

Jacob's Well

October 2017

Oct. 1 FOURTH SUNDAY IN CREATION (River Sunday) *World Wide Communion*

Lectionary Readings: Genesis 8: 2-22; 9: 12-17; Psalm 1-4: 27-33;

Revelation 22: 1-5; Matthew 28: 1-10

Greeter: Amber Deyoe

Liturgist: Ajay Deyoe

Ushers: Hank Harrington/Katrina Harrington

Counters: Cindy Brockman/Bruce Guerineau

Communion Servers: Amber Deyoe/Bruce Guerineau/Cindy Brockman/Paulette Foote

Communion Cleanup: Terri Richards

Oct. 8 EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Lectionary Readings: Exodus 20: 1-4,m7-9, 12-20; Psalm 19; Philippians 4: 1-9;

Matthew 22: 1-14

Greeters: Kim and Karl Thayer

Liturgist: Holly Deyoe

Ushers: Makenzie Harrington/Dick Behrens

Counters: Paulette Foote/Anne Mitcvhell

Oct. 15 NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Lectionary Readings: Exodus 32: 1-14; Psalm 106: 1-6, 19-23;

1 Thessalonians 1" 1-1-; Matthew 22: 15-22

Greeter: Anna Bierma

Liturgist: David deVelder

Ushers: Paula Sheely/Bridgette Lewie

Counters: Amber Deyoe/Paulette Foote

Oct. 22 TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Lectionary Readings: Exodus 33: 12-23; Psalm 99; 1 Thessalonians 1: 1-10;

Matthew 22: 15-22

Greeter: Helen Lofgren

Liturgist: Dick Behrens

Ushers: Anne Mitchell/Bruce Guerineau

Counters: Cindy Brockman/Amber Deyoe

Oct. 29 TWENTY- FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST *Reformation Sunday*

(Commemoration of the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation)

Lectionary Readings: Deuteronomy 34: 1-12; Psalm 90: 1-6,13-17; 1 Thessalonians 2: 1-8;

Matthew 22: 34-46

Greeter: Barbara Vincent

Liturgist: Carolyn Markwith

Ushers: Holly Deyoe/Dick Behrens

Counters: Cindy Brockman/Amber Deyoe

From the Pastor..

Dear Members and Friends of Old Saratoga,

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

Autumn has come as of Sept. 22 and the signs of a changing season are all around. The leaves of the Burning Bushes at the church are turning red, and at the top of the maples, one can see the golden hues appearing.

Later this month, on Sunday, October 27, we will commemorate the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation, an event in our faith heritage reminding us of the ever-changing nature of life and the ever-present need for reform and renewal, not only in the church, but in all aspects of life.

As we think about the seasons of change and renewal, I want to give you all an update about the Albany Synod Fellowship Program and the anticipated arrival of our ministry fellow, **Jennifer Legg**, a 2011 Master of Divinity graduate of Western Theological Seminary. Jennifer will be moving to our area during the fourth week of October and plans to live in an apartment in Greenwich. She will officially begin her ministry here on November 1.

During the week of her visit to our area (Sept. 13-17), many of us were delighted to meet her and get to know her better. She had opportunity to visit all three churches (Old Saratoga, Bacon Hill and Fort Miller), meet with the pastors, share in church events, and get to know her way around the area.

On September 25, a team of representatives from each congregation, including the pastors, met to finish drawing up a two-year contract with Jennifer. (Elder **Paulette Foote** and Deacon **Anne Mitchell** are Old Saratoga's team members.) Jenn's responsibilities among the three churches will focus on worship leadership, outreach ministry, and pastoral care. The team and Jennifer will meet on a monthly basis to do planning and give direction, feedback and evaluation.

Jennifer will be considered a full time employee of the Synod of Albany. The Synod will pay the bulk of her salary and benefits, with help from the Classis of Schenectady and financial contributions from the three churches.

Jenn had a very favorable impression of the churches and the people here and is excited about coming to work among us. We too are looking forward to her presence and ministry of sharing the Love of God.

