

JACOB'S WELL

OLD SARATOGA REFORMED CHURCH

April 2015



- April 5 RESURRECTION OF THE LORD** *Celebration of the Lord's Supper -*
Co-celebrants Rev. Joyce deVelder and Rev. John deVelder
Fellowship Hour hosted by the Fellowship Committee
Lectionary Readings: Acts 10: 34-43; Psalm 118: 1-2,18-24; 1 Corinthians 15: 1-11;
John 20: 1-18
- Greeter: Cindy Brockman*
Liturgist: Chris Garney
Ushers: Kim Thayer/Karl Thayer
Counters: Paulette Foote/Pat Woomer
Communion Servers: Paulette Foote, Pat Woomer, Cindy Brockman, Hank Harrington
Communion Cleanup: Anna Bierma
- April 12 SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER**
Lectionary Readings: Acts 4: 32-35; Psalm 133; 1 John 1: 1-2; 2; John 20: 19-31
- Greeter: Terri Richards*
Liturgist: Bruce Guerineau
Ushers: Katrina Harrington/Paula Sheely
Counters: Paula Sheely/Hank Harrington
- April 19 THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER** *Earth Day Sunday - Tree Dedication*
Lectionary Readings: Acts 3: 12-19; Psalm 4; 1 John 3: 1-7; Luke 24: 36-48
- Greeter: Robin Woomer*
Liturgist: David deVelder
Ushers: Hank Harrington/Bill Olmert
Counters: Cindy Brockman/Hank Harrington
- April 26 FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER** *Fellowship Hour hosted by Cindy Brockman*
Lectionary Readings: Acts 4: 5-12; Psalm 23; 1 John 3: 16-24; John 10: 11-18
- Greeter: Anna Bierma*
Liturgist: Anne Mitchell
Ushers: Trevor Lewie/Cindy Brockman
Counters: Pat Woomer/Bruce Guerineau

*Our worship services begin at 10:30am. The sanctuary is handicapped accessible.
Holy Communion is celebrated the first Sunday of each month.*

As of May 3, 2015, Worship time will be changed to

10 am



From the Pastor...

Dear Members and Friends of Old Saratoga,

Greetings to you in the Grace and Peace of Christ!

As **Holy Week** (March 29-April 4) and **Easter** (April 5) draw near, we remember the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. The spiritual mystery of his dying and rising is our pathway to life—to discovering who we are as children of God, and who the God of Love is to us and to the world.

As the holy days of remembrance and celebration approach, I would say that most of us, including myself, are more than ready for the coming of spring! The winter has felt long isolating, and harsh; the snow and cold have lingered too long. For most of us, the warmth of the sun, the sight of flowers, the singing of birds, the greening of the hills and fields can't come fast enough! There's a shared eagerness and longing to experience the joy of spring.

This awareness of how we feel between the seasons can be instructive to our inner life. Thomas Merton (1915-1968) who lived his life between the seasons of discontent and the soul-searching discovery of communion with God, wrote that *"we are called to **experience** the Resurrection in our own lives by...following Christ who lives in us. This life..is expressed by the power of love... "The Resurrection", he said, "is not a doctrine we try to prove or a problem we argue about; it is the life and action of Christ himself in us by his Holy Spirit. A Christian bases his entire life on these truths. His entire life is changed by the presence and action of the Risen Christ...who has overcome all that seeks to destroy us or to block our human and spiritual growth. True encounter with Christ liberates something in us, a power we did not know we had, a hope, a capacity for life, a resilience, an ability to bounce back when we thought we were completely defeated, a capacity to grow and change, a power of creative transformation."* (He Is Risen by Thomas Merton)

Such is what might have been behind the words of the Apostle Paul when he wrote *"All I want to know is Christ in the power of his Resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death...."* (Philippians 3: 10)

Like our present longing to see and feel the "rebirth" of creation in spring, there is in every human heart, an inner desire to experience resurrection—"to take hold of the Life that really is life!" (I Timothy 6:19) Life in the Spirit of Christ is dying to that which does not give us life and rising up with hope in the Love that truly makes all things new!

