

# THE SPIRE

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August 2024



One of the funniest pieces of our vacation to Williamsburg didn't happen until the tail end of the trip. After having to lift everything over ten pounds for four weeks after my surgery, Liam was done. He had been a great help both in the lead up to and during vacation. I still think I can see his disapproving eyes on me as I would reach for something that bordered on that weight limit. The day my restriction was lifted he practically was throwing the suitcases at me to load them into the truck.

To be honest I don't blame him in the least. For a period of four weeks every time there was something over 10lbs that needed to be lifted, "Liaaaaammmmm," echoed through the hallways. Four weeks of that, certainly must have gotten old. It got old for me, since it meant asking for help and I don't exactly do that well. My impatience was to the point where I was google searching the weight of milk gallons.

It can be difficult when you have a burden to carry. It is a harder when the burden is disproportionately present. We have all had times in our lives when we have carried a specific burden. It might be worrying over a job, our own health or that of a family member, perhaps there is an event that is coming up which weighs heavily on our shoulders. Needless to say life gives us a lot to carry and for those of us who are worriers or have measures of anxiety that normal weight is quite a bit.

If that was where the heaviness ended it would still be quite a lot. But each of us carries the extra burden of sin on our shoulders. That burden is there whether we like it or not, whether we try and ignore it or not. Sin is weighing us down. Whether our sin is known or unknown to others it sits on our shoulders.

What I saw in Williamsburg while funny and while it does cause no small amount of ribbing between he and I, puts a tangible face, or emotion on what happens when we unburden ourselves in faith. Think about it. When Liam joyfully passed the suitcases, cooler and other luggage over to me, he had a smile from one ear to the other. His step was lighter, it might just be a him thing but he skipped for a minute or two. And that is how we should be when we unburden ourselves before God.

Now it doesn't have to just be the unburdening which happens when we pray together the prayer of confession. That is only one way in worship that we take the weight that sits on our shoulders and set it aside. The simple act of coming for worship whether we are weighed down by life, sin or whatever, should allow our burden to be just a little bit lighter. In Matthew's Gospel chapter 11 v28 Christ offers an invitation to us. "Come to me, all you that are weary and carry heavy burdens, and I will give you rest."

To unburden ourselves be it through worship, through prayers of confession, through prayers which seek to unburden worries and care or entreat God to hold close those cares or those whom we name, all this is something which Christ has invited us to do. It is a call to each and every one of us to go to him when we are burdened, and tired. May we listen to this invitation, and go to him. Amen



# Upcoming events

Aug. 4,11,18,25	Worship
Aug. 4	Communion
Aug. 6, 13, 20, 27	Bible Study
Aug. 12	Consistory Meeting
Aug. 14	Social Solos
Aug. 24	Hurley Library movie in the hall
Sept. 1,8,15,22,29	Worship
Sept. 1	Communion
Sept. 2	Labor Day
Sept. 5	Hurley Seniors meeting
Sept. 9	Consistory meeting
Sept. 10	Brook BBQ
Sept. 11	Social Solos



Deacon For August  
is  
Russ Voigtlaender

Deacon for September  
Is  
Aileen Helsley



## For August & September

Aug. 4	Linda Moon and Aileen Helsley
Aug. 11	Alan Dumas and Russ Voigtlaender
Aug. 18	Glenn Deck and Bob Kindt
Aug. 25	Jeanne Quenzer and Bill Baldinger
Sept. 1	Dennis Croswell and Marilyn More
Sept. 8	Jeanne Quenzer and Aileen Helsley
Sept. 15	Alan Dumas and Russ Voigtlaender
Sept. 22	Dino Sumerano and Lisa Longto
Sept 29	Glenn Deck and Bob Kindt



