

THE SPIRE

November 2022



The other day I prefaced my sermon with a statement about ties which I and my siblings have to a particular scripture. To those wondering, when my dad died we discovered that my mom wasn't the Executor of the estate, and he had assigned a friend of our family. When the safety deposit box with all papers was finally able to be opened the funeral was already set, the headstone already picked out everything was set to happen for the funeral the next day. Add to the chaos that my siblings and I were ages 16, 13, 11, and 9. The emotional time of visiting hours had wrapped up its first time period around the time the papers, which included Dad's wishes were finally in hand.

What had been picked out had been from one of Dad's favorite passages telling the story of Simeon meeting baby Jesus in the temple. The flowery words of the KJV read out "Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, according to thy word for mine eyes have seen thy salvation." But Dad had wanted a harsher prayer for himself. He had wanted the prayer of the Publican, "God be merciful to me, a sinner." Mom waffled for a moment, she even asked the four of us what our thoughts were. Needless to say, the choice had been made. But to this day this passage has a very conflicted and emotional relationship with all four of us kids. And that somehow in the lectionary, it falls during the worst season of the year, for those emotions to be so alive only adds to the difficulty.

Scripture often presents us with difficulties in and of itself. We wrestle with the commandments, and Levitical law. There are the stories of the Exodus, in which God can be seen as angry and acting out of that anger. There are the Judges who are all too human and flawed individuals who yet are still called by God to serve. There are even horrible moments such as the story of Amnon and Tamar.

But add to that the personal difficulties which come, which we personally have added or add to the scriptures. Perhaps a loved one had a specific verse or chapter they loved to read or share, which because of the emotion

tied to it we avoid reading it. Maybe it was the scripture read at our parent or loved one's funeral and it reminds us of the pain and grief which is still there all these years later. However it might manifest, we don't generally seek out and make a point to relive the hurt which is involved.

But what do we do? Do we ignore our pain? Do we ignore sections of scripture which have painful ties to us? It's intensely difficult because in my own family in this specific case I see four very different responses and relationships, which are as different and varied as the individuals. One of us would read the passage and profess that it is a wonderful passage, while completely internalizing the pain and turmoil. Another would ignore the passage, moving on to the next one in the lectionary or skip on to verse 15. Another would make a point of engaging in the struggles with it, even to their own emotional and mental strain and stress.

The reality, though is that scripture is living. It speaks to each of us and speaks differently during different seasons of our lives. The same scripture could speak to us one way and the next year or next month, week, even day it could speak differently. We can't read scripture without our own context, who we are and what we are. Our faith journey helps color in the picture. As we struggle with scripture we can't ignore it, but allow it to speak. If it hurts, causes pain to let it speak, instead of running away we need to care for ourselves and ask ourselves why. Scripture is living, breathing, and it breathes life into us if we allow it. Take care of yourselves and one another my brothers and sisters, Amen.



What's Happening

November 6,13,20,27	Worship
November 6	Communion
November 6	Day Light Savings
November 1,8,15,22,29	Bible Study
November 9	Social Solos
November 12	Fall Clean Up Day
November 13	Women's Ministries
November 14	Consistory Meeting
November 16	Women's Bible Study
November 20	Congregational Meeting
November 23	Thanksgiving Eve Worship
November 24	Thanksgiving
November 25	Holiday decorating

SOCIAL SOLOS meets on Wednesday,
November 9, 2022 at noon.

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

USHERS FOR NOVEMBER

November 6	Glenn Decker & Bob Kindt
November 13	David Kent & Dennis Crowell
November 20	Linda Moon & Jeanne Quenzer
November 27	Allan Dumas & Lee Gable

DEACON FOR NOVEMBER

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Jeanne Quienzer



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
Anthony DiPietro (son of MaryAnn DiPietro)
David Giles
Barbara Sartorius, New Hampshire
Terry Conlin
Jim Gregory

Blessings & Holidays...

Holidays center around family.

Please come visit Stickley Gardens and remember our family members that have passed on to glory.

We too can find beauty and peace, even in layers of snow.

Come, dust off a bench and find the love and serenity here.

STICKLEY GARDENS

FOR MORE INFORMATION
CONTACT ANY COMMITTEE MEMBER:

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JIM PIRRO (845-383-0079) TREASURER

ESTHER STICKLEY (845-331-2919)

SANDIE GREGORY (845-338-7626)

LEE GABLE

REV STICKLEY, SECRETARY

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

dates to Remember



Fall clean up at the church,
any help is appreciated!

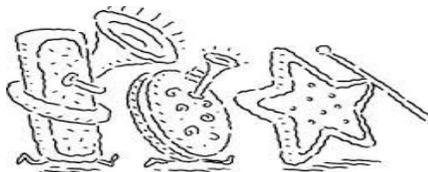
November 12th



Thanksgiving Eve Worship

November 23rd

7pm



Cookie Walk

December 10th

11:30am

Cookie Walk



Poinsettia orders due

December 11th



Christmas Eve. Worship

**December 24th at 7pm &
9pm**

Christmas Day Worship

December 25th at 10am



As of November our e-Spire will be sent from a new email address;

admin@hurleyreformedchurch.org

The old email (*TheSpire@hurleyreformedchurch.org*) is not longer a valid email.

