

JACOB'S WELL

OLD SARATOGA REFORMED CHURCH

March 2016



- March 6** **FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT** **Celebration of the Lord's Supper**
Lectionary Readings: *Joshua 5: 9-12; Psalm 32; 2 Corinthians 5: 16-21; Luke 15: 1-3, 11b-32*
Greeter: *Anna Bierma*
Liturgist: *Holly Deyoe*
Ushers: *Karl Thayer/Ajay Deyoe*
Counters: *Pat Woomer/Bruce Guerineau*
Communion Servers: *Anne Mitchell, Amber Deyoe, Pat Woomer, Bruce Guerineau*
Communion Cleanup: *Bill Olmert*
- March 13** **FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT**
Lectionary Readings: *Isaiah 43: 16-21; Psalm 126; Philippians 3: 4b-14; John 12: 1-8*
Greeter: *Joan Lapitsky*
Liturgist: *Dick Behrens*
Ushers: *Kim Thayer/Holly Deyoe*
Counters: *Cindy Brockman/Anne Mitchell*
- March 20** **PALM/PASSION SUNDAY**
Lectionary Readings: *Isaiah 50: 4-9a; Psalm 31: 9-16; Philippians 2: 5-11; Luke 14:14-23:56*
Greeter: *Helen Lofgren*
Liturgist: *Amber Deyoe*
Ushers: *Hank Harrington/Bridgette Lewie*
Counters: *Paula Sheely/Anne Mitchell*
- March 27** **EASTER CELEBRATION OF THE RESURRECTION** **Fellowship Hour hosted by the Fellowship Committee**
Lectionary Readings: *Acts 10: 34-43; Psalm 118: 1-2, 14-24; 1 Corinthians 15: 19-26; Luke 24: 1-12*
Greeter: *Amber Deyoe*
Liturgist: *Chris Garney*
Ushers: *Paula Sheely/Katrina Harrington*
Counters: *Cindy Brockman/Amber Deyoe*

**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,

In just a few weeks, Christians all over the world will be observing **Holy Week** (March 20-26). During this week, followers of Jesus remember his triumphal coming into Jerusalem, the Last Supper he had with his disciples, his betrayal, arrest and trial, and finally his death by crucifixion and his burial. It is a week to solemnly remember the suffering of Christ and the blindsidedness of humanity; yet, the solemnity is tempered by the remembrance also of the self-giving love of Jesus and his revelation on the cross of God's unfailing compassion and mercy for all the world.

On Sunday March 20, Holy Week at Old Saratoga begins with our annual **Palm Sunday Breakfast** before worship. In this time of "breaking bread" together, we gather as a community of friends joined by mutual love and service to Christ. In the sharing of food and fellowship, we "imitate" as it were, those acts of care and service by which Jesus taught us to love one another.

Following breakfast, worshipers will meet in the sanctuary to remember Jesus' coming into Jerusalem and the events that led to his execution. Palms and the looming sanctuary cross help convey the story of Christ's passion as we will hear it read from the Gospel of Luke.

We will gather again on **Maundy Thursday**, March 24 in Loomis Hall for an ecumenical tenebrae and communion service commemorating the Last Supper Jesus had with his disciples and the merciful gift of his "body broken" for the sake of the world.

The next day, at noon on **Good Friday** (March 25), at St. Stephens Episcopal Church, the ecumenical community will meet to remember our Lord's death and burial.

You and your families are invited to come as you are able to the services of Holy Week to honor Christ and his unconditional love and mercy for all the world. Taking time to worship and remember Christ, makes the celebration of Christ's Resurrection on **Easter** (March 27) all the more meaningful and joyful!

But in the end, what makes Holy Week "holy", is not so much what we do, but what the Spirit of the Living Christ does within us—to change our hearts, to make us more loving, less judgmental, more willing to forgive, and more courageous to share the sufferings of Christ for the sake of the Love and Joy that is God's Good News to the world!

A Blessed Holy Week and Easter to all.

Faithfully yours,

Pastor Joyce deVelder

CHURCH FAMILY

BIRTHDAYS

1: Rebecca Nicole Sheely
1: Don MacMillan III
3: Carolyn Cook
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
19: Heather Freebern
20: Carol Cox
22: Bill Cluff
25: Diane Mathis Asiel
26: Susanna Murphy
29: Wyatt Anthony Correll
30: Kyle Burch
30: Alisa Richards



