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TIME WASTED?

It's been a little bit of time since last I wrote. I thought I would share with you a story which came out of our family trip to the Outer Banks of North Carolina. It was towards the end of the trip and the Dads, my brother Rob, brother-in-law Brad and myself, loaded up to pick up snacks for the journeys home. We began by grabbing certain go to items for each family, things that the kids will eat no matter what the occasion. While walking down the chip aisle something grabbed my attention. "Crab Chips" read the label on the bag, and if this label seems strange you are not alone in your thinking. Needing to get further information I grabbed a bag and began to read the label. What was in the bag were potato chips with spices similar to those you would put on crab.

Now I love Old Bay and at times have put it on many things ranging from corn to chicken, so I grabbed a bag. My thought was that if I don't like them the kids probably will. The problem was that both the kids and I loved them. And as happens the bag ran out. Then began a bit of a saga where I looked high and low, here and there for a bag of Utz Crab Chips. Now you can laugh at how I went to the discount bread store, and every grocery store in town. It might make you raise an eyebrow that I checked Amazon to see if I could order them. Finally though I got my chips. And then a week later, after all my efforts, Lays began offering the same type of chip.

After all was said and done. I certainly had my chips, but I had also managed to waste a lot of time. There are things in our lives which we spend minute upon minute and hour upon hour, and when all is said and done have we really gained anything? What had I gained by driving to those stores or looking on Amazon, except time and money wast-

ed. Yes I had the chips but would they ever taste as good as their cost suggested?

Among the parables which Jesus told are two very short ones. In Matthew 13:44-45 we can read the parable of the treasure hidden in the field and the parable of the pearl of great price. In each one Jesus tells of something of great value, a pearl and a treasure, that someone was willing to sell everything that they had in order for them to obtain it.

The fact is our lives are filled with things which we are willing to pay whatever cost, whether time, money or effort in order to obtain them. But what is the cost that we are willing to pay for the Kingdom of God? What are we willing to do in order to obtain it? That is really the question asked by the two parables. The merchant sell all that he owns in order to obtain that one great pearl. And the person sells everything that they own so that they can have the field which holds that treasure. We are willing often to go to great lengths for things that we think that we need. What are we willing to do for the Kingdom of God? To what lengths are we willing to work for the treasure or pearl?

Peace,
Rev Bill



SEPTEMBER EVENTS

September 2	BBQ at Parsonage
September 3	Labor Day
September 6	Hurley Senior Citizens
September 9	Sunday School begins
September 10	Consistory
September 12	Social Solos
September 29	Hurley Heritage Society Concert

WOMEN'S MINISTRY EVENTS FOR SEPTEMBER

September brings us back to school and so I have a few announcements:

September 2 - No Prayer Chain Committee

September 9 - Women's Ministries in the Dutch Room after service.

September 11 - Women's Bible Study at 1:00

PM in the Dutch Room/

Guest Leader: Lydia Newcombe
from Old Dutch Church.

September 12 - Social Solos: Kings Pizza
Restaurant at 12 Noon

— Deb Zuill

God gives us all kinds of reminders:
the trees that shade us, the flowers
that beautify our surroundings,
the song of birds filling the air...
God touches and shows us His
presence every minute of every day.
Take a moment at the Columbarium
to sit and reflect upon all that
He shares with us... in life.

Feel God through the Beauty of Nature.

STICKLEY GARDENS

FOR MORE INFORMATION – CONTACT ANY COMMITTEE MEMBER:

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REV STICKLEY, SECRETARY

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

**Social
Solos**

Next Lunch date:

September 12, 2018 at 12 Noon.

