

THE SPIRE

November 2021



The trees are starting to drop leaves. The air has a crispness which becomes more and more apparent as the days wear on. Speaking of the days, they are growing shorter and shorter and the nights are growing longer. Now when you hear the roar of power equipment it isn't lawn mowers and string trimmers but leaf blowers and chainsaws. Fall has hit full cycle. Soon the leaves will be on the ground and the familiar click click pop pop of heaters kicking on will be common place. Soon the season which brings us crisp apples, pumpkins a plenty will be shifting further on and getting colder.

Probably my favorite items which aren't sports related during this time of year are apple related. There is something special about going to an orchard and picking apples right off the tree. Apple cider is always the best when it is at it freshest, and can even warm you deep down to your bones on a cold day. A nice apple pie with a crumble topping can add a dash of something to a gathering. And apples always seem to be at their best and crispiest during this time of year. I love apples, the crunch and sound of biting into an apple is unlike other fruit. The flavor goes well with almost anything. The various shades and colors of apples appeal to the eyes as much as their smell appeals to the nose.

There are apples for almost everyone. There is the bite and tartness of a Granny Smith. The crisp and mellow bite of a Gala. Then there is the sweetness of a Macintosh. The varieties and flavors go on and on and on. But there is one type of apple which just doesn't cut it, a mushy one. These apples come in all flavors as well, but as soon as you bite in the first thing you notice is the meal-

ness of the apple's flesh. Instead of the wonderful crunch it feels like cream of wheat. According to science this happens when apples aren't stored properly and stored too long.

Our faith can be like an apple. When we keep it vibrant and growing, learning day in and day out about God and all the ways God is in our world, it is crisp. But if we allow it to sit and become stale, letting it stagnate it serves no one.

There are many ways which faith can be kept fresh and vibrant. You can read scripture regularly, on your own or with a friend. You can take part in a spiritual discipline which will help you to enliven your perspective which you approach your faith with. The list can go on and on with all the various ways we can continually enliven and invigorate our faith.

Lent is usually the season where we talk about things such as this. It is that time when we focus our attention on growing and getting closer to God. Again let's turn to apples to help us move past this. Are apples good only during the fall or all year around? Or are apples wonderful every day and in any season of the year?

The key is to keep our faith fresh and crisp, is to continually take the time and the effort to invigorate and enliven it. You can't just leave it like apples in a bowl. It stagnates and grows mushier and mushier. Fall is the season for apples. But growing closer to God, and invigorating our faith, that is something beyond a season.





EVENTS

November 7,14,21,28	Worship
November 3,17	Women's Bible Study by Zoom
November 2,9,16,23,30	Bible Study
November 7	Communion
November 7	Prayer Chain
November 7	Daylight Savings
November 10	Social Solos by Zoom
November 24	Thanksgiving Eve Service
November 25	Thanksgiving

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

Keep them in your prayers.

Judy Bell (Terry Gaffken's mom) needs prayers

Viola Opdahl is home

Bev Roosa is at the Terraces at Brookmeade

Shirley Ruth is in Golden Hill

Fred Hovers is at Ten Broeck

Lori Pinkham is Wingate at Ulster

Anthony DiPietro (son of MaryAnn DiPietro)

Marie Dressel

Steve Kurtz who is recovering at home after and

USHERS FOR OCTOBER

November 7

Ushers: Glenn Decker and Tom Harkin

November 14

Ushers: David Kent and Dennis Crowell

November 21

Ushers: Jim Pirro and Linda Moon

November 28

Ushers: Doug Constant and Alan Dumas



MISSIONS REPORT

The mission for November is Samaritan's Purse., Thank you for your generous donations!

DEACON OF THE MONTH:

Deacon of the Month is Bob Kindt. He can be reached at 845-331-8533 if you need a Deacon's assistance.

