

JACOB'S WELL

OLD SARATOGA REFORMED CHURCH

June 2014

- June 1 **CHILDREN'S SUNDAY** **Celebration of the Lord's Supper**
Lectionary Readings: Acts 1: 6-14; Psalm 68: 1-10, 32035; 1 Peter 4: 12-14, 5: 6-11; J
John 17: 1-11
Greeters: Bill Olmert
Ushers: Kim Thayer/Karl Thayer
Counters: Paula Sheely/Hank Harrington
Communion Servers: Paula Sheely, Paulette Foote, Hank Harrington,
Bruce Guerineau
Communion Cleanup: Kim and Karl Thayer
- June 8 **PENTECOST** (Please wear red, orange or yellow)
Lectionary Readings: Acts 2: 1-21; Psalm 104: 24-35; 1 Corinthians 12: 3-13; John 20: 19-23
Greeter: Helen Lofgren
Liturgist: Carolyn Markwith
Ushers: Bill Olmert/Katrina Harrington
Counters: Paulette Foote/Paula Sheely
- June 15 **TRINITY SUNDAY** **Father's Day**
Lectionary Readings: Genesis 1: 1-24; Psalm 8; 2 Corinthians 13: 11-13;
Matthew 28: 16-20
Greeter: Patti Booth
Liturgist: Amber Deyoe
Ushers: Robin Woome/Dick Behrens
Counters: Cindy Brockman/Paulette Foote
- June 22 **SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST** **Guest Worship Leader: Chris Garney**
Lectionary Readings: Genesis 21: 8-21; Psalm 86: 1-10, 16-17; Romans 6: 1-11;
Matthew 10: 24-39
Greeter: Joan Lapitsky
Liturgist: Chris Garney
Ushers: Terri Richards/Hank Harrington
Counters: Pat Woome/Bruce Guerineau
- June 29 **THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**
Fellowship Hour hosted by Robin and Pat Woome
Lectionary Readings: Genesis 22: 1-14; Psalm 13; Romans 6: 12-23; Matthew 10: 40-42
Greeter: Holly Deyoe
Liturgist: Dick Behrens
Ushers: Bette Tucker/Duffy Whitehouse
Counters: Pat Woome/Bruce Guerineau

Our worship services begin at 10:30am. The sanctuary is handicapped accessible.
Holy Communion is celebrated the first Sunday of each month.

From the Pastor...

*You are wonderfully made. You are God's creation.
Let no one bring you down by what they say.
You are wonderfully made.
Remember that you're a child of God, part of God's creation.
So when you feel that you are weak or flawed,
remember that you're a child of God.
Love your neighbor as yourself, the commandment still holds true.
But how can we love someone else
if we never learn to love ourselves?
You are wonderfully made....*

Dear Members and Friends of Old Saratoga,

Greetings in the grace and peace of Christ!

The words above are from an anthem the choir sang on June 1, Children's Sunday! On this day the church celebrates that we are all "wonderfully made" children of God. The young ones in our midst, so full of life, love, trust, dependance, and curiosity, remind us of Jesus' words that "to such belong the Kingdom of God."

It's a true joy to be with children in worship; to see them eagerly taking their parts; reading and leading prayer, sharing what they've learned about God, life and the world. They do inspire us with hope for the future of the church; but they also inspire us with love and joy in the present moment when we celebrate the blessings of God.

The Children's Sunday service began with all eleven children sitting on the platform dressed in the colorful tie-dyed t-shirts they made a few weeks ago. In response to questions from the adult leaders, they enthusiastically shared their knowledge about the biblical story of creation and Noah and the flood. They sang the story of Zaccheus in the Sycamore tree, and acted out Jesus' parable of the Good Samaritan. Throughout the sharing was the clear theme of Jesus' message to "love the Lord your God with your all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind... and to love your neighbor as you love yourself." (Matthew 22:37-39)

Two of the Sunday School participants, **Trevor Lewie** and **Makenzie Harrington**, received Good News Bibles from the church. It's been a long-standing tradition at Old Saratoga to give Bibles to children in the year they celebrate their 10th Birthday! After receiving their new Bibles, Trevor and Makenzie read aloud together the words of Psalm 119:105: "Your word is a lamp to guide me and a light for my path."