Kings Pizza Restaurant



September

BIRTHDAYS

Lindsay Woodard	2	Daniella Helsley	14
Cindy Sumerano	3	Madeline Fox	15
Bailey Jordan	3	Tessa Hauck	19
Russ Glass	4	Ron Every	19
Halie Brennan	6	Kellen Hauck	19
Melinda Herzog	6	Marissa Rell	20
Bradley Horvers	6	Jim Craven	20
Wayzeta Stickley-Strouse	9	Bradley Hill	22
Elizabeth Mergl	10	Helen Sgroi	24
Fred Horvers	10	Jim Mayfield	24
		Alice Presti	24
		Charles Woodard	24
		Wendy Stickley-Ocker	26
		Darrell Nicholas	27

ANNIVERSARIES

Christina Longto	28
Debbie Decker	29
Sheila Craven	30
Mark & Beth Woodard	2
Dennis & Mimi Croswell	11
Bill & Jane Merrill	13
John & Debbie Tucker	14
Jay & Kim Burgess	17
Lori & John Decker	22
Dennis & Donna Horvers	23
Dean & Bernadette Baker	23
Jean & Henry Dussol	24



COFFEE HOUR

I'm in need of help... there are dates on the coffee hour goody list that needs filling & I'm hoping that you can assist with me that. If you can purchase/bake items for

folks to eat during coffee hour I would appreciate it. You don't have to do this on your own. Ask someone to host it with you. Doing it with a friend always makes the work a lot easier. Please see the sign up sheet on the wall by the "In" door to the kitchen & pick a week where you could host the goodies.

We are also looking for donations of regular coffee, ice tea or lemonade as our supplies are running low. If you could pick up a container, mark it coffee hour & place it on the counter in the kitchen that would be appreciated!!

I thank you for your help & support of this wonderful fellowship time!!

Any questions please let me know.

Thanks
Sandy Emrich
845-687-4006



Hi folks!

Our next two missions for August and September are food pantries in the area. They include Reservoir Family Pantry, Caring Hands and Angel Good East. No need to tell you that food pantries are always in need of help.

Our mission for Hospice and Relay for Life totaled \$450 to be split between the two. Keep up the caring giving, it's much appreciated by all. – Marilyn Lowe

STONE HOUSE DAY 2018

We had an exceptionally good Stone House Day this year. The weather was good, and the rain held off until after 4 p.m. We had 8 houses open for our visitors, and many activities. This year we had a tour of the old cemetery, along with a short play of The Hanging of the Spy. We had Nancy Anderson and Jane Barsumian playing violin, Lonnie Kulick on the organ, our own special Sojourner Truth, and many colonial crafts. We also had the 3rd Ulster Militia as usual. The kitchen was swamped, and there is a possibility that we may be able to have an outdoor barbeque with hamburgers and hot dogs next year, to alleviate some of the congestion that we experienced in the kitchen.

We sold 755 tickets in total, that includes 3 bus loads of people from Utica and Brooklyn. We also had many people from the Ostrander family reunion, and I went to their hotel to sell tickets during one of their dinners. We had many wonderful comments from our visitors, from "wonderful food", to "well informed tour guides" and "interesting crafts and other activities". We made about \$12,000 this year, which is up by a good amount from last year's \$7,500. We now have Pay Pal, which increased our on-line sales, and also a Facebook event page, which we have not done before.

We want to extend a warm THANK YOU to all our (about 75) volunteers. We could not do it without YOU. We are going to have a Thank-You coffee hour for everyone in September.

