

# JACOB'S WELL

May 2016



**May 1 SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER Ascension Sunday/Celebration of the Lord's Supper**

**Lectionary Readings:** Acts 1:1-11; Psalm 47; Psalm 93; Ephesians 1: 15-23;  
Luke 24:44-53

**Greeter:** Terri Richards

**Liturgist:** Carolyn Markwith

**Ushers:** Bridgette Lewie/Hank Harrington

**Counters:** Cindy Brockman/Anne Mitchell

**Communion Servers:** P. Woomer, B. Guerineau, C. Brockman, A. Mitchell

**Communion Cleanup:** Terri Richards

**May 8 SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER Reception of New Members Mother's Day**

**Lectionary Readings:** Acts 16:16-34; Psalm 97; Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21;  
John 17:20-26

**Greeter:** Anna Bierma

**Liturgist:** David deVelder

**Ushers:** Paula Sheely/Katrina Harrington

**Counters:** Pat Woomer/Bruce Guerineau

**May 15 PENTECOST SUNDAY (Please wear red, orange or yellow)**

**Lectionary Readings:** Acts 2:1-21; Genesis 11:1-9; Psalm 104:24-34, 35b;  
Romans 8:14-17; Acts 2:1-21; John 14:8-17; (25-27)

**Greeter:** Joan Lapitsky

**Liturgist:** Pam Seward

**Ushers:** Terri Richards/Bill Olmert

**Counters:** Cindy Brockman/Anne Mitchell

**May 22 TRINITY SUNDAY Children's Sunday**

**Lectionary Readings:** Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31; Psalm 8; Romans 5:1-5; John 16:12-15

**Greeter:** Helen Lofgren

**Liturgist:** Ajay Deyoe

**Ushers:** Trevor Lewie/Dick Behrens

**Counters:** Pat Woomer/Bruce Guerineau

**May 29 SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

**Lectionary Readings:** 1 Kings 18:20-21, (22-29), 30-39; Psalm 96; 1 Kings 8:22-23,  
41-43; Psalm 96:1-9; Galatians 1:1-12; Luke 7:1-10

**Greeter:** Amber Deyoe

**Liturgist:** Duffy Whitehouse

**Ushers:** Karl Thayer/Ajay Deyoe

**Counters:** Paula Sheely/Amber Deyoe

**Our worship services begin at 10:00 am. The sanctuary is handicapped accessible.  
Holy Communion is celebrated the first Sunday of each month.**

## **Guest Editorial** *(written by Nasa Edgar, following her trip to the Pringle Home several years ago)*

“Would you be interested in the Jamaica Mission Trip to the Pringle Home Orphanage?” asked my pastor. Not knowing what to expect, I said yes. I was asked to be a counselor on the trip. I would be the youngest, at age sixteen, along with two of my church members and six others from another church. In Jamaica, I would have an opportunity to work with children ages five to eighteen. I had been overwhelmed with emotion because I knew this would not be a carefree trip. Furthermore, I could not have known how much this trip would change my life.

Before leaving for Jamaica, there was much to learn about the mission. First, this mission wasn't a leisure trip; we were going there to share God's love with the children. The Pringle Home is one of the Child Sponsorship sites of Global Ministries, and has been caring for boys and girls for over seventy years. It also provides assistance to children who are on the streets, orphaned, and who come from situations of neglect and abuse. Additionally, I learned that some of the kids don't have parents or that their parents can't afford to have them at home. This made me love and appreciate my parents more for taking care of me in the best and most loving way possible. I prepared myself to deal with any situation I might encounter.

My stay at the Pringle Home seemed to pass very quickly because the time I spent with the children was filled with laughter, love and compassion. These moments were very special for me. Of all my memories, I remembered the bond between myself and a nine year old girl. I remember her energy and liveliness. She knew how to make everyone laugh and involve them in any game she contrived. To me she was like a breath of fresh air, because she brought out my inner child. She loved it when I told her stories and listened to her sing. Spending time with the children helped me learn that giving presents was not everything, but that love and attention was what they really wanted. When they received this, they seemed to forget their troubles for a while and enjoyed time with us.

