

THE SPIRE

May 2023



One of the benefits of spending many of my evenings and Saturdays at lacrosse practices and games is that I have some time to be in my own head to think. The other day I was reminded of Jim Valvano's Espy speech where he received the Arthur Ashe award for Courage and Humanitarian where he encouraged us to all do three things each day. These things are to laugh, think and have your emotions moved to tears. If you manage to do all three it is a full day. Now this was a man who was dying of cancer who imparted two great lessons in his final days. The other being his encouragement to "don't give up, don't ever give up."

Now there is a reason why two of his speeches, on the eve of his death to cancer have been viewed and read thousands of times. They are just so universal in their application, and meaningful in their moments.

As I said I was having my moment to just think. To be honest the frustration and the beauty of many of these moments is that the connective tissue that leads you to a particular train of thought. Sometimes it could be something you read, saw or heard. The thought was about theologians and who had helped me to form and create my beliefs and spirituality. In moments of this it's easy to go to the big names, Calvin, Luther maybe even Knox. It's also easy to go to familiar and pop names for the 20th and 21st centuries. But are those the ones who really form us and our experiences of God?

In my 43 years what I've come to learn that while those three are great names for when you have to take a systematic theology class, or write a paper to be examined by a classis or board at the seminary, they aren't necessarily the common and great theologians which form us. There is of course the one great theologian who we can all relate as having formed and created our set of beliefs. Call him Son of God, teacher or great theologian Jesus is the top of the pyramid when it comes to theological thought. His are the

great theological teachings and even greats like Calvin and Luther are simply disseminating and explaining what Jesus first explained and spoke so many years ago.

The most formative names in our theological growth and development more often than not are less historically grand. Their names are more like Steve Pekich, Betty Phillips, Helen Phillips, Helena Riekse, and Dr Robert Beddingfield. None of those will be familiar names to all of you but each and every one of them were people who helped me to shape and form my own beliefs. Honestly the list can and does go on.

The reality is that each and every one of us has a set of hands which helped us along our faith journey. It could be a friend, family member, minister, church leader. They might not have historically great names but they are just as important to our faith walks.

The beauty of this is that where one day a person can list of names of those who have formed their faith, their name can be named by another as one who had influenced theirs. That is one of the beautiful things about the church, that those who are taught pieces of faith and learn, one day will be the teachers and will help others. Those baptized this year, who we have taken vows to help and guide will one day be helpers and guides, just as we are and were. Let me encourage you brothers and sisters to continue the good work or nourishing our faith, as well and watering the faith of others. Blessings this month and in the months to come.

Rev Bill





May 7,14,21,28	Worship
May 7	Communion
May 4	Hurley Seniors meeting
May 2,9,16,23,30	Bible Study
May 8	Consistory Meeting
May 10	Social Solos
May 14	Women's Ministries Zoom
May 14	Mother's Day
May 17	Women's Bible Study

Ushers for May

May 7	Dino Sumerano and Lisa Longto
May 14	Glenn Decker and Bob Kindt
May 21	Linda Moon and Aileen Helsley
May 28	Jeanne Quenzer and Bill Baldinger

Mission of the Month
is

Walk for Water

We will also be collecting
coffee and tea for the
Bread of Life.



**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

David Giles

Barbara Sartorius, New Hampshire

Terry Conlin

Teresa Decker

*Worship
With Us*

Please join us for Worship
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
Terry Conlin	2
Kristen Helm	2
Mikayla Mellin	2
Lori Baker	3
Kathy Burns	4
Jonathan Helsley	5
George Nekos, Jr.	5
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



Glenn & Debbie Decker	6
Kathy & Bob Pfeiffer	6
Christa & Terry Conlin	9
Marilyn & John More	9
Joe & Kathy Burns	15
Kevin & Jeanne Quenzer	17
Wayne & Karen Waligurski	20
Donna & Peter Harder	30

Deacon For May
is
Jeanne Quenzer



Social Solos meets on Wednesday,
May 10, 2023 at noon.

