

THE SPIRE

May 2022



You're all likely familiar with the phrase, "you can't teach an old dog new tricks." Well, I'm a 42 year-old dog trying to learn a new trick. And it's not a new trick, it's a new sport.

Going back even before the pandemic Sara and I noticed that while Liam enjoyed parts of baseball, the sport as a whole left him bored. After talking with a friend, they recommended getting him in either soccer or lacrosse. Now you could say we were crazy, and likely will get little dispute from us, but we decided to let him try out lacrosse. Now while it is perhaps our continent and nation's oldest sport, and there is an interesting story about the fall of Fort Michilimackinac, I know very little about the game.

Actually I started out knowing very little outside of the fact that you score points by putting the ball in the net. What was and was not a penalty, I had no clue. What positions there were and what they did, I could tell you there might be a goalie. It was pretty comical to get equipment, since I was panic texting a friend about what was needed and what was the right type of stick. To put it mildly I was in over my head and wasn't able to even tread water. Imagine the blow to my ego when I realized that Liam knew more about what he was doing and how things were supposed to go than I did.

But by reading, watching videos, and listening to the coaches as they work with the kids, I'm learning. It is taking a lot more time, and I am making a lot of mistakes. I often try and relate one thing to another when they are nothing alike except in my head. But bit by bit, little by little, I'm learning. I even went so far as to reach out to a friend and ask him for ways to help.

Learning is not easy. Growing what you know and the width and depth of it seldom is as easy as you want it to be. I remember when I was younger there was a whole series of books titled (insert word here) for dummies. The idea was for us to have things explained to us

in such a way that the presentation was at its simplest, and most approachable. Now if you ever read one of those books there was sometimes a pretty big leap to even get to that beginning part.

And learning as it regards our faith is perhaps one of the hardest things we will ever do. The lessons of faith happen at all times and moments of our lives. They force us to grapple with difficult truths, they engage us to dig deeper into our faith. Learning about God and our faith is a continual journey. It's easy to say that we know enough or know all that we need to know about God. But is that true. Can we ever know everything about God?

Add to all of this the difficulty that as we learn about God, as we grow, the less we know. The more and more we know about God, the more we realize how little we actually know, and how much more there is to know. Think about a horizon specifically the ocean. As you look out on it you see a point which is known as the vanishing point. That point never stops, it continually moves. As you seemingly get closer to it, it moves. God forever will be a point which we are moving towards and yet at the same time one in which we must realize the vastness of what is still left to be seen and known and experienced with God. May we keep on moving towards that point, keep growing in our faith, and understand that though there is so much we don't know, how much it is a blessing to be learning about God.





EVENTS

May 1,8,15,22,29	Worship
May 1	Communion
May 3,10,17,24,31	Bible Study
May 5	Hurley Senior Citizens
May 9	Consistory Meeting
May 11	Social Solos
May 18	Women's Bible Study

USHERS FOR MAY

May 1	Linda Moon & Jeanne Quenzer
May 8	David Kent & Dennis Croswell
May 15	Lisa Longto & Dino Sumerano
May 22	Glenn Decker & Bill Baldinger
May 29	Allan Dumas & Lee Gable

Mission of the Month

*The mission for May is Walk for Water.
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

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)

David Giles

Marie Dressel

Barbara Sartorius, New Hampshire

DEACON OF THE MONTH

is
Jeanne Quenzer





God's delicate flowers have blossomed into their magical colors.

God's precious bees and birds are singing their grand symphonies.

God's warm sun is hugging us like the comfort of a mother's arms.

God's people are blessed with power and new strength, it's Spring!

Feel God through the Wonders of Nature.

STICKLEY GARDENS

FOR MORE INFORMATION
CONTACT ANY COMMITTEE MEMBER:

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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,
May 11, 2022 at noon.

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



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.



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.



Cole Jordan	1	Glenn & Debbie Decker	6
Terry Conlin	2	Kathy & Bob Pfeiffer	6
Kristen Helm	2	Christa & Terry Conlin	9
Mikayla Mellin	2	Marilyn & John More	9
Lori Baker	3	Joe & Kathy Burns	15
Kathy Burns	4	Kevin & Jeanne Quenzer	17
Jonathan Helsley	5	Wayne & Karen Waligurski	20
George Nekos, Jr.	5	Donna & Peter Harder	30
Elizabeth Wilson	7		
Jayne Ulrich	10		
Marilyn Cox	11		
Charles Jansen	11		
Robin Brennan	14		
Barbara Hornbeck	14		
Les Frost	16		
Taylor Robey	21		
Ricki Maggiore	27		
Lily DeKoskie	27		
Brian Donnelly	28		
Mackenzie Schoonmaker	28		



