

Jacob's Well

May 2017



May 7 FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER *Celebration of the Lord's Supper*

Lectionary Readings: Acts 2: 42-47; Psalm 23; 1 Peter 2: 19-25; John 10: 1-10

Greeter: Amber Deyoe

Liturgist: David deVelder

Ushers: Makenzie Harrington/Terri Richards

Counters: Cindy Brockman/Bruce Guerineau

*Communion Servers: Cindy Brockman/Anne Mitchell/ Bruce Guerineau/
Amber Deyoe*

Communion Cleanup: Terri Richards

May 14 FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER *Mother's Day*

Lectionary Readings: Acts 7: 55-60; Psalm 31: 1-5, 15-16; 1 Peter 2: 2-10; John 14: 1-14

Greeter: Joan Lapitsky

Liturgist: Dick Behrens

Ushers: Paula Sheely/Bridgette Lewie

Counters: Paulette Foote/Anne Mitchell

May 21 SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Lectionary Readings: Acts 17: 22-31; Psalm 66: 8-20; 1 Peter 4: 13-22; John 14: 15-21

Greeter: Patti Booth

Liturgist: Carolyn Markwith

Ushers: Terri Richards/Ajay Deyoe

Counters: Paulette Foote/Amber Deyoe

May 28 SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER *Children's Sunday* *Memorial Day Weekend*

Lectionary Readings: Acts 1: 6-14; Psalm 68: 1-10, 31-35; 1 Peter 4: 12-14, 5;6-11; John 17: 1-11

Greeter: Barbara Vincent

Liturgist: Anne Mitchell

Ushers: Bill Olmert/Eddie Fish

Counters: Cindy Brockman/Bruce Guerineau

Dear Members and Friends of Old Saratoga,

A few weeks ago a discussion in the office led us to decide to ask the people who are a part of Old Saratoga just what it was they liked about a small church. The answers are listed here:

I like it because everyone knows everyone instead of worshiping with strangers. Everyone is friends and family.

I have been coming here since I was a small girl. I love my church family – we all know each other and have fun together and care about each other. We work, worship, and have fun.

When you sign up for something, you only have to put down your first name!

I love the smiles and hugs.

Because everyone feels like family!

The feeling that this church is my extended family.

The fact that you know all the people!

Feeling like the others truly are a church family – and hugs!

I like the feeling of having a second family to enjoy. Good worship, good friends, good fellowship! Life is great!

The accepting of the differences

You feel like part of a family

You know everyone by name.

Know people more intimately – more like family

Knowing people well enough to care about them as individuals

The caring of a church family knowing one another and love one has for all – friendliness, breakfast and gatherings to go to

I love that we all know each other's names and love each other as we are – simply and fully to the end of our days.

It's like a second family. Everyone cares for one another

Knowing everyone – great sense of family

I like singing in the choir. We have a group that is fun and that sings joyfully together.

Thanks to the coffee hour (Tuesdays) we meet some people – normally it is only on Sundays.

You get to know everyone really well and it's nice.

You know everyone's name. It feels like having an extended family.

I like that Dave (Garrand) comes and mows the grass for us.

I think you will notice a theme here – love, caring, friendship, family. The responses came from old and young, and yet the feeling was the same. I saved this one for last-

I LOVE IT !



Church Family

BIRTHDAYS

1: Caitlin (Clary) Perkins
4: Charlotte Morrill Gorham **90!!!!**
6: Ethan Clary
7: Desiree DiCiccio
8: Samantha Galagan
8: Jeffrey Booth
8: Paula Hayes Sheely
11: Mark Booth
11: Paulette Foote
15: Myra Edgar
15: Cheryl Jones
17: Anne Mitchell
18: Nugent Edgar
25: Katrina Harrington
26: Maggie Correll
27: Anna Bierma
28: Rev. Joyce deVelder
28: James Thayer
28: Amanda (Fugle) Markwith
29: Pam Seward



