

JACOB'S WELL

OLD SARATOGA REFORMED CHURCH

October 2015



- Oct. 4 NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST** *World Communion Sunday*
Lectionary Readings: Job 1: 1, 2: 1-10; Psalm 26; Hebrews 1: 1-4, 2: 5-12; Mark 10: 2-16
Greeter: Robin Woomer
Liturgist: David deVelder
Ushers: Bill Olmert/Hank Harrington
Counters: Bruce Guerineau/Pat Woomer
Communion Servers: Bruce Guerineau, Pat Woomer, Hank Harrington, Paula Sheely
Communion Cleanup: Anna Bierma
- Oct. 11 TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**
Lectionary Readings: Job 23: 1-9, 16-17; Psalm 22: 1-15; Hebrews 4: 12-16; Mark 10: 17-31
Greeter: Helen Lofgren
Liturgist: Anne Mitchell
Ushers: Katrina Harrington/Dick Behrens
Counters: Cindy Brockman/Hank Harrington
- Oct. 18 TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST** *Disability Awareness Sunday*
Lectionary Readings: Job 38: 1-7, (34-41); Psalm 104: 1-9, 24, 35c; Hebrews 5: 1-10; Mark 10: 35-45
Greeter: Kim and Karl Thayer
Liturgist: Carolyn Markwith
Ushers: Ajay Deyoe/Terri Richards
Counters: Bruce Guerineau/Pat Woomer
- Oct. 25 TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST** *Reformation Sunday*
Lectionary Readings: Job 42: 1-6, 10-17; Psalm 34: 1-8, (19-22); Hebrews 7: 23-28; Mark 10: 46-52
Greeter: Patti Booth
Liturgist: Duffy Whitehouse
Ushers: Trevor Lewie/Bill Olmert
Counters: Paula Sheely/Paulette Foote

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

FALL BACK!

**Don't forget to set your clocks back one hour at bedtime on
Oct. 31**

From the Pastor...

*The Lord bless and keep thee;
the Lord make his face shine upon thee and have mercy on thee;
the Lord lift up his face upon thee, and place peace in thee.*

Numbers 6:23 (Jubilee Bible 2000)

Dear Members and Friends of Old Saratoga,

Grace to you and the peace of Christ.

It was the afternoon of Sunday, August 30, a week after we had returned home from my father's funeral in Michigan. David, Mikael and I were on the Rhode Island coast where we camped for a week toward the end of summer. I was still feeling the sadness and fatigue of our second trip to Michigan and back, but glad to be near the healing sound, smell and sight of the deep blue ocean sparkling in the sun.

We had driven to Point Judith to have a seafood lunch and visit the famous lighthouse there. We were disappointed to find the lighthouse grounds closed to the public; so we walked up to the nearby overlook where people of all ages were sitting, sunning, flying kites, and reading books. It was a warm day and the ocean breeze felt refreshing. Mikael and I were walking along a ridge in the direction of the lighthouse, when we heard a strange sound—something like a fog horn. We turned around and saw David a ways back talking to a woman holding something in her hand. Mikael and I walked back to where they were. The woman was holding a shofar (a three-foot long ram's horn) and had just sounded it in the direction of the ocean. She said she takes it with her to places like this and plays as the spirit moves her. She then, with great effort, sounded the shofar for us again. The sound was powerful.

I asked her if she blew the shofar in a temple. She answered that she's been involved with some Jewish Christian groups who worship "Jesuah" (Jesus). She reached out her hand to me and said "I'm Mary." I held her hand and said "I'm Joyce and this is Mikael". (David had stepped away by then). She then surprised us by saying, "I want to sing a blessing for you and Mikael." At that point, in a clear, strong, deep voice, she sang in Hebrew the benediction from Numbers 6 (above) and afterwards, spoke it to us in English. ***"The Lord bless you and keep you...and make his face shine upon you...and give you shalom (peace) from the top of your head to the soles of your feet, and to every cell in between."*** Those were her exact words. I had tears in my eyes before she finished. "Thank you Mary", I said as I hugged her. "Blessings to you...You have a wonderful voice for singing blessings." "Maybe" she said, I could sound the shofar and be a cantor somewhere." "Maybe!" I answered. Then we said good-bye.

