

JACOB'S WELL

OLD SARATOGA REFORMED CHURCH

September 2015



- Sept. 6 FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST** *Celebration of the Lord's Supper*
Lectionary Readings: Proverbs 22: 1-2, 8-9, 22-23; Psalm 125; James 2: 1-10, 14-17; Mark 7: 24-37
Greeter: Bill Olmert
Liturgist: Amber Deyoe
Ushers: Terri Richards/Cindy Brockman
Counters: Hank Harrington/Paula Sheely
Communion Servers: Pat Woomer, Paula Sheely, Hank Harrington, Bruce Guerineau
Communion Cleanup: Bill Olmert
- Sept. 13 SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**
Sacrament of Baptism for Ada June McCarty, daughter of Amanda and Lucian McCarty
Lectionary Readings: Proverbs 1: 20-33; Psalm 19; Isaiah 50: 4-9; Mark 8: 27-38
Greeter: Helen Lofgren
Liturgist: Hank Harrington
Ushers: Holly Deyoe/Katrina Harrington
Counters: Cindy Brockman/Paulette Foote
- Sept. 20 SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**
Lectionary Readings: Proverbs 31: 10-31; Psalm 1; James 3: 13-4: 3, 7-8; Mark 9: 30-37
Greeter: Cindy Brockman
Liturgist: Ajay Deyoe
Ushers: Ajay Deyoe/ Dick Behrens
Counters: Pat Woomer/Bruce Guerineau
- Sept. 27 EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST** *Fellowship Hour hosted by Kim and Karl Thayer*
Sacrament of Baptism for Colden Helwig, son of Cory and Katrina Helwig
Lectionary Readings: Esther 7: 1-6, 9-10, 9: 20-22; Psalm 124; James 5L: 13-20; Mark 9: 38-50
Greeter: Terri Richards
Liturgist: Bruce Guerineau
Ushers: Kim Thayer/Karl Thayer
Counters: Pat Woomer/Bruce Guerineau

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

Worship time is 10 am

From the Pastor

Dear Members and Friends of Old Saratoga,

My family and I are most grateful to you for the loving kindness and support you gave us at the time of my father's death in mid-August. Your prayers, calls, emails, comforting cards and written messages were such a help and consolation. We thank you for your love and care during this sad time of losing our father and grand-father.

We were also grateful for the immediate offers and willingness to help when we learned we would have to make another trip back to Michigan to help plan and be present for my father's funeral and burial. I thank especially Chris Garney who offered to plan and help lead worship on the two Sundays I would be away, to Elder Patrick Woomer, who stepped in to officiate at a wedding I had planned to do, and to the consistory for their understanding and support. Our trip back to Michigan was hastily planned, but I left here with the peace of knowing everything was in good hands.

My father taught me (and my siblings) many things about life, nature, faith and what it means to be thankful. In the eulogy I offered at his memorial service, I shared what a Dutch friend of my father (who would often pick Dad up on Sunday mornings to take him to the Christian Reformed Church in the community where my father's assisted living home was located) told us about Dad just a few days before he died. The friend, whose name is John, said that he had gone to visit Dad and offered to pray with him. Dad, who was having trouble breathing and wearing an oxygen mask, wanted to lead the prayer. John told us later that "*your Dad prayed the prayer of a thankful man*" as he gave thanks to God for the blessings of his life, his family, his work and his faith.

What John told us about Dad's prayer gave us great comfort and peace in our sadness and helped us realize anew our own gratitude to Dad for all he gave us in his almost 89 years.

Though my heart is still heavy, it's also full of gratitude for my father's love and life, for our family, and-- for you our church family and friends whose love, help and prayers are helping us through this time of loss.

Gratefully yours,

Pastor Joyce deVelder and family

Yard Sale

Sat. Sept. 19 8am-2pm

at Old Saratoga Reformed Church



Items for Sale

Books, CDs, Videos, DVDs, Jewelry, Toys,

Adult and children's clothes, Sports clothing and gear,

Kitchen items, Furniture, Linens, Knick-knacks

Food: Burgers, hot dogs, sausage and baked goods!