Going on this journey to Jamaica enabled me to take steps in embracing new people, places and cultures. While I taught the children about God's love and worked with them on special activities, they taught me more than they probably could have imagined. From them I learned songs, games, and how to appreciate the things I have at home, such as plumbing and a warm bed all to myself. During our stay, there wasn't any running water for three out of five days at the orphanage. I hardly realized it was an issue because the children's laughter and happiness prevented me and everyone else from worrying about taking long, hot showers. However, behind their laughter, they each suffered from different family problems. One hardly knows this when you look at them. They act like a family to each other and appreciate the caring and loving atmosphere with which Pringle Home provides them.

As I think back, I realize that the most difficult part of the mission was leaving. My eyes filled with tears and I think of the children, especially my nine year old little friend, waving and crying as they ran after our departing bus. Some even yelled, “Don't go,” or “Please don't go.” This was very emotional for us all. I'll forever remember their faces and merry laughter. The mission trip I took to Jamaica was a defining experience and it has taught me that I can make a difference. I now have a better understanding of lives beyond my own. This will enable me to extend the kindness and care that I discovered, during my summer experience, to others.

***(Nasa is now 24 years old. She is living in New York City, where she is attending school. She expects to graduate this summer.)***

# CHURCH FAMILY

## BIRTHDAYS

1: Caitlin (Clary) Perkins  
2: Meghan Coral Hayes  
4: Charlotte Morrill Gorham  
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,  
14: Joshua and Wendy (Russell)  
Fedderly, 1995  
15: Richard and Pat Behrens, 1971  
15: Charlotte and Jim Gorham  
17: Kenneth and Jessica Mac Millan,  
26: Marion (Davies) and Franck  
Beaufreton

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

## SCHOOL GRADUATIONS

If someone in your immediate family is graduating this year, please let the office know, as well as his or her plans for the future. These will be published in the July/August Jacob's Well. Thanks!

## THANKS EXTENDED

..to **David Garrand** who bought his lawn equipment and cleaned up winter debris

..to **Paulette Foote** and **Bruce Guerineau** who chaired our delicious lasagna dinner

..to our **anonymous donor** who brought 10 books of first class stamps to the office

..to **Wayne Barton** for the donation of a roaster

..to **Donna Mellen** for the jewelry sale fundraiser she held for the church, which raised over **\$200**. Donna, who recently started a small business with Premier Jewelry, said she wanted a way to do this as a way of giving back to the church for all the times the church has been there for her and her family.

..to the **Women's Guild** for their recent donation of \$200 to our Fowler Campership Fund



## THANKS RECEIVED

*"Thank you so much for all the calls and cards I received when my brother, **Kerst**, passed away on April 10. It was all appreciated."*

## PEOPLE YOU KNOW

Congratulations to **David Woomer**, son of **Robin and Pat Woomer**, who won a 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the 10 meter and a 3<sup>rd</sup> place in the 15 meter swims at the Special Olympics Aquatics at Robison Pool, RPI, Troy.

Congratulations to **Makenzie Harrington**, daughter of **Katrina and Hank Harrington**, who placed 1<sup>st</sup> in Sparring, 2<sup>nd</sup> in Board Breaking and 3<sup>rd</sup> in Form for her age and belt division. The Tae Kwon Do Competition was held at Schenectady High School on April 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Congratulations to **Anne Mitchell**, who completed the requirements and testing for and was awarded a certificate stating that she is now an Enrolled Agent. This enables Anne to accompany a client in front of the IRS, if need be. Anne is a Farm Accounts Representative at Farm Credit East in Greenwich.



## CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

The church office will be closed on **Monday, May 25<sup>th</sup>** for Memorial Day. It will reopen on Tuesday at 9am.

