# The Spire

#### June 2025

Over that past year or so our denomination has el the classis and local synod does. General begun or engaged in a restructuring of itself. There are several reason why this happened, and even more reasons why those reasons happened. Across the denomination Regional Synods and Classes as well as the consistories and ministers have dealt with what it is going to look like as the Reformed Church in America moves forward into the 21<sup>st</sup> century. There are some noticeable changes that have been made and will be more fleshed out in the next few years. As our Classis and another work together, plan together and worship together we are seeing a path forward get clearer.

But that doesn't mean that these next few years are going to be easy or without issues. Some of the issues that existed have already dissipated. There was both an angst and tension that would fill denominational gatherings. That has since been replaced by a mutual vulnerability, and the them vs us has greatly diminished. The big umbrella plan has for the most part been dealt with and many of the higher levels of the denomination are ready to turn the page and get on to the next part. But to quote my older sister who is helping her synod navigate their transition, "we are still in the goo."

You can definitely hear this disparity in thinking come to the surface when the denomination upper levels are setting priorities and visions for once the restructure is finished, while at the same time many of our classes, regional synods and middle assemblies have no clue what everything is going to look like. I guess you could say that this was inevitable, and going to happen. After all General Synod is changing some, which means that the upper levels have some work to do but not at the levsynod got to change the book, where as the lower levels, we are writing the book from scratch.

Think of it in terms of a group project where someone gives you a list of parts and tell you what to build. But nothing really is said about how to build. And it gets more and more complicated from there. The hard part is that we are finding our way together but also in groups. The higher level which is ready to move has to wait until the other levels are at least further along. The synods and classes have to pick up their pace and get further than they are and at least deal with some of the goo that is bogging them down.

This is just some of the challenges which come when we are in communion, in community together. We look after those who aren't where we are, showing grace and compassion. When we are behind we do our best to ask for help and find ways to catch up. Fortunately and unfortunately it isn't a clean and easy process. It takes us communally placing ourselves in God's hands trusting the spirit and one another as we seek to be the body of Christ in communion with one another. Moments like this can be frustrating and stressful. But they can also be life giving, faith-filled and beautiful as well. Please be in prayer for the

leaders at all levels of our denomination. As we together wonder where God is calling us, as we struggle together in the goo, seeking after God's preferred future for us. Amen



Come visit...

Sit for a while. Enjoy the beauty of the area. Feel the serenity. Feel God's presence. Feel the warmth of the sunlight and the peace that surrounds our church. When the beauty of nature fills our hearts we know God is speaking to us. Let Him fill your heart with peace and love. Visit those who have passed and contemplate the serenity of his blessings upon us forever...

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



June 1 June 5 June 1, 8, 15, 22,29 June 3, 10, 17, 24 June 9 June 10 June 11 Communion Hurley Seniors Meeting Worship Bible Study Consistory Meeting Brook's BBQ Social Solos



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 Lori Pinkham is Wingate at Ulster Terry Conlin



#### June

June 1	Jeanne Quenzer and Maggie Sass
June 8	Chris Decker and Bill Baldinger
June 15	Aileen Helsley and Russ Voigtlaender
June 22	Allan Dumas and Terry Gaffken
June 29	Marilyn More and Wally Cook



Our Mission for June is Family of Woodstock and our basket collection is lunchbox items for People's Place.





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.



Anyone interested in a piano please contact the church office or Rev. Bill.



Social Solos meets on Wednesday,

June 11, 2025

At noon

Anyone wishing to join please contact Rev. Deb Zuill for an invite at attitudema50@aol.com or 845-247-9157



### Morning Worship Every Sunday

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.