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. 5th until Monday Sept. 14th

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

CHURCH FAMILY

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)

Bill Cluff
Thomas Altrogge
Rod Borgman
John Bodnar
Richard Zelazny
Eloise Bosch
Sylvia Thompson
Evie Senecal
Alicia Lewie
Jim Miers
Darlene Olmert

Rev. Charles Bailey
David Garrand
Ashley Edgar
Trevor Lewie
Naomi Thayer
Sandy Horsfield
Wayne Barton
Kerst Brunner
Charlotte Gorham
Emma Hougen
Clyde Wells

Susie Murphy
Pat Hayes-Howd
Audrey Booth
Ruth Hayes
Debbie Bailey
Alyson Fitzgerald
Shirley Hoodack
Mona Perkins
Suzanne Guerineau
Anna Bierma

Edward Hougen
Sue Hughes
Sandy DeGregory
Bette Tucker
Dwight Colvin
Ashleigh Clute
Charles Thayer
Peggy MacMillan
George Duval
Clayton Aldous

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 and Doug Sheely
24: Karl and Kim Thayer

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

WEDDING

Blessings and congratulations to **Emma Bartholomay** and **Devin Nazarenko** who were married on Sat. Aug 1 in Thompson at the home of Emma's parents, **Donald and Kathleen Batholomay**. Devin's parents are **John and Jackie Nazarenko**. Emma and Devin have a one year old son named **Maxwell**. They live in Saratoga Springs.

HOSPITALIZED IN SUMMER

Clyde Wells – Saratoga Hospital
Mac Lindahl – Westchester Burn Unit

Susie Murphy – Saratoga Hospital

SYMPATHY

The church extends sympathy in Christ to the following families:

..to the family of **Betty Brockman** (82) who died on July 28 in the Crandall Medical Center, Sebring, OH. Betty served for over 25 years as a school psychologist, and also had a private practice. She is survived by her husband of 62 years, **Robert**, and by their four children (**Robert, Steven, Thomas and James**) and their families, including 13 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren. A private service followed by interment was held on Aug. 22.

..to the family of **Harold Borgman** (88) who died at Fountain View Retirement Village in Grant, MI on Aug. 14. Harold was a retired fruit grower, an elder and deacon in First Reformed Church, Fremont, and had served many years on the board of the local farmers' cooperative. His wife of 55 years, **Dorothy**, daughter **Nancy**, and son-in-law **Steve**, preceded him in death. He is survived by his four children (**Rev. Joyce deVelder, Greg Borgman, Patti Allen, and Rodney Borgman.**) He had six grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. A memorial service was held in Fremont, MI on Aug. 19, with burial the following morning.

..to the family of **Beatrice M. Wilson Pechette** (95) who died on Sunday, Aug. 16 at the Wesley Health Care Center in Saratoga Springs. Bea was a school teacher for 30 years and active in community service organizations. A former Baptist, she joined Old Saratoga on 10/3/44, where she taught Sunday School, led devotions at the Women's guild meetings, and participated in the Ecumenical Bible Study. Her loving husband, **L. Richard (Dick) Pechette** preceded her in death, as did her sister, **Lillian Wanmer** and her brother, **Henry Wilson**. Bea is survived by her son, **Dr. Douglas Pechette** and his wife **Jane** of Colorado, by several nieces and nephews, and by her close friend, **Phoebe Hunt** of Clarks Mills. Bea's funeral service was held at Flynn Bros. Funeral Home on Aug. 20 with burial following in the Saratoga National Cemetery. **Rev. Janet Vincent**, (who was on call for Pastor Joyce,) led the service. Memorials may be made in Bea's name to the NY Cancer Research Fund, 1 Exchange Plaza, 55 Broadway – Suite 1802, New York, NY 10006.

THANKS RECEIVED

"Thank you for your kind donation of 26 Hygiene Kits. Your compassion has given individuals and families touched by disaster the tangible evidence that they matter – that someone cares – and they are not alone".

Rev. John McCullough
President and CEO of Church World Service

"Please thank the congregation for their prayers and best wishes. I am coming along well – slowly but surely! (donation enclosed)

Mac Lindahl

"Thank you for your gift (\$75) On behalf of all our friends at Saratoga Bridges, we truly value your support!"

Michael, Amy, Katie, Kyle and Eddie
Residents at Grooms Road House

"Thank you very much for your faithful prayer and financial support." (\$63)

Rick and Priscilla Mellen
For Wycliffe Bible Translators

"Your generous support (\$15) keep Prospect Hill Cemetery well maintained."

