

THE SPIRE

November 2024



It was all the way back in '93. Maybe it was because of everything we all were going through at that time, it being the very first thanksgiving since Dad had passed. Maybe it was the rawness of losing Dad less than a month before. It might have even been our family's general surly nature when Edie decided we all needed to do something. For example we had to take part in the yearly "family" Christmas pageant, until the younger three of us revolted. But Edie stating as we sat down that we should all go around the table and say what we were thankful for before we prayed and ate.

Mom, Aunt Helen and Grandma all humored her with their acceptance. However when I realize and remember the noises that came from my side of the table, I have to just wonder about the moment. There was a deep groan from Rob, a heh from Uncle Steve, an eye and head roll from me, and from Grandpa Phillips there came something like a cough that started in his toes and carried all the way up through his lungs. But no noise came from the head of the table. The man who had just buried his son sat silently. Which by the volumes that it spoke told us all to shut up, stop complaining and do it.

I can't remember who at the table said it. Through the haze of years and grief most of the meal is a blur. But one of us looked around the table and simply said, "this you all I am thankful for this."

It is hard in times of grief and sadness to take stock and measure what you do have. So often we look at what isn't there or more pointedly who isn't there. It can be, depending on the season of our lives, very difficult to see and focus on those things which we do have, and instead focus in on what we don't.

In 1st Thessalonians Paul writes, "Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus." The challenge for all of us is not to give thanks when we are overwhelmed by the multitude of blessings we have. But it is to give thanks when we are just flat out overwhelmed by the challenges, trials and issues of the world. It is those times that we should be most mindful of what we have. This is no small act of faith to thank God even when we have to take time and consider our blessings.

For me it wasn't the individual things which we all said as we sat around the table and talked about all the things that we were thankful for. What will always stand out is the fact that we did it. That we talked and discussed and put words together saying what we were thankful for. That act of in the midst of a struggle taking the time and effort to check in and seemingly remind ourselves that we still do have so much to be thankful for.

May the words of First Thessalonians be with us in this season of thanks. No matter what our circumstances and where we are in life, may we see the blessings we do have. And may we have the strength and ability to give thanks for them. Take time to be thankful for what we have. Give thanks to the Lord for he is good his love endures forever. Amen



UPCOMING Events

Nov. 3, 10,17,24	Worship
Nov. 3	Communion
Nov. 5, 12, 19,26	Bible Study
Nov. 7	Hurley Seniors meeting
Nov. 11	Consistory meeting
Nov. 13	Social Solos
Nov. 28	Thanksgiving
Dec. 1, 8, 15, 22,29	Worship
Dec. 1	Communion
Dec.3, 10,17, 24, 31	Bible Study
Dec. 5	Hurley Seniors
Dec. 11	Social Solos
Dec. 14	Woodworkers Exhibit
Dec. 24	Christmas Eve Worship 7pm & 9pm
Dec. 25	Christmas Day



Deacon for November
Is
Jeanne Quenzer

Deacon for December
Is
Dino Sumerano



November & December

Nov. 3	Jeanne Quenzer and Linda Moon
Nov. 10	Glenn Decker and Bob Kindt
Nov. 17	Dennis Croswell and Marilyn More
Nov. 24	Jeanne Quenzer and Bill Baldinger
Dec. 1	Alan Dumas and Russ Voiglaender
Dec. 8	Linda Moon and Aileen Helsley
Dec.15	Jeanne Quenzer and Bill Baldinger
Dec. 22	Alan Duma and Russ Voiglaender
Dec. 24-7pm	Dino Sumerano and Lisa Longto
Dec. 24-9pm	Dennis Croswell and Marilyn More
Dec. 29	Linda Moon and Aileen Helsley



**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
Annmarie Kurtz



HAPPY BIRTHDAY



Chloe Dumas	14
William Schaffrick	14
Bill Merrill	16
Daniela Sumerano	16
Jay Burgess	17
Drew Milne	17
Julianna Schaffrick	17
Joe Burns	19
Eden Barnard	21
Kathy Musialkiewicz	23
Allan Dumas	28
Matthew Crosswell	30

Coty Burgess	2
Toni Hedges	2
Gillian Barnard	3
Pat Baker	4
Thomas Horvers	5
Bailey Kane	5
Dakota Stevens	5
Thomas Stevens	5
Hal Hauck	6
Caitlin Decker	7
Joyce Ann Leverenz	7
Brent Jordan	11
William Rockwell	11
Renee Nekos	11
Rich Little	11
Jezmain Hubbard	12
Jennifer Mayfield	14
Linda Moon	16
Delaney Cox	17
Reid Dumas	20
Brian Rafferty	22
Kathleen Pfeiffer	23



Happy anniversary!

