

JACOB'S WELL

April 2016



April 3 SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER Celebration of the Lord's Supper

Lectionary Readings: Acts 5: 27-32; Psalm 118: 14-29; Revelation 1: 4-8; John 20: 19-31

Greeter: Patti Booth

Liturgist: Paula Sheely

Ushers: Terri Richards/Bill Olmert

Counters: Anne Mitchell/Cindy Brockman

Communion Servers: Paula Sheely, Pat Woomer, Cindy Brockman, Bruce Guerineau

Communion Cleanup: Anna Bierma

April 10 THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

Lectionary Readings: Acts 9: 1-6, (7-20); Psalm 30; Revelation 5: 11-14; John 21: 1-19

Greeter: Kim Thayer

Liturgist: Anne Mitchell

Ushers: Trevor Lewie/Dick Behrens

Counters: Pat Woomer/Bruce Guerineau

April 17 FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER Earth Day Sunday

Lectionary Readings: Acts 9: 36-43; Psalm 23; Revelation 7: 9-17; John 10: 22-30

Greeter: Bill Olmert

Liturgist: Hank Harrington

Ushers: Karl Thayer/Ajay Deyoe

Counters: Amber Deyoe/Paula Sheely

April 24 FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER Guest Worship Leaders: Christopher Tucker and Pat Woomer
Fellowship Hour following worship hosted by Duffy Whitehouse

Lectionary Readings: Acts 2: 1-21; Psalm 104: 24-35; Romans 8: 22-27; John 15: 26-27, 16: 4-15

Greeter: Karl Thayer

Liturgist: Bruce Guerineau

Ushers: Kim Thayer/Holly Deyoe

Counters: Pat Woomer/Bruce Guerineau

Our worship services begin at 10:00am. The sanctuary is handicapped accessible.

Holy Communion is celebrated the first Sunday of each month.

From the Pastor...

Dear Members and Friends of Old Saratoga,

It's Easter Monday. The beautiful sunshine of Easter Sunday afternoon was a true joy; and today, the skies are gray and the spring rain is falling. Yesterday on Easter Sunday **messages of hope** were preached around the world as followers of Christ celebrated his resurrection from death. Today we learned the sad news about another deadly terrorist attack at a children's playground in Pakistan on Easter Sunday.

The **Easter hope** is grounded in God's promise to make all things new—to restore the goodness of creation and instill the love that saves the world from hate and violence. Jesus was indeed a victim of human hatred and violence, but through his suffering and death he showed the world that God is Love, and that God's way is to go on loving and forgiving in the face of evil, because that is who God is. The Resurrection is God's great message to the world that love is what gives life, and love is stronger than death and violence.

It is the power of God's Love in raising Christ, that gives us **hope** for what Love can bring into being in our lives and in our time. The Resurrection is an ongoing spiritual raising of life from the powers of death that pervade our world.

The question is: Do we find **hope** in the resurrection of Christ? Is there a way to experience being raised with him to new and deeper levels of love, mercy and courage in our lives? Or is the resurrection more or less to us a past event that has little effect upon our life today and our longing for a better world?

Luke tells the story in his gospel (24:13-35) how two of Jesus' followers were on their way home to Emmaus (seven miles from Jerusalem). They were sad and dejected as they talked with each other on the way about Jesus' death and the incredulous reports from the women that he was alive. Then a stranger, like them, coming from Jerusalem, joined them on the road and asked what they were discussing. They said to him that he must be the only person who didn't know about what happened in the past days to Jesus of Nazareth...They told the stranger about the high hopes they had held for Jesus, but how all that had changed. "**We had hoped**", they lamented, "that he was the one to redeem Israel." (vs. 21) They discovered shortly after that the stranger was Jesus; and in his risen presence they found their dashed hopes raised up and their lives changed.

This is the power of the resurrection to give life where hope is beyond reach or seems lost, where there is resignation to the imperfect way things are. The Resurrection is God's pledge to us that a new kingdom is here and coming, and that Jesus' triumph over death means there are new ways of believing, thinking, feeling and acting that are born of love, mercy and hope!

May God unfold to us, like flowers of spring, the joy and truth of the Resurrection, that we may live, love and serve with hope in our hearts!

Faithfully yours,

Pastor Joyce deVelder

CHURCH FAMILY

BIRTHDAYS

2: Harold Burch
2: Colleen Burch
4: Leah Demick
5: Gabriel Paul Alexanian
7: Jikke (Bierma) Loughlin
9: Sarah Zotzmann
10: Christopher Correll
13: Allene Cobart
15: Sarah Mathis
17: Kathryn (Sherman) Clark
17: Andrew Freebern
21: Maggie Cox
23: John Deyoe, Jr.
23: Bryn Radigan
24: Jillian Perkins
25: Devin Freebern
27: Edward Robert Richards Fish
30: Michael Shaver

ANNIVERSARIES

6: Joelle and Tim Shaver, 1991
17: Donald and Kathleen Bartholomay

(Please help keep our birthday, anniversary, and hospital lists current by giving us dates and updates! (695-3479 Thanks!)

