

THE SPIRE

May 2024



I had a plan. I thought I had found this great example, I had written it down and thought I had worked it all through. Until something happened. Tell me if this isn't something that may have happened to you. It's a common enough story which gets told. An idea starts and grows and then something happens where what was a growing balloon gets a hole in it. I remember one year getting ready for a night of Vacation Bible School which found me filling water balloons which kept on breaking or getting a hole. I did my best to use the two bags we had of water balloons. But what we ended up with were about 10 that didn't burst, or get a hole. We were faced with quite a conundrum, scrap the entire idea, which meant way too many wasted minutes filling the balloons than I would like to admit, or trying to make do with what we had.

Set backs are one of those pieces and parts of life. We usually learn this at some point on our journey of life, where the plan we have or have made doesn't work, doesn't work as we expected or has to be scrapped or scrubbed. What usually happens is we have an internal conversation which looks at how much time and effort we put into something, how much was spent on it, the factors can go on and on. Suffice it to say what our next steps are usually decided by what we have already put in. The two most apt ways of putting this are likely a bit too martial for a newsletter but suffice it to say everyone has a plan until they start.

If you're thinking that the main inspiration for this musing is the steeple you're mostly right. We had a really great plan, both for that but also for the sanctuary to be painted as well. It had been something that we had put a lot into, both in terms of efforts in finding grants and raising funds but also in the patience of meeting with contractors about repair, washing and painting the steeple. I'd be lying if I said that I wasn't really excited to get the birds out of the steeple and have it shine like a beacon for all who drive around our curve. Now our process is

not only more drawn out but has also gotten more expensive.

The challenge with any and all setbacks isn't that they happen. They will, in whatever small and great ways they do. Whether its health complications which come right after getting out of the hospital. A friend or family member who is in recovery slipping back into their addiction. Something major being found when you go in for what you thought was an easy scan or bit of bloodwork. Again we can go on and on. But for each of us the challenge isn't in that moment of learning the setback, it is in what we do after it.

Do we give up throw our hands up and move on? Or do we pick ourselves up and roll with the setback? The suborn Dutch and Croatian part of me wants the answer to always be keep on fighting keep on getting up. But the pastoral side always says pray. Talk to God and encourage all those others involved in the decision to pray as well. Both pray for the strength for the pushing ahead but also the discernment to know when what we are trying might not be what can be. Sometimes we need God's hand to tell us that we are simple keeping on to keep on.

In our specific case, the old plan is gone and a new one is there. We are prayerfully moving forward, although not as quickly as desired. It's a setback, they happen. The challenge for us is what we are going to do next. May God be with you, me and all of us as we discern our next steps. May God also be with the process of repairing our steeple. Blessings

Rev Bill





May 5,12,19,26	Worship
May 2	Hurley Seniors meeting
May 5	Communion
May 7,14,21,21,28	Bible Study
May 8	Social Solos
May 11	Church clean up
May 12	Mother's Day
May 13	Consistory Meeting
May 27	Memorial Day



For May

- May 2 Alan Dumas and Russ Voigtlaender
- May 12 Dino Sumerano and Lisa Longto
- May 19 Glenn Decker and Bob Kindt
- May 26 Linda Moon and Aileen Helsley



Deacon For May
is
Jeanne Quenzer



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



***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

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 11, 2024

4:00pm - 6:00pm

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

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MISSION

Our Mission for May is the School Lunchbox Program at People's Place, we will be collecting food items that can easily go into a lunchbox, such as juice boxes, snack foods, fruit pouches, crackers, individual peanut butters, etc. Any non-perishable food that kids like for lunch would be greatly appreciated.



Social Solos meets on Wednesday,
May 8, 2024 at noon.

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



**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.**

Come visit ... sit for a while ...
enjoy the beauty
of the area. Feel the serenity ...
feel God's presence ... feel the
warmth of the sunlight and the peace
that surrounds our church.
When the beauty of nature fills our
hearts we know God is speaking
to us. Let Him fill your heart
with peace and love.
Visit those who have passed and
contemplate the serenity
of his blessings upon us forever..

