

THE SPIRE

March 2024



There is an impulsive streak that runs as wide as a few miles through my family. There are times when it is pretty easy to keep in check and other times, less so. When some of us play sports the fine line between competitive and dirty play can get blurry, especially in family games. When we play board games or card games it can be hard for someone to avoid playing out of turn because they are sooooo excited about what their next move is going to be. This impulsivity is even difficult in gift giving. Not in the opening of presents, that is difficult as well, but in not telling the other person what you got for them as soon as you purchased it. Or even not demanding that the gift is opened right away.

Now this impulsiveness takes a lot to cope with. Those people in our lives have to put up with it, and not everyone deals with it as graciously as you might hope. From spouses, to friends, coaches, to teachers, even our kids it takes a fair amount of grace to put up with us. Now being on the receiving end of the grace and compassion pretty much makes it hard for me to properly assess all the things that it takes to have others put up with me or with others who may have a similar disability instance. But I do know that it is not easy. But there are other moments when it comes to the rescue for everyone around.

Once during a very serious dinner when my whole family was brimming with tension, someone cracked a joke. Mom then shouted out that life was a serious business. And then we all burst out laughing. Now the impulsive response of cracking the joke and the even bigger call to take life too seriously that became a bigger joke released the tension and anxiety which filled the room. Think about what might or might not have happened without those impulsive responses.

I think that is why I enjoy Peter. Among all the disciples, he is the one who doesn't let the seriousness of the moment put a damper on the moment. He is the one who when Christ asks who the disciples say he is he blurts out that he is the Christ the Messiah. He doesn't look

around the room, or measure his response. Sure in a moment after you see Peter try and take Jesus aside to quietly rebuke him, but that doesn't take away from the first moment.

The funny thing is that while some of us are impulsive to a fault or because of a disability there is one area where we can and should be more impulsive on every level. That is impulsive in our praise of and relationship with God. When we slow things down or place speed bumps along the road there is a reason why we do so. It's rude, or needs to be more thought out are just a few reasons. It doesn't fit our estimation of the moment, it may not be the correct fit. I could go on and on.

But of all places and all points shouldn't we be comfortable with God to be impulsive. Shouldn't God hear our emotions not in their most polite but at their most honest and raw. Why can't we express our joy or celebrations to God without feeling as if it is too much or not appropriate? You could of course argue that even though we don't speak as fully into a moment as we could that doesn't mean that God doesn't know it? True. But why is your joy or need from God, when God already knows, need a lid or a damper placed on it. Of all the places and all the times with God we should be at our most impulsive. Praying when we might feel like it is interrupting, praising when it might not seem like the right moment, because God want us. However we are, and wherever we are in life, God wants us. Not a false level of anything which we show to the world, but the most impulsive and raw of us. God loves us. Whether we are overflowing with emotion of feelings or are in control. May we be a little more impulsive when we go to him and stand in his presence. Amen



MARK DATE

IN YOUR CALENDAR

March. 3,10,17,24,31	Worship
March 3	Communion
March. 7	Hurley Seniors meeting
March 5,12,19,26	Bible Study
March 10	Daylight Savings starts
March 11	Consistory Meeting
March 13	Social Solos
March 28	Maundy Thursday
March 31	Easter Sunday



For March

March 3	Dino Sumerano and Lisa Longto
March 10	Glenn Decker and Bob Kindt
March 17	Alan Dumas and Russ Voigtlaender
March 24	Linda Moon and Aileen Helsley
March 31	Dino Sumerano and Lisa Longto



Deacon For March
is
Aileen Helsley

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.

*Visit Stickley Gardens
and meditate, anticipate,
appreciate and celebrate.*

STICKLEY GARDENS

FOR MORE INFORMATION - CONTACT ANY COMMITTEE MEMBER:

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SANDIE GREGORY (338-7626)

REV STICKLEY, SECRETARY

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

**Please join us for Worship
every Sunday at 10am with Refresh-
ments served after in the Hall.**

**Sign up sheets are posted in the Hall for
flowers and refreshments.**



Craig Jansen	2
Linda Bognar	3
Dennis Horvers	5
Marianne Mizel	7
Mikayla Decker	8
Julia Wolf	10
Danielle Wolf	10
Kim Burgess	13
Deborah Zuill	14
Allan Masters	14
Elliot Barnard	16
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
Ellen Morone	31
Logan Brennan	31



Emily & Art Harder	16
Charles & Sheila Jansen	25

Social Solos meets on Wednesday,
March 13, 2024 at noon.

Anyone wishing to join please contact
Rev. Deb Zuill for an invite at
attitudema50@aol.com or 845-247-9157



***Reach out to those who need your support
in their day to day needs:***

Please keep them in your prayers.

