

Jacob's Well

July/August 2017



July 2 FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

Lectionary Readings: Genesis 22: 1-14; Psalm 13; Romans 6: 12-23; Matthew 10: 40-42

Greeter: Joan Lapitsky

Liturgist: Pam Seward

Ushers: Makenzie Harrington/Anne Mitchell

Counters: Paulette Foote/Anne Mitchell

Communion Servers: Paulette Foote/ Anne Mitchell/Amber Deyoe/

Communion Cleanup: Kim and Karl Thayer

July 9 FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Lectionary Readings: Genesis 24: 34-38, 42-49, 58-67; Psalm 45: 10-17; Romans 7: 15-25;
Matthew 11: 16-19, 25-30

Greeters: Pam Seward

Liturgist: Amber Deyoe

Ushers: Paula Sheely/Bridgette Lewie

Counters: Amber Deyoe/Bruce Guerineau

July 16 SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Lectionary Readings: Genesis 25: 19-34; Psalm 119: 105-112; Romans 8: 1-11;
Matthew 13: 1-9, 18-23

Greeter: Barbara Vincent

Liturgist: Amber Deyoe

Ushers: Terri Richards/Amber Deyoe

Counters: Anne Mitchell/Cindy Brockman

July 23 SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Lectionary Readings: Genesis 21: 8-21; Psal, 86: 1-10; Romans 6: 1-11; Matthew 10: 24-39

Greeter: Pat Woomer

Liturgist: Chris Garney

Ushers: Bill Olmert/Eddie Fish

Counters: Cindy Brockman/Amber Deyoe

July 30 EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Guest Worship Leader: Pat Woomer

Lectionary Readings: Genesis 21: 8-21; Psalm, 86: 1-10; Romans 6: 1-11; Matthew 10: 24-39

Greeter: Pam Seward

Liturgist: Dick Behrens

Ushers: Karl Thayer/Kim Thayer

Counters: Cindy Brockman/Bruce Guerineau

August



Aug. 6 NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

Guest Worship Leader: Amber Deyoe

Lectionary Readings: Genesis 32: 22-31; Psalm 17: 1-7; Romans 9: 1-5; Matthew 14: 13-21

Greeter: Anne Mitchell

Liturgist: Anne Mitchell

Ushers: Hank and Katrina Harrington

Counters: Paulette Foote/Bruce Guerineau

Communion Servers: Cindy Brockman/Paulette Foote/ Bruce Guerineau

Communion Cleanup: Bill Olmert

Aug. 13 TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Lectionary Readings: Genesis 37: 1-4, 12-28; Psalm 105: 1-6, 16-22, 45; Romans 10: 5-15;
Matthew 14: 22-33

Greeters: Duffy Whitehouse

Liturgist: Hank Harrington

Ushers: Terri Richards/Bill Olmert

Counters: Cindy Brockman/Bruce Guerineau

Aug. 20 ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Lectionary Readings: Genesis 45: 1-15; Psalm 13; Romans 11: 1-2, 29-32;
Matthew (10-20), 21-28

Greeter: Pat Woomer

Liturgist: Bruce Guerineau

Ushers: Makenzie Harrington/Anne Mitchell

Counters: Amber Deyoe/Anne Mitchell

Aug. 27 TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Lectionary Readings: Exodus 1: 8-2:10; Psalm 124; Romans 12: 1-8; Matthew 16: 13-20

Greeter: Barbara Vincent

Liturgist: Chris Garney

Ushers: Bridgette Lewie/Paula Sheely

Counters: Anne Mitchell/Paulette Foote

From the Pastor..



Dear Members and Friends of Old Saratoga,

Greetings in God's Love and Peace!

Something new is in the air for Old Saratoga and our neighboring Reformed Churches, Bacon Hill and Fort Miller. After several special joint meetings in June, and with encouragement from our classis and synod, we are in the process of applying jointly to become a **ministry site** for the coming two years in the new **Albany Synod Fellowship Program (ASFP)**.

The purpose of this program is to provide transitional preparation for ministers (referred to as **"fellows"**) who are recent seminary graduates and would like to participate in something like a "residency" for additional training and experience. The program is meant to be of mutual value to both the fellows and the congregations in which they will serve.

Your consistory leaders and myself, as well as those of the other two churches, are enthusiastic about this program, and hopeful that we (the three churches) will be chosen as a ministry site. We expect to find out sometime in early July.