November

Todd & Julie Jordan	9
Leslie & Darryl Shambo	10

December

Nancy & Rick Salzmann	15
Steve & Kristen Helm	21

It's That Time Again!!!

Once again it's time to place your orders for poinsettia plants to adorn the sanctuary for the Holiday season.

Plants are one size, one color, and one price: red at \$8.00 each.



POINSETTIAS

Number of plants: _____ @ \$8.00 each: Total due _____

Name: _____

Phone: _____

In Memory of: _____



In Honor of: _____



We are requesting that you take your plant home or deliver it to someone special.

Make Checks Payable to: **Hurley Reformed Church**

Give to Kathy Jansen after worship or mail to:

223 Hidden Valley Road, Kingston, NY 12401

Payment must be received by December 8, 2024





Our Mission for November will be the Odyssey Church in Poughkeepsie, where Rev. Sara is the pastor. The Mission money collected will be donated to that church, and the basket item will be individually packaged snacks which they can share during their get-togethers

Thank you for your support.



Social Solos meets on Wednesday,
November 13, 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.**

Thanks!

Tis the season to give thanks.

Families gather around
the table laden with a
bounty of food
and give thanks.

But what about the
rest of the year?

We need to give thanks to
the Lord for his love and
many blessings.

*The seasons may change but
the Lord is ever present.*

STICKLEY GARDENS

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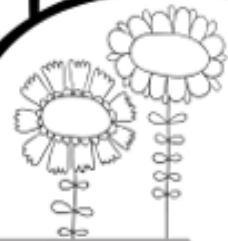
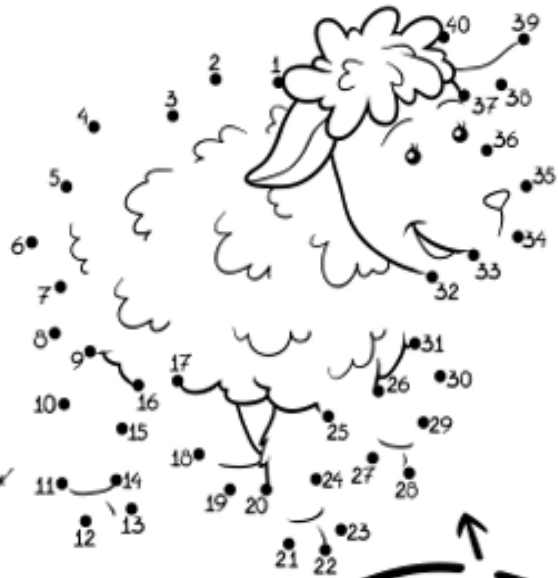
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A SACRED PLACE OF BEAUTY AND CONTEMPLATION.
(LOCATED ON THE SOUTH LAWN OF THE CHURCH)

Children's Page

Connect the dots then help the shepherd find his lost sheep



The Lord is my shepherd;
I shall not want. He maketh me to
lie down in green pastures: he
leadeth me beside the still waters.
He restoreth my soul: he leadeth
me in the paths of righteousness
for his name's sake.