The Easter Sunday exclamation **"Christ is Risen! He is Risen indeed!"** is the good news that "nothing in all creation"—not even death—"can separate us from the Love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord!" (Romans 8: 38) That unfailing Love is our assurance and hope that Resurrection can be experienced now—and give life and hope to us and all the world!

May your Easter be blessed with the Love of God and the Joy of New Life!

Faithfully yours,

Pastor Joyce deVelder

LASAGNA DINNER



Sat. April 18
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 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.
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, 1970

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

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.)

Marge Martinovich, The Stanton, 152 Sherman Ave. , Glens Falls, NY 12801
Chauncey Mabb, Crescent Manor, 312 Crescent Blvd. , Bennington, VT 05201, 1-802-379-3148
Bea Pechette: 131 Lawrence Street, Victoria 323, Saratoga Springs, NY 12866

HOSPITALIZED IN MARCH

Paulette Foote – Saratoga Hospital
Peggy MacMillan- Albany Medical Center

IN OUR PRAYERS

“But when you pray, you must believe and not doubt at all. Whoever doubts is like a wave in the sea that is driven and blown about by the wind.” (James 1: 6)

Ruth Hayes	Bette Tucker
Marge Martinovich	Dwight Colvin
Alyson Fitzgerald	Ashleigh Clute
Bill Cluff	Bea Pechette
Thomas Altrogge	David Garrand
Rod Borgman	Ashley Edgar
John Bodnar	Trevor Lewie
Richard Zelazny	Naomi Thayer
Eloise Bosch	Bruce Guerineau
Sylvia Thompson	Wayne Barton
Evie Senecal	Kerst Brunner
Alicia Lewie	Charlotte Gorham
Rev. Janet Vincent	Emma Hougen
Darlene Olmert	Clyde Wells
Susie Murphy	Edward Hougen
Pat Hayes-Howd	Sue Hughes
Audrey Booth	Sandy DeGregory
Shirley Hoodack	Pat Richards
Charles Thayer	Mike McLoughlin
Suzanne Guerineau	George Duval
Lucas Perkins	Peggy MacMillan
Sandy Horsfield	Anna Bierma

THANKS RECEIVED

“Thank you for being there for me when I was growing up.” (included a donation)
Nadene Lake

THANKS EXTENDED

"Thank you for your faithful support **(\$85)** of RCA's ministry and mission."

Tom DeVries

General Secretary, RCA

"Thank you for your gift of **\$99**. Your contribution will help Hospice in fulfilling its mission of caring for terminally ill patients and their families."

Stephen J. Manney

Director of Hospice Foundation

"Thank you to all who donated **(\$200)** for goats and chickens in Africa. You will help so many children in Madagascar and Tanzania."

Karen (Flewelling)

Drilling For Hope



FROM THE BUSMAN FAMILY

"To be surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses humbles us. We are grateful for your support, humbled by your care, and strengthened through your friendship.

With much gratitude and love,

The Busman Clan"

(Thanks so much for what you've done for us!! Such grace and generosity, Love Kent and Jill)

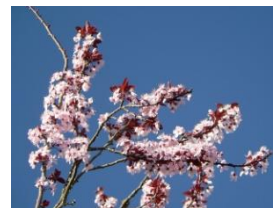
PEOPLE YOU KNOW



Local artist, **Jacob Houston**, son of **Claire and Jim Houston** of Greenwich, is having an art show entitled **"What's New?"** featuring art that he has been creating over the past 3 years, since he had his last show at the Greenwich Library. The show opens on April 2, with an opening reception on Sat. April 4 from noon to 3 pm. Jacob's work will be on display at the library for the whole month of April, through May 1. Come see Jacob's extraordinary and unique talent!

(The Houston Family are former members of Old Saratoga and are members of the Centenary Methodist Church in Greenwich. They live along the Battenkill on Rt. 29.)

SPRING



"...for now the winter is past,
The rain is over and gone..
The flowers appear on the earth;
The time of singing has come,
And the voice of the turtledove is heard in our land.
The fig tree puts forth its figs,
And the vines are in blossom;
They give forth fragrance."