**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  
Shirley Burns  
Debbie Tucker  
Annmarie Kurtz

# AUGUST



Jim Pirro	2
Reid Jordan	3
Donna Harder	10
Florence Kurtz	10
Frank Pinckney	12
Rev. Charles Stickley	13
Kathleen Jansen	15
Aubrey Horvers	16
Lily Dockery	18
Roslie Gilpatric	19
Alison Cline	22
Barbara Kindt	28
Gary Longto	28
Sara Appleyard-Pekich	29

Cindy Sumerano	3
Bailey Jordan	3
Halley Brennan	6
Melinda Herzog	6
Bradley Horvers	6
Maggie Sass	7
Wayzeta Stickley-Strouse	9
Daniella Helsley	14
Diane Nicoletti	17
Tessa Hauck	19
Kellen Hauck	19
Jim Craven	20
Charles Woodard	24
Wendy Stickley-Ocker	26
Christina Longto	28
Debbie Decker	29

# September



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

Bryan & Leigh Hill	1
Hal & Kathy Hauck	6
Annemarie & Fred Kurtz	15
Kathy & Ted Musialkiewicz	16
Cindy & Dino Sumerano	30



All proceeds benefit the Hurley Reformed Church, Main St, Hurley NY

Drive-Up  
Take-Out

# Brook's

## Chicken BBQ

from  
Oneonta, NY

Drive-Up  
Take-Out

Sept 10, 2024  
4:00pm - 6:00pm

1/2 chicken, coleslaw,  
baked potato, dinner  
roll & dessert

**\$15.00**

To Pre-Order Call: **845-331-4121**



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OCTOBER 5, 2024  
9AM - 4PM

Crafts Fair

Christmas Shopping!

FOOD & DRINKS  
AVAILABLE

GENERAL ADMISSION = \$3 (UNDER 12 FREE)

VENDOR FEE = \$35 (INSIDE ONLY)

SPACE RESERVATIONS CALL

CHURCH OFFICE **845-331-4121**

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Our Mission for August will be Angel Food East. Angel Food East prepares and delivers more than 300 meals, fresh fruit, and salads two days per week to those who are homebound in Ulster county.

We also will collect school supplies in the basket upstairs to be donated to Peoples Place for the Back to School Smart Starts Program.

Thank you for your support.



Social Solos meets on Wednesday,  
 August 14, 2024  
 September 11, 2024  
 At noon

Anyone wishing to join please contact  
 Rev. Deb Zuill for an invite at  
 attitudema50@aol.com or 845-247-9157



**Please join us for Worship  
 every Sunday at 10am with Refresh-  
 ments served after in the Hall.**

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

*It's Truly a Garden  
 ... of flowers and bushes.  
 ... of quiet and peace.*

*Come, sit and listen to the  
 soothing sounds of the fountain  
 and turn off the noise and clamor  
 of the world. This is a place of  
 quiet peace and colorful beauty  
 that reveals His love and  
 care for all of us.  
 Enjoy the Serenity.*