## SYMPATHY

The church extends heartfelt sympathy to **Anna Bierma** and her family. Anna's younger brother, **Kerst Brunner (72)** died at home on Sunday, April 10, following a long illness with cancer. Kerst was living in Stiens (province of Friesland), the Netherlands, where his wife, **Aukje**, a nurse, was helping to care for him. Kerst had been retired for several years from his work in fish research and going out to sea with various crews over the years. He is survived by his wife Aukje, their four children and four grandchildren. His memorial service was held on April 14. Anna will be visiting her family in the Netherlands during the month of June. We pray that their time together will be comforting as they remember Kerst.



## MEMORIAL SERVICE

The Memorial Service for **Shirley Hoodack** will be held at Old Saratoga Reformed Church on **Saturday, May 7 at 11 am**, with a gathering following at the Elks Club in Greenwich.

# CHURCH LIFE

## 2016 JAMAICA MISSION TRIP

June 29-July 6

**Bonnie Manes**, from First Presbyterian Church in Oneonta, called to say that there **WILL** be a mission trip to Pringle Home orphanage this summer! *(Last summer there was no trip due to Bonnie's illness. We're thankful that she is feeling better and has her doctor's OK to go!)*

For the Presbyterian Church, this year marks 25 years of making mission trips to Jamaica's Pringle Home orphanage. For Old Saratoga, this will be 18 years of involvement since **Chris Garney** was our first volunteer to participate in 1998. Since that time, a total of 13 adults and young people have traveled to Pringle Home to participate in this life-changing opportunity.

We have two young people interested in going on this year's trip: and we just heard that we can send a third (**male**) person from our church. Participants must be at least sixteen years old and have a valid passport.

Proceeds from our continued collection of bottle and can deposits are used to help fund the travel to Jamaica. We also encourage your support of the special fundraiser planned for Mother's Day on **Sunday, May 8!**

## CARD BOX

Need a card in a hurry? **Terri Richards** has organized a file box with cards for all occasions in it. You can find the box on top of the piano in Loomis Hall. Help yourself whenever you need to!

## HOMEMADE CHEESECAKE FOR MOTHER'S DAY

What: **a cheesecake CUPCAKE sale to benefit the 2016 Jamaica Mission trip.** The cheesecake **CUPCAKES** will be made and boxed by **Henrietta Edgar.**

The **six topping flavors** offered are:

Fresh Strawberry, Blueberry, Fresh Raspberry and Blackberry, Chocolate Truffle, Oreos and Cream, or Plain with Whipped Cream.



Pickup: **Sunday, May 8, Mother's Day**  
**OR** **Friday, 5/27**

Cost: **\$20 for six; \$30 for a dozen**

Orders: **Placed by Wed. May 4** **OR**  
**placed by 5/20 for 5/27 pickup**

**You can place an order**  
**by calling the church office**  
**(695-3479) Payment due at**  
**pickup.**

**What a great gift to help honor and celebrate Mother's Day- and at the same time help support the 2016 Jamaica Mission Trip!**

## FUNDRAISER UPDATE

Lasagna Dinner	<b>\$832.31</b>
Jewelry Sale	<b><u>211.00</u></b>
	<b>\$1043.31</b>

*Thanks to all who donated, attended, purchased tickets or jewelry or helped in any way!*

## PROPERTY UPDATE

The Property Committee has been busy selecting flooring, paint, a rug, plumbing supplies, and making other decisions relating to the bathroom renovation project. It is nearing completion and will soon be ready to use. Committee members would like to extend special thanks to **Doug Sheely**, who has gone above and beyond the original scope of the project and been agreeable to doing some extras for us that will make the renovation more complete.



Thanks is also extended to Mike Hayes, who came with two of his crew to put back a large piece of the plexiglass which protects the stained glass windows. The plexiglass from the last window on the Pearl Street side had blown off in a windstorm. Fortunately, it did not break when it fell!

