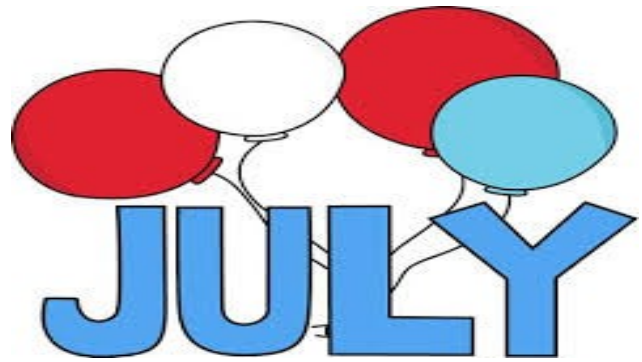


THE SPIRE

July 2023



One of the hardest things for us as we work to serve God in our lives, both as a whole but also in the daily comings and goings of our days is to find balance. Balance is an interesting concept thru and thru. Many of us struggle day to day to find a comfortable work and leisure balance, one in which we both are giving as well as receiving things that give us life. Some of us find that early on, while others might search for it their whole lives.

At a pretty early age we learn the importance of keeping things in balance, from our lives to our bodies. And if we live without that balance, well we will eventually fall over. Think of a child walking or riding a bike. If they are leaning to one direction two things will likely happen. The first is their leaning will eventually get to the point where they land on the ground, or they will over correct and end up tottering and falling over.

Another physical form of imbalance can be when we injure a side of our body. We tend to over work the opposite side. This often leads to strain and issues of over usage on the other side of us. My legs seem to be a pretty good example. In college I broke my foot going to block someone in practice. It was a ridiculous injury that to this day I am not quite sure how I stepped just so. I then overused my left leg and not too long after I tore my left ACL from the imbalance. The imbalance played out years later when I sprained the knee without the ligament which then led me to over compensate and cause a severe sprain of my right ankle.

But the imbalances in life aren't restricted to our physical selves, they can be related to our spiritual selves as well. This really hit hard for me at the last gathering of our classis. It might have seemed innocuous normally but for me it hit really hard. Our denomination is kicking the tires on a restructure and the general consensus is that it isn't

that welcome and that further thought and or planning is needed. However the response to that feed back seems to have been, "We're just the dreamers it isn't for us to put it into place."

This is a constant imbalance we experience as churches and as greater bodies of believers, finding a balance between dreaming and implementation. We have likely seen moments or churches where these two things were imbalance. Where ministries are started and never get off the ground because of a lack of planning and laying of the groundwork. And where ministry continues to happen always in the same way and the same manner as it always has because there is never a balance which dreams of something different or something more.

Jesus and the disciples provide us a beautiful example of a balanced life of the church. There is a balance between dreaming and doing, between the push of the spirit and getting that push into reality. It is one thing to let God's spirit lead you to a great idea, or opportunity, but we must then put it into action. We also need to remember to let the spirit lead us anew to something that might not be what we always have done, and it might mean listening to a voice we haven't ever listened to before. The hope for the church is in finding a balance, in being balanced, and letting the spirit not just lead us to a dream but putting that dream into action. May the Spirit lead us and guide us and give us the hands to work amen.





July 2,9,16,23,30	Worship
July 2	Communion
July 6	Hurley Seniors meeting
July 4,11,18,25	Bible Study
July 10	Consistory Meeting
July 12	Social Solos
July 19	Women's Bible Study



For July

July 2	Glenn Decker and Bob Kindt
July 9	Alan Dumas and Linda Moon
July 16	Jeanne Quenzer and Bill Baldinger
July 23	Dennis Croswell and Marilyn More
July 30	Linda Moon and Aileen Helsley

*God is our refuge and
strength, an ever-present
help in trouble...*

Proverbs 18:10

Feel God's presence in the
surroundings at Stickley Gardens.
Take time to reflect on those who
passed before us. Their presence is
the peace we feel at the garden.

Through nature God teaches us:

Creativity. Strength.

Love of Beauty. Attention to Detail.

Tenacity. Orderliness. Redemption.

Please come visit, feel the peace and serenity.

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



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

Happy Anniversary

Joyce & Frank Pinckney	6
Rev. Bill and Sara Appleyard-Pekich	11
Rebecca & Allan Masters	27



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.



