a pile of nails but can also see all of the things that it could be as well. What of the artist who doesn’t just see a canvas but can see thousands of brushstrokes ahead and see what will be revealed? We all have the ability to see what could be, what might be and all the possibilities which exist.

And God sees that in each and every one of us. The song “Change my heart oh God,” has a verse which is taken from Isaiah 64:8. The verse reads, “we are the clay, you are the potter; we are all the work of your hand.” The song reimagines it by singing, “you are the potter, I am the clay, mold me and make me this is what I pray.” Just like a potter does with clay, or a child does with snow, God sees in us all of us the various possibilities which can be, God sees in us all that we can and might be at any and every stage and moment of our lives. The difference between us and these images is that when God molds us and shapes us and equips us we have an element of engagement in the process. We can aid it and engage in the process by which God works in our lives.

Brothers and sisters may we see in ourselves and others the same potential that God does, and may we lift up one another along our journey of faith. Amen.



## EVENTS

February 6,13,20,27	Worship
February 6	Communion
February 1,8,15,22	Bible Study
February 9	Social Solos
February 13	Women's Ministries
February 2,4,9,11,16, 18,23,25	Tia Chi
February 3	Hurley Senior Citizens
February 7,14,21,28	Balance Class
February 16	Women's Bible Study
February 22	Brooke's Chicken BBQ

## USHERS FOR FEBRUARY

February 6	Lee Gable, Bob Kindt, Jeanne Quenzer & Chris Decker
February 13	Linda Moon and Jeanne Quenzer
February 20	Lisa Longto and Dino Sumerano
February 27	Allan Dumas and Lee Gable

**SOCIAL SOLOS** meets on Wednesday,  
February 9, 2022 at noon.

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

Many thanks to the leaders of Sunday  
School and their dedication. They were un-  
able to have their Christmas pageant but  
hope to plan something for the near fu-  
ture.

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

Keep them in your prayers.

Judy Bell (Terry Gaffken's mom) needs prayers

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)

Marie Dressel

Barbara Sartorius, New Hampshire



## **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](mailto:janevmerrill@aol.com) to send a message through a card.

*The twinkle of snow flakes  
and the sparkle of ice  
adorn our garden area.*

God shows us beauty in many forms, sometimes you just need to stop and find it. Take time in your day to appreciate all that God has blessed you with. Nature's beauty along with a warm and loving family is a testament to his grace shining on you.

We need to make time in our busy lives to appreciate both. Please stop and visit Stickley Gardens, a place where our church family is remembered forever.

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## STICKLEY GARDENS

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FOR MORE INFORMATION  
CONTACT ANY COMMITTEE MEMBER:

LISA LONGTO (532-7570) CHAIRPERSON

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)

## HELP WANTED/HELP NEEDED

Stone House Day needs a chair person(s).

This event was cancelled last year due to COVID-19 & lack of leadership.

This is the BIGGEST fundraiser our church has.

This event doesn't need to be chaired by one person. Many hands make work light.

Please contact Lisa Longto

[llongto@earthlink.net](mailto:llongto@earthlink.net) or

Rev Bill [pastor@hurleyreformedchurch.org](mailto:pastor@hurleyreformedchurch.org) if this is something that you would like to inquire about.

We thank you for your consideration.



### DEACON OF THE MONTH

is  
Lee Gable



### Mission of the Month

*The mission for February is  
Angel Food East.*

*Thank you for your gener-  
ous donations!*

## Worship

Please join us either in person or by zoom every Sunday at 10am.

Our Zoom link can be found on our web site under Worship Materials.

Thank you to our "techies" in the choir loft running our Zoom.

Thank you to Jane for her music.



## eSpire is now available!

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[TheSpire@HurleyReformedChurch.org](mailto:TheSpire@HurleyReformedChurch.org).

If you no longer wish to receive the Spire please let us know at the same email address or call the church office and we will remove you from our mailing list.

Thank you!!



Chris Decker	2	Colette Woodard	13
Drew Wonderly	3	John Tucker	19
Robert Kindt, Sr.	4	Leslie Shambo	19
Morgan Schaffrick	7	Donna Horvers	19
Shannon Butler Goodrich	8	Amanda Horvers	19
Christie Prentice	10	Lisa Longto	20
John Mizel	12	Shirley Ruth	27
Steve Helm	12	Nikki Cline	29
Todd Rubino	13		

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

**Feb. 22, 2022**  
**4:00pm - 6:30pm**

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

**\$14.00**

To Pre-Order Call: **845-687-4006**





**EASTER PLANTS**



_____ 6" Easter lily	\$8.00
_____ 6" Tulip	\$6.50
_____ 6" Daffodil	\$6.50
_____ 6" Hyacinth	\$6.50
_____ 5" Mini Daffodil	\$4.00
_____ 4" Primrose	\$3.00
_____ 4" Pansy	\$3.00

Total Amount Enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

*Please print clearly*

Placed by: \_\_\_\_\_

In memory of:

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In honor of:


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We encourage you to take your flowers home. The church garden is getting full.

