

THE SPIRE

June 2026

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It might be that I'm exhausted, it might be that things are really busy but as I sit and write and rewrite this understand I'm not entirely sure how to address what I feel we need to talk about. I'll start out by telling you about one of my best friends in Seminary and how he had a profound influence on me as a minister. There have been a lot of people like him who have shaped who I am as a minister and who I am as a person. It's likely that most of us have those people, who have helped to develop us and our faith to where it is, and where it is going. I can't say that I would or would not be in ministry without his influence but I can say that I wouldn't be who and what I am without him.

His name is Rob. Rob was perhaps one of the most well known and liked men in Holland, Michigan. He was so well known that it became common for him when we were together to have to ask who someone was because he had no clue who they were. It truly felt like myself and others were the entourage of a celebrity. He was without a doubt one of the kindest and most loving people that God has ever created. Although he might have struggled with you if you were a Michigan state or Ohio state fan (PS those aren't misspellings, I'm just honoring him) You see when he was born he had heart issues and bore the scars of the surgery he needed at University of Michigan Medical Center.

But there were and are people who look at Rob and don't see the loving caring man he is. There are those who see him and think of him as something else something other. I remember one interaction when we were hanging out and a fellow seminarian approached me about hanging out with him at a bar. FYI, Rob only drank one kind of beer, Root Beer. The seminarian questioned whether he should be with us because..... and that is where the other student paused. He wanted to say something but thankfully he checked himself. You see Rob has Down Syndrome.

That doesn't mean he doesn't live on his own,

have relationships, have girlfriends. It simply means that he has a disability. It doesn't mean that he is anything other than a child of God who created him. It was Rob who asked me once while we were on a walk, about what the full implications were for us because Christ died on the cross for us. He didn't want the Sunday School easy answer he wanted depth and substance in my answer. I think because of that question and my answer we walked about five miles that day.

Now I could write to this about how wonderful he is and everything else but I want to talk about those who would use otherness on him. Those who would use a six letter word that sadly has not gone away. You could call him out for being too much of a Michigan fan, or that he needed to take less time getting ready or whatnot. But never use the R word to describe him. When we other one another, and use labels and titles to disparage and denigrate one another we dismiss the person. That doesn't mean we can't disagree or dislike. What it means is that we shouldn't use terminology that others.

You might not like the politics of someone. You might disagree with them. But take the person for who and what they are. I don't care if you are democrat or republican, because you are a Child of God. The more we can embrace and help one another to embrace that the better our world will be. None of this will fix everything in the world. But it will bring a measure of the light of Christ into it. May we all embrace those around us as Children of God even when we disagree with them. May we also embrace the compassion of our Lord Jesus Christ as we seek to help the world to be better. Amen.



Church Growth, and Getting To Know You...

As we embark on our mission of church growth and retention, we are looking at ways to get to know you better. We would like to create a database that would give us a better idea of who you are. For starters, If we want to reach out to you, what's your address? Can we reach you by phone? When is your birthday? Do you have children who have been baptized and confirmed?

We have created a very easy form to help us gather some information. We would be happy if you would please take a few minutes to fill this form out, and return it to the church. It will help us to work toward our goal of growing our congregation, and more importantly, to be able to reach out to you and get to know you better. Please know that this form is completely optional.

You can either drop this completed form at church anytime, or you may mail it to the church at: Hurley Reformed Church, PO Box 328, Hurley, NY 12443. We also will soon have a link to this form on our Church website so you can complete it online. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact Rev. Appleyard

Hurley Reformed Church

Family Profile

Family Last Name _____
Physical Address _____
Mailing address (if different from above) _____
Phone – Home _____
Cell _____
Email _____

First Name (Spouse) _____
Birthday _____
Baptized Yes No
Confirmed Yes No
Member of Hurley Reformed Church Yes No

First Name (Spouse) _____
Birthday _____
Baptized Yes No
Confirmed Yes No
Member of Hurley Reformed Church? Yes No