I'm still thinking of that mysterious meeting and what it meant. Mary knew nothing about us or our life, but she somehow felt moved to give us a blessing of God's peace. Mary's simple, beautiful act of love and care, was a vivid reminder to me that God who loves us all, does continually bless us in surprising ways. And why? Could it be for the reason that God said to our ancient father in the faith, Abraham: ***"I will bless you...so that you will be a blessing."*** ? (Genesis 12:2.)

Faithfully yours,

Pastor Joyce deVelder

CHURCH FAMILY

BIRTHDAYS

1: Nicholas Booth
2: Eric Garney
2: Kura Dickinson
3: Aubrey Nickole Richards
3: Donald M. Squires Sr.
3: Clyde Wells
4: Donald M. Squires Jr.
4: Bill Olmert
6: Wayne Barton
7: Kim Thayer
9: Mikael de Velder
10: Justin Burch
12: Dawn Alexanian
12: Randy Kerr
12: Rebecca Lynn MacMillan
12: Barrett Tueller Fedderly
13: Tamee Haney Lockwood
13: Bill Whitehouse
16: Tyler Erbe
16: Bridget Regan Behrens
19: Cheryl Durkee
21: Nathaniel de Velder
21: Hank Harrington
25: Alma Westcott
25: Holly Farrell Deyoe
26: Edward (Buddy) Fero
27: John Hayes
27: Bruce Guerineau
28: Sue Wilbur
29: Jean Stark

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

ANNIVERSARIES

6: Pat and Harvey Howd (2007)
9: Jennifer (Barton) and Todd Bruneau, 1999
15: Heather and Thomas Freebern, 2000
16: James and Donna Mellen
16: Julia (Behrens) and Thomas Pooler, 1999
20: Katrina and Hank Harrington
22: Florence and Roger Sherman, 1960
25: Dawn and Stephen Alexanian
26: Jikke (Bierma) and Sean Loughlin
27: Ryan and Amanda Markwith

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

IN OUR PRAYERS

"But when you pray, you must believe and not doubt at all. Whoever doubts is like a wave in the sea that is driven and blown about by the wind." (James 1: 6)

Ruth Hayes	Bette Tucker
Charles Jones	Dwight Colvin
Alyson Fitzgerald	Ashleigh Clute
Bill Cluff	Anna Bierma
Thomas Altrogge	David Garrand
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 Hougén
Darlene Olmert	Clyde Wells
Susie Murphy	Rev. John deVelder
Pat Hayes-Howd	Sue Hughes
Audrey Booth	Sandy DeGregory
Shirley Hoodack	Charles Thayer
Mona Perkins	Peggy MacMillan
Suzanne Guerineau	George Duval
Rev. Dr. Charles Bailey	Claire Houston

THANKS EXTENDED

..to **all** those who helped in any way to make our fall fundraisers the success they were! Special thanks to the chairs of the Yard Sale (**Amber Deyoe and Terri Richards**) and the chairs of the Chicken/Biscuit Dinner (**Paulette Foote and Sandy Jones**) who worked tirelessly!

WELCOME NEW MEMBER BY PROFESSION OF FAITH

We are happy to welcome **Corey Helwig** to membership in OSRC by Profession of Faith. Corey is a Schuylerville native. He was baptized at Notre Dame-Visitation Church and graduated from Schuylerville Central School in 2005. After graduation from SUNY Adirondack, he began working for the Saratoga Springs Fire Department, where he has been a firefighter and paramedic for the past three years.

