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(Hi. In this month's Spire you will find an order form for Easter Plants. Please send your order to Doris Alden. Peace. D)

ASH WEDNESDAY

I've been thinking a bit about a phone conversation I had several years ago. Perhaps it was on my mind because Ash Wednesday is upon us, and so is the person's 99th birthday. Like any dutiful grandson in the conversation I tried to answer all of her questions. "Yes, Sara and I and Liam are doing ok. No Grandma the majority of the church is German not Dutch. No Ash Wednesday is not just a Catholic celebration, but is generally celebrated by most Protestant denominations. I don't know Grandma, why your church hadn't had one of those services" The call went on as I tried to answer questions for this wonderful woman I call Grandma, who really likes to take advantage of having four seminary graduates in her family to deepen her faith and get whatever questions she may have rolling around answered.

But then it came, she mentioned something that I couldn't tell her view on. After expressing some interest I thought that was it. But a few days later I got a letter from her. All it said is, "Hey Billy here is the article I told you about, I really think it's interesting." Interesting, I know that word, it doesn't say if something is good or bad but conveys that it could be either. Then I opened up the article and began to read. It seems that the minister at St. John's Episcopal Church, puts on his gear, and stands in the snow, and believe me, this is West Michigan snow, like snow out in Buffalo, and for a few hours on Ash Wednesday, he puts ashes on those who are too busy to attend service or just any who feel the need. They even supplied the pictures of him with his sign, standing in the cold.

Now a part of me reads this article and asks questions. After all the average Ash Wednesday service doesn't usually last more than forty five minutes. I began to wonder if it might be better for the minister's health if he had instead held several worship services instead. I also wondered about how many people usually took advantage of this. It sparked quite the thought process in my head over what this meant and what this might mean for the future. I began to worry that when Liam and Barb are older there just won't be Ash Wednesday services, and perhaps even worship services because people will be able to have a podcast, or go some social media route to be the church, and worship via Facebook live.

And then after those few moments of wondering and worry there comes something else bubbling up. It might be pride, it might be respect, or awe or wonder, but it is very different. Here is a minister who looked at the situation that I had just been raging at, who looked at the problem and excuses and then did something. I mean for Pete's sake he stands out on a corner and puts ashes on people. How can that be anything but amazing? Thank God for the movement of the spirit, which leads people of faith to do weird out of the box things like this.

Sometimes the Spirit, moves in new ways, sometimes it moves in old ways. The fact will always remain that the Spirit is moving. As we get ready to celebrate Easter, and as we wave palm branches and shout "Hosanna" let's take a few moments to listen, to listen to what the Spirit might be saying or where it is pointing us. We know what we will do on Easter, but what will we do and how will we serve God for the other days of the year?

Rev. Bill



MARCH EVENTS

March 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 Tuesday Bible Study

March 4, 18 Women's Bible Study

March 9 Consistory

March 11 Social Solos

March 21 Soup

March 27 Fish Fry

FLOWERS FOR MARCH

March 1 Shirley and Ron Burns

March 8

March 15 Croswells

March 22

March 29 Christa Conlin

REFRESHMENTS FOR MARCH

March 1

March 8 Barbara Sartorius

March 15

March 22

March 29

GREETERS & USHERS FOR MARCH

March 1

Greeters: Helen Sgroi and Shirley Burns

Ushers: Jim Pirro and Doug Constant

March 8

Greeters: Kathy Jansen and Lee Gable

Ushers: Linda Clarke-Dido & Chris Decker

March 15

Greeters: Doris Alden and Sonnie Howe

Ushers: Sandra Gregory and Kathy Jansen

March 22

Greeters: Kelly Maggiore & Barbara Hornbeck

Ushers: Sandra Emrich and Lisa Longto

March 29

Greeters: Dennis and Mimi Croswell

Ushers: Glenn Decker and Roberta Falatyn

WHAT IS LENT?

The purpose of Lent is the preparation of the believer for Easter. It is a solemn observance and is described as a 40 day period in commemoration of the 40 days Jesus spent fasting in the desert before beginning his public ministry. Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, six and a half weeks before Easter. The forty days do not count Sundays as Sundays are always "little Easters." The name itself—Lent—comes from lengthen-tide, the time of lengthening days: spring. For those of us in the northern hemisphere, it parallels nature and is a time of waiting and growth. Just as the earth is preparing to blossom anew, so, too, our faith can grow and deepen to come forth renewed and strengthened at Easter. Lent ends either on the evening of Maundy Thursday or at sundown on Holy Saturday.

Materials from RCA.org and Wikipedia



NEWS FROM PROGRAM AND ACTIVITY COMMITTEE

Dear Fellow Hurley Church Folks,

Just wanted to let you know of a couple of upcoming events :

On **February 16** was the annual church birthday party. Thank you to everyone that decorated a table: Debbie Tucker, Kelly Maggiore, David Kent, Kathy Jansen, Barb Hornbeck, Lisa Longto , The Mayfield's, Sandy Emrich. The tables all looked great!! The cake was delicious as well!!

