

# THE SPIRE

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March 2025

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By the time that you read this Lent will likely have begun. It's a wonderful time but it's one that is fraught with trouble. In the calendar of the church year it is an opportunity to prepare or make ready, to gain closeness with God. It starts with what we are to do or not do with it. Traditionally we add or give things up attempting either to add a disciple or take away something.

But it gets more complex than simply adding or taking away. The purpose of Lent as I said before is to grow closer to God that is the goal. Fasting from things is just one way to mark this, as is adding something to our spiritual practices. There are a whole host of things that we can do, however these seems to be the most normative. There are even a plethora of ways in which you can fast. You can fast from foods, from technology, or from stuff. But just as you can fast you can pray, or spend time with scripture. There is no limit to options which are available to us on this journey, as long as we are heading toward that goal.

But with this comes several difficulties. There is a question of engagement, and challenge of practice. We give up or fast from things that don't matter or don't separate us from God or we don't eat or drink in the first place. We allow ourselves little moments to break our fast which are big enough or wide enough so that we never really have given anything up in the first place. Or when we fail or time and schedule challenge us too much we chuck it all in and give up.

But even when we do manage to pick out or select something that will be productive, we then defeat the purpose of it by making it a source of pride. We strut around like Pat Ma-

homes because we haven't had sugar for all of Lent, or we've given up McDonalds. We let everyone who will listen and some who don't want to hear how great we've been for all this Lenten journey. But how does this all bring us closer to God?

The challenge for all of us is to take a moment and ask ourselves how we can grow closer to God. The next step in this process is to wonder or consider how we can best make that happen. Is it through fasting, through prayer, through care for creation, care for the gift of our bodies? How can we get closer to God? Then instead of telling the world about it share your choice of paths with someone who can and will help you to be accountable. This isn't so that we can brag but so that we have an ally who can hold our feet to the fire but also check in with our failures and successes.

At his introductory press conference Ben Johnson told his team, and I also suspect the fans as well to be comfortable being uncomfortable. Accept that growing closer to God means doing things that challenge us and make us uncomfortable. Growing closer to God means embracing a feeling that you're not on solid ground and are doing something new. Remember how when you were younger and you were growing? Your shoes sometimes didn't fit, your clothes shifted in size, and not because you put them in the dryer. Being uncomfortable and being challenged is how we grow. May we all grow a little bit more as we progress towards Easter. Amen.





# MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Craig Jansen	2
Linda Bognar	3
Dennis Horvers	5
Marianne Mizel	7
Mikayla Decker	8
Julia Wolf	10
Danielle Wolf	10
Kim Burgess	13
Deborah Zuill	14
Allan Masters	14
Jace Provenzano	17
Frank Warren	17
Joyce Pinckney	18
Dino Sumerano	18
Angie Rockwell	19
Justin Nekos	21
William Gaffken	23
David Kent	23
Gretchen Giles	24
Phyllis Bliss	24
Deidre Sills	25
Ellen Morone	31
Logan Brennan	31



March 2, 9, 16, 23, 30	Worship
March 2	Communion
March 4, 11, 18, 25	Bible Study
March 6	Hurley Seniors Meeting
March 10	Consistory Meeting
March 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



# MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

Emily & Art Harder	16
Charles & Sheila Jansen	25



# USHERS

## March

March 2	Allan Dumas and Terry Gaffken
March 9	Marilyn More and Wally Cook
March 16	Aileen Helsley and Russ Voigtlaender
March 23	Jeanner Quenzer and Maggie Sass
March 30	Dennis Crosswell and Dino Sumerano



Our Mission for March will be MyKingstonKids  
Their mission is to create, promote, and produce children related content, activities, and events that will empower, educate and excite families within the Kingston and surrounding areas.

In the basket we will collect the following items which will be given to Mykingstonkids to be used for their programming. Colored markers, glue sticks, crayons, colored ribbon/string, glitter, pencils.

Thank you for helping to support this worthy program in our community.



Deacon for March  
Is  
Aileen Helsley



Social Solos meets on Wednesday,  
March 12, 2025  
At noon

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

## *Anticipation.*

A warm breeze, sunlight that warms our soul, a shoot breaking through the soil, a bird in song, a bud on the trees, longer days ... a time when God gives us new birth. The season of Lent is our season of anticipation.

A time of waiting and self-examination.

A time that builds in our hearts and souls until the magic of the open tomb once again fills us with warmth, song, happiness and new birth.

Take your time during Lent to reflect, introspect, and build your anticipation for Jesus' resurrection. The meaning of the Resurrection only comes to those who take time to take it in.

