

# THE SPIRE

February 2023



The other day Liam, Sara and I were watching the playoffs. Barb was in the other room singing to herself and coloring since she still has yet to embrace the emotional rollercoaster of sports fandom. I can't even remember who was playing, only that Liam was becoming increasingly upset at what he perceived as a lack of fair calls by the referees. As the game rolled along the level of upset went up as did the sarcasm and frustration towards a lack of fairness. As I try and do in these moments I tried to appeal to his heart by reminding him that the referees are people and that they make mistakes. His response was that perhaps if they make so many mistakes, they shouldn't be referees.

I unfortunately then made the mistake of mentioning that baseball was going to be working on robo-umps on a trial basis. Liam jumped at the idea, until I explained that even then there might be a bias or issue with the AI or even the programming. I then tried to pivot and explain that the penalties being called could be called on any play and that the referees had to balance out what they saw, what effected the play and what was egregious and blatant. He was having none of it. And to make matters worse he wasn't wrong.

Justice is one of those difficult things to deal with in this world of ours. When I was student teaching one of the first things I was told by my supervising teacher was that justice and fairness wasn't about everyone getting the same thing, but everyone getting what they needed. Which sounds great if a few conditions are being met first among them being that everyone is actually getting what they need. And it is exception-

ally difficult to have people understand and be ok with this concept. Worse yet is the fallibility of us as humans. We don't have enough time or we have the blinders we create or are instilled in us. Our ability to be fair and just can very easily be shifted by a caustic personality, or a sweet disposition.

The human condition is flawed and fallible making the true concept of just and fair out of reach. It doesn't mean that we can't or won't try or even come close to fair and just. But it does mean that it will be something that fully eludes us. For now that is. There is hope that there will be a day when as scripture says "Justice will roll down like waters, and righteousness like a mighty stream." But until that day we must deal with those imperfections which exist.

It means both seeking towards justice, not towards an imperfect or flawed justice but reaching for that day of which the prophet Amos spoke. However while we reach for that we must have grace for others and ourselves for those moments of imperfection. Justice, and fairness aren't the only places where we find issues, where the imperfections of life and humanity lay bare their issues. But until the day when Christ returns we will have those imperfections. May we strive as much as we can to bring justice and all those other pieces of life which we seem to always fall short of. But may we have grace on others and ourselves as we wait for the day when justice will roll like water and righteousness like a mighty stream"





February 5,12,19,26	Worship
February 2	Hurley Seniors meeting
February 5	Communion
February 7,14,21,28	Bible Study
February 8	Social Solos
February 13	Consistory Meeting
February 14	Valentine's Day
February 15	Women's Bible Study
February 20	President's Day
February 21	Brook's BBQ
February 6,13,20,27	Tai Chi



***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)

Bev Roosa is at the Terraces at Brookmeade

Shirley Ruth is in Golden Hill

Lori Pinkham is Wingate at Ulster

David Giles

Barbara Sartorius, New Hampshire

Terry Conlin

*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  
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LEE GABLE

REV STICKLEY, SECRETARY

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If anyone is interested we  
have a manger set available .  
It is white ceramic figurines  
that have not been stained,  
painted or fired. Please con-  
tact the office if you think you  
could use it!



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
Shirley Ruth	27
Nikki Cline	29

Social Solos meets on Wednesday,

February 8, 2023 at noon.

Contact Rev. Deb Zuill for an invite at  
[attitudema50@aol.com](mailto:attitudema50@aol.com) or 845-247-9157

Please join us for Worship  
either in person or  
through zoom every Sunday at 10am  
with Refreshments served after in  
the Hall.

