

# JACOB'S WELL

November 2016



**Nov. 6      TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST      *Celebration of the Lord's Supper***

**Lectionary Readings:** *Haggai 1: 15-2:9; Psalm 145: 1-5, 17-21;  
2 Thessalonians 2: 1-5, 13-17; Luke 20: 27-38*

**Greeter:** *Amber Deyoe*

**Liturgist:** *Pam Seward*

**Ushers:** *Bridgette Lewie/Hank Harrington*

**Counters:** *Cindy Brockman/Anne Mitchell*

**Communion Servers:** *Anne Mitchell, Pat Woomer, Bruce Guerineau, Cindy Brockman*

**Communion Cleanup:** *Terri Richards*

**Nov. 13      TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

**Lectionary Readings:** *Isaiah 65: 17-25; Psalm 98: 2 Thessalonians 3: 6-13; Luke 21: 5-19*

**Greeter:** *Joan Lapitsky*

**Liturgist:** *Ajay Deyoe*

**Ushers:** *Paula Sheely/Katrina Harrington*

**Counters:** *Pat Woomer/Bruce Guerineau*

**Nov. 20      THANKSGIVING SUNDAY**

**Lectionary Readings:** *Jeremiah 23: 1-6; Psalm 46; Colossians 1: 11-20; Luke 23: 33-43*

**Greeter:** *Karl Thayer*

**Liturgist:** *Duffy Whitehouse*

**Ushers:** *Terri Richards/Bill Olmert*

**Counters:** *Cindy Brockman/Amber Deyoe*

**Nov. 27      FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

**Lectionary Readings:** *Isaiah 2: 1-5; Psalm 122; Romans 13: 11-14; Matthew 24: 36-44*

**Greeter:** *Bill Olmert*

**Liturgist:** *Holly Deyoe*

**Ushers:** *Trevor Lewie/Dick Behrens*

**Counters:** *Paula Sheely/Anne Mitchell*

**Our worship services begin at 10:00 am. The sanctuary is handicapped accessible.**

**Holy Communion is celebrated the first Sunday of each month.**

## ***From the Pastor...***

*“Save us O Lord our God,  
and **gather** us from among the nations,  
that we may **give thanks**  
to your holy name  
and glory in your praise!”  
(Psalm 106:47)*

It's **gathering time**. The past weeks I've noticed a lot of gray squirrels running to and fro across the lawn—and even onto the parsonage porches where they've been hiding nuts in our potted plants and snitching kernels of corn on the dried cornstalks.

It's gathering time across the fields as farmers have finished harvesting the corn and grains, and bringing in the apples and pumpkins.

Our son Mikael, who loves scarecrows, has a small scarecrow decoration hanging in our dining room for the autumn season. Above the scarecrow's straw hair and crooked hat, there's a small black chalkboard attached with white writing on it that says: “*Gathering Time*”.

I read those words at every meal from my place at the table, thinking of this time in November when we gather food and plants in and plan our gatherings of family and friends for Thanksgiving Day on November 24. These are special gathering times for us to celebrate the love and goodness of God and the gifts of harvest.

On Sunday, November 20, the congregation will gather for the annual Thanksgiving Service at 10:00 AM. We look forward to this service of celebration, and hope that you and your families who live in the area or visiting will come and share in the giving of thanks to God!

When we “gather together to ask the Lord's blessing”, it's a time to remember and give thanks to the Spirit of God who “gathers us in.” Gathering is the opposite of scattering. The ancient words of Psalm 106 (above) imply a connection between the saving and the gathering work of God. This divine work is the work of mercy and love to gather the children of earth, long scattered by their fears and differences, and bring them together as one. (Jn. 11:52)

Thus in God's realm, it's always “gathering time”. May we, in our Thanksgiving gatherings at home or church, give thanks for God's goodness—and share each day in God's holy work of gathering people together in mercy and love!

Have a blessed Thanksgiving!

