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TOP TEN

Recently my favorite comedian, David Letterman, retired after 33 years as a late night talk show host. To say the least I've spent most of my adult life tuning in to CBS at 11:30, and catching his ten minute opening monologue. It's been hard to see him depart, but he certainly deserves a rest after hosting more than 6000 shows. He has a wife and 11 year old son, Harry, who need his presence more than I! What I loved about Letterman is that, however trying the day, it would end on a positive note because he made me laugh. In a few instances his humor was balm for a nation. I remember that he went on the air immediately after 9/11. After paying tribute to the rescuers, he was encouraged by then mayor Rudolf Giuliani to continue and lighten such a tragic national load with his humor. I also remember when he took the stage devoid of an audience because Hurricane Sandy had flooded the city. He understood that comedy brings hope when we are deluged literally or figuratively. One interviewer called him the 'Mark Twain' of the late 20th Century. I would agree, except that Mr. Twain attacked Christianity with vitriol, something I did not witness on the Late Show, although David had field days calling attention to the idiocies and pretensions of bad religion. It's a shame he departed before Rev. Creflo Dollar's request of his Atlanta megachurch congregation to fund a 70 million dollar plane, and then, possibly in the future, to purchase a rocket ship so that he can make Christians of Martians before he dies. I'm unsure whether David Letterman is a person of faith, but he certainly made some of us who are understand afresh what Christianity is truly about. In a way he was a prophet but without the anger or despair of folks like Jeremiah. What a joy it was, too, when he lampooned government, political correctness, and the whole silly and vacuous social scene in which we are often mired. He was humble in as much as he always included himself in contemporary social goofiness. Jesus once noted that we are called to be in the world, but

not of it. He made us understand the joys of not being fully immersed "in the world."

One of my favorite parts of the show was his Top Ten List. Some time ago I used *the Spire* to do a Top Ten. So this is my second installment in honor of my late night buddy David Letterman.

WITHOUT DAVID LETTERMAN: TOP TEN THINGS I WILL DO NOW THAT I HAVE MORE TIME IN THE EVENING

10. Read the book of Leviticus without falling asleep
9. Long late moonlit walks on the Rail Trail with my imaginary dog and imaginary wife.
8. Explore the possibilities of purchasing a third vehicle this summer and a fourth around Christmas
7. Complete my Spring cleaning by October.
6. Take an adult evening course at BOCES on memory improvement.
5. Take an adult evening course at BOCES on memory improvement.
4. Take a course sometime, somewhere, on something.
3. Draw up plans, then lobby consistory to expand the size of the garage for two more vehicles.
2. Work out details of living in the garage once I retire.
1. If the church won't let me live in the garage once I retire, call my best friend, David Letterman, and ask if I can rent a room in his home with kitchen privileges.

I pray that God will send laughter your way this summer.

Doctor Bob

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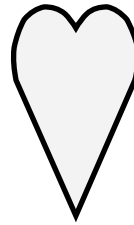
Mission News:

In May we collected for the children who live in the shelter motels. We will shop in early June and deliver the food to the NYSUT office for delivery to the families.

The mission for June is for our very own Youth Group! They are going on a Mission trip to a Reservation in New Mexico. There are about 10 young people interested in taking part. The RCA is helping with planning and pricing of tickets, however it will be a costly trip. While our kids are expected to contribute, we are collecting to help offset the costs. We don't want cost to keep a HRC teenager from being able to go, so please give generously to the Mission fund this month!

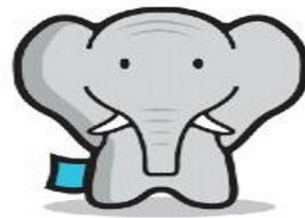
Rebecca Masters
Chair

Prayer Shawl Ministry



The purpose of this ministry is to bring comfort and a warm embrace to the person in need. The knitter of a shawl provides loving thoughts that are put into the making of the shawl.

Please contact Lee Gable, 246-3751, if there is a need of a shawl or if you would like to knit or crochet one.



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the date™

June Sundays!

June 7	Communion
June 14	Children's Day
June 21	Father's Day
	Graduate Recognition Sunday

If you know someone or are someone who is graduating, let the office know. Let us honor you and rejoice with you!

Kudos To Dick Shook!

Dick was honored this year as Grand Marshall of the Town of Hurley Memorial Day Parade. Dick is a fifty year member of the Hurley Fire Department. Additionally, he was honored for his teaching CPR, EMT, first aid and advanced first aid for forty years; or-

ganizing the dive team for the Ulster County Sheriff's office; starting the ambulance company for Hurley Fire thirty years ago; teaching extrication, hazmat, ice rescue and rope rescue techniques! He was a Boy Scout Leader and a humble guy! Congratulations!



What would you do for a friend? A vibrant and caring Christian gathering looks to those in need and ask themselves: "How can I help with the gifts that I have to give?"

