

JACOB'S WELL

June 2016



- June 5 THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST** **Celebration of the Lord's Supper**
Lectionary Readings: 1 Kings 17: 8-16, (17-24); Psalm 146; Galatians 1: 11-24;
Luke 7: 11-17
Greeter: Patti Booth
Liturgist: Holly Deyoe
Ushers: Kim Thayer/Holly Deyoe
Counters: Paula Sheely/Cindy Brockman
Communion Servers: P. Sheely, B. Guerineau, C. Brockman, A. Deyoe
Communion Cleanup: Carolyn Markwith
- June 12 FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**
Lectionary Readings: 1 Kings 21: 1-10, (11-14) 15-21a; Psalm 5: 1-8; Galatians 2: 15-21;
Luke 7: 36-8:3
Greeter: Kim Thayer
Liturgist: Dick Behrens
Ushers: Hank Harrington/Bridgette Lewie
Counters: Pat Woomer/Bruce Guerineau
- June 19 FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST** **Father's Day**
Lectionary Readings: 1 Kings 19: 1-4, (5-7) 8-15a; Psalms 42 and 43; Galatians 3: 23-29;
Luke 8: 26-39
Greeter: Bill Olmert
Liturgist: Amber Deyoe
Ushers: Paula Sheely/Katrina Harrington
Counters: Cindy Brockman/Anne Mitchell
- June 26 SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**
Lectionary Readings: 2 Kings 2: 1-2, 6-14; Psalm 77: 1-2, 11-20; Galatians 5: 13-25;
Luke 9: 51-62
Greeter: Helen Lofgren
Liturgist: Ajay Deyoe
Ushers: Paula Sheely/Katrina Harrington
Counters: Anne Mitchell/Amber Deyoe

**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...

“Some people brought children to Jesus for him to place his hands on them and to pray for them, but the disciples scolded the people. Jesus said, “Let the children come to me and do not stop them, because the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these.”
(Matthew 19:13-14)

Dear Members and Friends of Old Saratoga,

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

Sunday, May 22 was Children's Sunday at Old Saratoga. Our boys and girls, with the help of their Sunday School leaders, Chris Garney and Donna Mellen, prepared and led worship.

The children were all wearing colorful tie-dyed “Hippies for Hope” T-shirts they had made with the help of Sunday School parents, Theresa and Tod Tomlinson. (“Hippies for Hope” was one of the Sunday School mission projects.)

One by one, starting with Trevor Lewie who welcomed the people and gave the call to worship, the boys and girls took turns getting up to read, to pray, to tell about the craft and mission projects for the year. Eddie Fish, who recently turned ten years old, received his Good News Bible from the church and read the scripture reading above about Jesus welcoming and blessing the children.

One of my favorite parts of the service was when the children shared the creeds they had written. Each of them read what they believed about God and Jesus, and how they personally could help make the world a better place.

About mid-way through the service, the children, with back-up from the chancel choir and guitar music by Christopher Tucker and Bruce Guerineau, sang the song “Everything is Beautiful”. While the song was being sung, the congregation was treated to a video presentation (prepared by Donna Mellen) featuring pictures of the children and some lovely nature photos.

Halie Tomlinson led the following prayer the children wrote together for the service:

Wow, God, you are so amazing, You are thoughtful and caring and your love is precious to us. We are sorry for making bad choices. We are sorry that we make mistakes sometimes. Forgive us for things like littering and fighting. Thank you God for the creation of the earth, plants and animals, food and water. Thank you for making us and for giving us our families and friends. Thank you for our homes, our church, and our Sunday School. Please help people to stop doing bad things like killing animals for fun. Please stop all wars. Please help us to find cures for diseases, to provide shelter to people who are homeless, and bless all of your people with a good rest. Amen.

Thank you Sunday School leaders and helpers, and special thanks to the children of our church who let their light shine and gave us these words of benediction: “Go in peace. Believe that God loves you. Show you love God by helping to make the world a better place. Amen!” Amen indeed!