ANNIVERSARIES

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

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

IN OUR PRAYERS

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

Ruth Hayes	Bette Tucker
Claire Houston	Dwight Colvin
Alyson Fitzgerald	Ashleigh Clute
Bill Cluff	Thomas Altrogge
David Garrand	James Gorham
Rod Borgman	Ashley Edgar
John Bodnar	Trevor Lewie
Richard Zelazny	Naomi Thayer
Eloise Bosch	Sandy Horsfield
Sylvia Thompson	Wayne Barton
Evie Senecal	Kerst Brunner
Alicia Lewie	Charlotte Gorham
Jim Miers	Emma Hougen
Darlene Olmert	Clyde Wells
Susie Murphy	Edward Hougen
Pat Hayes-Howd	Sue Hughes
Ryan Markwith	Sandy DeGregory
Shirley Hoodack	Charles Thayer
Mona Perkins	Peggy MacMillan
Suzanne Guerineau	George Duval
Lucas Perkins	Clayton Aldous
Rev. Dr. Charles Bailey	Linda Barter
Sandy Jones	Cheryl Durkee



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

James Gorham: Saratoga Center, A101, 149 Ballston Ave, Ballston Spa NY 12020

Shirley Mabb, Saratoga Center, A103, 149 Ballston Ave. BallstonSpa NY 12020

PEOPLE YOU KNOW

Congratulations to **Anne (Behrens) Mitchell** who recently completed and passed a three part test in Albany, which will give her credentials as an Enrolled Agent. Anne, who holds a Master's Degree in Business Administration from Johnson and Wales University in Rhode Island, has worked for the past 8 ½ years as a Farm Accounting Representative with Farm Credit East in Greenwich.

Congratulations also to **Doug Mitchell**, who was awarded a patent on an apparatus for minimizing solid particle erosion in steam turbines, which he invented several years ago at the General Electric Company in Schenectady, where he has worked for the past 15 ½ years as a Mechanical Engineer.

THANKS RECEIVED

"On behalf of **SAFER**, I want to thank you for your donation of **\$164**. Please accept our gratitude for your thoughtfulness and your generosity."

Gratefully yours,
Maureen Cronin Rossley, SAFER board

"We are grateful for your support, the confidence you have in **SOS**, and the compassion you show in assisting our community's underserved. Your donation (**\$62**) helps with innovative solutions that go beyond emergency shelter to help break the cycle of homelessness."

Sincerely,
Michael Finocchi, Executive Director
Shelters of Saratoga (SOS)

HOSPITALIZED IN FEBRUARY

David Garrand – Saratoga Hospital
Paulette Foote – Glens Falls Hospital
Robin Woome – Saratoga Hospital
John Bodnar – Saratoga Hospital
Shirley Hoodack – Saratoga Hospital

SYMPATHY

The church extends our prayers and sympathy in Christ to the family and friends of **Audrey M. Booth (80)** who died at Saratoga Hospital on Sat. Feb. 27. Audrey was the stepmother/grandmother of **Mark and Patti Booth** and their family – including Mark's siblings and their families.

Audrey was the mother of six sons, three of whom preceded her in death (**Bryan, Kenneth and Paul "Peanut" Peregrim.**) Her surviving sons are **Edward, Byron and Keith Peregrim**. Please remember them and their families in your prayers. A service of Christian Burial was held on Wed. March 2 at Flynn Bros. Funeral Home, led by **Rev. Janet Vincent** from Bacon Hill Reformed Church, where Audrey was a member.

IRISH BLESSING FOR ST. PATRICK'S DAY – March 17

May you see God's light on the path ahead

When the road you walk is dark.

May you always hear,

Even in your hour of sorrow,

The gentle singing of the lark.

When times are hard, may hardness

Never turn your heart to stone,

May you always remember

When the shadows fall

You do not walk alone.

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 in Loomis Hall each week. They are studying the book of Genesis. New members from any denomination are always welcome to attend.

WOMEN'S GUILD

The Guild will resume meeting on **Monday, March 21 at noon**, after taking a two month winter break. All women of the church are welcome to attend.

EASTER FLOWERS

We have a very short turnaround time to order our Easter flowers, as it must be placed by **March 7! Lilies, mums and azaleas are available for \$10 per plant.** Payment should accompany your order.

If you wish to purchase a plant elsewhere, you may do so and bring it to the church by March 23, for inclusion on the flower list.

HYMNS OF OUR FAITH

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

"I Need Thee Every Hour"

Refrain:

"I need Thee, O I need thee, every hour I need thee;

O Bless me now, my Savior, I come to thee!"

In understanding our human nature, our tendency is to think of our self-made achievement and prowess when things are going well. How often do we say, "I need you, Lord" when we are on the mountaintop! On the other hand, adversity often sends us running to the Savior's side pleading for his presence and aid.

The hymn writer, Annie Hawks (by the way, born in Hoosick, NY) reminds us that we need the Lord "in joy and pain." The author's sense of the "nearness of the Master" caused her to write the words to this hymn. She was encouraged in her songwriting by her pastor, Robert Lowry, who provided the music.

