

July/August 2016



July 3 SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

Lectionary Readings: 2 Kings 5: 1-14; Psalm 30; Isaiah 66: 10-14; Galatians 6: (1-6), 7-16; Luke 10: 1-11, 16-20

Greeter: Amber Deyoe Liturgist: Pat Woomer

Ushers: Pam Seward/Makenzie Harrington Counters: Pat Woomer/Bruce Guerineau

Communion Servers: P. Sheely, B. Guerineau, C. Brockman, A. Deyoe

Communion Cleanup: Helen Lofgren

July 10 EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Lectionary Readings: Amos 7: 7-17; Psalm 82; Deuteronomy 30: 9-14; Luke 10: 25-37

Greeter: Pam Seward Liturgist: Hank Harrington

Ushers: Trevor Lewie/Dick Behrens

Counters: Amber Deyoe/Cindy Brockman

July 17 NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Lectionary Readings: Amos 8: 1-12; Psalm 52; Colossians 1: 15-28; Luke 10: 38-42

Greeter: Duffy Whitehouse Liturgist: Bruce Guerineau

Ushers: Makenzie Harrington/Pam Seward Counters: Pat Woomer/Bruce Guerineau

July 24 TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Lectionary Readings: Hosea 1: 2-10; Psalm 85; Colossians 2: 6-15; Luke 11: 1-13

Greeter: Terri Richards Liturgist: Chris Garney

Ushers: Anne Mitchell/Duffy Whitehouse Counters: Amber Deyoe/Anne Mitchell

July 31 ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST Guest Worship Leader: Deacon Anne Mitchell

Lectionary Readings: Hosea 11: 1-11; Psalm 107: 1-9, 43; Colossians 3: 1-11;

Luke 12: 13-21

Greeter: Terri Richards Liturgist: Chris Garney

Ushers: Anne Mitchell/Duffy Whitehouse Counters: Paula Sheely/Cindy Brockman

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

Holy Communion is celebrated the first Sunday of each month.

August



Aug. 7 TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST Celebration of the Lord's Supper

Lectionary Readings: Isaiah 1: 1, 10-20; Psalm 50: 1-8,22-23; Hebrews 11: 1—3, 8-16;

Luke 12: 32-40

Greeter: Pam Seward Liturgist: Pam Seward

Ushers: Anne Mitchell/Duffy Whitehouse Counters: Pat Woomer/Bruce Guerineau

Communion Servers: P. Sheely, B. Guerineau, C. Brockman, A. Deyoe

Communion Cleanup: Kim and Karl Thayer

Aug. 14 THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Lectionary Readings: Isaiah 5: 1-7; Psalm 80: 1-2, 8-19; Hebrews 11: 29-12: 2;

Luke 12: 49-56

Greeter: Anna Bierma Liturgist: Ajay Deyoe

Ushers: Makenzie Harrington/Pam Seward Counters: Paula Sheely/Amber Deyoe

Aug. 21 FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST Guests in Worship: Jason and Maggie White

Lectionary Readings: Jeremiah 1: 4-10; Psalm 71: 1-6; Hebrews 12: 18-29; Luke 13: 10-17

Greeter: Duffy Whitehouse Liturgist: Duffy Whitehouse Ushers: Terri Richards/Bill Olmert

Counters: Pat Woomer/Bruce Guerineau

Aug. 28 FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST Guest Worship Leader: Dick Behrens

Lectionary Readings: Jeremiah 2: 4-13; Psalm 81: 1, 10-16; Hebrews 13: 1-8, 15-16;

Luke 14: 1, 7-14

Greeter: Helen Lofgren Liturgist: Holly Deyoe

Ushers: Anne Mitchell/Duffy Whitehouse Counters: Amber Deyo e/Anne Mitchell

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From the Pastor ...

Dear Members and Friends of Old Saratoga,

Greetings in the love and peace of Christ!