On **March 27** from 5 pm till 7 pm will be a Fish & Chips dinner. Your meal will include fresh fried fish, French fries, coleslaw, a beverage & a dessert. Take outs will be available for this dinner as well. The cost is \$14. Reservations are **STRONGLY** recommended. At the end of February reservations will be starting & you truly do not want to miss out on this delicious meal!! We will also need help with this dinner so, please see myself to lend a hand. Thanks!!

On **April 25** we will be holding a Penny Social. We are in need to donations for this. Donations will be accepted starting March 1. You can place your gently used or new items in Rev Bills garage. Look for the designated area please as we don't want to get rid of something that Liam just loves...thanks. This will be taking place of the church yard sale collection (more on this below). We are also in need of TALL cups for the tickets to go into, gift certificates from local business that we can include in the Penny Social but at a higher ticket value & help with this event. Please see myself for further information. Thanks!!

On **June 6** we will be our annual Craft/Vendor Fair & Yard Sale. This year will be having space available to rent spaces inside the hall. This will be taking place from 8am till 2pm. See myself to reserve your spot. There will be a special **"CHURCH MEMBER"** pricing. So, don't delay!! Something **new** this year will be **FOOD TRUCKS**. We are talking to many different foods trucks to come join us from 9am till 3pm. If you know of someone that has a food truck & think they should be a part of this then please have them get a hold of me as we don't want duplicate trucks. Please see myself for further information. Thanks!!

On **September 12** will be our annual kid's carnival. This will be held from 11am till 4pm. Everyone had such a great time that we are doing it again!! If you missed it last year you WILL NOT want to miss it this year!! Something **new** to this event will be **FOOD TRUCKS**. We are again, talking to many different foods trucks to come join us from 11 am till 7pm. If you know of someone that has a food truck & think they should be a part of this then please have them get a hold of me as we don't want duplicate trucks. Please see myself for further information. Thanks!!

On **September 15** is the FAMOUS....DELICIOUS....Brooks Chicken BBQ. This will be held from 4 pm till 6pm. More information to follow on this but mark your calendars!! This is NOT to be missed!!

On **October 31** is Halloween. But, you can go trick or treating at the church from 5 pm till 7 pm. Different folks will decorate a card table or chair & give out candy to the kids. If you would like to decorate a card table or chair signups will be in October. Start thinking on how you can decorate your card table or chair as there might just be prizes given out to the card table or chair that is the scariest, most creative, and most whatever. Another one to add to your calendar of things to do!!

On **November 7** will be an Italian Dinner. Delizioso!! Mark your calendars to attend plus we need help with this as well. Stay tuned for further information on this.

There are a few more events coming in December but we don't want to give everything away just yet. So, keep watching your spire for information on these.

We want to thank everyone for there support for these events. Hope to see you at them all!!

Sandy Emrich
Co-Chair Program & Activity Committee

March

BIRTHDAYS

Camila Boice	1
Craig Jansen	2
Linda Bogнар	3
Dennis Horvers	5
Marianne Mizel	7
Mikayla Decker	8
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
Joyce Pinckney	18
Dino Sumerano	18
Angie Rockwell	19
Katrina Rubino	19
Justin Nekos	21
William Gaffken	23
David Kent	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

ANNIVERSARIES

Emily & Art Harder	16
Charles & Sheila Jansen	25



The air is cold and damp, yet the beauty of the area still shines through. We watch the days become longer and wait in great anticipation for the warmth of springtime. Before we know it, the tulips will be sprouting up and the gardens will be bursting with color as God paints his masterpiece once again. As you go by, think of those who have passed and are at rest in this beautiful area. Stop by, pay your respects, and take time to enjoy the peace. You will feel God's presence and the warm spirit of those at rest.

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.
(LOCATED ON THE SOUTH LAWN OF THE CHURCH)

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



Keep them in your prayers.

Jerry Wyncoop is in Golden Hill rehab;
Alice Presti is at home;
Bev Roosa is at the Terraces at Brookmeade;

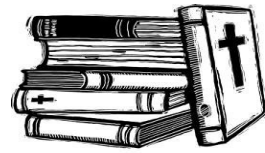
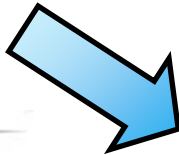


Dolores McGoldrick is at Ferncliff;
MaryLou Vogt is in Hudson Valley Senior Residence;
Shirley Ruth is in Mountain Valley Manor;
Bob Williams, Friedel Borst, Audrey Hornbeck and Fred Horvers at TenBroeck;
Lori Pinkham in Wingate at Ulster;
Anthony DiPietro (son of MaryAnn DiPietro), Marie Dressel;
Phil Greer.