Corey is the son of **Joanne (Colvin) Helwig** and **Henry Helwig**. He is married to **Katrina Fort**, and they have a one year old son who was baptized at OSRC on Sept. 27. Katrina works at Saratoga Hospital as a registered nurse. They live in Schuylerville on Washington Street. The family enjoys camping and hiking in the Adirondacks, and their son, **Colden**, is named after one of the ADK mountains.

HOSPITALIZED IN SEPTEMBER

Claire Houston – Saratoga Hospital
Margaret Jacobson- Saratoga Day Surgery
Charles Jones- Saratoga Hospital

BAPTISMS IN SEPTEMBER

The following children were joyfully baptized into the Body of Christ at Old Saratoga in September:



Ada June McCarty, born March 28, 2014, daughter of **Amanda (Fiandaca) McCarty** and **Lucian McCarty**, and sister of **Atticus McCarty**, received the Sacrament of Baptism on Sunday, Sept. 13, 2015.

Colden Henry Helwig, born May 22, 2014, son of **Katrina (Fort) Helwig** and **Corey Helwig**, received the Sacrament of Baptism on Sunday, Sept. 27, 2015.

PEOPLE YOU KNOW

Deacon **Bruce Guerineau** Is planning to retire from teaching at the end of October. For the past 13 years, following a career in accounting, he taught music in the Amsterdam School System. He has recently joined the TS Ensemble, an Albany based musical group, who has been performing at galas, weddings, parties, special events, fund raisers and night clubs for 25 years. We wish Bruce well in his new endeavors!



HARVEST SUPPER

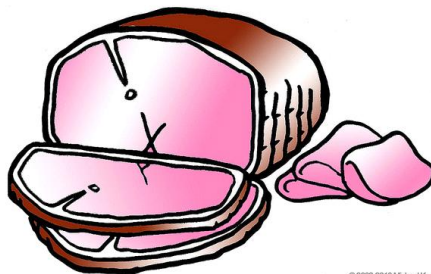
SAT. NOVEMBER 7

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)

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.*

WOMEN'S GUILD

The guild will meet on **Monday, Oct. 19 at noon**. Bring a sandwich; dessert will be provided. Hostess for this meeting will be **Cindy Brockman**.

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY Sunday, Oct. 4 10 am



Everyone is invited to worship on Sunday, Oct. 4 to celebrate the Lord's Supper and remember our spiritual union with the church of Jesus Christ around the world.

ALL SAINTS – Nov. 1

Our observance of All Saints Sunday will include Holy Communion and naming and remembering those of our congregation who have died in the past year, since Nov. 1, 2014. During the remembrance, the Christ candle will be lit in their memory.

BELLS ACROSS AMERICA

Oct. 4

At the beginning of worship on Sunday, Oct. 4, the church bells will ring as they usually do; but on this Sunday they will ring to commemorate fallen firefighters who died in the line of duty during the previous year, (2014.) Bells will be tolled across the nation on this day, as well as in our own community by other churches and our local hose companies. Following the tolling of the bells at Old Saratoga, church member **Richard (Dick) Behrens**, who serves as a volunteer firefighter and as President of Schuyler Hose Company, will offer a prayer.

October 4-10 is Fire Prevention Week. Each year at the start of this week, the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation sponsors the National Fallen Firefighters Memorial Weekend. In Emmitsburg, MD, thousands of people will attend the weekend events planned to help honor and remember firefighters across the nation who died while they were serving and trying to protect their communities.

More information at www.BellsAcrossAmerica.com

FUNDRAISER UPDATE

Chris Garney, our treasurer, reports that our two September fundraisers brought in the following amounts:

Yard Sale \$3131
Chicken and Biscuit Dinner \$1270

for a grand total of
\$4401 !