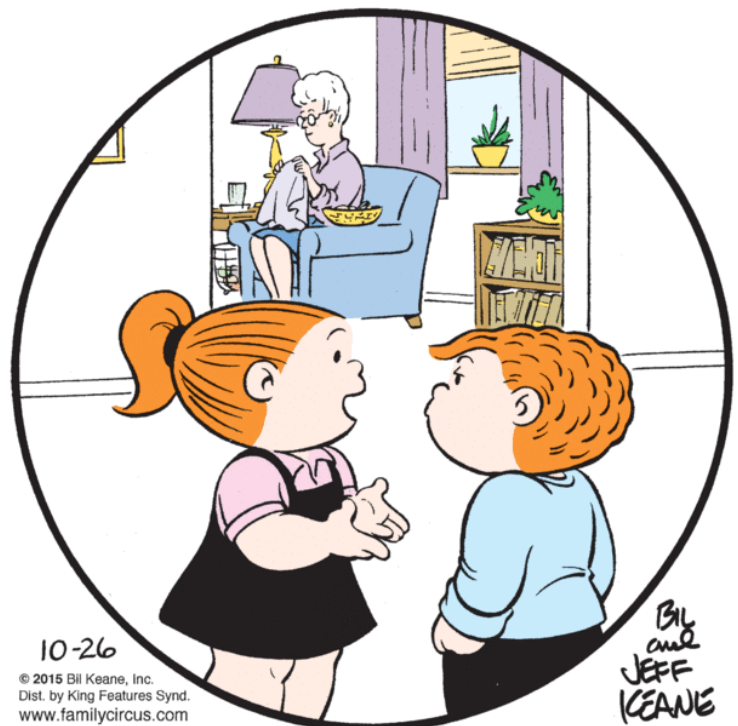
Ellen Richards



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; Elsie Kemble and Bud Dussol at Golden Hill; Don Kent at the Terraces at Brookmeade; Betty Pirro, 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).



**"The two places we know we're
always welcome are church
and Grandma's house."**

WOMEN'S GUILD

Our quilt that we raffled off during Stone House Day was won by Linda Cook. She was thrilled to have won it!! Thank you to everyone that purchased a raffle ticket for this quilt. A lot of folks loved it & wanted to win it. Hear not folks as I hear that next year's quilt will be even better. So, keep an eye out for it!!

Thank you to everyone that baked something for our annual bake sale that we hold during Stone House Day. With the hot hot summer that we have been having the bakers still turned their ovens on & we so appreciated it!! Thank you to Debbie Tucker & Kelly Maggiore for making calls & working it!!

Sandie Gregory is once again going to be chairing Operation Christmas Child. This is a great organization & we are thrilled that we once again will be able to help children in other parts of the region. See Sandie for information on how to fill your box. Thank you for your help.

It is with a heavy heart that I sent the below out to consistory:

Over the last few years, we have seen things shifting in the church. There comes a time when everything changes. Ecclesiastes 3:1-3 "1. There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens: ... , a time to tear down and a time to build," I believe that the Women's Guild should be dissolved and the checking account closed. Over the past few years the church has come to the Guild for the funding of things needed in the church and parsonage. While this is what the guild has always been for, we no longer have enough income to continue doing this and continue our \$2000 of benevolences at the end of every year. At this point in time, the church should be wholly benefiting from the fundraising of events that have always happened throughout the year; i.e. the cookie walk, pecan sales, funerals, Christmas and Easter flower sales, the quilt, bake sales, etc. and doing as they see fit with the funds. The church does not have the amount of active members it used to and with that it does not make sense to have a group of people within the church that fundraisers for that group and then gives some back to the church and some to the community anymore. We see that with the Youth Group that no longer exists. The fundraisers the Women's Guild have run in the past can just as easily be done by the people of the church for the church.

"The times they are a changin'" and that's okay because we have God. Hebrews 13:8 "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever."

Thank you to everyone that has been a part of this great group of ladies over the decades. It truly has been an honor to work & learn from you all!!! I will never forget what you have taught me & my daughter!! Thank you just isn't enough!!

God Bless,
Sandy Emrich

A large, elegant cursive script that reads "Thank You". The letters are highly stylized with long, flowing loops and flourishes, particularly around the 'T' and 'Y'.