Faithfully yours,

Pastor Joyce deVelder

CHURCH FAMILY

BIRTHDAYS

2: Vicki Perkins
3: Dale Cox
3: Kylie Dyke
5: Chris Garney
5: Bonnie Garrand
5: Eric Richards
9: Rich Zotzmann
11: Donald MacMillan
11: Gerry Barber
12: Pam Driscoll
12: Sydney Alexanian
15: Mellenie Rose Booth
16: Zoe Bartholomay
16: Nicholas Casey
16: Barbara Vincent
17: Ajay Thomas Deyoe
20: John Bodnar
21: Adam Burch
21: Matthew Waldinger
23: Olivia Edgar
24: Jenny Middlebrook
25: Patti Zotzmann
27: Kenny MacMillan
28: Wally Kroner
29: Sue Hughes



ANNIVERSARIES

1: Darryl and Cheryl (Sherman) Baust
2: Randy and Cindy Kerr
9: Jean Stark and Walter Kroner, 2001
9: Mary and Charlie Sherman 2002
24: Don and Jennifer (MacMillan) Squires,
25: Tom and Sue Wilbur
25: Cindy and Jim Brockman 1994
27: Rixt (Bierma) and David Clifford

Please help us keep the lists current by giving us dates and updates. Thanks!

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 Crescen Blvd. , Bennington, VT 05201, 1-802-379-3148

Jim Gorham, Saratoga Center A101, 149 Ballstor 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	Bette Tucker
Dwight Colvin	Sue and Tom Wilbur
Alyson Fitzgerald	Ashleigh Clute
Bill Cluff	Thomas Altrogge Davic
Garrand	Ryan Markwith
Rod Borgman	Ashley Edgar
John Bodnar	Trevor Lewie
Richard Zelazny	Naomi Thayer
Eloise Bosch	Sandy Jones
Evie Senecal	Alicia Lewie
Charlotte Gorham	Rosie Driscoll
Darlene Olmert	Clyde Wells
Susie Murphy	Tom Barber
Pat Hayes-Howd	Sue Hughes
Sandy DeGregory	Charles Thayer
Mona Perkins	John Bodnar
Suzanne Guerineau	George Duval
Lucas Perkins	Sandy Horsfield

HOSPITALIZED IN MAY

Kimberly (Barter) Stanco – St. Peter's Hospital

SCHUYLERVILLE CENTRAL GRADUATION

**Sat. June 25 at 10am
at Saratoga City Center**

THANK YOU FROM PASTOR JOYCE AND FAMILY

David, Mikael and I express our deep thanks to the consistory and congregation for the time off you gave us to go to Michigan from April 18-28 – and for your prayers for our safe journey there and back. It was an emotionally and physically tiring time as we worked together with my siblings to clean out my parents' home and make arrangements for the sale of the orchard, buildings and furnishings. (Thankfully, the cast on my right arm was removed just before we left, so I had more use of my hand and arm with all that needed to be done!) We may have to go back to Michigan before the year is over, but that is yet to be determined. We are grateful for your care and understanding- and know that many of you have had to deal with similar situations in your own families.

I want to thank, in particular, **Patrick Woomer** and **Christopher Tucker** for leading worship the Sunday I was away; **Paula Sheely**, our Vice President for leading the consistory meeting on 4/19; **Terri Richards (and Eddie)** for coming to the parsonage twice each day to care for our cat and tend to the mail; **Duffy Whitehouse**, who, as always, kept things running smoothly in the church office; and to **Anna Bierma**, who had a meal ready for us the night we returned. We thank you all for your love, understanding and prayers – and for your words and hugs of “Welcome Home.”

NEW JOB! AND THANKS!

Congratulations to **Henrietta Edgar**, who will be starting a new job on 6/13 with Saratoga Hospital as a Referral Navigation Coordinator at the downtown community clinic. It also provides services to those who live and work at “the backstretch” of the race course in the summer.

**A big thanks to Henrietta for her Jamaica
cheesecake cupcake fundraiser.
She made almost 30 dozen!!!**

SYMPATHY

The church extends sympathy in Christ to the **Rev. Janet Vincent** and her family as they mourn the death of Janet's father, the **Rev. John H. Meyer**, who died at his home in northeastern Pennsylvania on May 9, after a lengthy illness. Rev. John was a retired pastor of the Reformed Church in America. He served congregations in Berne, West Berne (near Albany) and in College Point and Douglaston (in Queens.) He was an energetic and committed leader in the church, and author of three books. His latest book, publishes in 2015, is entitled *Psalm 23- A Psalm for All Seasons.* Please remember in prayer John's wife, **Kathy, their four children and their five grandchildren.** A memorial service was held on Sat. May 21, in Pennsylvania. Condolences may be sent to Pastor Jan at 33 Stevens Court, Saratoga Springs, NY 12866.

