

# THE SPIRE

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October 2021

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The temperature is cooling down, and the green is beginning to fade from the scenery. As you look about pansies and marigolds have been replaced by mums. People are mowing their lawns less because the cold has the grass growing slower. Decorations are now beginning to show the brown, orange, red and yellow pallet of fall. Apples have gotten to that point where they're crispy and plentiful. Even the air seems to smell differently. Fall is here.

Every season of the calendar can carry something different with it. There are the sights and colors of spring, the smells and beauty the warmth of summer brings, the cold and pristine beauty of winter, and the sights and smells of fall. Every season is different and blesses us in a variety of different ways. Sure, in the months that bring weather and temperatures we are not fans of it is hard to feel blessed. When the snow piles up and the temperatures hover around zero it can be hard to find the blessing in that. But just because it is difficult to see in a moment how blessed you are, it in no way means you are not.

Just this past week our family said goodbye to a member of the family who had been with us for 11 years. Back when we first moved to Cox-sackie he helped the house on Mansion Street to be a home. He had a face which only a mother could love and he shared a love hate relationship with the kids, where they at the drop of a hat could hug him or be annoyed by his snoring or gas. He was my buddy, when I walked from room to room in the house Winston was never that far behind.

We knew this day was coming. Bulldogs usually live between 7-10 years so we knew that our time with him was only gravy at that point. And so we weren't surprised when his health hit a

marked decline and we had to make that call to our vet.

In the midst of all of this it might be easy to get caught up in the grief of the moment, losing a pet is a sad and difficult time. But through all of our grief one thing kept rising to the surface. How blessed we were. We had had 11 good years with our fur friend. And yes the moment was painful but we have a tremendous vet who walked with us and helped us to sit with him as we said goodbye. Even the timing of things was a blessing. We were able to spend a hard day with him, knowing how the day would end but being able to say goodbye throughout the entirety of the day.

But then came one more blessing. As we were rushing about trying to get the kids packed up and ready for school, I got a call from that same vet. A family she knew was looking to surrender their 11 month-old puppy and wondered if we were interested in welcoming this not so little guy into our family. Long and bumpy story later, Rex our new yellow lab puppy is a bundle of love.

It's not easy to always see the blessings we have and all the ways that they exist. Sometimes those blessings come in such small and seemingly insignificant ways that it is difficult to always see. Blessings are there, ever present and persistent in our lives. But we need to be able to see them and understand them for what they are. The world doesn't need to shake to its very foundation when a blessing happens, it doesn't have to have the significance of a mountain moving. We only need to see it and know it.



### EVENTS

- October 3 Communion
- October 3 Prayer Chain
- October 16 Craft Fair
- October 13 Social Solos by Zoom
- October 5, 12, 19, 26 Bible Study
- October 6, 19 Women's Bible Study by



### USHERS FOR OCTOBER

- October 3  
Ushers: Glenn Decker and Tom Harkin
- October 10  
Ushers: David Kent and Dennis Crowell
- October 17  
Ushers: Jim Pirro and Linda Moon
- October 24  
Ushers: Doug Constant and Alan Dumas
- October 31  
Ushers: Chris Decker and Bob Kendt

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

Keep them in your prayers.

- Judy Bell (Terry Gaffken's mom) needs prayers
- Viola Opdahl is home.
- Bev Roosa is at the Terraces at Brookmeade;
- Shirley Ruth is in Golden Hill;
- Alice Presti has moved to North Carolina near her daughter;
- Bev Rossa is at the Terraces at Brookmeade;
- Fred Hovers is at Ten Broeck;
- Lori Pinkham is Wingate at Ulster;
- Anthony DiPietro (son of MaryAnn DiPietro),
- Marie Dressel.

### MISSIONS REPORT



The mission for October is Alzheimer's Association, Hudson Valley Chapter.

Thank you for your generous donations!

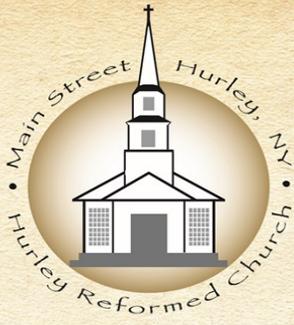
### DEACON OF THE MONTH:

Deacon of the Month is Allan Dumas. Contact at 845-339-4758 if you need a Deacon's assistance.

**SOCIAL SOLOS** meets by Zoom on Wednesday, October 13, 2021 at noon.

Contact Rev. Deb Zuill for an invite at [attitudema50@aol.com](mailto:attitudema50@aol.com) or 845-247-9157





# Crafts Fair

Christmas Shopping!

Fall Shopping!

**OCTOBER 16, 2021**  
9AM - 4PM

**GENERAL ADMISSION = \$3** (UNDER 12 FREE)

**VENDOR FEE = \$20** (BRING YOUR OWN TABLES)

**SPACE RESERVATIONS CALL  
KELLY 845-532-2995**

**FOOD & DRINKS  
AVAILABLE**

*Worship  
With Us*

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



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



## 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 message 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) to send a message through a card.



