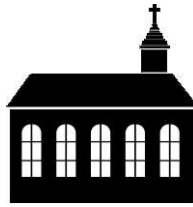


JACOB'S WELL

September 2016



The readings for the month of September and first Sunday in October are based on the lectionary for the Season of Creation, a season of the church year (like Advent, Christmas, Epiphany, Lent, Easter or Pentecost) which celebrates God as Creator and invites every worshiper to consider his or her relationship to creation.

The Season of Creation is considered "optional," but there is no other season which focuses in the same way on God as Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer of the earth and universe.

Sept. 4 FIRST SUNDAY IN CREATION

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

Lectionary Readings: Job. 38: 1-18; Psalm 104: 24-26; Ephesians 1: 3-10;
Luke 5: 1-11

Greeter: Amber Deyoe

Liturgist: Dick Behrens

Ushers: Bridgette Lewie/Makenzie Harrington

Counters: Pat Woomer/Bruce Guerineau

Communion Servers: Paula Sheely, Cindy Brockman, Anne Mitchell, Pat Woomer

Communion Cleanup: Bill Olmert

Sept. 11 SECOND SUNDAY IN CREATION

Camp Fowler Sunday

Lectionary Readings: Job 39:1-12,26-30; Psalm 104: 14-23;
1 Corinthians 1: 10-23; Luke 12: 22-31

Greeter: Patti Booth

Liturgist: Amber Deyoe

Ushers: Trevor Lewie/Dick Behrens

Counters: Anne Mitchell/Cindy Brockman

Sept. 18 THIRD SUNDAY IN CREATION

Stewardship Invitation Presentation

Lectionary Readings: Job 28; 20-27; Psalm 29; 1 Corinthians 1: 21-31;
Luke 8: 22-25

Greeter: Kim Thayer

Liturgist: Ajay Deyoe

Ushers: Karl Thayer/Ajay Deyoe

Counters: Pat Woomer/Bruce Guerineau

Sept. 25 FOURTH SUNDAY IN CREATION

Lectionary Readings: Proverbs 8: 22-31; Psalm 104: 24-26;
Colossians 1: 15-20; John 6: 41-51

Greeter: Bill Olmert

Liturgist: Paula Sheely

Ushers: Kim Thayer/Holly Deyoe

Counters: Amber Deyoe/Paula Sheely

**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 ...

Dear Members and Friends of Old Saratoga,

Greetings to you and your families in the grace and peace of Christ.

I'm thinking of our big annual **Yard Sale** coming up later this month on Sat. Sept.17, when the church front yard comes alive with the sound of live music, the smell of grilled food, and hundreds of people milling about looking for bargains on just about anything you can imagine!

It's a busy and exciting day as we join others who are having sales on this town-wide yard sale weekend. It's a lot of work to prepare and takes the help of many volunteers and a lot of donations. Over the past years, the yard sale has become our largest fund-raiser! But it's much **MORE** than a fund-raiser—and to all of you especially who are working hard to make it happen—here are a few reasons why:

1) The yard sale brings people together--not just the members and friends of the church, but people in the community! It's a gathering place where people, who don't normally "rub shoulders" meet and speak! It affords an opportunity for the church and everyone to meet their neighbors! And that's always a good way to build a sense of community!

2) In our personal and corporate commitment to recycle and re-use (or re-purpose), we save useful things from being trashed or dumped in a land fill so they can be made available to others.

3) While having a yard sale benefits the church financially, we also try to make the sale financially beneficial for others who may struggle to buy things they need at affordable prices in the stores. Whether it's clothes, toys, sheets, towels, tools, books, furniture, home decorations or dishes, there is always a great assortment of good things that make it easier on the family budget!

4) Many people have told us that this garage sale is FUN! Maybe it's the smell of good food cooking, or the live music provided by our gifted musician, Christopher Tucker, or maybe it's the joy of finding a real treasure, or bargaining over a price! Whatever it is, it's always great when people have a good experience and want to come again!

Maybe you have something to add to this list as well to help explain why the annual Yard Sale is more than just a fund-raiser! When we see this event as a way to reach out, to love and help our neighbors, to offer hospitality and fun, it's worth all the work it takes—and helps remind us of why the church is here!

Hope to see you on Sept. 17!

