The Spire



October 2024

How are you doing? It may seem like a pretty simple question but it is one which is fraught with a whole lot more. In common parlance it has reached the point of saying hello to someone. You use the words which not that long ago were used to check in with someone, you may need to ask yourself are you ready for an answer? It is an awkward moment when one person make this statement in a form of hello and the person takes it as an invitation to share how they actually are doing.

If you pay attention there are times when the question is asked and people pause, they stop reading the situation and weighing their answer. If we lived in a comic strip world we would see the thought bubbles popping up debating whether or not to share the weight of things which we carry or whether to give the shrug, or platitude we usually give to these questions. What takes seconds in fact is a diagnostic of our society and culture. Do we ask the question because we are greeting one another or are we seeking to delve into the lives of one another? Do we hold the world at bay with a responsive greeting or do we bear our souls and the weights we carry? If when our greeting is met with a full and detailed pained response of all that is happening, do we try and run as quickly as we can from that conversation?

Its difficult to know where to correct all of this. On the Saturday preceding our drive out to Illinois for Sara's Grandfather's funeral, I realized how ineffectual things can be. I thought that I had done ok all week. I had persistently and consistently asked Liam if he was ok, needed anything or if he needed to simply talk and have me listen. Then in the middle of his game it all hit. For a little background Liam and Grandpa John were close, and it has been particularly hard for him. I had noticed he was distracted and I asked him where his head was, because it wasn't there

on the field. Needless to say, he let me know in very clear terms that he was not ok.

The challenge is being there for one another, but also to allow others in, and to care for us. One of the most central purposes of the church is the covenant which we share both with God and with one another. When we say we are the body of Christ it means that we are connected with one another and connected to one another. We aren't just supposed to share our prayers with God alone, but we are called to share them with one another. But that also means that we need to receive them as well.

To be in covenant means to take on and engage in our ability to care for one another, to care about each other. The challenge for us is to willingly ask one another how we are doing. To seek to hear whatever may come. Maybe it is listening to them tell you that all is well. But maybe it is also listening to them overflow with emotion because they are terrified about a diagnosis. And just as important as that listening is also the courage and trust to share. To share a diagnosis, or even the fears of one which could be is to bear your innermost being to another.

All this is a part of us being the church, being the body of Christ. It means holding the celebrations and challenges of one another, lifting each other up in prayer. It means being in covenant not just with God, but with one another. It means letting God and our brothers and sisters know how we are doing. And it means listening as God listens to us about how each other is doing. May we find support and care in the hands of God and with one another, Amen.





Oct. 6,13,20,27 Worship
Oct. 6 Communion
Oct. 1, 15, 22, 29 Bible Study

Oct. 14 Consistory Meeting

Oct. 9 Social Solos Nov. 3, 10,17,24 Worship Nov. 3 Communion

Nov. 7 Hurley Seniors meeting
Nov. 11 Consistory meeting

Nov. 13 Social Solos Nov. 28 Thanksgiving Deacon For October
is
Bob Kindt

Deacon for November Is Jeanne Quenzer



For October & November

Oct. 6 Jeanne Quenzer and Bill Baldinger

Oct. 13 Dennis Croswell and Marilyn More

Oct. 20 Jeanne Quenzer and Lisa Longto

Oct. 27 Alan Dumas and Russ Voigtlaender

Nov. 3 Jeanne Quenzer and Linda Moon

Nov. 10 Glenn Decker and Bob Kindt

Nov. 17 Dennis Croswell and Marilyn More

Nov. 24 Jeanne Quenzer and Bill Baldinger

Sending warm thoughts your way!

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

Terry Conlin

Shirley Burns

Annmarie Kurtz



Sandra Gregory	1
Kyle Davenport	2
Amy Ryan	2
Christa Conlin	3
Barbara Appleyard-Pekich	4
Leigh Hill	4
Alissa Sumerano	5
Hannah Shambo	8
Terry Gaffken	10
Stanley Brooks	14
Marilyn More	15
Diana Cline	17
Maria Rutski	18
Juanita Rockwell	20
Ryan Milne	20
Ron Chrisey	20
Julia Tucker	21
Katie Christiana	22
Sarah Harder	22
Kelsey Christiana	24
Linda Cook	25
Julia Helm	27
Jordan Cline	28
Nancy Sweeney	28



NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

Todd & Julie Jordan	9
Leslie & Darryl Shambo	10
Sandie & Jim Gregory	30



Pat & Robin Brennan	3
Kathy & Craig Jansen	7
Charles & Colette Woodard	8
Herb & Lois Morehouse	16
Wendy & Steve Helsey	19
John & Marianne Mizel	21
Jim & Maggie Sass	23
Emily & Art Harder	26



Chloe Dumas	14
William Schaffrick	14
Bill Merrill	16
Daniela Sumerano	16
Jay Burgess	17
Drew Milne	17
Julianna Schaffrick	17
Joe Burns	19
Eden Barnard	21
Kathy Musialkiewicz	23
Allan Dumas	28
Matthew Croswell	30
Art Harder	30

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.	
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POINSETTIAS	
Number of plants: @ \$8.00 each: Total due	
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In Memory of:	_
In Honor of:	_

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



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Our Mission for October is Operation Christmas Child through Samaritan's Purse.

Samaritan's Purse has collected shoebox gifts filled with toys, school supplies, and hygiene items for children around the world. The project delivers not only the joy of what, for many kids, is their first gift ever, but also gives them a tangible expression of God's love. All mission envelopes will go toward Operation Christmas Child for the shipping of the shoeboxes.



Social Solos meets on Wednesday, October 9, 2024 November 13, 2024

At noon

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



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.

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27 10am - Worship by Zoom and 5pm - event?	10am - Worship by Zoom and	10am - Worship by Zoom and	10am - Worship by Zoom and	Sun OCTO
28 10:30am - Genealogy @ 6:30pm - Al-Anon @ Hall	10am - Genealogy @ Rooms 6:30pm - Al-Anon @ Hall	Columbus Day 11am - VFW @ Dutch Room 6:30pm - Al-Anon @ Hall 7pm - Consistory @ Dutch	6:30pm - Al-Anon @ Hall 7pm - 1st Capitol Corvettes	Mon
9am - Bible Study @ Dutch 4:15pm - Karate Class @ hall	9am - Bible Study @ Dutch 4:15pm - Karate Class @ hall 6pm - Nursery School Board	9am - Bible Study @ Dutch 4:15pm - Karate Class @ hall	8am - Health Alliance Card 9am - Bible Study @ Dutch 4:15pm - Karate Class @ hall	Tue 1 9am - Bible Study @ Dutch 4:15pm - Karate Class @ hall 5:30pm - Boy Scouts
9am - HNS @ Hall	3pm - HNS Truck or Treat @	16	12pm - social solos @ Lunch 2pm - Local 1582 Trailways 7pm - Radio Club @ Hall	Wed 2
4:15pm - Karate Class	4:15pm - Karate Class	4:15pm - Karate Class	4:15pm - Karate Class	Thu 3 1:30pm - Hurley Senior 4:15pm - Karate Class
	12pm - Knitters @ Dutch	12pm - Knitters @ Dutch 5pm - BAPS	12pm - Knitters @ Dutch	Fri 12pm - Knitters @ Dutch
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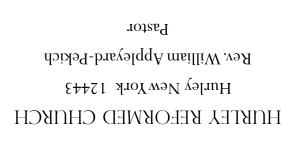
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