

THE SPIRE

February 2025



Just the other day our family had one of those mornings. Everything was happening as it normally does. Liam was all set to go about 30 minutes before hand, and was getting impatient with the rest of us for not being out the door yet. Barb, well she was being Barb and was doing her own thing in here own way at her own speed. Thereby driving the rest of us trying to get things going a bit nuts. Sara was taking the van, so I asked Liam to scrape the windshield. He then asked if it might help if he started it beforehand. When he tried it didn't turn over. I then went out and tried it myself. Rrrrr click, followed by nothing. After trying to push it out to try and jump it, followed by realizing that the truck wasn't going to be means to jump it, let alone the fact that the battery was not looking so good meant after the chaos of that morning, Liam and I were going to have to change it out.

In that moment I got two lessons as a minister. The first was the joy someone might feel in learning to do something. Liam had never been this hands on with the vehicles. Sure he had been the one passing me wrenches while changing the oil but this time he was my extra set of hands. He changed the battery as much as I did. His smile was from the tip of one ear to the tip of the other, he announced to the whole house, "WE changed the battery!" It is hard to argue with that sense of pride, of that newfound belief in oneself.

The second lesson is how easy it would have been to just do it myself and not have that moment. I'm still able to get the battery out, and put the new one in. On the one hand it would have saved minutes maybe seconds, and a lot of instructional words, but on the other inviting him to participate not only taught him a life skill, but also gave him a bit of confidence.

From a faith perspective there are a lot

of things that we choose to do on our own when we could just as easily invite someone else to walk with us. While there are tasks that we do within the four walls of the building that often we do on our own, and we could ask for another's help, I'm talking specifically the burden of asking.

When Jesus meets people along the way they do not shrink from asking him for help. Some times they even cry out to him. But do we so freely ask for God's help or for the prayers of our brothers and sisters? To be frank, I fully understand it. It feels weird when I stand up in the pulpit and ask for prayers. I even try and argue against asking because you all have your own problems and don't need this that or the other one added on. But sometimes the question isn't can we do it on our own, most of the time the question should be why should we have to bear it on our own.

It's a difficult thing, we don't want to be or be seen as a burden, and yet how else are we to ask for the thing that is so relieving in our faith. Asking for help by asking for prayers is not being a burden, it is being a part of a community. No matter how small the concern or celebration we should all feel free to both raise them up to God but also to ask one another to raise it up as well. Sometimes helping is holding the wires so they're out of the way, and sometimes it lifting a slab of blue stone. When we help by offering our prayers it might seem small like holding the wires, but to the person who needs the prayers, you might be lifting the truck. Let us both pray for one another but be willing to share our prayers no matter how small they might seem. Amen



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



Brook's Chicken BBQ

Drive-Up Take-Out

from Oneonta, NY

Feb. 11, 2025

4:00pm - 6:00pm

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

\$15.00

Cash or Check

To Pre-Order Please Call By 2/9/25

845-331-4121



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John Tucker	19
Leslie Shambo	19
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Amanda Horvers	19
Lisa Longto	20
Callie LeLay	27
Nikki Cline	29



Feb. 2, 9, 16, 23	Worship
Feb. 2	Communion
Feb. 4, 11, 18, 25	Bible Study
Feb. 6	Hurley Seniors Meeting
Feb. 10	Consistory Meeting
Feb. 11	Brook's BBQ
Feb. 12	Social Solos



**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

Lori Pinkham is Wingate at Ulster

Terry Conlin

Shirley Burns



Deacon for February
Is
Russ Voigtlaender



The Consistory is creating a Church-Growth committee if you would like to be a part of this committee let Rev Bill know in the next few weeks.



February

Feb. 2	Marilyn More and Wally Cook
Feb. 9	Aileen Helsley and Russ Voigtlaender
Feb. 16	Jeanne Quenzer and Maggie Sass
Feb. 23	Dennis Croswell and Dino Sumerano

Our Valentines:

The people we love dearly.

Our family.

Our sweethearts.

Our closest friends.

Special people in our lives.

Our favorite ancestors.

The people who form who we are.

The sparkles in our lives.

The souls of our heart.

The people we thank God for.

*Some have gone home
but remain in our hearts.*

Happy Valentines!

STICKLEY GARDENS

FOR MORE INFORMATION – CONTACT ANY COMMITTEE MEMBER:

LISA LONGTO (532-7570) CHAIRPERSON

JIM PIRRO (383-0079) TREASURER

ESTHER STICKLEY (331-2919)

REV STICKLEY, SECRETARY

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



Our Mission for February will be the relief effort for Asheville NC. After Hurricane Helene, thousands were left homeless or without power and water. The Red Cross offers shelter, food and relief items to those in need. We will also be collecting mac and cheese for the Bread of Life Food Pantry.

Thank you for your support.



Morning Worship

Every Sunday

Please join us for Worship every Sunday at 10am with Refreshments served after in the Hall.