THANKS EXTENDED

..to all who came to the cleanup day and worked on emptying out the kitchen cabinets of excess items, washed down the front door and the back entryway, and did some yard work and mulching; **Amber Deyoe, Ajay Deyoe, Holly Deyoe and her friend Alana, Paulette Foote, Cindy Brockman, Mikael deVelder, David and Joyce deVelder, and Duffy Whitehouse.**

COLLEGE GRADUATES

Congratulations to **Jikke (Bierma) Loughlin**, daughter of **Anna Bierma**, who graduated Magna Cum Laude from the University of Texas at Arlington, on May 13, with a Bachelor's Degree in Social Work.

Congratulations to **Cameron Cox**, grandson of **Barbara Vincent**, who graduated from Boston College with a degree in Arts and Science.

CHURCH LIFE

ECUMENICAL BIBLE STUDY

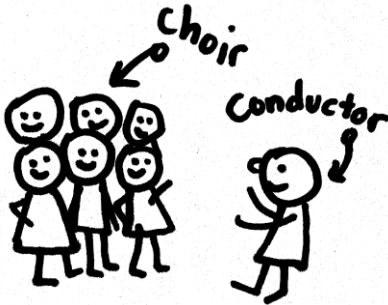
The Ecumenical Bible Study group will meet on the following two dates in June:

Wed. June 1 10-11am concluding the study of Genesis

Wed. June 8 11:30am group luncheon at the home of Jean Myers, 26 Church Street

Bible Study will suspend for the summer and resume meeting on Wed. Sept. 7 at 10am

CHOIR NEWS



Sunday, June 12, will be the Chancel Choir's last Sunday to sing as a group for this season. For their last song, they will a rousing spiritual called "Spin the Wheel Towards Heaven" which emphasizes that no matter how hard life on earth becomes, our "wheels" are always spinning to reach our heavenly home. Please take a moment to thank the choir, **Christopher Tucker and Barbara Elcox** for their devoted musical leadership from September through June.

The choir will meet on Sept. 8 at 7pm for its first rehearsal of Fall, and sing on Sept. 11. New voices are always welcome!

CHURCH FAMILY PICNIC

Sunday, June 5 noon



Following worship on June 5, everyone is invited to attend the church family picnic at the home of **Bill and Duffy Whitehouse**. Please bring a dish to share, your own beverage, and a lawn chair, if you have one. A grill will be available for you to cook your own meat. Come and enjoy a meal with your church family and spend an afternoon in the country, overlooking the Hudson Valley. (You are welcome to come, even if it's a last minute decision!)

SUMMER APPEAL LETTER

Our summer appeal letter, which is regularly sent out in June, will be mailed very soon. Summer is a time when families are often away for vacation and our attendance is lower. Your gift at this time, no matter the size, will help to keep us on financial track! Thanks!

GENERAL SYNOD TO MEET

June 9-14

The Reformed Church in America General Synod will meet from June 9-14 in Palos Heights, Illinois. Please keep the delegates in your prayers as they discuss current topics affecting the RCA, and worship together. For updates on the proceedings, go to www.rca.org

WOMEN'S GUILD

The Women's Guild will meet on **Monday, June 20 at noon**, when they hold their annual picnic, hosted by the Executive Committee. They will not meet in the summer, and will resume their monthly meetings in September.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday School concluded on May 22, when the children presented their program. A highlight of the service was when Eddie Fish was presented with his Good news Bible, a tradition at OSRC when a young person becomes 10 years of age. Eddie then read the day's scripture from his new Bible! Thanks was expressed to **Chris Garney, Donna Mellen, Makenzie Harrington, Theresa Tomlinson** and **Tod Tomlinson** for their caring leadership of the children this year.

SUNDAY MORNING ACTIVITIES FOR CHILDREN DURING WORSHIP

During the summer when there is no Sunday School, there will be activities for young people on the blue table at the back of the sanctuary. There are books, coloring sheets, word searches, pencils and crayons for them to use during the service.

OPPORTUNITIES TO SIGN UP

One of the things that members and friends of OSRC look forward to during the summer is our weekly **Lemonade on the Lawn** following worship. Please see when you can take a Sunday to entertain your friends!

