JACOB'S WELL

#### OLD SARATOGA REFORMED CHURCH

#### Feb. 2016



Feb. 7 TRANSFIGURATION SUNDAY Ce

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

Lectionary Readings: Exodus 34: 29-35; Psalm 99; 2 Corinthians 3: 12-4: 2; Luke 9: 28-36 Greeter: Kim Thayer Liturgist: David deVelder Ushers: Hank Harrington/Paula Sheely Counters: Anne Mitchell/Cindy Brockman Communion Servers: Paula Sheely, Anne Mitchell, Pat Woomer, Cindy Brockman Communion Cleanup: Carolyn Markwith

#### Feb. 14 FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

Lectionary Readings: Deuteronomy 26: 1-11; Psalm 91: 1-2,9-16; Romans 10: 8b-13 Greeter: Bill Olmert Liturgist: Pam Seward Ushers: Paula Sheely/Katrina Harrington Counters: Amber Deyoe/Paula Sheely

#### Feb. 21 SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

Lectionary Readings: Genesis 15: 1-12, 17-18; Psalm 27; Philippians 3: 17-4:1; Luke 13: 31-35 Greeter: Karl Thayer Liturgist: Ajay Deyoe Ushers: Terri Richards/Bill Olmert Counters: Anne Mitchell/Paula Sheely

#### Feb. 28 THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

Lectionary Readings: Isaiah 55: 1-9; Psalm 63: 1-8; 1 Corinthians 10: 1-13; Luke 13: 1-9 Greeter: Terri Richards Liturgist: Duffy Whitehouse Ushers: Trevor Lewie/Dick Behrens Counters: Amber Deyoe/Cindy Brockman

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

#### When the weather is bad on a winter Sunday morning, there will still be a worship service. Please come, only if you feel safe doing so.

Remember to dress warmly during winter worship services, as the temperature in the sanctuary may not be as warm as what you are used to at home.



#### From the Pastor...

Dear Members and Friends of Old Saratoga,

Greetings to you and your families in the grace, mercy and peace of Christ!

The holy season of **Lent** will soon begin on February 10 with Ash Wednesday. Lent continues for the following six weeks through Palm Sunday (March 20) and Holy Week. Sunday, March 27 is Easter Sunday.

The Ecumenical Clergy Association of the Greater Schuylerville Area have planned the annual **Community Lenten Services** which will take place on six consecutive Wednesday evenings in Lent, starting with Ash Wed. ( See enclosed schedule)

The theme for this year is "**mercy**". This choice was based in part upon Pope Francis' designation of this year in the Roman Catholic church as a "Holy Year of Mercy". It is also based upon what we see as a pressing need for mercy in the world today such as God has given and continues to give in the life, death and rising of Jesus.

It is our hope to provide a means for us all to reflect on what "mercy" means, and why the gift of mercy is at the heart of our faith and life as disciples of Jesus Christ.

In keeping with the theme of "mercy", we are also offering for the third year the ecumenical noon-hour program called "4 Tuesdays in Lent". This year's program will be about the life and witness of an extraordinary woman named Dorothy Day (1897-1980), writer and co-founder of the Catholic Worker Movement. Dorothy Day has sometimes been called "the Mother Theresa of America." The story of her life is a story about mercy received and mercy given. (For those interested in learning more about Dorothy Day, you can borrow from the library or purchase of copy of her autobiography <u>The Long Loneliness</u>, Harper and Row, 1952)

All are welcome to attend this program and the Lenten services—and we hope you'll help spread the word. But most importantly, we hope this Lenten season will be a time for us all to remember and live by Jesus' words: **"Be merciful, just as your Father (God) is merciful."** Luke 6: 36

Faithfully yours,

Pastor Joyce de Velder

# CHURCH FAMILY IN OUR PRAYERS

3: Jean Weiner
4: Robin Woomer
5: Kobie Dyke
6: Kevin Casey
8: Sherrie Mickel
9: Brenda Buchanan
10: Jim Mellen
11: Sam Dickinson
12: Brian Perkins
14: Margaret Jacobson
20: David deVelder
22: Randy Kerr
23: Joseph Barton
24: Maureen Kerr Roberts
28: Eshia Cummins