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

## Ushers for February

February 5	Lee Gable & Alan Dumas
February 12	Glenn Decker & Bob Kindt
February 19	Dennis Croswell & Marilyn More
February 26	Dino Sumerano & Lisa Longto

## Deacon For February

is  
Lee Gable

## 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.

## Mission of the Month is

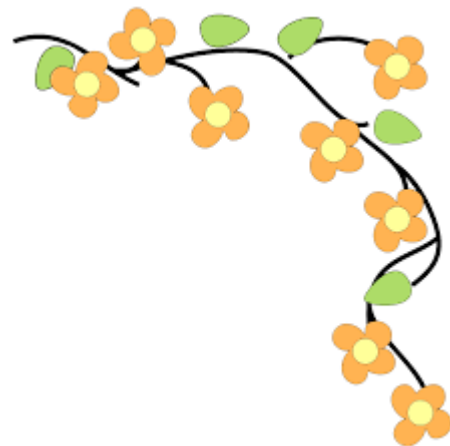
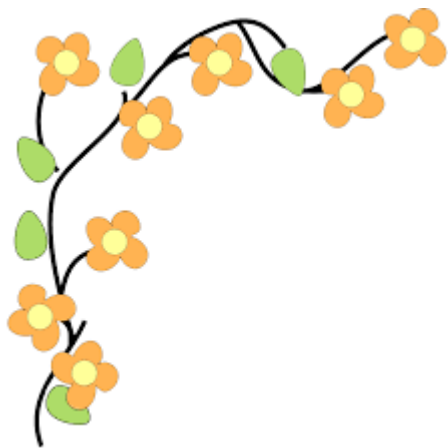
the Family Inn of Kingston.

It provides emergency shelter for up to 21 homeless men and women. The shelter provides programming for substance abuse and/or mental health. It also supports crisis counseling, parenting education, and information on identifying domestic abuse, as well and many other much needed services.

We also will continue our food drive for the Bread of Life food pantry. A few items that they are in need of, but unable to get regularly include: Ketchup, canned chicken, brown gravy, pancake syrup, salad dressing, powdered milk. If you are able to help support this need, please drop your items in the basket at the top of the stairs at church. The Bread of Life staff and recipients appreciate all that we at the Hurley Reformed Church continue to do for them.

Thank you!





*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. 21, 2023

## 4:00pm - 6:00pm

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

# \$15.00

To Pre-Order Call: **845-331-4121**

## ***EASTER PLANTS***

_____ 6" Easter lily	\$9.00
_____ 6" Tulip	\$8.00
_____ 6" Daffodil	\$8.00
_____ 6" Hyacinth	\$8.00
_____ 5" Mini Daffodil	\$4.50
_____ 4" Primrose	\$3.50
_____ 4" Pansy	\$3.50



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.

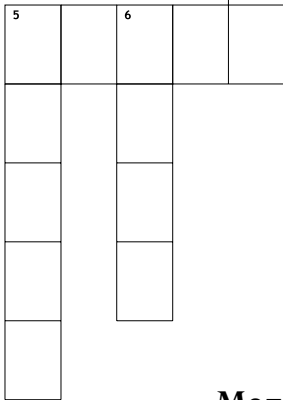
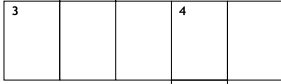
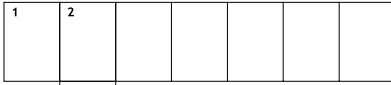
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# Children's Activity Page

## Cross Word



### Across

1-Rose, Tulip, Dandelion, Lily

2-What beats inside your chest.

