

THE SPIRE

February 2026



One of the difficult things in life can be timing. I've been thinking about this quite a bit lately as schedules get busy and it just seems like the time I'm hoping for never seems to come. Sometimes you wait until the right moment for something, such as when your life is in that particular space where you can take on that new task or challenge. Sometimes that moment that you are waiting on just never materializes as you wish that it would. There have been several times when I told myself when the time is right, or when I have some breathing room in life or work, I'll take care of that.

Most recently that happened with a car tire. We had gotten a screw in the driver side front tire. We told ourselves we didn't have time to get it taken care of on that day, so we waited until we had the time. We'll the next morning we found the tire flat, completely flat, and I had to attend a meeting at the same time as Sara attending another, so in below freezing temps, I drafted Will to help me to change the tire. Needless to say I wish that we had learned a lesson that day.

Life is filled with moments like this. Moments where we rationalize a measure of procrastination because we are waiting for the "right" time or moment. I've known several colleagues in ministry who had that as a part of their call story. They had sought to attend seminary when the time was right, when chaos was less, or when children were not going through school, or when a spouse had finished their time in school. What often ended up happening is that God had other plans and ideas. I had often wondered about this when I considered my Mom's own journey to seminary since it didn't exactly come at a convenient time in the life of our family, but God doesn't exactly listen when we say not right now.

As we creep towards the start of Lent on February 18th we might have some time-based conversations. Conversations about doing something during that season of the Church Calendar in order to meet the goal of closeness with God. The challenge of the right moment or enough time, or even the idea of when we are ready will crop up in our internal discussions. We might have it on our hearts to do one thing, maybe commit to reading scripture or praying for 30 minutes during Lent. Or we possibly could have the conviction to sit in silence or engage in any of the spiritual disciplines. However as we try to participate in these, what will we say about the time crunch we will be under?

Will we keep it going? Will we argue within ourselves that we just don't have the time to do something this year, or we find that our Lenten discipline is taking too much of our time and so we shorten the time, or drop it all together. If you have committed to doing something this Lent, to grow closer to God, before you shorten your time commitment or even drop it entirely remember this: there is never going to be a time when we feel is right. We will always have a reason why no won't work or why we'll have to dial things back. Consider this are we prepare for Lent. We don't do this for self-gratification or for selfish reasons. It is to deepen faith, to grow it and develop a closer relationship with God, if not now, then when. If not today than when. There is never a time like anytime for us to grow closer to our Lord. Amen



Winter...

Cold harsh temps,
slick icy roads, bone
chilling winds, bitter cold
nights, depressing
overcast days.

Spring...

is just around the corner.

Have faith God never
let's us down. Our world
will again be filled with
the warmth and beauty of
His love for us.

He is with us always,
in all weather,
and in all of life's ups
and downs.

*Feel His love even
in the icy cold days.*

STICKLEY GARDENS

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)



DEACON FOR FEBRUARY
IS
AILEEN HELSLEY



**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

Marilyn and the More Family



February

- Feb. 1 Wally Cook and Jim Gregory
- Feb. 8 Terry Gaffken and Bonnie Dumas
- Feb. 15 Jeanne Quenzer and Dino Sumerano
- Feb. 22 Maggie Sass and Kathy Jansen

UPCOMING EVENTS

February 1	Communion
February 1, 8, 15, 22	Worship
February 3, 10, 17, 24	Bible Study
February 2, 9, 16, 23	TaiChi @1pm
February 6, 13, 20, 27	Sew and So & Knitters
February 4	Soup for Seniors @ West Hurley Fire House
February 9	Consistory Meeting
February 10	Brooks BBQ
February 11	Social Solos
February 15	Chili Share in the Hall
February 18	Ash Wednesday Service @6:30pm
February 18	Soup for Seniors @ Hurley Fire House
Tues, Thurs & Sat.	Karate



Social Solos meets on Wednesday,
February 11, 2026

At noon

Anyone wishing to join please contact
Rev. Deb Zuill for an invite at
attitudema50@aol.com or 845-247-9157



When the time comes and you are faced with a funeral of a loved one, or a celebration of a baptism the Hurley Reformed Church would like to offer a hand.

The Celebration Committee is happy to help you with the repast after the funeral service or the celebration for the baptism. We will do the set-up of the hall, serve the food (although we cannot supply the food), and we will do all the clean up afterward.

