

THE SPIRE

September 2025



It is no small amount of chaos right now. We have the roll out of the church growth plan. There is the start of School, Sunday School, and Fall Sports. The steeple work just began again. We have or had a Brooks Barbecue. There is a denominational restructure happening all around the RCA. We are preparing to celebrate 225 years of our church's life and ministry here in Hurley. And life in general is happening. This means we have all of our normal and abnormal commitments going on during and throughout the week.

But beneath all that chaos something is happening. The church, our church is doing things. Chaos in some cases can be scary, and stressful. However there are other times when it is a clear sign that something is about to or beginning to happen. And that isn't to say that just because one of those things is true the other cannot be just as equally true. I mean just because you are paranoid and think that refs are out to get your team doesn't mean that refs aren't out to get your team.

Often when those two sides of chaos exist we tend to lean into and lean on the idea that chaos is always bad. But can't chaos and things happening also be a sign that God's Spirit is with us? Just because we are uncomfortable and leery of what could happen doesn't make what might happen an ominous or bad thing.

One of the significant challenges that can come is that when things get chaotic or challenging we go to that space where it is all negative and all bad. But think about when we were all children. Was Christmas Eve chaotic?

Was it a time which left you worrying and excited at the same time? I remember one year I was so keyed up about Christmas that Christmas eve I had a migraine headache. Just because my anxiousness gave me that awful feeling doesn't mean that it wasn't a great Christmas. Somehow we are taught and learn that chaos or the presence of discomfort is always bad. But the reality is that those two things are always in some level present when the Holy Spirit is at work.

Over the next few months and into next year there is going to be a measure of Chaos. I want to make a promise that it will be a managed chaos or a controlled form of it. But the truth is I'd be breaking that promise the second I made it. You can no more control the chaos of the Spirit as you can catch the wind with a butterfly net. What we can do, is pray and set our discomfort at God's feet. We can also let the chaos be, let God move and when the Spirit calls you be ready, willing and able to go to work. So Brothers and Sisters know that chaos is here and more is coming. But understand that it is a good kind of chaos which the spirit brings to us. Please pray for all of us as we embrace being uncomfortable as the spirit churns up our lives.

Blessings to you all

Rev Bill



As the soothing waters dance over the sides of the fountain, the air feels crisp and the nights come on earlier, we experience the change. The seasons, like life, flows by us faster than ever. We all owe it to ourselves to get quiet and reflect on the past and all its gifts. It provides us with strength for the future. Come sit for awhile, the benches are waiting ... feel the strength of those who have passed before us and the love that God shows us through their memories. The seasons may be a time of change but God's love is constant ... in the past, with us now, and blessing us in our futures. Take a few minutes to enjoy Stickley Gardens.

STICKLEY GARDENS

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A SACRED PLACE OF BEAUTY AND CONTEMPLATION.

(LOCATED ON THE SOUTH LAWN OF THE CHURCH)



September 7	Communion
September 7, 14, 21, 24, 31	Worship
September 2, 9, 16, 23, 30	Bible Study
September 8	Consistory Meeting
September 9	Brook's BBQ
September 10	Social Solos
September 27	Craft Fair



**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)

Lori Pinkham is Wingate at Ulster

Terry Conlin

Bill Hannis

Barbara Bondar

Lois Morehouse



September

Sept. 7	Dennis Croswell and Dino Sumerano
Sept. 14	Allan Dumas and Terry Gaffken
Sept. 21	Marilyn More and Wally Cook
Sept. 28	Aileen Helsley and Russ Voiglaender



Our Mission for August is Peoples Place, supporting their back to school programs.

We will also do a basket collection this month of school items; such as Glue sticks, pencils, crayons, markers, erasers, composition notebooks, etc. that will go to Family of Woodstock.



If you are unable to attend Worship in person please join us through our Zoom link. It can be found on our webpage on the right side under our bulletin and on the left side under Worship Material.



