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(Hi! This is Dorothy. It's February! Lots of big doings here at the church. In this issue you'll see adverts for Brooks BBQ (yum!), Women's Ministries tea and potluck luncheon, news about the arrival of our new pastor, order form for Easter plants. Lots of Stuff! Phew.)

The article is from a website called dayspring.com. It's a short essay on love. Peace, Dorothy)

A Recipe for Love from Ephesians 4

By Melody

Every day is the perfect time of year to talk about love, but Valentine's Day likely sparks more "love" talk than any other. We're bombarded with advice on how to find love—and keep it—from every friend, family member, and even strangers. Wouldn't it be easier if we had a specific recipe for love—a foolproof way to bring love into our lives?

And on that topic, doesn't it feel like we get so many mixed messages? I mean, **what is love, really?** Sometimes it feels like it's all hearts and flowers and heart-shaped candy boxes, oohs-and-ahhs and isn't-he-so-cute and cartoon princes rescuing damsels in distress and romantic movies with violins swelling as the couples run toward each other in slow motion with arms open wide and... Oh! My. Gracious.

Sometimes it can feel a little superficial, like the recipe for finding and expressing love ranges from sitting idly awaiting our white knight to presenting our loved one an annual box of chocolates. Searching for love can be overwhelming, and expressing love may seem complex.

So, let's look for a better understanding of love. And let's go to the source of love—God—and consult the Word for the true "recipe" for expressing

love. After all, God is love, so it's only natural we look to him for love advice.

Let's start with the beautiful recipe for love in Ephesians 4. It begins by urging for us to **walk in the manner in which we have been called**—with humility, gentleness and patience, standing together in love, with unity, with peace:

"I therefore... urge you to walk in a manner... to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit and the bond of peace." —excerpt from Ephesians 4:1-3 ESV

Later, in verse 15, we're urged to *"speak the truth in love,"* working to become more Christ like in our dealings with each other.

Finally, we're urged to **embrace our new life in Christ**, to put off our old self and to be renewed in the spirit of our minds (verse 22-23).

The "recipe" ends with truths to help us love better, stronger and deeper:

1. Speak the truth (verse 25).
2. Be angry (only in a healthy way, not letting it lead us to sin), but don't dwell in it unnecessarily ("do not let the sun go down on your anger") (verse 26).
3. Speak good things to each other (no "corrupting talk" coming from our mouths) (verse 29).
4. Get rid of negativity! Put away bitterness, rage, anger, harsh words, slander and malice (verse 31).

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GUEST PASTORS FOR FEBRUARY

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| February 4 | Rev. James Alley |
| February 11 | Rev. Nick Miles |
| February 18 | Rev. Nick Miles |

**THE NEW PASTOR ARRIVES!!**

We look forward to the arrival of our new minister of Word and Sacrament, Rev. William Appleyard-Pekich. We anticipate the family's arrival President's Day weekend with his first service as our pastor on February 25. Anyone who has a lawful objection to Rev. Appleyard-Pekich receiving the call as the minister of Word and Sacrament for the Hurley Reformed Church should contact Sr. Elder Dennis Croswell immediately.

**FEBRUARY EVENTS**

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| February 1 | Hurley Senior Citizens |
| February 11 | Women's Ministries Potluck Luncheon |
| February 12 | Consistory |
| February 14 | Ash Wednesday Services Lent Begins |
| February 24 | Troop 20 Spaghetti Dinner |
| February 25 | Rev. Appleyard-Pekich |
| February 5, 7, 12, 14, 19, 21, 26, 28 | Tai Chi Classes |
| February 7, 8, 14, 15, 21, 22, 28 | AARP Tax Preparation |

5. Be kind and tenderhearted to each other (verse 32).
6. And the essential cherry on top: be forgiving (verse 32).

Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and slander be put away from you, along with all malice. Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you. Ephesians 4:32 ESV

Our prayer for you today: God, thank you for the gift of your Word. Thank you for using Ephesians 4 to guide us in growth in our relationships with others, to grow us in love. We ask that your Holy Spirit guide us away from bitterness and anger and steer us to kindness, forgiveness and love for one another ever more each day. Amen.

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**ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICES**

February 14, 2018

7:30 pm. R

ev. Nick Miles will lead the service.