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



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

**Ruth Hayes** Lucas Perkins Alyson Fitzgerald Bill Cluff Thomas Altrogge Rod Borgman John Bodnar Richard Zelazny Eloise Bosch Donna Mellen Fvie Senecal Alicia Lewie Jim Miers Susie Murphy Pat Hayes-Howd Audrey Booth Shirley Hoodack Mona Perkins Suzanne Guerineau Rev. Dr. Charles Bailey Doug Mitchell

Bette Tucker Dwight Colvin Ashleigh Clute Sandy Jones David Garrand Ashley Edgar **Trevor Lewie** Naomi Thayer Sandy Horsfield Wayne Barton Kerst Brunner Charlotte Gorham Clyde Wells Edward Hougen Sue Hughes Sandy DeGregory Charles Thayer Rosie Driscoll George Duval James Gorham Cheryl Durkee

#### 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, B111, 149 Ballston Ave., Ballston Spa NY 12020 Shirley Mabb, Saratoga Center, A103, 149 Ballston Ave., Ballston Spa, NY 12020

#### HOSPITALIZED IN DECEMBER/JANUARY

Anna Bierma – Saratoga Hospital ER Cheryl Durkee – Saratoga Hospital Doug Mitchell- Saratoga Surgery Center Donna Mellen – Saratoga Surgery Center Donald Morrill – Saratoga Hospital James Gorham – Albany Medical Center Alyson Fitzgerald – Saratoga ER Robin Woomer – Saratoga Hospital

#### THANKS RECEIVED

"Thank you for the generous donation (\$75) to Schuyler Hose Company. We will use this to help fund our educational programs in the Schuylerville area which teach fire safety."

#### Sincerely, Frank Merrill, Secretary

"Thank you for generous donation of **\$75** to **Rebuilding Together**, which is critical to our ability to fulfill our mission of helping our neighbors in need."

#### Sincerely,

#### Michelle Larkin, Executive Director

"Thank you for your donation of **\$80** to **SAFER**, which is greatly appreciated. We are proud to have you associated with our organization."

Gratefully yours, Maureen Cronin Rossley, SAFER

"You have made a difference through your generosity **(\$68)** - thank you!" Together in the Cause, Tom De Vries, General Secretary, RCA

"Thanks for your generous contribution to the work of **Church World Service (\$300, and \$60** for processing of Health Kits.) **May God bless you for your kindness." Rev. John McCullough President and CEO** 

"Thanks to Old Saratoga for contributing (\$200) to partner with this beautiful camp." Kent Busman, Fowler Director "Thank you for your continued, generous support **(\$69)** of Upstate Jail Ministries." **Sincerely**,

#### Lynne J. Cox, Administrative Assistant

"On behalf of all the people who feel more hopeful and less alone because of your generosity, **(\$300 for blankets)** we thank you."

Sincerely, John McCullogh CEO Church Word Service

#### THANKS EXTENDED

..to the **anonymous donor** who brought us ten books of first class stamps ..to **Doug Sheely** who is again plowing our driveways

..to Gerry Barber and Helen Lofgren who decorated the sanctuary with the memorial poinsettias for the Christmas season

..to **Dick Behrens** who filled in for Pastor Joyce when the deVelders were in NJ for a family funeral

#### PEOPLE YOU KNOW

Congratulations to **Colton Barber**, grandson of **Gerry Barber**, who was sworn in to the Police Academy in Schenectady on Jan. 12. Colton completed a degree in Criminal Justice at Castleton, and then will put in six months of intensive training to become a police officer.

#### THANK YOU FROM THE deVELDERS

Our family wants to thank all the church family, especially the Sunday School, and friends for your concern for us following the death of our brother, **Rev. John deVelder.** Your cards, the Sunday School's poster, the phone calls, e-mails and personal expressions of sympathy were a comfort to us.

