

# THE SPIRE

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June 2023



If you pay attention to the parsonage flower boxes there is a standard flower that we plant every year around this time. We enjoy the color of marigolds as well as how they keep most bugs away. But the choice is also an homage to Sara's home town of Pekin Illinois which hosts the Marigold festival every year. And for those of you thinking that it might seem really nice to see a town filled with marigolds stop. The festival is a way to honor Everett Dirksen one of the most well-known townspeople. Senator Dirksen tried many years ago to make the marigold our national floral emblem.

This year I did something different. Some years back the NY-DOT cut down a dying/diseased maple that was in the side yard right by the Main St bridge. Now that stump sat for quite a while and I have spent quite a bit of thought trying to figure out what to do with it. Grind it, chop it out, just leave it to eventually rot, all were considered options. Finally late last summer and fall the moles pushed me to make a decision. And no, I did not fence in the area and let the dogs be dogs.

The reality was that barring a large expenditure of funds or dramatically upsetting the kids the stump would remain. Until my memory reminded me of a tree that I had driven past for 20+ years of my young life. You see when the branches had rotted on the tree the homeowner had them taken down. But left them in such a way that a face was painted on the middle one and the others extended as if in praise. Once those too rotted it was turned into a more traditional stump only it stood about five feet tall. Then the top was hollowed out and flower placed at the top. Over the next few years the stump got about a foot shorter ever two or three years. Until finally the whole remnant was turned to grass.

A young boy had seen a tree with rotting branches, while a home-owner had seen a canvas. An older boy saw a really big stump and that same home-owner saw a planter. The stump in the parsonage lawn, is not filled with dirt and marigolds.

It's easy to look at ourselves and only see ourselves one way. But we need to understand and embrace the reality that God sees us in a far different way and with so much more potential than we do. Humanity, we see fishermen out on an inland sea. Jesus sees the founding building blocks of what will become his church. He sees tax collectors and sinners with different eyes than the rest of the world. He sees not who we are but the people that he has and will call us to be. And he sees us in the fullest of our potential.

All of us like so many throughout history and scripture struggle with the vision of ourselves that God sees. We struggle to see and be seen for what God has done and is doing in and through us. Ask any minister how the church they grew up in saw them for the first 20+ years of their ministry and they will likely relate a story of how they were always to that congregation the child sitting down for the children's message.

The challenge for each of us is to see both ourselves and others as much more than the canvas we had seen and know, but as the beautiful work of art that God has in mind for each of us. We might see ourselves as just a stump, but take a moment and imagine all that God sees us to be.

Grace and Peace and a safe summer.

Rev. Bill



## dates to Remember

June 4,11,18,25	Worship
June 1	Hurley Seniors meeting
June 3	Yard Sale
June 4	Communion
June 6,13,20,27	Bible Study
June 11	Women's Ministries Zoom
June 12	Consistory Meeting
June 13	Brook's BBQ
June 14	Social Solos
June 18	Father's Day
June 21	Women's Bible Study

## Ushers for June

June 4	Dino Sumerano and Lisa Longto
June 11	Glenn Decker and Bob Kindt
June 18	Linda Moon and Aileen Helsley
June 25	Jeanne Quenzer and Bill Baldinger

## Mission of the Month is

### Walk for Water

We will also be collecting  
mayonnaise and mustard  
for the People's Place.



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.



## HAPPY *Birthday*

Abigail Conlin	1
Su Wonderly	2
Dorothy Draper	7
Rebecca Masters	8
Bobbi Checksfield	8
David Giles	8
Dennis Croswell	9
Mimi Croswell	11
Matthew Moon, Jr	12
William (Liam) Appleyard-Pekich	13
Sarah Longto	14
Bobby Ryan	15
Annemarie Kurtz	15
Kyla Burns	18
Allan Dumas, IV	19
Luke Helm	19
Marilyn Lowe	21
Brandt Kurtz	21
Patti Gilpatric	23
Aaron Ulrich	24
Shawn Hinsdale	24
Cailin Ryan	24
Aileen Helsley	25
Elizabeth Salzmann	25
Charles Woodard	26
Steven Kurtz	26
Gregory Merrill	27
James Gregory	28