HOSPITALIZED IN APRIL

Alyson Fitzgerald- Saratoga Hospital
Jim Gorham – Saratoga Hospital

OUR FRIENDS IN HEALTH CARE FACILITIES/HOMEBOUND

(We've listed the names and addresses of our church members/friends for the purpose of remembering them in prayer or with a card.)

Chauncey Mabb, Crescent Manor, 312 Crescent Blvd. , Bennington, VT 05201, 1-802-379-3148

Jim Gorham, Saratoga Center A101, 149 Ballston Ave. Ballston Spa NY 12020

Shirley Mabb, Saratoga Center A 110, 149 Ballston Ave., Ballston Spa NY 12020

IN OUR PRAYERS

"Pray at all times in the Spirit....making supplication for all the saints." (Ephesians 6: 18)

Ruth Hayes	Bette Tucker
Dwight Colvin	Sue and Tom Wilbur
Alyson Fitzgerald	Ashleigh Clute
Bill Cluff	Thomas Altrogge
David Garrand	Ryan Markwith
Rod Borgman	Ashley Edgar
John Bodnar	Trevor Lewie
Richard Zelazny	Naomi Thayer
Eloise Bosch	Sandy Jones
Evie Senecal	Kerst Brunner
Alicia Lewie	Charlotte Gorham
Rev. John Meyer	Rosie Driscoll
Darlene Olmert	Clyde Wells
Susie Murphy	Tom Barber
Pat Hayes-Howd	Sue Hughes
Sandy DeGregory	Charles Thayer
Mona Perkins	John Bodnar
Suzanne Guerineau	George Duval
Lucas Perkins	Sandy Horsfield



SYMPATHY

The church extends prayers and sympathy in Christ to:

..the family and friends of **Shirley Hoodack (91)** who died at Saratoga Hospital on March 23, 2016. Shirley was a resident of Embury Apts. of the Wesley Care Community. She was the beloved mother of four children, and had eleven grandchildren and 20 great-grandchildren. Her husband, **Paul Hoodack**, preceded her in death. Shirley's parents, **Nellie and Daniel Carey**, originally from Stillwater, were members of Old Saratoga Reformed church, as were her late sisters, Lorraine **Martinovich** and **Helen Loomis**, and brothers-in-law, **Paul Martinovich** and **Bill Loomis**. Please remember especially Shirley's four children and their families in your prayers – **Ilah Oliver, Kathy Malo, Daniel MacMillan and Donald MacMillan**. A memorial service for Shirley has been set for Sat. May 7 at 11am at Old Saratoga Reformed Church, with a luncheon to follow. The family has requested that in lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be sent to St. Joseph's Provincial House, 385 Watervliet-Shaker Road, Latham, NY 12110; or to Old Saratoga Reformed Church, 48 Pearl Street, Schuylerville, NY 12871



Thank you to **Dick Behrens** who donated a new book to our Children's Library. The book is entitled *The Sneetches and Other Stories* by Dr. Seuss. (Dick read this book during a children's sermon he gave at OSRC about the inclusive love of God.)

PEOPLE YOU KNOW



Makenzie Harrington (11) received her recommended Black Belt level, which allows her to start the six months of testing to receive her black belt. She will begin this in May. In the meantime, Makenzie will compete at the Spring Tae Kwon Do Championships at Schenectady HS, in Form, Board Breaking, and Sparring. Good luck, Makenzie!

THANKS RECEIVED

"Thank you for your recent gift of \$65. Please be assured that your contribution will assist Hospice in fulfilling its mission of caring for terminally ill persons and their families."
Sincerely,

Stephen J. Manney
Director of Development,
Community Hospice

*"I wish to express our thanks for your gift (\$300) to the Community Foundation for the Greater Capital Region. It was deposited in the **Drilling for Hope** fund, which is one of the 400 funds which support a variety of charitable causes."*
With deepest appreciation,

Jackie Mahoney
Interim President and CEO

"Thank you so much for supporting my work. I will be able to buy animals for children in Tanzania and Ethiopia. They will be eating their first egg thanks to you."

Karen Flewelling
Drilling for Hope

LASAGNA DINNER

Sat. April 9
4:30-6:30 pm



Old Saratoga Reformed Church
48 Pearl St., Schuylerville

*Lasagna (meat and vegetarian), Ziti, tossed salad,
Italian bread, assorted desserts and beverages*

\$10 for adults- \$5 for children 5-10- Under 5 free
Reservations for eat-ins and take outs preferred
695-6638 or 695-3479

Walk-ins welcome!

