

# JACOB'S WELL

OLD SARATOGA REFORMED CHURCH

June 2015

- June 7 SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**      *Celebration of the Lord's Supper*  
**Lectionary Readings:** 1 Samuel 8: 4-11, 16-20; Psalm 138; 2 Corinthians 4: 13-5: 1; Mark 3: 20-35  
**Greeter:** Cindy Brockman  
**Liturgist:** Amber Deyoe  
**Ushers:** Trevor Lewie/Bill Olmert  
**Counters:** Paulette Foote/Cindy Brockman  
**Communion Servers:** Paula Sheely, Hank Harrington, Cindy Brockman, Bruce Guerineau  
**Communion Cleanup:** Carolyn Markwith
- June 14 THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**  
**Lectionary Readings:** 1 Samuel 15: 34-16: 13; Psalm 20; 2 Corinthians 5: 6-10, 14-17; Mark 4: 26-34  
**Greeter:** Terri Richards  
**Liturgist:** Paulette Foote  
**Ushers:** Holly Deyoe/Paula Sheely  
**Counters:** Paulette Foote/Paula Sheely
- June 21 FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**      *Father's Day*  
**Lectionary Readings:** 1 Samuel 17: 32-49; Psalm 9: 9-20; 2 Corinthians 6: 1-13; Mark 4: 35-41  
**Greeter:** Robin Woome  
**Liturgist:** Hank Harrington  
**Ushers:** Terri Richards/Katrina Harrington  
**Counters:** Pat Woome/Bruce Guerineau
- June 28 FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**      *Fellowship Hour hosted by Duffy Whitehouse*  
**Lectionary Readings:** 2 Samuel 1: 1, 17-27; Psalm 130; 2 Corinthians 8: 7-15; Mark 5: 21-43  
**Greeter:** Anna Bierma  
**Liturgist:** Ajay Deyoe  
**Ushers:** Ajay Deyoe/Dick Behrens  
**Counters:** Paula Sheely/Hank Harrington

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

**New Worship time is**

**10 am**

## ***From the Pastor***

*Enlarge the place of your tent,  
stretch your tent curtains wide, do not hold back;  
lengthen your cords, strengthen your stakes.  
For you will spread out to the right and to the left...*

Isaiah 54:2

Dear Members and Friends of Old Saratoga,

Greetings to you in the grace and peace of Christ's Spirit!

At the May consistory meeting, we read an invitation sent to the church from our townspeople, to participate in the annual Turning Point parade set this summer for Sunday, August 2. Though the consistory respectfully declined the invitation, it brought back memories of many years past when we did have a float with the unique replica of Old Saratoga Reformed Church built by one of our departed members, Howard Hayes. (This little church is presently stored by Ruth Hayes in her barn—along with the old red Reo pick-up which belonged to her husband Walter Hayes, Sr, and was used in later years to pull the float.)

I will always remember the time when Ruth's great grand-daughter, Rebecca Sheely, was a young girl and getting ready to ride on the float with her mother, Paula. Before the float started down the parade route, Becca noticed that the doors of the little church were closed. She made it a point to make sure those doors were OPEN as the parade began. Becca, then a baptized, and now confessing member of the church, who just finished her second year of college at SUNY Institute of Technology, reminded us of a very important mission of the church: To keep its doors **open**. Open to all people at all times.

I was reading the recent Skidmore College Magazine "Scope", when the title of an article written by college President, Philip A. Glotzbach, caught my eye: "**Where the world can enter.**" He was describing the vision put forth by the college in 1961 when the architects were designing "what we still refer to as Skidmore's new campus." The board chair at that time, Josephine Young Chase, encouraged the board to make the new campus, in Dr. Glotzbach's words, "**a place that would be open to the world.** *The campus she envisioned was not a refuge, but a place that would open horizons and encourage students to engage, in the broadest way, with the key concerns of the day.*"

This to me is a fitting description of what the church is meant to be—a community "where the world can enter". "A place...open to the world." Where all people are welcome to come and expand their horizons of faith through worship and teaching, and to engage with love, acceptance and compassion, as Christ did, the needs and concerns of the day.

May we and all the church, be, by the grace of God, a "place" where the world can enter—not to be judged, corrected, or set straight--but rather empowered by the Word and Spirit of God to love one another as God so loves us all.

Faithfully yours,

*Pastor Joyce deVelder*

# CHURCH FAMILY

## BIRTHDAYS

2: Vicki Perkins  
3: Dale Cox  
5: Chris Garney  
5: Bonnie Garrand  
5: Eric Richards  
9: Rich Zotzmann  
9: Lisa Westcott  
11: Donald MacMillan  
11: Gerry Barber  
12: Pam Driscoll  
12: Sydney Alexanian  
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

## ANNIVERSARIES

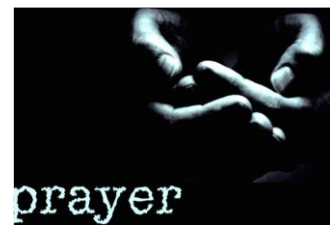
1: Darryl and Cheryl (Sherman) Baust, 1996  
2: Randy and Cindy Kerr  
9: Jean Stark and Walter Kroner, 2001  
9: Mary and Charlie Sherman, 2002  
24: Don and Jennifer (MacMillan) Squires,  
25: Tom and Sue Wilbur  
27: Rixt (Bierma) and David Clifford