Song of Solomon 2: 11-13

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 has resumed meeting following the holiday break. They are studying the book of Genesis. New members of all denominations are always welcome.

WOMEN'S GUILD

The guild will resume meeting again on **Monday, April 20 at noon**. Bring a sandwich; dessert will be provided. Hostesses for this meeting will be **Anna Bierma and Joyce deVelder**. All women of the church are welcome to attend.

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.

Ajay and Holly Deyoe will be returning for their second time at Fowler. Both will be attending Week #50 Horizons, being held the week of July 19-25. Several other youth have expressed an interest in going also.

The consistory voted to give each camper \$200 to help with the cost for a week. Please help by giving a gift towards a campership, and marking your check "campership." Thanks!

LASAGNA DINNER

Sat. April 18 4:30-6:30 pm



If you love lasagna, but a big pan is too much for your family, why not come to the OSRC Lasagna dinner?

It will be held on Sat. April 18 from 4-6 pm. Homemade lasagnas (meat and vegetarian) salad, bread, desserts and beverages will be on the menu. Cost is \$10 for adults and \$5 for children 5-10. Reservations are suggested, but walk-ins are welcome! Call 695-6638 or 695-3479.

2015 JAMAICA MISSION TRIP

The tentative date for this year's Jamaica Mission Trip is **Wed. July 1- Wed. July 8**. We are looking for 2-3 individuals (age 16 and older) who might be interested to go to serve at the Pringle Home orphanage. Anyone that goes will need a passport.

If you are interested, please contact **Pam Driscoll** or **Pastor Joyce**. Please remember **Bonnie Manes** in your prayers as she recovers from recent surgery. *(Bonnie is a member of our partner church, First Presbyterian, Oneonta, and coordinator of the annual Jamaica Mission trips.)*

HYMNS OF OUR FAITH

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

"Rejoice, the Lord Is King"

"The Lord the Savior reigns, the god of truth and love;

When he had purged our stains he took his seat above:

Lift up your heart, lift up your voice!

Rejoice again I say, rejoice!" (vs. 2)

Charles Wesley, Anglican clergyman and among the leaders of the Methodist movement, is the author of over 6,000 hymns, according to one source. Another source indicated the number to be 8,989. Obviously, Wesley is one of the greatest hymn writers of all time. Following a conversion experience in 1738, Wesley felt the call to spread the Gospel to ordinary people, and began to write the poetic hymns for which he became known.

Charles Wesley's text, "Rejoice, the Lord Is King," speaks of delight in the kingship of the risen Son of God; "*The Lord and Savior reigns...Rejoice!*" The manuscript that Wesley marked "for Easter and Ascension" is based on two New Testament passages of scripture: "*But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels, now crowned with glory and honor*" (Hebrews 2:9) and "*Rejoice in the Lord always, and again I say rejoice.*" (Philippians 4:4.) In this liturgical season of Easter, we celebrate Christ's sovereignty; he who was raised from the dead as the Lord of life.

"Rejoice the Lord is King: your Lord and King adore!

Rejoice, give thanks, and sing, and triumph evermore:

Lift up your heart, lift up your voice!

Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!" (vs. 1)

In this world where human leadership too often seems to fail, we need to remember, and **Rejoice**, that "the Lord is King."

Dick Behrens

WORSHIP COMMITTEE

The Worship Committee sent a recommendation to the Consistory that the time of our service be changed to **10 am, beginning on May 3, 2015.** This recommendation comes after the congregation was given the opportunity to give its opinion on the matter. Having heard no negative feedback, the decision was made to go ahead with the process. At its meeting on May 24, the Consistory voted to change the time.

HYGIENE KITS

The Deacons have decided to ask the congregation to once again participate in filling hygiene kits for countries which have experienced natural disasters. The kits will have a list of needed items inside a plastic bag. Many of these things can be bought at a dollar store.

