

THE SPIRE

November 2025



How in the world is it already November? It seems like just yesterday that it was pushing triple digits and we all were being careful how much we moved because it was so hot. Now there is a chill in the air, a crispness in the breeze and frost all over our windshields. The leaves have fallen for the most part and now the clean-up and mulching begins. The dumpster has even had a visit from one of our Ursidae neighbors who didn't make as big a mess as some of his larger cousins.

In the midst of this Fall wonderland, there is one thing that you cannot avoid. Leaves all over your lawn. Now there are several approaches that you can take to get rid of these. You can cut your grass really short and trust that the wind will move them over to someone else's lawn. You can rake them and bag them. You can put a bag on your mower and bag them. You can even mulch them up. I'm pretty sure that I'm forgetting a few as well.

Back when I was younger and we had just gotten our first mulching mower my Mom and Grandfathers were giving me a hard time because I needed to get raking. I brought up what I thought was a great idea, we won't rake them, and will save the money from bagging them. To say that they were dubious would be an understatement. At least a dozen times I heard a phrase, "but we've always done it this way, that's how you get rid of leaves."

Now the first year there were some growing pangs. I didn't lift the front of the mower up, and had a hard time with the chain link fence having a pile of leaves. On the up side no money was spent on yard waste bags. Personally I think that this was why the next year Mom didn't say anything in the hope that one more year would break my drive. But I had learned from those growing pangs. And at the end of the season, she looked out at the yard, and didn't say that I was right, but at least said that the yard looked good.

One of the hardest things that we in the church encounter is the fear of something not working. I remember when I was first in ministry talking with the other RCA minister in town about an idea, and she responded that it wouldn't work

because they had tried it once about ten years ago. The difficulty is that just because something doesn't work once doesn't mean that it can't. Sometimes you need to look at it and figure out why it didn't work.

Think about every decision that the early church and churches made. Had they ever done what they were doing before? Did they succeed? Sometimes. Did they fail? Sometimes. Often churches look at the Acts 2 church and look at all the things that they did and try their best to copy or make use of what was done. Except for embracing a willingness to fail. I'm in no way advocating that we should like failure or enjoy it. But we shouldn't treat it as an all or nothing proposition. It also isn't willingness to fail a million times. But it is embracing a willingness to give something a chance.

When we try, when we embrace both a willingness to get things wrong but also to correct and try again, we are allowing the Holy Spirit to move and act. It doesn't mean that the program, event or what not will happen as we hope. But just because it wasn't the success we had hoped for, doesn't mean we should not try. When we quit before we start, when we dismiss what might be the work of the spirit before it is able to move us we are ignoring God inspiring us to live out our calling as children of God. So sisters and brothers let's take the phrase, "we tried that before," or the phrase "That won't work" and banish them away. And let us embrace the possibility of failure, and at the same time embrace the possibility of the Holy Spirit leading us to do something new.

Blessings

Rev Bill



Thanks!

This is the season to give thanks.
Families gather around the table
laden with a bounty of food
and give thanks. But what
about the rest of the year?
We need to give thanks
to the Lord for his love
and many blessings.
The seasons may change but
the Lord is ever present.

STICKLEY GARDENS

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**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)

Lori Pinkham is Wingate at Ulster

Terry Conlin

Lois Morehouse



November

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| Nov. 2 | Marilyn More and Aileen Helsley |
| Nov. 9 | Wally Cook and Russ Voigtlaender |
| Nov 16 | Chris Decker and Bill Baldinger |
| Nov. 23 | Jeanne Quenzer and Maggie Sass |
| Nov. 30 | Allan Dumas and Terry Gaffken |

Announcements and Upcoming Events



Poinsetta sale has started, please see the next page for our order form.



Pecan pre-sale had begun, sign-up sheet is in Schadewald Hall. We have milk, dark, plain, and caramel cluster available for \$13/bag.