If we are among the chosen to be a ministry site, we will be responsible to welcome a fellow in September, provide for his/her/their housing, and provide a share in their salary and benefits. The three churches will give as they are able with financial help coming from the Synod of Albany, and hopefully the Classis of Schenectady.

In the conversations the churches have had together, we've agreed that, for all of us, this is a **"leap of faith."** While we don't have all the details worked out, we are confident that the Old Saratoga, Bacon Hill, and Fort Miller churches, by virtue of their spiritual desire to give back, and their flexibility to try something new, would be a wonderful site for a fellow to grow into ministry-- and who may be able to help us also take a fresh look at ourselves!

We would expect that a fellow will be involved in each of the churches in the work of getting to know the congregations and community, leading worship and preaching, helping with pastoral care, teaching a Bible Study—and hopefully, according to his/her interests and gifts—and the needs of the churches-- be instrumental in coordinating a possible joint outreach effort, an ecumenical youth group or children's program, or help start a new support or mission group.

We welcome your comments, ideas or questions—and most of all your **prayers** for this possible new cooperative undertaking for the three churches—and a “resident” minister. When we hear back from Albany Synod we'll do our best to get the word out about whether or not we've been chosen to participate! We hope we are!

May you and your families have a blessed summer!

Faithfully yours,

Pastor Joyce de Velder

Church Family

BIRTHDAYS

JULY

2: Harvey Howd
3: Kathleen Bartholomay
6: Ashley Buchanan
6: Shirley Mabb
7: Ruth Hayes
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.

AUGUST

4: Danny Barton
4: Kelsey Buchanan
6: Amanda McCarty
10: Brian Richards
11: David Garrand
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 Harrington
22: Amelia Clark
24: Carolyn Markwith
25: Donald MacMillan IV
25: Sarah Brockman
27: Nicholas Thayer

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	Bill Cluff
Thomas Altrogge	Venita Duffany
David Garrand	Ryan Markwith
Rod Borgman	Ashley Edgar
John Bodnar	Trevor Lewie
Richard Zelazny	Naomi Thayer
Sandy Jones	Cheryl Durkee
Evie Senecal	Alicia Lewie
Charlotte Gorham	Rosie Driscoll
Justin Flanders	Clyde Wells
Susie Murphy	Tom Barber
Pat Hayes-Howd	Michael Hughes III
Sandy DeGregory	Charles Thayer
Mona Perkins	Barbara Vincent
Suzanne Guerineau	Joan James
Connie Jacobson	Trisha Atkinson
Michael Gordon	Jodi Neckles
Nancy and Norman Howard	Peggy MacMillan
Donald Morrill	Rev. Virginia Cornell
Hank Harrington	Joy Yahwak
Florence Sherman	Gene Usher

ANNIVERSARIES IN JULY AND AUGUST

July 20: Patti and Mark Booth
Aug. 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

HOSPITALIZED IN JUNE

Gene Usher - Saratoga Hospital
Anna Bierma – Saratoga ER
Alyson Fitzgerald – Saratoga Hospital

THANKS EXTENDED

..to **Pat Woomer** and **Mark Booth** who spent time making the transition with our email
..to **Chris Garney** who sent out an email to JW recipients when our email was not working
..to **Amber and Holly Deyoe** who planted geraniums at the base of our church sign

GRADUATES

College:

Rebecca Sheely, daughter of **Paula and Doug Sheely**, graduated from SUNY IT where she also received an *Outstanding Academic Achievement Award in Civil Engineering*. Becca will be attending the University of Buffalo for a Master's Degree in Civil Engineering, with an emphasis on Structures and Earthquake Engineering.

Kyler Mitchell, son of **Doug and Anne Mitchell**, graduated from Delhi University with an Associate Degree in Occupational Science and is now working as a welder.

Marikate Barber, granddaughter of **Gerry Barber**, graduated from SUNY Cobleskill with a Bachelor of Science in Animal Science.

High School:

James Thayer, son of **Kim and Karl Thayer**, graduated from Schuylerville High School, and will be attending SUNY Cortland, majoring in Sports Management.

Casey Perkins, daughter of **Vicki and Brian Perkins**, graduated from Greenwich High School and will be attending Fairfield University, majoring in biology and genetics.

Nicholas Casey, son of **Melanie Casey and Dean Casey** graduated from Greenwich High School and will be attending SUNY Cobleskill, majoring in Fisheries and Wildlife Management.