There is also a signup sheet to provide **summer music for worship**. You can sing, play an instrument, or join together with some friends to worship God through music. Thanks!

JAMAICA MISSION TRIP

We are sorry to announce that no one from OSRC will be participating in the mission trip this summer (June 29-July 6.) We had hopes otherwise, but things did not work out. Please remember our partner church, First Presbyterian in Oneonta, and the Pringle Home Orphanage in your prayers. Thank you for your donations of bottles and cans, and your support of the cheesecake fundraiser. A generous donation is being sent for supplies, both for repairs to the home and for program materials.

CAMP FOWLER



We're happy to announce that six young people from OSRC are planning to go to Camp Fowler this summer! The consistory has generously committed church support of \$300 per camper to attend a week at Fowler. **We will need \$300 more in order to reach this goal. Checks may be made to OSRC and earmarked "Campership."**

If you would like to send the campers notes while they are away, so they have to "kiss the moose," their address will be:

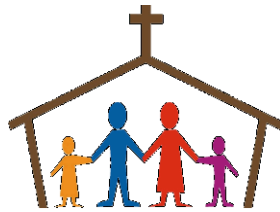
Camper Name Week #
Fowler Camp and Retreat Center
PO Box 131, Speculator, NY 12164

Bridget Behrens	#25	6/26-7/2
Bridgette Lewie	#25	"
Trevor Lewie	#25	"
Makenzie Harrington	#60	7/24-7/30
Holly Deyoe	#70	7/31-8/6
Ajay Deyoe	#70	"

MEET OUR NEW MEMBERS

Sandra (Doran) Jones was baptized and later joined the Fort Miller Reformed Church, where she was a member until about 10 years ago. Sandy, a graduate of Schuylerville Central School, has 3 daughters, and became stepmother to 4 children when she married **Cliff Jones**. Sandy worked for 36 years at Pleasant Valley Infirmary and ended her career there as Food Services Director. Sandy has been a faithful worshiper at OSRC, serving on various committees, and chairing several fundraisers. She leads a busy life, helping to care for her extended family. She shared that her faith in God is the center of her life, and grows stronger, despite the obstacles or difficulties that life brings.

Cheryl Coffin Jones is 49 years old and lives at home with her mom. She spends her days at CWI (Community Work Independence) a day-hab in Greenwich. She enjoys coming to church, doing word searches and going to respite care or her sister's home on the weekends. She also loves Ronald McDonald dolls, and speaks of heaven (where her dad is) where he is making a Ronald McDonald doll to send her. Cheryl witnesses the love of God when she says, "I pray for you," when she knows someone is sick or having a hard time.



Stephen Charles Bodnar has lived in the Schuylerville area all his life, and is the fifth *Stephen Bodnar* in a family which traces its roots to Hungary. He graduated from Schuylerville Central School, and currently works on the fourth generation family dairy farm. In his spare time, he enjoys trivia and being in a horseshoe league. Stephen recently donated stem cells to his sister, helping her through a health crisis and saving her life. Stephen has been worshipping at OSRC since 2007, and likes coming here because the people are kind and friendly.

Barbara (Stangel) Vincent was baptized in the Episcopal Church and attended Sunday School and Youth Group at the New Salem Reformed Church near Albany. She and her husband, **Jim**, met in high school and were married just before he went to New Brunswick theological Seminary. Following ordination as an RCA pastor they served churches in NJ and PA ending by serving the RCA for 22 years in Warwick, NY. In retirement, they lived in NC and NH, eventually moving to Saratoga Springs to be near family. Barbara took care of her husband for 10 years until his death. She continues to live at Embury Apts. In her spare time she enjoys walking, reading, and being part of exercise and social groups. She likes coming to OSRC with Gene and Sue Usher, where she finds the people to be loving and kind. *(Sometimes Barbara goes to First Church, Albany, where her daughter, **Susan**, is on staff.)*

Pamela Seward has been worshipping at OSRC since last fall when she came to the door on a Thursday night and asked, "Is there choir practice tonight?" and has been singing soprano with the group since then. Pam spent her early years in NJ, working as a Candy Striper nurse there and in NYC. She moved to Florida, where she had experience working with the elderly in an assisted living situation, and then with children in a day care. Pam has recently moved to Schuylerville from Tupper Lake, where her sister lived, and now enjoys living close to Greenwich, where her brother lives. Pam likes to play cards, especially Bridge, and also likes reading and listening to music. Pam was a deacon in the Presbyterian Church of Saranac Lake, and enjoys OSRC, where she finds everyone to be very friendly.