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

Social Solos

Social Solos meets on Wednesday,
February 12, 2025

At noon

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



Now Enrolling for the 2025 - 2026 school year

Offering:

Toddler Time

10 AM - 11 AM - Tuesdays
(18 month olds - 3 yr. olds with a grown up)

3-Year-Old Class

9 AM - 11:30 AM Monday * Wednesday * Friday

4-Year-Old Class

Kingston City Schools Universal Pre-Kindergarten
or Self Pay Preschool
12:30 PM - 3:00 PM Monday - Friday

Please call (845) 339-1036 for more information or to
schedule a tour. You can also visit us at
www.hurleynurseryschool.org.
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Our former pastor, Dr. Bob Gram has been nominated for Chronogram's Readers Choice Author Award. If you would like to submit a vote please go to [https://www.cronogram.com/hudsonvalley/awards/Page#//](https://www.cronogram.com/hudsonvalley/awards/Page#/). From there you can navigate to "People" and then "Author", where you will find Bob's name. You need only provide an email and can vote daily until Feb. 15th, when the finalist will be announced. There will be a second round of voting on April 1st. Bob thanks you for your support.



Hurley Reformed Church
Annual Craft Fair
September 27, 2025
9am-4pm.

Contact the church with any questions.



HURLEY



WE ARE PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE THE RETURN OF HURLEY'S SOUP FOR SENIORS!

This program is open to all Hurley residents ages 55 and up. Join us on the Wednesdays listed below, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., for free, delicious, freshly made soup & bread.

January 15 - West Hurley Firehouse
January 29 - Hurley Firehouse
February 12 - West Hurley Firehouse
February 26 - Hurley Firehouse
March 12 - West Hurley Firehouse
March 26 - Hurley Firehouse

Special Thanks to



Hurley Fire Department
West Hurley Fire Department
Kronick Family





EASTER PLANTS



_____ 6" Easter lily	\$9.00
_____ 6" Tulip	\$8.00
_____ 6" Daffodil	\$8.00
_____ 6" Hyacinth	\$8.00
_____ 5" Mini Daffodil	\$4.50
_____ 4" Primrose	\$3.00
_____ 4" Pansy	\$3.50

Total Amount Enclosed: \$ _____

Please print clearly

Placed by: _____

In memory of:

In honor of:

We encourage you to take your flowers home. The church garden is getting full.

Please make checks payable to: Hurley Reformed Church.

Mail or give your order by March 30, 2025 to:

Doris Alden
236 East Drive
Hurley NY 12443

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10am - Worship by Zoom and
2:30pm - Event @ Hall

6:30pm - Al-Anon @ Hall
7pm - 1st Capitol Corvettes

9am - Bible Study @ Dutch
4:15pm - Karate Class @ hall
5:30pm - Meeting @ Dutch

1:30pm - Hurley Senior
4:15pm - Karate Class

12pm - Knitters @ Dutch

9am - Karate Class @ Hall
10am - Genealogy @ Room
12pm - Woodworkers @ Hall

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10am - Worship by Zoom and

11am - VFW @ Dutch Room
6:30pm - Al-Anon @ Hall
7pm - Consistory @ Dutch

9am - Bible Study @ Dutch
1pm - Brooks
4:15pm - Karate Class @ hall

12pm - social solos @ Lunch
2pm - Local 1582 Trailways
7pm - Radio Club @ Hall

12pm - Knitters @ Dutch

9am - Karate Class @ Hall

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10am - Worship by Zoom and

Presidents' Day
10am - Genealogy @ Rooms
6:30pm - Al-Anon @ Hall

9am - Bible Study @ Dutch
4:15pm - Karate Class @ hall
6pm - Nursery School Board

4:15pm - Karate Class

12pm - Knitters @ Dutch

9am - Karate Class @ Hall
12pm - Cub Scouts Pack 11

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6:30pm - Al-Anon @ Hall

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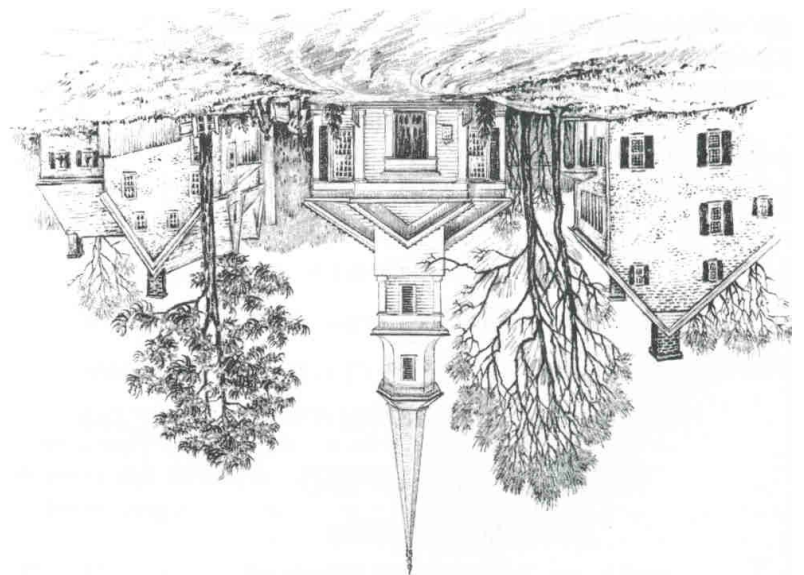
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