With summer officially here, I've been thinking about how to be more attentive to the presence of God by paying closer attention to all God has given us in creation. I think of those wonderful verses in Job 12:7-8 where it is written "...speak to the earth and it shall teach thee...." And these lines of an old hymn: "This is my Father's world: he shines in all that's fair; in the rustling grass, I hear him pass, he speaks to me everywhere."

Over the past four weeks, members of the local clergy group watched a four-part DVD series about how to deepen consciousness about the realities of the spiritual world. The series, by Father Richard Rohr was entitled "The Change That Changes Everything." In one of the segments, Fr. Rohr quoted a woman named May Sarton. She is one of my favorite authors, and I have twice read one of her books, <u>Journal of a Solitude</u>, from which Fr. Rohr quoted.

As Sarton was recalling a quote by another author, Simone Weil "Absolute attention is prayer," she wrote: "..the more I have thought about this over the years, the truer it is for me...if one looks long enough at almost anything, looks with absolute attention at a flower, a stone, the bark of a tree, grass, snow, a cloud, **something like revelation takes place.** Something is "given", and perhaps that something is always a reality outside the self. We are aware of God only when we cease to be aware of ourselves, not in the negative sense of denying the self, but in the sense of losing self in admiration and joy."

When was the last time you "lost yourself" in admiration and joy?

One of my favorite spiritual/nature writers is Thomas Merton, whose life a few of us learned about two years ago during our "4 Weeks in Lent" program. Father Merton devoted his life to being attentive to God through creation. In his forest hermitage at the Abbey of Gethsemani (KY), Merton wrote how he "sat in stillness and loved the wind in the forest and listened for a good long while to God."

It seems that we human beings, need desperately in our time to walk away from our books, our words, our computers, our TV's, our smart phones and tablets, to embrace, and to be embraced by God in nature. Go outside and listen to the earth speak. Climb a mountain. Walk beside a river. Look at a flower. Be attentive to God who is in in all things and waiting for us to come—waiting to give us love and mercy, teach us wisdom about life and living—and help us find healing and peace.

Faithfully yours,

Pastor Joyce deVelder

CHURCH FAMILY

BIRTHDAYS- July/Aug.

- 2: Harvey Howd
- 3: Kathleen Bartholomay
- 6: Ashley Buchanan
- 6: Shirley Mabb
- 7: Ruth Haves
- 9: Dick Behrens
- 9: Larissa Anne Squires
- 10: Henrietta Edgar
- 12: Chet Demick
- 16: Curt Demick
- 17: Duffy Whitehouse
- 20: Alyson Fitzgerald
- 26: Thomas Wilbur
- 26: Catherine Alice Pooler
- 27: Joshua Cummins
- 28: Trevor Scott Lewie
- 28: Florence Sherman
- 29: Marion Barton
- 30: Amberlyn (Wilbur) Deyoe
- 30: Helen Lofgren
- 31: Christopher Correll, Jr.
 - 1: Traci Anne Scrom
 - 4: Danny Barton
 - 4: Eloise Bosch
 - 4: Kelsey Buchanan
 - 6: Amanda McCarty
 - 10: Brian Richards
 - 11: David Garand
 - 12: Maeve Gilman
 - 12: Sara Radigan
 - 13: Terri Richards
 - 17: Cindy Kerr
 - 18: Zachary Mellen
 - 18: Emily MacMillan
 - 18: Ian Kerr
 - 19: Stephen Bodnar
 - 20: Declan Mellen
 - 21: Crystal Richards
 - 21: Makenzie Harrinaton
 - 22: Amelia Clark
 - 24: Carolyn Markwith
 - 25: Donald MacMillan IV
 - 25: Sarah Brockman
 - 27: Nicholas Thayer



ANNIVERSARIES- July/ Aug.

