

# THE SPIRE

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October 2022

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Fall has begun. The weather is getting colder, just the other morning at the bus stop Liam kept begging to hold my coffee cup to keep his hands warm. The trees, perhaps because of the long time without rain this summer, but also because of the season, have started slowly to change their leaves. The flowers are changing, from Queen Anne's Lace and roses, we have now ventured out to mums. There has been an explosion of apple flavors. Even the air has a slightly different smell to it.

There is a comfort in the same thing happening. For me I love the comfort of getting up, following my morning routine, eating my granola and hard-boiled eggs, slugging back one cup of coffee and then heading over to the office. When that routine changes or shifts, if I have to rush out, or maybe one of the kids is having trouble finding a musical instrument or their shoes, things become less and less comfortable. One of the things that I struggle with as the weather gets cooler and the amount of clothing such as jackets or coats, hats, mittens or gloves seems to grow, is gauging the amount of time that needs to be added, the lead time if you will.

But in the recent weeks it has felt as if something has profoundly changed. I've talked about it with colleagues, at Bible study, with other parents, and we all seem to agree that things have "sped up". Now I'll admit that this time of year usually speeds up, there is the quiet and busyness of summer which normally gives way to the uptick in commitments. But it just seems like the increase in things has happened at a greater increase than usual.

But what is it that you can do? I remember visiting a friend of my parents who lived on Silver Lake in Michigan. He had a large speed boat (at least when you're under 13 it seemed big) and a in-

flatable tube he would pull behind. When you were on the tube it was equal parts thrilling and terrifying. I bring this up because when the boat got going too fast there was a signal you were supposed to use to get the boat to slow down. At least in theory it was supposed to slow down. More often than not when you gave the signal you were about to go flying off into the water, and making the signal usually accelerated the process. There is no special wave in life that we can give to make things go slower.

The first thing we can do is step back, if we can and reassess the things that are making things move so fast, and whether we have any measure of control or not. If we do then we need to reckon with whether or not things will normalize in speed or we will have to make them normalize.

But what do we do with the reality that there are just things which we cannot change, move around on the calendar, or maybe not attend, when we reach the end of that which we can control. It is there in that place that we pray, and engage in spiritual disciplines to help us to get through this. It's never easy to not have power, to have others drive the car to use an image. But letting God, or more accurately letting yourself understand that God is with you and in control, is a huge difference than riding in a car with an older sister, friend or whoever. My hope is that things will slow down and reach a normalization point for all of us. But with that hope comes the truth that if it doesn't slow down, God is there in the feeling of powerlessness, stress and strain. When we feel that there is just not enough time, God is with us. May we all find peace in his arms, Amen.



# October Happenings

October 2,9,16,23,30   Worship  
October 2                Communion  
October 4,11,18,25    Bible Study  
October 10              Consistory Meeting  
October 9                Women's Ministries  
October 12              Social Solos  
October 19              Women's Bible Study  
October 23              Mark Twain Tales  
October 27              HNS Trunk or Treat  
October 31              Halloween

**SOCIAL SOLOS** meets on Wednesday,  
October 12, 2022 at noon.

Contact Rev. Deb Zuill for an invite at  
attitudema50@aol.com or 845-247-9157

## USHERS FOR OCTOBER

October 2   Glenn Decker & Bill Baldinger  
October 9   David Kent & Dennis Croswell  
October 16  Linda Moon & Jeanne Quenzer  
October 23  Allan Dumas & Lee Gable  
October 30  Chris Decker & Bob Kindt

*People Helping People*



*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**  
**ANTHONY DIPIETRO (SON OF MARYANN DIPIETRO)**  
**DAVID GILES**  
**MARIE DRESSSEL**  
**BARBARA SARTORIUS, NEW HAMSHIRE**  
**TERRY CONLIN**

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 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.

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## **STICKLEY GARDENS**

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LEE GABLE

REV STICKLEY, SECRETARY

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

**Please join us for Worship  
either in person or  
through zoom every Sunday at 10am  
with Refreshments served after in the  
Hall.**

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



**Mission  
of the Month**  
*The mission for October is  
Teen Hygiene*  
**Thank you for your generous donations!**



### **DEACON FOR OCTOBER**

is  
Bob Kindt



Sunday School has started, we have 3  
classes, grades 1-3, grades 4-7 &  
grades 9-12. All children are welcome  
to join!