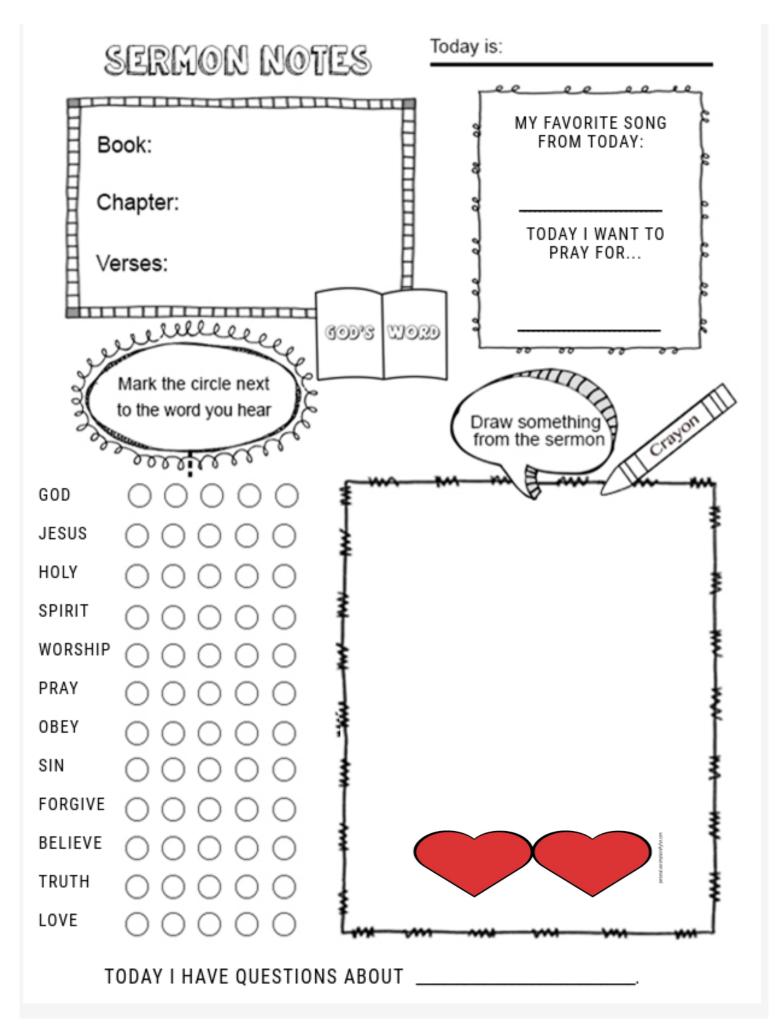
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Su Wonderly	2	
Dorothy Draper	7	
Rebecca Masters	8	
Bobbi Checksfield	8	
Dennis Croswell	9	
Mimi Croswell	11	
Matthew Moon, Jr		
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Sarah Longto	14	
Bobby Ryan	15	
Kyla Burns	18	
Allan Dumas, IV	19	
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	



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



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6:30pm - Al-Anon @ Hall	23 10:30am - Genealogy @ 6:30pm - Al-Anon @ Hall	10am - Genealogy @ Rooms 6:30pm - Al-Anon @ Hall	9 9am - HNS (playground) @ 11am - VFW @ Dutch Room 4:30pm - Al-Anon Annv. party 7pm - Consistory @ Dutch	Mon 2 6:30pm - Al-Anon @ Hall 7pm - 1st Capitol Corvettes
1 9am - Bible Study @ Dutch 4:30pm - Karate Class @ hall	24 9am - Bible Study @ Dutch 4:30pm - Karate Class @ hall	17 9am - Bible Study @ Dutch 4:30pm - Karate Class @ hall 6pm - Nursery School Board	10 9am - Bible Study @ Dutch 10am - Myer drill 1pm - Brooks 4:30pm - Karate Class @ hall	Sam - Bible Study @ Dutch 4:30pm - Karate Class @ hall
8:30am - Meeting @	8:30am - Meeting @	8:30am - Meeting @	11 8:30am - Meeting @ 9am - HNS (playground rain 12pm - social solos @ Lunch 2pm - Local 1582 Trailways 7pm - Radio Club @ Hall	Wed 8:30am - Meeting @
3 1:30pm - Hurley Senior 4:30pm - Karate Class	4:30pm - Karate Class	19 4.30pm - Karate Class 6pm - HNS @ Hall	4:30pm - Karate Class	1:30pm - Hurley Senior 4:30pm - Karate Class
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10am - Karate Class @ Hall	10am - Karate Class @ Hall 1pm - Event @ Hall	10am - Karate Class @ Hall	10am - Genealogy @ Room 10am - Karate Class @ Hall 12pm - Woodworkers @ Hall	Sat 7 7 70am - Karate Class @ Hall

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