Chloe Dumas	14
William Schaffrick	14
Bill Merrill	16
Daniela Sumerano	16
Jay Burgess	17
Drew Milne	17
Julianna Schaffrick	17
Joe Burns	19
Kathy Musialkiewicz	23
Allan Dumas	28
Matthew Croswell	30
Art Harder	30

A Note from Jane Barsumian:



I want to express my appreciation for being organist/choir director at the Hurley Reformed Church for thirteen years, beginning November 5th, 2009.

It has been a very rewarding experience in so many ways. Coming from eleven years of being organist for St. Gregory's Episcopal Church, I have served as a church organist for a total of twenty four years!

I now want to have time to travel to see my three children and seven grandchildren and a surviving younger brother and his family in Indiana, as well as visiting other countries.

So I am regretfully resigning my position at the end of this year. Christmas Sunday will be my final service. I will miss seeing many of you each week. God bless and keep each one of you.



Todd & Julie Jordan	9
Leslie & Darryl Shambo	10
Shirley & Ron Burns	13
Sandie & Jim Gregory	30



A MESSAGE FROM WOMEN'S MINISTRIES

Cards are sent out each month to those unable to attend Church. Please contact us if there is someone that you feel could use a kind message from The Women's Ministries.

(Jane Merrill: 914-388-1872 or janevmerrill@aol.com)



The Mission for November will be the Bread of Life Food Pantry. We will focus on Thanksgiving dinner items. Although they are appreciative of anything we can give, they have a specific need for the following:

Instant Potatoes (boxed)

French's Onions

Turkey Gravy

Cranberry Sauce

Canned green beans

Cream of mushroom soup

Salad dressing

All items need to be collected by November 13. There will be a large basket at church for you to place your donations in. Thank you very much for your support and donations. If you have any questions, please speak with Linda Moon or Jeanne Quenzer.



Hurley Reformed Church — Main Street, Hurley, NY



Cookie Walk!

12-11-22 after
worship

\$8.00 per lb.



Bakers Needed!

Contact Jeanne Quenzer 845-417-5676



It's That Time Again!!!



Once again it's time to place your orders for poinsettia plants to adorn the sanctuary for the Holiday season.

Plants are one size, one color, and one price: Red at \$8.00 each.

POINSETTIAS

Number of plants: _____ @ \$8.00 each: Total due _____

Name: _____

Phone: _____

In Memory of: _____

In Honor of: _____

We are requesting that you take your plant home or deliver it to someone special.

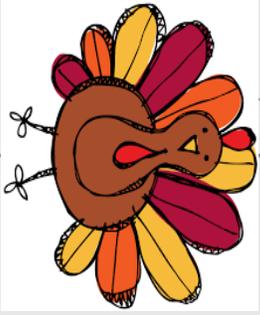
Make Checks Payable to: **Hurley Reformed Church**

Give to Kathy Jansen after worship or mail to:

223 Hidden Valley Road, Kingston, NY 12401

Payment must be received by December 11, 2022



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	31	1	2	3	4	5
Daylight Saving Time ends 10am - Worship by Zoom and	7 1pm - Tai Chi 4:30pm - Dog Training @ Hall 7pm - 1st Capitol Corvettes 7:30pm - Al-Anon @ Room 9	8 Election Day 9am - Bible Study @ Dutch 4:30pm - Karate Class @ hall	9 12pm - social solos by Zoom 4:30pm - Dog Training	10 4:30pm - Dog Training @ Hall 4:30pm - Karate Class	11 Veterans Day 12pm - Knitters @ Dutch	12 9am - Yogi @ Classroom 9 & 9:30am - Karate Class @ Hall 10am - Genealogy @ Room
13 10am - Worship by Zoom and 11:30am - Women's	14 11am - VFW @ Dutch Room 1pm - Tai Chi 4:30pm - Dog Training @ Hall 7pm - Consistory @ Dutch 7pm - Hudson Valley 7:30pm - Al-Anon @ Room 9	15 9am - Bible Study @ Dutch 4:30pm - Karate Class @ hall 6pm - Nursery School Board	16 10am - women's bible study 4:30pm - Dog Training	17 4:30pm - Dog Training @ Hall 4:30pm - Karate Class	18 12pm - Knitters @ Dutch 5pm - BAPS @ Hall	19 9am - Yogi @ Classroom 9 & 9:30am - Karate Class @ Hall 11:30am - Wally Cook 5:30pm - Yogi Kids Night Out
20 10am - Worship by Zoom and 11:30am - Congregational	21 9am - Nursery School pies @ 10am - Genealogy @ Rooms 1pm - Tai Chi 4:30pm - Dog Training @ Hall 7:30pm - Al-Anon @ Room 9	22 9am - Bible Study @ Dutch 4:30pm - Karate Class @ hall	23 4:30pm - Dog Training	24 Thanksgiving Day 4:30pm - Dog Training @ Hall 4:30pm - Karate Class 7pm - Hurley Heritage	25 Native American Heritage 12pm - Knitters @ Dutch	26 9am - Yogi @ Classroom 9 & 9:30am - Karate Class @ Hall
27 10am - Worship by Zoom and	28 10:30am - Genealogy @ 1pm - Tai Chi 4:30pm - Dog Training @ Hall 7:30pm - Al-Anon @ Room 9	29 9am - Bible Study @ Dutch 4:30pm - Karate Class @ hall	30 4:30pm - Dog Training			

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