Our HRC Men's Group is sponsoring a means to link our gifts with the needs of other congregants in an enjoyable experiment.

Simply write down what you would be willing to do as a favor for someone else: bake a pie, rake a lawn, provide a ride — and post it on our DEEDS board in the Hall. Put

your name on the back of the card. You may post more than one DEED.

Others will bid on your good DEED by signing up at the bidding table after church in Schadewald Hall. The highest bid is a donation to the church by the winner. You provide the service for the winner within an agreed upon timeframe.

If you see a NEED you would like to see someone adopt as a DEED, simply fill out a NEED card and pin it to the board. Put your name on the back. Someone may turn it into a DEED.

Don't hesitate — let your good will guide you! We will start on June 7 and add DEEDS & NEEDS until June 21 when final bids will be recorded.

See Wally, Ted, Jerry, and David for details

*June is busting
out all over...*

Come visit Stickley Gardens.
Feel the sunshine on your face,
enjoy the beautiful colors of the flowers,
and listen to the soothing sound
of the water fountain trickling.

All this will make you feel glad
to be close to our Lord, the one
who made all this possible.

Visit and feel the peace.

STICKLEY GARDENS

FOR MORE INFORMATION — CONTACT ANY OF THE COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

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SANDIE GREGORY (338-7626)
JIM CRAVEN, CONSISTORY LIAISON
REV STICKLEY, SECRETARY

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

Tech Help Needed!



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The church's Technology Committee is looking for someone in the church who would be willing to help setup a new web-site. We are currently looking

for a new platform to work with. Any help sure would be appreciated. Is there a Webmaster out there somewhere?

Marilyn More, Technology Chairperson

News Bytes

Information you should know ; Opportunities for Fellowship.

Youth Group News

The Youth Group has a very busy schedule coming up. We are participating in the Relay for Life on June 13th. Please feel free to join us on the track.

We are also working on a youth mission trip to New Mexico at the Jicarilla Reformed Church which is located on a reservation. We are planning to run a vacation bible school and also going to help with some small maintenance projects in the community. We are excited to be able to expose our youth to a different culture. Rev. Miles will be attending our youth group meeting on June 7th to answer any questions the kids and their parents may have about the reservation. The trip will be on the week of July 20th. We are still making travel arrangements. We are all praying that this will come together!



The Women's Ministries Committee has an outreach program that includes providing meals to members of our church family when one may be unable to cook for themselves after a surgery or during times of the loss of a loved one. We will be having a table in Schadewald Hall with signup sheets for those of you who may want to help us in this mission. Those who volunteer will be notified when the time comes and one of our members will come and deliver to the person(s) in need. We thank you for your kindness in this matter

Yours In Christ,
Deb Zuill



WOMEN'S Bible Study

The Women's Ministries Committee is planning to have a Women's Bible Study starting this Summer. We are very excited about this. In Schadewald Hall, we will have surveys, information and signup sheets to get a feel for your thoughts on what you might like to see in a Bible Study for women. You may see Nancy Sweeney (Chair), Marilyn More, Lori Baker and Deb Zuill for questions that you may have. Stay tuned for date(s) and time(s).

Summer Birthdays

June

Gordon Kent	1
Su Wonderly	2
Dorothy Draper	7
MaKenzie Rell	8
Rebecca Masters	8
Bobbi Checksfield	8
David Giles	8
Dennis Croswell	9
Mimi Croswell	11
Bob Alden	13
Sarah Longto	14
Annmarie Kurtz	15
Kyla Burns	18
Alan Dumas IV	19
Luke Helm	19
Emily Horvers	20



Brandon Kurtz	21
Marilyn Lowe	21
George Nekos	21
Patti Gilpatric	23
William Mergl	23
Aaron Ulrich	24
Shawn Hinsdale	24
Aileen Helsley	25
Steve Kurtz	26
Dakota Butler	27
James Gregory	28
Marvin Schildhorn	29
Robert Sills	30

July

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

August

Roberta Falatyn	1
Jim Pirro	2
Reid Jordan	3
Donna Harder	10
Florence Kurtz	10
Frank Pinkney	12
Rev. Charles Stickley	13
Kathleen Jansen	15
Aubrey Horvers	16
Roslie Gilpatric	19
David Emrich	20
Alison Cline	22
Jennifer Checksfield Mann	22
Charles Emrich	23
Mia Sullivan	24
Barbara Kindt	28
Gary Longto	28
Helen Richter	30
Dick Baker	31

ANNIVERSARIES

Barbara & Dick Baker	6/7
Drew & Su Wonderly	6/12
Eric & Jo Sullivan	6/12
Wally & Linda Cook	6/14
Tom & Judy Horvers	6/16
Barbara & Bob Kindt	6/17
Bobbi & Don Checksfield	6/21
Frieda & Doug Constant	6/23
Terry & John Gaffken	6/26
Steve & Phyllis Bliss	6/27
Christie & Jim Prentice	6/28
Steve & Valerie Nekos	6/29
Todd & Katrina Rubino	6/30