Faithfully yours,

Pastor Joyce deVelder

CHURCH FAMILY

BIRTHDAYS

2: Cindy Brockman
4: Patricia Hayes-Howd
4: Jim Brockman
4: Atticus McCarty
5: Karl Thayer
8: Jillian Dickinson
9: Bridgette Lewie
10: Emma Bartholomay
11: Barbara Elcox
14: Joan Lapitsky
14: Mike Hughes
16: Gene Usher
18: Jennifer (MacMillan) Squires
18: Brian Driscoll
18: Tom Freebern
20: Randy Kerr III
23: Gage Woomer
24: Chad Cummins
25: Adam Lockwood
29: Patti Booth
30: Jolie Freebern



ANNIVERSARIES

11: Patrick and Robin Woomer
16: Sue and Mike Hughes
21: Paula (Hayes) and Douglas Sheely, 1991
24: Karl and Kim Thayer



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 A 110, 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
Eloise Bosch
Evie Senecal
Charlotte Gorham
Darlene Olmert
Susie Murphy
Pat Hayes-Howd
Sandy DeGregory
Mona Perkins
Suzanne Guerineau
Sandy Horsfield

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

HOSPITALIZED IN SUMMER

Anne Mitchell - Albany Memorial

Pam Seward - Saratoga Hospital ER

Jim Mellen - Saratoga Hospital

Karl Thayer- Glens Falls Hospital

David Garrand - Saratoga Hospital

Bonnie Garrand- Saratoga Hospital

THANKS RECEIVED

*"Dear Members of OSRC,
Thank you so much for you gift and support! We could not do this work without you (year-long mission trip to Romania to work with orphaned youth.)
Thank you again, so much!"*

God Bless,

Jason and Maggie (White)

*"Thank you for your gift (\$61)" which is directed to the support of retired workers
Rick and Priscilla Mellen (brother and sister-in-law of **Patti Booth and Jim Mellen.**)*

Wycliffe Bible Translators

THANKS EXTENDED

..to **Pat Woomer** who came to the office and straightened and labeled all the many computer wires

..to **David Garrand** who continues to donate his time mowing the church lawns and keeping everything trimmed

..to **Tom Malesky** who brought beautiful bouquets of his gladiolas for the church to enjoy on summer Sundays!

BIRTH

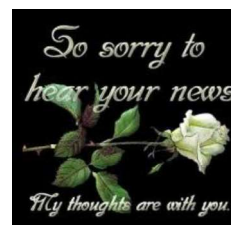


Blessings and congratulations to **Kayleigh Goossens and Eric Garney**, who welcomed a new son, **Clayton Francis Garney**, born to them on July 12 at Saratoga Hospital. Clayton weighed 8lbs/2oz at birth. Clayton has an older sister, **Lilah**, who is three years old. Congratulations also to Clayton's grandmother, **Chris Garney**. Kayleigh and Eric and their children

SYMPATHY

The congregation extends sympathy and prayers to the family of **Col. Jack L. Tueller** (95) who died in Bountiful, Utah on Aug. 15. Col. Jack was the father of **Carolyn Markwith**, and grandfather of **Wendy (Russell) Fedderly** and **Ryan Markwith** and their families. Col. Jack was well-known as a decorated fighter pilot during World War II, and as a gifted trumpeter. He retired from the US Air Force in 1966, and spent the following years giving inspirational messages to veterans groups and schoolchildren across Utah. He was a devout member of the Mormon Church and a devoted father to his six children, 26 grandchildren and 29 great-grandchildren.

A memorial service was held on Aug. 20 in Bountiful, where he and his wife **Marjorie** (who died in 2011) made their home.



Prayers and sympathy are also extended to **Sue Hughes** and her family. Sue's brother, **Clayton Aldous** (83) died on Aug. 22 at home in Greenwich.

Clayton served in the Navy during the Korean Conflict. Later on he was Postmaster in Greenwich for 15 years, and was known to be an avid Greenwich sports fan. He is survived by his wife, **Janet**, five daughters and their families, including twelve grandchildren. His funeral was held on Aug. 25 in Greenwich.

CHURCH LIFE

ECUMENICAL BIBLE STUDY

Bible Study will resume meeting on **Wed. Sept. 7 at 10am**, when they will begin 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. Sept. 17 8am-2pm Yard Sale – SYS!!!
(Save Your Stuff!)