# Happy Birthdays

## October Birthdays

Sandy Gregory	1
Kyle Davenport	2
Amy Ryan	2
Christa Conlin	3
Barbara Appleyard-Pekich	4
Leigh Hill	4
Alissa Sumerano	5
Muriel Ferraro	6
Hannah Shambo	8
Terry Gaffken	10
Stanley Brooks	14
Sierra Butler	15
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



# forever & always

## October Anniversary

Pat & Robin Brennan	3
Kathy & Craig Jansen	7
Charles & Colette Woodard	8
Herb & Lois Morehouse	16
Wendy & Steve Helsey	19
John & Marianne Mizel	21
Emily & Art Harder	26

*G*ardens sprout with  
resurrected life again in  
the spring and summer.  
From death comes new life  
and hope. Toil, care and  
time commitment makes  
this possible. Each planting,  
weeding, and gardening season  
bestows the gifts of joy, quiet  
time, contemplation, and hope.  
Gardening strengthens  
the spiritual health.

*Our gardens & fountain  
are magnificent! Come visit!*

## 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)

LEE GABLE

REV STICKLEY, SECRETARY

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

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>10am - Worship by 26</p> <p>9:30am - Quilting @ 27</p> <p>10:30am - 27</p> <p>4:30pm - Dog 27</p> <p>7:30pm - Al-Anon @ 27</p>	<p>9am - Bible Study @ 28</p> <p>6pm - Girls Scouts 28</p>	<p>10am - womens 29</p> <p>6pm - HNS Back to 29</p>	<p>4:30pm - Dog 30</p>	<p>10am - Genealogy @ 9</p>	<p>10am - Genealogy @ 9</p>	<p>10am - Genealogy @ 9</p>
<p>10am - Worship by 3</p> <p>11am - Prayer Chain 3</p>	<p>9:30am - Quilting @ 4</p> <p>4:30pm - Dog 4</p> <p>7:30pm - Al-Anon @ 4</p>	<p>9am - Bible Study @ 5</p> <p>10am - health 5</p> <p>4:30pm - PC 101 @ 5</p> <p>6pm - Girls Scouts 5</p>	<p>10am - womens 6</p> <p>6pm - HNS Back to 6</p>	<p>1:30pm - Hurley 7</p> <p>4:30pm - Dog 7</p>	<p>10am - Genealogy @ 8</p>	<p>10am - Genealogy @ 9</p>
<p>10am - Worship by 10</p> <p>11am - Women's 10</p>	<p>9:30am - Quilting @ 11</p> <p>11am - VFW @ 11</p> <p>4:30pm - Dog 11</p> <p>7pm - 1st Capitol 11</p> <p>7pm - Consistory @ 11</p> <p>7pm - Hudson Valley 11</p> <p>7:30pm - Al-Anon @ 11</p>	<p>9am - Bible Study @ 12</p> <p>6pm - Girls Scouts 12</p>	<p>9:30am - quilting @ 13</p> <p>12pm - social solos 13</p>	<p>4:30pm - Dog 14</p>	<p>craft fair @ 15</p>	<p>craft fair @ 16</p>
<p>10am - Worship by 17</p>	<p>9:30am - Quilting @ 18</p> <p>10am - Genealogy @ 18</p> <p>4:30pm - Dog 18</p> <p>7:30pm - Al-Anon @ 18</p>	<p>9am - Bible Study @ 19</p> <p>6pm - Girls Scouts 19</p> <p>6pm - Nursery 19</p>	<p>10am - women's 20</p> <p>7pm - Hurley Lions 20</p>	<p>4:30pm - Dog 21</p>	<p>wedding 22</p>	<p>wedding 23</p>
<p>10am - Worship by 24</p>	<p>9:30am - Quilting @ 25</p> <p>10:30am - 25</p> <p>4:30pm - Dog 25</p> <p>7:30pm - Al-Anon @ 25</p>	<p>9am - Bible Study @ 26</p> <p>6pm - Girls Scouts 26</p>	<p>Trunk or Treat 27</p> <p>nursery school 27</p> <p>9:30am - quilting @ 27</p>	<p>4:30pm - Dog 28</p>	<p>5pm - Lisa Garvita- 29</p>	<p>1pm - Wedding- 30</p>
<p>10am - Worship by 31</p>						



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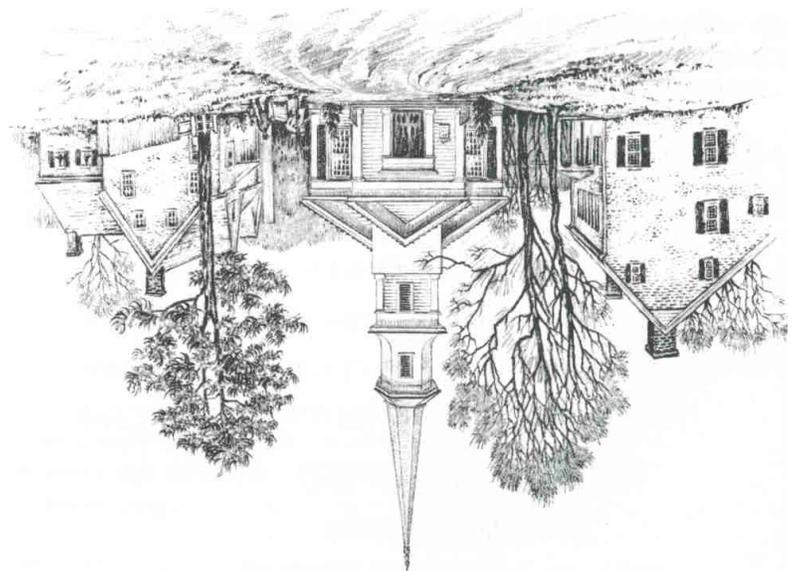
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