We are grateful to the Synod for inviting us to be part of this new program to benefit both new pastors and existing congregations. It opens up for all of us an opportunity for cooperative ministry among the three local Reformed churches, and explore creative, adaptive forms of ministry as the times and seasons of the church change.

Thank you all for your support and prayers for Jennifer and for the churches in the weeks and months ahead!

Faithfully yours,

Pastor Joyce deVelder

Church Family

BIRTHDAYS

1: Nicholas Booth
2: Eric Garney
2: Kura Dickinson
3: Aubrey Nickole Richards
3: Donald M. Squires Sr.
3: Clyde Wells
4: Donald M. Squires Jr.
4: Bill Olmert
4: Halie Tomlinson
6: Wayne Barton
7: Kim Thayer
9: Mikael de Velder
10: Justin Burch
12: Dawn Alexanian
12: Randy Kerr
12: Rebecca Lynn MacMillan
12: Barrett Tueller Fedderly
13: Tamee Haney Lockwood
13: Bill Whitehouse
16: Tyler Erbe
16: Bridget Regan Behrens
19: Cheryl Durkee
21: Nathaniel de Velder
21: Hank Harrington
25: Alma Westcott
25: Holly Farrell Deyoe
26: Edward (Buddy) Fero
27: John Hayes
27: Bruce Guerineau
28: Sue Wilbur
29: Jean Stark

ANNIVERSARIES

6: Pat and Harvey Howd
9: Jennifer (Barton) and Todd Bruneau,
13: Sara and Jeremy Radigan,
16: James and Donna Mellen
16: Julia (Behrens) and Thomas Pooler
20: Katrina and Hank Harrington
22: Florence and Roger Sherman
25: Dawn and Stephen Alexanian
26: Jikke (Bierma) and Sean Loughlin
27: Ryan and Amanda Markwith

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	Bill Cluff
Thomas Altrogge	Venita Duffany
David Garrand	Ryan Markwith
Rod Borgman	Margaret Hougen
John Bodnar	Trevor Lewie
Richard Zelazny	Naomi Thayer
Cheryl Jones	Cheryl Durkee
Evie Senecal	Alicia Lewie
Charlotte Gorham	Rosie Driscoll
Justin Flanders	Clyde Wells
Susie Murphy	Tom Barber
Jim Miers	Michael Hughes III
Sandy DeGregory	Charles Thayer
Mona Perkins	Barbara Vincent
Suzanne Guerineau	Joan James
Trisha Atkinson	Danny MacMillan
Michael Gordon	Jodi Neckles
Peggy MacMillan	Ken Howe
Donald Morrill	Florence Sherman
Katrina Harrington	Joy Yahwak

HOSPITALIZED IN SEPTEMBER

Joy Yahwak – Saratoga Hospital

John Bodnar – Albany Medical Center

SYMPATHY

The church extends sympathy in Christ to the family and friends of **Constance L. (Macica) Jacobson** (51) who died on Sept. 10, 2017 at Albany Medical Center after a courageous battle with breast cancer.

Connie and her husband, **Glenn Jacobson**, son of **Margaret and the late Dick Jacobson**, were married for 28 years. Connie graduated from Schuylerville High School and worked as a teaching assistant to special education children at the Burnt Hill-Ballston Lake School. A Mass of Christian Burial was held at Notre Dame Visitation Church on Sat. Sept. 16.

PEOPLE YOU KNOW

Bridgette Lewie recently had her twelfth birthday party, which was held at the church. In lieu of gifts, Bridgette asked her friends to donate money for her classmate and friend, **Danny MacMillan**, who is currently being treated for Ewings Sarcoma (cancer.) Bridgette was able to give **\$350** to Danny's family to help them with expenses associated with his treatment. Way to go, Bridgette!

