

THE SPIRE

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LOVE THE VARIETY

I will be completely honest, I did not want to write this. This is a subject that I have since third grade steered each and every conversation away from. When I was in third grade I was diagnosed with a disability. Originally it was only classified as a learning disability, but the reality of it touches so much more than just learning. It touches work, it touches relationships. It had an effect on every aspect of my being, even my sleep.

I realized I had to start talking about this a few months ago. You see when I was growing up I had the benefit of having another family member diagnosed around the same time. It allowed me to have a safe person to whom I could share my struggles and strains without having to visit with our doctor. But my disability is genetic and Liam has it. And Liam doesn't have that close person to share with. And my talking about this was spurred by Liam saying in a point of struggle, "I hate having this stupid thing."

You see, Liam and I have a disability called ADHD. Throughout my life I have known many people with disabilities other than myself. Some whose disability is on display because it has a physical manifestation. I think of my friend Rob who was born with Down's syndrome, or one of the many individuals who Sara or my mother-in-Law have worked with in their profession. With Rob you don't see him the person first. You see his disability. Your first introduction is not his welcoming smile, or his "hi ya", which he will say to anyone he meets. You will look and see his disability. You won't see his loving and caring heart which he leaves open to the world. You also don't see the seriousness to which he takes on a task, and how the amount of effort he puts in to do that task well. You also don't see the

depth and reality of his faith.

But not all disabilities come with a physical manifestation. For those of us with disabilities which do not have an obvious physical manifestation life can be different. Our struggles often silently pass by.

You can't see our disability, but often you will experience it. My diagnosis has caused me to be slower and more deliberative in action. I have to slow things down and live with one foot on the gas and one on the brake. When I am in a meeting I have had to learn to stay focused and pay attention. I have to control my impulses to get up and pace or walk around. When we talk about a problem my brain will work on that problem and every possible problem which might stem from original problem sometimes for hours, sometimes even days.

Often those without physical manifestations of their disabilities are given labels, they are slow, dumb or hopeless. In school they can often be the target of bullying because they are seen as different, or stand out.

Disabilities are something which we live with, because of how our creator made us. We can't change who and what we are just like a dog suddenly cannot become a cat. God made us who and what we are. The challenge is for the church to love the variety which God has created as much as God does. The challenge of the church is not to push away those with disabilities, but to embrace them.

Grace and Peace,
Rev. Bill



OCTOBER EVENTS

October 4, 11, 18, 25	Worship
October 4	Communion
October 7	Consistory
October 6, 13, 20, 27	Bible Study by Zoom



REACH OUT TO THOSE WHO NEED YOUR SUPPORT IN THEIR DAY TO DAY NEEDS:

Keep them in your prayers.

Rev. Stickley at home recuperating.
 Mildred Mattison is at home after falling and breaking her wrist;
 Deb Zuill is at home after gall bladder surgery;
 Doug Constant is recuperating at home.
 Eugene Groelle is in a rehab at Woodland Ponds.
 Jim and Sheila Craven are at home.
 Bev Roosa is at the Terraces at Brookmeade;
 MaryLou Vogt is in Hudson Valley Senior Residence;
 Shirley Ruth is in Mountain Valley Manor;
 Fred Horvers at TenBroeck;
 Lori Pinkham in Wingate at Ulster;
 Anthony DiPietro (son of MaryAnn DiPietro),
 Marie Dressel;
 Phil Greer.



USHERS FOR OCTOBER

October 4

Ushers: Linda Clarke Dido and Chris Decker

October 11

Ushers: Sandra Gregory and Kathleen Jansen

October 18

Ushers: Sandra Emrich and Lisa Longto

October 25

Ushers: Lisa Longto and Roberta Falatyn

DEACON OF THE MONTH:

Deacon of the Month is Russ Glass.
 Contact Russ at 845-338-7437 if you need a Deacon's assistance.