Our Mission of the Month for March is the Church's Deacon's Fund. The Deacons' Fund is a fund dedicated to the

needs of members and/or the community. The fund is administered such that the emergency needs of real people can be addressed quickly and efficiently, with a concern for confidentiality. *(from RCA.com)*



WOMEN'S Bible Study

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Is discussing Making Sense of the Bible by Adam Hamilton. Discussion will be led by Lydia Newcombe. Please come. Refreshments provided. Women's Bible Study meets the first and third Wednesdays of the month from 10 am to 12 noon.

Rev. Deb Zuill

EASTER PLANTS ORDER FORM

_____	LILIES	\$7.50
_____	Tulips	\$6.25
_____	Daffodils	\$6.25
_____	Hyacinths	\$6.25
_____	Mini Daffodils	\$3.00
_____	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 29, 2020 to:

Doris Alden
236 East Drive
Hurley NY 12443

HURLEY REFORMED CHURCH

Lenten

Fish & Chips

Dinner

March 27, 2020

Hurley Reformed Church – Main St. Hurley, NY

\$14.00 per dinner

Dinner includes: Fresh Fried Fish, French Fries, Coleslaw, Beverage & Dessert

Take-Outs Available

Doors open at **5:00 pm** – close at **7:00 pm**
Reservations Strongly Suggested (open seating dinner)

Please contact **Sandy** for tickets **845-687-4006**

Hurley Reformed Church
Main Street, Hurley, NY 12443

Refreshments Available

Penny Social

Refreshments Available

**SATURDAY
4/25/20**

**Doors Open at 3:00 pm
Calling at 4:30 pm**
at the Hurley Reformed Church

Accepting donations, please contact Sandy at 845-687-4006 for information.

Refreshments available!



SOUP'S ON.

The Soup Elves are preparing soup for Sunday, March 22

St Patrick's Day Soup

\$8.00 a quart

If you boil a funny bone, it becomes a laughing stock. That's humerus!!!!

Social Solos

Next Lunch date:

March 11, 2020

12 Noon.

Destination: TBA

ADDED TO THE LIST OF SAINTS:

Frank Presti

"Blessed are those who mourn for they shall be comforted." Matthew 5:4

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Mar 2020 (Eastern Time - New York)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<div>10am - Worship @</div> <div>11am - Prayer Chain</div> <div>1</div>	<div>1pm - Basket Class</div> <div>3pm - Quilting @</div> <div>4:30pm - Dog</div> <div>7pm - 1st Capitol</div> <div>7:30pm - Al-Anon @</div> <div>2</div>	<div>9am - Bible Study @</div> <div>11am - balance</div> <div>4:15pm - dog</div> <div>4:30pm - PC 101 @</div> <div>6:30pm - RCA</div> <div>7pm - Boy Scouts</div> <div>3</div>	<div>9am - aarp taxes @</div> <div>10am - women's</div> <div>6pm - Cub Scouts @</div> <div>7pm - Boy Scouts</div> <div>4</div>	<div>9am - aarp taxes @</div> <div>9:30am - Badminton</div> <div>1:30pm - Hurley</div> <div>4:45pm - Dog</div> <div>5</div>		<div>9am - brandon</div> <div>6</div>
<div>10am - Worship @</div> <div>11am - shd</div> <div>11am - Women's</div> <div>8</div>	<div>11am - VFW @</div> <div>3pm - Quilting @</div> <div>4:30pm - Dog</div> <div>7pm - Consistory @</div> <div>7pm - Hudson Valley</div> <div>7:30pm - Al-Anon @</div> <div>9</div>	<div>9am - Bible Study @</div> <div>11am - balance</div> <div>4:15pm - dog</div> <div>6:30pm - RCA</div> <div>7pm - Boy Scouts</div> <div>10</div>	<div>9am - aarp taxes @</div> <div>9:30am - quilting @</div> <div>12pm - social solos</div> <div>6pm - Cub Scouts @</div> <div>6:30pm - Local 1582</div> <div>11</div>	<div>9am - aarp taxes @</div> <div>9:30am - Badminton</div> <div>4:45pm - Dog</div> <div>12</div>	<div>7pm - Motorcycle</div> <div>13</div>	<div>snowdate quilters</div> <div>10am - Genealogy @</div> <div>14</div>
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<div>10am - Worship @</div> <div>29</div>	<div>1pm - basket class</div> <div>3pm - Quilting @</div> <div>4:30pm - Dog</div> <div>7:30pm - Al-Anon @</div> <div>30</div>	<div>9am - Bible Study @</div> <div>11am - balance</div> <div>4:15pm - dog</div> <div>7pm - Boy Scouts</div> <div>31</div>				



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