

# THE SPIRE

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## PREPARED?

For this month's Spire I would like to tell you a little story. I will be not as detailed as I would like to be but I am being very careful not to share a story that is not my own to tell. But I can tell you that someone who Sara and I care about very much may be facing a very serious condition. Please remember that word may, because as of today we don't know what is wrong. We actually won't know until three to four weeks have passed. And that is just when the test is scheduled. After that, we will have to wait until the doctor has analyzed and examined that test.

In a world where we use analytics to examine everything, the 20-30% chance of this turning out on the negative would seem to be a beacon of hope. After all if I were to tell Giants or Jets fans that there was a 70-80% chance they'd make the playoffs, those fans would likely be very excited. But the problem doesn't come in the percentages, it doesn't come in the hope and promise of the high percentage. The problem is the stories we are telling ourselves in the interim. The problem comes in the not knowing.

When you know what is going to happen you can prepare for it. You can ready yourself for a difficult situation. When you know that you are going to have a baby at some point, you pack a go bag and place it so that it is readily available. When you have a loved one who is slowly dying of an illness that has been diagnosed you slowly prepare yourself, both mentally and emotionally for the day to come. From the simple and mundane to the traumatic and tragic being able to know what you need to prepare for.

The question is what do you do when you don't know what you are preparing for? What do you do when you don't have a clue what the out-

come is going to be? On the one hand you prepare for what you can. You gear yourself up for all of the possible outcomes and then once there is nothing which is left to do you wait.

But you shouldn't wait passively. Waiting passively will only allow the tension and care, the worry and anxiety to mix with hope and confidence so that you lose sight of where you are and tell yourself stories and tales about the various possible outcomes.

In Genesis Jacob faces a moment where he doesn't know what the outcome will be. He is headed back home. He has sent what most of us would consider a bribe to his brother. He has placed his family and possessions in such a way that when they meet Esau some will be able to escape should he seek revenge. He has done all that he can do. So he waits. And while he waits he wrestles with God. And when all is said and done he has a blessing, a new name and has seen the face of God. It's hard to wait, and sit in the realm of what we don't know. But thankfully we don't have to bear that burden on our own. We can place that burden before God and ask God to help us bear it. It won't speed up or fast forward our wait. But it will help us to bear the burden of waiting. May God be with you.

Amen.

Rev. Bill



## SEPTEMBER EVENTS

October 4	Hurley Senior Citizens
October 7	Prayer Chain
October 8	Consistory
October 10	Social Solos
October 26	Ghostwalk
October 28	Stone House Day Committee
October 31	Halloween

**Social  
Solos**

**Next Lunch date:**

**October 10, 2018 at 12 Noon.**

**Road Trip to the Colonie Mall and  
Lunch at the Cheesecake Factory**



Prayer Chain meets October 7.

*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 all 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. Take a few minutes and enjoy Stickley Gardens.

### STICKLEY GARDENS

FOR MORE INFORMATION - CONTACT ANY COMMITTEE MEMBER:

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MINISTER OF WORD AND SACRAMENT

October 2018

Brothers and Sisters,

I am writing to you to let you know of a financial need of your church. Each year one of the largest items in the church budget and highest cost item is fuel oil. It takes quite a bit to heat our building. This isn't helped by our beautiful yet non-heat efficient windows in our sanctuary. To help keep in the heat in winter and not use as much heating oil we (HRC) are replacing the old triple track window and in several windows installing missing storm windows. Right now sitting in the parsonage garage are eight windows ready to be installed. This will also allow us to remove the interior plastic storm windows, which in many areas as are torn and not providing any benefit.

The difficulty is that such things are not free. In an effort to help offset the cost of the windows a grant was applied for and received. The New York Landmark's Conservancy's Sacred Sites program has generously rewarded us with a grant of \$4000 to help with our windows.

While generous and helpful this does not cover the whole cost. We need to raise a further \$11,000.

I am asking you as you pastor and friend to consider two things. Pray for these windows. Pray that the cost would be covered and the installation be made without incident. But also consider if you are able making a gift no matter how small to help with the cost of these windows.

Enclosed is an envelope in which you can place your gift, or you can simply write sanctuary storms or windows in the memo portion of a check. With your help and gracious gifts we will soon have these windows paid for.

Grace and Peace

William Appleyard-Pekich  
Minister of Word and Sacrament

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## 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
Barbara Appleyard-Pekich	4	Jasper Fox, Jr.	19
Leigh Hill	4	Luka Appleyard-Pekich	20
Alissa Sumerano	5	Ryan Milne	20
Muriel Ferraro	6	Ron Chrisey	20
Hannah Shambo	8	Julia Tucker	21
Terry Gaffken	10	Katie Christiana	22
Steve Bliss	10	Sarah Harder	22
		Kelsey Christiana	24
		Linda Cook	25
		Julia Helm	27

### **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



Our mission for October will be Doctors Without Borders, one of our out-reach projects. The immense impact

this organization has had on the physical well being of those caught up in international turmoil providing emergency medical services cannot be measured. Please give generously from the heart. Thank you so much.