MISSIONS REPORT FOR THE FIRST 8 MONTHS OF 2020

Jan-Hudson Valley Food Bank-\$300.00

Feb-Eric Titus family-\$1000.00

Mar-Deacon's Fund-\$300.00

Apr-Mental Health-\$310.00

May-People's Place-\$470.00

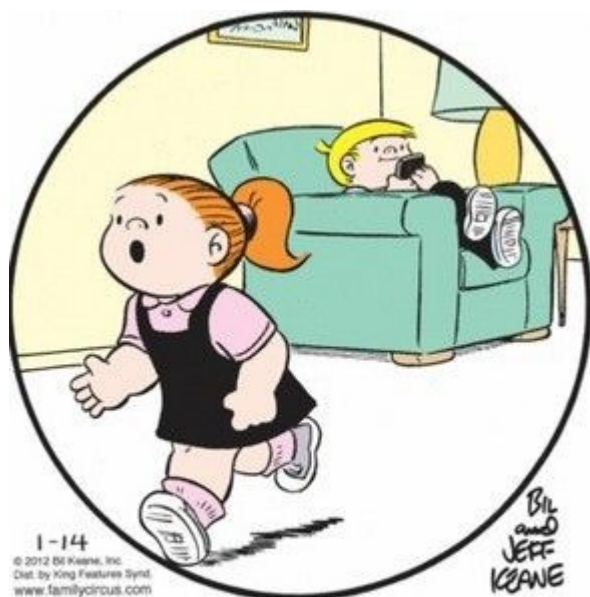
June-American Cancer Society-\$300.00

July-Family of Woodstock-\$300.00

Aug-Walk for Water-\$400.00

October's mission of the month is Alzheimer's Association.

Thank you for your generous donations. --
 Kathy Jansen



"Billy says he doesn't hafta go to church anymore 'cause his phone has an app for that!"

Reminder:

Access to Sunday worship service is available through **Zoom**. Contact Rev. Bill for invitation.

*A*s summer comes to an end and days get shorter, God blesses us with a new season. Our world is constantly changing but He is with us each day... every day... all day. He keeps watch over us at all times until finally we meet Him face to face. Come visit and remember those who have passed on to their glory in God's paradise.

STICKLEY GARDENS

FOR MORE INFORMATION - CONTACT ANY COMMITTEE MEMBER:

LISA LONGTO (532-7570) CHAIRPERSON

JIM PIRRO (383-0079) TREASURER

ESTHER STICKLEY (331-2919)

SANDIE GREGORY (338-7626)

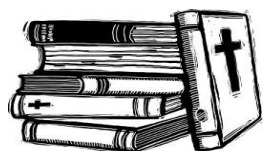
REV STICKLEY, SECRETARY

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

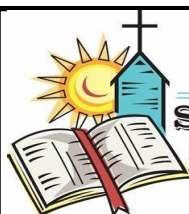
WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

The Women's Bible Study will be starting again as of October 7, and then again on the 21st. The Wednesdays remain the same. The time has changed. We will begin at 10 am and it will be for an hour.

This will be on Zoom and the Link will be given at a later date. All who wish to join us please contact Rev. Deb. Email address: AttitudeMa50@aol.com or 845-247-9157.



**WOMEN'S
Bible Study**



**SUNDAY
SCHOOL**

SUNDAY SCHOOL is meeting weekly immediately following the Children's Sermon, on a separate Zoom call. We will be digging deeper into the message given by Rev. Bill. If

any parents, youth or church members would like to present a lesson (or series of lessons) or bring a topic for discussion, we would love to share the different skills, abilities and strengths of our congregation or our class! Let Aileen know if you are interested.

We are planning a movie night in the next couple of weeks and possibly apple or pumpkin picking.

Several youth participated in the Walk for Water, some in person and some virtually.

If there are any youth interested in Sunday School or Youth Group, please contact Dorothy at the church office."