#### David, Joyce and Mikael deVelder

#### SYMPATHY

The church family offers sympathy in Christ to the following families who lost loved ones in December and January:



..the family and friends of **Robert W**. **Brockman** (84), who died unexpectedly on Dec. 5, 2015 in Canton, Ohio, where he was living with his son and daughter-in-law. Mr. Brockman was born in Ohio and graduated from Bowling Green State University. He was a Certified Public Accountant in the Cleveland area, and served as Finance Director of the cities of Rocky River and North Olmstead. His wife of 62 years, **Betty**, died on July 28, six months before his death. He is survived by four sons; **Robert, Sr., Steven**,

**Thomas** and **James**, and their families. His memorial service and interment will take place in the spring.

..the family and friends of **Charles W. Jones** (91) who died on Dec. 15, 2015 at Saratoga Hospital following a long illness. Charles was a local farmer who also worked for many years at the Schaghticoke Fairgrounds and was involved at the Fish Creek Rod and gun Club as a former President and organizer of many community events. He is survived by his wife, **Joyce (Ketchum) Jones**, and a son, **Charles R. Jones** and his wife, **Ann**. A graveside committal service was held on Dec. 18 at Prospect Hill Cemetery.

..to the family and friends of **Rev. John deVelder** (71) of New Jersey, who died unexpectedly on Dec. 17, following a massive stroke. John was an ordained minister of the Reformed Church in America, and had recently retired from his work of over 30 years as the Director of Pastoral Care at the Robert Wood Johnson Memorial Hospital in New Brunswick, NJ. A memorial service was held for John on Jan. 9 in the Kirkpatrick Chapel of Rutgers University, with a reception following at the nearby New Brunswick Theological Seminary. John is survived by his wife Linda (Walvoord) deVelder, his children Rebecca Fein and David John deVelder and their families, and by his sister, Margaret (Edward) Hougen, and brother, David (Joyce) deVelder and their families.

..to the family and friends of Sylvia K. "Sibbi" (Coffin) Thompson (69) of Barnegat, NJ, who died on Dec. 30 at the southern Ocean Medical Center in Manahawkin, NJ, following a nine year struggle with leukemia. A Mass of Christian Burial was held for her on Jan. 4 at St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church in Barnegat. Sylvia grew up in Schuylerville, and kept in touch with friends here over the years. Her deceased parents, Mary and John Coffin, were members of Old Saratoga Reformed Church. She is survived by her husband of 45 years, Jack Thompson, their children Noel (Earl) and Josh, a grandson Cole, and by her three siblings: Dorothy Sussman, Jim Coffin, and John Coffin and their families.

..to the family and friends of Dorothy Brandow (93) who died Jan. 22 at the Glendale Home in Scotia. Up until the past months, Dot had lived in Schenectady all her life - in the same house in which she was born. She and her husband, Ralph (who died in April 1997) were the parents of Christine Garney, a (member of Old Saratoga) and Cathy Stealy Ayala of Schenectady. Dot and Ralph had six grandchildren, including Chris' sons Brian and Eric Garney, and seven great -grandchildren. Dot loved her church, Grace Lutheran in Niskavuna, and was an active charter member of it until it closed and she became a member of the Prince of Peace Lutheran Church in Clifton Park. Her memorial service was held there on January 25, with a reception following. Funeral arrangements were made by the McVeigh Funeral Home in Albany, where her grandson, Brian Garney, has worked for many years as a Funeral Director.



#### **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 members are currently reading the Book of Genesis. The group meets on Wed. mornings from 10-11am. All interested people from any denomination are welcome to come.

#### WOMEN'S GUILD

Note: There will be no Guild meetings during the months of January and February. They will resume on Monday, March 21at noon.

#### CAMP FOWLER

The schedule of weeks at Camp Fowler for 2016 is on display in Loomis Hall. You may register on line. We are happy that **Makenzie Harrington** has already signed up to attend *Una Terra*, the week of July 24-30.



