

# 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





Jan. 7,14,21,28	Worship
Jan. 7	Communion
Jan. 4	Hurley Seniors meeting
Jan. 2,9,16,23,30	Bible Study
Jan. 8	Consistory Meeting
Jan. 10	Social Solos



### USHERS' SCHEDULE

#### For January

Jan. 7	Jeanne Quenzer and Bill Baldinger
Jan. 14	Marrilyn More and Dennis Croswell
Jan. 21	Glenn Decker and Bob Kindt
Jan. 28	Dino Sumerano and Lisa Longto



Deacon For January  
is  
Alan Dumas

# A New Year...

*as we resolve to do better  
and to be better. Let us  
also remember those who  
filled our lives with love and  
now reside with our Lord.  
Stop down and visit the Garden.  
God watches over all.*

## STICKLEY GARDENS

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A SACRED PLACE OF BEAUTY AND CONTEMPLATION.  
(LOCATED ON THE SOUTH LAWN OF THE CHURCH)



Nicole Provenzano	4
Rev. Bill Appleyard-Pekich	5
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
Levi Emrich	24
Sheila Jansen	25
Morgan Burgess	26
Tom Harkin	27
Mitchell Kurtz	30



Rev & Esther Stickley 2  
George & Renee Nekos 4



The mission for January 2024 will be donating to Josh Bode. Josh Bode was originally from Woodstock Reformed church, and now he and his family are missionaries in Oman.

We also will collect peanut butter and jelly (regular size please, not extra large) for the Bread of Life food pantry.

Thank you for remembering those in need of our help and support.



**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

Terry Conlin

Shirley Burns

Debbie Tucker

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



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 13, 2024**

**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  
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.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<div>31</div> <div>  </div>	<div>1</div> <div> <b>New Year's Day</b>            7am - Al-Anon @ Room 9            1:15pm - Tai Chi            7pm - 1st Capitol Corvettes         </div>	<div>2</div> <div>           9am - Bible Study @ Dutch            4:15pm - Karate Class @ hall            4:30pm - PC 101 @ Dutch         </div>	<div>3</div>	<div>4</div> <div>           1:30pm - Hurley Senior            4:15pm - Karate Class            11am - Vankark Funeral            12pm - Knitters @ Dutch         </div>	<div>5</div> <div>           9am - Karate Class @ Hall         </div>	<div>6</div>
<div>7</div> <div>           10am - Worship by Zoom and            7am - Al-Anon @ Room 9            11am - VFW @ Dutch Room            1:15pm - Tai Chi            7pm - Consistory @ Dutch            7pm - Hudson Valley         </div>	<div>8</div> <div>           9am - Bible Study @ Dutch            4:15pm - Karate Class @ hall         </div>	<div>9</div> <div>           9am - HNS Carnival @ Hall            12pm - social solos by Zoom         </div>	<div>10</div> <div>           4:15pm - Karate Class         </div>	<div>11</div> <div>           12pm - Knitters @ Dutch         </div>	<div>12</div> <div>           9am - Karate Class @ Hall            10am - Genealogy @ Room            12pm - Woodworkers @ Hall         </div>	<div>13</div>
<div>14</div> <div> <b>Martin Luther King Jr. Day</b>            7am - Al-Anon @ Room 9            10am - Genealogy @ Rooms            1:15pm - Tai Chi         </div>	<div>15</div> <div>           9am - Bible Study @ Dutch            4:15pm - Karate Class @ hall            6pm - Nursery School Board         </div>	<div>16</div> <div>           9am - HNS snow date            10am - women's bible study         </div>	<div>17</div> <div>           4:15pm - Karate Class         </div>	<div>18</div> <div>           12pm - Knitters @ Dutch         </div>	<div>19</div> <div>           9am - Karate Class @ Hall         </div>	<div>20</div>
<div>21</div> <div>           10am - Worship by Zoom and            7am - Al-Anon @ Room 9            10:30am - Genealogy @            1:15pm - Tai Chi         </div>	<div>22</div> <div>           9am - Bible Study @ Dutch            4:15pm - Karate Class @ hall         </div>	<div>23</div> <div>           4:15pm - Karate Class         </div>	<div>24</div> <div>           12pm - Knitters @ Dutch         </div>	<div>25</div> <div>           9am - Karate Class @ Hall            12pm - Sandy E         </div>	<div>26</div>	<div>27</div>
<div>28</div> <div>           10am - Worship by Zoom and            1pm - B-day party- Doug C         </div>	<div>29</div> <div>           7am - Al-Anon @ Room 9            1:15pm - Tai Chi         </div>	<div>30</div> <div>           9am - Bible Study @ Dutch            4:15pm - Karate Class @ hall            6pm - Kidspace @ Kitchen         </div>	<div>31</div>	<div>  </div>		

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