20: Mark and Patti Booth

- 2: Dale and Christine Cox
- 3: Joyce and David de Velder
- 5: Sam and Eran Dickinson
- 7: Maureen and Will Roberts
- 8: Pam and Joe Driscoll
- 15: Gene and Sue Usher, 1952

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 A114, 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**

Alyson Fitzgerald Bill Cluff David Garrand Rod Borgman John Bodnar Richard Zelazny Eloise Bosch Evie Senecal Charlotte Gorham

Darlene Olmert Susie Murphy

Pat Hayes-Howd Sandy DeGregory Mona Perkins

Suzanne Guerineau

Sandy Horsfield

Sue and Tom Wilbur

Anne Mitchell Thomas Altrogge Ryan Markwith

Ashley Edgar Trevor Lewie Naomi Thayer Sandy Jones

Alicia Lewie Rosie Driscoll Clyde Wells

Tom Barber Sue Hughes **Charles Thaver** Robin Hoffman

Robin Woomer

Cheryl Durkee

THANKS RECEIVED

"Thank you for the gift of \$77. Habitat uses the money and the help of volunteers to build simple, decent, affordable homes for families. Your donation makes our mission possible."

Sincerely, Carol Norton
Treasurer, Habitat for Humanity

"Thank you for your contribution of **\$92.** This donation will be used to support our operating costs and the purchasing of new equipment."

Sincerely, Joanne Hanna President General Schuyler Emergency Squad

HOSPITALIZED IN JUNE

Sandy Jones – Saratoga Surgery Center Eran Dickinson- Saratoga Hospital ER Alyson Fitzgerald – Saratoga Hospital ER Diane (Hayes) Hasson – Saratoga Hospital Robin Woomer- Glens Falls Hospital

MARRIAGE



Blessings and congratulations to Matthew Butcher, Jr. and Belinda Howe of Taylor Road, who were married in the church on Sat. June 4. Matthew, the son of Brenda and Matthew Butcher (both deceased) was baptized at OSRC in 1965. His sister, Jaqueline (Butcher) Sheffield, who participated in the service, was baptized at OSRC in 1963, and married here in 1982. We pray God's blessing of health and happiness for Matthew and Belinda in their life together.

THANKS EXTENDED

..to **Duffy and Bill Whitehouse** for hosting our annual church picnic at their home in Easton on Sunday afternoon, June 5. Though the day was cool, cloudy and wet, all who came enjoyed good food and fellowship!

OSRC HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES

Congratulations to **Sarah Zotzmann**, daughter of **Patti Jolie-Zotzmann** and **Larry Zotzmann**, who graduated from Schuylerville High School. Sarah will be attending Gastonia College in North Carolina, enrolled in the Veterinary Tech program.

Congratulations to **Ashley Edgar**, daughter of **Henrietta and Nugent Edgar**, who graduated from Schuylerville High School. Ashley will study culinary arts at Schenectady Community College.

Congratulations to **Emily Buchanan**, daughter of **Brenda and Bill Buchanan**, who graduated from Schuylerville High School. Emily will be looking for a job following graduation.

Congratulations to **Kevin Casey**, son of **Melanie Casey** and **Dean Casey**, who graduated from Greenwich High School. Kevin will continue training for a CDL license, in preparation for joining the "Combine Train" in the Midwest, harvesting corn and wheat.

Grandchildren Graduates

Congratulations to **Lukas Whitehouse**, grandson of **Duffy and Bill Whitehouse**, who also graduated from Greenwich High. Lukas will be attending Utica College and majoring in Physical Therapy.

Congratulations to **Logan Barber**, granddaughter of **Gerry Barber**, who graduated from Schuylerville High School. She will be attending SUNY Adirondack, and hopes to transfer to SUNY Plattsburgh.

Congratulations to **Colton Barber**, grandson of **Gerry Barber**, who will graduate from the Schenectady Police Academy on July 8. He will be continuing his work for the department.