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

STICKLEY GARDENS

FOR MORE INFORMATION - CONTACT ANY COMMITTEE MEMBER:

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REV STICKLEY, SECRETARY

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(LOCATED ON THE SOUTH LAWN OF THE CHURCH)

God,



I am
thankful
for
Mommy!

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						
10am - Worship by Zoom and <small>5</small>	1:15pm - Tai Chi 6pm - Girl Scouts 7pm - 1st Capitol Corvettes 7pm - Al-Anon @ Hall except <small>6</small>	9am - Bible Study @ Dutch 4:15pm - Karate Class @ hall <small>7</small>	12pm - social solos @ Lunch 7pm - Radio Club @ Hall <small>8</small>	4:15pm - Karate Class <small>9</small>	9am - HNS flowers 12pm - Knitters @ Dutch <small>10</small>	9am - Church clean up day 9am - Karate Class @ Hall 10am - Genealogy @ Room 12pm - Woodworkers @ Hall <small>11</small>
1am - Party @ Hall 10am - Worship by Zoom and <small>12</small>	11am - VFW @ Dutch Room 7pm - Al-Anon @ Hall except 7pm - Consistory @ Dutch <small>13</small>	9am - Bible Study @ Dutch 4:15pm - Karate Class @ hall 6:30pm - Scouts @ Hall <small>14</small>	9am - Very Important Parents <small>15</small>	4:15pm - Karate Class <small>16</small>	12pm - Knitters @ Dutch <small>17</small>	9am - Karate Class @ Hall 12pm - party @ Hall <small>18</small>
10am - Worship by Zoom and <small>19</small>	10am - Genealogy @ Rooms 6pm - Girl Scouts 7pm - Al-Anon @ Hall except <small>20</small>	9am - Bible Study @ Dutch 4:15pm - Karate Class @ hall 6pm - Nursery School Board <small>21</small>	<small>22</small>	4:15pm - Karate Class <small>23</small>	12pm - Knitters @ Dutch <small>24</small>	9am - Karate Class @ Hall <small>25</small>
10am - Worship by Zoom and <small>26</small>	Memorial Day 10:30am - Genealogy @ 7pm - Al-Anon @ Hall except <small>27</small>	9am - Bible Study @ Dutch 4:15pm - Karate Class @ hall <small>28</small>	<small>29</small>	4:15pm - Karate Class <small>30</small>	12pm - Knitters @ Dutch <small>31</small>	

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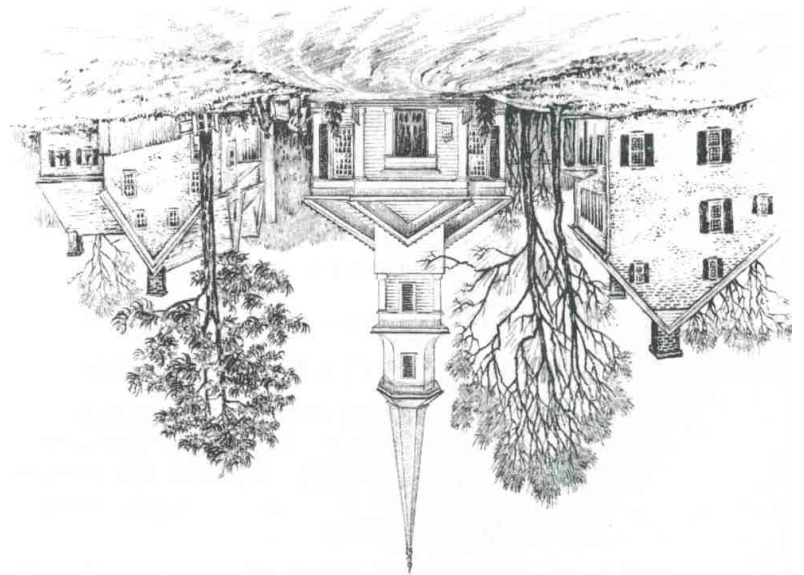
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