DEACON FOR SEPTEMBER
IS
AILEEN HELSLEY



Social Solos meets on Wednesday,
September 10, 2025
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.



BIRTHDAYS

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

ANNIVERSARIES

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





5TH ANNUAL

Fall Shopping!

SEPTEMBER 27, 2025
9AM - 4PM

Christmas Shopping!

Crafts Fair

GENERAL ADMISSION = \$2 (UNDER 12 FREE)

VENDOR FEE = \$40 (INSIDE ONLY)

FOOD & DRINKS
AVAILABLE

SPACE RESERVATIONS CALL

CHURCH OFFICE **845-331-4121**

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Kids Page!



WAYS TO DESCRIBE GOD



- Love
- Father
- Great
- Marvellous
- Compassion
- Gracious
- Creator
- Righteous
- Strong
- Kind



Drop down, ye heavens,
from above, and let the skies
pour down righteousness:
let the earth open, and
let them bring forth salvation,
and let righteousness spring
up together; I the Lord
have created it.

- ISAIAH 45:8, KJV -



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

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

8:30am - Meeting @
9am - HNS-1st day

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

1pm - Knitters @ Dutch Room

9am - Karate Class @ Hall

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10am - Worship
11am - VFW @ Dutch Room
6:30pm - Al-Anon @ Hall
7pm - Consistory @ Dutch

9am - Bible Study @ Dutch
1pm - Brooks
4:30pm - Karate Class @ hall

8:30am - Meeting @
12pm - social solos @ Lunch
5:30pm - Kidspace
7pm - Radio Club @ Hall

4:30pm - Karate Class
5:30pm - Kidspace

1pm - Knitters @ Dutch Room

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

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10am - Worship
10am - Genealogy @ Rooms
6:30pm - Al-Anon @ Hall

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

8:30am - Meeting @

1pm - Genealogy @ class
4:30pm - Karate Class

1pm - Knitters @ Dutch Room

9am - Karate Class @ Hall

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10am - Worship
10:30am - Genealogy @
6:30pm - Al-Anon @ Hall

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

8:30am - Meeting @

4:30pm - Karate Class

1pm - Craft Fair set up
1pm - Knitters @ Dutch Room

7am - Craft Fair
9am - Karate Class @ Hall

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10am - Worship
6:30pm - Al-Anon @ Hall

9am - Bible Study @ Dutch
4:30pm - Karate Class @ hall
6pm - Nursery School Board

SEPTEMBER

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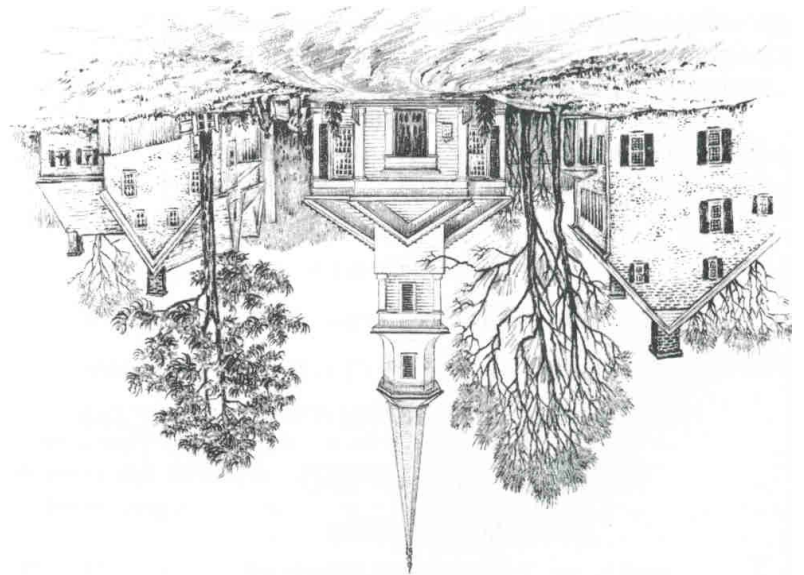
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