1 hand towel

1 washcloth

1 bar of soap (wrapped) 6 band-aids

1 toothbrush (in package)

1 wide-tooth comb

1 metal nail clipper

Maybe you can organize family, co-workers, or groups to which you belong to put some kits together. Let the office know if you would like some "extras" and we will be glad to help!

Kits will be due back on April 12.

CREDO

A Youth Retreat

For youth of Albany Synod preparing for Confirmation and Profession of Faith

April 24-26 at Chi Rho House

Camp Fowler

\$50 per participant

Call the synod office 374-4573 or register online at www.albany-synod.org/credo

WOMEN'S GUILD GREETING CARDS

The Women's Guild has been collecting spare greeting cards, kept in a box in the office. They are all categorized (birthday, get-well, etc.) and are available for you to take if you have an occasion which you wish to remember, and have not yet gotten the chance to get a card, or if you'd like to remember some of our shut-ins. Thanks goes to **Terri Richards**, who spent some time sorting all the cards and covering the box with pretty wrapping paper.

EARTH DAY AND TREE DEDICATION

Sunday, April 19



An **Intergenerational Worship Service** is being planned for Sunday, April 19, which marks the week when Earth Day and Arbor Day are celebrated. Everyone's invited to come celebrate the gift of God's Creation! The service will include participation of our Sunday School boys and girls, and others from the congregation.

Following worship, we will gather on the front lawn of the church to dedicate a crabapple tree (planted last fall) in memory of **Norman and Alice Jolie**. The tree was given by their daughter **Patti Jolie-Zotzmann** and her children **Richard and Sarah**.

EASTER SUNDAY SERVICE



April 5 10:30 am

On Sunday, April 5, the Resurrection of the Lord will be joyfully remembered in song, scripture and message at the 10:30 am service. Following that, there will be a Fellowship Hour, hosted by our Fellowship Committee. All are welcome to attend this service.

PROPERTY COMMITTEE

The Property Committee met on Wednesday, March 18 to continue considering improvements to the buildings of Old Saratoga.

Several recommendations for the consistory to consider will be presented to them by committee president **Paulette Foote**:

- Replacement of the folding partitions in Loomis Hall
- Purchase of new lighting fixtures for Loomis Hall
- Purchase new sets of letters for our lighted outside sign
- Further investigation into steeple repairs

The committee would like to request that members and friends of the congregation consider gathering a small group of friends to tackle the cleaning of various areas of the church building, before we host the Classis of Schenectady on May 26.

Next meeting will be April 15 at 7 pm

SPRING BREAK MOVIE NIGHT

Friday, April 10 at 7 pm

"When the Game Stands Tall" – The story of a legendary football coach who taught his team about the value of purpose and significance over the glory of titles

SUNDAY SCHOOL



The children have been learning about the Triumphal Entry of Jesus into Jerusalem, and the Last Supper, his death and resurrection. There will be no Sunday School on Easter od on April 12. The children are encouraged to come to the service to sit with their families. On April 19th the children will be participating in the Intergenerational Earth Day service.

CROP WALK

Sunday, May 3 in Greenwich

Communities Responding to Overcome Hunger (CROP) is a program of Church World Service to raise money for global and local hunger needs. People who participate in the walk make and/or collect donations/pledges. A portion of the proceeds is given to our local food pantries in Schuylerville and Greenwich!

The Greenwich Interfaith Council is now organizing a CROP Walk for Sunday, May 3. Old Saratoga has participated for the past two years with 16-20 people (of all ages!) participating in the walk.

Registration materials and more information will be soon available. Please mark this date on your calendar and help recruit your family and friends to get out and walk for a great cause!

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

April 2 Thursday 7 pm at OSRC

MAUNDY THURSDAY

The Lord's Table and Tenebrae
Meditation: the Rev. Joyce deVelder

April 3 Friday Noon at St. Stephen's

THE PASSION OF JESUS CHRIST

Preaching: the Rev. Donna Arnold
Light luncheon to follow

April 5 Sunday at Bacon Hill Reformed

EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE

Outdoor Chapel

6:15 am

2015 STEWARDSHIP INVITATION

The consistory, along with members of the Finance Committee, urges members and friends of OSRC to consider supporting specific expenditures in part or in whole. When you do this, you can be assured that the contribution goes to an item that supports worship or helps to make the building safe and comfortable for all users.

