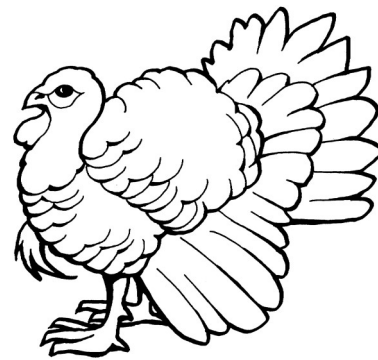


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KEEP IT SIMPLE

I don't know about you all but sometimes things in my life get overcomplicated. For example, Sara, the kids and I will be driving out to Grand Haven, Michigan to spend Thanksgiving with those in my family who are able to make it. If everyone were to go there would be 18 of us gathered together.

When we were all younger things were simple. Everyone loads up and drives to 221 Sherman. And really that was it. Maybe we had to figure out who was playing in the annual family football game. Other than that, you helped when asked sat where you were told and that's it. Even after Grandpa passed and we started to hold it at Mom's house and then back to Grand Haven things really were that simple. Honestly the most complicated was when one of us had to volunteer to go early in the morning to help Grandma start the meal.

Now what seems like eons beyond those simple times; things are not simple. For starters all of us have to find somewhere to stay, since Grandma now lives in an assisted living facility. I wish I could say that this is easy but it brings on the conversation of who all is coming and when are they leaving. Then comes what often can be the uncomfortable conversation about where to have the meal. Do we rent the hall in the church we grew up in an hour away? Do we hold it in Christian Haven Home? Would they let us hold it in the church Grandma is a member of, and my father grew up in?

Then comes the complications of the menu and who brings what. You might think that this would be easy since most of us eat a similar menu on Thanksgiving. But it isn't so simple since it seems like each family has different allergies and dietary restrictions. We have vegetarians, people allergic to tomato, people with nut allergies. We even have one who is allergic to milk. Seven of our number are also children some of

which would eat the kitchen sink if you put it in front of them while eating, but others who have a case of the Jonny One-Notes where they eat one or two things really well and the rest not so much. It really make me long for the days when things were simpler, or felt simple.

It's easy to over-complicate things. I remember playing baseball in High School and having one kid (K.C.) on the team who was a pitcher. If he had to start the game he couldn't find the strike zone. Our coach after getting over the idea took what was overly complicated and solved it. Coach would literally have the first baseman start at pitcher and throw two pitches. He would then pull him and put in K.C. I realize that it was one of the more ridiculous things you may have heard almost like something out of a movie. But in over-complication he needed to not be the person who started the game.

Faith isn't terribly complicated. There are so many ways and so many times which Jesus explains how simple it is. If you love me you will follow my commandments. Love God and love your neighbor. He has shown you what is right of mortal but to do justice and love kindness and walk humbly with God. These are just a few examples from John, Micah, Luke Matthew and Mark. The examples of how simple our faith can be fill the pages of scripture. And yet it becomes over complicated in our lives.

At the last classis meeting my committee was told that the guidelines for supervising a church, which is four pages were too complicated. We are working at making it simpler. But we don't need to do that with our faith. God has shown us how simple it can be. We just need to try to not get in our own way. Try and keep it simple and try to follow those simple rules for faith that God has already given. Amen — Rev. Bill



NOVEMBER EVENTS

- November 2 Italian Dinner
- November 3 Communion
- November 3 Sojourner Truth Presentation
- November 5, 12, 19, 26 Tuesday Bible Study
- November 6, 20 Women’s Bible Study
- November 7 Hurley Senior Citizens
- November 11 Consistory
- November 13 Social Solos
- November 17 Congregational Meeting
- November 22 Movies with Meaning
- November 23 Nursery School Vender Event
- November 28 Thanksgiving

GREETERS AND USHERS FOR NOVEMBER

- November 3
 - Ushers: Marilyn Lowe and Russ Glass
 - Greeters: Steve and Phyllis Bliss
- November 10
 - Ushers: Jim Pirro and Doug Constant
 - Greeters: Jim and Barbara Mayfield
- November 17
 - Ushers: Linda Clarke-Dido & Chris Decker
 - Greeters: Jim Veith
- November 24
 - Ushers: Sandra Gregory & Kathy Jansen
 - Greeters: Allan and Bonnie Dumas

FLOWERS FOR NOVEMBER

- November 3 Collette Woodard
- November 10 Ron and Shirley Burns
- November 17 Operation Christmas Child
- November 24 Sandi Gregory & Kathy Jansen