UPCOMING EVENTS

Hurley Reformed Church, Main St., Hurley, NY

YARD SALE

REFRESHMENTS AVAILABLE

6/4/22

8AM-3PM



SPOTS
FOR RENT
\$25.^{DAY}

Call Kelly **845-532-2995**
TO RESERVE A SPOT

All proceeds benefit the Hurley Reformed Church, Main St., Hurley NY

Drive-Up
Take-Out

Brook's Chicken BBQ

Drive-Up
Take-Out

June 14, 2022
4:00pm - 6:00pm

1/2 chicken, coleslaw,
baked potato, dinner
roll & dessert

\$14.00

To Pre-Order Call: **845-331-4121**

New Bibles



Some months ago, when social distancing and other measures lightened and while returning Bibles and hymnals were being placed back in their pews a problem was noticed. Well, maybe not a problem. We were running out of Bibles. Now this might seem like not much of a problem since obviously if a Bible has left, we hope that wherever it ended up it is being used. But we were presented with the difficulty that the current Bibles in our pews are no longer printed. Through a gift we were able to replace them all with some extras. I'd like to invite you to sponsor as many Bibles as you feel led, in memory or in honor of someone. In order to do so just fill out the form below, and submit or attach \$15 per Bible. If you need more forms give the church office a call during the week.

Name: _____

of Bibles: _____

In Memory of: _____

In Honor of: _____




Please make checks out to the Hurley Reformed Church and return with this form to the church office or by mail to:

Hurley Reformed Church

11 Main St.

PO Box 328

Hurley, NY 12443

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>10am - Worship by</p> <p>11:30am - Women's</p> 	<p>4:30pm - Dog Training</p> <p>7pm - 1st Capitol</p> <p>7:30pm - AI-Anon @</p>	<p>9am - Bible Study @</p> <p>4:30pm - Karate Class</p> <p>4:30pm - PC 101 @</p> <p>6pm - Girls Scouts</p>		<p>1:30pm - Hurley Senior</p> <p>4:30pm - Dog Training</p> <p>4:30pm - Karate Class</p>	<p>12pm - Knitters @</p>	<p>9:30am - Karate Class</p>
<p>10am - Worship by</p>	<p>11am - VFW @ Dutch</p> <p>4:30pm - Dog Training</p> <p>7pm - Consistory @</p> <p>7pm - Hudson Valley</p> <p>7:30pm - AI-Anon @</p>	<p>9am - Bible Study @</p> <p>4:30pm - Karate Class</p> <p>6pm - Girls Scouts</p>	<p>12pm - social solos by</p>	<p>4:30pm - Dog Training</p> <p>4:30pm - Karate Class</p>	<p>12pm - Knitters @</p>	<p>9:30am - Karate Class</p> <p>10am - Genealogy @</p> <p>12pm - Card Making-</p>
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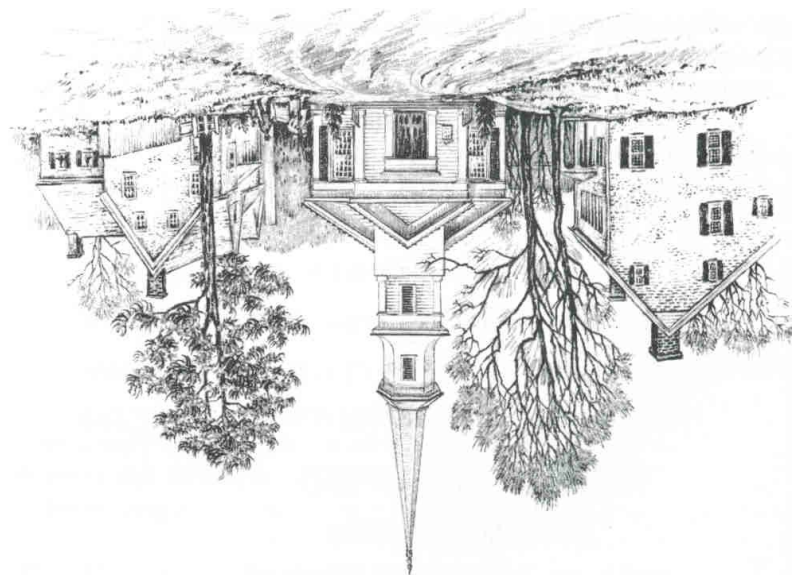
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