In this season of Lent, we pause to think of the man Jesus' need for a divine presence as he went into the desert "led by the Spirit." There he was tempted, but failed to yield to the devil's temptation. The hymn writer reminds us that "temptations lose their power when thou (Lord) art nigh."

Our pride in our self-sufficiency can be placed in proper perspective when we can thoughtfully voice the prayer of the last verse of Annie Hawks' hymn:

**"I need thee every hour, most Holy One;
O make me thine indeed, thou blessed Son!"**

Dick Behrens

PROPERTY COMMITTEE



The Property Committee accepted bids for the bathroom renovation, and subsequently recommended to the consistory that Sheely Maintenance Service be hired to do the job, which was approved. **Doug Sheely** will start on the project on March 14. We will be "under construction" for several weeks, so only the bathroom off the kitchen will be available for your use.

This project has been under consideration for 14 years, and the committee is excited to finally be able to go ahead with it, thanks to the generous legacy of **P. Richard Bauer**.

***The next meeting will be Sunday,
March 6 following worship.***

GUEST WORSHIP LEADER

On Sunday, April 24, **Pastor Joyce and family** will be in Michigan, beginning the process of finalizing aspects of her late father's estate, with assistance from her brothers and sister.

Christopher Tucker and **Pat Woomer** have offered their services in leading worship that Sunday. They are planning a service of Word and Song, always a favorite with the congregation.

LOOKING AHEAD



April 9 Lasagna Dinner

**April 30 Covered Dish Supper and
Game Night**

PALM SUNDAY BREAKFAST

Sunday, March 20 9am



Everyone is invited to attend our Palm Sunday Breakfast on **March 20 at 9:00am**.

Please sign up to bring a breakfast item to share. It can be an egg casserole, sweet bread/muffins, meat (bacon or sausage) fruit, bagels, coffee cake, or juice. Table service will be provided. Our thanks goes to the Fellowship Committee, which will be organizing this event.

The food will be abundant, so please come, even if you can't bring something. Following the breakfast, all are welcome to join in the celebration of the triumphal entry into Jerusalem of Jesus Christ, and the commemoration of the Passion.

In order to be ready for worship, we ask that everyone have their dishes here so that we can begin to enjoy them at 9am! Thanks!

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS BEGINS



Don't forget to set your clocks **AHEAD** one hour at 2am on March 13th

FUNDRAISER UPDATE

Our general fund received a boost of **\$595** from the "Souper" Supper. Thanks to all who donated, helped or bought tickets!

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE A GREAT SUCCESS

Though Sat, Feb. 13 was a brutally cold and windy day, the Red Cross arrived at 7am to set up Loomis Hall, and by 8am people were coming in from the cold to donate blood!

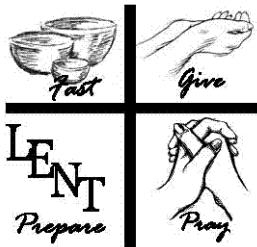
By the time the blood drive was over at noon, **36 pints of blood** had been given! The Red Cross workers were very pleased with the wonderful turnout.

Thank you to **Cindy Brockman, Sue Hughes, and Patti and Mark Booth**, who were there for the morning to help with registrations, making coffee and goodies for the workers, and assisting blood donors with refreshments! And thank you to all who came and gave blood – a true “gift of love.”

Every pint of blood saves up to three lives. The demand is constant and the need is great. If you are able, donate blood when you can at a location convenient for you.

LENTEN SCHEDULE

Wednesdays at 7pm



- Mar. 9 Bacon Hill Reformed**
Rev. Marty Fisher preaching
- Mar. 16 Old Saratoga Reformed**
Rev. Janet Vincent preaching
- Mar. 24 Old Saratoga Reformed**
Maundy Thursday/Tenebrae
- Mar. 25 St. Stephen's Episcopal**
Rev. Donna Arnold preaching
12 noon (refreshments following)
- Mar. 27 Bacon Hill Outdoor Chapel**
Easter Sunrise Service 6:30am

NEW MEMBERS ORIENTATION

Sunday, March 13 following worship

The Board of Elders is planning a new members orientation for those who have recently joined the church, those who would like to transfer their membership from another church to Old Saratoga, and those who would like to know more about the church and what's involved in being a member.

The orientation will follow worship, include lunch, and conclude by 2pm. If you are interested in being a part of this, please call **695-3479** or e-mail **oldsaratogareformed@verizon.net**

DAILY DEVOTIONS FOR LENT



Go to www.rca.org/lent
Click on “Daily Devotions for Lent”
Subscribe to mailing list to get devotions
for Lent in your e-mail

EASTER SUNDAY CELEBRATION OF THE RESURRECTION

Everyone is invited to celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus at the worship service on **Sunday, March 27 at 10am**. The Easter story will be read and joyful hymns will be sung. The choir will sing an anthem entitled “**Hallelujah! Resurrection Day.**” Following the service, the Fellowship Committee is providing coffee and cookies downstairs in Loomis Hall. All are welcome!