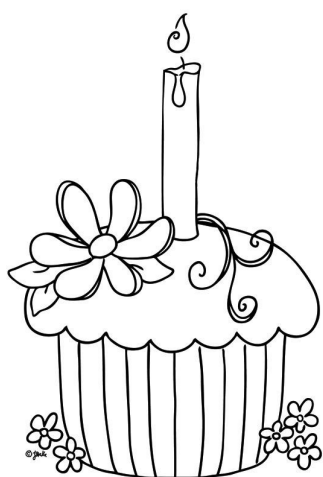
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Birthdays

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| Chris Decker | 2 | Colette Woodard |
| Drew Wonderly | 3 | Eugene Groelle |
| Robert Kindt, Sr. | 4 | Todd Rubino |
| Ron Burns | 7 | Friedel Borst |
| Morgan Schaffrick | 7 | John Tucker |
| Molly Nicholas | 8 | Leslie Shambo |
| Shannon Butler | 8 | Donna Horvers |
| Betty Pirro | 8 | Amanda Horvers |
| Elsie Kemble | 9 | Lisa Longto |
| Christie Prentice | 10 | Shirley Ruth |
| John Mizel | 12 | Jake Croswell |
| Steve Helm | 12 | Nikki Cline |

Anniversaries

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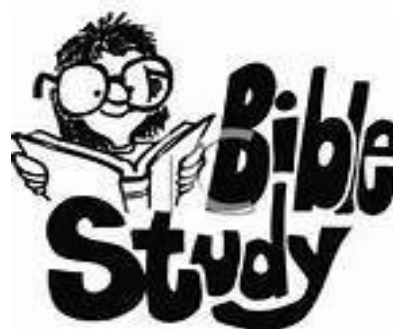
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The annual birthday celebration held during coffee hour will be on March 4. There are

12 tables that will be decorated for each month. Go to the table that has the month that you were born in & see who else shares your same month or even birthday. It is fun to see who is the oldest/youngest at your table. Grab a piece of cake, get to know each other plus we get to sing & wish each other a Happy Birthday!!



Women's Bible Study resumes February 13 from 1-3 pm in the Dutch Room.

The book, "The Slightly Bad Girls of the Bible" is now on sale. The price is \$11. All who will be joining us on February 13, at 1 PM in the Dutch Room are asked to purchase and read the 1st chapter. There will be refreshments! See Debbie Zuill.



WOMEN'S MINISTRIES

Everyone's Invited: Are you a train or history buff? Do you love to make pottery, baskets, create art work or sculpting? People have different hobbies such as: collecting dolls, old-toys, teddy bears, postcards, stamps, coins, salt & pepper shakers. There will be tables set up, so bring examples of your hobby to display. If you don't have a hobby, then just bring yourself! Bring a dish to share, come and enjoy our "Valentine's Day with the Hobbies We Love" Potluck Luncheon after church on February 11th. Sign-ups this morning – see Pat Baker. Sponsored by Women's Ministries.



This month's mission will be the Food Bank of the Hudson Valley. Please give generously to this local charity which helps those get by in the cold weather! Thank you all.

Marilyn Lowe

Dine In

BROOKS'
HOUSE OF BAR-B-Q

Take Out

The Famous
Brook's
Chicken BBQ from Oneonta, NY

February 27, 2018

4:00pm - 7:00pm

Hurley Reformed Church, Main St, Hurley NY

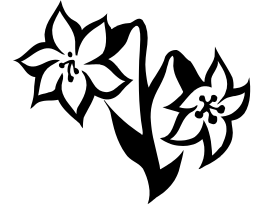
Dinner includes: baked potato,
coleslaw, dinner roll,
bottled water & dessert

\$12.00



For Tickets Call: **Sandy 845-687-4006**

EASTER PLANTS



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| _____ LILIES | \$7.50 |
| _____ Mini Roses | \$5.00 |
| _____ Tulips | \$6.25 |
| _____ Daffodils | \$6.25 |
| _____ Hyacinths | \$6.25 |
| _____ Mini Daffodils | \$3.50 |
| _____ Primroses | \$2.25 |

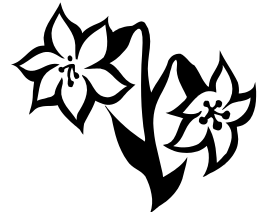
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We encourage you to take your flowers home. The church garden and the rail trail berm are full.

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Mail or give your order by March 18.2018 to:

