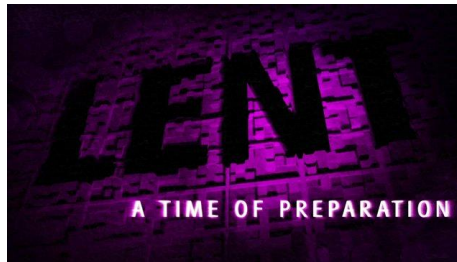


Jacob's Well

March 2017



March 5 FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

Lectionary Readings: Genesis 2: 15-17, 3-17; Psalm 32; Romans 5: 12-19; Matthew 4: 1-11

Greeter: Kim and Karl Thayer

Liturgist: Bruce Guerineau

Ushers: Holly Deyoe/Katrina Harrington

Counters: Cindy Brockman/Bruce Guerineau

*Communion Servers: Cindy Brockman/Amber Deyoe/ Bruce Guerineau/
Paulette Foote*

Communion Cleanup: Bill Olmert

March 12 SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

Lectionary Readings: Genesis 12: 1-4; Psalm 121; Romans 4: 1-5, 13-17; John 3: 1-17

Greeter: Anna Bierma

Liturgist: Hank Harrington

Ushers: Kim and Karl Thayer

Counters: Amber Deyoe/Anne Mitchell

March 19 THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

Lectionary Readings: Exodus 17: 1-7; Psalm 95; Romans 5: 1-11; John 4: 5-42

Greeter: Helen Lofgren

Liturgist: Paulette Foote

Ushers: Hank Harrington/Makenzie Harrington

Counters: Paulette Foote/Amber Deyoe

March 26 FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

Lectionary Readings: 1 Samuel 15: 1-13; Psalm 23; Ephesians 5: 8-14; John 9: 1-41

Greeter: Joan Lapitsky

Liturgist: Pat Woomer

Ushers: Paula Sheely/Bridgette Lewie

Counters: Cindy Brockman/Bruce Guerineau

From the Pastor....

*"Come, you that are blessed by my Father,
inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world;
for I was hungry and you gave me food,
I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink,
I was a stranger and you welcomed me,
I was naked and you gave me clothing,
I was sick and you took care of me,
I was in prison and you visited me."*

-Jesus

(Matthew 25:34-36)

Dear Members and Friends of Old Saratoga,

Greetings and peace to you and your families in this Holy Season of Lent.

Lent began on Ash Wednesday (March 1) and will conclude on April 15, the day before Easter. These **40 days of Lent** are a time for followers of Jesus Christ to reflect on their lives and to consider what it means to suffer with Christ in terms of giving oneself for others as Jesus gave himself, with love and compassion, to the world.

In one of her books, **Corrie ten Boom** (1892-1983) raised the question: *"What is a Christian's calling? In what kind of world", she asked, "are we living? Reading the newspapers and listening to the news sometimes cause me to feel desperate and hopeless. We cannot see the end of it all. We become afraid and ask ourselves where it is leading."* That's a question many of us are asking too.

For Corrie and her family living in the Netherlands, the question about what followers of Christ are called to do became a pressing one, especially during World War II, when the Nazi forces began rounding up Jewish people in Europe for extermination. She and her family made the decision to help Jews and underground workers by hiding them in a secret place they built in their home. They did so out of love for God—and with awareness of the risk they were taking. Corrie's father, Caspar ten Boom, said that "it would be, for me, an honor to give my life for God's ancient people, the Jews."

Eventually Corrie and her family were found out, and following a Gestapo raid, were taken to prison and to the German Ravensbruck concentration camp where Corrie's father and sister died. Corrie survived and devoted the rest of her life to sharing her story with the world. Her best-selling book **The Hiding Place**, (1971) which later became a movie, tells the unforgettable account of a family's faith in action, and the ultimate triumph of God's Love over evil.

The story of the ten Boom family offers a compelling witness toward what Jesus asked of his followers in **Matthew 25**. (see quote above) If you would like to learn more, please come to the "4 Tuesdays in Lent" program that begins on March 7. We will be viewing (by segments) the DVD **"Corrie ten Boom: A Faith Undefeated"** and learning about her remarkable story which continues to inspire and encourage followers of Christ and people of faith today.