Sun. Sept. 25 10am Sunday School begins
for children K-5th grade

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

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

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

Sun. Dec. 4 3pm Community Christmas
Concert

DEACONS DISCRETIONARY FUND

The Board of Deacons (**Anne Mitchell, Cindy Brockman and Bruce Guerineau**) informs the congregation that there is a discretionary fund in place to help church members and/or members of the community who are in need of monetary assistance during a significant emergency. Inquiries or requests may be directed to members of consistory or to the pastor.

VISIT OF REV. JASON AND MAGGIE WHITE



On Sunday, August 14, (very hot, humid day) we were delighted to meet **Rev. Jason and Maggie White** (from our RCA Classis of Schenectady) who will be leaving in early October for a year-long mission trip to Romania!

Rev. Jason helped lead worship at Old Saratoga, while Maggie went to Bacon Hill to speak there about their trip. After worship, Jason and Maggie were present together for a delicious luncheon in Loomis Hall. (Thank you, **Cindy Brockman**, for your help!) We were happy to have guests from Bacon Hill Reformed Church – **Rev. Janet Vincent** and her friend **Matthew Hulbert**, and also Elder **Mac Sanders** from Fort Miller Reformed Church, who brought an offering for the Whites from that congregation.

Old Saratoga collected a special offering for the Whites on the Sunday they visited. The offering was continued for the next two Sundays. The Deacons will be adding additional money from the Mission Fund to our gift to them, which will be sent at the end of August.

We look forward to hearing from them while they're in Romania, via e-mails and their blog.

Thank you all for your kindness and support to Rev. Jason and Maggie – and for your prayers for them as they prepare to share God's Love in Romania!

Town Wide Yard Sale

"Treasures, Treats and Tunes"

Featuring garage sale items, food and music!!

Sat. Sept. 17 8am-2pm

at Old Saratoga Reformed Church



Items for Sale

**Books, CDs, Videos, DVDs, Jewelry, Toys, Knick-knacks
Adult and children's clothes, Sports clothing and gear,
Kitchen items, Furniture, Linens,**

We will gladly be accepting donated new or gently used items for this sale to benefit our general fund. You may bring your "stuff" to the church from

Saturday, Sept. 3th until Monday Sept. 12th

Linens, clothing, shoes may be brought at anytime now!

(Please no SETS OF MUGS OR DISHES, or ELECTRONICS!!)

Thank you in advance for your generosity!

JAMAICA MISSION TRIP REPORT

From June 29-July 6, the mission team from our partner church, First Presbyterian in Oneonta, stayed at the Pringle Home for Children where they celebrated their 25th year of mission partnership. OSRC was unable to send people this year, but sent a gift of \$1500 to help the Pringle Home. **Bonnie Manes**, trip organizer, wrote this note: "Your monetary gift was greatly appreciated by the Pringle Director and staff and was much needed for the start of their school year..."

Bonnie wrote in her church newsletter that the mission "team worked diligently the whole week: cutting sawing, nailing, cleaning, sanding, painting, laying counter top tiles, replacing or scrubbing cupboard doors and knobs, and refurbishing a large section of the kitchen that was so needed!.. Because the lumber and supplies did not cost as much as expected, we were able to purchase a much needed new refrigerator and a weed- wacker for them. OSRC also donated a monetary gift which will help buy school supplies and shoes for the girls....."

Bonnie added this about the 25th Anniversary Celebration: "The church service was nearly three hours long and we enjoyed every inspiring, lively moment of it, even though it did become a bit too loud at times! After church, several Pringle girls joyously helped us hang our decorations and then we set tables with a red heart motif complete with tablecloths, plates, plastic ware, cups and heart straws! All the staff was invited along with some other church personnel, as we totally cooked and served the celebratory meal. It was a heartfelt 25 year celebration in a room decorated and filled with a lifetime of love!! Thanks be to God!"

CAMP FOWLER SUNDAY

Sunday, Sept. 11



This year's campers were **Makenzie Harrington, Trevor Lewie, Bridgette Lewie, Bridget Behrens, Holly Deyoe, and Ajay Deyoe**. We are looking forward to these young people sharing their experiences at Fowler with the congregation.

