

THE SPIRE

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Welcome New Year

Christmas will have come by the time this finds you. January if not having already begun will be coming soon. January is my favorite month, and not just because of my birthday, Bowl Season and the Football Playoffs. I also love the weather the cold and snow are just something that I find joyful. Its ok, you can think that I'm crazy or a little off. I understand my enjoyment of winter is a bit weird. But there is just an underappreciated and mostly unnoticed beauty about January.

One of my favorite holidays is in January, New Year's Day. In my family growing up New Year's Day was always a special day where we would gather together over a shared love of family, food and football. As we got older certain aspects of the holiday would change. As more of us became ministers and had an inability to gather together on Christmas, we would focus our attention more on getting together on New Year's. There were even certain traditions which some of us actively worked to eliminate: like my brother and I finally claiming victory over the Rose Parade only after years of battling. It really isn't a pretty story.

One more thing that I love is the newness that comes with a new year. Every year begins the same. Every year is a clean slate, a new sheet of paper or a blank canvas waiting to be painted. Every year begins with promise and opportunity. Now that isn't to say that good or bad will be the measure of this year, just as at the beginning of 2018 we couldn't guess the things that would happen in their entirety. We can't say for certain what the highs and the lows are going to be in the coming year. All that we can know is that there will be highs and that there will be lows.

At the beginning of last year Sara and I could not have predicted the wonderful joy of joining together with our new church family and the joy we have had in getting to know all of you. We also could not have predicted the low of saying farewell to friends and family as we moved to New York. We had no idea that in the year to be we would say goodbye to two pets which we had loved and cared for for almost nine years and that we would welcome a new puppy to our family.

We can view each new year with fear and foreboding wondering what horror or trouble will come our way in the days and weeks and months that will come. But when fearing what will be we neglect to live in that which is good and that which is joyful. And when we only look at things with rose colored glasses we neglect to understand that there will be tragedy and unpleasantness in the year that will be.

What we can do is welcome the year. Have hope for the things that will be. Not looking at them with fear but with hope. No artist looks at a canvas and sees a horrible painting, or a composer and terrible sheet. Join together with me as we look forward in hope at the year that will be, as we understand that there will be good and bad. But let us remember that the days to come are filled with hope and opportunities, chances to serve God and be a part of what God is doing in this world of ours. In the good and bad that come this year, let's partner together whatever comes so that we can all serve our Lord.

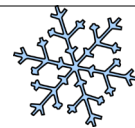
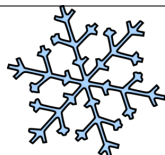
Amen

Rev. Bill

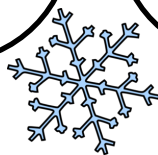


SUNDAY WORSHIP

happens regardless of the weather. Exercise caution and your best judgement whether to venture out in messy weather.

**JANUARY EVENTS**

January 1	Happy New Year
January 3	Senior Citizens meeting
January 6	Prayer Chain
January 6	Installation of Elders and Deacons
January 9	Women's Bible Study
January 12	Soup Making
January 13	Soup Sale
January 14	Consistory
January 20 to 26	Dorothy on Vacation

**GREETERS AND USHERS FOR
JANUARY**

January 6

Greeters: John and Debbie Tucker

Ushers: Jim Craven; Roberta Falatyn

January 13

Greeters: Steve and Phyllis Bliss

Ushers: Marilyn Lowe; Russ Glass

January 20

Greeters: Patrick and Jenny Fitzgerald

Ushers: Jim Pirro; Doug Constant

January 27:

Greeters: Bob and Barbara Kindt

Ushers: Linda Clarke-Dido; Chris Decker

**CONGRATULATIONS TO THE
NEW MEMBERS OF CONSISTORY.****Elders:**

Doug Constant

Sandra Emrich

Deacons:

David Kent

Russell Glass

Congratulations to Doug Constant, who has agreed to be Senior Elder.

ADDED TO THE LIST OF SAINTS:

Condolences to the families of

Nancy Greer

Bev Chrisey

Henry Dussol

"Only people who are capable of loving strongly can also suffer great sorrow, but this same necessity of loving serves to counteract their grief and heals them."

Leo Tolstoy

**REACH OUT TO THOSE WHO NEED
YOUR SUPPORT IN THEIR DAY**

TO DAY NEEDS:

Keep them in your prayers.

Ruth Harkin is in Golden Hill Rehab; Terry Conlin is in the VA in Albany; Darrel Nicholas is home; Helen Sgroi is recovering at home; Bob Williams is in Ivy Lodge; Dolores McGoldrick is at Ferncliff; MaryLou Vogt is in Hudson Valley Senior Residence; Clarence Jansen and Shirley Ruth are in Mountain Valley Manor; Don Kent at the Terraces at Brookmeade; Bev Chrisey, Friedel Borst, Audrey Hornbeck and Fred Horvers at TenBroeck; Tony Peralta (Julie Provenzano's son-in-law); William Wiacek (Cathy McGraw's brother), Anthony DePietro (son of MaryAnn DiPietro).



