

THE SPIRE

October 2023



I was wondering if we might talk for a minute. This month I can't and don't want to talk about reminiscing about this that and the other. We are in the middle of a movement that was seen coming but surprised many of us none the less. As we look out at the landscape we probably have heard of the shortages of qualified persons for several jobs, and of people who have just walked away from a job because of the stress and strain of the last few years. Some of these careers or jobs were expected to have these shortages.

The strain of the last few years often did two things, accelerated and also postponed those shortages. People felt guilt and thus did not leave work during the pandemic and after because of a sense of loyalty stayed on or postponed, and those who were considering walking away, felt a significant extra weight on the scale. And now we are watching in real time as high stress occupations experience a level of turnover and job leaving. You may have noticed how hospitals are woefully understaffed. Or maybe you have had to wait for longer and longer to get a prescription filled at the pharmacy because there are fewer and fewer staff.

Ministry isn't exempt from these issues. Back when I was in seminary Dr. George Brown spoke often of a pending minister shortage. Now bear in mind this was all the way back in 2006-07. With the economic downturn that occurred soon after said shortage never occurred. At least not when it was supposed to. For whatever reason things seemed to continue on that is until the pandemic and then the post pandemic time. Then suddenly it happened. Ministers who had been serving churches in retirement started leaving. Then those who had felt the stress of the past few years or had been hurt deeply, felt isolated started to leave. There were many who opted to take a sabbatical to refresh

and renew, but there were also many who took jobs elsewhere.

I was spurred to this train of thought and yes even prayer because I had read a response to an article written by a pastor who had walked away from ministry. The problem is that for a great many reasons, some of which may be church size, minister availability, denominational instability or upheaval, the church is at an inflection point. Now maybe we have been headed this way for a while and we really only recently have seen where we are going, but the fact still remains, the church is and has changed.

Now the church has changed many times since it began. It has gone through both turmoil and celebration. But the question that always gets asked along the way is how the church will respond to the shifts in what it is and how it is. Will we circle the wagons and approach the changes with a fortress mentality, seeing threats everywhere and seeking to reclaim past glories through doing things the exact same? Or will we embrace the challenges as an opportunity to allow God's spirit to blow us in different direction and new ways of being, understanding that where God helped the church through the ages to exist and be, no matter how different the circumstances, and God will help us today and tomorrow as well. May we embrace the challenges of our current moment with faith and trust in God, who has led the church through to this moment and will lead it to moments when we have been joined with him. Amen.





Oct. 1,8,15,22,29	Worship
Oct. 1	Communion
Oct. 5	Hurley Seniors meeting
Oct. 3,10,17,24,31	Bible Study
Oct. 7	Crafts Fair
Oct. 9	Consistory Meeting
Oct. 11	Social Solos
Oct. 14	Church Clean Up Day
Oct. 18	Women's Bible Study



For October

Oct. 1	Jeanne Quenzer and Bill Baldinger
Oct. 8	Dennis Croswell and Marilyn More
Oct. 15	Dino Sumerano and Lisa Longto
Oct. 22	Jeanne Quenzer and Bill Baldinger
Oct. 29	Lee Gable and Alan Dumas



Deacon For October
is
Bob Kindt

The beauty that surrounds us
is incredible and yet it pales in
comparison to the eternal home
that God has prepared for us.
In John 14, Jesus tells us that he goes
to prepare a place for us and that,
where he is, we will be also.
Like the flowers, we too will live
again thanks to the gift of the
"Son's Love" for us. Praise God!

*"Just remember in the winter
far beneath the bitter snows,
lies the seed that with
the sun's love in the spring
becomes the rose"*

– from "The Rose" by Bette Midler

STICKLEY GARDENS

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



Sandra Gregory	1
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Amy Ryan	2
Christa Conlin	3
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Leigh Hill	4
Alissa Sumerano	5
Hannah Shambo	8
Terry Gaffken	10
Stanley Brooks	14
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Juanita Rockwell	20
Ryan Milne	20
Ron Chrisey	20
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Pat & Robin Brennan	3
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Wendy & Steve Helsey	19
John & Marianne Mizel	21
Jim & Maggie Sass	23
Emily & Art Harder	26

Crafts Fair

Fall Shopping! *Christmas Shopping!*

OCTOBER 7, 2023
9AM-4PM

GENERAL ADMISSION = \$3 (UNDER 12 FREE)

VENDOR FEE = \$35 (INSIDE) / \$30 (OUTSIDE)

SPACE RESERVATIONS CALL
CHURCH OFFICE 845-331-4121

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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 3, 2023





***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

David Kent

Shirley Burns



The mission for October
will be teen hygiene items
to be donated to the Kingston high school.
The collection will run through all of Sep-
tember.

Items will include shampoo, deodorant,
body wash, women's hygiene products,
toothpaste, and toothbrushes,
and small laundry detergent.

Items may be dropped off at the church
and placed in the basket at the top of the
stairs.

Thank you to all who are able to help
with these needy donations.



Some wonderful news to share!

Rev. Stickley been chosen by the Ulster County
Chamber of Commerce to receive the prestig-
ious Len Cane Heart of Ulster County Award in
appreciation of his many years of service to
the people of Ulster County. He will be hon-
ored at the Annual Business Recognition
Awards Celebration on October 26th at Dia-
mond Mills Hotel in Saugerties. Tickets are
available by contacting the Chamber Office--
845-338-5100.




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.

Name _____



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
10am - Worship by Zoom and 2pm - Edgar Allen Poe	7pm - 1st Capitol Corvettes 7:30pm - Al-Anon @ Room 9	9am - Bible Study @ Dutch 4:15pm - Karate Class @ hall 4:30pm - PC 101 @ Dutch	1:30pm - Hurley Senior 2:30pm - Hurley Seniors @ 4:15pm - Karate Class	12pm - Knitters @ Dutch	9am - Craft Fair @ Hall, 9am - Karate Class @ Hall	
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
10am - Worship by Zoom and	11am - VFW @ Dutch Room 7pm - Consistory @ Dutch 7pm - Hudson Valley 7:30pm - Al-Anon @ Room 9	9am - Bible Study @ Dutch 4:15pm - Karate Class @ hall	12pm - social solos by Zoom 5:30pm - Local 1582	4:15pm - Karate Class	12pm - Knitters @ Dutch	9am - Karate Class @ Hall 10am - Genealogy @ Room 12pm - Woodworkers @ Hall
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
10am - Worship by Zoom and	10am - Genealogy @ Rooms 7:30pm - Al-Anon @ Room 9	8am - Health Alliance card 9am - Bible Study @ Dutch 4:15pm - Karate Class @ hall 6pm - Nursery School Board	10am - women's bible study	4pm - HNS trunk or treat 4:15pm - Karate Class	12pm - Knitters @ Dutch 7pm - Asha Chaturvedi	9am - Karate Class @ Hall 11:45am - Samantha
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
10am - Worship by Zoom and	10:30am - Genealogy @ 7:30pm - Al-Anon @ Room 9	9am - Bible Study @ Dutch 4:15pm - Karate Class @ hall	4:15pm - Karate Class	12pm - Knitters @ Dutch	9am - Karate Class @ Hall	
29	30	31				
10am - Worship by Zoom and	9am - HNS Halloween Party 7:30pm - Al-Anon @ Room 9	9am - Bible Study @ Dutch 12:30pm - HNS Halloween 4:15pm - Karate Class @ hall 6pm - Kidspace @ Kitchen				

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