There are free winter coats available in Loomis Hall for anyone to take. We thank those of you who donate extra coats you have that are in good condition! Coats can be dropped off at the church M-F, 9-noon, or Sunday. Thank you!

#### SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday School will be focusing their mission efforts on **Drilling For Hope** next. This mission helps to drill wells in Africa, and also donates goats and chickens to families for income from the eggs and milk, and for enlarging the herd or flock. Each family must provide another family with the start of a herd or flock. They are gifts that keep on giving!

#### CHRISTMAS APPEAL LETTER

The response to the annual Christmas letter of appeal has been wonderful! To date we have received **\$5560!** This will help our treasurer to get us through the months when weather and illness keep some members and friends from being able to come to church on Sunday morning. Thank you all!

#### **2015 FINANCIAL UPDATE**

Thank you to each person who supported the ministry of Old Saratoga during 2015. We are truly blessed by every gift we receive. Our income came very close to our budget projections for undesignated income and more than doubles our expectations for missions! Our operating expenses were less than we had anticipated with savings in the categories of utilities, maintenance, and postage (thank you to the person who drops by and donated books of stamps.) We used \$12,086 of our capital improvement funds for the Loomis Hall project. Because of our deficit budget, we cashed in **\$9638.71** from our investment income, but ended the year with \$7,457.31 after receiving an outstanding response to our letter of appeal. This money will continue to help us as we begin a new year.

As we look forward to another year of serving God both locally and through outreach programs, may God bless our work and the people who make it possible with their prayers and gifts. **Respectfully submitted**,

#### Christine Garney, Treasurer LOOKING AHEAD

Please mark the following dates on your calendar:

Sun. March 29 – Annual Palm Sunday Breakfast Sat. April 9 – Lasagna Dinner Fundraiser Sat. April 30 Covered Dish Supper and Game Night

We hope to see everyone at these events!

#### **CHURCH OFFICERS**

At the consistory meeting held on Jan. 19, the following elders and deacons were elected to office:

Vice President: Clerk of Consistory: Classis Representative: Alternate: Financial Secretary:

Paula Sheely Patrick Woomer Patrick Woomer Amber Deyoe Cindy Brockman

We are grateful to these people for being willing to serve in these ways.

#### **PROPERTY MEETING**

The Property Committee met on Jan. 12 to continue refining the specs for the handicapped accessible bathroom renovation. When completed, the specs were sent to several local contractors for bid. The committee hopes to be able to make a recommendation to the consistory soon, for their approval.

Committee members expressed thanks to **Amber Deyoe**, who has been a valuable members for several years, and who is now focusing her attentions on her duties as a consistory member. If you are interested in joining the group, please speak to **Paulette Foote**, Chair. The next meeting will be on Mon. Feb. 8 at 7pm at the church.

#### 4 TUESDAYS IN LENT Ecumenical and Open to All!

A special opportunity in Lent to look at the lives of modern-day disciples of Jesus Christ who have made extraordinary contributions and left lasting marks of influence and change upon the church and society.

**WHO:** This year's focus is on the life of Dorothy Day (1897-1980) whose remarkable life had a profound impact on the church. She has been described as "the most influential lay person in the history of American Catholicism and valued keeper of the American social conscience." As co-founder of the Catholic Worker Movement, she and others inspired by her conviction and faith in the teachings of Jesus, embraced voluntary poverty, offering help and hospitality to the poor. She was a fearless leader, a prophet in her time, and driven by a spiritual passion to live the Gospel of Christ. It's been said of her that "she taught us what it means to be a Christian."

WHAT: During the 4 Tuesdays in Lent, we will get to know Dorothy Day, through her writings, and the DVD "Don't Call Me Saint," a story about her life and ministry. Participants may want to purchase and read a copy of her autobiography: <u>The</u> <u>Long Loneliness</u>, 1952, Harper and Row Pub.

WHEN: Feb. 16, 23 and March 1,8

- **TIME AND PLACE:** 12 Noon -1 pm in Loomis Hall, Old Saratoga Reformed Church
- **BRING:** Your own sack lunch. Beverages, cookies and fruit provided.