If you would like more information about this, please speak with Rev. Appleyard-Pekich.



Chile Share-February 15th

Come and have chili during coffee hour-bring a side or a chili to share. Sign up sheet will be posted in the hall.



HRC History Presentation

Join us during coffee hour on March 8th for presentation on the history of our church.



Chris Decker	2
Drew Wonderly	3
Robert Kindt, Sr.	4
Morgan Schaffrick	7
John Mizel	12
Steve Helm	12
Colette Woodard	13
Todd Rubino	13
John Tucker	19
Leslie Shambo	19
Donna Horvers	19
Amanda Horvers	19
Lisa Longto	20
Callie LeLay	27
Nikki Cline	29



Our Mission for February is the Reservoir Food Pantry.

The donation item for the basket at the top of the stairs will be canned soups for people's place.



**Come celebrate our
225th Anniversary with us!**

**-225th Community celebration-
May 30th from 10am-2pm**

**-225th Worship Celebration June
7th-During normal worship**

**-Church Cookout- August 30th af-
ter Worship**



**Please join us for Worship
every Sunday at 10am with Refreshments
served after in the Hall.**

**Sign up sheets are posted in the Hall for flowers
and refreshments.**

**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 Wor-
ship Material.**



**Please send any updates for
our prayer chain to**

Pat Baker at

845-331-2556

or

pbaker727@yahoo.com

Church Growth, and Getting To Know You...

As we embark on our mission of church growth and retention, we are looking at ways to get to know you better. We would like to create a database that would give us a better idea of who you are. For starters, If we want to reach out to you, what's your address? Can we reach you by phone? When is your birthday? Do you have children who have been baptized and confirmed?

We have created a very easy form to help us gather some information. We would be happy if you would please take a few minutes to fill this form out, and return it to the church. It will help us to work toward our goal of growing our congregation, and more importantly, to be able to reach out to you and get to know you better. Please know that this form is completely optional.

You can either drop this completed form at church anytime, or you may mail it to the church at: Hurley Reformed Church, PO Box 328, Hurley, NY 12443. We also will soon have a link to this form on our Church website so you can complete it online. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact Rev. Appleyard-Pekich.

Hurley Reformed Church

Family Profile

Family Last Name _____
Physical Address _____
Mailing address (if different from above) _____
Phone – Home _____
Cell _____
Email _____

First Name (Spouse) _____
Birthday _____
Baptized Yes No
Confirmed Yes No
Member of Hurley Reformed Church Yes No

First Name (Spouse) _____
Birthday _____
Baptized Yes No
Confirmed Yes No
Member of Hurley Reformed Church? Yes No

Child _____
Birthday _____
Baptized Yes No
Confirmed Yes No
Hurley Reformed Church Member? Yes No

Child _____
Birthday _____
Baptized Yes No
Confirmed Yes No
Hurley Reformed Church Member? Yes No

Child _____
Birthday _____
Baptized Yes No
Confirmed Yes No
Hurley Reformed Church Member? Yes No

Child _____
Birthday _____
Baptized Yes No
Confirmed Yes No
Hurley Reformed Church Member? Yes No

Do you have offering envelopes: Yes No

If yes, what is your envelope number? _____

If No, would you like offering envelopes? Yes No

May we print your family Birthdays and Anniversaries in our Spire? Yes No

Date _____



EASTER PLANTS



_____ 6" Easter lily	\$9.50
_____ 6" Tulip	\$8.50
_____ 6" Daffodil	\$8.50
_____ 6" Hyacinth	\$8.50
_____ 5" Mini Daffodil	\$4.50
_____ 4" Primrose	\$3.00
_____ 5" Pansy	\$3.50

Total Amount Enclosed: \$ _____

Please print clearly

Placed by: _____

In memory of: _____

In honor of: _____

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

Please make checks payable to: Hurley Reformed Church.
Give to Kathy Jansen after worship or mail to:
223 Hidden Valley Road, Kingston, NY 12401



FUNDRAISERS YOU DON'T WANT TO MISS! SUPPORT HURLEY NURSERY SCHOOL!

**New
Fundraise
Alert!**



Krupa Brothers Pierogi Company
\$15/ dozen - multiple flavors

Runs from 2/9 - 2/20

Krupa Brothers Pierogi Company is a locally-sourced, from-scratch pierogi manufacturer located in the heart of downtown Kingston's historic Rondout District. All pierogi are boiled, dunked in melted butter, and frozen immediately. All that's left to do is put 'em in the pan, heat 'em up, and enjoy!