PEOPLE YOU KNOW

On Wed. 6/22, the Schuylerville Gospel Choir debuted at the high school auditorium. The 48 voice choir directed by **Jodi Leight** sang 9 songs, including a beautiful rendition of "Bridge Over Troubled Water." OSRC participants were **Christopher Tucker**, singing tenor, and **Mellenie Booth** who accompanied them. If you missed the concert, we heard the choir may be back next year!

CHURCH LIFE

ECUMENICAL BIBLE STUDY

Bible Study will suspend for the summer and resume meeting on **Wed. Sept. 7 at 10am**, when they will begin the study of the book of Daniel, and then Isaiah.

LOOKING AHEAD

Sat. July 9 10:30am Yard Sale Planning Meeting- Volunteers needed!

Sat. Sept. 17 8am-2pm Yard Sale – SYS!!! (Save Your Stuff!)

Sat. Oct. 1 4:30-6pm Chicken and Biscuit Dinner

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED



The church office will be closed for the summer, beginning July 1, and will reopen on Mon. Aug 15 at 9am.

SUMMER TUESDAY MORNINGS 9:30-10:30am



Though the office will be officially closed for the summer, you are invited to visit for "Coffee and Conversation" on summer Tuesday mornings, continuing an informal "tradition" that began during the winter. The coffeepot will be on, and we will have the opportunity to catch up with one another! See you there!

JASON AND MAGGIE WHITE TO VISIT OSRC AUG. 14



On Sunday, August 14, Old Saratoga will have the pleasure of welcoming **Jason and Maggie White**, who will share details of their upcoming year-long mission trip to Romania with us.

Jason, who graduated from Western Theological Seminary in May, will be ordained by the Classis of Schenectady on Aug. 7, so we will be welcoming him on 8/14 as "the Rev. Jason White." (Maggie is the daughter of the Rev. Kent and Jill Busman.) They are planning to go to Romania in September to begin a year of work there through the Reformed Church in America. Here, in Jason's words, is a statement about the mission work they will be doing: "We will be working most of the year in Targu Mures in an in-residence youth home. Most of the youth are abandoned, orphaned, or from unstable home environments; our job will be to help them with life skills, guidance, and to give them a stable, caring environment. Then, during the summer, we'll be off to work at a summer camp – a Romanian version of Camp Fowler."

While Jason and Maggie receive some funding from the RCA for the trip, they are required to raise as much funding as possible themselves. We are planning to have a special offering to help them in this special endeavor. The consistory hopes that people will come to meet Jason and Maggie on Sun. Aug. 14, and give generously to help this young couple fulfill their desire to share the good news of God's love in Romania.

Can't be there? Checks can be sent to the office (48 Pearl Street, Schuylerville, NY 12871, made out to OSRC, earmarked "Romania." Thanks!

Village Wide Yard Sale Sat. Sept. 17 8am-2pm

at Old Saratoga Reformed Church



Items for Sale

Books, CDs, Videos, DVDs, Jewelry, Toys, Adult and children's clothes, Sports clothing and gear, Kitchen items, Furniture, Linens, Knick-knacks

We will gladly be accepting donated new or gently used items for this sale to benefit our general fund.

You may bring your "stuff" to the church from

<u>Saturday, Sept. 3th until Monday Sept. 12th</u> Linens, clothing, shoes may be brought at anytime now!

(Please no SETS OF MUGS OR DISHES, or ELECTRONICS!!)

Thank you in advance for your generosity!

SUNDAY MORNING ACTIVITES FOR CHILDREN DURING WORSHIP

During the summer when there is no Sunday School, there will be activities for young people on the blue table at the back of the sanctuary. There are books, coloring sheets, word searches, pencils and crayons for them to use during the service.

OPPORTUNITIES TO SIGN UP

One of the things that members and friends of OSRC look forward to during the summer is our weekly **Lemonade on the Lawn** following worship. Please see when you can take a Sunday to entertain your friends!