Sabrina Whitehouse, daughter of **Angela and Eric Whitehouse**, graduated from Greenwich High School and will be attending Utica College, majoring in Criminal Justice.

Douglas Smith, grandson of **Linda Archer - Smith**, graduated from Green Hope High in Cary, NC, and will attend The Citadel in Charleston, SC.

SYMPATHY

..to the family of **Raymond B. DeRidder** (83) who died at Albany Medical Center on May 30. Ray was a former member of Old Saratoga, where his descendants had once been members. In 1997 he and his wife, Mary, transferred to Saratoga Springs United Methodist Church, where Ray sang in the choir, and served as the Stewardship Committee chair. Ray is survived by his wife of 39 years, **Mary Dittmer DeRidder**, son **Karl DeRidder**, and grandson, **Joshua DeRidder**. A memorial service was held at the Saratoga Springs United Methodist Church on June 10.

.. to the family and friends of **William C. Butz** (97) who died on June 3. He was a special uncle of **Mark Booth (and family)** and was married for 77 years to Mark's aunt **Effie (Booth) Butz**. They had two children – **Margaret Perry (Ernie) and William A. Butz (Virginia)** and eleven grand and great-grandchildren. A memorial service was held at Turning Point Wesleyan on June 16.

.. to the family and friends of **Robin (Roberta) Hoffman** (64) who died at Saratoga Hospital on June 22 following a battle with cancer. Robin was the wife of **Rev. Richard Hoffman**, chaplain at Saratoga Hospital and Interim Pastor at Fort Miller Reformed Church. A memorial service is scheduled for Sat. July 22 at Fort Miller Reformed Church. Cards may be sent to Rev. Rich Hoffman, 3 Justin Way, Gansevoort, NY 12831

..to the family of **Paul Johnson** (86) brother-in-law of **Dick and Pat Behrens** and uncle of **Anne Mitchell**. He died on June 9 in East Islip, Long Island. Dick and Pat attended the memorial service on June 14 at the Christ Community Reformed Church of East Islip where Paul had been organist for many years.

Church Life

ECUMENICAL BIBLE STUDY

Bible Study does not meet in summer, but will resume on **Wed. Sept 13 at 10am.**

GUILD MEETING

The Guild will not be meeting during the months of July and August, and will resume on **Monday, Sept. 18 at noon.**

CHANCEL CHOIR

The choir will not meet during the summer and will resume rehearsing on **Thursday, Sept. 7 at 7pm.**

COMMUNION AT HOME



On **Sunday, July 2**, when we celebrate the Lord's Supper, Pastor Joyce and the church elders have set time aside to go to the homes of those who can't get to church, who would like to participate in celebrating the sacrament. Please call **Pastor Joyce (695-3260)** or **Elders Paulette Foote (6953024)** or **Amberlyn Deyoe (587-8224)** if you would like to set up a time for a visit after church on Sunday, July 2.

TUESDAY COFFEE TIME 9:30-10am



The Tuesday morning coffee hour will continue through the summer months, from 9:30-10am. **All** are welcome to come, sit around the table, have a “goodie” and coffee, and enjoy some conversation.

LEMONADE ON THE LAWN



Summer worshippers always look forward to visiting with members and friends of OSRC following the service, with a glass of refreshing lemonade and a cookie or two! If you enjoy this time also, why not take a turn to host? A signup sheet is posted- check to see when you can help! Thanks!

SUMMER MUSIC VOLUNTEERS

Music in worship is a wonderful part of the whole spiritual experience. This summer, why not gather a group of friends and join together to sing something during the offertory! Or if your talent is in playing an instrument, share it with OSRC! We'd love to have you take a turn! A sign up sheet for this is posted also.

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

The church office will be closed from July 1-Aug. 20, and reopens on Monday, Aug. 21 at 9am.

STEWARDSHIP AND APPEAL DONATIONS TO DATE



Stewardship Invitation – \$2585

Summer Appeal -\$2240

CAMP FOWLER REGISTRATION AND "CAMPERSHIPS"

We're happy to note that there are five of our young people (**Makenzie Harrington, Bridget Behrens, Ajay Deyoe, Holly Deyoe, Bridgette Lewie**) going to Fowler this summer.