REFRESHMENTS

- November 3 Croswells
- November 10 Pirro/Wyncoop
- November 17 Congregational Meeting
- November 24 Steve & Phyllis Bliss



Next Lunch date:
November 13, 2019
 12 Noon.
 Place: TBA



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 the date™

Annual
 Congregational
 Meeting
 November 17, 2019
 After worship

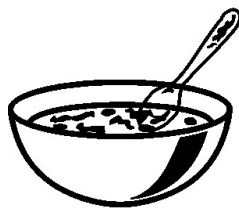
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BIRTHDAYS

John Henning	10	Julianna Schaffrick
Chloe Dumas	14	Joe Burns
William Schaffrick	14	James Gregory
Anne Glass	15	Kathy Musialkiewicz
Bill Merrill	16	Allan Dumas
Daniela Sumerano	16	Matthew Crosswell
Jay Burgess	17	Art Harder
Drew Milne	17	

ANNIVERSARIES

17	Todd & Julie Jordan	9
19	Leslie & Darryl Shambo	10
22	Shirley & Ron Burns	13
23	Sandie & Jim Gregory	30
28		
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SOUP'S ON.

The Soup Elves are preparing soup for Sunday November 24

\$8.00 a quart



REACH OUT TO THOSE WHO NEED YOUR SUPPORT IN THEIR DAY TO DAY NEEDS:

Keep them in your prayers.

Alice Presti is home; Frank Presti is in Vassar Hospital; Bev Roosa is at the Terraces at Brookmeade; Bob Williams is in Ivy Lodge; Dolores McGoldrick is at Ferncliff; MaryLou Vogt is in Hudson Valley Senior Residence; Shirley Ruth is in Mountain Valley Manor; Dick Baker, Friedel Borst, Audrey Hornbeck and Fred Horvers at TenBroeck; Lori Pinkham in Wingate at Ulster, Tony Peralta; Anthony DiPietro (son of MaryAnn DiPietro), Marie Dressel.

Welcome to Fall.

The days are shorter and the nights are cooler.

At Stickley Gardens the flowers have begun to fade.

But as we all know, in the Spring the garden will come to life again.

This is also true of those who have passed on before us.

They still live in our hearts, in our memories, and in our prayers.

Think Warm Thoughts!!!

STICKLEY GARDENS

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REV STICKLEY, SECRETARY

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

Poinsettias and miscellaneous



November's mission are Caring Hands, Angel Food East and Reservoir Food Pantry, all local food pantries.



Poinsettias

It's That Time Again!!!

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

Plants are one size, one color, and one price: red at \$7.00 each.

POINSETTIAS

Number of plants: _____ @ \$7.00 each: Total due _____

Name: _____

Phone: _____

In Memory of: _____

In Honor of: _____

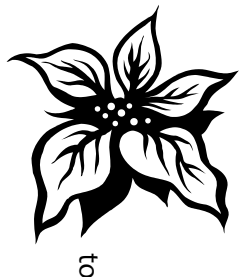
We are requesting that you take your plant home or deliver it to someone special.

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 8, 2019



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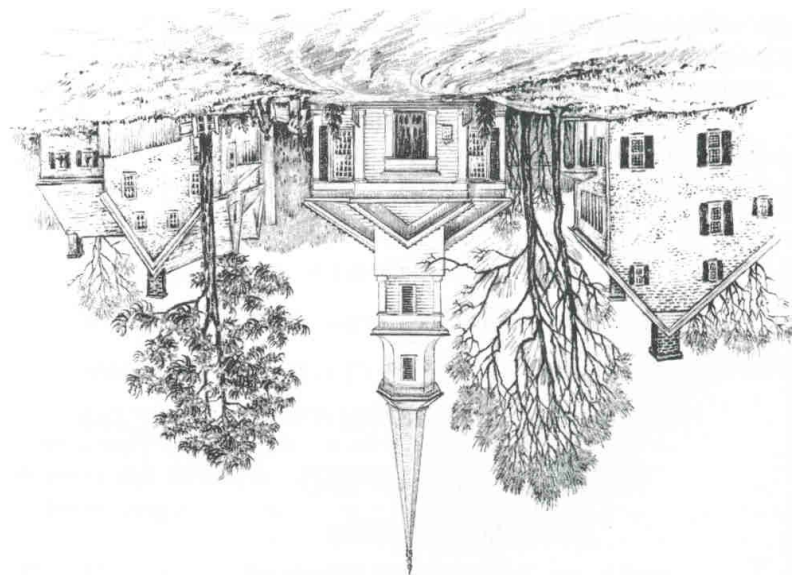
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