

# THE SPIRE

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## WAITING

Just the other day we had rib in the smoker. In my opinion there is no better way to have ribs than from the smoker. Sure when they are grilled they taste ok. But the flavor and tenderness of ribs from a smoker is in a category on its own. Years ago we used to do a pork butt in the smoker. The pulled pork came out tender and full of flavor. But there were certain issues with it. For starters it takes a lot longer in the smoker than ribs. Depending on the size of your pork you might have to get up in the early hours morning or wee hours of the night to get things started. Then it means hours of making sure the smoker has enough wood, gas and water. For example, an 8 pound pork butt takes roughly 16 hours to smoke. That's right 16 hours. Ribs take roughly 6 hours in the smoker.

Now, as the smoke billowed out of the smoker, as I sat and waited I began to think about how tiring waiting can be. If it's like a child waiting for Christmas, or for the arrival of grandparents, it will seem like forever before the appointed time finally comes. If we are waiting for water to boil before adding something to the pot it will seem like forever before the bubbles begin to reach the top of the water. I remember Mom not replacing a burned-out bulb in the oven so that we wouldn't sit in front of it watching and waiting and whining about cookies which were baking. She was none too pleased when, Dad not knowing her devious plan replaced the bulb without her knowing.

We are, in fact, waiting. We are waiting through a reopening process. We are also waiting for social distancing measures to come to an end. Some are not as good at waiting as others. And some are trying to speed up the reopening as much as they can.

The fact is that the people of God are a people of waiting. And scripture bears out that we have not always waited patiently or well. Take the period of time between the Israelites leaving Egypt and entering Ca-

naan. Now they arrived in the promised land fairly quickly, but then fear and pessimism led them to lose heart, and they then found themselves waiting and wandering for forty years in the wilderness.

Then there were those Israelites who as they waited for the Messiah followed false messiahs, and false signs because they were tired of waiting. There are scholars who believe that some of the frustration which in part led to the crucifixion was the result of people being tired and impatient with Jesus for not leading an open revolt. And after the crucifixion there were those who lost faith at the second coming not coming right after or within a few years after Jesus ascended. And then there are those who were so impatient later that they sought to literally bring about the second coming, usually through violent means.

We are a people of waiting and patience. We have been waiting for Christ to return and waiting for the day when we will greet him. Patience isn't just a virtue, it is a way of life for us. It helps us to manage expectations with the reality of time. It helps us as we wait for Christ. Even our calendar is set up so that we make ready and prepare, and steadily wait. We are waiting, patiently and not so patiently. Waiting for the day when Christ will come again. But also waiting until the day when we can safely gather together inside our building, and return to worship without restrictions. But until then we must exercise patience and strive to keep one another safe.

Blessings,  
Rev. Bill



### JULY EVENTS

- July 5, 12, 19, 26      Worship
- July 7, 14, 21, 28      Bible Study by Zoom
- July 4                      Independence Day
- July 11                      Drive Up Take Out BBQ

### USHERS FOR JULY

- July 5  
Ushers: Jim Pirro and Doug Constant
- July 12  
Ushers: Chris Decker and Linda Clarke Dido
- July 19  
Linda  
Ushers: Sandra Gregory and Kathy Jansen
- July 26  
Ushers: Kathy Jansen and Chris Decker

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



Keep them in your prayers.

- Linda Cook is home.
- Eugene Groelle is in a rehab at Woodland Ponds.
- Jim and Sheila Craven are at home.
- Alice Presti is at Thompson House;
- Bev Roosa is at the Terraces at Brookmeade;
- MaryLou Vogt is in Hudson Valley Senior Residence;
- Shirley Ruth is in Mountain Valley Manor;
- Fred Horvers at TenBroeck;
- Lori Pinkham in Wingate at Ulster;
- Anthony DiPietro (son of MaryAnn DiPietro),
- Marie Dressel;
- Phil Greer.



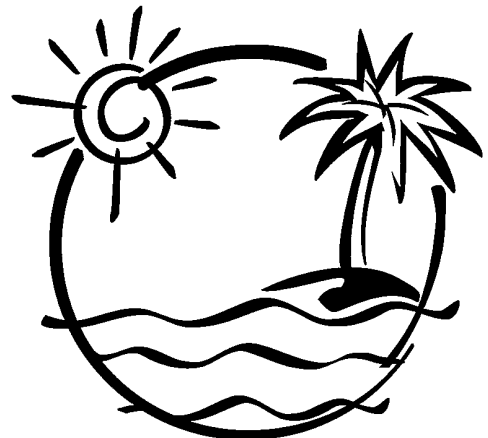
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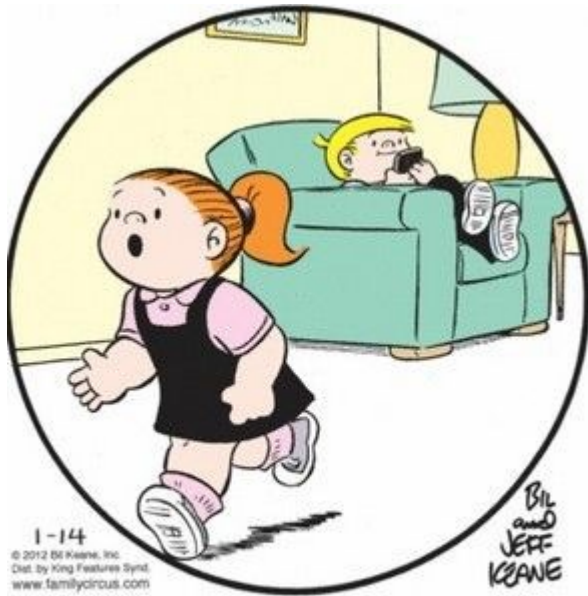
Gerard Wynkoop