*Please come visit the people  
 we thank God for.*

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**STICKLEY GARDENS**

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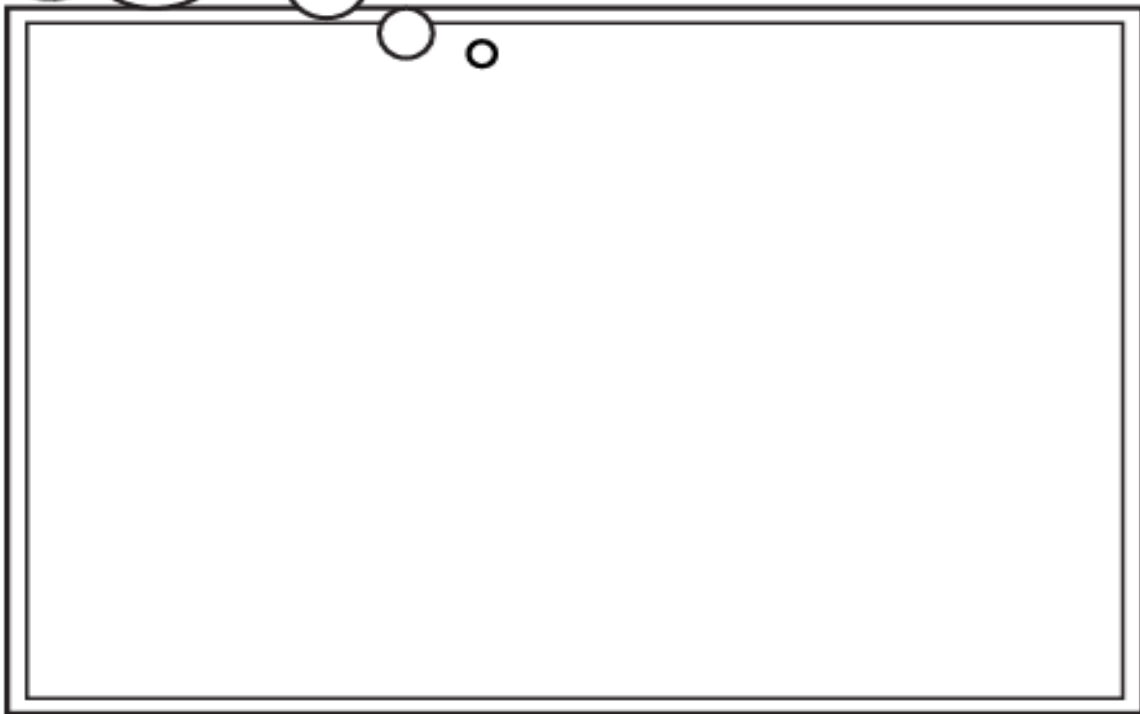
REV STICKLEY, SECRETARY

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

# Children's Activity Page

## Think of others

Luke 10:30-37



Draw a picture of something kind you are doing for someone

Find the words below in the square and draw a line around them. It helps if you shade in the boxes that have an 'X' or a 'Z'.

SERVE  
CARE  
AID  
LOVE  
GIVE  
SHARE  
HELP

X	Z	X	S	H	A	R	E
C	A	R	E	X	I	X	Z
Z	X	X	R	Z	D	Z	X
X	Z	X	V	X	Z	X	X
Z	X	H	E	L	P	X	Z
X	Z	X	X	O	X	Z	X
X	X	G	I	V	E	X	X
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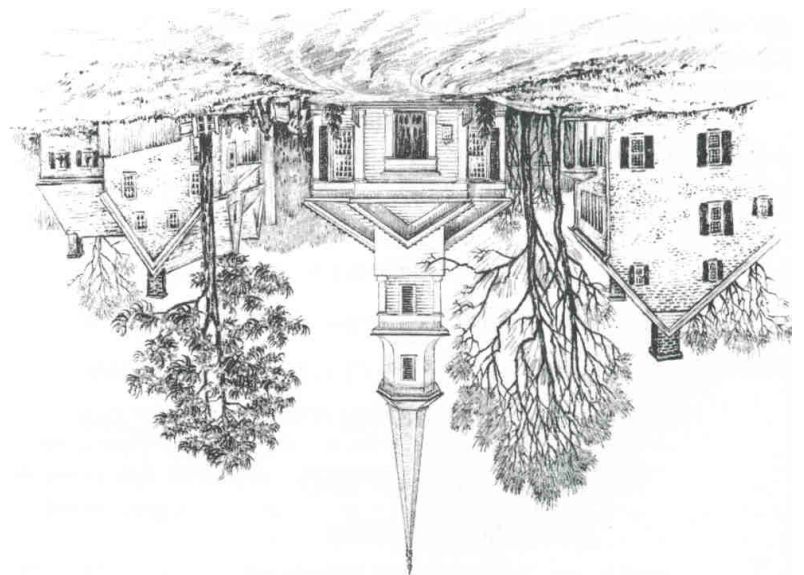
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