5-The baby with the bow and arrow who brings love

### Down

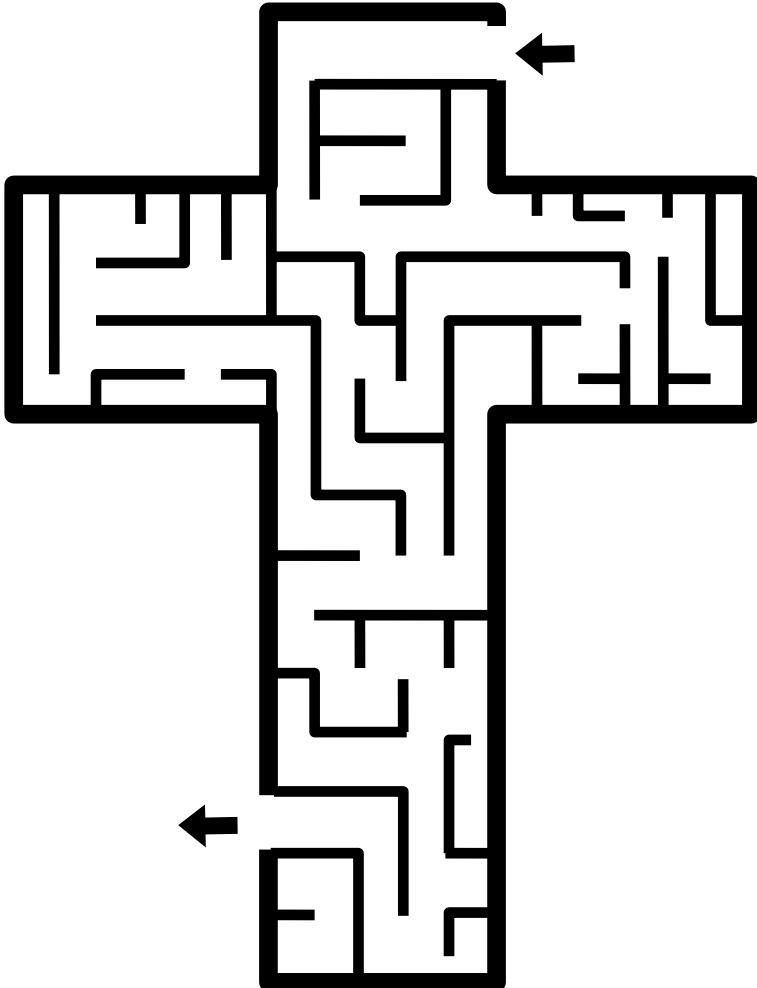
2-I \_\_\_\_\_ You!

4-The color of a stop sign

5-Treats you often get on Valentine's Day



6-The color you get when you mix red and white

## Maze



## Color



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
29		31	1	2	3	4
5		7	8	9	10	11
10am - Worship by Zoom and 11:30am - Women's		14	15	16	17	18
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
10am - Worship by Zoom and 11:30am - Women's	11am - VFW @ Dutch Room 1pm - Tai Chi 7pm - Consistory @ Dutch 7pm - Hudson Valley 7:30pm - Al-Anon @ Room 9	Valentine's Day 9am - Bible Study @ Dutch 4:30pm - Karate Class @ hall	10am - women's bible study 4pm - Dog Training 6pm - Pickleball	4:30pm - Dog Training @ Hall 4:30pm - Karate Class	12pm - Knitters @ Dutch 5pm - BAPS @ Hall 6pm - Pickleball	9am - Yogi @ Classroom 9 & 9:30am - Karate Class @ Hall
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
10am - Worship by Zoom and	Presidents' Day 10am - Genealogy @ Rooms 1pm - Tai Chi 7:30pm - Al-Anon @ Room 9	Brook's @ Hall & Kitchen 9am - Bible Study @ Dutch 4:30pm - Karate Class @ hall 6pm - Nursery School Board	4pm - Dog Training 6pm - Pickleball	4:30pm - Dog Training @ Hall 4:30pm - Karate Class	12pm - Knitters @ Dutch 6pm - Pickleball	9am - Yogi @ Classroom 9 & 9:30am - Karate Class @ Hall
26	27	28				
10am - Worship by Zoom and	10:30am - Genealogy @ 1pm - Tai Chi 7:30pm - Al-Anon @ Room 9	9am - Bible Study @ Dutch 4:30pm - Karate Class @ hall				

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