

# THE SPIRE

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January 2022

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At 6:30 every morning our house begins in the same way. A sweet chipper hopeful voice comes into the room singing (yes singing) "Good Morning." Every morning Barb enters our room announcing the arrival of another day. She is like clockwork with that happiness. For the rest of the house it really seems out of place. The rest of us need a few minutes to shake the sleep out of our heads and manage to get to a place where we grumble before coffee or breakfast.

Growing up my brother had the same chipper and joyful morning celebratory wakefulness. It clashed with my older sister's rather grumpier morning disposition to the point where we had the rule about no talking at the breakfast table until after breakfast. I do suspect this was also Mom's way of curbing the cheeriness.

In past years the new year was greeted with a hopefulness and cheeriness of new opportunities, new experiences. It was with celebrations which we walked or sometimes danced our way into the new year. Even last year the narrative was that 2020 was so bad that we needed the new year. Murder hornets, the pandemic, the lockdowns, basic needs being in short supply caused us to create the phrase, "well its 2020." When the new year came we were relieved, it was as if it was graduation day and we could finally breathe.

By this year doesn't seem to have that same relief. The new year seems to have an almost hopeless or lack of hope to it. It isn't so much that we are

hopeless in terms of a clinical definition, but it seems like we are experiencing a similar place to when the Psalmist writes, "My hope is gone." People seem to be expecting more of 2020 and 2021 in 2022. After two years of the same struggles and the same difficulties it seems that we are jaded. We can't see the end of the tunnel that usually greets a new year because it seems like we are in one of those really long tunnels which go under the Chesapeake Bay tunnel bridge.

But while there is a current lack of cheeriness and hope to greet the new year we know that we have a hope which is made of stronger stuff. It is the hope that our hymns sing of, that hope that is built on nothing less, than Jesus blood and righteousness. It is that same hope that while in one line the Psalmist writes of how bad things are and how hope is gone, in the very next line can sing of the hope and joy that is in the Lord. It is a hope that stands up to and triumphs over the hopelessness and pain that exists.

We are a people of hope, hope not in the way things are or the way things have been. Our hope is in the way things will be, the way things God will weave them. Our Hope is in God and our faith in God. That is what will give us the perseverance to face a year which might be as bad as the last two, and it allows us to hope for a better time. May we be bearers of hope to our world and share the hope of Christ in this world of ours. Amen





## EVENTS

January 2,9,16,23,30	Worship
January 2	Communion
January 4,11,18,25	Bible Study
January 12	Social Solos
January 9	Women's Ministries



### ***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

Muriel Ferraro is in rehab at Thompson House

## USHERS FOR JANUARY

January 2

Ushers: Glenn Decker and Bill Baldinger

January 9

Ushers: Lisa Longto and Dino Sumerano

January 16

Ushers: Chris Decker and Bob Kindt

January 23

Ushers: Alan Dumas and Lee Gable

January 30

Ushers: Lisa Longto and Dino Sumerano

**SOCIAL SOLOS** meets on Wednesday,  
January 12, 2022 at noon.

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



### **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.

Happy  
New Year &  
Blessings to  
all for 2022!

THE STICKLEY GARDENS COLUMBARIUM COMMITTEE

## STICKLEY GARDENS

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from  
Oneonta, NY

Drive-Up  
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# Feb. 22, 2022

## 4:00pm - 6:30pm

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

# \$14.00

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### Mission of the Month

The mission for January is Angel Food East.

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**DEACON OF THE MONTH**

is

Lisa Longto



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# JANUARY

## *Birthdays*

Nicole Provenzano	4
Delaney Dockery	8
Carla Paton	8
Dolores Wyncoop	12
Doug Constant	15
Glenn Decker	17
Wally Cook	17
Lee Gable	18
Wendy Helsley	19
Brandon Paton	20
Shannon Tucker Goodrich	21
Alma Strickland	23
Doris Alden	24
Kelly Maggiore	24
Sheila Jansen	25
Morgan Burgess	26
Tom Harkin	27
Mitchell Kurtz	30

## *Anniversary's*

Rev & Esther Stickley	2
George & Renee Nekos	4



## Worship

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

Communion will be held in the pews on Sunday, January 2nd.



## Refreshments

It's great to have coffee & refreshments back after service and flowers on the alter. (Sign up sheet can be found in the hall for both)

Please remember for everyone's safety masks are required in the building right now. Thank you!



## Attendance:

Before Christmas-40 & 6 kids, Blue Christmas 10 with folks lighting votive candles for loved ones, Christmas Eve 7pm- 50 with 15 kids; 9pm- 70 with communion.

Sunday January 2nd-Communion with Ruth Kent

Sunday January 9th-Installation of new Consistory members

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
26	27	28	29	30	31	1
10am - Worship by	1pm - Balance Class 4:30pm - Dog 7pm - 1st Capitol 7:30pm - AI-Anon @	9am - Bible Study @ 4:30pm - Karate 4:30pm - PC 101 @	6pm - Pickle Ball @	1:30pm - Hurley 4:30pm - Dog 4:30pm - Karate	12pm - Crochet- 6pm - Pickle Ball @	9:30am - Karate 10am - Genealogy @ 6pm - Pickleball @
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
10am - Worship by	11am - VFW @ 1pm - Balance Class 4:30pm - Dog 7pm - Consistory @ 7pm - Hudson Valley 7:30pm - AI-Anon @	9am - Bible Study @ 4:30pm - Karate 6pm - Girls Scouts	12pm - social solos 6pm - Pickelball @	4:30pm - Dog 4:30pm - Karate	12pm - Crochet- 6pm - Pickle Ball @	9:30am - Karate 6pm - Pickleball @
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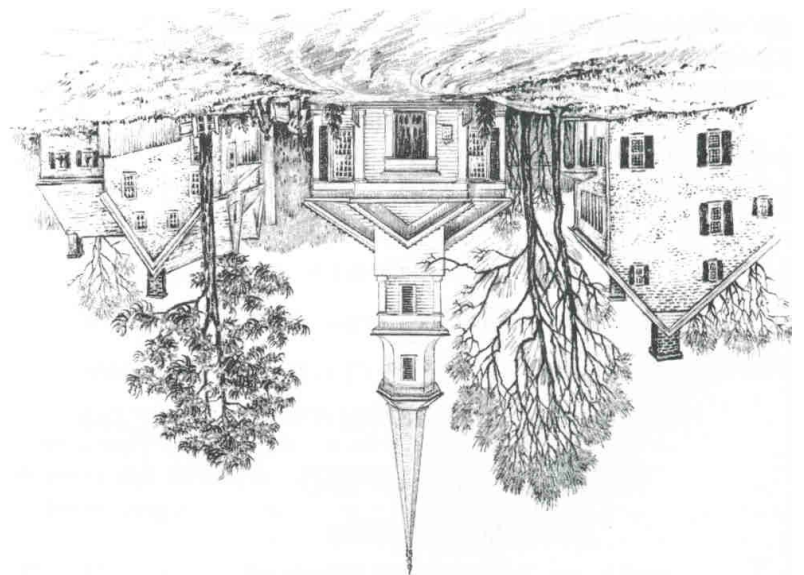
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