

THE SPIRE

January 2023



A new year is beginning. And with that comes all of the joy and concerns which occur in the same space at the same time. There is the hope of all the things that will unfold. All the new opportunities which will present themselves and the joys expected and unexpected will happen. The other side of the coin is that there are things that will happen that to put it bluntly will kick us and knock us down. There will be challenges along with the joys. Unseen or expected surgeries or health issues, family squabbles, financial struggles, all the various and sundry struggles will occur in the year to come.

Even the weather plays a part in the uncertainty. In 2021 did we think that we were going to have a tornado mixed with a microburst? Did we expect the ice storm which may have looked beautiful, but left most of us without power or heat? But in the same vein could we have known the pleasant breezes of spring, and the wondrous sun of summer?

But in the midst of all of the knowns and the unknowns for the year are the steady, and calm, almost repetitive things which we can trust. There are the days that we know are coming, the anniversaries, holidays, things that we only need to pick up or turn on the calendar to find, and they will happen. Even in a pandemic the moments happen, not how or in the way we would have liked but they still happened.

It is such an interesting time as we are filled with wonder, hope and maybe a little nervousness about what might be. We've had years that seemed like the chips always fell right and everything seemed to move in our direction. And we have also had years like 2020 where the simple explanation of things like murder hornets is that it is 2020. Every year is different filled with joys and challenges.

Few of us ever look out on a year and dread it. We make commitments to better ourselves and transform our lives. If you pay attention to Sam's, Target and

Walmart, there will be displays filled with exercise equipment and storage. They are gearing up for the demand from us, spurred on by resolutions to work out more, or cut down or pull back on clutter. But we also see running jokes about how we make those commitments and embrace those changes to our lives, only to break the commitment to them or have the effort slowly and steadily fade out of our conscious.

Sunday the 1st presents us with a new calendar, a new year. You can call it a clean slate or an opportunity. However you choose to look at it the certainty is that it is happening, it is inevitable. Time moves and marches on. But in that inevitability, in the reality that we can't stop or even hit pause on time, it's the reality of our choice in what happens and how we meet them. We can't avoid the joys, not that we want to, or the sorrows, as if we had a choice. But we can choose how we meet them and in what way we engage with them.

It's not dissimilar to the choice to work on a project on our own or with help. You can try and carry the heavy package alone, and fumble with the door and possibly make it or not. Or you can choose to ask for help, for another set of hands or sets of hands. We don't just have to face the year that is to come on our own. We can face it with one another. But most of all we face it with God. It may be a cliché by now but the phrase will never lose its importance; "We don't know what tomorrow holds, but we do know who holds tomorrow." Let us choose to meet the new year with all that it may or may not hold with our brother and sisters, and most of all our Lord. Happy New Year and may the new year hold more joy than sadness, and more trips down the hill than up it. Amen





January 1,8,15,22,29	Worship
January 1	Communion
January 3,10,17,24,31	Bible Study
January 9	Consistory Meeting
January 11	Social Solos
January 18	Women's Bible Study

Social Solos meets on Wednesday,
January 11, 2023 at noon.

Contact Rev. Deb Zuill for an invite at
attitudema50@aol.com or 845-247-9157

Ushers for January

January 1	Jeanne Quenzer & Bill Baldinger
January 8	Glenn Decker & Bob Kindt
January 15	Dennis Croswell & Marilyn More
January 22	Dino Sumerano & Lisa Longto
January 29	Linda Moon & Aileen Helsley



Deacon For January

is

Alan Dumas

**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

Jim Gregory

January missions will go to
Joshua Bode Missionary in
Oman. He was the minister at
Woodstock Reformed, he and
his family are missionaries in
Oman. We will also do a soup
drive collecting for the Bread
of Life pantry. Please bring
your cans of soup to the church
any Sunday in January, Thank
you!



January

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



Rev & Esther Stickley	2
George & Renee Nekos	4

The holidays are over
and it's time to hunker
down for cold weather.

It won't be long until
spring when all the flowers
in the gardens bloom
into beautiful color.

Then once again, we will
be able to visit our loved
ones that rest there,
and enjoy the serenity
of Stickley Gardens.

*Think
Warm
Thoughts!*

STICKLEY GARDENS

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Drive-Up
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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**

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.

Gretchen & Davis Giles new
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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 to send a message through a card.

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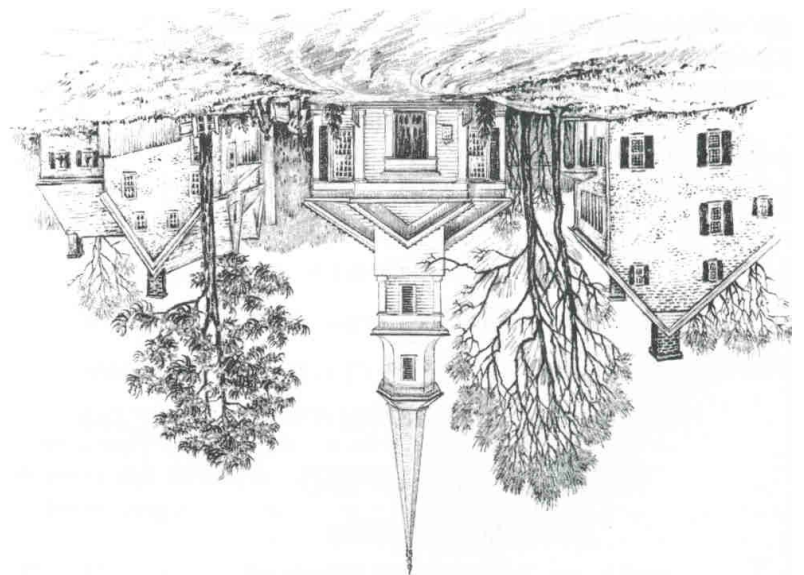
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