Faithfully yours,

*Pastor Joyce deVelder*

# CHURCH FAMILY

## ANNIVERSARIES

9: Donald and Kimberly Mac Millan, 2002  
10: Anne and Doug Mitchell 2012  
25: Bill and Duffy Whitehouse, 1967



## BIRTHDAYS

1: Roger Sherman  
2: Carol Burch  
3: Roger M. Sherman  
3: David Woomer  
6: Wendy (Russell) Fedderly  
10: Emily Buchanan  
11: Lily Russell  
12: Robert Haney  
12: Thomas Pooler  
13: Peggy MacMillan  
14: Sawyer Russell Fedderly  
18: Linda Barter  
20: Melanie (Whitehouse) Casey  
22: Sandy Jones  
23: Ryan Markwith  
24: Chauncey Mabb  
24: Allison Cummins  
25: Timothy Cox

## CONGRATULATIONS...

..to **Makenzie Harrington (12)** who has earned the black belt in Tae Kwan Do, and will celebrate her achievement at a special ceremony on Nov. 12!

Her parents, **Katrina and Hank Harrington**, will host special coffee hour after church on Sun. Nov, 13 in honor of Makenzie!

## 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

**Jim Gorham**, Saratoga Center A114, 149 Ballston Ave. Ballston Spa NY 12020

**Shirley Mabb**, Saratoga Center A110, 149 Ballston Ave., Ballston Spa NY 12020

## IN OUR PRAYERS

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

Ruth Hayes  
Dwight Colvin  
Alyson Fitzgerald  
Bill Cluff  
David Garrand  
Rod Borgman  
John Bodnar  
Richard Zelazny  
Ron Hamm  
Evie Senecal  
Charlotte Gorham  
Joan Lapitsky  
Susie Murphy  
Anna Bierma  
Sandy DeGregory  
Mona Perkins  
Suzanne Guerineau  
Sandy Horsfield  
Gerry Barber

Bette Tucker  
Sue and Tom Wilbur  
Anne Mitchell  
Thomas Altrogge  
Ryan Markwith  
Ashley Edgar  
Trevor Lewie  
Naomi Thayer  
Sandy Jones  
Alicia Lewie  
Rosie Driscoll  
Clyde Wells  
Tom Barber  
Sue Hughes  
Charles Thayer  
Robin Hoffman  
Robin Woomer  
Cheryl Durkee  
Suzanne Guerineau

## HOSPITALIZED IN OCTOBER

**Joan Lapitsky** – Saratoga Day Surgery  
**Dave Garrand** – Saratoga Hospital

## THANKS RECEIVED

*"Thank you for your generous support through the years. (\$51)*

**Maggie Fronk, Executive Director  
Wellspring (Domestic Violence Services)**

*"We've seen lives changed at Fowler for almost 60 years. Thank you for making the miracles common!" (\$306)*

*Walk in balance,*

**Kent Busman, Fowler Director**

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## CHURCH LIFE +

### CHRISTMAS SHOE BOXES

The Board of Deacons made the decision that we will not be doing the Christmas shoe box gifts for children (Samaritan's Purse) this year. The deacons are looking into alternate ways the church can help our local children in need.

### STEWARDSHIP DONATIONS REPORT

Our Treasurer, **Chris Garney**, reports that we have received a total of **\$1465** from our Stewardship Invitation. We are grateful to those who responded to this appeal for underwriting some of our budget items.



## SYMPATHY

The church extends prayers and heartfelt sympathy to the family and friends of **Eloise (Boynton) Bosch** (97) who died in Muscat, Oman on October 7, 2016. Eloise and her husband **Dr. Don Bosch** were missionaries of the Reformed Church in America and spent many decades serving in the Middle East country of Oman. Dr. Don was a surgeon and Eloise a gifted teacher and also held a Master's Degree in Religious Education. Together they contributed much to the country of Oman and were loved and respected by the Omani people. Eloise and Don co-authored a fascinating book about their early lives in Oman entitled *The Doctor and the Teacher 1955-1970*. (You are welcome to borrow this book from the church library.) They also shared a love of seashells and wrote several notable books about their findings and discoveries of shells on the Arabian Gulf.

