

THE SPIRE

March 2022



Lent begins on Ash Wednesday. We normally celebrate it with placing ashes on our foreheads and gathering around the Lords Table communing together. We journey together to Maundy Thursday and Good Friday. Forty days, (forty six if you count Sundays) is how long it will take us to go from one point to the other. Normally we participate in Lent by adding a spiritual discipline or fasting from something.

Lent along with Advent is one of the seasons of preparation, where we make ready for the moment to come. Lent invites us to prepare our hearts and lives for the remembrance of the passion and the joy of the resurrection. It is an opportunity to repent and renew, to once again make the path between our hearts and God easier to navigate.

Growing up in West Michigan we normally didn't participate in Lenten disciplines. Back then our celebration of Lent was gathering together Wednesdays for a dinner and adult ed with us kids getting together and using the Chronicles of Narnia curriculum. Later once you were a teenager you traded in Aslan for going to DeGage to serve a community meal to the homeless in Grand Rapids. Then College came and Lent was replaced by the bad habits of midterms and midterm papers.

Engaging in a discipline didn't come easy during that time. The word trying seemed to be as much of a part of the Lenten participation as the actual participation. After College engaging in Lent got easier, there were still the difficulties of time and schedule but taking part and staying the course got easier. Then Seminary happened. In seminary Lent and engagement in the process became something you talked about since in one form or fashion each of us was taking part. But not all of us did so as well as we could. Back in the early days of Face-

book people would give up using it. Except there was often a window of time each day when they would allow themselves to check it.

There were occasions when I would give up sweets but allow myself a doughnut. The year I gave up soda but maybe drank one soda a month normally. There were even those who didn't participate but felt the peer pressure to take part so they would say it's personal, or name something they didn't engage in that most people did to give the appearance of taking part.

Engagement is what we make of it. Our level of participation can be influenced by our schedule, comfort level, ability to live with success or failure, even our own desire and want to take part. No one ever said that Lent let alone our faith and its path will be easy. As we close in on the ignominious anniversary of the beginning of the pandemic, we are very aware of how life doesn't always cooperate with the things we want. We can't say that if we commit to a particular discipline life will or won't place speed bumps on our path from Ash Wednesday to Maundy Thursday. But we can say as to how much of a priority that commitment will be.

However you choose to engage or participate in Lent, whatever path you choose to take for your journey from Ash Wednesday to Maundy Thursday, make that path a priority. Of course, life will challenge that in one way or another. But making it a priority dictates what we do when life puts that roadblock there. May the season of Lent renew, enliven and invigorate your faith. Amen.



EVENTS

March 6,13,20,27	Worship
March 2	Ash Wednesday Worship, 7pm
March 6	Communion
March 1,8,15,22,29	Bible Study
March 9	Social Solos
March 13	Church Birthday
March 13	Women's Ministries
March 2,4,9,11,16, 18,23,30	Tai Chi
March 3	Hurley Senior Citizens
March 7,14,21,28	Balance Class



REACH OUT TO THOSE WHO NEED YOUR SUPPORT IN THEIR DAY TO DAY NEEDS:

Keep them in your prayers.

Judy Bell (Terry Gaffken's mom) needs prayers

Bev Roosa is at the Terraces at Brookmeade

Shirley Ruth is in Golden Hill

Fred Hovers is at Ten Broeck

Lori Pinkham is Wingate at Ulster

Anthony DiPietro (son of MaryAnn DiPietro)

Marie Dressel

Barbara Sartorius, New Hampshire

USHERS FOR FEBRUARY

March 6	Dennis Croswell, Linda Moon, Jeanne Quenzer & Lisa Longto
March 13	Glenn Decker and Bill Baldinger
March 20	Chris Decker and Bob Kindt
March 27	Lisa Longto and Dino Sumerano

DEACON OF THE MONTH

is
David Kent

Mission of the Month

*The mission for March is Peoples Place.
Thank you for your generous donations!*



A MESSAGE FROM WOMEN'S MINISTRIES

Cards are sent out each month to those unable to attend Church. We welcome you to contact us if there is someone that you feel could use a kind message through a card from The Women's Ministries of The Hurley Reformed Church. Please contact Jane Merrill, Hospitality Secretary, at 914-388-1872 or e-mail her information at janevmerrill@aol.com to send a message through a card.