END OF SUMMER BARBEQUE

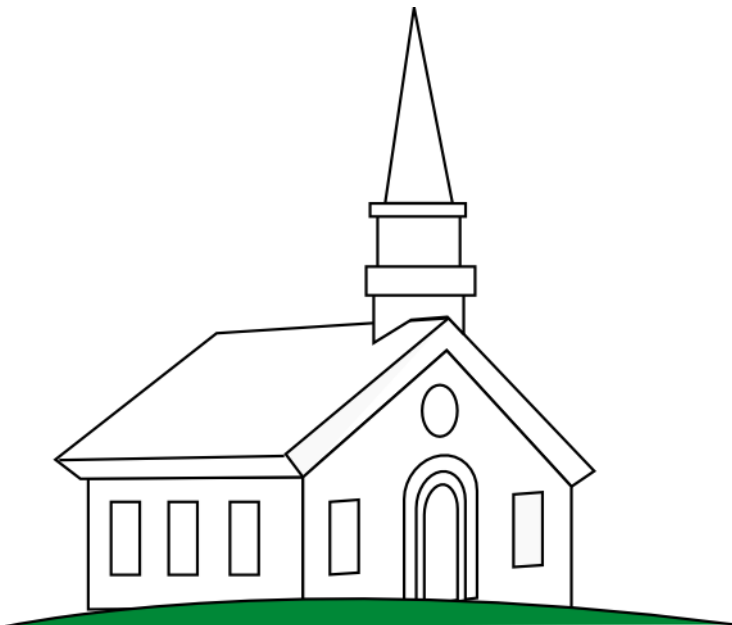
Rev Bill and Rev Sara would love to invite all who are able to a cook out on September 2 at 4:00 pm in the parsonage backyard. Bring a dish to pass and whatever beverage you prefer. All meats will be supplied (If a vegan or vegetarian option is needed, let us know). See you there!



*Thank
You*

I would like to extend thank you's to all those who offered condolences, sympathy cards, support, hugs, and prayers for me and my family in the recent passing of my father.

Dennis Croswell



STORM WINDOWS: In the next few weeks you're going to see storm windows being put up around the sanctuary. Recently we(HRC) applied and received a grant to help fund these new windows, however the grant only covers a part of the cost. We need to raise roughly \$11000. We would like you to consider if you are able, making a gift to the church to help cover not just the cost of the windows but their installation.

Hurley Church, Hurley Reformed Church

Sep 2018 (Eastern Time - New York)



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10	3pm - Quilting @ 4:30pm - Dog 7pm - 1st Capitol 7:30pm - Al-Anon @	9am - Bible Study @ 11am - balance 4:30pm - PC 101 @ 7pm - Boy Scouts 7:30pm - Sisters in	9am - Nursery 4:30pm - Dog 7pm - Boy Scouts	9:30am - Badminton 1:30pm - Hurley 4:45pm - Dog 6pm - English as a 7pm - Choir	7pm - Motorcycle	9am - Danielle 10am - Genealogy @	8
9	11am - VFW @ 3pm - Quilting @ 4:30pm - Dog 7pm - Consistory @ 7pm - Hudson Valley 7:30pm - Al-Anon @	8:30am - Hillside 9am - Bible Study @ 11am - balance 1pm - Women's 7pm - Boy Scouts 7:30pm - Sisters in	12pm - social solos 4:30pm - Dog	9:30am - Badminton 4:45pm - Dog 6pm - English as a 7pm - Choir		5pm - Swing dance	15
16	10am - Worship @ 11am - Women's	9am - Bible Study @ 11am - balance 6pm - nursery 7pm - Boy Scouts 7:30pm - Sisters in	4:30pm - Dog 7pm - Hurley Lions 7pm - men's group	9:30am - Badminton 4:45pm - Dog 6pm - English as a 7pm - Choir 7pm - NE	Movie night		22
23	10am - Worship @ 5:30pm - baps.org	10:30am - Genealog 1pm - basket class 3pm - Quilting @ 4:30pm - Dog 7:30pm - Al-Anon @	9am - Bible Study @ 11am - balance 1pm - Women's 7pm - Boy Scouts 7:30pm - Sisters in	4:30pm - Dog	9:30am - Badminton 4:45pm - Dog 6pm - English as a 7pm - Choir 7pm - Hurley	3pm - Hurley	29
30	10am - Worship @						

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