Prospect Hill Cemetery
Board of Directors

"Thank you for the use of the tables and chairs for Jillian's graduation party. They worked out perfectly." (donation enclosed)

Brian, Vicki, Jillian and Casey (Perkins)

THANKS FROM OUR CAMPERS

"Thank you for the money for Camp. I had a really good time and hope to go again the same week. I met some nice friends."

Holly Deyoe

"Thank you for giving us money to go to Fowler. We did things like sailing, kayaking and even creating a new game. Overall I had an excellent experience."

Ajay Deyoe

"I'm having a lot of fun here. I went polar bearing. It was cold but fun. I have not kissed the moose yet. I have made a lot of friends."

Love, Makenzie (Harrington)

Chicken and Biscuit Dinner

Sat. Sept. 26 4:30-6:30 pm

Old Saratoga Reformed Church
Pearl and Burgoyne Sts. Schuylerville



Menu

Chicken, Biscuits and Gravy,
Mixed Vegetables, Cole Slaw, Cranberry,
Assorted Desserts and Beverages

Adults \$10 Children 5-12 \$5 Under 5 Free

Reservations 695-6638

Take-outs available

Walk-ins welcome

New members are welcome to join the choir!

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.*

ECUMENICAL BIBLE STUDY Wednesdays at 10:00 am

The Ecumenical Bible Study will resume meeting on **Sept. 9**. If you have ever thought you might like to learn more about the Bible, please mark your calendar and join the group! Interested people from any denomination are welcome!

WOMEN'S GUILD

The guild will meet on **Monday, Sept. 21 at noon** for their first meeting of the fall season. Following lunch and devotions, the women will have their business meeting and make plans for the remainder of the season.

CHANCEL CHOIR

The choir resumed rehearsals on **Thursday, Sept. 3 at 7 pm in Loomis Hall**, and sang on Sept. 6th. Under the capable leadership of Minister of Music **Christopher Tucker** and the faithful assistance of **Barbara Elcox**, the choir members look forward to singing anthems which will enhance the worship experience in message and harmony.

HYMNS OF OUR FAITH

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

*"Let your heart be broken for a world in need
Feed the mouths that hunger, soothe the wounds that
bleed:*

*Give the cup of water and the loaf of bread
Be the hands of Jesus, serving in his stead."*

Bryan Jeffrey Leech, a minister of the Evangelical Covenant Church, is also the author of 250 songs, cantatas, octavos, and hymns numbering thirty-three. Among his most well-known work is the communion hymn "*Come Share the Lord*."

Leech was born in England in 1931, spending half of his life there before moving to the United States. He received his BA from Barrington College in Rhode Island and attended North Park Seminary in Chicago. Pastorate took him to Boston, Montclair, NJ, San Francisco, Santa Barbara and Oakland.

One of the great men in his denomination suggested that Leech write a text for World Relief Sunday. Leech experienced difficulty this challenge. All he could think of were the many faces of starving children in famine-stricken areas of the world which he had seen in the media. He asked himself, "How could one sing about such appalling misery?" Then he remembered the words that Bob Pierce, the founder of Samaritan's Purse International Relief, wrote in his Bible after visiting suffering children on the Korean island of Kojedo: "*Let your heart be broken with the things that break the heart of God.*" With this inspiration the hymn was born. The writer challenges us throughout the hymn, but particularly in the words of the fourth stanza:

*"Add to your believing deeds that prove it true
Knowing Christ as Savior, make him Master too;
Follow in his footsteps, go where he has trod,
In the world's great trouble risk yourself for God."*

Dick Behrens

SUMMER APPEAL UPDATE

Our summer appeal letter has brought in a total of **\$1435** to date. The church is very thankful to all those who have sent in a contribution.

(Please remember that our offering envelopes are available, so that you can send your offering in even when you can't be here.)

SUNDAY SCHOOL STARTUP

Chris Garney and **Donna Mellen**, our Sunday School Leaders, will be starting the 2015-16 Sunday School year on Sunday, Sept. 27, immediately following *All God's Children*.



They will be teaching the children about our Christian faith with the continued use of Bible stories. Their major focus will be showing our love for God through service for and to others. The children will share their knowledge and show their projects to the congregation periodically, as they did last year.

