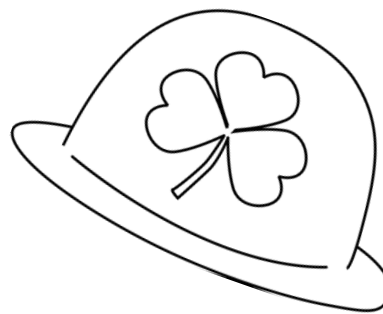


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SEASONS CHANGE

If you look out your window or perhaps watch either the channel or the segment of the news pertaining to weather you might be surprised to know that Spring will get here. It might take some time for it to arrive. And we will likely get a storm or two or even three before it gets here Spring is coming. Now you can tell this because the season seems to be shifting and the cold of January has passed us. But you can also tell by looking at the liturgical calendar.

Now people can talk about how a groundhog seeing its shadow can predict the coming of Spring. However those of us who have grown up in colder climes we know that sometimes in September you may get snow, and sometimes the April shows you are talking about are snow shower. The safest and most sure way to know that Spring is coming is the passing of Ash Wednesday, and the beginning of Lent.

Now this day and this season happen as early as the beginning of February and as late as mid-March. And with the shift of the seasons of the calendar come the shift in our liturgical focus. Think about it. Early in the year our focus is on Jesus and his birth. We ring in the New Year while still celebrating the birth of Christ. Then we shift our focus to Christ's ministry and how he walked with humanity and among us. Epiphany is when we celebrate the manifestation of God in Christ.

But then things take a different turn. The first Wednesday following the last Sunday of Epiphany marks the beginning of a new season for the church. The new season places its focus on fasting and renewal. It is a time of preparation and time to make ready. At the end of our journey of Lent sits Holy Week beginning with Palm Sunday and ending with the resurrection of Easter. But before we get

to the end, where the sun rises and we celebrate that the Son rises, we must first bring an ending to that holy week beginning.

Every year someone takes the palms leftover or perhaps set aside from Palm Sunday, and dries them. Then at some point before Ash Wednesday they are burned. (Thank You Doris!) The leaves which greet Jesus as he enters Jerusalem, that were there through the entirety of the church calendar year find their ending as ashes on our foreheads at the beginning of every Lent. Think about the journey that those palms have taken over the year. And think about all the time and events which they have seen pass.

Another thought about those palms. They aren't a part of the church life during the days of Lent. Sure they are there on your forehead on Ash Wednesday and are there in your hand or on the ground on Palm Sunday, but where are they for the other days of Lent? Well, you can't see them but they are there. Not physically, not even in a tangible way that you can touch, but they are there. The ashes lead us and guide us, they focus our attention towards the end of Lent, when we will greet the beginning of the next cycle, with palms being waved greeting the arrival of the King. As Lent approaches, may we penitently greet it, may we live into its call to draw ourselves closer to God. And may we remember the ashes of Ash Wednesday through our walk of Lent.

Rev. Bill



MARCH EVENTS

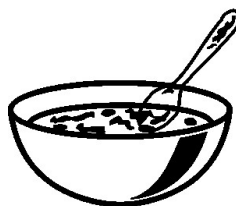
- March 3 Church Birthday Party
- March 6 Ash Wednesday
- March 6 & 20 Women’s Bible Study
- March 7 Senior Citizens meeting
- March 11 Consistory
- March 13 Social Solos
- March 15 Movies with Meaning
- March 17 Soup
- March 29 Fish Dinner
- March 6,7, 13, 14, 20, 21, 27, 28
AARP Tax Aide

GREETERS AND USHERS FOR MARCH

- March 3
Greeters: Sonnie Howe; Terry Gaffken
Ushers: Jim Pirro; Doug Constant
- March 10
Greeters: Wally and Linda Cook
Ushers: Linda Clarke-Dido; Chris Decker
- March 17
Greeters: Steve and Kelly Maggiore
Ushers: Sandra Gregory; Kathy Jansen
- March 24:
Greeters: Su Wonderly; Nikki Provenzano
Ushers: Sandra Emrich; David Kent
- March 31:
Greeters: Kathy Jansen; Shirley Ruth
Ushers: Jim Craven; Roberta Falatyn