Special thanks was expressed to the 2013-2014 Sunday School leadership team. We are most grateful to the following individuals for their outstanding love and commitment to the children and for providing for them a comprehensive experience of worship, learning, prayer, activities, and service to others: **Chris Garney, Patti Booth, Donna Mellen, Mellenie Booth and Theresa Tomlinson.**

After the Sunday School leaders were thanked, they gave to each child a hand-made card. Each child's name was on the front of the card with attributes for each letter of their name. On the inside, was a personal message from each of the Sunday School leaders to that child. It was a touching way of affirming to each and every child that he or she is "wonderfully made" and a child of God! Before everyone sang the closing song, "Pass It On", Chris Garney shared with the congregation about some ways the Love of God is being passed on through the Sunday School (and church) support of Tabs for Tots, S.A.F.E.R., Drilling for Hope, and Hippies for Hope.

Many thanks to our Sunday School children, their leaders and helpers, parents and grandparents for a very special Sunday School year!

*Faithfully yours,
Pastor Joyce deHelder*

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

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



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
Marge Martinovich	Dwight Colvin
Alyson Fitzgerald	Ashleigh Clute
Bill Cluff	Bea Pechette
Thomas Altrogge	David Garrard
Rod Borgman	Carl Douglass
Michael Hughes III	Trevor Lewie
Richard Zelazny	Marion Ludden
Dan Martinovich	Eloise Bosch
Sylvia Thompson	Jean Wells
Evie Senecal	Kerst Brunner
Alicia Lewie	Charlotte Gorham
Parker Hayes	Dee Periard
Darlene Olmert	Clyde Wells
Pauline Bradley	Edward Hougen
Dick Jacobson	Sue Hughes
Carol Lehman	Audrey Booth
Sandy DeGregory	Shirley Hoodack
Kevin Rudolf	Pat Richards
Charles Thayer	Suzanne Guerineau
Naomi Thayer	Steve Allen
Pat Hayes-Howd	

JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

1: Darryl and Cheryl (Sherman) Baust,
1996
2: Randy and Cindy Kerr
9: Jean Stark and Walter Kroner, 2001
9: Mary and Charlie Sherman 2002
13: Patrick and Terri Richards
24: Don and Jennifer (MacMillan)
Squires, 1995
25: Tom and Sue Wilbur
27: Rixt (Bierma) and David Clifford

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

HOSPITALIZED IN MAY

Alyson Fitzgerald – Saratoga Hospital

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.)

Marge Martinovich, The Stanton, 152 Sherman Ave., Glens Falls, NY 12801

Chauncey Mabb, Crescent Manor, 312 Crescent Blvd., Bennington, VT 05201, 1-802-379-3148

Bea Pechette: 131 Lawrence Street, Victoria 323, Saratoga Springs, NY 12866

Pauline Bradley: Wesley Health Care, 131 Lawrence Street, Springs 306, Saratoga Springs, NY 12866

PEOPLE YOU KNOW

On Sunday, May 11, we were happy to "welkomen" **Aafje and Roel Kuiper** from the Netherlands (province Gel'duland) who were visiting Aafje's sister, **Anna Bierma**, from May 10-24.

We received a note from **Rick and Priscilla Mellen** with news of all the visits they get from friends and former co-workers with the Wycliffe Bible Translators. They sent warm greetings to the members and friends of Old Saratoga. (Rick is the brother of **Patti Booth** and **Jim Mellen**.)

Ryan Markwith, son of **Carolyn Markwith**, will participate in the Ride For Roswell on June 28 to benefit the Roswell Park Cancer Institute in Buffalo. He says "*I am riding to honor my mother-in-law, Denise Fugle, who has been courageously battling leukemia for the past several years. I am participating in the 104 mile country ride and I will need all of your encouragement as I push toward the finish line. Thank you in advance for any and all help you can provide.*"

If you would like to help Ryan, his address is 5250 Post Road, Apt. 3, Bronx, NY 10471

(Ryan and his wife, **Amanda**, live and work in New York City.)

THANKS EXTENDED

..to the **Women's Guild** who provided 5 dozen carnations for women of the church on Mother's Day (5/11.) During the last hymn of the service, the Sunday School boys and girls came up and presented flowers to their mothers and/or grandmothers, and then to all the women in the church.

(Special thanks to Robin Woomer who purchased the flowers for the Guild.)

SYMPATHY

The church extends its prayers and sympathy in Christ to the family of **Dirck deVelder** (70) who died May 17, 2014 in Paris, France. (The following was written by his brother **David**...)