### **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 mes-  
sage 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](mailto:janevmerrill@aol.com)

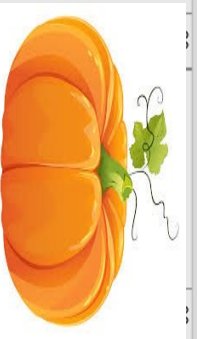
# Happy Birthday



Sandra Gregory	1	Pat & Robin Brennan	3
Kyle Davenport	2	Kathy & Craig Jansen	7
Amy Ryan	2	Charles & Colette Woodard	8
Christa Conlin	3	Herb & Lois Morehouse	16
Barbara Appleyard-Pekich	4	Wendy & Steve Helsey	19
Leigh Hill	4	John & Marianne Mizel	21
Alissa Sumerano	5	Jim & Maggie Sass	23
Hannah Shambo	8	Emily & Art Harder	26
Terry Gaffken	10		
Stanley Brooks	14		
Marilyn More	15		
Diana Cline	17		
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		



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
25 10am - Worship by Zoom and 2pm - Mark Twain One Man	26 4:30pm - Dog Training @ Hall 7pm - 1st Capitol Corvettes 7:30pm - Al-Anon @ Room 9	27 9am - Bible Study @ Dutch 4:30pm - Karate Class @ hall 4:30pm - PC 101 @ Dutch	28	29 1:30pm - Hurley Senior 4:30pm - Dog Training @ Hall 4:30pm - Karate Class	30 9am - Yogi @ Classroom 9 & 9:30am - Karate Class @ Hall 2pm - ???Samantha	1 9am - Yogi @ Classroom 9 & 9:30am - Karate Class @ Hall 2pm - ???Samantha
9 10am - Worship by Zoom and 11:30am - Women's	10 Columbus Day Indigenous Peoples Day 11am - VFW @ Dutch Room 4:30pm - Dog Training @ Hall 7pm - Consistory @ Dutch 7pm - Hudson Valley 7:30pm - Al-Anon @ Room 9	11 9am - Bible Study @ Dutch 4:30pm - Karate Class @ hall	12 12pm - social solos by Zoom 5:30pm - Local 1582	13 4:30pm - Dog Training @ Hall 4:30pm - Karate Class	14 12pm - Knitters @ Dutch	15 9am - Yogi @ Classroom 9 & 9:30am - Karate Class @ Hall 1pm - Yogi Halloween Party
16 10am - Worship by Zoom and	17 10am - Genealogy @ Rooms 4:30pm - Dog Training @ Hall 7:30pm - Al-Anon @ Room 9	18 9am - Bible Study @ Dutch 9am - Kingston Auxillary 4:30pm - Karate Class @ hall 6pm - Nursery School Board	19 10am - women's bible study	20 4:30pm - Dog Training @ Hall 4:30pm - Karate Class	21 12pm - Knitters @ Dutch 5pm - BAPS @ Hall	22 9am - Yogi @ Classroom 9 & 9:30am - Karate Class @ Hall 11am - Mark Twain setup
23 10am - Worship by Zoom and 2pm - Mark Twain One Man	24 10:30am - Genealogy @ 4:30pm - Dog Training @ Hall 7:30pm - Al-Anon @ Room 9	25 9am - Bible Study @ Dutch 4:30pm - Karate Class @ hall	26	27 4pm - HNS-Trunk or Treat @ 4:30pm - Dog Training @ Hall 4:30pm - Karate Class	28 12pm - Knitters @ Dutch	29 9am - Yogi @ Classroom 9 & 9:30am - Karate Class @ Hall
30 10am - Worship by Zoom and	31 Halloween 8:45am - HNS-Halloween 4:30pm - Dog Training @ Hall 7:30pm - Al-Anon @ Room 9					



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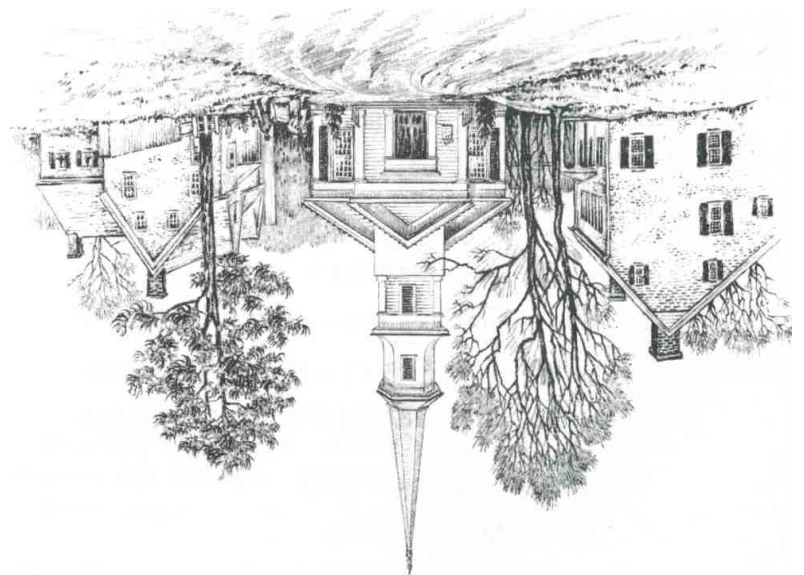
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