Sunday School is for all children who are between three years of age up to attending fifth grade.

SMALL WAYS TO HELP!

(In case you missed this...)

Here are a few small ways you can help OSRC this fall:

***Purchase an extra can of coffee,
(regular or decaf)***

***a ream of copy paper,
or a book of stamps***

LOOKING AHEAD

It's not too early to get out your calendar and note the dates of our fundraisers.

(There are two additions since last month!)

Sat. Sept. 19 **Fall Yard Sale**
Sat. Sept 26 **Chicken and Biscuit
Dinner**

Sat. Nov. 7 **Harvest Supper**
Sat. Dec. 5 **Holiday Sale**

POPE VISITS U.S. THIS MONTH

Pope Francis will make an historic visit to the United States this month from Sept. 22-27. The pope is quoted as saying: "For me, it is very important to meet all of you, the citizens of the United States, who have your history, your culture, your joys, your sadness, your problems, like everyone else. That's why this trip is important, for me to draw close to you, in your path, your history...I'm praying for you all, and I ask you to please pray for me." Pope Francis has decreed the upcoming holy year (beginning on Dec. 8) to be a *Jubilee Year of Mercy*.

ADDENDUM TO "CHURCH FAMILY"

On Sunday Sept. 6, we were happy to welcome **Bonnie Bosch** and her son **Ron Apcar** from Glenmont, CA. Bonnie and Ron, and Bonnie's daughter **Emily and her family**, spent some vacation at the family cottage on Hedges Lake. Bonnie and Ron have tentative plans to go to Oman soon after Christmas to spend some time with Bonnie's mother, **Eloise Bosch**, who was 96 on 8/4. Bonnie said her mother is "very frail" but still enjoys going to church and having company.

We were sad to receive word of the death of **Rev, Robert J. DeYoung** (78) in Iowa on 8/25. Bob was the founding pastor of the Christ Community Reformed Church in Clifton Park, (where he served for over 37 years) and was a strong and devoted leader in our Classis of Schenectady. Please remember his wife **Carol** and their children **Thomas and Dawn** and their families in your prayers.

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
Board meeting: Fri. 9/25 -9:30-10:30 at OSRC
Call Charlotte at 695-4640

S.A.F.E.R
Schuylerville Area Food Relief
M-W-F 9am -noon
695-4640

ALS WALK (Lou Gehrig's Disease)

When: Sat, Oct. 24
10 am Registration
11 am Walk (rain or shine)

Where: Saratoga State Park
Orenda Pavilion

Registration forms and information available
in the office if you are interested in getting a
team together.



HOSPICE VOUNTEERS NEEDED



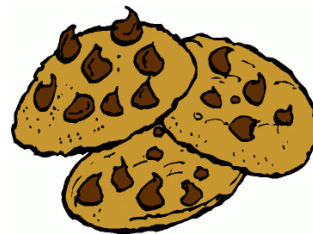
SHARE YOUR HEART

Hospice volunteers provide care for seriously ill people and their families during the process of dying and grieving. Volunteers are assigned to make friendly visits to provide emotional support to Hospice patients and their families.

Hospice will hold an informational meeting to discuss volunteer opportunities on
Monday, Oct. 5 at 11 am
179 Lawrence Street, Saratoga Springs
581-0800

SAFER FUNDRAISER Fri. Oct 2 10am-4pm

Be sure to stop by the Glens Fall National Bank in Schuylerville from 10am-4pm on Friday, Oct. 2 to find out more about **SAFER (Schuylerville Area Food Relief)** and how you can help support this vital program for residents of the Greater Schuylerville School District.



Volunteers are needed to help make goodies for the bake sale table. You can drop off your donation at the bank from 9-10am on Friday, Oct. 2. Thank you!

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Sunday Worship: **10:00 am**

Sunday School: (Sept.-May) **10am-11am**

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper
Sunday, Sept. 6 10:00 am

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"Treasures, trinkets, tunes and treats"
(Hot dogs, hamburgers, sausages, baked goods)
Live Music!

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Sat. Sept. 26 4:30-6:30 pm
(see inside for details)

Sunday School Begins!
Sunday, Sept. 27 10 am
Ages three through fifth grade