Joyce & Frank Pinkney	7/6
Roger & Mary Lou Vogt	7/11
Gerard & Delores Wyncoop	7/22
Rebecca & Allan Masters	7/27

Bryan & Leigh Hill	8/1
Barry & Marcy Rell	8/2
David & Gretchen Giles	8/6
Hal & Kathy Hauck	8/6
Annmarie & Fred Kurtz	8/15
Kathy & Ted Musialkiewicz	8/16
Leeanne & Frank Warren	8/16
Jim & Roslie Gilpatric	8/19
Jeffrey & Alyson Rafferty	8/24
David & Sandra Emrich	8/29
Cindy & Dino Sumerano	8/30



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The Stone Pony
CHICKEN BBQ

Tuesday 9-15-15
4:00 pm – 7:00 pm
at Hurley Reformed Church

Eat-in or Take-out

Dinner choices:
1/2 Chicken -or- Pulled Pork
includes: Potato Salad, Baked Beans
Fresh Roll w/Butter, Homemade Brownie
\$12.00 per dinner

Bring in **ONE NON-PERISHABLE FOOD ITEM**
to be donated to Caring Hands Soup Kitchen
and receive **\$1.00 OFF** one dinner!

all meats are fresh & local from


Please order by 9-9-15
call Sandy at 687-4006

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When Daffodils Are Out!

Dear God, I had forgotten quite
How good a day could be!
For winter winds had blotted out
From my poor memory
The warmth and loveliness of spring.
The eagerness I knew
When all the gardens come alive
With green things peeking through!

Dear God, when hard things come my way,
Oh, let me not forget
That just beyond adversity
There's warmth and sweetness yet;
So, thank you, for this day, dear God.
And never let me doubt,
Though winter comes, there'll be a day
When daffodils are out!



Prayer

Chain

The Women of the Prayer Chain find that their work is never done. We thank God for the victories and praise Him for the successes yet to come. As you may know, your requests when given to us are on our lists for 6 months. We appreciate the updates that we receive. Thank you for your continued faith in us. We continue to pray your strength in the LORD! We meet every 1st Sunday.

Alice Hansche Mortenson

Thank you, Sonnie

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
31	1	2	3	4	5	6
	3pm - Quilting @ 5pm - Dog Training 7pm - Little League 7:30pm - Al-Anon @	9:30am - Badminton 4pm - Hurley Purlers 4:30pm - PC 101 @ 7pm - Bible Study @ 7pm - Boy Scouts	7:30am - Bible 5:30pm - Dog 6pm - Cub Scout 6pm - Den 1 Bears @ 6:30pm - Girl Scout 7pm - Boy Scouts 7pm - Kingston Area 7:45pm - Bagpiper	9:30am - Badminton 1:30pm - Hurley 4:45pm - Dog 6pm - Overeaters 7:30pm - 1st Capitol 7:30pm - Choir	9:30am - Quilters	
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
10am - Worship -- 11am - Prayer Chain	11am - VFW @ 3pm - Quilting @ 5pm - Dog Training 7pm - Consistory @ 7pm - Hudson Valley 7:30pm - Al-Anon @	8:30am - Hillside 9:30am - Badminton 4pm - Hurley Purlers 7pm - Bible Study @ 7pm - Boy Scouts	7:30am - Bible 5:30pm - Dog 6pm - Cub Scout 6pm - Den 1 Bears @ 7pm - Local 1582 @ 7:45pm - Bagpiper	9:30am - Badminton 4:45pm - Dog 6pm - Overeaters 7:30pm - Choir	7pm - Motorcycle	9am - brandon inn 10am - Genealogy @
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
Children's Sunday 10am - Worship @ 11am - Women's 11:20am - Stone 12:30pm - Baker -- 3pm - daisy girl	10am - Genealogy @ 3pm - Quilting @ 5pm - Dog Training 7:30pm - Al-Anon @	9:30am - Badminton 4pm - Hurley Purlers 6pm - nursery 7pm - Boy Scouts	7:30am - Bible 6pm - Cub Scout 6pm - Den 1 Bears @ 7pm - Hurley Lions 7pm - Men's group 7:45pm - Bagpiper	9:30am - Badminton 12pm - Nursery 4:45pm - Dog 6pm - Overeaters 7pm - NE 7:30pm - Choir		9am - brandon inn
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
Father's Day Graduate 10am - Worship @ 11:20am - Stone	10:30am - Genealog 3pm - Quilting @ 5pm - Dog Training 5:30pm - al-anon 7:30pm - Al-Anon @	9:30am - Badminton 4pm - Hurley Purlers 7pm - Boy Scouts	5:30pm - Dog 6pm - Cub Scout 6pm - Den 1 Bears @ 7:45pm - Bagpiper	9:30am - Badminton 4:45pm - Dog 6pm - Overeaters 6:30pm - Hurley 7:30pm - Choir		
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