We wait in anticipation for
the first signs of Spring.

A warm breeze, sunlight that
warms our soul, a shoot breaking
through the soil, a bird in song,
a bud on the trees, longer days ...
a time when God gives us
new birth. The season of Lent is our
season of anticipation. A time
of waiting and self-examination.
A time that builds in our hearts and
souls until the magic of the open
tomb once again fills us with warmth,
song, happiness and new birth.
Take your time during Lent
to reflect, introspect, and build
your anticipation for our dear
Jesus' resurrection. The meaning
of the Resurrection only comes
to those who take time to take it in.

STICKLEY GARDENS

FOR MORE INFORMATION
CONTACT ANY COMMITTEE MEMBER:

LISA LONGTO (532-7570) CHAIRPERSON

JIM PIRRO (383-0079) TREASURER

ESTHER STICKLEY (331-2919)

SANDIE GREGORY (338-7626)

LEE GABLE

REV STICKLEY, SECRETARY

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

SOCIAL SOLOS meets on Wednesday,
March 9, 2022 at noon.

Contact Rev. Deb Zuill for an invite at
attitudema50@aol.com or 845-247-9157



*Afraid of falling?
Want to get Stronger, stand
straighter
and just have fun?*

JOIN OUR SIT TO STAND CLASS!

Monday's @ 1pm At the Hurley Re-
formed Church Hall
\$15/ class
Any questions please
call Ruth Beyl 845-688- 2516



**Please join us 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 Anniversary

Camila Boice	1
Craig Jansen	2
Linda Bogнар	3
Dennis Horvers	5
Marianne Mizel	7
Mikayla Decker	8
Barbara Sartorius	10
Julia Wolf	10
Danielle Wolf	10
Kim Burgess	13
Deborah Zuill	14
Allan Masters	14
Jace Provenzano	17
Frank Warren	17
Joyce Pinckney	18
Dino Sumerano	18
Angie Rockwell	19
Justin Nekos	21
William Gaffken	23
David Kent	23
Gretchen Giles	24
Phyllis Bliss	24
Deidre Sills	25
Cathy McGraw	27
Jennifer Gregory	28
Ellen Morone	31
Bernadette Baker	31
Logan Brennan	31

Emily & Art Harder 16

Charles & Sheila Jansen 25



Youth Group: From David Kent

Youth Group is doing well! We are meeting Live and on Zoom, with the number's up lately! Lent is coming up with Easter behind it. Hoping to do a celebration!

Thank you to all who contribute to the bottle/can recycling program. Even though the building was closed for most of the year, we still collected \$344.00 worth of recycled products.

We donated it to the American Cancer Society.

I want to say a special thank you to Ron Chrisey for his extra help.

-From Terry Gaffken

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TheSpire@HurleyReformedChurch.org.

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Thank you!!





EASTER PLANTS



_____ 6" Easter lily	\$8.00
_____ 6" Tulip	\$6.50
_____ 6" Daffodil	\$6.50
_____ 6" Hyacinth	\$6.50
_____ 5" Mini Daffodil	\$4.00
_____ 4" Primrose	\$3.00
_____ 4" Pansy	\$3.00

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 is getting full.

Please make checks payable to: Hurley Reformed Church.

Mail or give your order by March 27, 2022 to:

Doris Alden
236 East Drive
Hurley NY 12443

Hurley Reformed Church, Main St, Hurley NY

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Italian Dinner!

4-2-22

Ziti, Meatsauce, Tossed Salad, \$12.00
Garlic Bread & Dessert

Drive-Thru Only!



YARD SALE

& FOOD TRUCKS

6-4-22

SPOTS FOR RENT



Brook's
Chicken BBQ

6-14-22



Crafts Fair

Christmas Shopping!

Fall Shopping!

SEPTEMBER 17, 2022

Brook's
Chicken BBQ

9-13-22

HELP WANTED/HELP NEEDED

Stone House Day needs a chair person(s).

This event was cancelled last year due to COVID-19 & lack of leadership.


This is the BIGGEST fundraiser our church has.