There will be a Special Offering taken that Sunday for Camp Fowler Ministries (not camperships) which will help us to meet our mission budget goal of **\$200** for this. If you can't be present on 9/11 and would like to help, please make your check to OSRC, earmarked "Fowler" and send it to church.

GROUPS THAT MEET AT OSRC

Saratoga Head Start

Offers PACT (Parents and Children Together) training and socialization for lower income families

Head Start meets at OSRC every Friday, Sept.-Dec. (with some exceptions) from 9am-1pm

Alcoholics Anonymous Meetings

Tues. nights – 7:30pm - Loomis Hall

Sun. nights – 4:30pm – Loomis Hall

Other nights in Schuylerville –

Sat. nights at 8pm

Schuylerville United Methodist Church

PROPERTY UPDATE

The Property Committee reports that the latest update in the church building was a new handle on the bathroom door, which indicates whether the space is occupied or not. The other handle was put on the door to the bathroom off the kitchen, making that easier to lock when in use.

On July 22 our platform lift was inspected, and everything was found to be in good working condition.

The electrical system was also updated, so that we will not be flipping breakers off during our fundraising dinners when we need to use the food warmers.

The next meeting will be held on **Monday, September 19 at 7pm.** Interested people are always welcome to come.

ADDITIONAL BLUE BOX ON RT. 29

We're happy to report that a fourth Blue Box has been placed at the Hearthstone Veterinary on Rt. 29, thanks to **Dr. Patti Jolie!**

(The Blue Boxes are placed and maintained by the American Clothing recycling Co., Inc. of Glens Falls.)

Items that may be donated include: clothing for all ages, paired shoes/sneakers, sheets, blankets, bedspreads, towels, draperies, curtains, material, handbags, belts, stuffed animals, hats and scarves.

We thank the Women's Guild for their support of this project. Proceeds from the Blue Boxes help support the church!

HYMNS OF OUR FAITH

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

"I Sing the Mighty Power of God"

"I sing the mighty power of God that made the mountain rise,

That spread the flowing seas abroad and built the lofty skies,

I sing the wisdom that ordained the sun to rule by day;

The moon shines full at his command and all the stars obey."

Isaac Watts (1674-1748) was writing original hymns in a day when most Protestant churches sang only Psalms. Watts, a Dissenter, or Non-Conformist from the liturgical practices of the established (State) church in England, went on to write 750 hymns, the majority of them in a period of over just two years. Forty-three of Watts' hymns are often sung in our day and include "Joy to the World," and "O God Our Help in Ages Past."

In the singing of "I Sing the Mighty Power of God," God's creative power is celebrated. "He formed the creatures with his word and then pronounced them good." There is not a wonder of any kind, a cloud, a mountain, a sea, that exists without the work of God's hand. Everywhere that Watts looked he saw God's creative work. Without a doubt, the hymn writer was familiar with the words of Psalm 19, vs. 1, "The heavens declare the glory of God: the skies proclaim the work of his hands." Hymnologist Richard J. Stanislav has commented on the frequent use of the word "I" in this hymn, indicative of the hymn writer's confidence that all of life is in God's care, and that the author's declarations and beliefs go well beyond an "abstract nature worship."

It is interesting to note that this hymn was originally part of a hymnal written by Isaac Watts for children. Today it is a hymn to be sung in a lively and grateful manner by children and adults alike.

"everywhere that I may be, you, God are present there."

Dick Behrens

TURNING POINT PARADE

Sunday Aug. 7



The above photo was taken by **Paula Sheely** just before Schuylerville's Annual turning Point Parade began on Sunday, Aug. 7! The photo features a replica of the church built years ago by **Howard Hayes** and the Youth Group. One of the former youth group members wrote to us this summer and sent some photos of the little church in its first parade in Oct. 1969. **Sid Colvin** wrote: "The church was a project undertaken by the youth group, under the supervision and guidance of Mr. Hayes, to help celebrate the church's 200 years in 1970. If you look in the base of the steeple, the names of the youth who participated in the project should be there – unless they've faded over time. I'm glad to see that it's still around after all of these years, and will once again be seen by many."