May God's Love and Peace be with you in this Season of Lent.

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Joyce de Velder

Church Family

BIRTHDAYS

1: Rebecca Nicole Sheely
1: Don MacMillan III
5: Susan Fero Kurowski
8: Glen Mathis
8: Suzanne Guerineau
9: Nasa Edgar
12: Ashley Edgar
10: Kimberly MacMillan
10: Riley Peyton MacMillan
11: Miles and Sasha Clifford
14: Grace Louise Mellen
15: Emily Brockman
16: Josephine Edgar
19: Heather Freebern
20: Carol Cox
22: Bill Cluff
25: Diane Mathis Asiel
26: Susanna Murphy
29: Wyatt Anthony Correll
29: Bethany Olmert
30: Kyle Burch
30: Alisa Richards



ANNIVERSARIES

25: Tammee and Adam Lockwood, 1989
25: Brenda and Bill Buchanan

Please help us keep the lists current by giving us dates and updates. Thanks!

NEW ADDRESS

Bette Tucker: Wesley Health Care Center, Victoria 212, 131 Lawrence Street, Saratoga Springs, NY 12866

THANKS EXTENDED

..to our **anonymous donor** who again brought 2 rolls of stamps to the church

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	Grant Whitehouse
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
Darlene Olmert	Clyde Wells
Susie Murphy	Tom Barber
Pat Hayes-Howd	Michael Hughes III
Sandy DeGregory	Charles Thayer
Mona Perkins	Robin Hoffman
Suzanne Guerineau	Joan James
Connie Jacobson	Trisha Atkinson
Michael Gordon	Jodi Neckles
Amberlyn Deyoe	

HOSPITALIZED IN FEBRUARY

Bette Tucker – Saratoga Hospital
Trevor Lewie – Wilton Day Surgery
Robin Woomer – Glens Falls Hospital

DISNEY'S "LION KING, JR."

March 3,4

The Schuylerville Middle School Drama club is getting ready to present Disney's "Lion King, Jr" on Friday, March 3 and Saturday, March 4. The performance will be in the High School Auditorium. Tickets will be sold at the door for \$8 for adults and \$5 for seniors and students.

Note: We are happy that Bridgette Lewie, granddaughter of Donna and Jim Mellen and daughter of Alicia Lewie, is part of the cast of characters in the performance.

THANKS RECEIVED

"Your kindness and generosity (\$100) are greatly appreciated. We appreciate your efforts and are proud to have your congregation associated with our organization."

Gratefully yours,

Maureen Cronin Rossley, SAFER

"I want to thank you for your generous support of Upstate Jail Ministries for the past 14 years. Please continue to support the jail ministry, now under Real Hope Ministries. (OSRC contribution for 2016 - \$60)

Peter Bailey, Upstate Jail Ministries

"On behalf of the veterans who receive support from VETHELP programs, I thank you for your generous donation of household items and a check donation of \$191.

(Guardian House) *Your donation validates our mission that the words homeless and veteran should never be used in the same sentence.*

Sincerely,

Cheryl Hage-Perez, Executive Director

TRAVELING

Bridget Critelli is flying to Italy on March 24 to visit a friend, and returning home on March 30! Thanks for your prayers for her safe journey!

CAMP FOWLER VISIT

Ajay Deyoe and **Holly Deyoe** spent the weekend of February 11-13 at Camp Fowler participating in the Bacon Hill Reformed Church Youth Group retreat led by Pastor Janet Vincent.