**Easter Chocolate Treats
with Adams Fairacre Farm**

Runs from 3/2 - 3/11
Treats delivered for pick up on 3/27



Saunderskill Farms
FARM MARKET & GREENHOUSE

The Hurley Nursery School is partnering again this year with Saunderskill Farms to bring you beautiful hanging baskets, flats of flowers, vegetable plants and herbs!

Items will arrive for pick up on **May 8th** just in time for Mother's Day!

MARCH MADNESS POOL



Join our March Madness Pool Fundraiser and have 63 chances to win some money!
Play! Cheer!
Help our school win too!

\$20/BOX

MORE INFO TO COME!!

FIVE GUYS
BURGERS and FRIES

DINE TO DONATE

Tuesday, February 24th

Come to Five Guys and help support HNS! Show the flyer and 20% of your bill goes back to our school!

10 am - 10 pm

Feb 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<div>1</div> <div>10am - 11am Worship</div>	<div>2</div> <div>9am - Assessable Solutions 9am - Board Room HNS 1pm - 3:30pm-Taichi @ Hall 6:30pm - 8pm Al-Anon @ Hall 7pm - 9pm 1st Capitol</div>	<div>3</div> <div>9am - 10am Bible Study @ 11am - Board Room HNS 4:30pm - 5:30pm Karate Class</div>	<div>4</div> <div>8:30am - 9:30am Meeting @</div>	<div>5</div> <div>1:30pm - 3:30pm Hurley 4:30pm - 5:30pm Karate Class</div>	<div>6</div> <div>8am - 3pm Sew and So 1pm - 4pm Knitters @ Dutch</div>	<div>7</div> <div>9am - 10:30am Karate Class 12pm - Event</div>
<div>8</div> <div>10am - 11am Worship 11am - Kitchen usage 12pm - Event</div>	<div>9</div> <div>11am - 12:30pm VFW @ 1pm - 3:30pm-Taichi @ Hall 6:30pm - 8pm Al-Anon @ Hall 7pm - 9pm Consistory @</div>	<div>10</div> <div>9am - 10am Bible Study @ 1pm - 7pm Brooks BBQ 4:30pm - 5:30pm Karate Class</div>	<div>11</div> <div>8:30am - 9:30am Meeting @ 12pm - 2pm social solos @ 7pm - 9:30pm Radio Club @</div>	<div>12</div> <div>4:30pm - 5:30pm Karate Class</div>	<div>13</div> <div>8am - 3pm Sew and So 1pm - 4pm Knitters @ Dutch</div>	<div>14</div> <div>9am - 10:30am Karate Class 10am - 2:30pm Genealogy @ 11am - Event @ Hall and</div>
<div>15</div> <div>10am - 11am Worship 11am - Chili Share</div>	<div>16</div> <div>Presidents' Day 10am - 2:30pm Genealogy @ 1pm - 3:30pm-Taichi @ Hall 6:30pm - 8pm Al-Anon @ Hall</div>	<div>17</div> <div>9am - 10am Bible Study @ 4:30pm - 5:30pm Karate Class</div>	<div>18</div> <div>Ash Wednesday 8:30am - 9:30am Meeting @</div>	<div>19</div> <div>4:30pm - 5:30pm Karate Class</div>	<div>20</div> <div>8am - 3pm Sew and So 1pm - 4pm Knitters @ Dutch</div>	<div>21</div> <div>9am - 10:30am Karate Class 12pm - Event</div>
<div>22</div> <div>10am - 11am Worship</div>	<div>23</div> <div>10:30am - 2:30pm Genealogy 1pm - 3:30pm-Taichi @ Hall 6:30pm - 8pm Al-Anon @ Hall</div>	<div>24</div> <div>9am - 10am Bible Study @ 4:30pm - 5:30pm Karate Class 6pm - 9pm Nursery School</div>	<div>25</div> <div>8:30am - 9:30am Meeting @</div>	<div>26</div> <div>4:30pm - 5:30pm Karate Class</div>	<div>27</div> <div>8am - 3pm Sew and So 1pm - 4pm Knitters @ Dutch</div>	<div>28</div> <div>9am - 10:30am Karate Class</div>

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