ANNIVERSARIES

2: Bruce and Suzanne Guerineau
8: Roger M. and Yvonne Sherman, 1994
14: Joshua and Wendy (Russell) Fedderly, 1995
15: Richard and Pat Behrens, 1971
15: Kenneth and Jessica MacMillan, 2003

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

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	Robin Hoffman
Suzanne Guerineau	Joan James
Connie Jacobson	Trisha Atkinson
Michael Gordon	Jodi Neckles
Nancy and Norman Howard	Peggy MacMillan
Donald Morrill	Rev. Virginia Cornell

HOSPITALIZED IN APRIL

Gene Usher- Saratoga Hospital
Suzanne Guerineau – Wilton Day Surgery
Peggy MacMillan - Saratoga Hospital
Tom Wilbur – Saratoga Hospital
Hank Harrington- Wilton Day Surgery

NEW ADDRESS

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



THANKS RECEIVED

"Thank you for your recent gift of \$60. Your contribution will help Hospice fulfill its mission of caring for terminally ill persons and their families."

Sincerely, Stephen J. Manney
Hospice Executive Director

THANKS EXTENDED

..to **Cindy Brockman** and **Helen Lofgren** for arranging the Easter flowers in the sanctuary

..to **Dave Garrand** who cleaned up the yard of its winter debris in time for Easter

..to **Dick and Pat Behrens** for cleaning out the lift window and the two front windows, which had accumulated dirt between the glass and the safety covering

GRADUATES



We will soon be publishing the list of graduates who are connected to OSRC. If you have a child or grandchild who will be graduating from high school or college, please let the office know the details of what school the person will be graduating from, and what the plans are for the future. Names will be published in the July/August issue of JW, after all the ceremonies have been held. Thanks!

CONGRATULATIONS!



Congratulations to **Doug Mitchell** who was honored on Sunday, April 23, with the District Badge of Merit of the Boy Scouts of America. This award was given to Doug based on the outstanding service he has given in his district to youth and for his helpful contributions to the scouting organization.

Congratulations to **Bridget Critelli**, who works for Warren- Washington- Albany ARC. Bridget was recently promoted Assistant Residence Manager at the same group home where she has worked for several years.

NEW BABY

Congratulations to **Eric and Heather Richards** who welcomed **Paisley May** on April 25h. She weighed 4lb14oz and was 18 inches long, arriving three weeks early! Paisley is healthy and was breathing room air after birth. She joins her older sister, **Aubrey** (7)
Congratulations to her grandmother, **Terri Richards**, also!



Church Life

ECUMENICAL BIBLE STUDY

The Ecumenical Bible Study group is reading the **Book of Isaiah**, one of the richest books of the Hebrew Scriptures, esteemed by Jews and Christians alike. The prophet Isaiah speaks words of faith and hope to us today—as well as to the people of his time.

(There will be NO Bible Study on May 3.)

Bible Study meets each Wed. from 10-11am.

CHURCH FAMILY PICNIC

Sunday, June 4



Everyone is invited to attend the annual church family picnic to be held on Sunday, June 4 immediately following worship, at the home of **Duffy and Bill Whitehouse**. Please sign up to bring a picnic item (salad, dessert, etc.) If you have a lawn chair, please bring it, and if you want to cook your own meat, a grill will be provided. Come and enjoy the fellowship of a meal with your church family in the country, overlooking the Hudson Valley! *(A signup sheet will be posted in the foyer.)*

“THIS TIME AROUND”

Toes were tapping and smiles abounded at OSRC on Sunday, April 23, when *This Time Around*, a local folk group, joined the congregation in worship. They sang with the choir in an introit and responses, and led the congregation in the last hymn. They also sang the prelude, a haunting rendition of the Peter, Paul and Mary hit **“All My Trials.”** We thank our Minister of Music, **Christopher Tucker**, who is a member of *This Time Around*, for bringing the group to worship with us!

STAINED GLASS TREASURES

Among the treasures found in OSRC are the stained glass windows. These windows, while being amazing works of art, also tell stories. The windows give reference to biblical truths and in most cases remind us of a few of the saints of God in the Schuylerville community who have preceded us, most of the windows having been gifts to the church in memory of loved ones.