IN OUR COMMUNITY

FAREWELL TO PASTOR AL JOHNSON



Pastor Al Johnson, his wife Dee, and their son, Levi, will be leaving the Greater Schuylerville Community during the month of June. Pastor Al has been appointed by the Troy Conference to serve as pastor of the Pine Grove United Methodist Church in Colonie.

Pastor Al and his family have been in our community for the past few years, when he began serving the Schuylerville and Quaker Springs United Methodist Churches. During those years, he and his family helped enrich our community with their care and community service. They worked very hard to start *The Way*, a used clothing store that is in its second year, providing help to the community in a variety of ways. Pastor Al was a faithful participant in the local clergy association, and enjoyed making friendships and connections in the community and beyond. He will certainly be missed. We ask your prayers for him and his family in this time of transition, for the congregations he is leaving, and for the new congregation he will serve.

There will be a Farewell Open House for Pastor Al and his family on June 12, from 1-3pm in the Fellowship Hall of SUMC, 51 Church St. All are welcome!

SCHUYLERVILLE AND QUAKER SPRINGS UMC CHURCHES WELCOME NEW PASTOR IN JULY

The Schuylerville and Quaker Springs United Methodist Churches will welcome **Pastor Benjamin Lalka** and his wife, **Alisa**, to be their new pastor, beginning in July. Pastor Benjamin, a native of the Rochester area, is currently completing his seminary studies in Virginia. We look forward to welcoming him and his wife to our community and serving together in Christ's name.

FATHER MARTY TO CELEBRATE 30TH ORDINATION ANNIVERSARY

Sat. June 18 5pm

Tuesday, May 31 was the 30th anniversary of **Father Martin Fisher's** ordination. To celebrate this milestone of dedication and service, there will be a reception in Father Marty's honor on Saturday, June 18 at the American Legion, immediately following the 4pm Mass. All are welcome.



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: June 17 at 9:30at OSRC

SAFER

Schuylerville Area Food Relief
Open 9-12 noon M,F (summer hours)
260-4779

**FREE HEALTH OPPORTUNITY
FOR SENIORS**

What: Exercise class
For: People 60 and over
When: Tues. & Thurs. mornings, 8:30-9:15pm
(year round)
Where: Saratoga Town Hall
*It's free and open to all seniors!
Help spread the word!*

**QUAKER SPRINGS UMC
FUNDRAISING EVENT**

Friday, June 10 6-8pm
Covered Dish and Pound Auction
All are welcome!!!

Benefit for QSUMC Kitchen Space

**COMMUNITY GOSPEL CHOIR
CONCERT**

Wed. June 22 at 7pm
Schuylerville High School Auditorium

UPCOMING CHURCH BBQ



Bacon Hill Annual Chicken BBQ
Sat. June 4
Servings at 4:15 and 5:30pm
Cost: \$12 adults; \$6 for children
Call 695-6116 for reservations

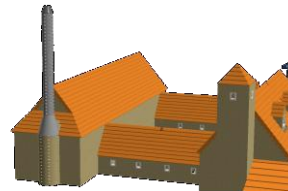
**21st ANNUAL
“SUNDAE ON THE FARM”**

Date: Sunday, June 12, 12-4pm
Place: Turning Point Dairy,
220 County Route 67, Town of Saratoga
*Event includes tour of farm and orchard,
horse drawn wagon rides, children's
activities, food, live music, exhibits, and
ice cream!!*
More info??- www.saratogafarms.com

**NEW SKETE OPEN HOUSE AND
ANNIVERSARY CONCERT**
Sat. June 4 10am-4pm

The New Skete Monastery (Eastern
Orthodox Church) is located at
273 New Skete Lane, Cambridge

A great opportunity to visit the monastery,
(founded in 1966) its Wisdom Temple,
the Gardens, their gift shop and
the nuns' cheesecake bakery!
For more info -www.newskete.org



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Sunday Worship: 10:00 am

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

Celebration of the Lord’s Supper
Sunday, June 5 10am

Church Family Picnic
Sunday, June 5 at noon
(details inside)