Please make checks payable to: Hurley Reformed Church.

Mail or give your order by March 27, 2022 to:

Doris Alden  
236 East Drive  
Hurley NY 12443

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						
<p>10am - Worship by</p> <p>27</p>	<p>10am - Balance Class</p> <p>7:30pm - Al-Anon @</p> <p>28</p>	<p>9am - Bible Study @</p> <p>4:30pm - Karate</p> <p>4:30pm - PC 101 @</p> <p>6pm - Girls Scouts</p> <p>1</p>	<p>1:30pm - Tia Chi @</p> <p>6pm - Pickle Ball @</p> <p>2</p>	<p>1:30pm - Hurley</p> <p>4:30pm - Karate</p> <p>3</p>	<p>12pm - Knitters @</p> <p>1:30pm - Tia Chi @</p> <p>6pm - Pickle Ball @</p> <p>4</p>	<p>9:30am - Karate</p> <p>5</p>
<p>10am - Worship by</p> <p>11:30am - Women's</p> <p>13</p>	<p>11am - VFW @</p> <p>1pm - Balance Class</p> <p>7pm - Consistory @</p> <p>7pm - Hudson Valley</p> <p>7:30pm - Al-Anon @</p> <p>14</p>	<p>9am - Bible Study @</p> <p>4:30pm - Karate</p> <p>6pm - Girls Scouts</p> <p>6pm - Nursery</p> <p>15</p>	<p>10am - women's</p> <p>1:30pm - Tia Chi @</p> <p>6pm - Pickle Ball @</p> <p>7pm - Hurley Lions</p> <p>16</p>	<p>4:30pm - Karate</p> <p>17</p>	<p>12pm - Knitters @</p> <p>1:30pm - Tia Chi @</p> <p>6pm - Pickle Ball @</p> <p>18</p>	<p>9:30am - Karate</p> <p>19</p>
<p>10am - Worship by</p> <p>20</p>	<p>10am - Genealogy @</p> <p>1pm - Balance Class</p> <p>7:30pm - Al-Anon @</p> <p>21</p>	<p>Brooke BBQ @ Hall</p> <p>Parking lot for BBQ</p> <p>9am - Bible Study @</p> <p>4:30pm - Karate</p> <p>6pm - Girls Scouts</p> <p>22</p>	<p>1:30pm - Tia Chi @</p> <p>6pm - Pickle Ball @</p> <p>23</p>	<p>4:30pm - Karate</p> <p>24</p>	<p>12pm - Knitters @</p> <p>1:30pm - Tia Chi @</p> <p>6pm - Pickle Ball @</p> <p>25</p>	<p>9:30am - Karate</p> <p>26</p>
<p>10am - Worship by</p> <p>27</p>	<p>10:30am -</p> <p>1pm - Balance Class</p> <p>4:30pm - Dog</p> <p>7:30pm - Al-Anon @</p> <p>28</p>					

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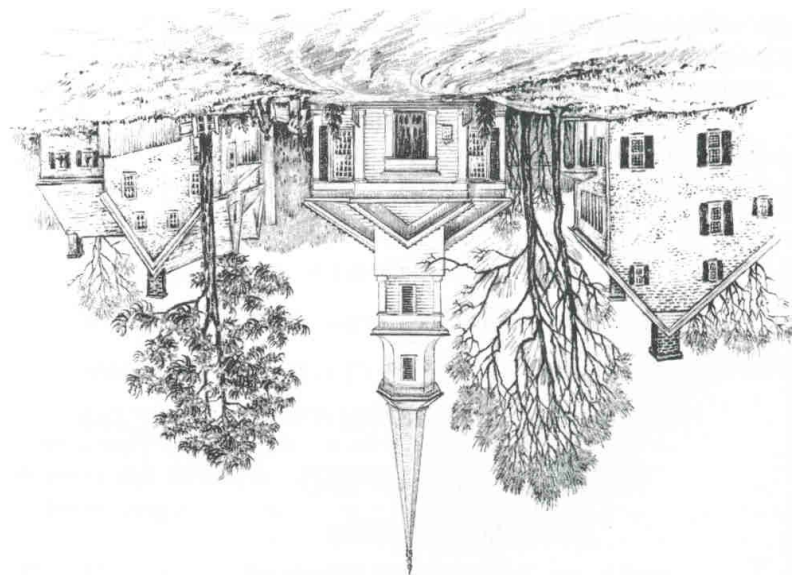
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