

# THE SPIRE

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January 2025



Over the week between Christmas and New Year, we did something that, based on the number of cars I saw driving over to the clothing shed, several of us in our community did. We went through everyone's clothes, there rooms and deep cleaned everything. While this had me reflecting that I felt like I needed a vacation from my vacation, and made a certain young man cranky at the number of trips he took to the clothing shed, a good amount of progress was made.

As I went through things I began to notice that there were things that I held onto, and that the kids and Sara held onto. Further muddying things were the things which Sara and I told the kids they had to hold onto. In my family, although often I wonder why, that means that when a kid outgrows a Bears jersey it goes either to the younger child or if its too small for Barb it gets set aside for my niece. Sometimes an item is held onto for sentimental reasons, although those reasons might not be the kids. The key in all of this is to make room for the new, clean out that which doesn't fit or needs to be replaced.

One of the things that can be a problem with all of this is that you might end up chasing something down a rabbit hole. When we lived in Illinois, we took the new year and its opportunities to rearrange the living room. But once we moved the furniture we saw how the carpet needed to be cleaned. Once that carpet was cleaned we then began to chase one thing after another until we had scrubbed every wall, washed ever carpet. I am pretty sure that we didn't actually end up moving the furniture at all that year.

The new year gives us a chance or opportunity to reflect on our lives and our faith as well. We may make faith-based promises for

the new year. We might commit to reading scripture more, or being more intentional about our prayer and time spent with God. Maybe we will commit ourselves to more frequent attendance at worship or we might try and put our hands more towards serving God? It is just as common to make a faithful resolution as it is to make a health-based one.

All of this makes the date known as Quitter's Day all the more (insert emotion here). After just 10 days research shows that most of us have abandoned our resolution, no matter how helpful or beneficial to life and faith it may be. It is maddening, frustrating, disheartening and all the other sort of emotions that after 10 days we stop. There are all sorts of strategies which are supposed to help with preventing this including one tech manufacturer who is tailoring their commercial towards a health-ward lean.

My hope brothers and sisters is that you will all be able to get past Quiter's Day with your resolutions, be they faith-based or not, intact. My hope is that as the new year dawns for us we will all take a moment and engage in ways to grow and become closer to God. As we do so, may we keep sight of the task, so that rabbit holes and different roads will not divert us or distract us. May we keep our growth goals attainable and simple. And most of all may we remember that our result we are seeking is to be closer to God and to work for God's glory. Blessings.



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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**



Rev & Esther Stickley 2  
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Jan. 5, 12, 19, 26      Worship  
 Jan. 5                      Communion  
 Jan. 7, 14, 21, 28      Bible Study  
 Jan. 8                      Social Solos  
 Jan. 9                      Hurley Seniors Meeting  
 Jan, 13                     Consistory Meeting



Nicole Provenzano 4  
 Rev. Bill Appleyard-Pekich 5  
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 Carla Paton 8  
 Dolores Wyncoop 12  
 Doug Constant 15  
 Glenn Decker 17  
 Wally Cook 17  
 Lee Gable 18  
 Wendy Helsley 19  
 Brandon Paton 20  
 Shannon Tucker Goodrich 21  
 Alma Strickland 23  
 Doris Alden 24  
 Kelly Maggiore 24  
 Levi Emrich 24  
 Sheila Jansen 25  
 Morgan Burgess 26  
 Mitchell Kurtz 30



**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



**USHERS**

**January**

Jan. 5      Chris Decker and Bill Baldinger  
 Jan. 12     Jeanne Quenzer and Maggie Sass  
 Jan. 19     Dennis Croswell and Dino Sumerano  
 Jan. 26     Allan Dumas and Terry Gaffken

*A New Year...*

*as we resolve to do better*

*and to be better. Let us*

*also remember those who*

*filled our lives with love and*

*now reside with our Lord.*

*Stop down and visit the Garden.*

*God watches over all.*

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## STICKLEY GARDENS

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FOR MORE INFORMATION – CONTACT ANY COMMITTEE MEMBER:

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



Our Mission for January will be Josh Bode, Josh Bode was originally from Woodstock Reformed church, and now he and his family are missionaries in Oman.