HYMNS OF OUR FAITH

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

"Give to the winds your fears, in hope be undismayed;

**God hears your sighs and counts your tears,
God shall lift up your head;**

**Through waves and clouds and storms he gently
clears the way;**

**Wait for his time, so shall the night soon end in
joyous day."**

This hymn, written by the German-born Paul Gephardt in 1653, is a paraphrase of Psalm 37. The psalm begins with the words, "Do not fret because of those who do evil." It goes on to say that "the wicked plot against the righteous." But the psalmist David is not perturbed. He indicates that our response to the threat of evil should be to "Trust in the Lord and do good." Gephardt interprets this advice as "Give to the wind your fears." Let the wind carry your worries away. David is not being flippant in dispensing his advice. Rather, he supports his belief in God's providential care by speaking of his life experience as found in verse 24: "I have never seen the righteous forsaken or their children begging bread." For this writer, that statement is among the most reassuring of any found in Holy Scriptures.

Gephardt lived in a war-torn Europe. He had experienced the loss of four children in their infancy and the death of his wife after just 13 years of marriage. As a pastor, he was the center of political and theological controversy. Yet his words speak of an inner serenity born out of his faith and trust in the promises of God of which David spoke in his psalms. Most hymnals now only show two of the original fourteen verses. Consider the following verse as an appropriate closing statement:

**"Far, far above your thought his counsel shall
appear,**

**When fully he the work has wrought that caused
your needless fear.**

**Leave to his sovereign will to choose and to
command:**

**With wonder filled you then shall own how wise,
how strong his hand."**

Dick Behrens

PROPERTY COMMITTEE

The Property Committee met on Wednesday, Sept. 9, to continue considering improvements to the buildings of Old Saratoga. Under discussion were the trimming and mulching of several trees on the church lawns, the cleaning of the front doors, and repointing of the parsonage chimney. **Headstart**, which uses our building about twice a month, would like to make some improvements to the kitchen, so that it fits their needs a little better. They will pay for the work, which will remain in the kitchen if and when they no longer use our facility.

**The next meeting will be on Wednesday,
Oct. 14 at 7pm at the church.**

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday School began on Sept. 27 with 6 of our 14 students in attendance. It was wonderful to welcome **Atticus McCarty** to our group. We look forward to seeing more children in the near future. The children made *Welcome to Our Church Family* cards for **Ada McCarty** and **Colden Helwig** who were baptized this month. We will be learning about God's many gifts to us during the month of October. We will also sing songs and make crafts.

Chris Garney

PECANS



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We will again have pecans available for your holiday baking. The order has been placed for 48 -1 lb. bags of pecans for **\$10** each. There will also be dark chocolate covered pecans, which make excellent gifts. The 12 oz. bags are **\$10** as well. **Expected delivery date is early November.**

THIRD QUARTER FINANCIAL UPDATE

Our church continues to be blessed by the prayers and financial support of our members and friends. We are ending the third quarter with all our bills paid. This is possible because of the gifts of many, our successful fund raisers (Garage Sale: **\$3131** and Chicken and Biscuit Dinner: **\$1270**) and the investment income from the Bauer fund which allowed us to supplement our income with **\$3000** in July. As always, thank you for your support and prayers as we continue to serve God.
Christine Garney, Treasurer

GIVE A BLANKET

As the cold weather season approaches, the church deacons ask members and friends of the congregation to support **Give a Blanket** program of Church World Service. (CWS) Our goal is to purchase 20 blankets at **\$10** each for a total of **\$200**. (This mission takes the place this year of One Great Hour of Sharing, which no longer exists.)

Your gift of \$10 will enable CWS to purchase one warm blanket for someone. Last year, congregations across the country worked with CWS to provide 2,700 blankets to people in our own country alone, who were suffering the effects of inclement weather and homelessness. Church World Service provides blankets when needed to people throughout the world.

Please look for more specific information in the next issue of JW on how to give a blanket. We will have cards available at the church for anyone to use if you would like to give a blanket in someone's honor or memory. Thank you for considering support of this worthy project!

For more info visit www.cws.org/blankets

DVD SHOWING OF "Abraham" Wed. Mornings In October

For: Everyone!