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WOMEN'S GUILD

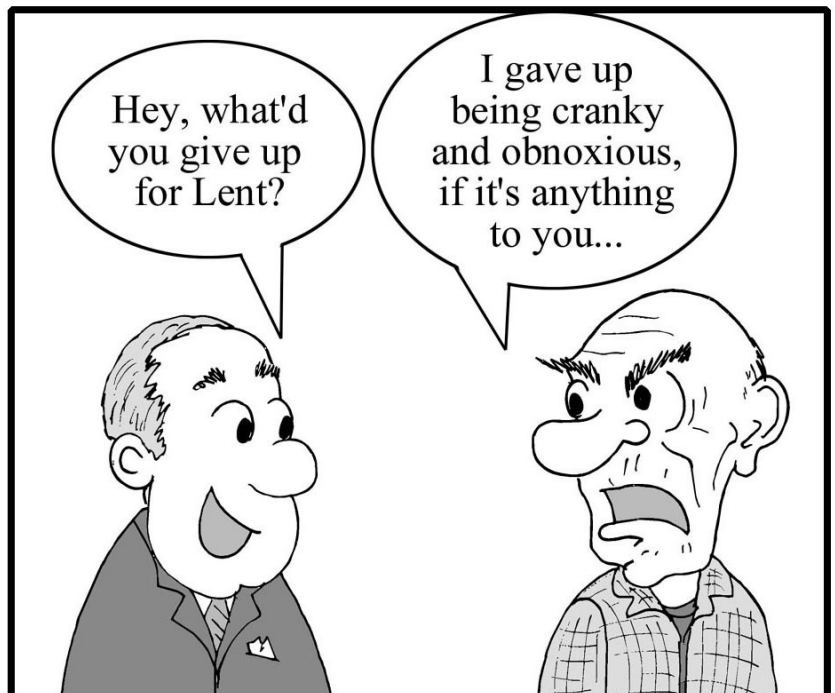
Pecans: Thank you to everyone that helped with this fund raiser. Even though we didn't sell out this year it was still a success. If you need any milk or dark chocolate, chocolate cluster or plain please see Sandy Emrich or call her at 687-4006 & place your order. Thank you for your support.

Cookie Walk: Every year I think there won't be enough cookies for folks to buy & every year the folks of this church don't let me down. Your baking skills are amazing. The amount & variety of cookies were over whelming!! Thank you to everyone that set up the tables, baked, purchased, collected money, put cookies in boxes, & cleaned up. Without all of your efforts we couldn't do this year after year after year. Thank you!!

Poinsettias: The alter looked beautiful this holiday season. Thank you to everyone that purchased a flower, decorated the alter or shared a flower with someone. You truly made it a Christmas to remember!!

Our calendar of events: March 3 2018 set up for Church birthday party
 March 4 2018 Annual Church birthday party
 March 25 2018 Meeting

God Bless,
Sandy Emrich-President



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February 2018

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| 10am - Worship @ 11am - Prayer Chain | 9:30am - Guild 1:15pm - Tai Chi 3pm - Quilting @ 5pm - Dog Training 7:30pm - Al-Anon @ | 9:30am - Badminton 11am - balance 4:30pm - PC 101 @ 7pm - Boy Scouts | 9am - aarp tax 1:15pm - Tai Chi 5:30pm - Dog 7pm - Boy Scouts | 9am - aarp tax 9:30am - Badminton 4:45pm - Dog 6pm - English as a 6pm - nursery 7pm - Choir | 7pm - Motorcycle | baby shower 10am - Genealogy @ |
| 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 |
| 10am - Worship @ 11am - Women's 12pm - women's 2:30pm - birthday | 9:30am - Guild 11am - VFW @ 1:15pm - Tai Chi 3pm - Quilting @ 5pm - Dog Training 7pm - Consistory @ 7pm - Hudson Valley | 8:30am - Hillside 9:30am - Badminton 11am - balance 1pm - Women's 7pm - Boy Scouts | 9am - aarp tax 12pm - social solos 1:15pm - Tai Chi 5:30pm - Dog 6:30pm - Local 1582 | 9am - aarp tax 9:30am - Badminton 4:45pm - Dog 6pm - English as a 7pm - Choir 7pm - NE 7pm - Sisters in | | 9:30am - dog |
| 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 |
| 10am - Worship @ 11am - SHD 5pm - Indian | 9:30am - Guild 10am - Genealogy @ 10am - Lion Club 1:15pm - Tai Chi 3pm - Quilting @ 5pm - Dog Training | 9:30am - Badminton 11am - balance 7pm - Boy Scouts | 9am - aarp tax 9am - Finance 1:15pm - Tai Chi 5:30pm - Dog 7pm - Hurley Lions 7pm - men's group | 9am - aarp tax 9:30am - Badminton 4:45pm - Dog 6pm - English as a 7pm - Choir 7pm - Sisters in | | Troop 20 Spaghetti |
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| Chinese new year 10am - Worship @ | 9:30am - Guild 10:30am - Genealog 1:15pm - Tai Chi 3pm - Quilting @ 5pm - Dog Training 7:30pm - Al-Anon @ | Brooks BBQ 9:30am - Badminton 11am - balance 1pm - Women's 7pm - Boy Scouts | 9am - aarp tax 1:15pm - Tai Chi 5:30pm - Dog | | | |

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