The Spire



January 2024

It's that season of the year where a warm fire, a cup of hot chocolate or tea, a comfortable chair and good book can make a day go by. On the one hand sitting by a window and looking out while the snowflakes fall can have an almost hypnotizing and relaxing effect. On the other hand that all assumes that we don't have places to go or know people who are out on the roads either for travel or because they are serving the community in one of many capacities. Snowfall can either be peaceful or nerve-wracking, chaotic and calming. It can all depend.

Perspective is all about how we view things and the way we see them. If we are raised within a certain context it informs how we see things. If we have certain connections and relationship we are concerned about some things while not concerned about others. It is all about how we see the world. We even take a certain perspective as we look out at a year. From the day to day grind the perspective of the seasons will cause us to see a Wednesday differently. And it is perspective that makes us view one day differently from another. Mondays are viewed in one light and Saturdays in another and it is really only perspective of what we do and where that day sits that changes how we see it.

It's an ever moving and changing thing perspective. And with so many of us from such a variety of regions, backgrounds and all of the pieces that make up who we are it can be a (insert marker here) too far for us to endeavor or even attempt to try and understand or even see other perspectives. It's difficult to do this even when people come from similar and overlapping backgrounds, let alone when we come from all the various places and backgrounds we have.

For an example think about a family with four kids. Those kids were raised by the same parents until one of them died by suicide. They were raised in the same neighborhood except for the oldest who moved there at 3, until the final parent passed away. They worshiped in the same church and each made profession of faith at

roughly the same age. They attended small colleges throughout the Midwest. And each of them married and has children. Now with all that in common, my siblings and I have very different perspectives on faith, life, and all the like. And if 4 similar people from the same family can have such differing perspectives how are we to see or even understand the perspective of one another.

The answer as with so many pieces of faith both simple to say and perhaps even understand but several levels above in terms of complexity. We must, work to see one another and the world as God sees it and us. Will that solve all of the variances of perspective and how stuck and dug in we are or can be with those perspectives? Will the world suddenly be the place that God calls us toward, we can only hope. But while we hope, while we allow the Holy Spirit to move in and through and about us, we may need to do some work.

Imagine what we can do to try and see the perspective of God. To see the person sitting next to us, or standing next to us at the grocery store from God's perspective. It doesn't necessarily mean that we will ever be able to fully obtain even a portion of that perspective. But even trying is a step in the right direction. And when we try, the actual act of working towards this will begin. Will we ever be able to have the perspective of God, no. But can we perhaps climb the mountain and improve our own? That we certainly can do. May we begin to see others, one another, as God sees us. Amen





Consistory Meeting

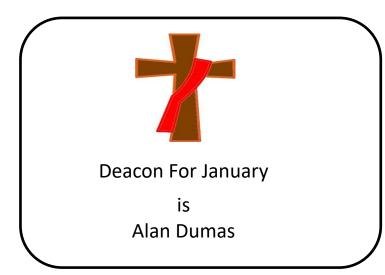
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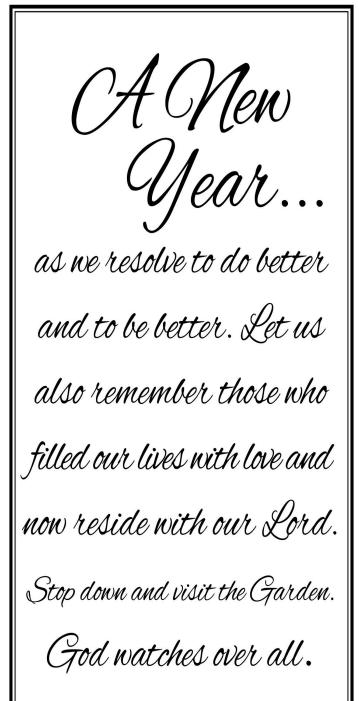
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- Jan. 21 Glenn Decker and Bob Kindt
- Jan. 28 Dino Sumerano and Lisa Longto





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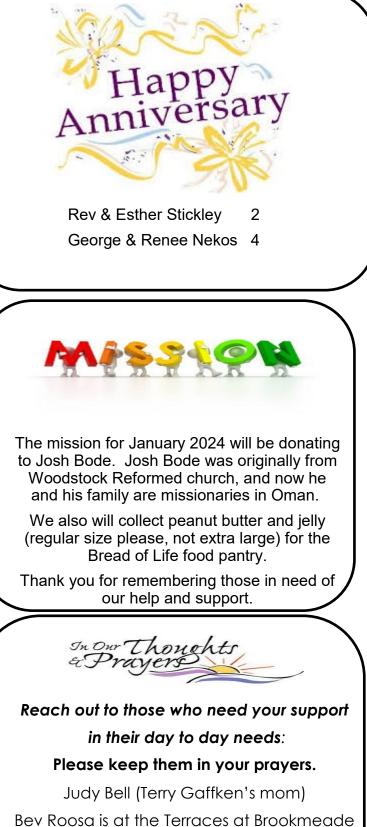
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Social Solos meets on Wednesday, September 13, 2023 at noon.

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



Sev Roosa is at the terraces at brookmed Shirley Ruth is in Golden Hill Lori Pinkham is Wingate at Ulster Terry Conlin Shirley Burns Debbie Tucker All proceeds benefit the Hurley Reformed Church, Main St, Hurley NY



Please join us for Worship every Sunday at 10am with Refreshments served after in the Hall.

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



If you are unable to attend Worship in person please join us through our Zoom link. It can be found on our webpage on the right side under our bulletin and on the left side under Worship Material.

10am - Worship by Zoom and 1pm - B-day party- Doug C 1:15pm - Tai Chi	21 10am - Worship by Zoom and 7am - Al-Anon @ Room 9 10:30am - Genealogy @ 1:15pm - Tai Chi	14 1 10am - Worship by Zoom and Martin Luther King Jr. Day 7am - Al-Anon @ Room 9 10am - Genealogy @ Rooms 1:15pm - Tai Chi 1:15pm - Tai Chi	7 10am - Worship by Zoom and 11am - VFW @ Dutch Room 1:15pm - Tai Chi 7pm - Consistory @ Dutch 7pm - Hudson Valley	31 New Year's Day 7am - Al-Anon @ Room 9 1::15pm - Tai Chi 7pm - 1st Capitol Corvettes
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