CHURCH LIFE

OSRC MISSION STATEMENT

*In answer to God's call
to share Christ's love,
we welcome people
of all abilities and life situations,
and encourage everyone
to fully participate in worship and service.*

ECUMENICAL BIBLE STUDY

Wednesdays at 10:00 am

The Ecumenical Bible Study meets each Wednesday. They are studying the book of Genesis. New members of all denominations are always welcome.

***Bible Study will not meet on 4/20 and 4/27 while Pastor Joyce is away.**

WOMEN'S GUILD

The guild will meet on **Monday, April 18 at noon**. Bring a sandwich; dessert will be provided. Hostess for this meeting will be **Anna Bierma**. All women of the church are welcome to attend.

The guild members approved the placement of a fourth blue box for clothing donations, thanks to the kind offer of **Dr. Patti Jolie-Zotzmann**. The box will be located at Hearthstone Veterinary on Rt. 29 at Bryant's Bridge Road. This should be a very convenient location for anyone making a trip to Saratoga!

The guild thanks all those who have been donating their items to the blue boxes. Funds from this project help the guild to support the ministry of OSRC with quarterly donations to our General Fund. **Blue Box donations can include clothing, shoes, belts, purses, and linens and stuffed animals.**

CAMP FOWLER

Don't forget to sign up for Camp Fowler soon as weeks fill up fast! You can fill out the registration form on line at www.campfowler.org. Three young people from OSRC are currently registered, with two more considering a week at the camp.

The consistory voted to give each camper **\$300** to help with the cost for a week. Please help by giving a gift towards a campership, and marking your check to OSRC "campership." Thanks!

LASAGNA DINNER



Our Annual Lasagna Dinner is on **Sat. April 9th from 4:30-6:30pm**. Tickets are available from **Chris Garney at 695-6638**.

JACOB'S WELL E-MAIL

If you have a new e-mail address, please let the church know so that you will not miss the next issue of Jacob's Well! If you are currently getting JW by 1st class mail and would like to receive it through your e-mail, we would also appreciate knowing that. Thanks! **(695-3479)**

SUNDAY SCHOOL

April 3 is the last day to pre-order a tie-dyed Hippies for Hope t-shirt. You may order by calling the office, with money due **(\$10)** when the shirts are distributed. The proceeds provide a tie-dyed t-shirt for a sick child, and help to support a girls' school in Tanzania. Donations are also gratefully received!

HYMNS OF OUR FAITH

"Sing to the Lord, you saints of his; praise his holy name." Psalm 30:4

"Lead Me to Calvary"

**"King of my life, I crown thee now, thine shall the glory be;
Lest I forget thy thorn-crowned brow, lead me to Calvary."**

I have a great interest in American Civil War history. This wound on our nation's history is still healing; the work of reconstruction continues to this day. I have found it important to visit some of the historic battlefields of that conflict in order to gain a better understanding of that calamitous event; to better appreciate the sacrifices that were made to preserve our nation.

So too, in our spiritual life, it is important for believers to go back to Calvary, if not physically, then certainly in our thought processes, and in our contemplation of our Lord's greatest gift to us – himself. When we "visit" Calvary we are reminded of our Savior's sacrifice on our behalf and the release that we are provided from the bondage of sin and death.

The refrain of this great meditative hymn is as follows:

**"Lest I forget Gethsemane, lest I forget thine agony,
Lest I forget thy love for me, lead me to Calvary."**

"Lead Me to Calvary" was written about the advent of the 20th century by Jennie E. Hussey of New Hampshire, with music composed by William J. Kirkpatrick of Pennsylvania – a fully American hymn.

Dick Behrens

PROPERTY COMMITTEE



The Property Committee met on Monday, March 28, to further refine the details of the bathroom renovation. **Doug Sheely** has finished the demolition process, and hopes to have the project completed by mid-April. If you have any questions about what is being done, please talk with any one of the Property Committee members. (**Paulette Foote, David deVelder, Karl Thayer or Duffy Whitehouse**) The next meeting will be on Monday, April 11, 7pm at the church.

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

Sun. May 8 (Mother's Day)

On Sunday, May 8 the following people will be received as confessing members of the church: **Pam Seward, Barbara Vincent, Sandy Jones, Cheryl Coffin Jones, and Stephen Bodnar.**

On March 13, at a New Members Orientation, these individuals were officially received as members of the church. During the worship service on May 8, the whole congregation will welcome them as members!