Child _____
Birthday _____
Baptized Yes No
Confirmed Yes No
Hurley Reformed Church Member? Yes No

Child _____
Birthday _____
Baptized Yes No
Confirmed Yes No
Hurley Reformed Church Member? Yes No

Child _____
Birthday _____
Baptized Yes No
Confirmed Yes No
Hurley Reformed Church Member? Yes No

Child _____
Birthday _____
Baptized Yes No
Confirmed Yes No
Hurley Reformed Church Member? Yes No

Do you have offering envelopes: Yes No
If yes, what is your envelope number? _____

If No, would you like offering envelopes? Yes No

May we print your family Birthdays and Anniversaries in our Spire? Yes No

Date _____

God is our refuge
and strength,
an ever-present
help in trouble...

Proverbs 18:10

Feel God's presence in
the surroundings at
Stickley Gardens.

Take time to reflect on those
who passed before us.
Their presence is in the
peace we feel at the garden.

Through nature God
teaches us: Creativity.
Strength. Love of Beauty.
Attention to Detail.
Tenacity. Orderliness.
Redemption.

Please come visit, feel the
peace and serenity.

STICKLEY GARDENS

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)



DEACON FOR JUNE
IS
BONNIE DUMAS



**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

Russ Glass



Social Solos meets on June 10, 2026 @ noon

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



USHERS' SCHEDULE

June

June 7 Chris Decker and Bill Baldinger

June 14 Chris Decker and Dino Sumerano

June 21 Maggie Sass and Kathy Jansen

June 28 Aileen Helsley and Russ Voigtlaender

**UPCOMING
EVENTS**

June 7	Communion/225th Worship Celebration
June 7, 14, 21, 28	Worship
June 2, 9, 16, 23, 30	Bible Study
June 5, 12, 19, 26	Sew and So & Knitters
June 8	Consistory Meeting
June 9	Brook BBQ
June 10	Social Solos
June 14	Salad Share in the Hall
Tues, Thurs & Sat.	Karate

August 30 @11am-Church Cookout
October 3-Bingo



The Mission for June will be Mentor Me of Ulster County. At Mentor Me, they create life-changing connections for youth between ages 6-17 with caring adult mentors who show up consistently, listen deeply, and open doors to new possibilities. These goals are accomplished through one-to-one mentoring relationships that build trust and confidence; small group mentoring that creates peer connections; family support; enriching activities that expand horizons; and access to arts, sports, and other activities.

In our Mission basket we will collect peanut butter and jelly for the Clinton Ave Food pantry. In these times of higher prices and food insecurities, it is more important than ever to help our neighbors who are struggling to make ends meet. Sometimes the choice may be to either pay a bill or buy food. This is one way we can help.



When the time comes and you are faced with a funeral of a loved one, or a celebration of a baptism the Hurley Reformed Church would like to offer a hand.

The Celebration Committee is happy to help you with the repast after the funeral service or the celebration for the baptism. We will do the set-up of the hall, serve the food (although we cannot supply the food), and we will do all the clean up afterward.

If you would like more information about this, please speak with Rev. Appleyard-Pekich.



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.



If you are unable to attend Worship in person please join us through our Zoom link. It can be found on our webpage and our Facebook page

HAPPY Birthday

Abigail Conlin	1
Catherine Stevens	1
Su Wonderly	2
Dorothy Draper	7
Rebecca Masters	8
Bobbi Checksfield	8
Dennis Croswell	9
Mimi Croswell	11
Matthew Moon, Jr	12
William (Liam) Appleyard-Pekich	13
Sarah Longto	14
Bobby Ryan	15
Kyla Burns	18
Allan Dumas, IV	19
Luke Helm	19
Marilyn Lowe	21
Brandt Kurtz	21
Patti Gilpatric	23
Aaron Ulrich	24
Shawn Hinsdale	24
Cailin Ryan	24
Aileen Helsley	25
Elizabeth Salzmann	25
Charles Woodard	26
Steven Kurtz	26
Gregory Merrill	27

Happy Anniversary

Drew & Su Wonderly	12
Russ & Terry Voigtlaender	12
Wally & Linda Cook	14
Barbara & Bob Kindt	17
Bobbi & Don Checksfield	21
Frieda & Doug Constant	23
Terry & John Gaffken	23
Todd & Katrina Rubino	30

Graduation Time!