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



Please join us May 13th for our
annual Spring cleaning!

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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ESTHER STICKLEY (331-2919)

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LEE GABLE

REV STICKLEY, SECRETARY

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



On Thursday, May 11th, take the night
off from cooking and pick up dinner at
the Hurley Nursery School.

(All profits support our students.)

Choice of Chicken (\$17) or Ribs (\$19) +
choice of 2 sides

(Garlic Mashed Potatoes, Mac-n-
Cheese, or Slaw) – *sides chosen at pick
up*, cornbread/butter, water, and a
cookie from Uptown Coffee.

Order forms and flyer are in the Fund-
raising bin on the wall across from the
church office. * (Orders due May 5th)

We will also be holding a raffle that day
to help raise money for our school and
playground. We are hoping to raffle off
different gift certificates for local restau-
rants, local activities, and more...as
well as multiple gift baskets! If you have
a business, are a member of our com-
munity, or know someone that is willing/
able to donate an item, basket, or gift
certificate to our raffle, please call Mrs.
Cotter at 845-339-1036 or email us at

info@hurleynurseryschool.org.



Hurley Reformed Church, Main St., Hurley, NY

YARD SALE

REFRESHMENTS AVAILABLE

6/3/23

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

from
Oneonta, NY

Drive-Up
Take-Out

June 13, 2023

4:00pm - 6:00pm


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

\$15.00

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

KIDS COLORING PAGE



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
30	1	2	3	4	5	6
	First Day of Asian Pacific 7pm - 1st Capitol Corvettes 7:30pm - Al-Anon @ Room 9	9am - Bible Study @ Dutch 4:30pm - Karate Class @ hall 4:30pm - PC 101 @ Dutch	4pm - Dog Training	1:30pm - Hurley Senior 4:30pm - Dog Training @ Hall 4:30pm - Karate Class	Cinco de Mayo 12pm - Knitters @ Dutch	9:30am - Karate Class @ Hall
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
10am - Worship by Zoom and	11am - VFW @ Dutch Room 4:30pm - Dog Training @ Hall 7pm - Consistory @ Dutch 7pm - Hudson Valley 7:30pm - Al-Anon @ Room 9	9am - Bible Study @ Dutch 4:30pm - Karate Class @ hall	8:45am - HNS-Muffins 12pm - social solos by Zoom 4pm - Dog Training	2pm - Nursery School- 4:30pm - Dog Training @ Hall 4:30pm - Karate Class	Nursery School Flowers @ 12pm - Knitters @ Dutch	9:30am - Karate Class @ Hall 10am - Genealogy @ Room 12pm - Woodworkers @ Hall
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
Mother's Day 10am - Worship by Zoom and 11:30am - Women's	10am - Genealogy @ Rooms 4:30pm - Dog Training @ Hall 7:30pm - Al-Anon @ Room 9	9am - Bible Study @ Dutch 4:30pm - Karate Class @ hall 6pm - Nursery School Board	10am - Women's bible study 4pm - Dog Training	4:30pm - Dog Training @ Hall 4:30pm - Karate Class	12pm - Knitters @ Dutch 5pm - BAPS @ Hall	9:30am - Karate Class @ Hall
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
10am - Worship by Zoom and 11am - Baptism Lunch	10:30am - Genealogy @ 4:30pm - Dog Training @ Hall 7:30pm - Al-Anon @ Room 9	9am - Bible Study @ Dutch 4:30pm - Karate Class @ hall	4pm - Dog Training	4:30pm - Dog Training @ Hall 4:30pm - Karate Class 7pm - Hurley Heritage	12pm - Knitters @ Dutch	9am - Kris Lemus Shower @ 9:30am - Karate Class 6pm - Michelle Karel/Amber
28	29	30	31			
10am - Worship by Zoom and	Memorial Day 4:30pm - Dog Training @ Hall 7:30pm - Al-Anon @ Room 9	9am - Bible Study @ Dutch 4:30pm - Karate Class @ hall	4pm - Dog Training			

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