

THE SPIRE

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MARCH 2021



WE HAVE ENDURED

March has been looming. It has been sitting there in our subconscious as the days of March 2021 approached. March 2021 will mark a very hard anniversary for us. One year, it has been one year since Covid-19 was something that was either coming or was on its way.

As I sat down to prepare worship, as I typed the dates, a series of dates began to flood back to me. It was the 8th of March when we last worshiped as normal. Having coffee hour, singing in the sanctuary. I even remember the last time I really shook hands with someone. It was at a funeral. Later as we were standing together several of us who were younger took out our phones almost in unison and began reading notifications that the National Guard had been deployed to New Rochelle. Then there was Wednesday the night the NBA stopped when an entire sports league ground to a halt. Then Thursday evening Kingston School District announced that it was cancelling school for Friday. And then Friday we began the state of emergency.

The last year has been many things, traumatic, difficult, hard, sad. Few of us have not had our lives touched by someone we have known, loved or cared about who have lost their lives, had their lives altered or harmed by the virus. We have seen and/or experienced the extreme highs and lows, political, social and generational divisions.

Looking out on this past year from March 2020 to March 2021, can be hard. It is hard not to see the faces of those we have lost over the last year. It is also hard not to see the strain and age on our faces. As I sat writing this the two desks sitting next to me where Liam and Barb have learned at home for a year, are tangible reminders of the strain that this has put on one families with children. From the desk I see two aged pieces of crockery, one we received when my

grandmother who somehow at 99 survived the virus although her mind did not, and the other which was a gift from my mother-in-law who was lost back around Thanksgiving.

But through all of this, all that we have endured we haven't only seen strain, division and death. We have seen us learn to pivot, to adjust at a moment and find a way to make things work. We have sought to make the best we can of many things, understanding that times and things are not perfect but can be the best in the moment.

We have also had moments where we were able to see the face of Christ in helping someone, or in being helps ourselves. I remember the joy I saw in people's eyes dropping off meals on Saturday's with Project Resilience. I also remember the tears and support as cards came in offering prayers and condolences when my Mother-in-Law passed.

It has been a difficult year. But I hope that you have been able to see the face of God at some point of it. I hope that through all the difficulty and the struggles you have felt the embrace and love of Christ. As more and more of us are vaccinated and as things hopefully begin to return to a more normal form, may we remember those we have lost and those families who still grieve. May we also remember the good which has happened and the coming together and mutual care we have seen. It has been a dark year, but there have also been beams of light throughout it. There have been times and moments when Christ has shone through the dark.

Peace and Blessings,

Rev Bill



MARCH EVENTS

March 7, 14, 21, 28	Worship
March 7	Communion
March 8	Consistory by Zoom
March 10	Social Solos by Zoom
March 2, 9, 16, 23	Bible Study by Zoom
March 3, 17	Women's Bible Study by Zoom
March 28	Palm Sunday



**MARK YOUR
CALENDARS!**

USHERS FOR FEBRUARY

March 7

Ushers: Chris Decker and Bob Kindt

March 14

Ushers: Glenn Decker and Tom Harkin

March 21

Ushers: David Kent and Dennis Croswell

March 28

Ushers: Sandy Emrich and Lisa Longto



**Mission
of the
Month**

MISSIONS REPORT

Mission of the month for March is Food Bank of the Hudson Valley. Linda Moon is the new chair of Missions.

Thank you for your generous donations. -

||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
Rev. Bob vanderLaan is in rehab at Baptist Home
David Giles had a bad fall and is home
Carla Compusano is recovering from surgery.
Viola Updahl is in Tenbroeck Rehab.
Dave Giles has fallen and is now resting at home.
Jim and Sheila Craven are at home.
Bev Roosa is at the Terraces at Brookmeade;
Shirley Ruth is in Golden Hill;
Fred Horvers at TenBroeck;
Lori Pinkham in Wingate at Ulster;
Anthony DiPietro (son of MaryAnn DiPietro),
Marie Dressel.
Phil Greer.

DEACON OF THE MONTH:

Deacon of the Month is Lisa Longto
Contact her at 845-532-7570 if you need a
Deacon's assistance.

ADDED TO THE LIST OF SAINTS:

Eugene Groelle

. "My flesh and my heart may fail, but God is the
strength of my heart and my portion forever." Psalm
73:26



CHURCH & CHURCH FAMILIES YARD SALE

How many times have you walked by that something that you don't like or don't use or just don't have anymore use of? Well, we have the answer for you!! The church is holding a yard sale on May 1 from 8am till 2pm. You can donate items starting April 1. Please place them in which garage on the right-hand side or you can rent a spot for \$25. Tables will not be available for rental... so sorry. If you are interested in renting a spot or have any questions please contact Sandy Emrich at 845-687-4006 or email her as DSKCE12402@aol.com

Spring is in the air!!! Clean out!! Donate to the church!! Or rent a spot & earn some extra cash!!

*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 spring-time... 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:

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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)

WAIT TIL NEXT YEAR

There will be no Easter Flowers this year and no order form for flowers. This decision came after many discussions about the uncertainty surrounding COVID and with hope that next year we will have in person worship.



MARCH

BIRTHDAYS

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

ANNIVERSARIES

Emily & Art Harder	16
Charles & Sheila Jansen	25



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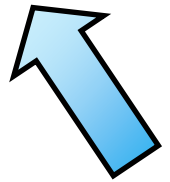
"Billy says he doesn't hafta go to church anymore 'cause his phone has an app for that!"

Reminder:

Access to Sunday worship service at 10:00 am is available through **Zoom**. Contact Rev. Bill for invitation.

In person worship at 11:30 am

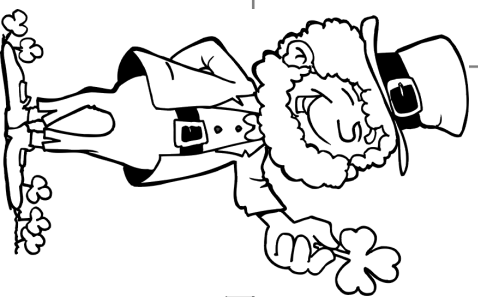
requires a reservation. Contact the office by Thursday. Seating is limited and assigned.



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Mar 2021 (Eastern Time - New York)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	4:30pm - Dog 7:30pm - Al-Anon by	9am - Bible Study by 4:15pm - dog	10am - womens			
28	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11		3
10am - Worship by 11:30am - worship	7pm - Consistory @ 7:30pm - Al-Anon by	9am - Bible Study by	12pm - social solos			
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
10am - Worship by 11:30am - worship	7:30pm - Al-Anon by	9am - Bible Study by 6pm - Nursery	10am - women's			
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
10am - Worship by 11:30am - worship	7:30pm - Al-Anon by	9am - Bible Study by				
28	29	30	31	1	2	3
10am - Worship by 11:30am - worship	7:30pm - Al-Anon by	9am - Bible Study by				



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