November 2	Communion
November 2, 9, 16, 23, 30	Worship
November 4, 11, 18, 25	Bible Study
November 3, 10, 17, 24	TaiChi @1pm
November 4, 11, 13, 18, 20, 25	Tai Chi @2pm
November 6	Hurley Seniors Meeting
November 7, 14, 21, 28	Sew and So & Knitters
November 10	Consistory Meeting
November 12	Social Solos
Tues, Thurs & Sat. in Nov.	Karate
November 16	Congregational Meeting
November 27	Thanksgiving
November 29	Woodworkers



Coat Drive-We are collecting gently used or new coats for adults and children. Coats will be donated to Peoples Place to be given to those in need. They can be dropped off in the basket at the top of the stairs.



Friday November 28th at 9am



Social Solos meets on Wednesday,
November 12, 2025

At noon

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



Look for our **Mitten Tree**
in December!



Our annual **Cookie Walk**
will be December 14th. Bak-
ers needed!



Come celebrate our 225th Anniversary this May and June. Details to follow.



Chloe Dumas	14
William Schaffrick	14
Bill Merrill	16
Daniela Sumerano	16
Jay Burgess	17
Delaney Cox	17
Drew Milne	17
Julianna Schaffrick	17
Joe Burns	19
Kathy Musialkiewicz	23
Julia Herdman	26
Allan Dumas	28
Matthew Croswell	30
Art Harder	30



Todd & Julie Jordan	9
Leslie & Darryl Shambo	10



Our Mission for November, Clinton Avenue Food Bank.

In the basket, we will be collecting individually wrapped snacks for Odyssey Church.



Please join us for Worship every Sunday at 10am with Refreshments served after in the Hall.

Sign up sheets are posted in the Hall for flowers and refreshments.

If you are unable to attend Worship in person please join us through our Zoom link. It can be found on our webpage on the right side under our bulletin and on the left side under Worship Material.

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.

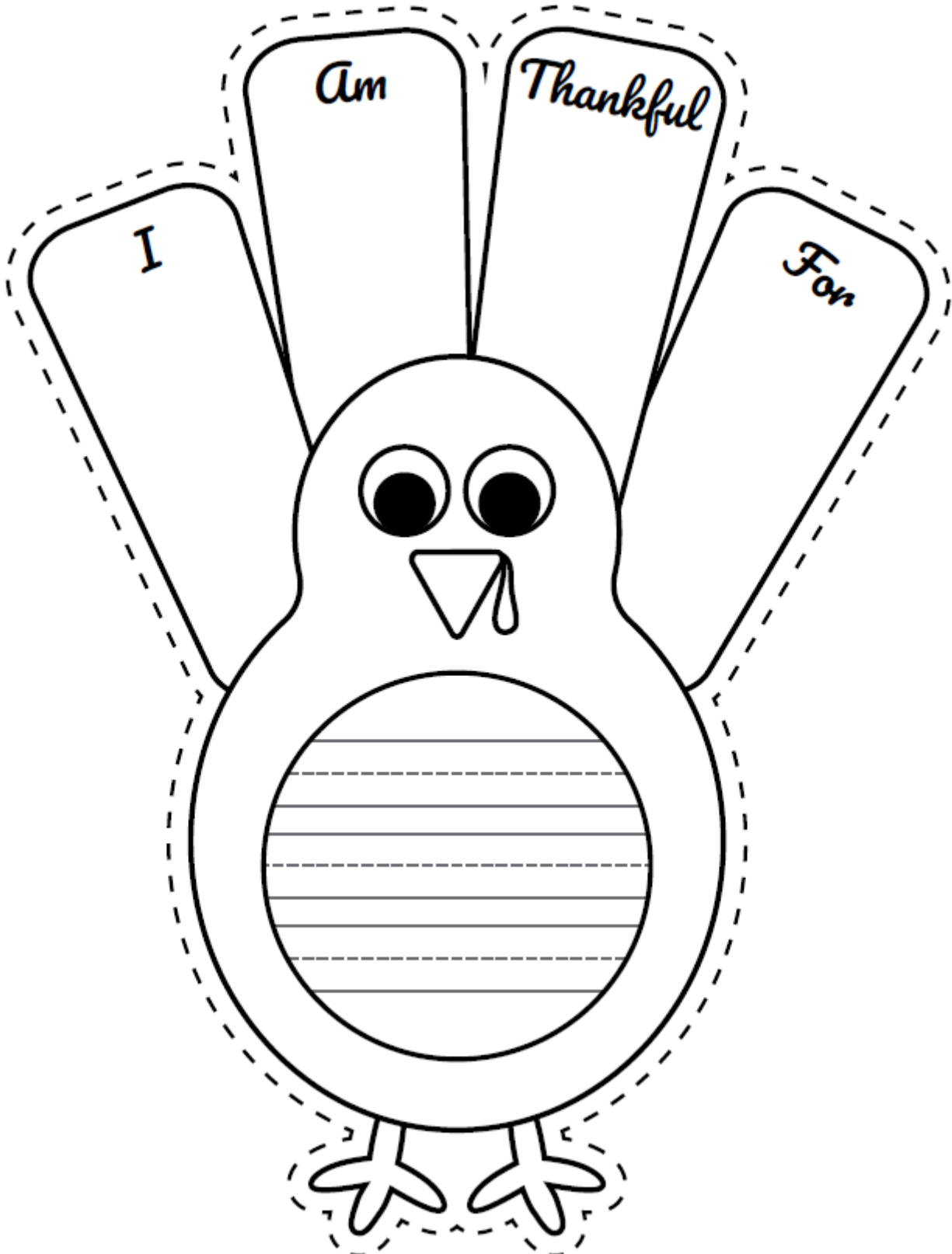
Make Checks Payable to: **Hurley Reformed Church**




