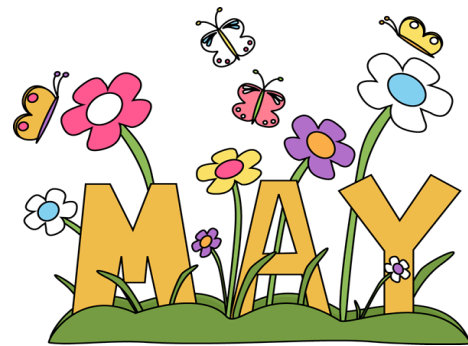


# THE SPIRE

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*(Hey! This is Dorothy. I wanted to get a Spire out to you before I went on vacation. The story I selected is interesting and hopefully puts Mother's Day celebrations in perspective. To all mothers, happy Mother's Day!! Thank you for being as wonderful as you are! -- peace)*

## The Origin of Mother's Day

Mother's Day is a special day to millions of people in the United States. Not only is it one of the largest greeting card holidays of the year, it is also a time when families often get together to share their love of the mothers among them. At the very least, most mothers and women who are mother figures to others, are given phone calls, emails, and visits of appreciation. Presents and taking the mothers in question out for a meal are also common customs on this sweet day. But how did Mother's Day get started? Did your ancestors celebrate it? This is what you need to know about Mother's Day.

The first American Mother's Day was in 1908. It was celebrated when a woman named Anna Jarvis put on a memorial for her mother at St. Andrew's Methodist Church in Grafton, West Virginia. This church is now the location of the International Mother's Day Shrine. Jarvis actually began to campaign to make Mother's Day a recognized United States holiday three years earlier in 1905, when her mother died. Jarvis's mother, Ann Reeves Jarvis, was a pacifist who tended wounded soldiers on both sides during the Civil War, making no distinction between Confederate or Union in her care or compassion. She also started the first Mother's Day Work Club, which soon had branches in many states in the nation, to encourage the government and local communities to address issues of public health importance. Her daughter wanted to found a Mother's Day holiday not only to honor her own mother but to honor all mothers, as well as to continue the charity work her mother started. Jarvis often said mothers were the people who did more for their children than anyone in the world.

Though the United States Congress rejected Jarvis's Mother's Day proposal in 1908, Jarvis did not give up working to make her dream of a day to honor all mothers a reality. The only reason Congress cited for rejecting the first Mother's Day proposal was that they would have to declare a Mother-in-Law's Day, too. The statement was made half-jokingly but was used to dismiss Jarvis's proposal. Jarvis continued to lobby Congress

and work to gain public support for a national Mother's Day holiday. Instead of going through Congress, she went to the states. By 1911, every state in the nation observed Mother's Day, with the first state being Jarvis's home state of West Virginia. Noticing that the states were doing what the nation was not, President Woodrow Wilson declared Mother's Day as a national holiday in 1914, to be held the second Sunday in May each year as a day to honor all mothers and mother figures in the country.

Jarvis was joyful that her dream became realized by a presidential proclamation and declaration. But, the holiday quickly became a commercialized one and not a commemorative and contemplative one as she imagined. Her vision of Mother's Day eventually became unrecognizable to her, and Jarvis became resentful of this commercialization of her dream. Hallmark Cards was already monopolizing heavily on the holiday by the early 1920's, and other card companies soon jumped on the bandwagon of selling Mother's Day cards. Jarvis always believed this focus on profit was a complete misinterpretation of her intention for Mother's Day, which was to be a sentimental holiday, not a commercial one.

Because Mother's Day took on a life of its own unrelated to her vision for it, Jarvis began to organize Mother's Day boycotts. She also threatened to sue the companies profiting from her holiday. It was Jarvis's preference that people honor their mothers and give thanks to God for them on Mother's Day by writing handwritten letters that talked about love and gratitude for all a person's mother had done for them and continued to do. She was even arrested for disturbing the peace by disrupting the American War Mothers' Mother's Day celebrations in 1925.