SOCIAL SOLOS meets by Zoom on Wednesday, November 10, 2021 at noon. Contact Rev. Deb Zuill for an invite at attitudema50@aol.com or 845-247-9157



Pecans Sale

Great for Gift Giving



ALL VARIETIES - \$12.00 PER BAG

- MILK CHOCOLATE**
- DARK CHOCOLATE**
- PLAIN**
- CARAMEL PECAN CLUSTERS**

CONTACT BARBARA AT 845-336-7910
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HRC Giving Tree 2021

We will be supporting the **Myer Elementary School** again this year. **Karen Waligurski** (the school nurse), has requested that we provide **gift cards**.
(Karen will make sure that the cards get to the families in need.)

Please purchase your cards from where you are comfortable shopping.

Suggested Stores:

ShopRite	CVS
Hannaford	Walgreens
ALDI	Walmart
Target	Stewarts

Suggested Amount:

\$10.00
\$15.00
\$20.00
\$25.00

Please put your card(s) in an **envelope marked Giving Tree** and drop them in the offering basket or send them to the church with your offering. Please make sure the \$ amount on the card is indicated. **Donations are due 12/12/21.**

Hygiene Kits 2021

There is a need for hygiene kits too so if you would like to shop and put together a kit or two that would be wonderful!

MEYER SCHOOL HYGIENE KITS:

Shampoo, Body Wash, Tooth Brush, Tooth Paste, Deodorant, Soap, Hair Brush, Nail Kit, Wash Cloth & Toiletry Caddy

All items are from Dollar Tree for \$10.

Donations are due 12/12/21.

Your generosity will help many families right here in Hurley, NY
Any questions contact Linda Moon or Marilyn Lowe

A MESSAGE FROM WOMEN'S MINISTRIES

Cards are sent out each month to those unable to attend Church. We welcome you to contact us if there is someone that you feel could use a kind message through a card from The Women's Ministries of The Hurley Reformed Church. Please contact Jane Merrill, Hospitality Secretary, at 914-388-1872 or e-mail her information at janevmerrill@aol.com to send a message through a card.



Coming Soon

To the Hurley Reformed Church

A dynamic workout suitable for Seniors that provides a whole body workout while concentrating on strength, mobility and balance.

To be conducted by Ruth Beyl, a Certified Pilates Instructor. Ruth conducted a similar group workout prior to the Corona Virus deterring group activities.

Interested? Call Jim Craven 845-331-6140



Worship

Please join use either in person or by zoon every Sunday at 10am.

The Church has 40 worshippers in the Sanctuary every Sunday and 5-7 on Zoom.

Communion will be held in the pews on Sunday, November 7th.

Chior

So far, no date has been set to resume the choir.

Many Thanks to Jane for her playing, and Kathy Jansen for posting the hymns.



Refreshments

It's great to have coffee & refreshments back after service and flowers on the alter. (Sign up sheet can be found in the hall for both)



happy birthday

November Birthdays

Chloe Dumas	14
William Schaffrick	14
Bill Merrill	16
Daniela Sumerano	16
Jay Burgess	17
Drew Milne	17
Julianna Schaffrick	17
Joe Burns	19
James Gregory	22
Kathy Musialkiewicz	23
Allan Dumas	28
Matthew Croswell	30
Art Harder	30



Happy anniversary

November Anniversary

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

As the soothing waters dance over the sides of the fountain, the air feels crisp and the nights come on earlier, we experience the change. The seasons, like life, flows by us faster than ever.

We all owe it to ourselves to get quiet and reflect on the past and all its gifts. It provides us with strength for the future. Come sit for awhile, the benches are waiting ... feel the strength of those who have passed before us and the love that God shows us through their memories.

The seasons may be a time of change but God's love is constant ... in the past, with us now, and blessing us in our futures. Take a few minutes and enjoy Stickley Gardens.