Give to Kathy Jansen after worship or mail to:

223 Hidden Valley Road, Kingston, NY 12401

Payment must be received by December 14, 2025

Children's Page



Sun			Thu			Fri			Sat		
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<div>NOVEMBER</div>									9am - Karate Class @ Hall		
10am - Worship 1pm - Event	2	3	4	5	6	7	8		9am - Karate Class @ Hall 10am - Genealogy @ Room 9 12pm - Woodworkers @ Hall 3:30pm - Event-HVICA		
		1pm - TaiChi @ Hall 6:30pm - Al-Anon @ Hall 7pm - 1st Capitol Corvettes @	9am - Bible Study @ Dutch 2pm - TaiChi 4:30pm - Karate Class @ hall 7:21pm - Order Confirmed: 	8:30am - Meeting @	10:30am - TaiChi 1:30pm - Hurley Senior 3pm - HNS-Milk and Cookies 4:30pm - Karate Class	8am - Sew and So 1pm - Knitters @ Dutch Room					
10am - Worship 12:30pm - Event	9	10	11	12	13	14	15		9am - Karate Class @ Hall 3pm - Event		
		11am - VFW @ Dutch Room 1pm - TaiChi @ Hall 6:30pm - Al-Anon @ Hall 7pm - Consistory @ Dutch	Veterans Day 9am - Bible Study @ Dutch 2pm - TaiChi 4:30pm - Karate Class @ hall	8:30am - Meeting @ 9am - HNS 12pm - social solos @ Lunch 7pm - Radio Club @ Hall	2pm - TaiChi 4:30pm - Karate Class 5:30pm - Kidspeace @	8am - Sew and So 1pm - Knitters @ Dutch Room					
10am - Worship	16	17	18	19	20	21	22		9am - Karate Class @ Hall 1pm - Event		
		10am - Genealogy @ Rooms 1pm - TaiChi @ Hall 6:30pm - Al-Anon @ Hall	9am - Bible Study @ Dutch 2pm - TaiChi 4:30pm - Karate Class @ hall 5:30pm - Kidspeace @ 6pm - Nursery School Board	8:30am - Meeting @ 5:30pm - Kidspeace @	2pm - TaiChi 4:30pm - Karate Class 5:30pm - Kidspeace @	8am - Sew and So 1pm - Knitters @ Dutch Room					
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