*"Dirck had fought cancer for the past nine months. He was born Sept. 9, 1943 in China where his parents, Rev. Walter and Harriet deVleder, were missionaries for the Reformed Church in America. Dirck and his French wife, **Marielle**, (whom he met at Hope College) were also short-term missionaries for the RCA in Hong Kong where Dirck taught English. They also lived in Michigan, Switzerland and France. In Paris, Dirck taught English to IBM employees for a number of years before retiring. Dirck and Marielle have three children: **Marc (Sophie), Sabrina, and Alan (Angelique)** and eight grandchildren, all of whom live in France. Dirck's funeral service was held at the Protestant Church in Paris on May 27. We (Dirck's siblings, **David, John and Margaret**) are planning a memorial service this August near Northampton, MA, where most of Dirck's American relatives live, as we were unable to attend the funeral in France."*

We thank you all for your hugs, prayers, e-mails, phone calls and loving care for us during our time of sorrow. Blessings and Love from David, Joyce and Mikael.

WORDS FROM MAYA ANGELOU

"Life is not measured by the number of breaths you take, but by the moments that take your breath away."

*Dr. Maya Angelou
(died on 5/28/14 at the age of 86)*

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBER

Richard (Dick) Jacobson was born on January 16, 1932 in Watertown, Mass. His mother died in childbirth, so he (and his sister Barbara) were raised by their father and grandmother.

He was baptized at a young age in the First Baptist Church of Watertown. The family moved first to Nyack, NY and then to Middletown, NY, where Dick became a member of the St. Paul's Methodist Church and was active in the Youth Fellowship.

He met **Margaret** at Albany State and they married sixty years ago in 1954. For two years they lived in Fort Devins, MA, where Dick was serving with the Army Security Agency (ASA) during the Korean Conflict.

In 1956 they moved back to New York, to Wappinger's Falls, where Dick taught High School English for two years, served as head of the guidance department, and then, in 1977, served as acting assistant superintendent of pupil/personnel services. Their next move was to Schuylerville, where Dick served as superintendent of Schuylerville Central Schools for four and a half years. After retiring from Schuylerville, he served as a half-time guidance counselor at St. Mary's Church School in Glens Falls; and following that, served as head of the Warren/Washington County Head Start program, both of which he enjoyed.

Dick officially retired in 1987. He and his wife Margaret live on Hayes Road with their dog, Simba. They have two children, **a son, Glenn Jacobson, and a daughter, Gayle Emmet**, who are both married and live in the area. They have a grandson who is an assistant professor at Fordham University.

Dick enjoyed tennis and skiing, and has been singing in church choirs throughout his life. He currently sings tenor in our church choir. He also has a fascinating collection of old clocks, an interest he attributes to his grandfather.

Dick recently expressed his desire to become a member of Old Saratoga. We welcomed him on Profession of Faith on Sunday, May 18.

COLLEGE GRADUATES

From **Mikayla Wells**, daughter of **Mark and Laurie Wells** who graduated from The College of St. Rose in Albany:

"My degree is in Childhood/Special Education. I plan to attend the College of St. Rose again in the fall to begin my graduate study in Literacy for Children through grade 6. I have applied for several positions in and out of state. My dream is to teach students with special needs, because that is where my passion lies. This dream stemmed from my special education student teaching placement at Arongen Elementary School (Shenendehowa) in Clifton Park, NY. I worked closely with seven students in a 3rd and 4th grade self-contained classroom. These students were diagnosed with behavioral and emotional disorders. However, I built an amazing bond with them and learned a lot, which I plan on carrying with me through my teaching career. I've learned to never make assumptions about what a child may or may not be able to do, based on a diagnosis, because they always achieve more than what is deemed possible. I can't wait to work with children and make a difference in their lives, just as much as they have in mine!"

Two grandsons of **Gerry Barber** have also graduated from college:

Colton Barber from Castleton State in Vermont with a degree in Criminal Justice, and **Tyler Barber** from SUNY Potsdam with a degree in Computer Science

(We will publish the names of high school graduates in our next issue of JW. Please give us any information about grads in your family.)

OUR 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

The Ecumenical Bible Study meets every Wednesday **from 10-11am**. They are reading the **Book of Genesis**. New members of any denomination are welcome to join the group, which meets in Loomis Hall.

CHURCH FAMILY PICNIC

Sun. June 8 at noon

All are invited to attend the Church Family Picnic on Sunday, June 8 following worship. The picnic will be at the home of **Duffy and Bill Whitehouse**.

Please bring a dish to share and your own drinks. A grill will be available for those who wish to cook their own meat. Come and plan to visit with friends, have a meal together, enjoy the view of the Hudson Valley, or play volleyball or horseshoes. A sign up sheet will be available soon. Mark your calendar!