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.

Makenzie Harrington has already signed up and is looking forward to her second experience as a camper.

LASAGNA DINNER COORDINATORS NEEDED! *Sat. April 9*

Our annual Lasagna Dinner is scheduled for Sat. April 9, but we are in need of co-chairs to coordinate everything. If you are willing to help to do this, please let Pastor Joyce know, or call the church office. If no-one can do this, we will have to cancel the dinner.

RCA SPECIAL COUNCIL ON HUMAN SEXUALITY

The General Synod of 2015 called for a Special Council to discern a way forward for the Reformed Church in America with regards to a constitutional way forward concerning human sexuality as it relates to marriage and ordination.

You can read about this in the most recent issue of the RCA Today, or by following this link: <https://www.rca.org/news/seeking-way-forward-together>



Each classis is sending a representative to this meeting and several other "at large" representatives from our region are attending. Our Schenectady Classis representative is Rev. Annie Reilly. The RCA put together a 21 day schedule of prayer and fasting for the participants and the RCA as they carefully undertake this discernment work. These devotions will begin on March 29. You can sign up for the daily e-mail by using the link: <http://rca.us3.listmanage.com/subscribe?u=3e42bdcc6b1ae58a3f6ea1edd&id=fd7a8ffc8>

Please consider being a part of the "great cloud of witnesses" who are supporting your representatives and the whole denomination when they meet in Chicago from April 15-18.

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

Our Sunday School children will be joining in the joyous remembrance of the Palm Sunday Triumphant Entry by waving palms in the aisle of the church. Then they will be recreating the Last Supper downstairs together during their lesson time.



There will be no Sunday School on Easter, and children are encouraged to come and sit with their parents.

The children and their teachers thank the Congregation for their generous support of their Mission project, **Drilling For Hope**. Donations to date are **\$200**.

Note: Drilling For Hope is a component fund of the Community Foundation for the Greater Capital Region. 100% of our donation goes directly to the cause. (For more information visit www.drillingforhope.org)

Donations to the Sunday School Project will be used by **Karen Flewelling** in her upcoming trip during April to the countries of Ethiopia and Tanzania. Karen, who pays her own travel expenses, will be using the funds she has collected to help provide water wells, school supplies, chickens, goats, fish, and fistula operations for women in need.

The congregation thanks the Sunday School for their presentation on Feb. 28 during the worship service, and for the wonderful book marks they made and gave to everyone to remind us of how we can help **Drilling For Hope**.

Café Musica

Coffee House

*At Old Saratoga Reformed Church
Pearl and Burgoyne Streets, Schuylerville*

Sunday Evening

March 13 6:30-8pm



Featuring Musical Groups:

"This Time Around" - Eclectic Christian folk group

Lydia Martin - Guitar/vocal

"Winds of Harmony" - Saxophone ensemble

"Four Stray Cats" - Folk/rock quartet

Refreshments available

Free Will Offering for local missions

OUR COMMUNITY

SECOND HAND ROSE THRIFT SHOP 116 Broadway
Tues.-Sat. 11am-4pm Next Board Meeting: Fri. April 1 at 9:30am at OSRC
Call Charlotte at 695-4640 to volunteer!

SAFER (Schuylerville Area Food Relief) 260-4779
Open M-W-F 9am-Noon

BACON HILL BONANZA

5/10 k Road Race Saturday April 9 10 am
On-line Registration available through GreenLeafRacing.com

Registration forms available in OSRC office More info: www.baconhillbonanza.com
The race proceeds benefit the Steeple Repair for the Bacon Hill Reformed Church,
and a portion goes to Hudson Crossing Park

EASTER EGG HUNT

Sat. March 26 11am

(Organized by Faith Chapel, Assembly of God Church in Schuylerville)



An Easter Egg Hunt will be held at the High School practice field on **Saturday, March 26**.
Children will hunt for eggs on the following schedule:

Birth to age 3 at 11am

Ages 4-7 at 11:20am

Ages 8-12 at 11:40am

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.

SPAGHETTI DINNER

When: Sat. March 12 5pm and 6pm sittings **Where:** American Legion, Schuylerville
Cost: \$12 (please purchase your tickets ahead by calling **Bonnie Merrill @ 695-3972**)

Proceeds will benefit the church's Capital Improvements Project

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Sunday Worship: 10:00 am

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

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper
Sunday, March 6 10 am

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Coffee House at Old Saratoga

Sunday March 13 6:30-8pm

(details inside)

Palm /Passion Sunday March 20

Palm Sunday Breakfast 9 am

Easter Sunday Celebration of the Resurrection

Sunday March 27 10 am

Fellowship Hour following the service