If you have a graduate you are celebrating please email

admin@hurleyreformedchurch.org

and let us know. We will be sharing all our graduation announcements in the bulletin and the Spire!



Please send any updates for our prayer chain to

Pat Baker at

845-331-2556

or

pbaker727@yahoo.com

Our Graduates!

-Brandon Douglas Gregory, son of Mr. & Mrs. James T. Gregory Jr. of Franklin NY, and grandson of James T. Gregory and the late Sandra Gregory of Hurley, will graduate from the United States Military Academy at West Point, on May 23, 2026, with a BS Degree in Economics. Brandon has been assigned to the Field Artillery branch. Following his graduation he will have his commissioning ceremony at Lusk Reservoir with his parents pinning his lieutenant bars on his shoulder. Brandon's brother, 1st Lt. Tyler Gregory will read the official declaration of his appointment to the rank of 2nd Lt.

After the graduation, Brandon will prepare for his July 4th wedding to his high school sweetheart, Kylie Mussaw. After 5 months of officer training at Fort Sill, OK Brandon and Kylie will be relocated to Schofield Barracks Hawaii.

-Marlie Grant, Barb Hornbeck's niece will be graduating in June from Clayton A. Bouton high school in Voorheesville, NY. In September, she will be attending the Honors College at the University of New Hampshire.

-Amy More, Marilyn More's granddaughter, will be graduating on May 10th with a B.S. degree from Quinnipiac University. She will return there in the fall to continue working toward her Doctorate in Physical Therapy.

-Anthony Nicoletti, Diane Nicoletti's grandson, will graduate from Lincoln Tech in East Windsor CT on June 12th from the Welding Technology Training Program.]

-Allan Mason Dumas IV, Bonnie and Allan Dumas' son has graduated from SUNY Brockport with a Master of Science degree in College Student Affairs and Development.

-Marla and Brogan McCain, Barbara Bondar and Bill Hannis grandchildren, graduated from FIT, as 1/2 of their studies are completed. Two years to go!

Graci Reyes/Bondar graduates from Zena Democratic School in June, and has been accepted at Bard College.