Our campers will be attending Fowler at various times this summer. If you would like to send mail so that they have to "kiss the moose" please do so at the following address:

Camper Name Week Name
PO Box 131, Speculator, NY 12164

Bridget Behrens (Una Terra 7/23-28)
Makenzie Harrington (Una Terra 7/23-28)
Holly Deyoe (Horizons 7/30-8/4)
Ajay Deyoe (Triple A 8/6-18)
(Bridgette Lewie has already gone to camp)



The consistory has designated **\$300** for each camper to help cover the cost of a week at camp, which is **\$425**. OSRC will be accepting donations towards camperships. You may make your check out to OSRC, earmarked **"Campership"** and place it in the offering plate or send it to the church.

HYMNS OF OUR FAITH

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

***"When peace like a river attendeth my way, when sorrows like sea billows roll,
Whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say;
"It is well, it is well, with my soul."***

Horatio G. Spafford, the author of this well-known hymn, knew something about calamity and its resulting sorrows. Born in North Troy, NY in 1828 he was a prominent lawyer in Chicago. But, like Job, his faith was tested severely and frequently. He lost a son to scarlet fever at age three. He owned a number of properties in Chicago, but lost them in the Great Chicago Fire of 1871. He sent his wife and daughters on a ship to England, and tragedy struck when the ship collided with another vessel. His wife survived, but all four daughters were lost. As he sailed to join his wife, he wrote this incredible hymn of faith.

This hymn reminds me of the Apostle Paul who suffered greatly while exercising his faith—imprisonment, earthquakes, persecutions, accusations of heresies, physical impairments and martyrdom were all part of his journey. Yet he regularly proclaimed the peace he experienced through faith in Christ.

Perhaps most consistent with Spafford's statement, "It is well with my soul," are Paul's words found in Philippians 4:11. "I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation....I can do everything through him who gives me strength."

Admittedly, it is a difficult thing to say "It is well with my soul" when we are suffering the most; when our entire world seems to be crashing around us. Yet our trust in God, and our perpetual hope based on God's promises, can help us to join Horatio Spafford in praying:

***"Lord, haste the day when my faith will be sight,
the clouds be rolled back as a scroll,
The trump shall resound and the Lord shall
descend: "Even so-it is well with my soul."***

Dick Behrens

PROPERTY COMMITTEE REPORT

The Property Committee met on 6/5 and updated the progress of the items on which they have been working:

1. A letter has been sent requesting a waiver for the church stove
2. Arranged for delivery of the ramp for the shed
3. Checked with a tree company for a bid on trimming the trees
4. Checked with **Doug Sheely** to paint trim on buildings
5. Checked with village on status of new streetlight on Pearl Street

Next meeting is Monday, July 24 at 7pm

SUMMER SCHEDULES

Pastor Joyce and family:

7/30-8/6 Camping at Brown Tract Pond

8/27-9/5 Camping in MA and RI



Guest Worship Leaders

7/30 Pat Woomer; 8/6 Amber Deyoe;

9/3 Dick Behrens

PULPIT SUPPLY AT "STUMP" CHURCH



Dick Behrens, member of Old Saratoga, will be helping the North Easton United Methodist ("Stump") Church with pulpit supply on several Sundays this summer. Dick will be leading the service and preaching the sermon on July 9 and 23, and August 6 and 20. Kudos to Dick for helping out a local church since one of their pastors has left.

MISSION OF THE QUARTER



Caring and Sharing

Caring and Sharing is a program that benefits the Schuylerville School District community. Caring and Sharing is based at the Schuylerville Central School and is funded by donations throughout the year. Caring and Sharing provides school supplies, sneakers, sports uniforms and Christmas gifts to those in need. Caring and Sharing coordinators are **Pam Driscoll** and **Lisa Schwartz**.

Boxes for donations are available for filling and will be returned to the church at the end of September.

Coming in August!!!!

CAFÉ MUSICA

On the Lawn



Sun. Aug. 20 at 4pm

Old Saratoga Reformed Church

(inside in case of rain)

***Come with family and friends of all ages
to hear music by area musicians,
enjoy refreshments and help support
a local mission***

Yard Sale

"Treasures, Treats and Tunes"

Sat. Sept. 16 8am-3pm

at Old Saratoga Reformed Church

Corner of Burgoyne and Pearl Street



Items for Sale

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

Food

Burgers, hot dogs, sausage, baked goods

Live Music!!!

Rain or shine!!!

**** Donations will be accepted from 9/5 -9/11**

(Please no electronics (TVs, VCRs, etc.) and no sets of dishes or MUGS!!!