Eloise and Dr. Don became members of Old Saratoga in 1988 and worshiped here during the summer months when they vacationed at Hedges Lake. Eloise was a woman of deep faith who lived a life of love and service to others. Her memorial service was held in Muscat at the Protestant Church in Oman where she was an active member. She was buried next to her husband of 70 years, Dr. Don. We remember their three children, **Bonnie, Paul and David** and their families in our prayers, as well as their extended family, and many dear friends in Oman and throughout the world.

Condolences may be sent to the family c/o Bonnie Bosch,  
13140 Mesa Verde Way  
Sylmar, CA 91342

### CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

The church office will be closed on the following dates:

**Fri. Nov. 11; Wed.-Fri.- Nov. 23-25.**

# CHURCH LIFE

## ECUMENICAL BIBLE STUDY

Bible Study meets on **Wednesdays at 10am**, when they continue the study of the Book of Daniel, and then Isaiah. If you have considered joining the group, now would be a wonderful time to do so, as they begin their new study! Interested people of all denominations are always welcome!

## LOOKING AHEAD

**Sat. Nov. 5 4:30 -6pm Harvest Dinner**

**Sun. Nov. 13 TBA Café Musica at OSRC**

**Sun. Nov 20 Annual Congregational Meeting**

**Sat. Nov. 26 10am St. Nicholas Brunch and Church Decorating**

**Sat. Dec. 3 8am-2pm Holiday Sale**

**Sun. Dec. 4 3pm Community Christmas Concert at OSRC**

## ANNUAL HOLIDAY SALE

**Sat. Dec. 3 8am-2pm**

*(In conjunction with the village wide St. Nicolaas Weekend)*



**Sale will include gently used Christmas items, baked goodies & homemade fudge**

**Also assortment of Raffle Baskets!**

**Gently used donations may be brought to Loomis Hall starting Nov. 21**

## ADVENT WREATH



The Advent Wreath signup sheet is posted in the foyer. Families, groups of friends, or individuals may volunteer to light the candles on the Sundays of Advent. Materials are provided for you and will be in the foyer to pick up. The first Sunday in Advent is Nov. 27.

## ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING Sunday, Nov. 20

The Annual Meeting of the Old Saratoga Reformed Church will be held on Sunday, November 20 immediately following worship. Deacon and Elder nominating forms are available on the back table of the sanctuary. The congregation will vote on these nominations at the meeting. The 2017 Plan for Ministry (budget) will also be presented for approval. Refreshments will be provided by consistory members. Please plan to stay and be a part of our church's spiritual and financial planning for 2017.

## HARVEST SUPPER

**Sat. Nov. 5**

We will need everyone's help to make this fundraiser a success. That includes buying a ticket or two, telling your family and friends how good the food is and urging them to come, and especially sticking around to help with cleanup (or coming specifically for that!) as many who have been helping during the day are tired and could use some new helpers then!

# HARVEST SUPPER

**SAT. NOVEMBER 5**

**4:30pm through 6:00pm**

(continuous serving)



## OLD SARATOGA REFORMED CHURCH

**48 Pearl Street Schuylerville, NY**

**Menu: Baked Ham, mashed potatoes and gravy, squash,  
green beans, Dutch Kraut, rolls & butter,  
homemade Apple and Pumpkin pies, beverage**

**Adults \$10 - Children 5-12 \$5 - Under 5 free**

**Dine in or take out**

**Reservations Recommended**

**Call 695-6638**

**or the church office (695-3479)**

## PECAN SALE



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We have pecans for your holiday baking. We ordered 48-1 lb. bags of pecan halves at **\$10** each. There are also dark chocolate covered pecans, which make excellent gifts. The 12 oz. bags are **\$10** as well. You may pick up your preorders. Extras are available. Prepayment is greatly appreciated!!

## ST. NICOLAAS BRUNCH

**Sat. Nov. 26 10:30am**

Everyone is invited to come to the St. Nicolaas Brunch on Sat. Nov. 26 at 10:30am to help decorate the church for the Christmas Season. First we will join together for the meal, and then do the decorating of the sanctuary and Loomis Hall. Please bring a brunch item (sweet breads, muffins, egg casseroles, fruit, juice, meats) to share. See you there!