There is also a signup sheet to provide **summer music for worship**. You can sing, play an instrument, or join together with some friends to worship God through music. Thanks!

2016 JAMAICA MISSION

We received news from **Bonnie Manes** (from our partner church (First Presbyterian in Oneonta) that there **WILL** be a mission trip to Pringle Home this summer! (June 29-July 6) While we're disappointed that OSRC did not have mission travelers to send this year, we are grateful to financially support the projects which the team will work on to benefit Pringle Home and its young residents. (This year's work project involves building and repairing closets and cupboards.) We thank everyone for the continued donations of deposit bottles and cans, purchase of cheesecake made by Henrietta Edgar, and your donations! As Bonnie Manes wrote," Thank you for all your efforts with this endeavor. I know you're disappointed, but we will look forward to 2017 with renewed expectations!"

CAMP FOWLER



We're happy to announce that six young people from OSRC are planning to go to Camp Fowler this summer! The consistory has generously committed church support of \$300 per camper to attend a week at Fowler. We will need \$300 more in order to reach this goal. Checks may be made to OSRC and earmarked "Campership."

If you would like to send the campers notes while they are away, so they have to "kiss the moose," their address will be:

Camper Name Week #
Fowler Camp and Retreat Center
PO Box 131, Speculator, NY 12164

Bridget Behrens #25 6/26-7/2
Bridgette Lewie #25 "
Trevor Lewie #25 "
Makenzie Harrington #60 7/24-7/30
Holly Deyoe #70 7/31-8/6
Ajay Deyoe #70 "

GUEST WORSHIP LEADERS

Sun. July 28 Anne Mitchell

Sun. Aug. 31 Dick Behrens



PROPERTY UPDATE

The Property Committee invites everyone to have a look at the new bathroom and storeroom, which are now complete. The members of the committee are very happy that the renovation project was able to expose one of the stained glass windows



that had been almost completely covered for many years. The committee will meet again at **7pm on Mon. Sept. 19**, when they will discuss information gathered about future projects.

The Property Committee members especially thank **Doug Sheely** for his excellent craftsmanship, and for being so agreeable to all the requests beyond the original scope of the project; **Karl Thayer** for getting the grab bars and baby changing station ordered through his work; **Buck Bounds** for making a new frame for the mirror; **Bill Whitehouse** for painting the new bathroom cabinet; **Cindy Brockman** for doing finish painting; the **anonymous donor** for donating the cost of the baby changing station; and the **consistory and congregation** for their support of the renovation project.

Please support these local businesses which were helpful to the committee: Aubuchon Hardware, Curtis Lumber, Glenn's Carpet (Stillwater), Stillwater Wood, Dream Design (Greenwich), North Country Insurance (Greenwich)

DENOMINATIONAL NEWS



The General Synod of the Reformed Church in America met in June near Chicago, Illinois. One of the major issues dealt with the report and recommendation of the Special Council, which met in April, regarding the question of human sexuality as it relates to marriage and ordination. The council was charged to seek the guidance of the Holy Spirit for a constitutional way forward which could help bring peace in the midst of a contentious and divisive debate in the church.

The recommendations that were, in the end, approved were (as anticipated) satisfying to many and disappointing to many. If you would like to read more about the General Synod meeting and the recommended amendment to our constitution, that will go to the classes for approval, and for possible ratification at the 2017 General Synod, please visit www.rca.org

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



Where: Bacon Hill Reformed Church

When: Mon. - Fri. - Aug 1-5

Time: **9-11:30am** Ages: **K-5th grade**

Call: Jessica Schwerd 441-3932

OSRC TO BE IN THE TURNING POINT PARADE

Sunday Aug. 7



At its June meeting, the consistory decided to accept the invitation of the Turning Point Parade Committee to participate this year, as it's been several years since we have participated.