GENERAL SYNOD UPDATE

From June 8-13 the General Synod 2017 of the Reformed Church in America met on the campus of Hope College, Holland Michigan. (A summary of the meeting can be found at www.rca.org/general-synod)

The following are some of the issues/decisions of the meeting:

1. Given the current state of contention and division in the RCA (over the LGBT concerns) a call for unity and discussion of the **RCA's future** was given, with the hope that these discussions will take place at the Synod Council, classes and regional synod levels. Questions for discussion will include: a) What about the biblical calling to live together in love and fellowship? b) Is the RCA willing to embark on a serious division? c) What is God's intended future for the RCA?
2. Another attempt to define marriage as between one man and one woman was made through appeal to the Heidelberg Catechism (questions 108-109) Some consider this authority of the standards (such as the Heidelberg) binding; others do not. (There was no change made to the Book of Church Order)
3. Congregations and the church as a whole were urged to pay attention to the plight of refugees and their needs. The synod encouraged the church to pray for refugees, help support Church World Service and our missionaries who are helping them, and if possible, to help befriend or resettle refugees in our local communities.
4. A suggestion was made to increase the number of **RCA young people** spending a year in **mission service**.

FINANCIAL UPDATE

We are completing the second quarter of 2017 with all of our bills paid and the **\$8083.92** in investment income which we carried forward from 2016 used. We are very grateful for the regular offerings we receive as well as the generous response to our Stewardship request (**\$2585**) and our summer letter of appeal (**\$2240**). The donations we receive not only pay our bills, but they also affirm that those who give continue to believe in our ministry. Thank you for your gifts and prayers for our church.

Respectfully Submitted, **Christine Garney, Treasurer**

SUMMER RETREAT OPPORTUNITIES AT THE PRIORY

The Priory Retreat House, located on a lovely forested mountain in Chestertown, NY invites you to come for a summer event/retreat. Here are a few of their offerings:

July 23 – Women in the Bible

**July 28-30 – Discernment: Discovering Our
Inner Truth on a Spiritual Path**

Aug. 11-13 – Searching for A God Who Cares

Aug. 23-25 – Enjoying God's Creation

More info at www.PrioryRetreatHouse.org

In 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 7 at 9:30 at OSRC

SAFER

(Schuylerville Area Food Relief)

12 Spring Street

Open 9-12 noon M,F 260-4779

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Where: Bacon Hill Reformed Church

When: July 31-Aug 4 (M-F) M-Th at Bacon Hill;
Fri. at Hudson Crossing Park

Who: Youth K-5th grade

Call: Jessica Schwerd 441-3932 to register

GARDEN CLUB FLOWER SHOW

Sat. 7/22 1-5pm, Sunday 7/23 Noon -4pm
at the Saratoga Town Hall
Theme: "Out of This World"

FREE SUMMER MEALS FOR KIDS 18 and under

Lunch: 11:30am-1pm

M-F June 26-Sept.1 at

Schuylerville Public Library

OPEN STUDIO TOUR OF WASHINGTON COUNTY

July 13-16 10am-5pm

Participating Artist Jacob Houston

Visit Jake in his studio at 2452 St. Rt. 29, Greenwich

WASHINGTON COUNTY BAND CONCERT

Friday Aug. 4 at 7pm (free!)

Mowry Park in Greenwich

SARATOGA COUNTY

EOC'S MOBILE PANTRY

If you know people who are hungry, but can't get to the food pantry, please let them know that help is on the way! Saratoga's Mobile Pantry will be visiting the neighborhood.

When: 4th Tuesday of the month 2:30-4pm

**Where: Schuylerville United Methodist Church
51 Church Street**

SCHUYLERVILLE EVENTS

Turning Point Parade

Sunday, Aug. 6 at 1pm – Broad St.

18th Century Day

Sunday, Aug. 13 all day at Schuyler House

SCHUYLERVILLE LIBRARY PROGRAMS

FOR SUMMER

July 10-Aug. 19

Programs for children, adults and families
throughout the summer

*Please check the program posted on our
bulletin board or pick up a copy at the
library*

SARATOGA BATTLEFIELD PROGRAMS

Check website nps.gov for details



7/4 - 20 immigrants become US citizens, 10-11am

**Children's Programs - Wednesdays 1-3pm in July
at the Visitors Center**

**Birding and Nature Walks - 10am-noon
Multiple days**

**Morning History Strolls 9:30-11am- 7/10,11; 8/3,4;
8/23,24**

**Free Concerts Tuesdays in August 12-1pm
at the Visitor Center**

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Sunday School: (Sept.-June) 10:00am–11:00am

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