COFFEE HOUR REFRESHMENTS

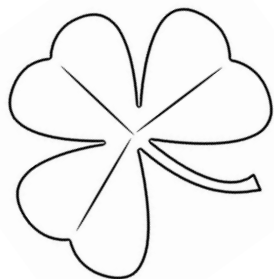
- March 3 Church Birthday Party
- March 10 The Cooks
- March 17 The Mayfields
- March 24 Stone House Day Committee
- March 31 Su Wonderly & Nicole Provenzano



SOUP’S ON.

The Soup Elves are preparing soup for St. Patrick’s Day Sunday.

\$8.00 a quart



Next Lunch date:
March 13,2019 at 12
Noon.

Place: TBA



Mission of the Month

The mission for March will be the "Walk for Water" again. There are some tentative plans during services in March to

increase awareness of such a need for the world's poor when it comes to clean water and the difficulties involved to obtain it. More to come in the next few weeks.

Our mission for January was the Warming Center which totaled \$300 but unfortunately one week was cancelled due to weather. There has been a basket set up on the landing for warm clothing, etc. with the help of the Longtos and Rev. Bill so please help where you can.

Hudson Valley Food Bank was the February mission.

Marilyn Lowe, Chair



MOVIES WITH A MEANING



When: March 15
Pot Luck dinner at 5:30-6:30pm
Movie at 6:30pm
Where: Schadewald Hall

Sign up after church.
Bring a dish to share & your place setting. Or if you can't

make the pot luck just come for the movie. This is a great evening of fellowship. **What is the movie we will be seeing?** Well... I'm not saying as we have cancelled this movie twice already & I'm just not going to say. But, it is a great movie!! Any questions please see Roberta Falatyn or Sandy Emrich. Hope to see you there!!

*There is a heavenly garden
in which God takes great pleasure,
because He's placed within it
the loved ones that we treasure.*

As we patiently await springtime...

Soon the trees will give blessed shade, soon the fragrance of the flowers will fill your nose with sweetness. The song of birds above in the trees will fill your heart with praise, for God's melodies of springtime.

In this special place, you will feel the peace and love of the Lord.

STICKLEY GARDENS

FOR MORE INFORMATION - CONTACT ANY COMMITTEE MEMBER:

LISA LONGTO (331-1438) CHAIRPERSON

JIM PIRRO (383-0079) TREASURER

ESTHER STICKLEY (331-2919)

SANDIE GREGORY (338-7626)

REV STICKLEY, SECRETARY

A SACRED PLACE OF BEAUTY AND CONTEMPLATION.
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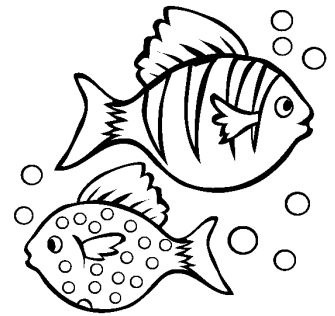
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BIRTHDAYS

Camila Boice	1
Craig Jansen	2
Linda Bognar	3
Dennis Horvers	5
Marianne Mizel	7
Barbara Sartorius	10
Barry Rell	10
Julia Wolf	10
Danielle Wolf	10
Kim Burgess	13
Deborah Zuill	14
Allan Masters	14
Jace Provenzano	17
Frank Warren	17
Frank Presti	17
Joyce Pinckney	18
Dino Sumerano	18
Angie Rockwell	19
Katrina Rubino	19
Justin Nekos	21
William Gaffken	23
Christine Henning	24
Gretchen Giles	24
Phyllis Bliss	24
Deidre Sills	25
Cathy McGraw	27
Jennifer Hinsdale	28
Ellen Morone	31
Bernadette Baker	31
Logan Brennan	31

LENTEN FISH DINNER

A Fish Dinner will be held on Friday March 29. What kind of fish?? What time?? Cost?? All of that fishy information is still being worked on. But, mark your calendars for this date & stay tuned to flyers & the bulletin for more information or see Sandy Emrich for details.



WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY



WOMEN'S Bible Study

Our next meetings are on Wednesday, March 6 and 20 from 9:00 am to 11:00 am.

Please join us; we have refreshments and much laughter and love!

Deb Zuill



REACH OUT TO THOSE WHO NEED YOUR SUPPORT IN THEIR DAY

TO DAY NEEDS:

Keep them in your prayers.

Don Kent at the Baptist Home; Ruth Harkin is in Golden Hill Rehab; Terry Conlin is in the VA in Albany; Bob Williams is in Ivy Lodge; Dolores McGoldrick is at Ferncliff; MaryLou Vogt is in Hudson Valley Senior Residence; Clarence Jansen and Shirley Ruth are in Mountain Valley Manor; Friedel Borst, Audrey Hornbeck and Fred Horvers at TenBroeck; Tony Peralta (Julie Provenzano's son-in-law); William Wiacek (Cathy McGraw's brother), Anthony DiPietro (son of MaryAnn DiPietro).





EASTER PLANTS



_____ LILIES	\$7.50
_____ Mini Roses	\$5.00
_____ Tulips	\$6.25
_____ Daffodils	\$6.25
_____ Hyacinths	\$6.25
_____ Mini Daffodils	\$3.50
_____ Primroses	\$2.25

Total Amount Enclosed: \$ _____

Please print clearly:

Placed by: _____

In memory of:

In honor of:

We encourage you to take your flowers home. The church garden and the rail trail berm are getting full.

Please make checks payable to: Hurley Reformed Church.

Mail or give your order by March 24, 2019 to:

Doris Alden
236 East Drive
Hurley NY 12443

PROGRAM AND ACTIVITY

The Program & Activity Committee has met & ,boy, do we have a lot of fun things on the calendar. What are they? When are they? See the below calendar, mark your calendar to attend & look for the spire/bulletin for more information.

3/3 Annual Church birthday party

3/15 Movies with a meaning. Pot luck at 5:30pm. Movie at 6:30pm

3/29 Fish Dinner

4/12 Movies with a meaning. Pot luck at 5:30pm. Movie at 6:30pm

4/18 Maundy Thursday pot luck at 5:30pm

4/22 Start collecting items for the annual yard sale.

5/17 Movies with a meaning. Pot luck at 5:30pm. Movie at 6:30pm

5/18 Strawberry Hill Fiddlers at 7pm in Schadwald Hall

6/1 Annual Yard Sale with breakfast & lunch(hot dogs) served

6/14 Movies with a meaning. Pot luck at 5:30pm. Movie at 6:30pm

8/24 Carnival & Pig Roast in the church parking lot. Blow ups, games, pig roast dinner. A whole lot of fun for the WHOLE family!!!!

That's all for now. Don't forget to mark your calendars & see you at these great activities!!

Program & Activity Committee

Sandy Emrich, Roberta Falatyn, Lisa Longto, Kelly Maggiore, Ellen Richards, &

Russ Glass



The Ulster County Office for the Aging
presents



Thursday, March 21, 2019 at 1:00 P.M.
Rosendale Theater, 408 Main Street, Rosendale, NY

Free to Seniors over 60

Call the Office for the Aging to RSVP by March 18
at 845-340-3456



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"Hear that? People in heaven have
ever-laughing life."