COVERED DISH AND GAME NIGHT

Sat. April 30 at 5:30pm

The Fellowship Committee has scheduled a fun-filled evening of food and games for the end of April. Sign-up sheets will be posted after Easter. Plan on joining in the festivities!

GARDENER NEEDED!

Each year we ask if there is someone in the church, who has a little extra time and enjoys being outdoors, who would like to tend to the church gardens. It would involve a little weeding, planting and watering periodically. If you can help in this way, please call the church office (695-3479)

FIRST QUARTER FINANCIAL UPDATE

As we end the first quarter of 2016, all of our bills are paid. Unfortunately, in order to accomplish that, we used over **\$7300** of the **\$7457.31** balance from 2015. Hopefully, our Lasagna Dinner will help to add to our General Fund and the nicer weather will increase church attendance and our weekly offerings. We withdrew **\$10,000** from our capital improvements fund for the renovations to our bathroom, and that project is in the process of being completed. As always, thank you to all who support our ministry with prayers, work, and gifts.

Chris Garney, Treasurer

GUEST WORSHIP LEADERS Sun. April 24 10am

Church members **Christopher Tucker** and **Patrick Woomer** will be teaming up on Sunday, April 24, and leading the congregation in a Service of Word and Song. Please plan to attend and support our friends who have volunteered to fill in for Pastor Joyce that day. **Pastor Joyce, David and Mikael will be in Michigan from April 18-28, working with her brothers and sister to prepare their father's house for sale, following his death last summer.**

HOPES FOR THE SPECIAL COUNCIL ON HUMAN SEXUALITY

From April 15-18, a special council of 74 members will gather in Chicago. Their mandate is to seek the guidance of the Holy Spirit to discern "a constitutional pathway forward for the Reformed Church in America to address the questions of human sexuality as it relates to ordination and marriage." In June (9-14) a Group of Five will report to General Synod 2016 at their meeting in Palos Heights, Illinois. www.rca.org/news/seeking-the-way-forward-together

CAFÉ MUSICA

The evening of March 13 saw an anticipatory crowd of 80 gather in Loomis Hall. Their hopes were not disappointed, when several local musical groups of varied styles performed to the delight of all musical tastes! Delicious refreshments were available, too. Comments After the concert were all favorable, with many expressing interest in scheduling another evening together. A free will offering of **\$173** was donated, and will be given to local missions. Many thanks to **Bruce Guerineau** and **Christopher Tucker**, who had the idea to share their talents and those of the groups in which they perform with the Schuylerville Community.

*See photos on Facebook – thanks to **Pat Woomer!***

IN OUR COMMUNITY

SECOND HAND ROSE THRIFT SHOP



116 Broadway

Tues. – Sat. 11 am-4 –pm

Donations gladly accepted during store hours.
Next board meeting Fri. April 8 at 9:30am at OSRC
Volunteers are always needed!
Call Charlotte at 695-4640

S.A.F.E.R.

Schuylerville Area Food Relief

Open 9-12 noon M-W-F

260-4779

FIDDLER ON THE ROOF

Schuylerville Community Theater will present the play “Fiddler on the Roof” on April 15, 16, 17 at Schuylerville School. OSRC members Mark Booth, will play Avram, the bookseller, and Christopher Tucker will be involved with lighting and sound.

LOCAL CHURCH UPCOMING EVENTS

Sat. April 9

Old Saratoga Lasagna Dinner

Sat. April 9 10am

Bacon Hill Bonanza Road Race (5 and 10K Run)

Check www.baconhillbonanza.com for more info

Proceeds support steeple repair and a portion to Hudson Crossing Park

Sat. April 23

Quaker Springs Roast Pork Dinner

Sat. April 30

Fort Miller Roast Beef Dinner

EARTH DAY AND ARBOR DAY



April 22

Earth Day

“The earth is the Lord’s and all that is in it...” *Psalms 24: 1*

April 29

Arbor Day

A great day to plant a tree... and to give thanks to God for the gift of trees!
For more info see www.arborday.org

ANNUAL AUTISM EXPO Sat. April 10 1-3pm Saratoga Springs City Center

A free event for families and individuals to learn more about services and resources in the Capital Region for persons diagnosed with autism. Skidmore students will be on hand to do arts and crafts with children to free parents to meet with vendors. *(sponsored by Saratoga Bridges)*

For more info go to www.saratoga bridges.org

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Sunday Worship: 10:30 am

Sunday School: (Sept.-June) 10:30am–11:30am

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Sunday, April 3 10 am

Annual Lasagna Dinner

Sat. April 9 4:30-6:30pm

(details inside)

Earth Day Sunday

Sun. April 17 10am

Service of Word and Song

Sun. April 24 10am

Guest Worship Leaders- Christopher Tucker and Pat Woomer