August and September were designated as food pantries months to help provide life sustaining nourishment for so many of those in need. Results will be tallied the end of September. You are all such wonderful givers!

Marilyn and committee thank you!!!

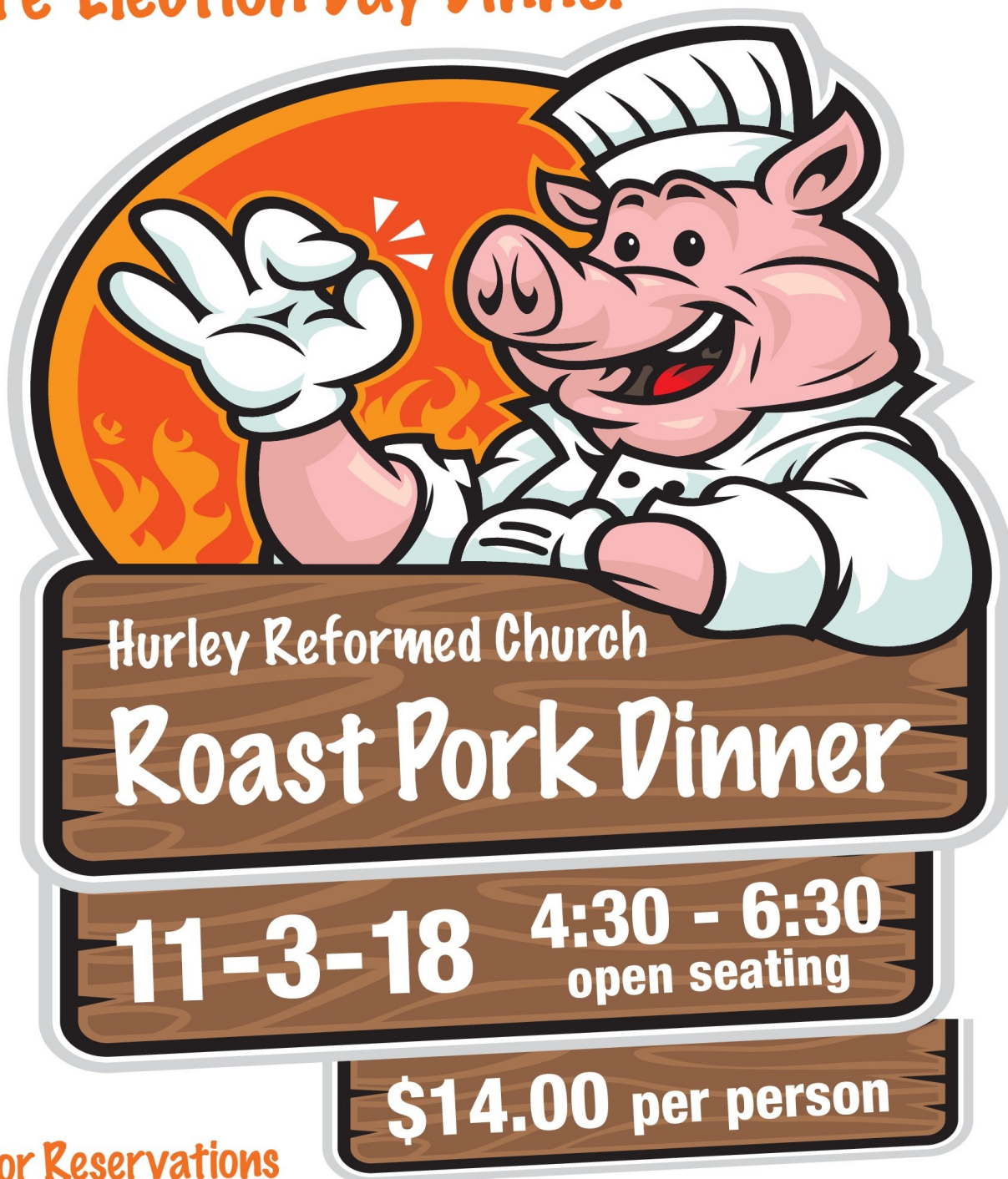


Since 1993, more than 100 million boys and girls in over 130 countries have experienced God's love through the power of simple shoebox gifts from Operation Christmas Child. **Shoe boxes are here.** Fill your shoe box with school supplies, hygiene items, toys, or perhaps you could knit a hat. If you prefer someone else do the shopping for you, contact Sandie Gregory, 338-7626. Shoe boxes will be placed on the altar in November.