## WOMEN'S GUILD

The Women's Guild met on April 18 for luncheon and a business meeting. Hostess was **Anna Bierma**. The women voted to donate **\$200** to the Fowler camperships. They will also underwrite the carnations given to all women at the service on Mother's Day, May 8. The next meeting is **Monday, May 16 at noon**, with Pastor Joyce hosting. All women of the church are invited to attend. Just bring a sandwich, and a food donation for the local pantry.

## CHURCH PICNIC *Sunday, June 5 at noon*

Everyone is invited to the Annual Church Picnic to be held on **Sunday, June 5 at noon** at the home of **Duffy and Bill Whitehouse**. Please bring a dish to share, your own beverage and a lawn chair (if you have one.) If you have meat to cook, there will be a grill provided for you to use. A signup sheet is posted in the entryway.



Come and enjoy sharing a meal with your church friends and an afternoon in the country, overlooking the Hudson Valley! See you there!

## SCHUYLERVILLE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL RECEIVES NATIONAL RECOGNITION

Congratulations to our local elementary school which recently gained national recognition as a 2016 Green Ribbon School for their efforts to reduce environmental impact and promote sustainability. They were one of 46 schools in the country to be so recognized. A formal recognition and award ceremony will take place in Washington D.C. on July 20!

## PENTECOST Sunday, May 15



The celebration of Pentecost comes fifty days after Easter Sunday. Pentecost has its roots in the Jewish Harvest Feast of Shavuot. On this day the church celebrates the gift of the Holy Spirit gathering people into what would become the church of Jesus Christ. Some refer to Pentecost as the "birthday" of the church. The story is found in the Acts of the Apostles, Chapter 2.

Each year we encourage members and friends of OSRC to wear red, orange or yellow to worship that day, to recall the "tongues of fire" that appeared and rested on the people, and filled them with the Holy Spirit.

## NEW MEMBERS TO JOIN OSRC

On Sunday, May 8, five people will join the church: **Stephen Bodnar, Sandy Jones, Cheryl Coffin Jones, Pam Seward, and Barbara Vincent.** We look forward to this happy event, and will welcome all afterwards with a Fellowship Hour.



Next month's JW will include brief biographies of each one, so we all get to know a little bit more about our new members!

## OSRC RECEIVES BEQUEST

The consistory is pleased to announce that in April, Old Saratoga Reformed Church received an unexpected bequest of \$100,000 from the estate of **Dr. Robert Hayden** and his wife, **Dorothy Hayden.** The gift was given to be set up as an endowment fund, from which interest earned can be used to help fund the ongoing ministries of the church. The consistory and investment committee will be working together to set up this up and will report to the congregation at a future time. The church is most grateful to Dr. and Mrs. Hayden for their generous gift and provision to Old Saratoga.

## EARTH DAY SUNDAY April 17, 2016

*"God's world is a special place  
Made for you and me.  
Let's take care of the things that God made  
For all eternity."*

The words above are the chorus to a wonderful song written by our Minister of Music, **Christopher Tucker**, which we sing each year on Earth Day Sunday. We thank Christopher for leading us in the song, and **Bruce Guerineau** who accompanied on the guitar.

We also thank **Doug Mitchell**, who participated in the sermon about caring for God's creation, by telling us about his involvement in the "Leave No Trace" educational program. Doug will soon be attending seminars in May to become a master Educator in this national program which teaches care and respect for the earth. *For more info* [www.leavenotrace.com](http://www.leavenotrace.com)



## HYMNS OF OUR FAITH

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

**"Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God"**

**"Seek ye first the kingdom of God and its  
righteousness,  
And all these things shall be added unto  
you; Allelu, alleluia."**

Inspired by a sermon on Matthew 6:33, Karen Lafferty composed a tune to accompany this important message. The verse, taken from Jesus' Sermon on the Mount, challenges our thinking in regard to priorities in life. The eternal things of God are to be considered first. Our gracious and merciful God will take care of the rest. As followers of Jesus, we know that the eternal God cares for us completely. Our every need is known to him. God is ever near to lead, to guide, to nurture, and to supply. We must make God's kingdom, and a path of righteousness, our priorities.