Psalm 23:1-3, kjv

November

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>10am - Worship by Zoom and 12:30pm - Event? @ Hall</p> <p style="text-align: right;">24</p>	<p>10am - Genealogy @ Rooms 12:45pm - Tai Chi 6:30pm - Al-Anon @ Hall</p> <p style="text-align: right;">25</p>	<p>9am - Bible Study @ Dutch 4:15pm - Karate Class @ hall</p> <p style="text-align: right;">26</p>	<p>3:30pm - Dog Training Class</p> <p style="text-align: right;">27</p>	<p>3:30pm - Dog Training Class</p> <p style="text-align: right;">28</p>	<p>12pm - Knitters @ Dutch</p> <p style="text-align: right;">29</p>	<p>9am - Karate Class @ Hall</p> <p style="text-align: right;">30</p>
<p>10am - Worship by Zoom and 11am - Congregational 2pm - Event</p> <p style="text-align: right;">17</p>	<p>10am - Genealogy @ Rooms 12:45pm - Tai Chi 6:30pm - Al-Anon @ Hall</p> <p style="text-align: right;">18</p>	<p>9am - Bible Study @ Dutch 4:15pm - Karate Class @ hall 5pm - Kidspace @ Kitchen 6pm - Nursery School Board</p> <p style="text-align: right;">19</p>	<p>3:30pm - Dog Training Class</p> <p style="text-align: right;">20</p>	<p>4:15pm - Karate Class</p> <p style="text-align: right;">21</p>	<p>12pm - Knitters @ Dutch</p> <p style="text-align: right;">22</p>	<p>9am - Karate Class @ Hall</p> <p style="text-align: right;">23</p>
<p>10am - Worship by Zoom and 1pm - Event @ Hall</p> <p style="text-align: right;">10</p>	<p>Veterans Day 11am - VFW @ Dutch Room 12:45pm - Tai Chi 6:30pm - Al-Anon @ Hall 7pm - Consistory @ Dutch</p> <p style="text-align: right;">11</p>	<p>9am - Bible Study @ Dutch 4:15pm - Karate Class @ hall</p> <p style="text-align: right;">12</p>	<p>12pm - social solos @ Lunch 7pm - Radio Club @ Hall</p> <p style="text-align: right;">13</p>	<p>4:15pm - Karate Class</p> <p style="text-align: right;">14</p>	<p>12pm - Knitters @ Dutch</p> <p style="text-align: right;">15</p>	<p>9am - Karate Class @ Hall 12pm - Event</p> <p style="text-align: right;">16</p>
<p>10am - Worship by Zoom and 12:45pm - Tai Chi 7pm - 1st Capitol Corvettes</p> <p style="text-align: right;">3</p>	<p>9am - Bible Study @ Dutch 4:15pm - Karate Class @ hall</p> <p style="text-align: right;">4</p>	<p>3:30pm - Dog training class</p> <p style="text-align: right;">5</p>	<p>1:30pm - Hurley Senior 4:15pm - Karate Class</p> <p style="text-align: right;">6</p>	<p>12pm - Knitters @ Dutch</p> <p style="text-align: right;">7</p>	<p>12pm - Knitters @ Dutch</p> <p style="text-align: right;">8</p>	<p>9am - Karate Class @ Hall 10am - Genealogy @ Room 4pm - Event</p> <p style="text-align: right;">9</p>

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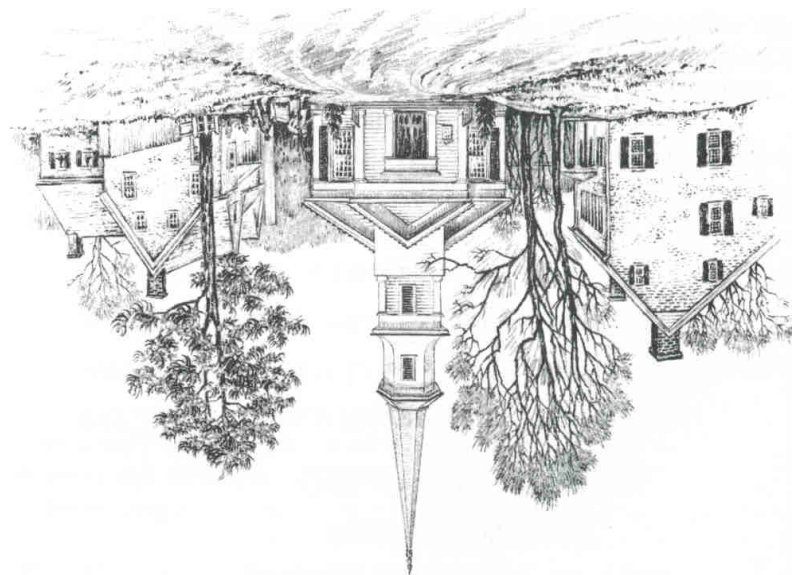
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