Most items are under \$100, with several in the \$30 range. Gifts in-part are most welcome, if you feel that you cannot underwrite the entire cost. We are thankful for the love exhibited through any gift, and the desire of the giver to see God's work prosper in this place.

You may send your check, earmarked for a specific item, to the church, or place it in the offering plate on Sunday. ***"Each individual should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver."*** 2 Corinthians 9:7
Dick Behrens

(Copies of the Stewardship Invitation are enclosed.)

Old Saratoga Reformed Church

Stewardship Invitation-2015

“These offerings are in addition to those for the Lord’s Sabbaths and in addition to whatever you have vowed and all the freewill offerings you give to the Lord.” Leviticus 23:38(NIV)

The Consistory and the Finance Committee are asking members and friends of the church to prayerfully consider underwriting, either in whole or part, one or more of our budgeted expenditures for the 2015 financial year. We request that this act of stewardship be in addition to your regular giving. Your gift may be offered in a single payment, or in as many payments as you find convenient over the course of the year.

Budgeted item	Budgeted Amount	My Gift
Bank Fees	\$ 150	
Biodegradable Food Containers	\$ 75	Covered
Christmas Candles	\$ 35	\$15
Church Parsonage Sewer Rent	\$ 460	
Church Parsonage Water Rent	\$ 460	
Fire Alarm System Inspection	\$ 250	Covered
Fire Central Station Monitoring	\$ 260	Covered
Fire Extinguisher Inspections	\$ 100	Covered
Furnace Inspection	\$ 350	
Jacob’s Well (one month’s mailing)	\$ 75	
Choir Music	\$ 20	\$110
My Classis Dues	\$ 92	
Organ Tuning	\$ 210	
Piano Tuning	\$ 210	
Stamps	\$ 100	Covered
Upper Room Devotional	\$ 85	
Worship Candles	\$ 60	\$15
Worship Service Bulletins	\$ 100	Covered
Worship Bulletins (Christmas/Easter etc.)	\$ 30	

Please return this form to the Church Secretary, Duffy Whitehouse, or call her at 695-3479, weekdays, between 9:00 AM and Noon, or e-mail your response to oldsaratogareformed@verizon.net. Make Checks payable to OSRC, earmarked “Stewardship Invitation”.

Name of Giver _____

IN OUR COMMUNITY

SECOND HAND ROSE THRIFT SHOP 116 BROADWAY



Tues. – Sat. 11 am-4 –pm

Donations gladly accepted during store hours.
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

EASTER EGG HUNT Sat. April 4 11 am



An Easter Egg Hunt will be held at the High School practice field on Saturday, April 4. Children will hunt for eggs on the following schedule:

Birth to age 3 at 11 am

Ages 4-7 at 11:20 am

Ages 8-12 at 11:40 am

There will be over 10,000 candy-filled eggs ready to be found!

In case of rain, the hunt will be held in the High School Gym.

April 22 Earth Day



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

Do a good deed for the earth on Earth Day!

ARBOR DAY Friday April 24



A great day to plant a tree...and give thanks to God for the gift of trees!

For more info see www.arborday.org

BATTENKILL CHORALE

Sat. 4/25 8 pm

Sun. 4/26 4 pm

**Music by Brahms, Mozart, Copland
And Jewish, Russian, South African
tunes**

**Immaculate Conception Church
73 Main Street, Hoosick Falls**

Tickets: \$15 - 692-7458

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Patrick Woomer, Cindy Brockman, Bruce Guerineau,
Henry Harrington

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Sunday Worship: 10:30 am

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

Celebration of the Resurrection

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Sunday, April 5 10:30 am

All are welcome to the Fellowship Hour following the service!!

Lasagna Dinner Fundraiser

Sat. April 18 4:30-6:30 pm

Earth Day and Tree Dedication

Sunday, April 19 10:30 am

New Worship Time!!

10:00 am



Beginning Sunday, May 3