VOLUNTEER GARDENER NEEDED!

Once again, the request is going out for someone in the congregation who likes to garden and might have a hour of so time to donate each week to clean out and maintain the three church flower beds. If you have an interest in doing this, please call the office **(695-3479)** Thanks!

SUNDAY CHILD CARE VOLUNTEERS

We are hoping that a few of our church members will volunteer to take a turn caring for the children who attend worship, once Sunday School has ended. We have recently purchased a DVD series of Bible stories (*Veggie Tales*) geared to young people, which will be shown to them at the time they go downstairs after All God's Children. It will be all set up to start. Please let Pastor Joyce know if you are willing to help in this way. A sign up sheet is posted.

WOMEN'S GUILD

The next Guild meeting will be held on **Monday, June 16 at noon**. This is the time for their "Summer Picnic" held in Loomis Hall, and their last meeting before fall.

CROP WALK

Sunday, May 4 2 pm

A total of 116 walkers braved a cool, blustery day to participate in the Greenwich CROP Walk. Those who walked from OSRC were:

Joyce deVelder

David deVelder

Mikael deVelder

Hank Harrington

Katrina Harrington

Makenzie Harrington

Robin Woomer

Patrick Woomer

Anne Mitchell

Dick Behrens

Anna Bierma

*Also enjoying the walk was the Harrington's dog,
Mystic!*

The Greenwich walk raised **\$8,460**, which did not include on-line donations. 25% of this total will be donated back to the Greenwich and Schuylerville food pantries. Thanks to Deacon **Bruce Guerineau** who was our coordinator, and to all those who walked or donated.

MISSION OF THE MONTH

Ministries That Address Unreached Peoples

Your gift to this month's mission offering will help support programs that bring the gospel to people who have never heard it before. Before the Bible can be given to those people, many steps must be taken which enable the translation of the language spoken by the people. Then the Bible can be presented, in book form, or in audio form for those many people who do not read. 7,162 people groups (close to 3 billion people) are considered unreached.

GUEST WORSHIP LEADERS

On Sunday, June 22, our guest worship leader will be **Chris Garney**, while **Pastor Joyce** and family are away in Massachusetts for a family wedding that weekend.

We will also have guest worship leaders on the following Sundays during the summer:

July 6 - Dick Behrens
August 3 - Pat Woomer
August 31 - Anne Behrens Mitchell

Thank you to these members of our congregation who have agreed to lead worship for us while the pastor is away.

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY

Sunday, June 1 10:30 am

Our children will present a program highlighting some of the lessons they have learned and projects they have done on Sunday, June 1. In keeping with the tradition of OSRC, bibles will be presented to **Trevor Lewie** and **Makenzie Harrington**, both of whom will be 10 years old this summer.

"A HIGH NOTE FOR HAPPINESS"

"British researchers recently surveyed 375 people who sang in a choir, sang alone, or played on a sports team. All the activities contributed to greater emotional well-being, but the people in choirs reported feeling happier than those who belted out tunes solo. Chorus members also rated their choirs as more meaningful social groups than athletes did their sports teams. The physical synchronicity – acting in time with others – of choral singing could promote feelings of unity." *Reader's Digest, May, 2014*

Our Chancel Choir will conclude their season on Sunday, June 15. Why not take a moment after the service to thank them all for their faithful participation at rehearsals and in Sunday morning worship, and make them even "happier?"

SUMMER SIGN UPS

During the summer we ask the members and friends of Old Saratoga to consider signing up to provide **Summer Music** and/or **Lemonade on the Lawn**.

The music can be singing a solo, joining with a group of friends to sing something, or playing an instrument.

Lemonade on the Lawn involves bringing some cookies or other snack items, and some lemonade. You may also join together with a friend to do this. This is one of the times we all look forward to – joining together for fellowship and food on the lawn after worship!

Sign up sheets are posted in the foyer for both of these.

CLASSIS OF SCHECTADY NEWS

At its recent meeting on May 27, the Classis of Schenectady welcomed **Rev. Janet Vincent** (pastor of Bacon Hill Reformed Church and Chaplain of Hospice of Saratoga County) as its new president for 2014-15.

The Classis recognized **Rev. Charles Bailey** for his 42 ½ years of ministry at Fort Miller Reformed Church, and announced **Peter Bailey** had begun serving as the church's pastor under a one year Classis-approved pulpit supply contract until such time as he is ordained.