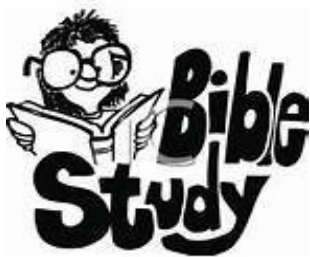
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## Pre-Election Day Dinner



For Reservations

**331-4121** or **Sandy 687-4006**



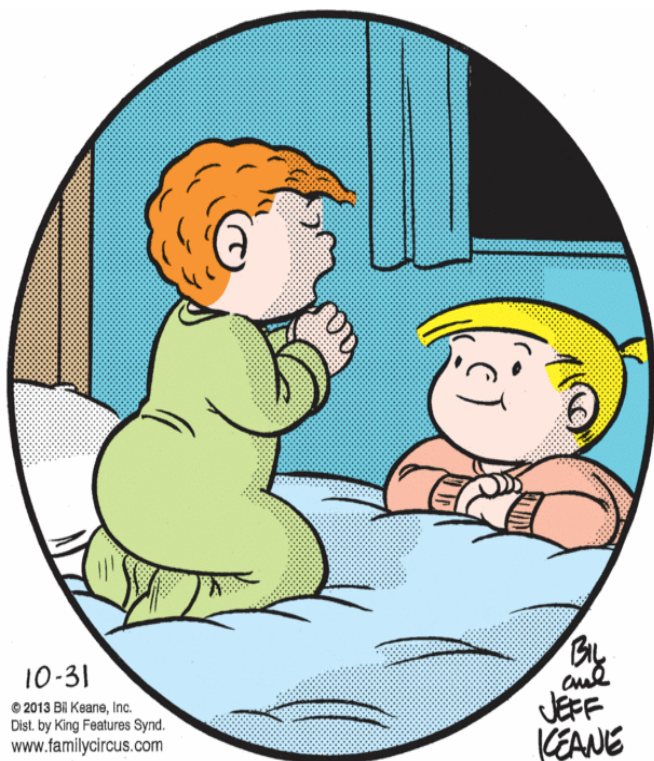
**WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY** continues in October, on October 9 and 23, from 1-3 pm in the Dutch Room. We continue our reading of the book, "The Slightly Bad Girls of the Bible." The book is available at our meetings; its price is \$11. There are refreshments, laughter and fellowship! See Debbie Zuill.



***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; illTony Peralta (Julie Provenzano's son-in-law); Esther Keator; Lori Pinkham 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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halloween be they name ..."**



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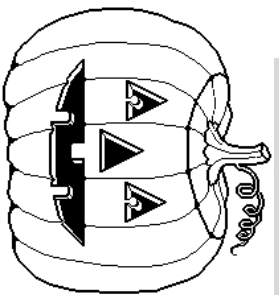
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Oct 2018 (Eastern Time - New York)



	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6
	3 pm - Quilting @ 4:30 pm - Dog 7 pm - 1st Capitol 7:30 pm - Al-Anon @	9 am - Bible Study @ 9 am - Kingston 11 am - balance 4:30 pm - PC 101 @ 7 pm - Boy Scouts 7:30 pm - Sisters in	9:30 am - Finance 4:30 pm - Dog 7 pm - Boy Scouts	9:30 am - Badminton 1:30 pm - Hurley 4:45 pm - Dog 6 pm - English as a	5 pm - setup for	swing dance 9 am - Women's
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
10 am - Worship @ 11 am - Prayer Chain	11 am - VFW @ 3 pm - Quilting @ 4:30 pm - Dog 7 pm - Consistory @ 7 pm - Hudson Valley 7:30 pm - Al-Anon @	9 am - Bible Study @ 11 am - balance 11 am - Hillside 1 pm - Women's 7 pm - Boy Scouts 7:30 pm - Sisters in	12 pm - social solos 4:30 pm - Dog 6:30 pm - Local 1582	9:30 am - Badminton 9:30 am - Finance @ 4:45 pm - Dog 6 pm - English as a 7 pm - Choir	6:30 pm - Indian	10 am - Genealogy @
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
10 am - Worship @ 11 am - Women's	10 am - Genealogy @ 1 pm - basket class 3 pm - Quilting @ 4:30 pm - Dog 7:30 pm - Al-Anon @	9 am - Bible Study @ 11 am - balance 6 pm - nursery 7 pm - Boy Scouts 7:30 pm - Sisters in	4:30 pm - Dog 7 pm - Hurley Lions 7 pm - men's group	9:30 am - Badminton 4:45 pm - Dog 6 pm - English as a 7 pm - Choir 7 pm - NE	5 pm - Wood workers	9 am - Woodworkers'
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
10 am - Worship @ 5:30 pm - Baps.org	10:30 am - Genealog 1 pm - basket class 3 pm - Quilting @ 4:30 pm - Dog 7:30 pm - Al-Anon @	9 am - Bible Study @ 11 am - balance 1 pm - Women's 7 pm - Boy Scouts 7:30 pm - Sisters in	4:30 pm - Dog	9:30 am - Badminton 4:45 pm - Dog 6 pm - English as a 7 pm - Choir	1 pm - Library 5 pm - Ghostwalk @	
28	29	30	31	1	2	3
10 am - Worship @ 11:30 am - Stone	3 pm - Quilting @ 4:30 pm - Dog 7:30 pm - Al-Anon @	9 am - Bible Study @ 11 am - balance 7 pm - Boy Scouts 7:30 pm - Sisters in	Nursery School 4:30 pm - Dog			

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