# THE SPIRE

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#### Give Thanks

I have a bit of a love hate relationship with this time of year. I absolutely love the coming of the colder weather, the smell of fall in the air. There is something absolutely wonderful driving down the road and seeing all the beautiful colors of the trees. It's really the only season of the year when the color scheme isn't restricted to a near monochromatic existence. Summer and spring with the exception of when flowers are budding are covered in green. Winter's color is actually the absence of color we know as white. Yet fall is full of browns, reds, oranges, and yellows. But it isn't just about the physical beauty of the season. Two of my nephews are celebrating their birthdays over these next few weeks.

But this is also a very sad time. In the final days of October comes what would be my Dad's birthday. And in the few weeks from the middle of October to the first week of November my family has experienced some huge traumas. We lost my Dad on November 2, and my son Luka on October 20. We almost lost my sister and nephew Caleb to HELP syndrome November 3. Needless to say this time of year brings with it bad and good memories aplenty.

But this time of year for all of its good and bad, does have one unifying effect. I am very thankful. For the good things, the leaves, the beauty of creation and yes even the colder weather I am thankful. There is just a natural wonder and acknowledgement of God's hand in the seasonal beauty of fall. When the seasons shift and change it shows us the overwhelming majesty of God.

Even through all the hardship and sadness that comes there is a thankfulness. Thanks for the congregation who looked after my family when Dad died. Thanks for the community around us that wrapped us

in their arms when Luka died. Thanks for the support, care and grace given as my sister recovered and my nephew fought in the NICU. And most of all thank I am thankful for the care, and love which God showed us during these trying times.

Even our two main holidays in November and Halloween are points on a compass of thankfulness. After all children should be thankful to the wonderful people who are willing to give them candy. And they certainly should be thankful for their parents and other family members who take them around and help them to put together or purchase costumes. On the 12<sup>th</sup> we set aside a day to show our veterans our thanks for their great sacrifices. In many ways it never ever seems enough for what they have given up and what their families sacrifice as well. Then comes our national day of thanks on Thanksgiving Day.

It's easy to look out at the shift in season or the time in our lives and wish it would move onward. Take the time to give thanks and be thankful. Take a few moments to thank someone for their service and for their family's sacrifice. Thank a person you know who hands out candy or who takes a child trick-ortreating. But most of all thank God, from whom all blessings flow.

May we take the time this month to give thanks. Amen.

Rev Bill



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#### **NOVEMBER EVENTS**

November 3 Pre Election Day Dinner

November 4 Prayer Chain

November 12 Consistory

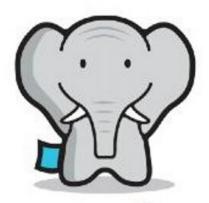
November 14 Social Solos

November 21 Women's Bible Study

November 18 Congregational Meeting

November 22 Thanksgiving





# remember the date™





November 18, 2018
After worship.
Please plan on attending!

# 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)

#### WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY



WOMEN'S Bible Study

Our next meeting is on
Wednesday, November 21

FN'S from 9:00 am to 11:00 am. We
will be meeting on the first
and third Wednesdays of the
month starting December 5.

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

Deb Zuill

Hurley Reformed Church

## "Movie with a Meaning" November 16, 2018



Pot Luck Dinner 5:30-6:30 — Movie at 6:30 Call Sandy at 845-687-4006 to reserve your seat



#### SOUP!

The Soup Elves are making Vegetable Beef Soup. Available November 11 after church.



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

Keep them in your prayers.

Bob Williams is in Ivy Lodge; Dolores McGoldrick is at Ferncliff; MaryLou Vogt is in Hudson Valley Senior Residence; Clarence Jansen and Shirley Ruth are in Mountain Valley Manor; Bud Dussol at Golden HIll; Don Kent at the Terraces at Brookmeade; Bev Chrisey, Friedel Borst, Audrey Hornbeck and Fred Horvers at TenBroeck; Tony Peralta (Julie Provenzano's son-in-law); Lori Pink-ham in Wingate at Ulster, Peter Jackson from Hurley, England; William Wiacek (Cathy McGraw's brother), Anthony DePietro (son of Mary Ann DiPietro).

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#### **ANNIVERSARIES**

Todd & Julie Jordan	9
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Sandie & Jim Gregory	30





The missions for August and Sepenough money to send to three local food banks, those being Reservoir Food Pantry, Angel

Food East and Caring Hands. Each received \$216, not our best offerings, but a big thank you to all who contributed.

October's mission is Drs. Without Borders, which is one of our few outreach projects. Needless to say, this organization is well respected and all those who dedicate their time, abilities and in some cases, their lives, can be a shining hope around the world to the desperately ill and injured brothers and sisters who are caught on the middle of war and devastation.

The Clinton Avenue Warming Center is scheduled for November in time for winter's challenges for those who are in need of a warm place to go and hot food as well as warm clothing. Please give generously, as all you wonderful people always do. Thank you, thank you, thank you!!

Yours in Christ, Marilyn and her gals, Lee, Rebecca, Deb and Linda



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