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Top Ten Things I Will Experience or Do in Retirement

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

There has been much tragedy locally, and nationally since I wrote last. Nevertheless I conclude my Spire writing, and indeed my ministry among you on a positive note. I believe God is in charge, and that good will outlast and eventually overcome evil. I also believe most people are caring and considerate. I experienced such with my recent move. I did not buy eclipse glasses, but a number of my neighbors gave me theirs so I could view this extraordinary phenomena. May we discover community wherever we go. I end with my final top ten. Bless you. Thank you for your many kindnesses to me. You are an exceptional congregation. Good-bye.

- 10) Strolling Poet's walk in Rhinebeck under a harvest moon, hand in hand with my imaginary wife.
- 9) Hearing my dear little grandsons ask: "Mom, please tell us we're not related to Grandpa."
- 8) Making paper airplanes from old sermons.
- 7) Establishing a Guinness world record for the most times one can go from the first to the second floor, and forget why he went up in the first place.
- 6) Let my hair grow, wear 'paint on' red leather pants and start a glam rock group called "Methuseleh"
- 5) Scaring trick or treaters on Halloween by donning my pulpit robe, and bellowing Jonathan Edwards' sermon "Sinners in the Hands of an Angry God" as I open the door.
- 4) Wearing out two paper shredders as I seek to erase my middle name, "Hard Copy".
- 3) Eating fresh organic food, then washing it down with a martini.
- 2) Cycle, cook, collect speeding tickets, write a crime novel.
- 1) Miss you all.

Doc Bob



*The seasons
come and go....*

Come enjoy the beauty of
Stickley Gardens while the garden
is still in bloom.

The leaves are turning and
autumn's crisp air is upon us.

This too is the miracle that GOD
gives to us – for HE is everywhere –
in the garden – in our homes –
and in our hearts.

STICKLEY GARDENS

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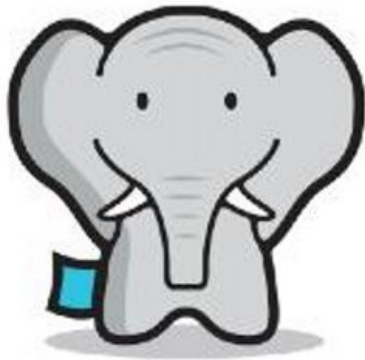
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**NOVEMBER 19 — ANNUAL
CONGREGATIONAL MEETING
AFTER WORSHIP.**

OCTOBER EVENTS

October 1	Prayer Chain
October 5	Hurley Senior Citizens
October 8	Women's Ministries
October 9	Consistory
October 10	Women's Bible Study
October 11	Social Solos
October 14	Wood Workers' Show
October 18	Men's Group
October 24	Women's Bible Study
October 28	Rev. Gram's Farewell Luncheon
October 29	Rev. Gram's Last Sunday
October 31	Halloween

NOVEMBER EVENTS

November 4	Fall Clean Up Day
November 7	Election Day Dinner
November 17	Movies with Meaning
November 19	Annual Congregational Meeting
November 23	Thanksgiving

October

Birthdays

Sandra Gregory	1	Stanley Brooks	14
Kyle Davenport	2	Sierra Butler	15
Amy Ryan	2	Marilyn More	15
Christa Conlin	3	Diana Cline	17
Leigh Hill	4	Lorraine Denis	18
Alissa Sumerano	5	Jasper Fox, Jr.	19
Muriel Ferraro	6	Ryan Milne	20
William Henning	7	Ron Chrisey	20
Hannah Shambo	8	Julia Tucker	21
Charlotte Gill	9	Katie Christiana	22
Terry Gaffken	10	Sarah Harder	22
Steve Bliss	10	Kelsey Christiana	24
Eric Sullivan	10	Linda Cook	25
		Julia Helm	27
		Jordan Cline	28
		Nancy Sweeney	28

Anniversaries

Pat & Robin Brennan	3
Kathy & Craig Jansen	7
Charles & Colette Woodard	8
Ron & Ann Every	9
Linda & Dick Shook	10
Herb & Lois Morehouse	16
Wendy & Steve Helsey	19
John & Marianne Mizel	21
Emily & Art Harder	26
Betty & Jim Pirro	30



LOOKING FOR GOOD FELLOWSHIP?! The Men's Group meets the third Wednesday of the month. Next meeting is October 18 at 7 pm. Come hang with us.