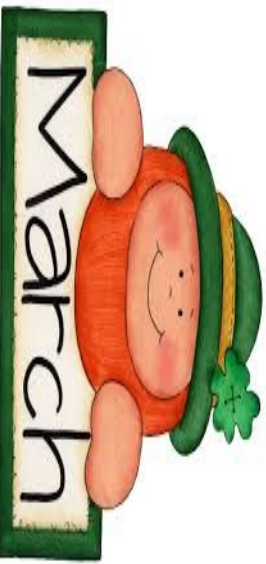
This event doesn't need to be chaired by one person. Many hands make work light.

Please contact Lisa Longto llongto@earthlink.net or

Rev Bill pastor@hurleyreformedchurch.org if this is something that you would like to inquiry about.

We thank you for your consideration.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
27	28	1	2	3	4	5
		9am - Bible Study @ 4:30pm - Karate 4:30pm - PC 101 @ 6pm - Girls Scouts	Ash Wednesday 1:30pm - Tai Chi @ 6pm - Pickle Ball @ 7pm - Ash	1:30pm - Hurley 4:30pm - Dog 4:30pm - Karate	12pm - Knitters @ 1:30pm - Tai Chi @ 6pm - Pickle Ball @	9am - Brandon Inn 9:30am - Karate
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
10am - Worship by	1pm - Balance Class 4:30pm - Dog 7pm - 1st Capitol 7:30pm - Al-Anon @	9am - Bible Study @ 4:30pm - Karate 6pm - Girls Scouts	9am - Nursery 12pm - social solos 1:30pm - Tai Chi @ 6pm - Pickle Ball @	4:30pm - Dog 4:30pm - Karate	12pm - Knitters @ 1:30pm - Tai Chi @ 6pm - Pickle Ball @	9:30am - Karate 10am - Genealogy @ 11am - Baby
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
10am - Worship by 11am - Church 11:30am - Women's	11am - VFW @ 1pm - Balance Class 4:30pm - Dog 7pm - Consistory @ 7pm - Hudson Valley 7:30pm - Al-Anon @	9am - Bible Study @ 4:30pm - Karate 6pm - Girls Scouts 6pm - Nursery	10am - women's 1:30pm - Tai Chi @ 6pm - Pickle Ball @ 7pm - Hurley Lions	4:30pm - Dog 4:30pm - Karate	12pm - Knitters @ 1:30pm - Tai Chi @ 6pm - Pickle Ball @	9am - Brandon Inn 9:30am - Karate
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
10am - Worship by	10am - Genealogy @ 1pm - Balance Class 4:30pm - Dog 7:30pm - Al-Anon @	9am - Bible Study @ 4:30pm - Karate 6pm - Girls Scouts	1:30pm - Tai Chi @ 6pm - Pickle Ball @	4:30pm - Dog 4:30pm - Karate 7pm - Hurley	Nursery School Play 12pm - Knitters @ 6pm - Pickle Ball @	9:30am - Karate
27	28	29	30	31		
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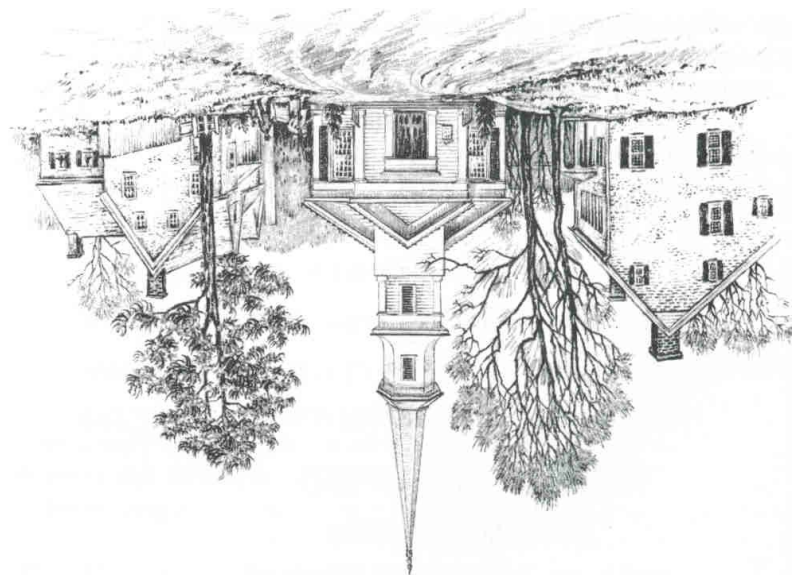
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