## POINSETTIAS



Poinsettias can be ordered through the church to memorialize or honor a loved one this Christmas season. Cost is \$10 per red plant. They will be displayed on Christmas Sunday, Dec. 18, and Christmas Eve. Forms are placed in the bulletins on Sunday, or you may call the office to order. **Deadline is Nov. 27.**

## OPPORTUNITY TO HELP



**November**

**We will be supporting the Guardian House, a home for homeless female veterans in Ballston Spa.**

### **Items needed:**

#### **Dish detergent**

*(liquid and dishwasher)*

#### **Cleaning products**

*(Pine-Sol, window, cleaner, bathroom bowl cleaner)*

#### **Towels, Washcloths,**

#### **Twin sheet sets**

#### **Paper towels, tissues, bathroom tissue**

Monetary donations are also needed, as they hope to buy new curtains for the bedrooms. Checks may be made out to OSRC and earmarked "Guardian House" to be placed in the offering plate or sent to the church office. You may place an item donation in the bin in the foyer labeled "Guardian House." Thank you.



# Café Musica

Sunday, November 13 6:30pm at OSRC

*Featuring*

Holly McCormack

Singing Judy Garland songs

OBBQ

Woodwind Quintet

Lydia Martin

Contemporary Pop

Rose -n- Thorns

Something for everyone!

*Freewill donations welcome to benefit Code Blue Saratoga*

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## PROPERTY UPDATE



The Property Committee met on Oct. 24 to finalize plans for the shed and play area, to be located on the east (alley) side of the church building, which is being funded by Head Start. It will be submitted to them for final approval. Also under review were the specifics for the renovation of the bathroom off the kitchen. The next meeting is Nov. 14 at 7pm at church.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL



Our Sunday School children have been learning about ways to recycle locally that not only help the earth, but help others as well. They will be sharing the posters they made with this information during *All God's Children Sunday*, November 13. They have also been busy making a fall flower project for those who are not able to attend church, and writing letters to soldiers. We are collecting our offerings this fall to help SAFER provide Christmas food boxes. The children also have UNICEF boxes for Halloween trick-or-treating. We currently have six children enrolled, and would welcome more.

**Pictured: L to R: Back: Eddie Fish, Matthew Waldinger, Logan Tomlinson; Front: Bridget Behrens, Halie Tomlinson**





# 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: Nov. 18 at 9:30 at OSRC

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## SAFER

Schuylerville Area Food Relief

Open 9-12 noon M, F

260-4779

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## LOCAL HAPPENINGS

“Living With Loss” Support Group

2<sup>nd</sup> Wed. of each month 2-3:15pm

Greenwich Free Library

148 Main Street Greenwich

Facilitated by a Hospice Bereavement Counselor

## CRAFT FAIR AND HOLIDAY FESTIVAL

Sat. Nov. 12 9am-2pm at the Elks Lodge

Lots of handmade items from 40 vendors  
and great food!!

Proceeds benefit the Christmas Basket Fund  
which distributes 100 baskets of food to eligible  
families in the local area

## ROAST PORK DINNER

Date: Sat. Nov. 12

Where: Fort Miller Reformed Church

Time: 4:30-6pm

Menu: Herbal roast pork with gravy,  
Sweet potato soufflé, stuffing,  
green beans, cole slaw, apple  
brownies

Cost: \$10 adults - \$5 children

Walk ins welcome and takeouts  
available!

## VETERAN'S DAY DINNER

Schuylerville American Legion

Sat .November 12, 2016

Menu includes Stuffed chicken breast  
with mashed baked potatoes. Meal  
served family style.

Tickets may be purchased ahead at the  
American Legion Bar (\$12)

6:00pm Happy Hour

7:00pm Dinner (preceded by brief  
ceremony)



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Patrick Woomer, Cindy Brockman, Bruce Guerineau,  
Anne Mitchell

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Sunday Worship: 10:00 am

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

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