## Happy anniversary!

Drew & Su Wonderly	12
Wally & Linda Cook	14
Barbara & Bob Kindt	17
Bobbi & Don Checksfield	21
Frieda & Doug Constant	23
Terry & John Gaffken	23
Steve & Phyllis Bliss	27
Todd & Katrina Rubino	30





Hurley Reformed Church, Main St., Hurley, NY

# YARD SALE

REFRESHMENTS AVAILABLE

6/3/23

8AM-3PM



SPOTS  
FOR RENT  
\$25. DAY

Call Kelly **845-532-2995**  
TO RESERVE A SPOT

*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

# June 13, 2023

4:00pm - 6:00pm

*1/2 chicken, coleslaw,  
baked potato, dinner  
roll & dessert*

# \$15.00

To Pre-Order Call: **845-331-4121**



***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 June  
is  
Dino Sumerano



Social Solos meets on Wednesday,

June 14, 2023 at noon.

Contact Rev. Deb Zuill for an invite at  
[attitudema50@aol.com](mailto:attitudema50@aol.com) or 845-247-9157



**Let's celebrate our Graduates!**

If you have a graduate in your family  
and would like them recognized in the  
bulletin and spire please send your  
information to Tara:

[admin@hurleyreformedchurch.org](mailto:admin@hurleyreformedchurch.org)



**Good  
Bless  
you  
dad!**

Sun		Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
							
4	5	6	7	8	9	10	
10am - Worship by Zoom and 11:30am - Women's	9:15am - Myer Evacuation 4:30pm - Dog Training @ Hall 7pm - 1st Capitol Corvettes 7:30pm - Al-Anon @ Room 9	9am - Bible Study @ Dutch 4:30pm - Karate Class @ hall 4:30pm - PC 101 @ Dutch	9:15am - Rain date Myer 4pm - Dog Training	4:30pm - Dog Training @ Hall 4:30pm - Karate Class	12pm - Knitters @ Dutch	9:30am - Karate Class @ Hall 10am - Genealogy @ Room	
11	12	13	14	15	16	17	
10am - Worship by Zoom and 11:30am - Women's	11am - VFW @ Dutch Room 4:30pm - Dog Training @ Hall 7pm - Consistory @ Dutch 7pm - Hudson Valley 7:30pm - Al-Anon @ Room 9	<b>Brook's @ Hall &amp; Kitchen</b> 9am - Bible Study @ Dutch 4:30pm - Karate Class @ hall 6pm - Nursery School Board	12pm - social solos by Zoom 4pm - Dog Training 5pm - HNS Graduation set up 5:30pm - Local 1582	8:45am - HNS-Graduation @ 4:30pm - Dog Training @ Hall 4:30pm - Karate Class	12pm - Knitters @ Dutch 5pm - BAPS @ Hall	9:30am - Karate Class @ Hall	
18	19	20	21	22	23	24	
10am - Worship by Zoom and	10am - Genealogy @ Rooms 4:30pm - Dog Training @ Hall 6:15pm - Al-Anon @ hall 7:30pm - Al-Anon @ Room 9	9am - Bible Study @ Dutch 4:30pm - Karate Class @ hall	10am - women's bible study 4pm - Dog Training	4:30pm - Dog Training @ Hall 4:30pm - Karate Class	12pm - Knitters @ Dutch	9am - Blood Drive 9:30am - Karate Class @ Hall 3:30pm - Maria picking up	
25	26	27	28	29	30		
10am - Worship by Zoom and	10:30am - Genealogy @ 4:30pm - Dog Training @ Hall 7:30pm - Al-Anon @ Room 9	9am - Bible Study @ Dutch 12pm - Star Lab 4:30pm - Karate Class @ hall	4pm - Dog Training	4:30pm - Dog Training @ Hall 4:30pm - Karate Class	12pm - Knitters @ Dutch		







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