## The Work of Christmas

When the song of the angel is stilled, When the star in the sky is gone, When the kings and princes are home, When the shepherds are back with their flock The work of Christmas begins. To find the lost, To heal the broken, To heal the broken, To feed the hungry, To release the prisoner, To rebuild the nations; To bring peace among brothers, To make music from the heart. *Howard Thurman (1899-1981)* 

#### HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY!



Let us love one another, because love is from God. 1 John 4: 7

## Wisdom for the New Year

Be watchful, stand firm in your faith, be courageous, be strong. Let all that you do be done in LOVE. 1 Corinthians 16: 13 LEAP OF KINDNESS DAY Feb. 29, 2016



On this "extra" day of the year, everyone's encouraged to do a random act of kindness for someone! (Suggested by the Saratoga County Chamber of Commerce)

#### **NEW MEMBERS ORIENTATION**

The Board of Elders has set two dates for a New Members Orientation, Sunday, Feb. 21 or Sun. March 13. The date selected will be based on the highest number of people who can attend one or the other.

This orientation is for members who have recently joined the church, those who would like to transfer their membership from another church to Old Saratoga, and those who would like to know more about the church and what's involved in being a member.

The orientation will follow worship, include lunch and conclude by 2pm.

If you are interested, please call or e-mail the church office with your date of preference. 695-3479 or oldsaratogareformed@verizon.net

# **"Souper" Supper** Sat. Feb. 6, 2016

# 4:30-6:30 pm

Old Saratoga Reformed Church

Corner of Pearl and Burgoyne Sts. Schuylerville



Cost: \$7.00 – adults \$3.00 – Children 5-10 Under 5 free

# Menu:

Homemade Soups, Breads, Crackers, Salad, Dessert, Beverages

Reservations recommended Walk-Ins Welcome Call 695-3479 or 695-6638 (Dine in only)

2016 Ecumenical Lenten Services of the Greater Schuylerville Community Theme: Mercy Unveiled	
	The Lenten services begin at 7:00 PM
	Refreshments and fellowship follow each service, except for
	Ash Wednesday, and Maundy Thursday
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Tues. Feb. 9	SHROVE TUESDAY SUPPERS 6:00 PM PANCAKE SUPPER at St. Stephen's Episcopal (donation to SAFER)
	6:00 PM POT LUCK SUPPER at Notre Dame-Visitation – Bring a dish to share!
	All are welcome at both suppers!
Wed. Feb. 10	ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICES
	Joint service of the Methodist, Reformed and Episcopal Churches, including
	The Lord's Supper and The Imposition of Ashes
	7:00 PM at Schuylerville UMC Preaching: <i>The Rev. Richard Hoffman</i>
	9:00 AM Mass at Notre Dame-Visitation
	6:00 PM Ash Wednesday Service at St. Stephen's
	7:00 PM Ash Wednesday Mass at St. Joseph's, Greenwich
Wed. Feb. 17	SECOND LENTEN SERVICE
	7:00 PM at Notre Dame-Visitation
	Preaching: The Rev. Al Johnson and the Rev. Jason Proctor
Wed. Feb. 24	THIRD LENTEN SERVICE
	7:00 PM at Quaker Springs UMC
	Preaching: The Rev. Virginia Cornell
Wed. March 2	FOURTH LENTEN SERVICE
	7:00 PM at Fort Miller Reformed
	Preaching: <i>The Rev. Jamie Grubb</i>
Wed. March 9	FIFTH LENTEN SERVICE
	7:00 PM at Bacon Hill Reformed
	Preaching: <i>The Rev. Marty Fisher</i>
Wed. March 16	SIXTH LENTEN SERVICE
	7:00 PM at Old Saratoga Reformed
	Preaching: The Rev. Janet Vincent
	Prayers and Anointing for healing will follow the service
Thurs. March 24	MAUNDY THURSDAY The Lord's Table and Tenebrae
	7:00 PM at Old Saratoga Reformed Church
	Meditation: The Rev. Joyce deVelder
	5:30 PM at St. Stephen's Episcopal
	7:00 PM Mass of the Lord's Supper at Notre Dame-Visitation
Fri. March 25	GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE (A Reading of the Passion of Jesus Christ)
	12:00 Noon at St. Stephen's Episcopal – followed by a light luncheon
	Preaching: The Rev. Donna Arnold
	3:00 PM Stations of the Cross at Notre Dame-Visitation
	7:00 PM Good Friday Service at Notre Dame-Visitation
Sat. March 26	EGG HUNT (for children infants - 5 <sup>th</sup> grade) Schuylerville School 11 AM
	(Sponsored by Faith Chapel)
	EASTER VIGIL at Notre Dame-Visitation 8:00 PM
Sun. March 27	EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE 6:30 AM Bacon Hill Reformed (Outdoor Chapel)