Stained glass windows have existed in churches and monasteries since the 7th century in Britain. Many depict episodes from the life of Christ and have been utilized in support of worship and as a tool of learning. It has been reported that many people of medieval history learned about the life of Christ through the stories depicted in the stained glass windows. This was especially important due to wide-spread illiteracy.

The New York Landmarks Conservancy is sponsoring a program of Sacred Sites Open Houses for the purpose of inviting the public to view stained glass windows, with suggested dates being 5/21,22. While plans for Old Saratoga are still in the development stages, we are most likely to open our church doors on 5/20 or 21 in the afternoon hours for public viewing of our windows. It is also likely that portions of our worship service may be devoted to stories that the windows tell. It is suggested that readers keep an eye on the church website, area news publications, and the outdoor bulletin board

CAMP FOWLER REGISTRATION AND "CAMPERSHIPS"

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

www.campfowler.org

We're happy to note that there are already four of our young people (**Makenzie Harrington, Bridget Behrens, Ajay Deyoe, Holly Deyoe**) planning to go to Fowler this summer.

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. Thanks!

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY

Please plan to join the Sunday School on **Children's Sunday, May 28**, when three of our young people will be receiving Good News Bibles. **Bridget Behrens, Matthew Waldinger and Halie Tomlinson** will all be ten years old during this calendar year, and will join a long line of youth who received their Bibles from OSRC over the years! Let's support these people on the next step of their Faith Journey.

GARDENER NEEDED

We are in need of someone who is willing to spend 2-3 hours per week tending the flower beds of the Church. Please contact the Church office, if you are willing to do so.

HYMNS OF OUR FAITH

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

"I heard the voice of Jesus say, Come unto me and rest; Lay down, O weary one, lay down your head upon my breast.

I came to Jesus as I was, weary, worn and sad; I found in him a resting place, and he has made me glad."

This hymn is a most interesting composition. One quickly recognizes two distinct parts: an invitation from Jesus, and the listener's response. The invitations are expressed by the composer of the music, John B. Dykes, in the somber key of G minor; the listener's responses in the happier key of G major. Each of the three verses, written by Horatio Bonar, is structured around invitations offered by Jesus in the gospels. Summarized, using the words of the hymn, Jesus offers "rest," "living water," and "light." The hymn writer goes on in the second part of each verse to explain the satisfaction derived from the listener's response to each invitation.

Horatio Bonar lived in the 19th century, was a minister in the Free Church of Scotland, and was a religious poet and hymn writer, authoring more than 600 hymns. It is said of him that he had an intimidating appearance, but was a great lover of children and was concerned about how children understood the psalms that were sung in his day.

It is the prayer of this writer that through our times of worship, our prayer life and the study of God's Word, we hear the voice of Jesus speaking to us; speaking to our individual need; speaking in times of hope and despair. May the sound of his voice bring peace and joy to our hearts.

Dick Behrens

PROPERTY COMMITTEE REPORT

The Property Committee met on 4/17 and discussed an estimate for the roofing project. They are also in the process of getting a bid for the electrical work (installing emergency exit lights and a back door motion light). There are still some questions to be answered about the stove issue and flame suppression system. The tree trimming will be done in the fall. Headstart, who purchased the shed and had the fence installed on the east side of the church, completed the job by having mulch put down in the play area.

The committee has scheduled a church cleanup day for Sat. May 20 from 9-noon. Please sign up to help for as long as you are able to stay!

LASAGNA DINNER UPDATE

Our Annual Lasagna Dinner was held on Sat. April 22, and we are happy to announce that the profit was **\$1090**, which was more than last year! Thanks go to our co-chairs **Cindy Brockman and Paulette Foote**, all the cooks who helped assemble the lasagnas, those who donated money or food, and to all those who came to the dinner and supported the fundraiser!

GUILD MEETING

The Women's Guild will hold their next meeting on **Mon. May 15 at noon**. Members will be planning their June "picnic." Please bring a sandwich; beverage and dessert will be provided by hostess **Robin Woomeer**.