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### STICKLEY GARDENS

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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)



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.





# 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](http://www.hurleynurseryschool.org)  
11 Main Street, Hurley, NY 12443  
Like us on Facebook or follow us on Instagram

@hurleynurseryschool.  



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



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Fall Shopping!

SEPTMBER 27, 2025  
9AM - 4PM

# Crafts Fair

Christmas Shopping!

GENERAL ADMISSION = \$2 (UNDER 12 FREE)

VENDOR FEE = \$40 (INSIDE ONLY)

SPACE RESERVATIONS CALL

CHURCH OFFICE 845-331-4121

FOOD & DRINKS  
AVAILABLE

HURLEY REFORMED CHURCH • MAIN STREET, HURLEY NY

THE FRIENDS OF THE HURLEY  
LIBRARY PRESENTS  
A FUNDRAISER TO DIE FOR!

# MURDER AT THE SPEAKEASY



Dutch Schultz has opened a speakeasy to give girlfriend Lu Lu a place to sing but flapper Rosie isn't having it. You'll dance, dine and gulp the best hooch anywhere until tempers flair, bullets rain and the law shows up. A body will fall and it doesn't look like the Charleston did it. Whodunit and why?



SATURDAY, MARCH 22<sup>ND</sup>

DOORS OPEN 6:00 PM. SHOW AT 7:00 PM.

BUFFET DINNER! CASH BAR! WHODUNIT!

\$75.00 PER PERSON! PRIZES!

COSTUMES OPTIONAL, BUT ENCOURAGED!

MUSIC & COMEDY & MYSTERY

THE VENUE UPTOWN at THE BEST WESTERN  
503 Washington Ave., Kingston

RESERVATIONS: 845-338-2092

TICKETS: HURLEYLIBRARY.ORG

ENTERTAINMENT BY WWW.MURDERCAFE.COM



# 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: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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Placed by: \_\_\_\_\_

In memory of:  
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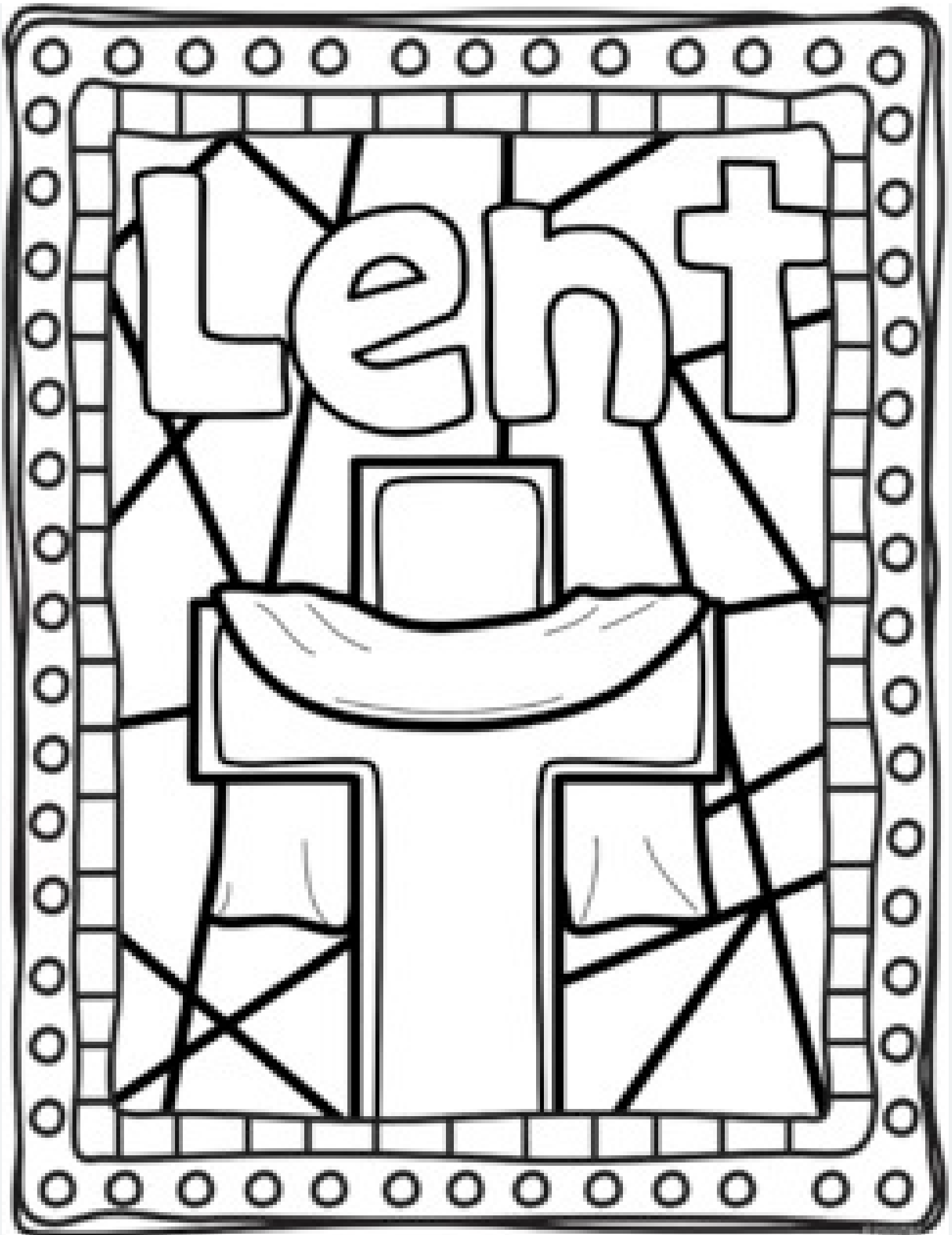
In honor of:  
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We encourage you to take your flowers home. The church garden is getting full.