95th BIRTHDAY OPEN HOUSE FOR SUSIE MURPHY

Sat. March 25



Church family members and friends are invited to stop by the church between 11:30 and 2pm on Saturday, March 25 to wish **Susie Murphy** a Happy 95th Birthday! This celebration is being planned by her family. (If you can't attend, but would like to send Susie a card, her address is: 2 Morgan's Run, Apt. 3, Schuylerville, NY 12871)

SYMPATHY

The church extends sympathy in Christ to the family and friends of **Kenneth Woodcock** (62) who died unexpectedly in his sleep on February 20. Kenny was a graduate of Schuylerville High School, a graduate of Alfred State University, and a master craftsman in woodworking. He was well known in the community for his cooking abilities and willingness to help out. He is survived by his two daughters, **Meghan and Kendra**, his three grandchildren, his mother, **Isabell Woodcock**, a brother, **Terry Woodcock**, and a sister, **Laurie Brady**. His father **Allyn Woodcock**, and a brother, **Allyn, Jr.** preceded him in death. His memorial service was held on Feb. 23 at Compassionate Care Funeral Home in Saratoga Springs, with a gathering at the Saratoga-Wilton Elks Lodge 161, where Kenny was an active member.

THANKS EXTENDED

..to **the Sunday School children** who made notepads to sell to raise money for *Drilling for Hope* when Karen Flewelling was here

Church Life

ECUMENICAL BIBLE STUDY

The Ecumenical Bible Study group began reading the **Book of Isaiah**, one of the richest books of the Hebrew Scriptures, esteemed by Jews and Christians alike. The book is particularly relevant today as it addresses the longings and anxieties of people of faith trying to live in a strange land where they've been taken as exiles. The prophet Isaiah speaks words of faith and hope to us today—as well as to the people of his time. **(Bible Study meets every Wed. from 10-11am, weather permitting.)**

LASAGNA DINNER

Sat. April 22



Our Annual Lasagna Dinner is scheduled for Sat. April 22. We are grateful to **Cindy Brockman** and **Paulette Foote** for offering to chair this event. Please note the date on your calendar so that you can come and enjoy a great meal!

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME

Daylight Saving Time will begin overnight on March 11-12, so remember to set your clock **AHEAD** one hour when you go to bed on Saturday night.



EASTER FLOWERS



Flowers will be available to memorialize or honor a loved one at Easter. We will be getting these premium plants from Dehn's Flowers in Saratoga. Selection includes lilies, mums or azaleas at the cost of **\$11**, which includes the delivery charge, and is shared by all who order. You may call the church office to order if you would like to remember someone by placing a plant in the sanctuary for Easter. (Alternatively, you may purchase a plant elsewhere and bring it by Holy Thursday for inclusion.

Deadline to order is MARCH 20!

CAMP FOWLER REGISTRATION

Registration for the upcoming camping season at Fowler is available online, by accessing the Fowler website:

www.campfowler.org

The consistory has designated **\$300** for each camper to help cover the cost of a week at camp. You may want to sign up soon as weeks fill up fast!

We're happy to note that there are already four of our young people planning to go to Fowler this summer.

HYMNS OF OUR FAITH

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

"O Love, How Deep. How Broad"

"O Love, how deep, how broad, how high, how passing thought and fantasy:

That God, the Son of God, should take our mortal form for mortal's sake."

When a congregation sings this hymn, they are dealing with a text and tune so old that there is uncertainty about its author and composer. The words have been attributed, by some, to Thomas a Kempis, a 15th century German priest and author, who wrote "***The Invitation of Christ***," one of the most popular and best known Christian books on devotion. The tune is also from the 15th century and may have its roots in German folk music.

The hymn is one for all seasons of the liturgical year since it traces the earthly life and ministry of Jesus, teaching us that all he did was "for us."

The second stanza speaks to the Lenten season;

"For us baptized, for us he bore his holy fast and hungered sore;

for us temptations sharp he knew, for us the tempter overthrew."

The phrase "for us" is used 12 times throughout the six stanzas of this hymn.

In a season in the church calendar where the theme is that of sacrifice, we would do well to think upon all that the Trinity has done, and is doing "for us." It is the unconditional love of God the Father that gave us his Son. It is the unconditional and self-sacrificing love of the Savior that led him to give up his life "for us," true to the words of Jesus recorded in Chapter 15 of John's gospel: "No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends." (NRSV) It is the unconditional love of the Holy Spirit who comforts us and helps to guide our lives through times of joy and times of sacrifice.