THANKS EXTENDED



..**Pat and Harvey Howd** who donated a case of printer paper
..to **Anna Bierma** who volunteered to host Jennifer Legg at her home for the four days Jenn visited our area (Sept. 13-17)
..to the group of **OSRC women** who took Jennifer out to lunch at Schuylerville's Revolution Café on Sept. 15
..to **all** who donated items to **The Giving Circle**, a local not-for-profit helping agency, which organized two truckloads of donations that left for Texas and Florida on 9/22. Special thanks to **Chris Garney** who provided information for us on how to help – and worked at the donation site; also to **Bruce Guerineau** who took our donations to the collection site in Saratoga
..to **Roger and Florence Sherman** for counting up the money which was donated in the small Mission of the Quarter boxes for Caring and Sharing
..to **the Women's Guild** for their donation of **\$200** toward expenses for the Harvest Supper (Nov. 4)

Addendum to Church Life

REFORMATION SUNDAY Oct. 29

Commemorating the 500th Anniversary

On Sunday, Oct. 29, we will commemorate the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation. The Reformation began in 1517 in Europe as a reform movement within the one Roman Catholic church, but quickly led to division. *(On Sunday, Oct. 8, 15, 22, 29, **Dick Behrens** will lead a "Reformation Moment" during All God's children to help us learn more about the Reformation!)*

We will commemorate this anniversary, but will not "celebrate" it. Though the Reformation gave birth to Protestant denominations such as our own Reformed Church, we hear the call of Christ to all his followers, Catholic and Protestant, to be ONE. Until that day comes, the church must keep reforming until we can come together, celebrate communion at the same table, and be the one Body of Christ.

We give thanks for the progress that's been made over the past 50 years especially here in our small community. We are grateful that Protestants and Catholics worship together as we do during the Lenten Season; and meet together every week for Bible reading and study; that we, Protestants and Catholics, work hand in hand to help address community needs.

It is our hope and prayer that these small, but significant efforts will help bring reform and unity to the church, and that someday we will celebrate the conclusion of the Reformation, when we truly are one community of faith in Christ Jesus.

"There is one body and one Spirit- just as you were called to one hope when you were called—one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all."

(Ephesians 4: 4-6)

Church Life

ECUMENICAL BIBLE STUDY

Bible Study meets on **Wednesdays at 10am** in Loomis Hall. The group will be continuing their study of Isaiah. New members of any denomination are welcome to join.

WOMEN'S GUILD

The Guild will meet on **Monday, Oct. 16 at noon**. Hostess for the month will be **Sandy Jones**. Bring a sandwich; dessert and a beverage will be provided. **Members are reminded that the Nov. meeting will be Tuesday, Nov. 14!!!!**

CHANCEL CHOIR

The choir meets to rehearse on **Thursdays at 7pm**. New voices are always welcome.

OSRC HAS NEW E-MAIL ADDRESS!!!

Our previous provider of e-mail no longer supports this service, and despite attempts with another provider, we were unable to use some features. So the church now has a new e-mail provider and address. Please take a minute to note it and put it in your contact list! Thanks! You can always call the office if you need to reach the pastor at

518-695-3479

E-mail



oldsaratogareformed@gmail.com

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY LUNCH GATHERING ON OCT. 1

Following their morning worship services, members and friends of the Bacon Hill, Fort Miller and Old Saratoga congregations will gather at **12 noon** at Old Saratoga on World Communion Sunday (Oct. 1) for a **covered dish luncheon!**



The purpose of this gathering is to learn more about the **Albany Synod Fellowship Program**, and the progress which the three churches have made to date- and to answer questions people may have about the program which will start Nov. 1. Our special guest at the meeting will be the **Rev. Abby Norton-Levering**, Ministries Coordinator for the Synod of Albany. Abby will be arriving around 12:30pm.

****If you only wish to attend the meeting portion, please come at 12:30pm.****

Please bring something to share and come to have fellowship with our friends from Bacon Hill and Fort Miller – while learning more about this exciting venture we are all soon to begin! All are welcome!