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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Sat

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10am - Worship

12:45pm - Tai Chi  
6:30pm - Al-Anon @ Hall  
7pm - 1st Capitol Corvettes

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

4

8:30am - Meeting @



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

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1pm - Knitters @ Dutch Room

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9am - Karate Class @ Hall  
10am - Genealogy @ Room  
12pm - Woodworkers @ Hall  
3:30pm - Event @ Hall

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10am - Worship

11am - VFW @ Dutch Room  
12:45pm - Tai Chi  
6:30pm - Al-Anon @ Hall  
7pm - Consistory @ Dutch

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

11

8:30am - Meeting @  
12pm - social solos @ Lunch  
7pm - Radio Club @ Hall

12

4:15pm - Karate Class

13

1pm - Knitters @ Dutch Room

14

9am - Karate Class @ Hall  
1pm - Event

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16

10am - Worship

10am - Genealogy @ Rooms  
12:45pm - Tai Chi  
6:30pm - Al-Anon @ Hall

17

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

18

8:30am - Meeting @

19

4:15pm - Karate Class

20

1pm - Knitters @ Dutch Room

21

9am - Karate Class @ Hall

22

23

10am - Worship

10:30am - Genealogy @  
12:45pm - Tai Chi  
6:30pm - Al-Anon @ Hall

24

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

25

8:30am - Meeting @  
9am - HNS @ Hall

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4:15pm - Karate Class

27

1pm - Knitters @ Dutch Room

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9am - Karate Class @ Hall  
12pm - Event

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30

10am - Worship

12:45pm - Tai Chi  
6:30pm - Al-Anon @ Hall

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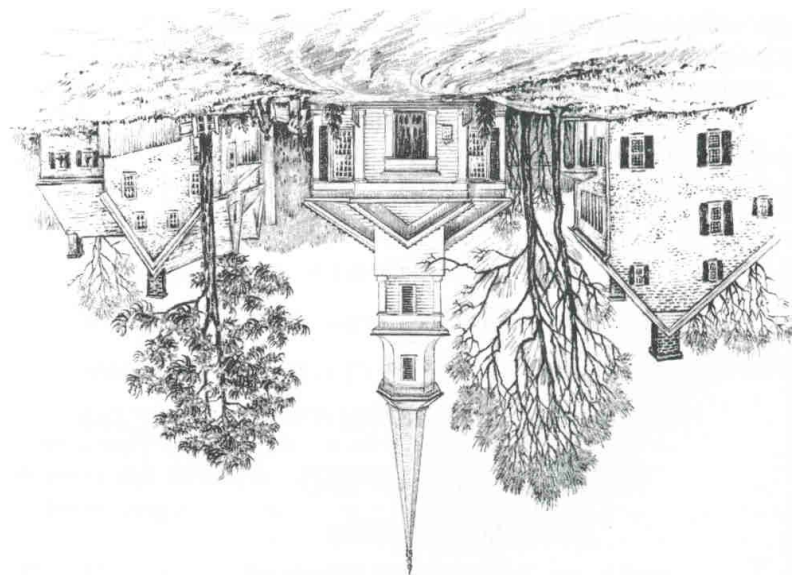
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