“My flesh and my heart may fail, but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever.”  
Psalm 73:26



July’s mission of the month is Family of Woodstock.





“Billy says he doesn’t hafta go to church anymore ’cause his phone has an app for that!”



**Reminder:**  
 Access to Sunday worship service is available through **Zoom**. Contact Rev. Bill for invitation.

*God takes care of  
 the ones who touch our lives  
 now and forever...*

*The people we love dearly.  
 Our family.  
 Our sweethearts.  
 Our closest friends.  
 Special people in our lives.  
 Our favorite ancestors.  
 The people who form who we are.  
 The sparkles in our lives.  
 The souls of our heart.*

*Please come visit the people  
 we thank God for.*

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**STICKLEY GARDENS**  
 FOR MORE INFORMATION – CONTACT ANY COMMITTEE MEMBER:

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 JIM PIRRO (383-0079) TREASURER  
 ESTHER STICKLEY (331-2919)  
 SANDIE GREGORY (338-7626)  
 REV STICKLEY, SECRETARY

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

**Walk for Water - Mark your calendar!**

Once again, we are participating in the Hudson Valley Walk for Water with Grace Evangelica Katrine. This time we will be having it here in Hurley! We will start at the Church and walk all Details of the route are to be determined. The date is **Saturday, September 19 at 10 am**. If w hold a “live” event, there is a way to do it as a virtual walk!



Walk for Water is an opportunity to help support water purification systems for communities along the Amazon River in Peru. Despite living near the Amazon River, one of the largest rivers in the world, these communities have extremely limited access to safe drinking water. Over the years, the Amazon River has been contaminated by sewage, agricultural pollution, and wastes from oil and gas extractions. Even the area’s shallow wells contain dangerous concentrations of arsenic, manganese, and aluminum. All proceeds to help these communities will be donated to the Water Mission of Charleston, SC. (See their website: [watermission.org](http://watermission.org) and see why they receive the highest charity navigator rating.)

Rebecca Masters

Thank  
You

**From Linda Shook:** My family and I want to thank everyone who said a prayer, sent a card, or made a phone call. Thanks also for the memorial donations in my husband's memory, Richard (Dick) Shook. Your kindness will never be forgotten. Linda, Deb and Gary, Donna and Bill, Darin and Anik.

Thank  
You

**Thank you:** We'd like to thank everyone for their cards, calls, and prayers for Linda. What a great church family! Linda is making a good recovery in no small part due to the good wishes of our congregation. – Wally and Linda Cook

Congratulations!



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**Congratulations to all our graduates.**

**You have bright futures!**

Shirley Ruth and Kathy Jansen proudly announce the graduation of granddaughter and niece **Veronica Ruth** from Seton Hall University.

Shirley Ruth and Kathy Jansen proudly announce the graduation of grandson and nephew **Collin Ruth** from high school, Christian Brothers Academy.

Wendy Helsley proudly announces the graduation of her daughter **Daniella Helsley** from Kingston High School and BOCES Career and Tech Center. She also finishing her education with Hurley Reformed Church Sunday School.

**William Gaffken**, son of John and Terry Gaffken graduated from SUNY Delhi with a Bachelor's degree in Business Administration.

Drive-Up  
Take-Out

Hurley Reformed Church  
Main St, Hurley NY

Drive-Up  
Take-Out

# BBQ Chicken Dinner

July 11, 2020

4:00pm - 6:30pm

*FOLLOWING ALL  
COVID19 REQUIREMENTS!*

*All proceeds benefit the Hurley Reformed Church*

Includes: **oven roasted BBQ  
chicken, pasta salad,  
baked beans & watermelon**

**\$11.00**

For Tickets Call: **845-687-4006**

*July***BIRTHDAYS**

Bonnie Dumas	3
Rachel Cline	4
Bill Beesmer	4
Kenneth Odell	5
Teagan Helsley	6
Debbie Tucker	6
Nicholas Rockwell	13
Alyssa Kurtz	14
Bryan Hill	15
Barbara Mayfield	16
Lori Decker	16
Sandra Emrich	19
Win Morrison	20
Dan Stott	24
Brayden Horvers	24
Katherine Emrich	25
Daniel Nekos	25
Midge Stott	27
Matthew Horvers	28
Caitlin Cox	28
Spencer Herzog	28