-Teagan Helsley, Aileen Helsley's daughter, is graduating from Kingston High School and will be continuing her education at Eastern Connecticut State University to study Nursing. She also plans to play Division III Flag Football.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>Worship 10am-11am</p> <p>31</p>	<p>1st Capitol Convales 7pm- Al-Anon 6:30pm-8pm @ Hall</p> <p>1</p>	<p>Bible Study 9am-10am @ Karate Class 4:30pm-5:30pm</p> <p>2</p>	<p>Meeting 8:30am-9:30am @</p> <p>3</p>	<p>Hurley Senior Citizens 1: Karate Class4:30pm-5:30pm</p> <p>4</p>	<p>Knitters 1pm-4pm @ Dutch Sew and So 8am-3pm</p> <p>5</p>	<p>Event 11:30am-6pm Karate Class 9am--11am @ Town of Hurley Yard Sale</p> <p>6</p>
<p>225th Worship Celebration Happy birthday! Hurley Reformed Church's Kitchen 11am-1:30pm Worship 10am-11am</p> <p>7</p>	<p>Al-Anon 6:30pm-8pm @ Hall Consistory / 7pm-9pm @ Dutch Kitchen 4:30pm-6:30pm VFW 11am-12:30pm @ Dutch</p> <p>8</p>	<p>Bible Study 9am-10am @ Brooks BBQ 4pm-6pm Karate Class 4:30pm-5:30pm</p> <p>9</p>	<p>HNS-Water Day 9am-3pm Local 1582 Trailways 5pm- Meeting 8:30am-9:30am @ Radio Club 7pm-9:30pm @ social solos 12pm-2pm @</p> <p>10</p>	<p>Karate Class4:30pm-5:30pm</p> <p>11</p>	<p>Knitters 1pm-4pm @ Dutch Sew and So 8am-3pm</p> <p>12</p>	<p>Genealogy 10am-2:30pm @ Karate Class 9am--11am @</p> <p>13</p>
<p>Salad Sunday 11am-2pm Worship 10am-11am</p> <p>14</p>	<p>Al-Anon 4pm-8pm @ Hall Genealogy 10am-2:30pm @ HNS-Rain date water day</p> <p>15</p>	<p>Bible Study 9am-10am @ Karate Class 4:30pm-5:30pm</p> <p>16</p>	<p>HNS-Graduation set up 5pm- Meeting 8:30am-9:30am @</p> <p>17</p>	<p>HNS-Graduation 9am-3pm Karate Class4:30pm-5:30pm</p> <p>18</p>	<p>Knitters 1pm-4pm @ Dutch Sew and So 8am-3pm</p> <p>19</p>	<p>Karate Class 9am--11am @ Park Lot Usage 7am-10pm</p> <p>20</p>
<p>Worship 10am-11am</p> <p>21</p>	<p>Voting Al-Anon 6:30pm-8pm @ Hall Genealogy 10:30am-2:30pm</p> <p>22</p>	<p>Bible Study 9am-10am @ HNS Board Mtg 6pm-9pm @ Karate Class 4:30pm-5:30pm</p> <p>23</p>	<p>Kidspace 5:30pm-7pm @ Meeting 8:30am-9:30am @</p> <p>24</p>	<p>Karate Class4:30pm-5:30pm Kidspace 5:30pm-7pm @</p> <p>25</p>	<p>Knitters 1pm-4pm @ Dutch Sew and So 8am-3pm Stage Event</p> <p>26</p>	<p>Event 11:30am-4pm @ Hall Karate Class 9am--11am @</p> <p>27</p>
<p>Event 12:30pm-6pm @ Hall Worship 10am-11am</p> <p>28</p>	<p>Al-Anon 6:30pm-8pm @ Hall</p> <p>29</p>	<p>Bible Study 9am-10am @ Karate Class 4:30pm-5:30pm</p> <p>30</p>	<p>Meeting 8:30am-9:30am @</p> <p>1</p>			



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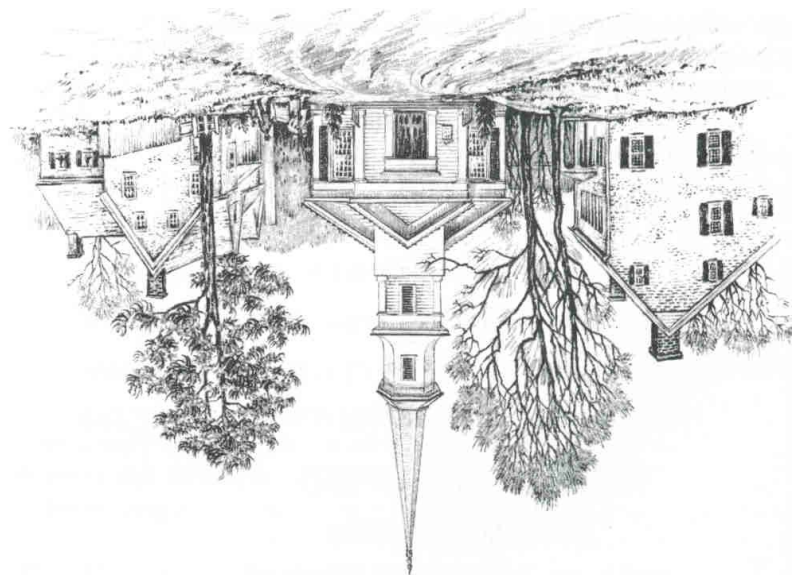
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