What: A showing of **Abraham: Father of Faith and Works**, a newly released DVD by Ignatius Press, which tells the story of Abraham found in Genesis 12-25. Abraham is regarded as the "father" of the world's three great religions: Judaism, Islam, and Christianity. Filmed on location in the Middle East, the film depicts Abraham's remarkable journey of life and faith. For those who want to know more about the Bible, this story is the foundation for understanding scripture and its important themes!

When/Where: Wednesday mornings, 10-11 am in Loomis Hall at Old Saratoga Reformed Church

Cost: None

Format: DVD segments will be shown each week with a brief time for questions and discussion. Coffee and tea will be available!

Leader: Rev. Joyce deVelder (695-3260)
Sponsored by the Ecumenical Bible Study

GREEN FIBER RECYCLING

We were notified recently that the Green Fiber Co. is closing its upstate operation. The green boxes will remain through October 4, after which they will be removed. You may continue to put papers in until then, but we (and others who have bins) will not receive any credit for donations.

We are looking for recycling programs for the community that would provide ongoing incentive for people to recycle. We are grateful for the support given to the Green Fiber program, which brought in about **\$600** per year for the church.

OUR COMMUNITY

SECOND HAND ROSE THRIFT SHOP 116 BROADWAY
Tues.- Sat. 11 am-4 pm Donations gladly accepted during store hours
Volunteers are always needed Call Charlotte at 695-4640
Next board meeting Friday, Oct. 23 at 9:30am at Old Saratoga

S.A.F.E.R (*Schuylerville Area Food Relief*) Open 9-12 noon M-W F 260-4779

COMMUNITY DINNERS

- Sat. Oct. 3 Bacon Hill Reformed Pork Dinner Call Jenn Thomas for reservations 695 -6116
- Sat. Oct. 17 4:30-6pm Notre Dame- Visitation sponsors Giffy's Barbecue Take outs only!
Prepaid orders due by 10/12 695-3972
- Sat. Nov. 7 4:30-6pm Old Saratoga Reformed Harvest Supper Call 695-6638 for reservations
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HISTORIC EVENTS IN SCHUYLERVILLE

1. **Friday, Oct. 16 is Surrender Day in Schuylerville.** The program will be from 10-11am at Fort Hardy Park on the Hudson. Schuylerville school children will sing, and the event is free and open to the public.
2. **Sat. Oct. 17 there is a Candlelight Tour of the Schuyler House,** from 6-8:30pm. Light refreshments, period music and a campfire will be part of the evening program.
3. **Tues. Nov 17- Saratoga National Historic Park Quarter Launch,** a once in a lifetime commemoration from 9-10am at Schuylerville High School. This free event will celebrate the release of the 2015 National Historic Park Quarter – a coin inspired by John Trumbull's famous painting of *The Surrender*. This coin will be the 30th in the US Mint's program, "America the Beautiful" quarters program. Roll of the newly minted coins will be sold by the US Mint.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Halloween Fun

Looking for a fun, safe and spooky locale on **Halloween (Sat. Oct. 31?)** How about going down to Faith Chapel (Burgoyne St. in Schuylerville) for "Light the Night!" There will be hot dogs, hot cider, hot chocolate, and candy! Come anytime between 6-8pm. All are welcome!

"The Way" Clothing Store Moved

"The Way," used clothing store of the Schuylerville United Methodist Church, moved from its first location (next door to Subway) to what was the former bike shop at **17 Ferry Street**. There is a good sized parking lot there, and clothing donations may now be dropped off at the new location!

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Henry Harrington

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Sunday Worship: 10:00 am

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

World Communion Sunday

Sunday, Oct. 4 10:00 am

Bells Across America for Fallen Firefighters

Covered Dish Supper Game and Trivia Night

Sat. Oct 17 5:30pm

Harvest Supper

Sat. Nov 7 4:30- 6pm