**ANNIVERSARIES**

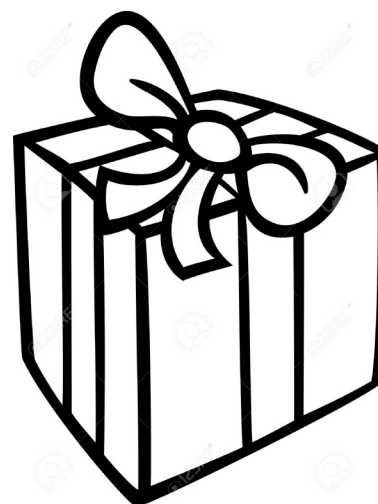
Joyce & Frank Pinckney	7/6
Rebecca & Allan Masters	7/27

*August***BIRTHDAYS**

Roberta Falatyn	1
Jim Pirro	2
Reid Jordan	3
Donna Harder	10
Florence Kurtz	10
Frank Pinckney	12
Rev. Charles Stickley	13
Kathleen Jansen	15
Aubrey Horvers	16
Roslie Gilpatric	19
David Emrich	20
Jim Macarille	22
Alison Cline	22
Jennifer Checksfield Mann	22
Charles Emrich	23
Jennifer Macarille	27
Barbara Kindt	28
Gary Longto	28

**ANNIVERSARIES**

Bryan & Leigh Hill	8/1
David & Gretchen Giles	8/6
Hal & Kathy Hauck	8/6
Annemarie & Fred Kurtz	8/15
Kathy & Ted Musialkiewicz	8/16
Jim & Roslie Gilpatric	8/19
Melinda & Larry Herzog	8/22
Jeffrey & Alyson Rafferty	8/24

**Budget update alert! You can help!**

- These are difficult times. The COVID-19 has wrecked havoc on our health, our jobs, our economy and yes even on the Hurley Reformed Church.
- We have suffered a terrible human toll in the loss of a beloved members of our church and our community during this pandemic.
- We have worked to adapt to our new situation by continuing to worship together via “drive-in“ church worship services and through zoom. Thanks to the able work of the tech committee and the Consistory guided by Rev.Bill we are maintaining our mutual support for our brothers and sisters in Christ.
- We anticipate a substantial income shortfall for the 2020 budget year. The closure of our building will result in a near complete loss of building use income. We also canceled Stone House Day for the first time in memory. All other fundraising activities have thus far been canceled also. Our investment portfolio is largely dependent on the volatile stock market.

- One piece of good news is that we were recently awarded a Payroll Protection Program loan/grant for \$17,500 to be applied to our payroll expenses.
- Every bit helps; therefore we are making this appeal to our church family to support in an effort we are calling HRC COVID-19 Recovery Fund.
- We all have expenses and currently tithe to the church already. If the spirit moves your heart and you are able, a contribution will be greatly appreciated.

Thank you and may God keep us strong through this ordeal.

Glenn Decker, Chair,  
Finance and Administration Committee  
on behalf of the Consistory and Rev. Bill.

July 2020

		Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	30	1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10
10am - Worship @	4:30pm - Dog 7:30pm - Al-Anon @	9am - Bible Study @ 4:15pm - dog	4:45pm - Dog	BBQ --Drive Thru	
12	13	14	15	16	17
10am - Worship @	4:30pm - Dog 7pm - Consistory @ 7:30pm - Al-Anon @	9am - Bible Study @ 4:15pm - dog	4:45pm - Dog		18
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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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10am - Worship @ 11am - Prayer Chain	4:30pm - Dog	9am - Bible Study @ 4:15pm - dog		4:45pm - Dog		
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
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30	31	1	2	August 2020		
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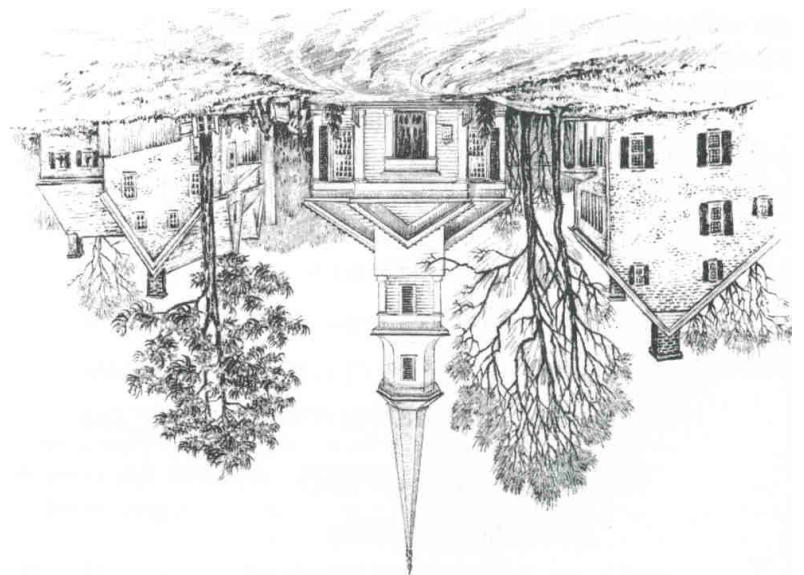
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