Many thanks to **Paula Sheely, Anne Mitchell and Amberlyn Deyoe**, our parade planning committee, who with **Becca Sheely**, walked the entire parade route carrying our church banner. Just behind them was **Doug Sheely**, driving the church replica (freshly painted by Paula) on a small trailer. We thank Becca for making sure the doors of the little church were open as it went down the street! Behind the trailer, **Pastor Joyce, David and Mikael deVelder** walked and waved.

OPPORTUNITIES TO HELP

From the Board of Deacons:

October –

We will be collecting Health Care Kits and donations for blankets for Church World Services

November-

Christmas Shoe Boxes (for Samaritan's Purse) will also be available to fill with Christmas gifts for children

More info to come in next month's Jacob's Well

People Helping People



SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday, Sept. 25

Sunday School, for children in Kindergarten through the 5th grade, will begin on Sunday, Sept. 25 at 10am. The young people will start up in the sanctuary with their families, and then, following All God's Children, will go downstairs for their lesson and activity. Please contact the church office if you have any questions.

Slow me Down, Lord

Slow me down, Lord.

Ease the pounding of my heart by the quieting of my mind.

Steady my hurried pace with a vision of the eternal reach of time.

Give me, amid the confusion of the day, the calmness of the everlasting hills.

Break the tensions of my nerves and muscles with the soothing music of the
singing streams that live in my memory.

Teach me the art of taking minute vacations – of slowing down to look at a
flower, to chat with a friend, to pat a dog, to smile at a child, to read a few
lines from a good book.

Slow me down, Lord, and inspire me to send my roots deep into the soul of
life's enduring values, that I may grow toward my greater destiny.

Remind me each day that the race is not always to the swift, that there is more
to life than increasing its speed.

Let me look upward to the towering oak and know that it grew great and strong
because it grew slowly and well.

Orin L. Crain

CHANCEL CHOIR

The Chancel Choir will begin rehearsing for the 2016-17 season on Thursday, **Sept. 8 at 7pm**, and will sing for the first time on Sunday, Sept. 11. Once again, the choir will be under the able direction of **Christopher Tucker**, our Minister of Music, and accompanied by **Barbara Elcox**. New members are always invited to help the choir "make a joyful noise!"

SUMMER APPEAL UPDATE

Our Summer Appeal has netted the General Fund a total of **\$1355**. As always, we are very grateful for your generous support, either financially, prayerfully, or with your time and talents. Every gift continues to help the church in its mission to be a vibrant, contributing partner in spreading the love of God locally and globally.

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: Sept. 9 at 9:30 at OSRC

SAFER

Schuylerville Area Food Relief

Open 9-12 noon M, F

260-4779

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Food pantry

The pantry is seeking help from the community for items to stock their shelves, but also in the form of volunteering a few hours each week or every other week. Call the pantry **(260-4779)** M, F, 9 –12 for info.

Saratoga National Cemetery

The National Cemetery is seeking male and female volunteers to help out with cemetery functions. The committee meets at the cemetery the 3rd Wednesday of the month. To volunteer, or for more information, contact **John Mehan at 664-2797** or the cemetery administration office at **581-9128**.

You do not have to be a veteran to volunteer.

COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS PROGRAM

The Community Connections Program trains volunteers to provide assistance to seniors in Saratoga County. Its mission is to help seniors age in place and maintain an independent lifestyle by providing assistance with home visits, respite assistance, household chores, transportation, shopping and errands, and telephone check-ins. If you would like to volunteer or for more information, please contact **Rebecca Kaiserman** at the Saratoga Senior Center:
seniorcentervolunteer@gmail.com

SAFER FUNDRAISER

TBA

Be sure to check at the Glens Falls National Bank in Schuylerville for an **update on the date** on the **SAFER (Schuylerville Area Food Relief)** Fundraiser. The previous date has had to be changed. However, the format will still be very much the same. That means, of course, that they will need the help of all the wonderful bakers who reside in and around Schuylerville to donate some delicious baked items for sale. So start thinking of what you'd like to take to the bank that morning, so that when the final date is announced, you'll be all ready to bake!!

BACON HILL CHICKEN BBQ

Sat. Sept. 10

Seatings: 4:15, 5:30pm Take outs- 4-6pm

\$12 for adults; \$6 for children 5-12;

\$6 for ½ chicken only

Reservations: Jennifer Thomas – 695-6116

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