All Jarvis's protests that her holiday was not being celebrated properly were to no avail. The commercialization of Mother's Day continued. But behind it, there was the sentiment and love that Jarvis envisioned. The cards were sent out of love, as were the family get-togethers that often accompanied them. Though Mother's Day didn't become exactly what Jarvis wanted it to be, the original meaning of the holiday she created is still there.

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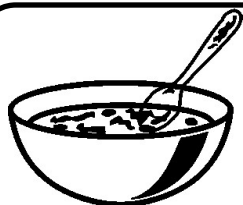
## MAY EVENTS

May 7, 14, 21, 28	Tuesday Bible Study
May 1, 15	Women's Bible Study
May 2	Senior Citizens meeting
May 5	Communion
May 8	Social Solos
May 12	Mother's Day
May 13	Consistory
May 17	Movies with Meaning
May 18	Strawberry Fiddlers
May 27	Memorial Day
May 30, 31	Yard Sale Preparation
June 1	Yard Sale

## COFFEE HOUR REFRESHMENTS

May 5	_____
May 12	_____
May 19	Rebecca Masters
May 26	_____

Please sign up if you are able!!



Our Industrious Soup Elves are creating soup. Available May 19, 2019 after worship!

## GREETERS AND USHERS FOR MAY

May 5

Greeters: Wayne Waligurski; Roberta Falatyn

Ushers: Sandy Emrich; David Kent

May 12

Greeters: Helen Sgroi ; Marilyn Lowe

Ushers: Jim Craven; Roberta Falatyn

May 19

Greeters: Linda Moon; Doris Alden

Ushers: Marilyn Lowe; Russ Glass

May 26

Greeters: James Veith; Peter Koehn

Ushers: Jim Pirro; Doug Constant



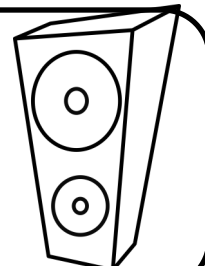
Next Lunch date:

**May 8, 2019 at 12 Noon.**

**Place: Rhinebeck Diner in Rhinebeck, NY at 12 noon.**

**Our Road Trip! Meeting place will be in the Church's parking lot .**

Sound system, Schadwald Hall: Would you like to learn how to operate it? Please contact Dan Stott for more information: 845-338-5184; danstott@email.com.





## MOTHER/DAUGHTER EVENT

Saturday, May 4, 2019

9:00 am — 12 noon.

You don't have a daughter or mother? That's fine!! Come and join us in fellowship, brunch, a craft, games and a door prize. Our theme this year is **Empowering Women: "Seeing the Amazing Power That is You"**. What does God say to us about who we truly are? You are stronger than you know. You are loved more than you realize. Please join us by calling Pat Baker at 775-2556 or by signing up after church in Schadewald Hall on April 28<sup>th</sup>, 2019. This event is sponsored by the Women's Ministries of the Hurley Reformed Church.



## MOVIES WITH MEANING

Potluck Dinner and Movie

Friday, May 17, 2019

5:30 pm



## WOMEN'S Bible Study

### WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Our next meetings are on Wednesday, April 3 and 17 from 9:00 am to 11:00 am. We are studying the book of **Es-ther**.

Please join us; we have refreshments and much laughter and love!

Deb Zuill

## *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.*

## STICKLEY GARDENS

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# May

## BIRTHDAYS



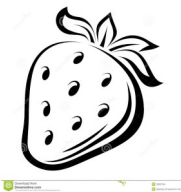
Cole Jordan	May 1	
Terry Conlin	2	Robin Brennan
Kristen Helm	2	Barbara Hornbeck
Mikayla Mellin	2	Kathleen Mayfield
Lori Baker	3	Les Frost
Kathy Burns	4	Ruth Harkin
Jonathan Helsley	5	Taylor Robey
George Nekos, Jr.	5	Ricki Maggiore
Elizabeth Wilson	7	Lily DeKoskie
Dolores McGoldrick	8	Brian Donnelly
Jayne Ulrich	10	Mackenzie Schoonmaker
Marilyn Cox	11	Jerry Wyncoop
Charles Jansen	11	