March 2019

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Mar 2019 (Eastern Time - New York)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
24 10am - Worship @ 11am - Church 11am - Prayer Chain	25 1pm - Basketball Class 3pm - Quilting @ 4:30pm - Dog 7pm - 1st Capitol 7:30pm - Al-Anon @	26 9am - Bible Study @ 11am - balance 4:30pm - PC 101 @ 7pm - Boy Scouts 7:30pm - Sisters in	27 Ash Wednesday 9am - AARP Tax 9am - women's bible 4:30pm - Dog 6:30pm - Cub Scouts 7pm - Boy Scouts	28 9am - AARP tax aide 9:30am - Badminton 1:30pm - Hurley 4:45pm - Dog 6pm - English as a 7pm - Choir	1 nursery school	2 Church Birthday
10 10am - Worship @ 11am - Women's	11 11am - VFW @ 1pm - Basketball Class 3pm - Quilting @ 4:30pm - Dog 7pm - Consistory @ 7pm - Hudson Valley	12 8:30am - Hillside 9am - Bible Study @ 11am - balance 7pm - Boy Scouts 7:30pm - Sisters in	13 9am - AARP Tax 12pm - social solos 4:30pm - Dog 6:30pm - Cub Scouts 6:30pm - Local 1582	14 9am - AARP tax aide 9:30am - Badminton 4:45pm - Dog 6pm - English as a 7pm - Choir	15 4pm - Movies With	16 9am - Brandon 9am - Soup 5pm - BAPS
17 10am - Worship @ 11am - SHD	18 10am - Genealogy @ 3pm - Quilting @ 4:30pm - Dog 7:30pm - Al-Anon @	19 9am - Bible Study @ 11am - balance 6pm - nursery 7pm - Boy Scouts 7:30pm - Sisters in	20 9am - AARP Tax 9am - women's bible 4:30pm - Dog 6:30pm - Cub Scouts 7pm - Hurley Lions	21 9am - AARP tax aide 9:30am - Badminton 11am - Center for 4:45pm - Dog 6pm - English as a 7pm - Choir 7pm - NE	22 9am - snowdate	23
24 10am - Worship @	25 10:30am - Genealog 3pm - Quilting @ 4:30pm - Dog 7:30pm - Al-Anon @	26 9am - Bible Study @ 11am - balance 7pm - Boy Scouts 7:30pm - Sisters in	27 9am - AARP Tax 4:30pm - Dog 6:30pm - Cub Scouts	28 fish dinner prep 9am - AARP tax aide 9:30am - Badminton 4:45pm - Dog 6pm - English as a 7pm - Choir 7pm - Hurley	29 fish dinner	30 3pm - Boy Scout
31 10am - Worship @ 11:30am - Program	1	2	3	4		6



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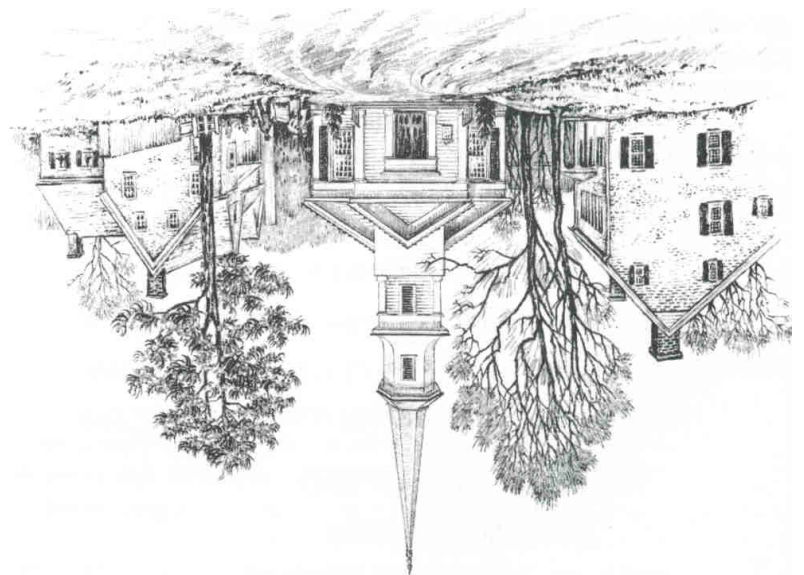
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