Also, Elder **Dick Behrens** from Old Saratoga and **Nancy Purinton** from Bacon Hill have been appointed by the Classis Church Oversight Committee to supervise the Fort Miller Church.

NEW PASTOR AT FORT MILLER

On May 1, **Mr. Peter Bailey** began serving as pastor at the Fort Miller Reformed Church. Peter is serving under a classis-approved one year pulpit supply contract. Peter is a recent graduate of Bethel Seminary, St. Paul, Minnesota, and received his undergraduate degree at Wheaton College. He was the founder and director of Upstate Jail Ministries (2004-2012) and continues as a board member. From 1997-2003 he served as youth minister at the Argyle Presbyterian Church, where he was involved in teaching and leading small group and Bible studies. Peter and his wife, **Jen**, have three daughters.

Please remember Peter and the Fort Miller congregation in your prayers as they begin a new relationship in serving Christ together!

WOODLAWN REFORMED CHURCH TO CLOSE

On Sunday, June 22 at 4 pm, the members of Woodlawn Reformed Church, Pastor Derek De Jager and the Classis of Schenectady will meet for a closing worship service, led by the classis Committee of Management, which has been working with this once-thriving congregation. Unfortunately, due in part to changing times and circumstances, the congregation found that it could no longer sustain its ministries.

In our prayers, we remember the sadness of Woodlawn members and others in having to close their church. We also give thanks for the many years of ministry offered from the church's home on Central Avenue in Schenectady by members and pastors in the name of Christ.

JAMAICA MISSION NEWS

This year's Jamaica Mission Trip will take place July 9-16. Unfortunately, Old Saratoga will not be sending any volunteers this year, although we have several individuals who are hoping to go next year. The consistory authorized a gift of \$500 to the Pringle Home orphanage, to be given to Pringle Home by our partner church, First Presbyterian in Oneonta, NY. They will see that this gift is given to help defray the cost of maintenance and/or food supplies at Pringle Home.

Please remember the Pringle Home children and staff and our sisters and brothers in Christ from Oneonta during their week together in July.

(We thank everyone for your ongoing recyclable bottle and can donations, which we will definitely for need next year!)

COMMUNITY NEWS

SECOND HAND ROSE THRIFT SHOP

116 BROADWAY

Tues.- Sat. 11am-4pm

Next meeting: *Fri. June 13, 2014 9:30 am*
at Old Saratoga Reformed Church

Call Charlotte at 695-4640

S.A.F.E.R.

(Schuylerville Area Food and Emergency Relief)

Next board meeting is

Monday, June 16, 2014 6:30pm at the Town Hall

UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS

Chicken BBQ at
Bacon Hill Reformed Church

Saturday June 7, 4:15 and 5:30 pm
Takeouts 4-6 pm

\$10 adults,
\$5 for children 12 and under
or chicken only

Call Jennifer Thomas for reservations
695-6116

4th ANNUAL CAPITAL DISTRICT CAMP FOWLER GOLF CLASSIC

Monday, July 7, 2014
12 noon

The Edison Club
Rexford, NY

Contact jakennally@aol.com

or
399-9032

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Bacon Hill Reformed Church

Aug. 4-8, M-F, 9:30-11:30 am

Contact: Becky King - 695-3894

YOUTH GATHERING

Wed. June 4 6:30-8 pm

at Espressohuis

Food, music, talk by Father Tyler Slade,
Youth Minister at Christ the King
Spiritual Life Center

Open to all youth grades 6-12

SUNDAE ON THE FARM

Sunday, June 15

Held at the Bill Peck Family Farm

Bacon Hill

Food provided by the
Bacon Hill Reformed Church

RELAY FOR LIFE

Fri.- Sat. June 20-21

Greenwich High School

10 Gray Avenue, Greenwich

An opportunity to support
the American Cancer Society efforts
to eradicate cancer,
and to honor and remember loved ones
who are cancer survivors,
who are living with cancer,
or have died from cancer.

For more info go to www.relayforlife.org

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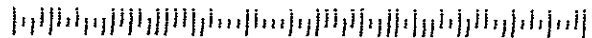
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Celebration of the Lord's Supper

Children's Sunday

Sunday, June 1 10:30 am

Pentecost

Sunday, June 8 10:30 am

(please wear red, orange or yellow!)

Church Family Picnic

Sunday, June 8 following worship

(details inside)

Guest Worship Leader

Sunday, June 16 10:30 am

Chris Garney