

THE SPIRE



September 2026

Over the last few weeks we've looked at some of the interesting miracles in the Bible. From the bush that burns but is not consumed to Jesus feeding the 5000+ to him walking on water. They are amazing moments where God uses God's power in an amazing way. But these miracles are not the flashy ones. They don't cause the lame to walk or the blind to see. They are moments where God grabs our attention and once God has it, God teaches us. Sometimes we might want to dismiss these miracles because they don't exactly heal or raise the dead.

But think about this, wouldn't you say that Moses when God grabs his attention with the bush would have called it a miracle? And what about the couple in Cana who ran out of wine? Didn't they think it a miracle that Jesus turned water into wine and saved them from a lifetime of shame. Weren't the disciples awed by the power of Jesus when he walked on water? And don't tell me that the 5000+ were not grateful and amazed that out of 5 loaves and two fish they were all fed to the point of being satisfied.

Surely we would call moments in scripture where God does something amazing a miracle. Whether it is water into wine, having the fish spit Jonah out on the beach, feeding the five thousand or a prophet being taken up in a whirlwind, God does some pretty amazing stuff in scripture. Not just in the New Testament either.

But is scripture the only place where God does the amazing?

To any who would say yes to the last question I would issue them the challenge to look closer. Many years ago when I was a RCA camper, and later when I would attend youth group one of the things that we would be chal-

lenged to do is to look for moments where we saw God that day. This would normally happen during devotions at the end of the day, and you would hear all the different stories from all over the various areas that your particular group was throughout the day.

Those moments when we would share about the older woman who handed out brownies to the group who repaired her roof, or the story of the kid who helped another when they were hurt didn't suddenly stop when we got older. To the contrary, they likely happen more often than back then. We are more mobile and travel wider than those mission trips or camp groups. What has changed is that we stopped giving the space to talk about them.

As we look out at the world and we see the hate, the anger and the divisions its hard for us to be hopeful. But if we look deeper, if we give space to talk about the things that God is doing, the small miracles that we have seen or participated in during the day, the darkness grows a little lighter. Let me try and start. While I was running I hit a spot and my legs were done. The rain had started to fall not hard but enough to make me wet. I looked up from the trail and saw a rainbow. That beauty of light that God has given us, that amazing half circle in the sky drew my mind away from the rain, and away from my jello legs. Small God moments happen. Small miracles occur. But it is up to us to tell one another about them. May we share with one another how we have seen God's hands. Amen.



God gives us all

kinds of reminders:

the trees that shade us,
the flowers that beautify

our surroundings,

the song of birds

filling the air...

God touches and shows

us His presence every

minute of every day.

Take a moment at the

Columbarium to sit
and reflect upon all that

He shares with us...

in life.

*Feel God through
the Beauty of Nature.*

STICKLEY GARDENS

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



Deacon Ministry

DEACON FOR SEPTEMBER
IS
TERRY GAFFKEN



**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 September 9, 2026

@ noon

Anyone wishing to join please contact

Rev. Deb Zuill for an invite at

attitudema50@aol.com or 845-247-9157



September

Sept. 6 Jeanne Quenzer and Dino Sumerano

Sept. 13 Maggie Sass and Terry Gaffken

Sept. 20 Aileen Helsley and Kathy Jansen

Sept. 27 Chris Decker and Bill Baldinger

What's Happening

September 6	Communion
September 6,13,20,27	Worship
September 1,8,15,22,29	Bible Study
September 4,11,18,25	Sew and So & Knitters
September 8	Brooks BBQ
September 9	Social Solos
September 14	Consistory Meeting
Tues, Thurs & Sat.	Karate



The Mission for September will be Peoples Place.

In the basket we will be collecting school items for students in need such as pencils/pens, glue sticks, notebooks, scissors, rulers and more.



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 our church members 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.



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



Please send any updates for our prayer chain to
Pat Baker at 845-331-2556
or pbaker727@yahoo.com



Cindy Sumerano	3
Bailey Jordan	3
Haliey Brennan	6
Melinda Herzog	6
Bradley Horvers	6
Maggie Sass	7
Wayzeta Stickley-Strouse	9
John Gaffken	12
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

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



*All proceeds benefit the
Hurley Reformed Church, Main St., Hurley NY*

Brook's Chicken BBQ

Drive-Up Take-Out

from Oneonta, NY

Sept 8, 2026

4:00pm – 6:00pm

**1/2 chicken, coleslaw,
baked potato, dinner
roll & dessert**

\$15.00

Cash or Check

To Pre-Order Please Call By 9/6/26

845-331-4121

Our Carillon



The steeple bell dates back to the 1854 construction of the Hurley Reformed Church. Originally rung with a clapper and ropes, these were later replaced by a mechanical striker. The original brass bell remains in the church steeple, reflecting the congregation's history of worship and community.

Today's Carillon replaces the bell with a computer and 1200-watt amplifier, playing chimes and hymns through four large horn speakers high in the steeple. The system was installed in 1981.

The Carillon plays Westminster chimes at the top of each hour from 8:00 am to 8:00 pm, followed by Flemish bell strikes counting the current hour. At 12:00 pm and 6:00 pm, this is followed by five minutes of traditional hymns randomly selected from a collection of fifty. On each half hour, a single Flemish bell is played.

Each Sunday at 9:50 am, a "Call to Worship"- thirty seconds of Flemish bells- is played before the church service.

On special occasions, traditional hymns are replaced by hymns appropriate to the occasion. Examples include:

Memorial Day - Battle Hymn of the Republic

Easter - Christ the Lord is Risen Again

Independence Day - The Star-Spangled Banner

Thanksgiving - We praise thee, O God

Christmas - Joy to the World

The IT Team

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-Pekich.

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

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Baptized Yes No

Confirmed Yes No

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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 _____

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
30	31	1	2	3	4	5
						
Event 1: 3:30pm-5:30pm Kitchen 11am-1pm Worship 10am-11am	1st Capitol Corvettes / pm- Al-Anon 6:30pm-8pm @ Hall Worship 10am-11am	Bible Study 9am-10am @ Brooks BBQ 10am-8pm HNS 12:30pm-1:30pm Karate Class 4:30pm-5:30pm	Meeting 8:30am-9:30am @ HNS 9am-10am Meeting 8:30am-9:30am @ Radio Club / pm-9:30pm @ social solos 12pm-2pm @	Hurley Senior Citizens 1: Karate Class 4:30pm-5:30pm Meeting 3pm-4pm	Knitters 1pm-4pm @ Dutch Sew and So 8am-3pm	Karate Class 9am-11am @ Genealogy 10am-2:30pm @ Karate Class 9am-11am @
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