We also will collect peanut butter and jelly (regular size please, not extra large) for the Bread of Life food pantry.

Thank you for your support.

A graphic with the text 'Welcome to Our Worship Service' in a gold, serif font. The background is a sunset over a horizon with a blue sky and orange and yellow rays.

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.

The logo for 'Social Solos' is written in a red, stylized, cursive font. The word 'Social' is on the top line and 'Solos' is on the bottom line, with the letters overlapping.



Social Solos meets on Wednesday,  
January 8, 2024

At noon

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

The logo for 'Church DEACONS' features the word 'Church' in a black, cursive font above the word 'DEACONS' in a white, serif font. The word 'DEACONS' is set against a purple rectangular background with decorative flourishes on either side.

Deacon for January  
Is  
Allan Dumas

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
29	30	31	1	2	3	4
						
10am - Worship by Zoom and 5	6:30pm - Al-Anon @ Hall 7pm - 1st Capitol Corvettes 6	9am - Bible Study @ Dutch 4:15pm - Karate Class @ hall 7	12pm - social solos @ Lunch 7pm - Radio Club @ Hall 8	12pm - Hurley Seniors 4:15pm - Karate Class 9	12pm - Knitters @ Dutch 10	9am - Karate Class @ Hall 10am - Genealogy @ Room 12pm - Woodworkers @ Hall 11
10am - Worship by Zoom and 12	11am - VFW @ Dutch Room 6:30pm - Al-Anon @ Hall 7pm - Consistory @ Dutch 13	9am - Bible Study @ Dutch 4:15pm - Karate Class @ hall 14	9am - HNS 15	4:15pm - Karate Class 16	9am - HNS snow date for 12pm - Knitters @ Dutch 17	9am - Karate Class @ Hall 18
10am - Worship by Zoom and 19	Inauguration Day (regional) Martin Luther King Jr. Day 10am - Genealogy @ Rooms 6:30pm - Al-Anon @ Hall 20	9am - Bible Study @ Dutch 4:15pm - Karate Class @ hall 6pm - Nursery School Board 21	4:15pm - Karate Class 22	4:15pm - Karate Class 23	12pm - Knitters @ Dutch 24	9am - Karate Class @ Hall 12pm - Event @ Hall 25
10am - Worship by Zoom and 26	10:30am - Genealogy @ 6:30pm - Al-Anon @ Hall 27	9am - Bible Study @ Dutch 4:15pm - Karate Class @ hall 28	4:15pm - Karate Class 29	4:15pm - Karate Class 30	12pm - Knitters @ Dutch 31	

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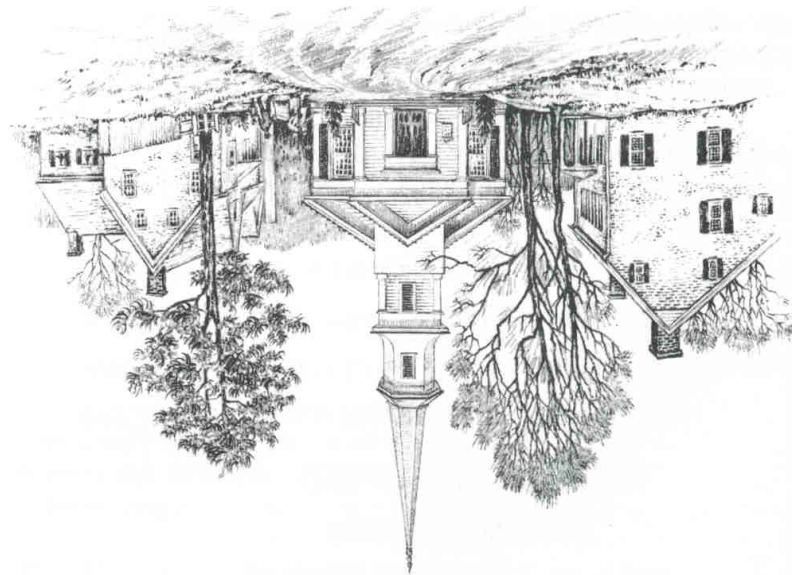
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