*Mission of the
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People's Place*

Congratulation on Graduating!



*Allan Dumas IV graduated from Hartwick College with a Bachelors in Arts in Psychology.
Son of Bonnie and Allan Dumas

*Chloe Dumas graduated with an MBA from Clarkson University in December. Daughter
of Bonnie and Allan Dumas

*Steven Campbell graduated from Gainesville High School in GA. Grandson of Gary and
Lisa Longto

*Alexander Cook graduated from Kingston High School and plans to attend SUNY
Binghamton in the fall, majoring in Engineering. Grandson of Linda & Wally Cook

*Brenden Pingeiski graduated from Bentley University in Waltham, MA. and is working for
an accountant company in Albany Grandson of Lee Gable

*Charlotte Gable graduated from Shenendehowa High School in Clifton Park, NY and is
attending SUNY Cortland Granddaughter of Lee Gable

*2nd Lieutenant Tyler James Gregory graduated Magna Cum Laude, with a degree in
Civil Engineering, from The United States Military Academy at West Point, while also
receiving the Superintendent's Award for Excellence with Distinguished Cadet Award.
Tyler will be reporting to Fort Novosel, (formerly Fort Rucker) in Alabama to further his
education in aviation. His extremely proud grandparents are Sandra and James Gregory.

*Johnathan Helsley is graduating from Kingston High School this June and planning to
attend SUNY Ulster. He also graduated from the Hurley Reformed Church Sunday School.
Son of Wendy and Steve Helsley

*Madison Conlin received her Master in Education from the University of New Paltz on
May 19, 20. Granddaughter of Christa and Terry Conlin.



**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

Teresa Decker



Deacon For July

is

Alan Dumas



Social Solos meets on Wednesday,

July 12, 2023 at noon.

Contact Rev. Deb Zuill for an invite at



As part of our efforts to celebrate the history of our church, the Adult Study Committee, is embarking on a special project to gather old photos from past years. We believe that these photographs will help us reconnect with cherished memories and deepen our sense of community.

We are asking you to look through your photo albums for old photos from church events, gatherings, or activities that took place in previous years. If you could make a copy of the photo you wish to share, we would greatly appreciate if you could drop them off at the church office during office hours. Or, you can scan the photos and email them to Tara Lockart:

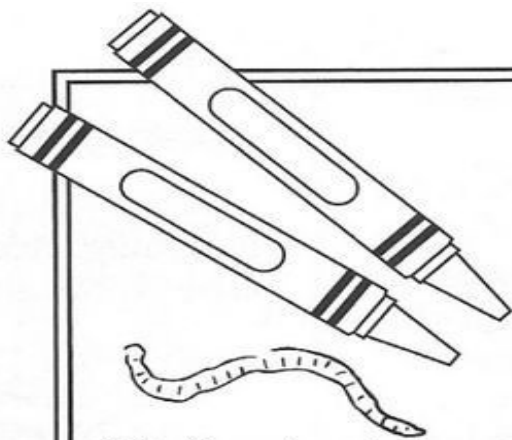
admin@hurleyreformedchurch.org.

Please include any relevant information you can recall about the event such as date, occasion, and people involved.

Our plan is to showcase the photos in an exhibit in the Fall to welcome everyone back to Hurley Church.

Thank you for your time and support.
Rev Bill, Wally Cook, and Lee Gable





Just for KIDS

Bugs in the Bible



Whether at a picnic, on the beach or playing outdoors, it seems like we're always joined by uninvited guests – bugs!

Bugs and other little creatures are mentioned in the Bible.



*Fill in the blanks with the little creatures mentioned in each verse.
Circle them in the puzzle below.*

Proverbs 6:6 _____

Exodus 16:20 _____

Psalms 78:45 _____

1 Sam. 24:14 _____

Matt. 23:24 _____

Isaiah 50:9 _____

Judges 14:8 _____

Isaiah 59:5 _____

Acts 12:23 _____

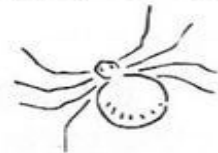
Leviticus 11:22 _____

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Deuteronomy 7:20 _____



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G	F	L	I	E	S	W	O	R	M	S

Answer: ant, flies, gnat, bees, worms, locust, grasshopper, hornet, maggots, flea, moths, spider, katydid, cricket

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