## ANNIVERSARIES

Jim & Sheila Craven	May 5
Glenn & Debbie Decker	6
Kathy & Bob Pfeiffer	6
Christa & Terry Conlin	9
Marilyn & John More	9
Alice & Frank Presti	10
Jennifer & Thomas Mann	11
Joe & Kathy Burns	15
Kevin & Jeanne Quenzer	17
Wayne & Karen Waligurski	20
Donna & Peter Harder	30

## STRAWBERRY HILL FIDDLERS

Hurley Reformed Church  
May 18, 2019. 7:00 pm



Adults \$15  
Seniors \$12  
Students Free.

For tickets,  
Call 845-687-4006



## REACH OUT TO THOSE WHO NEED YOUR SUPPORT IN THEIR DAY





### TO DAY NEEDS:

Keep them in your prayers.

Ron Chrisey is recovering at home; Gerry Wyncoop is recovering; Don Kent is the Baptist Home; Ruth Harkin is in Northern Dutchess hospital; Terry Conlin is at the VA in Albany; Bob Williams is in Ivy Lodge; Dolores McGoldrick is at Ferncliff; MaryLou Vogt is in Hudson Valley Senior Residence; Clarence Jansen is at Golden Hill; Shirley Ruth is in Mountain Valley Manor; Friedel Borst, Audrey Hornbeck and Fred Horvers at TenBroeck; Tony Peralta (Julie Provenzano's son-in-law); William Wiacek (Cathy McGraw's brother), Anthony DiPietro (son of MaryAnn DiPietro).

## Hurley Reformed Church, Hurley Reformed Church

May 2019 (Eastern Time - New York)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
28	29	30	1	2	3	4
Dorothy on vacav						
May 2019						
			9 am - women's bible 4:30 pm - Dog 6:30 pm - Cub Scouts 7 pm - Boy Scouts	9:30 am - Badminton 1:30 pm - Hurley 4:45 pm - Dog 6 pm - English as a 7 pm - Choir	4 pm - set up for	8 am - women's
10 am - Worship @ 11 am - Prayer Chain 11 am - SHD	3 pm - Quilting @ 4:45 pm - Dog 7 pm - 1st Capitol 7:30 pm - Al-Anon @	9 am - Bible Study @ 11 am - balance 4:30 pm - PC 101 @ 7 pm - Boy Scouts 7:30 pm - Sisters in	12 pm - social solos 4:30 pm - Dog 6:30 pm - Cub Scouts 6:30 pm - Local 1582	9:30 am - Badminton 4:45 pm - Dog 6 pm - English as a 7 pm - Choir		10 am - Genealogy @ 3 pm - Troop 7
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
10 am - Worship @ 11 am - Women's	11 am - VFW @ 3 pm - Quilting @ 4:30 pm - Dog 7 pm - Consistory @ 7 pm - Hudson Valley 7:30 pm - Al-Anon @	9 am - Bible Study @ 11 am - balance 7 pm - Boy Scouts 7:30 pm - Sisters in	9 am - women's bible 4:30 pm - Dog 6:30 pm - Cub Scouts 7 pm - Hurley Lions	9:30 am - Badminton 4:45 pm - Dog 6 pm - English as a 7 pm - Choir 7 pm - NE	4 pm - Movies With 7 pm - Motorcycle 7 pm - set up for	Strawberry Fiddlers
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
10 am - Worship @ 11 am - Program and 2 pm - Ulster County	10 am - Genealogy @ 3 pm - Quilting @ 4:30 pm - Dog 7:30 pm - Al-Anon @	9 am - Bible Study @ 11 am - balance 6 pm - nursery 7 pm - Boy Scouts 7:30 pm - Sisters in	4:30 pm - Dog 6:30 pm - Cub Scouts	9:30 am - Badminton 4:45 pm - Dog 6 pm - English as a 7 pm - Choir 7 pm - Hurley		5 pm - BAPS @
26	27	28	29	30	31	
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