MISSION OF THE QUARTER

The Mission for the second quarter (April-June) is **Hippies for Hope**. If you have not received a box, extras are on the back table in the Sanctuary or in the Church Office. **Hippies For Hope** is a grassroots, youth powered organization working to better the education of children in third world countries and spread smiles through local pediatric wards. For every tie-dyed shirt sold, they pledge to donate another to a child at a local hospital. Money is also raised to help improve secondary education abroad.

"We have no lofty goals or dreams, just grass-roots and small town support. As a team, we will work to spread this project as far as it may reach, always remembering the clothesline where it all began."
-Ashlie Busone

Creator and founder of Hippies for Hope

CLASSIS MEETING AT FORT MILLER

The Classis of Schenectady will hold its Spring meeting at Fort Miller Reformed Church on Tues. evening, May 24. Elder **Amberlyn Deyoe and Pastor Joyce** will attend as delegates of Old Saratoga (If you are interested in going as a guest, let us know.) Ordination examination will be given to seminary student Jeremy Bork, who graduates this month with a Masters of Divinity from Western Theological Seminary. The classis will also be briefed on the upcoming General Synod meeting of the Reformed Church in America, which takes place from June 8-13 in Holland, Michigan.

Old Saratoga Reformed Church Stewardship Invitation-2017

“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 2017 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	Weekly Amount	Monthly Amount	Annual Amount	My Gift
Biodegradable Food Containers	\$1	\$7	\$75	Women's Guild
Campership for One Youth	\$6	\$25	\$300	
Christmas Candles	\$1	\$3	\$35	
Church Parsonage Sewer Rent	\$9	\$39	\$460	
Church Parsonage Water Rent	\$8	\$33	\$400	
Fire Alarm System Inspection	\$7	\$30	\$350	
Fire Extinguisher Inspection	\$2	\$9	\$100	
Fire Central Station Monitoring	\$5	\$23	\$270	Sponsored
Furnace Inspection/Maintenance Contract	\$7	\$29	\$350	
Jacob’s Well (one month’s mailing)	\$2	\$7	\$75	
Choir Music	\$10	\$45	\$500	
Organ Tuning	\$5	\$18	\$220	
Piano Tuning	\$4	\$17	\$200	
Stamps	\$6	\$25	\$300	
Upper Room Devotional	\$2	\$6	\$69	
Worship Candles	\$2	\$7	\$80	
Worship Service Bulletins	\$3	\$10	\$120	
Worship Bulletins (Christmas/Easter etc.)	\$1	\$4	\$50	

Please return this form to the Church Office, drop in the offering plate, or e-mail your response to oldsaratogareformed@verizon.net. Make Checks payable to OSRC, earmarked “Stewardship”.

Name of Giver _____

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: 5/12 at 9:30 at OSRC

SAFER

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

LOCAL CHICKEN BBQ'S



ST. STEPHEN'S CHICKEN BBQ

Sunday, May 21 at the monument

BACON HILL REFORMED CHURCH

CHICKEN BBQ

Sat. June 3

See next month's JW for more details

SCHUYLERVILLE GARDEN CLUB

ANNUAL PLANT SALE

When: Sat. May 13

Time: 9am – noon (or until sold out)

**Where: Fort Hardy Park, Schuylerville
Youth Center**

**What: Perennials and some
gardening items**



OLD SARATOGA HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION

Meeting: Thurs. May 18 7pm

**at the Saratoga National Historical Park
Visitor Center**

**Discussion of naturalist Peter Kalm's visit to
our area in the early 1700's.**

LILAC WALK

Sat. May 13 Self guided walk

Pick up map at the Town Hall



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Sunday Worship: 10:00 am

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

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

Sunday May 7 10am

Church Cleanup Day

Sat. May 20 9-noon

Stained Glass Sunday

Sunday, May 21 10am

Children's Sunday

Sunday, May 28 10am

Annual Church Family Picnic

Sunday, June 4 following worship