Dick Behrens

DRILLING FOR HOPE SUNDAY

Feb. 26, 2017

On Sunday, Feb. 26, we were honored to welcome *Drilling For Hope* founder, **Karen Flewelling**. Karen began the project in 2005 to provide wells for villages in Africa, Central Asia and Central and South America. Karen, who is a member of St. Paul's Lutheran in Saratoga, is a retired phys ed teacher from Shaker High School. It was through her volunteer work and world travels with *Earthwatch Institute* that she saw the needs of people in under-developed countries, especially, for clean, safe water. Her project has grown, and she now raises money to purchase not only wells, but goats and chickens, soccer balls and uniforms for children.

Karen has traveled to 16 countries and made 24 trips overseas. She raised money here at home for her projects, but pays her own traveling expenses.

She makes sure that 100% of all the money raised goes for the intended project. She spoke to us in a moving way about the desperate plight of many people in the world today and what moved her to find a way to help.

After worship 20 people enjoyed a covered dish luncheon with Karen, who graciously accepted the invitation to stay. She will be leaving on March 23 to travel to Tanzania and Uganda to continue her inspiring, humanitarian work. If you want more info, see www.DrillingforHope.org. You may also read her story in her remarkable book, *Drilling for Hope: One Woman's Work to Provide Clean Water*, which is in the church library.

OSRC has been collecting donations for Drilling For Hope during the 1st quarter of the year (Jan.-Mar.) If you want to donate, please make your check to OSRC, earmarked "Drilling for Hope." Thank you.

4 TUESDAYS IN LENT- 2017

This will be our fourth year to offer the "4 Tuesdays in Lent" program to the greater community. Each year we focus on a person of faith whose witness has inspired and influenced others. In the past three years, we've gotten to know Dietrich Bonhoeffer, Thomas Merton, and Dorothy Day. This year we're looking forward to learning about the life of a woman of faith named **Cornelia (Corrie) ten Boom**, from the Netherlands, and how she and her family risked their lives to help save the lives of others during World War II. One of her well known books, entitled *The Hiding Place*, was the basis for a powerful movie by the same name. Please mark your calendars and invite your family and friends. Everyone's welcome!

4 Tuesdays in Lent will meet

March 7, 14, 21, and 28 from 12-1pm.

Participants can bring a bag lunch. Coffee, tea, cookies and fruit will be provided

DEACON'S DISCRETIONARY FUND



The Board of Deacons received two requests for emergency help from the Discretionary Fund over the past two months. This fund is in place to help members of the church and community when an emergency arises. Requests may be given to pastor Joyce or any one of the Board of Deacons (**Cindy Brockman, Bruce Guerineau, Anne Mitchell**) and will be considered with anonymity is possible, and as long as there is funding available.

If anyone would like to help by making a donation to this fund, please make your check payable to OSRC, earmarked "Deacons Discretionary Fund." Thank you!

ST. PATRICK'S DAY IRISH PRAYER



*You've blessed me with friends
And laughter and fun
With rain that's as soft
As the light from the sun-
You've blessed me with stars
To brighten each night
You've given me help
To know wrong from right
You've given me so much
Please, Lord give me too,
A heart that is always
Grateful to you.*

BLOOD DRIVE

Thanks to everyone who helped with the American Red Cross Blood Drive held on Feb. 11 at Old Saratoga. 25 pints of life-saving blood were donated!

THANKS...

..to those who cleared Loomis Hall the day before: **Cindy Brockman, Bridget Critelli, Bruce Guerineau, Pam Seward, David and Mikael deVelder**

..to **Sue Hughes** and **Patti Booth** who registered donors

..to **Cindy Brockman** and **Duffy Whitehouse** who made refreshments for the Red Cross workers and served snacks to the donors

..to **David, Mikael, Cindy and Duffy** who stayed late to help with the cleanup and putting everything back in Loomis Hall
And special thanks to the members and friends of OSRC who took time out of a busy day to come and donate blood!