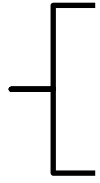
MISSION OF THE MONTH: The September mission monies will be sent to hurricane victim relief. The August mission was Samaritan's Purse in the amount of \$400. October's mission is now Clinton Ave. Warming Center and Giving Tree.



SOUPS ON: Our first soup will be for sale on October 22. Watch the bulletin for more details.

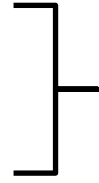


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Music Lyrics

Appropriate for the times we live in



Dear Hate

lyrics by Maren Morris

Dear Hate

I saw you on the news today
Like a shock that takes my breath away
You fall like rain, cover us in drops of pain
I'm afraid that we might just drown

Dear Hate

Well, you sure are colorblind
Your kiss is the cruelest kind
You could poison any mind
Just look at mine
Don't know how this world keeps spinning 'round and round

You were there in the garden like a snake in the grass
I see you in the morning staring through the looking glass
You whisper down through history and echoed through these halls
But hate to tell you, love's gonna conquer all

Dear Hate

You were smiling from that Selma bridge
In Dallas when that bullet hit and Jackie cried
You pulled those towers from the sky
But even on our darkest nights, the world keeps spinning 'round

You were there in the garden like a snake in the grass
I see you in the morning staring through the looking glass
You whisper down through history and echoed through these halls
But hate to tell you, love's gonna conquer all

Dear Love

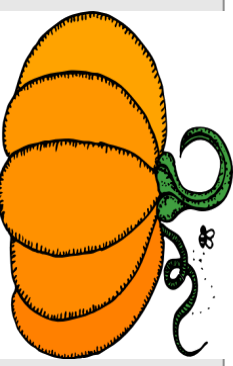
Just when I think you've given up
You were there in the garden when I ran from your voice
I hear you every morning through the chaos and the noise
You still whisper down through history and echo through these halls
And tell me, Love's gonna conquer all
Gonna conquer all

Recorded by Maren Morris and Vince Gill.

Released October 2, 2017 in response to Las Vegas

Youtube URL: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=czwGMVqFUgU>

Oct 2017 (Eastern Time)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
10am - Worship @ 11am - Prayer Chain	9:30am - Guild 1pm - Basket class 3pm - Quilting @ 5pm - Dog Training 7:30pm - Al-Anon @	9:30am - Badminton 11am - balance 4:30pm - PC 101 @ 7pm - Boy Scouts	7:30am - Bible 9am - Kingston 5:30pm - Dog 7pm - Boy Scouts	9:30am - Badminton 1:30pm - Hurley 4:45pm - Dog 6pm - English as a 7pm - Choir 7pm - Sisters in 7:30pm - 1st Capitol	5pm - wood workers 7pm - Motorcycle	Ordination Wedding 8am - vernacular
10am - Worship @ 11am - Women's	9:30am - Guild 11am - VFW @ 1pm - basket class 3pm - Quilting @ 5pm - Dog Training 7pm - Consistory @ 7pm - Hudson Valley	8:30am - Hillside 9:30am - Badminton 11am - balance 1pm - Women's 7pm - Bible Study @ 7pm - Boy Scouts	7:30am - Bible 12pm - social solos 5:30pm - Dog 7pm - Local 1582 @	9:30am - Badminton 4:45pm - Dog 6pm - English as a 6pm - nursery 7pm - Choir 7pm - Sisters in	8am - Wood workers 10am - Genealogy @	
10am - Worship @ 11am - SHD	9:30am - Guild 10am - Genealogy @ 3pm - Quilting @ 5pm - Dog Training 7:30pm - Al-Anon @	9:30am - Badminton 11am - balance 7pm - Bible Study @ 7pm - Boy Scouts	7:30am - Bible 9am - Finance 5:30pm - Dog 7pm - Hurley Lions 7pm - men's group	9:30am - Badminton 4:45pm - Dog 6pm - English as a 7pm - Choir 7pm - NE 7pm - Sisters in	6pm - Swing Dance	
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