## UUR Sommunity

SECOND HAND

**116 BROADWAY** 

I.A.F.E.R Schuylerville Area Food Relief Open 9-12 noon M-W F 260-4779



Tues.- Sat. 11 am-4 pm Donations gladly accepted during store hours Volunteers are always needed Call Charlotte at 695-4640 Next board meeting: Fri. Feb. 5 at 9:30am

#### **COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS OFFERING**

The wonderful Community Christmas Concert held at Schuylerville United Methodist Church on Dec. 6 raised a total of over **\$600** for **Caring and Sharing**, through the free will offering. This money helps to give students gifts at Christmas, and with other needs they may have during the year. Thanks to all the choirs that participated, and thanks to all who came and gave so generously.

#### LENTEN FISH FRY

When: Each Friday evening during Lent Time: 5-7pm Where: Christ the King Spiritual Life Center, Burton Road, Greenwich

Menu: Baked or fried fish, soup, salad bar, vegetable, cole slaw, dessert, beverages Cost: \$16.95 for adults, \$12.95 for seniors, \$9.95 for children or takeout

Reservations encouraged: 692-9550

GIVE BLOOD Sat. Feb. 13



Where: Old Saratoga Reformed Church When: Sat. Feb. 13 8 am-12 noon Appt: Call 1-800-RED-CROSS to schedule Or go to <u>www.RedcrossBlood.org</u> or Sue Hughes- 695-3165 Walk-ins Welcome! Sponsored by: The American Red Cross (will be held even if weather is bad) Coordinators from OSRC: Sue Hughes and Patti Booth

#### SHROVE TUESDAY DINNERS

Tuesday Feb. 9 Both are open to the Community!



Pancake Supper 6-7:30pm St. Stephen's – Grove Street Free will offering for SAFER \*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*

> Pot Luck Dinner 6pm Notre Dame-Visitation Bring a dish to share!

50/50 Raffle Drawing Basket Raffle "JACOB'S WELL" Old Saratoga Reformed Church 48 Pearl Street, Schuylerville, NY 12871 Church Office: 695-3479 E-Mail:oldsaratogareformed@verizon.net Fax: 1-518-695-3479 www.oldsaratoga.rcachurches.org PASTOR: Rev. Joyce deVelder OFFICE MANAGER: Duffy Whitehouse Consistory Members: Amberlyn Deyoe, Paula Sheely, Patrick Woomer, Cindy Brockman, Bruce Guerineau, Anne Mitchell Published ten times yearly in Schuylerville, NY 12871 Sunday Worship: 10:00 am Sunday School: (Sept.-June) 10:00am–11:00

### Soup Supper Fundraiser Sat. Feb. 6 4:30-6:30 pm

# Sunday, Feb. 7 10 am

Ecumenical Ash Wednesday Service Wed. Feb. 10 7pm at Schuylervile Methodist Church (schedule of services inside)

## **Red Cross Blood Drive**

at Old Saratoga Reformed Church Sat. Feb. 13 8am-noon Call 1-800- RED-CROSS for an appointment

"4 Tuesdays in Lent" Feb. 16, 23, March 1, 8 12noon-1pm Discovering the Life and Work of Dorothy Day (details inside)