Lafferty's melody, composed in 1972, is contemporary in style. The alleluias at the close are offerings of praise to the God who has promised to be our sufficiency. A second verse was attached anonymously and is based on Matthew 7:7. Also part of the Sermon on the Mount, this verse speaks to the boldness with which we are to approach God in prayer; to "ask, and it shall be given...."

This simple but beautiful melody is often repeated several times, or the song can be sung as a round. Singing the song is also a great way to memorize scripture.  
**Dick Behrens**

## CHURCH CLEAN UP

**Sat. May 14 9:00am**

The Property Committee has scheduled **Saturday, May 14 at 9:00am** as Church Cleanup Day! They are hoping to have several volunteers who would like to "spruce up" OSRC's kitchen and outdoor areas come for a few hours that morning.



Outdoor jobs would include washing off the front doors of the church, and washing the rear entrance door and rails. Kitchen jobs will mostly involve wiping down cabinets, and sorting through some of the kitchen items that are no longer needed, with the hope that space can be found in the cabinets for items which currently are on the counters. *(If you are missing plates, dishes, etc. that you brought for a dinner and didn't take home yet, now would be a good time to get them!)* Please check the signup sheet and come for the morning, or part of it, to help "spruce up" OSRC. Thanks!

## CAMP FOWLER 2016

**There is a light in every child.  
"Nourish the Light!"**

We're delighted to announce that the following young people are planning to go to Camp Fowler this summer: **Ajay Deyoe, Holly Deyoe, Makenzie Harrington, Bridgette Lewie, Trevor Lewie, and Bridget Behrens.**

Throughout the month of May we are receiving donations for Fowler camperships. This year each young person will receive **\$300** from the church to help supplement the cost for going to camp! **Checks can be made out to OSRC and earmarked "Campership."**

[www.campfowler.org](http://www.campfowler.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: May 27 at 9:30at OSRC

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## SAFER

Schuylerville Area Food Relief

Open 9-12 noon M-W-F  
260-4779

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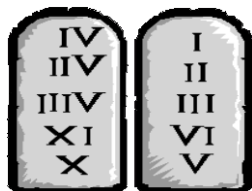
## SATURDAY SEMINARS AT ST. STEPHEN'S

When: *beginning Sat. May 21, 10-11am;  
then every other week for 11 weeks*

Where: *St. Stephen's Fellowship Hall*

What: *Series on "The Ten Commandments-  
Laws of the Heart"  
led by Sr. Joan Chittester*

Everyone is welcome – you do not need to  
register. Refreshments will be provided!



## SCHUYLERVILLE GARDEN CLUB ANNUAL PLANT SALE

Sat. May 7- 9am-noon or until sold out!



At Fort Hardy Park

Perennials, houseplants, garden items, and  
gloves will be available for purchase  
(Sponsored by the Schuylerville Garden Club)

## LILAC WALK

Sat. May 7 at 10am

If you would like to see all the various  
types of lilacs which have been planted  
around the village, please meet on the  
corner of Spring and Broad Streets on  
Saturday, May 7 at 10am. You may take a  
self-guided tour at your leisure with the  
map provided.

## UPCOMING CHURCH BBQS



Annual Monument View Chicken BBQ  
Sun. May 22 12-2pm

St. Stephen's will hold their barbecue at the  
monument on Burgoyne Street  
Call 695-6061 for reservations and price

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Bacon Hill Annual Chicken BBQ  
Sat. June 4  
(details next month)

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Sunday Worship: 10:00 am

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

***Reception of New Members***

***Sunday, May 8 10am***

***Church Cleanup Day***

***Saturday, May 14 9:30am (volunteers needed!)***

***Pentecost***

***Sunday, May 15 10am***

***Please wear red, orange or yellow***

***Children’s Sunday***

***Sunday, May 22 10am***