Plans are to refresh the replica of our church (built many years ago by Howard Hayes and stored in Ruth Hayes's garage,) place it on a trailer and pull it in the parade! There will be signs, and a banner to carry. We'll be looking for volunteers to walk alongside the little church! (All participants will need to be at the Schuylerville School parking lot by 12 noon.)

We thank our Parade Committee (Paula Sheely, Amber Deyoe and Anne Mitchell) for their willingness to help! If you would like to get involved, please let them know. Thanks!

PASTOR JOYCE AND FAMILY SUMMER VACATION SCHEDULE

Pastor Joyce and her family will be on summer vacation over the following dates:

Tues. July 26- Wed. Aug. 3 Camping in the Adirondacks

Wed. Aug. 24-Thurs. Sept. 1 Camping in Rhode Island

For pastoral needs and/or requests for hospital visits, please contact Elder Vice-President, **Paula Sheely**. **Pastor Janet Vincent** will be on call while Pastor Joyce is away.

A PRAYER FOR THE WORLD

Let the rain come and wash away the ancient grudges, the bitter hatreds held and nurtured over generations. Let the rain wash away the memory of the hurt,

the neglect.

Then let the sun come out and fill the sky with rainbows.

Let the warmth of the sun heal us wherever we are broken.

Let it burn away the fog so that we can see each other clearly.

So that we can see beyond labels, beyond accents, gender or skin color. Let the warmth and brightness of the sun melt our selfishness.

So that we can share the joys and feel the sorrows of our neighbors.

And let the light of the sun be so strong that we will see all people as our neighbors.

Let the earth, nourished by rain, bring forth flowers to surround us with beauty.

And let the mountains teach our hearts to reach upward to heaven. Amen.

Rabbi Harold S. Kushner

N OUR COMMUNITY

SECOND HAND ROSE THRIFT SHOP

116 Broadway, Schuylerville NY



Tues. – Sat. 11am-4pm
Donations gladly accepted
during store hours
Volunteers are always needed!

Call Charlotte at 695-4640

Next Board meeting: July 15 at 9:30 at OSRC

SAFER

Schuylerville Area Food Relief
Open 9-12 noon <u>M,F (summer hours)</u>
260-4779

SCHUYLERVILLE EVENTS

Turning Point Parade Sunday, Aug. 7 1pm Broad Street

18th Century Days at the Schuyler House Sunday, Aug. 14 All day

"Prose, Poetry & Posies"
Garden Club Flower Show

When: Sat. July 23 – 1-5pm Sun. July 24 – 12-4pm

Where: Saratoga Town Hall, Corner of Spring

and Broad Streets

Horticulture, Design and Photography classes

FOOD PANTRY NEEDS VOLUNTEERS

The pantry is seeking help from the community for items to stock their shelves, but also in the form of volunteering a few hours each week or every other week. Call the pantry (260-4779) M-W-F-, 9 –12 for info.

COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS PROGRAM

The Community Connections Program trains volunteers to provide assistance to seniors in Saratoga County. Its mission is to help seniors age in place and maintain an independent lifestyle by providing assistance with home visits, respite assistance, household chores, transportation, shopping and errands, and telephone check-ins. If you would like to volunteer or for more information, please contact Rebecca Kaiserman at the Saratoga Senior Center:
seniorcentervolunteer@gmail.com

BATTLEFIELD SUMMER EVENTS



7/4 Ranger Joe Craig portrays a town crier declaring American Independence
 Weds. 6-8pm Evening 5 Mile Bike Tours
 Weds. 1-3pm Children's Programs
 7/12/13, 8/10/11 - 9-10:30am Early Morning History Strolls

Info: www.nps.gov

YOUTH CENTER TRIPS

Not going away on vacation this summer? Check out the trips for youth on Tuesdays and Thursdays during the summer season, through the Youth Center at Fort Hardy Park: www.facebook.com/Schuylerville-Youth-Program

"JACOB'S WELL"

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Anne Mitchell

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(see inside for details)