PROPERTY COMMITTEE REPORT

The Property Committee met on 9/18 and updated the progress of the items on which they have been working:

1. Recommended to the consistory that the bid of Hayes Contracting Company for exterior painting of the church building be accepted, with work to be done in Spring 2018.
2. **Doug Sheely** will do some exterior painting at the parsonage and began on Sept. 25.
3. Property members are happy to note that **Oscar Everts**, who has extensive construction experience, has agreed to serve on the committee.
4. The next meeting is scheduled for **Mon. Oct. 16 at the church at 7pm.**

MISSION OF THE QUARTER



The Heifer Project works to help lift families out of poverty through the donation of farm animals, and training recipients in their use and care. The aim of the training is to achieve sustainability. The donation of farm animals also focuses on food security and nutrition. The Heifer Project can be found in the US and internationally. For more info visit www.heifer.org

Boxes for donations are available for filling and will be returned to the church December 17.

HYMNS OF OUR FAITH

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

"All Glory Be to God on High"

"All glory be to God on High and thanks to him forever!"

Whatever Satan's hosts may try, God foils their dark endeavor.

***He bends his ear to every call and offers peace, goodwill to all,
And calms the troubled spirit."***

"All Glory Be to God on High" can be called a Reformation hymn as it was written in 1522, 5 years after Martin Luther posted his 95 Theses. It praises an attribute of each person of the Trinity: God the Father's perfect will and might, Jesus Christ's work in redemption, and the spirit's life-giving breath.

The writer was Nicolaus Decius, (1456-1541) a monk and disciple of Martin Luther, who studied at Wittenburg and received a Master's, becoming an assistant pastor at St. Nicholas, on Martin Luther's recommendation. He served the church as teacher, pastor and musician, encouraging the congregational singing of hymns.

This hymn predates Luther's "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" by a year, with interesting similarities: both hymns reference Satan; both speak of dangers God's people face; both speak of God as our defender. These similarities reflect the dangerous times in which the Reformation originated.

This writer is a firm believer in the need for congregational singing that affirms the written and spoken word, and the individuals who fill the pews as equal participants in worship. We owe a debt of gratitude to men such as Decius and Luther, who regarded worshipers so highly.

Dick Behrens

YARD SALE UPDATE

Another yard sale is in the books for 2017! It was a beautiful day (although hot and humid) and people were out and about buying "treasures" and enjoying hot dogs and hamburgers.

Thank you to all who took time to donate items, bake, sort and price, buy, and give their time to work at the sale. Special thanks go to **Amber Deyoe** and **Terri Richards**, our co-chairs, who gave up countless hours to make the sale a fun-filled day, and a successful financial event also. The profit to date from the sale was **\$2962.65**.

PECANS

It may seem a little early to be thinking about holiday baking, but OSRC has again ordered pecans from Georgia to purchase for baking and snacking. Pre-ordering is suggested. We order two cases of pecan halves, and two cases of chocolate covered pecans, so it's best to get your request in soon! A list will be available for you to indicate what you'd like to order.

WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA

Wreaths Across America is an organization that helps raise money to provide a wreath for each veteran's gravestone. Currently there have been 1,003 (10%) wreaths donated; the goal at the Gerald B.H. Solomon National Cemetery is 10,000 wreaths. Visit WreathsAcrossAmerica.org for more information, to donate, or to register as a volunteer. On Saturday, Dec. 16, 2017 at 12 noon, a ceremony will be held and wreaths will be placed.

Location coordinator is Anita Martin
(518) 225-0442

3rd QUARTER FINANCIAL UPDATE

We are completing the third quarter of 2017 with all of our bills paid. We appreciate the response to our summer letter of appeal which brought in \$2515, and we were pleased that all of the hard work from the annual Yard Sale earned us \$2962.65. In addition to this extra income, the Consistory authorized the withdrawal of \$8000 from our investment profits in June. This action was anticipated as we run a deficit budget and use investment income to meet it. As always, thank you to all who support us with their prayers and their gifts of money, time, and talents.

Respectfully Submitted ,
Christine Garney, Treasurer

NEW MEMBERS ORIENTATION

The Elders meet on Oct. 2 to plan a New Members Orientation this fall. Several individuals have expressed an interest in being members of Old Saratoga. People can become members by Baptism, Profession of Faith, or by Transfer of Letter from a church where one is already a member.

At OSRC, orientation is usually on a Sunday after worship with lunch and conversation about the church and what's involved in membership. The pastor and elders look forward to getting to know people who are interested in uniting with the congregation.