Theme: Places of the Passion (based on Luke 22-23)

Tues. Feb. 28	SHROVE TUESDAY SUPPERS 5-7PM PANCAKE SUPPER AT Easton UMC (Rt. 40) 6:00 PM PANCAKE SUPPER at St. Stephen's Episcopal (donation to SAFER) <u>All</u> are welcome at both suppers!		
Wed. Mar. 1	ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICES Joint service of the Methodist and Reformed Churches, including The Lord's Supper and The Imposition of Ashes 7:00 PM at Old Saratoga Reformed Church Preaching: The Rev. Benjamin Lalka 9:00 AM Mass at Notre Dame-Visitation 6:00 PM Ash Wednesday Mass at St. Stephen's 7:00 PM Ash Wednesday Mass at St. Joseph's, Greenwich		
Wed. Mar. 8	SECOND LENTEN SERVICE 7:00 PM at Faith Chapel, Assembly of God Preaching: The Rev. Jason Proctor		
Wed. Mar. 15	THIRD LENTEN SERVICE 7:00 PM at Fort Miller Reformed Church Preaching: The Rev. Janet Vincent		
Wed. March 22	FOURTH LENTEN SERVICE 7:00 PM Bacon Hill Reformed Church Preaching: The Rev. Martin Fisher		
Wed. March 29	FIFTH LENTEN SERVICE 7:00 PM at Quaker Springs UMC Preaching: The Rev. Virginia Cornell		
Wed. April 5	SIXTH LENTEN SERVICE 7:00 PM at Old Saratoga Reformed Church Preaching: The Rev. Richard Hoffman Prayers and Anointing for healing will follow the service		
Thurs. April 13	MAUNDY THURSDAY The Lord's Table and Tenebrae 7:00 PM at Schuylerville UMC Meditation: The Rev. Joyce deVelder 7:00PM Mass of the Lord's Supper at St. Joseph's		
Fri. April 14	GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE (A Reading of the Passion of Jesus Christ) 12:00 Noon at St. Stephen's Episcopal -followed by light luncheon Preaching: The Rev. Donna Arnold 3:00 PM Stations of the Cross at St. Joseph's 7:00 PM Good Friday Service at St. Joseph's 7:00PM Good Friday Service at Quaker Springs UMC		
Sat. April 15	EGG HUNT (for children infants - 5th grade) Schuylerville School 11 AM (Sponsored by Faith Chapel) EASTER VIGIL at Notre Dame-Visitation 8:00 PM		
Sun. April 16	EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE 6:00 AM Bacon Hill Reformed (Outdoor Chapel)		

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: 3/17 at 9:30at OSRC

SAFER

Schuylerville Area Food Relief
Open 9-12 noon M,F 260-4779

ROAST BEEF DINNER AT FORT MILLER REFORMED

When: Sat. April 1 4:30-6pm

Cost: \$10 for adults; \$5 for under 12

Menu: Roast Beef, Herbed Potatoes,
Corn Casserole, Carrots, Cole Slaw,
Rolls, Hawaiian Cake

LENTEN FELLOWSHIP CAFE



When: Fridays during Lent, starting 3/10

Time: 10:30am

What: Coffee (regular, decaf) donuts and
bananas

Where: St. Stephen's Fellowship Hall

Focus: Prayer for our country and
fellowship together

LENTEN FISH FRY

When: Fridays in Lent, beginning March 3

Place: Christ the King Spiritual Life Center,
Burton Road, Greenwich

Time: 5-7 pm

Cost: Adults \$16.95; Seniors \$13.95;

Child \$10.95; Take out \$12.95; Under 5 free

Call: Reservations recommended! 692-9550



OLD SARATOGA HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION

When: March 23 7:30pm

Where: Saratoga Town Hall

Program: Eastern European and Slavic
Immigrants Who Settled in Our Town
Call 695-3211 for more info.

BACON HILL BONANZA 5K



Bacon Hill Bonanza 5K and 10K
Road Race

April 8, Sat. at 10am

Kids Fun Run is at 9:30

To register, go to

baconhillbonanza.com

(This is a fundraiser to help the church purchase a
new organ)

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Celebration of the Lord's Supper

Sun. March 5 10am

Ecumenical Lenten Service Schedule

(see inside)

4 Tuesdays In Lent

Tuesdays March 7,14,21,28 12 noon

The Life and Work of Corrie ten Boom

(details inside)

All are welcome!