**social
solos**

Next Lunch date:

**January 9, 2019 at 12
Noon.**

Place: TBA

*Thank
you*

Thanks to the limitless generosity of so many, we were able to pack and ship 157 shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child.

THANK YOU, THANK YOU,
THANK YOU !!!!
Sandie Gregory

*Thank
you*



January BIRTHDAYS

Nicole Provenzano	4	Brandon Paton	20
Thomas Horvers	5	Shannon Tucker	21
Delaney Dockery	8	Michael Christiana	21
Carla Paton	8	Alex Milne	22
Joe Ulrich	9	Alma Strickland	23
Marcy Rell	10	Doris Alden	24
Dolores Wyncoop	12	Kelly Maggiore	24
MaryLou Christiana	12	Sheila Jansen	25
Clarence Jansen	13	Morgan Burgess	26
Doug Constant	15	Tom Harkin	27
Glenn Decker	17	Doreen Lyke	28
Wally Cook	17	Ryan Helm	28
Linda Dux	18	Mitchell Kurtz	30
Lee Gable	18		
Wendy Helsley	19		

ANNIVERSARIES

Rev & Esther Stickley	2
George & Renee Nekos	4
Ruth & Tom Harkin	6

*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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KATHY JANSEN, CONSISTORY LIAISON

REV STICKLEY, SECRETARY

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

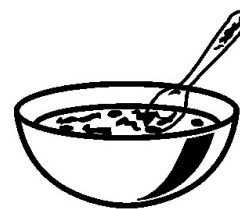


Our mission for the month of December was Family of Woodstock which includes Teen Shelter and Washbourne House.

January, 2019 will be Clinton Avenue Warming Center with a presentation by Rev. Jordan Scrupps at the January 6th Sunday service. Note: Time change from 9:30 am.

Thank you all for your generous contributions to help the poor and suffering brothers and sisters.

Marilyn Lowe, chair



SOUP'S ON.

The Soup Elves are presenting Sausage Tortellini Soup on January 13, 2018.

\$8.00 a quart



WOMEN'S Bible Study

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Our next meeting is on Wednesday, January 9 from 9:00 am to 11:00 am.

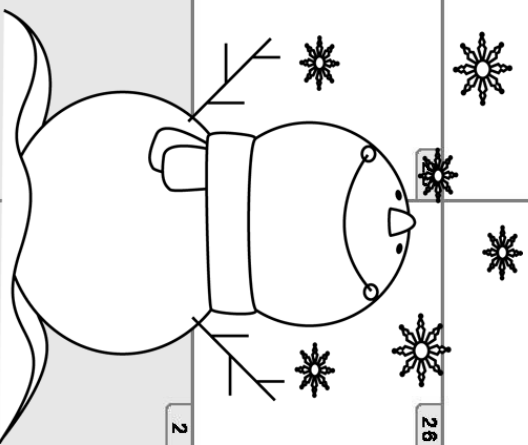
Please join us; we have refreshments and much laughter and love! Deb Zuill

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Jan 2019 (Eastern Time - New York)

January 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
30	31	1	2	3	4	5
January 2019						
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
10am - Worship @ 11am - Prayer Chain	3pm - Quilting @ 4:30pm - Dog 7pm - 1st Capitol 7:30pm - Al-Anon @	Kosco part 9am - Bible Study @ 11am - balance 4:30pm - PC 101 @ 7pm - Boy Scouts 7:30pm - Sisters In	12pm - social solos 4:30pm - Dog 6:30pm - Cub Scouts 6:30pm - Local 1582	9:30am - Badminton 1:30pm - Hurley 4:45pm - Dog 6pm - English as a 7pm - Choir	7pm - Motorcycle	9am - soup making 10am - Genealogy @ 12pm - order of the
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
soup sale 10am - Worship @ 11am - Women's	11am - VFW @ 3pm - Quilting @ 4:30pm - Dog 7pm - Consistory @ 7pm - Hudson Valley 7:30pm - Al-Anon @	9am - Bible Study @ 11am - balance 4:30pm - Boy Scouts 6pm - nursery 7:30pm - Sisters in	9am - women's bible 4:30pm - Dog 6:30pm - Cub Scouts 7pm - Hurley Lions	9:30am - Badminton 4:45pm - Dog 6pm - English as a 7pm - Choir 7pm - NE		
20	21	22	23	24		26
10am - Worship @ 11am - SHD	10am - Genealogy @ 3pm - Quilting @ 4:30pm - Dog 7:30pm - Al-Anon @	9am - Bible Study @ 11am - balance 7pm - Boy Scouts 7:30pm - Sisters In	4:30pm - Dog 6:30pm - Cub Scouts	9:30am - Badminton 4:45pm - Dog 6pm - English as a 7pm - Choir 7pm - Hurley		
27	28	29	30	31		2
10am - Worship @ 11am - Program and	10:30am - Genealog 3pm - Quilting @ 4:30pm - Dog 7:30pm - Al-Anon @	9am - Bible Study @ 11am - balance 7pm - Boy Scouts 7:30pm - Sisters In	4:30pm - Dog 6:30pm - Cub Scouts	9:30am - Badminton 4:45pm - Dog 6pm - English as a 7pm - Choir		



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