

THE SPIRE

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(Hi. This is Dorothy. Rev Bill wrote this essay before the last snow storm and big chill! Peace)

Snow!!!

Growing up in West Michigan has given me a great affinity for snow. To me in the months of November through March, (No I'm not misstating that) there is very little which is more beautiful than sitting in your favorite chair with a fire in the fireplace and snow falling down outside, blanketing the world in its embrace. There is just something wonderful about seeing it fall so peacefully. This is to say nothing of the fun that you can have. There are snow people, snow angels, sledding, skiing, snowboarding, and snowball fights just to name a few activities which snow brings us.

That doesn't mean that I always love snow. There were days when I spent hours with white knuckles trying to drive the stretch of highway between Chicago and Holland. And then there were those years in Seminary when I interned in Grand Rapids and lived in Holland and several days a week had to face the blowing snow along route 96, where out of nowhere you might face whiteout conditions. Then there was the year when Sara and I were living in Holland when I had to shovel the driveway five times, in one day.

Set aside your preconceptions of snow and the cold. Think with me of sitting in a comfortable chair with a warm cup of coffee or tea or hot cocoa. You have nowhere to be and nothing to worry about. Outside is falling the most beautiful fluffy flakes of snow. The world outside is covered in a blanket of snow. The trees are covered, the bushes too. The plows haven't been through yet and there isn't a car out on the road. Outside just looks like a Robert Frost poem. But there is something profoundly theological about a world covered in snow.

There is something comforting and biblical about a world which is covered in newly fallen snow.

God often talks about how we have been washed of our sins and made white as snow. Now we need to take a snapshot of that image of newly fallen snow because too often it takes only an hour or two before cars, plows, salt and gravel have turned that snow into a slushy gray mess. Over the past few weeks since the storm of the 19th & 20th I have had this on my mind. As the snow has gotten dirtier and the slush gets messier and grayer, I have to remind myself that at one point I was looking out a window on a seemingly pristine unblemished world covered in snow.

Thanks be to God that through Christ instead of a world which is constantly filled with the cycle of gray to white happening out our windows we have instead a Lord who came and washed us clean through his sacrifice and obedience on the cross. We might at times feel like we are that gray and gross slushy snow. There are going to be days when we will feel the full weight of our sins and our transgressions. But we need to remember especially on those days when our sins are weighing us down the most, the hope and joy that the empty tomb and the cross bring. Instead of being gray and slushy like a road hours after it has snowed, we have been made clear and been made as pure as a yard right after the snow. Take the time to let God show you this, even if you don't want to go out and enjoy it. Amen.

Rev. Bill



SUNDAY WORSHIP

happens regardless of the weather. Exercise caution and your best judgement whether to venture out in messy weather. Check Facebook or listen to radio if unsure.

FEBRUARY EVENTS

February 3	Prayer Chain
February 6 & 20	Women's Bible Study
February 7	Senior Citizens meeting
February 9	Chinese New Year
February 11	Consistory
February 13	Social Solos
February 26	Brooks BBQ
February 24-March 2	Dorothy on Vacation
February 6,7, 13, 14, 20, 21, 27, 28	AARP Tax Aide

GREETERS AND USHERS FOR FEBRUARY

February 3

Greeters: Troop 20 Boy Scouts

Ushers: Sandra Gregory; Kathy Jansen

February 10

Greeters: Dick and Linda Shook

Ushers: Sandra Emrich; David Kent

February 17

Greeters: Chris Beesmer; Christa Conlin

Ushers: Jim Craven; Roberta Falatyn

February 24:

Greeters: Dick and Nancy Anderson

Ushers: Marilyn Lowe; Russ Glass

COFFEE HOUR REFRESHMENTS

February 3	Troop 20
February 10	Lee Gable/ Linda Dido
February 17	Christa/Chris and Linda
February 24	J. Craven/J. Pirro
March 3	Church Birthday Party



SOUP'S ON.

The Soup Elves are presenting Chili on Super Bowl Sunday.

\$8.00 a quart

Social Solos

Next Lunch date:
February 13, 2019 at 12 Noon.

Place: DiBellas

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



Keep them in your prayers.

Don Kent at the Baptist Home; Ruth Harkin is in Golden Hill Rehab; Terry Conlin is in the VA in Albany; 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; Friedel Borst, Audrey Hornbeck and Fred Horvers at TenBroeck; Tony Peralta (Julie Provenzano's son-in-law); William Wiacek (Cathy McGraw's brother), Anthony DiPietro (son of MaryAnn DiPietro).



A time of transition...
waiting between winter
and spring. In a hushed silence,
the patio is quiet, the fountain
is covered, and yet, there is a
beauty in transition for those who
wait for the coming of Spring
and the New Life in Christ...
hushed... quiet... waiting...
Stickley Gardens...
a place of serene waiting....