Judy Bell (Terry Gaffken's mom)
Bev Roosa is at the Terraces at Brookmeade
Shirley Ruth is in Golden Hill
Lori Pinkham is Wingate at Ulster

Terry Conlin
Shirley Burns
Debbie Tucker

calling all
Vendors



4TH ANNUAL

Fall Shopping!

OCTOBER 5, 2024
9AM - 4PM

Crafts Fair

Christmas Shopping!

**FOOD & DRINKS
AVAILABLE**

GENERAL ADMISSION = \$3 (UNDER 12 FREE)

VENDOR FEE = \$35 (INSIDE ONLY)

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CHURCH OFFICE 845-331-4121

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EASTER PLANTS

_____ 6" Easter lily	\$9.00
_____ 6" Tulip	\$8.00
_____ 6" Daffodil	\$8.00
_____ 6" Hyacinth	\$8.00
_____ 5" Mini Daffodil	\$4.50
_____ 4" Primrose	\$3.50
_____ 4" Pansy	\$3.50



Total Amount Enclosed: \$ _____

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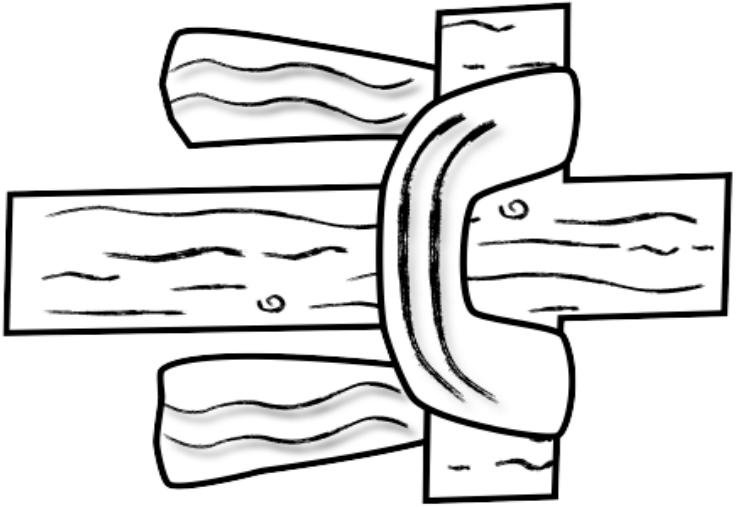
We encourage you to take your flowers home. The church garden is getting full.

Please make checks payable to: Hurley Reformed Church.

Mail or give your order by March 24, 2024 to:

Doris Alden
236 East Drive
Hurley NY 12443

Children's Page



Find all ten words:

Jesus
Lent
Ash
Wednesday
Dust
Prayer
Alms
Fasting
Sacrifice
Purple

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Unscramble these Lenten Words

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HSESA _____

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One thing I can do during Lent to
bring me closer to God...

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10am - Worship by Zoom and
12:30pm - Party

1:15pm - Tai Chi
3pm - Meeting @ Dutch
7pm - 1st Capitol Corvettes
7pm - Al-Anon @ Room 9

9am - Bible Study @ Dutch
4:15pm - Karate Class @ hall

1:30pm - Hurley Senior
4:15pm - Karate Class

9am - HNS play
12pm - Knitters @ Dutch

9am - Karate Class @ Hall
10am - Genealogy @ Room
12pm - Woodworkers @ Hall

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Daylight Saving Time starts
10am - Worship by Zoom and

11am - VFW @ Dutch Room
1:15pm - Tai Chi
7pm - Al-Anon @ Room 9
7pm - Consistory @ Dutch

9am - Bible Study @ Dutch
4:15pm - Karate Class @ hall

12pm - social solos @ Lunch

4:15pm - Karate Class

9am - ?HNS play?
12pm - Knitters @ Dutch

9am - Karate Class @ Hall

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St Patrick's Day
10am - Worship by Zoom and

10am - Genealogy @ Rooms
1:15pm - Tai Chi
7pm - Al-Anon @ Room 9

9am - Bible Study @ Dutch
4:15pm - Karate Class @ hall
6pm - Nursery School Board

4:15pm - Karate Class

12pm - Knitters @ Dutch

9am - Karate Class @ Hall

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10am - Worship by Zoom and
1:15pm - Tai Chi
7pm - Al-Anon @ Room 9

10:30am - Genealogy @
1:15pm - Tai Chi
7pm - Al-Anon @ Room 9

9am - Bible Study @ Dutch
4:15pm - Karate Class @ hall

4:15pm - Karate Class

12pm - Knitters @ Dutch

9am - Karate Class @ Hall

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Easter Sunday

10am - Worship by Zoom and



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