Aileen Helsley and David Kent

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BIRTHDAYS

Sandra Gregory	1	Sierra Butler	15
Kyle Davenport	2	Marilyn More	15
Amy Ryan	2	Diana Cline	17
Christa Conlin	3	Luka Appleyard-Pekich	20
Barbara Appleyard-Pekich	4	Juanita Rockwell	20
Leigh Hill	4	Ryan Milne	20
Alissa Sumerano	5	Ron Chrisey	20
Muriel Ferraro	6	Julia Tucker	21
Hannah Shambo	8	Katie Christiana	22
Terry Gaffken	10	Sarah Harder	22
Steve Bliss	10	Kelsey Christiana	24
Stanley Brooks	14	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
Herb & Lois Morehouse	16
Wendy & Steve Helsey	19
John & Marianne Mizel	21
Emily & Art Harder	26



AND NOW SOME GOOD NEWS!

Walk for Water: We are so thankful that we were able to hold our socially distanced Walk for Water on Sept 19. The weather was amazing! People arrived at staggered times, so there was no trouble keeping distance.

Between on line and live donations from individuals and Churches teams, more than \$5,000 dollars were raised to help raise money to build water purification systems for communities along the Amazon River Basin in Peru.

Many thanks to those who donated to the Mission of the month, made extra donations and helped out on the day of the event! --Rebecca Masters

Jeff and Alyson Rafferty are pleased to announce the marriage of their son, **Brian** to Rebecca Akins on September 6, 2020 . They couldn't have their big wedding in November so they bought a house and had a small immediate family ceremony in a park overlooking Casco Bay. They live in Maine.

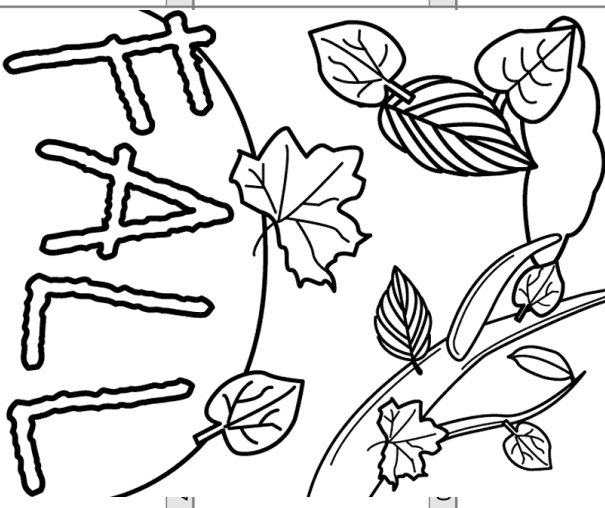
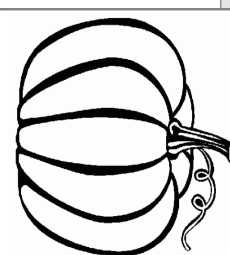
Brooks BBQ: Thank you to all who helped make this event so successful!

Rev. Charles Stickley is recuperating from his hip surgery. He is out of rehab and recuperating at home. Send cards and well wishes to

Rev. Charles Stickley,

147 Griffin Drive

Hurley, New York 12443

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
October 2020						
4 10am - Worship @	5 3pm - Quilting @ 4:30pm - Dog	6 9am - Bible Study @ 4:15pm - dog	7 3:30pm - dog	8 4:45pm - Dog	2	3
11 10am - Worship @	12 4:30pm - Dog 7pm - Consistory @ 7:30pm - Al-Anon @	13 9am - Bible Study @ 4:15pm - dog	14 12pm - social solos 3:30pm - dog	15 4:45pm - Dog		
18 10am - Worship @ 12pm - hurley	19 4:30pm - Dog 7:30pm - Al-Anon @	20 9am - Bible Study @ 4:15pm - dog 6pm - Nursery	21 3:30pm - dog	22 4:45pm - Dog		
25 10am - Worship @	26 4:30pm - Dog 7:30pm - Al-Anon @	27 9am - Bible Study @ 4:15pm - dog	28 3:30pm - dog	29 4:45pm - Dog	30	

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