STICKLEY GARDENS

FOR MORE INFORMATION - CONTACT ANY COMMITTEE MEMBER:

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REV STICKLEY, SECRETARY

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



Our mission for December was Family of Woodstock in the amount of \$400. January's mission, which is

comprised of a conglomeration of Clinton Avenue Church, St. James United Methodist Church and Catholic Charities will be meeting the needs of those who are unfortunately without food or shelter or warm clothes. We want to thank Rev. Jordan Scruggs for her presentation January 6th when she talked about the situation at Clinton Avenue and there is a list being comprised for those who are interested in helping in some way. I will post an email from her on the church bulletin board as you come into the church. If you would like to volunteer, the contact number is 331-7188.

The mission for February will be Hudson Valley Food Bank.

Marilyn Lowe, Chair

February BIRTHDAYS

Chris Decker	2
Drew Wonderly	3
Robert Kindt, Sr.	4
Ron Burns	7
Morgan Schaffrick	7
Molly Nicholas	8
Shannon Butler	8
Christie Prentice	10
John Mizel	12
Steve Helm	12
Colette Woodard	13
Eugene Groelle	13
Todd Rubino	13
Friedel Borst	14
John Tucker	19
Leslie Shambo	19
Donna Horvers	19
Amanda Horvers	19
Lisa Longto	20
Shirley Ruth	27
Nikki Cline	29

ANNIVERSARIES

Doris & Bob Alden 17



WOMEN'S Bible Study

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Our next meeting is on Wednesday, February 6 and 20 from 9:00 am to 11:00 am.

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

Deb Zuill



No Prayer Chain meeting this month. Please let us know of any changes and any prayer chain requests.

Dine In
BROOKS'
Take Out

The Famous

Brook's

Chicken BBQ

from Oneonta, NY

February 26, 2019

4:00pm - 7:00pm

Hurley Reformed Church, Main St, Hurley NY

Dinner includes: baked potato,
coleslaw, dinner roll,
bottled water & dessert

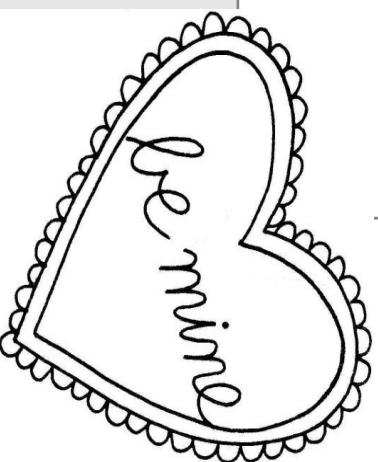
\$12.00

For Tickets Call: **Aileen 845-389-5558**

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Feb 2019 (Eastern Time - New York)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
27	28	29	30	31	1	2
		February 2019				swing dance
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10am - Worship @ 11am - Prayer Chain 2:30pm - birthday	3pm - Quilting @ 4:30pm - Dog 7pm - 1st Capitol 7:30pm - Al-Anon @	9am - Bible Study @ 11am - balance 4:30pm - PC 101 @ 7pm - Boy Scouts 7:30pm - Sisters in	Eat at Reservoir Inn 9am - AARP Tax 9am - women's bible 4:30pm - Dog 6:30pm - Cub Scouts 7pm - Boy Scouts	9am - AARP tax aide 9:30am - Badminton 9:30am - Finance 1:30pm - Hurley 4:45pm - Dog 6pm - English as a 7pm - Choir	7pm - Motorcycle	10am - Genealogy @ 5pm - chinese new
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
10am - Worship @ 11am - Women's 3pm - party @ Hall	11am - VFW @ 3pm - Quilting @ 7pm - Consistory @ 7pm - Hudson Valley 7:30pm - Al-Anon @	8:30am - Hillside 9am - Bible Study @ 11am - balance 7pm - Boy Scouts 7:30pm - Sisters in	9am - AARP Tax 12pm - social solos 6:30pm - Cub Scouts 6:30pm - Local 1582	9am - AARP tax aide 9:30am - Badminton 6pm - English as a 7pm - Choir		12pm - Caleb Molina 5pm - Baps.org
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
10am - Worship @ 11am - SHD	10am - Genealogy @ 3pm - Quilting @ 4:30pm - Dog 7:30pm - Al-Anon @	9am - Bible Study @ 11am - balance 6pm - nursery 7pm - Boy Scouts 7:30pm - Sisters in	9am - AARP Tax 9am - women's bible 4:30pm - Dog 6:30pm - Cub Scouts 7pm - Hurley Lions	9am - AARP tax aide 9:30am - Badminton 4:45pm - Dog 6pm - English as a 7pm - Choir 7pm - NE	nursery school	
24	25	26	27	28		
10am - Worship @ 11:30am - program	10:30am - Genealogy 3pm - Quilting @ 4:30pm - Dog 7:30pm - Al-Anon @	Brooks BBQ 9am - Bible Study @ 11am - balance 7pm - Boy Scouts 7:30pm - Sisters in	9am - AARP Tax 4:30pm - Dog 6:30pm - Cub Scouts	9am - AARP tax aide 9:30am - Badminton 4:45pm - Dog 6pm - English as a 7pm - Choir		



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