The date will be announced soon. If you are interested, please let **Pastor Joyce**, or Elders **Paulette Foote** and **Amberlyn Deyoe** know, if you haven't already!

THE DOG WHO COMES TO CHURCH



For the past several months, **Sasha**, a Weimeraner puppy, has been coming to church with her owner, **Terri Richards**. Sasha is a certified service dog and is being socialized and trained by Terri.

Service dogs, as you may know, are protected under the Americans With Disabilities Act of 1990. This means that they cannot be prohibited from entering public places, including restaurants and churches. Only, if they are out of control, can they be asked to leave.

We thank you for your understanding – especially when you hear the distraction of an occasional puppy bark. Terri is working hard to train Sasha to be quiet and well-behaved wherever she goes. If you have any questions, please contact me or a member of consistory. More information about service dogs can be found on-line.

Pastor Joyce deVelder

HARVEST SUPPER NEEDS CO-CHAIRS!

Sat. Nov. 4



The Harvest Supper is scheduled for **Sat. Nov. 4**. This is one of our major fundraisers. **We need co-chairs!!!** It's only a few weeks away! If you can help, please let Pastor Joyce know. Thank you!

ReSTORE GRAND OPENING (HABITAT FOR HUMANITY)

Mon. Oct. 2 at 3pm

1373 State Rt. 9 South Glens Falls

What is the ReStore?

A "thrift" store, selling new and used home furnishings, decorative accessories, lighting, building materials

Why a ReStore?

Habitat for Humanity has many stores which support their home building projects for lower income people. The store is the first of its kind in northern Saratoga, Warren and Washington counties.

Donations Welcome/Pick up available

Household items (named above) are suitable donations. (The store does **not** accept clothing.) Call **518-793-7484** to inquire about scheduling a pickup. All donations are tax deductible.

Store Hours

Thurs-Sat . 10am-7pm

(Donations may also be brought to the store)

Volunteers needed!

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS



Sunday School for children in grades K-5 will be held **November 12th – December 10th** when the children will present a special Christmas message during the worship service. We look forward to seeing the children from last year and welcome new children to join us

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: Oct. 6 at 9:30 at OSRC

SAFER

(Schuylerville Area Food Relief)

12 Spring Street

Open 9-12 noon M,F 260-4779

CANDLELIGHT TOUR OF THE SCHUYLER HOUSE

Sat. Oct. 14 from 6-9 pm

Step back in time to 1777 at the Candlelight Tour of the summer home of Philip Schuyler! The tours will be given throughout the evening. There will be light refreshments served, period music, and a campfire following.



Sponsored by the Saratoga National Park

“Turning Leaves at the Turning Point”

2nd Annual Schuylerville Fall Festival

Sunday, Oct. 8 12-5pm

Come to Downtown Schuylerville for food, a tree planting, scavenger hunt, street musicians and more!

Restaurants and stores will be open!

(Hosted by the Schuylerville Small Business Association)

OLD SARATOGA SENIORS

The Seniors are welcoming new members 55 and older. Dues are \$7 a year, Sept. –June. Meetings are held in the Town Hall on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays at noon. Come have fun mingling with others, listening to entertainment or doing a day trip!

ORGAN CONCERT

Sun. Oct. 22 at 3pm

Organist – John Weisner

Playing a wide variety of hymns and show stoppers on the beautiful

Allen organ

A Dedication Ceremony will also take place

The concert is free, though a good will offering will be taken to benefit the organ fund.

There will be a raffle of a quilt, and a handmade jewelry box

SAVE THE DATE!

**SAFER FUNDRAISER - Nov. 3
at the Glens Fall National Bank**

Dave Penzer, bank manager, has asked all the bakers of OSRC to remember that donations of baked items are appreciated!

(More information next month)



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Cindy Brockman, Bruce Guerineau, Anne Mitchell

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Sunday Worship: 10:00 am

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

World Communion Sunday

Sunday Oct. 1 10am

Reformation Sunday Commemoration

Sunday, Oct. 29 10am

SAVE THE DATE!!

Café Musica

Sun. Nov 12 at Old Saratoga