STICKLEY GARDENS

FOR MORE INFORMATION
CONTACT ANY COMMITTEE MEMBER:

LISA LONGTO (532-7570) CHAIRPERSON

JIM PIRRO (383-0079) TREASURER

ESTHER STICKLEY (331-2919)

SANDIE GREGORY (338-7626)

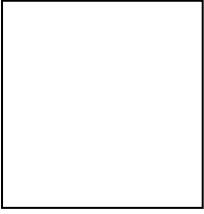
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REV STICKLEY, SECRETARY

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

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 \$7.50 each.

POINSETTIAS



Number of plants: _____ @ \$7.50 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**

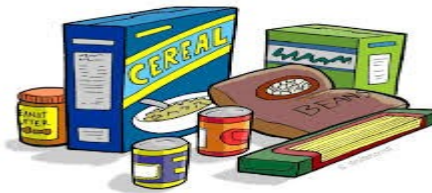
Give to Kathy Jansen after worship or mail to:

223 Hidden Valley Road, Kingston, NY 12401


Payment must be received by December 5, 2021



**Don't forget to change
your clocks on Novem-
ber 7, 2021!!**



**The church will be
collecting dry goods
for Peoples Place, box-
es will be set out in the
church for donations.
Thanks in advance for
your help!**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
31 9:30am - Quilting 4:30pm - Dog 7pm - 1st Capitol 7:30pm - Al-Anon	1 9am - Bible Study 4:30pm - PC 101	2 9am - Bible Study 6pm - Girls Scouts	3 10am - womens 12pm - social	4 1:30pm - Hurley 4:30pm - Dog	5	6 nursery school 10am - Genealogy
7 9:30am - Quilting 11am - VFW @ 4:30pm - Dog 7pm - Consistory 7pm - Hudson 7:30pm - Al-Anon	8 Hurley Seniors 9am - Bible Study 6pm - Girls Scouts	9 9:30am - quilting 4:30pm - Dog	10 4:30pm - Dog	11	12	13
14 9:30am - Quilting 10am - Genealogy 4:30pm - Dog 7:30pm - Al-Anon	15 9am - Bible Study 6pm - Girls Scouts 6pm - Nursery	16 10am - women's 7pm - Hurley	17 4:30pm - Dog	18	19	20
21 9am - nursery 9:30am - Quilting 10:30am - 4:30pm - Dog 7:30pm - Al-Anon	22 9am - Bible Study	23 9:30am - quilting 4:30pm - Dog 7pm - Hurley	24	25	26	27
28 9:30am - Quilting 4:30pm - Dog 7:30pm - Al-Anon	29 9am - Bible Study 6pm - Girls Scouts	30				

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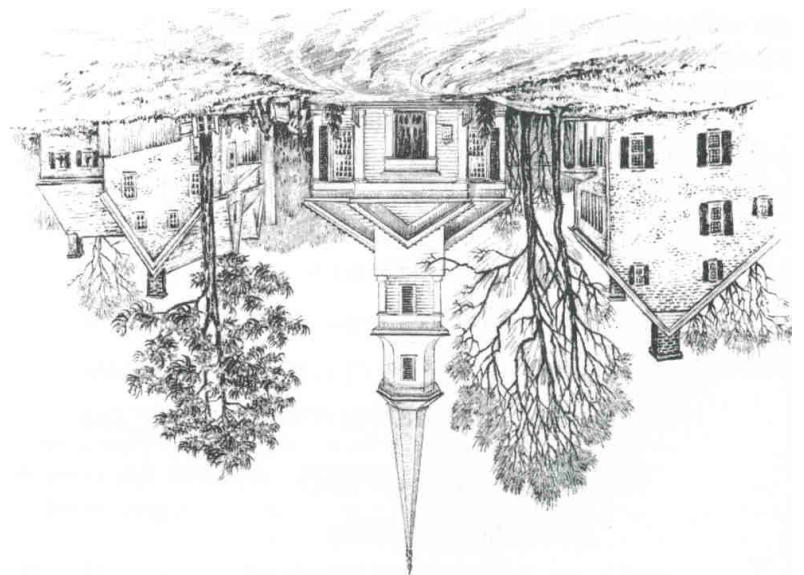
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