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

## 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
Claire Houston	Dwight Colvin
Alyson Fitzgerald	Ashleigh Clute
Bill Cluff	Bea Pechette
Thomas Altrogge	David Garrand
Rod Borgman	Ashley Edgar
John Bodnar	Trevor Lewie
Richard Zelazny	Naomi Thayer
Eloise Bosch	Sandy Horsfield
Sylvia Thompson	Wayne Barton
Evie Senecal	Kerst Brunner
Alicia Lewie	Charlotte Gorham
Jim Miers	Emma Hougen
Darlene Olmert	Clyde Wells
Susie Murphy	Edward Hougen
Pat Hayes-Howd	Sue Hughes
Audrey Booth	Sandy DeGregory
Shirley Hoodack	Charles Thayer
Mona Perkins	Peggy MacMillan
Suzanne Guerineau	George Duval
Lucas Perkins	Clayton Aldous
Rev. Dr. Charles Bailey	Linda Barter



## 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

**Bea Pechette**: 131 Lawrence Street, **Springs 322**, Saratoga Springs, NY 12866- **Note room change.**

## SYMPATHY

The church extends prayers and sympathy in Christ to the family of **Marjorie (Hennings) Martinovich** (95) who died on May 1 at the Stanton Nursing Home in Queensbury, NY. Marge was formerly a member of Old Saratoga Reformed Church, but joined the St. Paul's Lutheran Church when she and her husband John moved to Saratoga Springs. When she lived in Schuylerville, she was actively involved at Old Saratoga as a Sunday School teacher, director of the Junior Choir (which at one point numbered 43 voices!) and as a counselor at Camp Fowler. In Sept. 2003, former members of the Junior Choir planned a memorable tribute for Marge to thank her for her years of service and her positive influence upon their lives. Marge's husband, **John Martinovich**, died shortly after this time. She is survived by her daughters, **Laurie Groff and family, Nancy Wertz (Harrison and family)**, and by her son **David Martinovich (Sandy and family.)** A memorial service was held at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Saratoga Springs on May 6, with burial following in the Maplewood Cemetery (Saratoga Springs.) The family suggested that memorial donations made in Marge's name be sent to St. Paul's Lutheran Church, or to Old Saratoga Reformed Church designated for "Camp Fowler Camperships.

## PEOPLE YOU KNOW

Congratulations to **Ronald Hayes, Jr.** who was recently voted *Saratoga County High School Teacher of the Year!* Ron has been teaching High School Math for the past 17 years at Schuylerville Central High School.

**Ruth Hayes** (soon to be 94) took a trip to Hackettstown, NJ on 5/30 to visit her older brother **Warren Rowland**. Ruth and her younger brother **Henry, and his wife, Dorothy**, were driven down by **Jim and Mary Rowland**, Ruth's nephew and his wife, who live in Fort Miller. (Jim is the son of Ruth's brother, **Jarvis**.) Ruth is one of 8 children, four of whom are still living. They are planning a family get-together in 8/1 at the homestead in Porter's Corners.

## THANKS EXTENDED

..to **Paulette Foote** and **Cindy Brockman** and all their helpers for organizing and serving dinner for the Classis of Schenectady on May 26.

..to **Amber Deyoe, Terri Richards, Joyce deVelder and Duffy Whitehouse** who cleaned out the old food pantry space. Big thanks goes to **David deVelder** who took all the accumulated garage sale "stuff" to **Anna Bierma's** barn until our Sept. and Dec. sales

..to **David Garrand** who changed his schedule to mow our lawns before the Classis meeting, and who mows the lawns for us all season long.

..to **Karl Thayer** and **Duffy Whitehouse** who readied and planted the flower garden on the front lawn.

..to **Amberlyn Deyoe** who served as Old Saratoga's substitute delegate to the classis meeting on May 26, while our appointed delegate, Elder **Pat Woormer**, was away.

..to our church historian, **Dick Behrens**, who represented OSRC at the Saratoga County heritage Hunters History Faire in Clifton park on May 16.

..to **Bill Whitehouse** who gave our church signboard a fresh coat of black paint.

..to **those who donated money (\$110)** to the CROP Walk on May 3 and to the four people who walked in Greenwich – **Anna Bierma, David, Mikael and Joyce deVelder**.



## HOSPITALIZED IN MAY

**Claire Houston** – Saratoga Hospital  
**Rev. Charles Bailey** – Albany Medical Center

# CHURCH LIFE

## OSRC MISSION STATEMENT

*In answer to God's call  
to share Christ's love,  
we welcome people  
of all abilities and life situations,  
and encourage everyone  
to fully participate in worship and service.*

## ECUMENICAL BIBLE STUDY Wednesdays at 10:00 am

The Ecumenical Bible Study meets in Loomis Hall each week. They are studying the book of Genesis. The last day to meet will be Wednesday, June 10, when they will gather at the home of **Jean Myers** for lunch together at 11:30 am. They will resume in the fall.

## WOMEN'S GUILD

The guild will meet on **Monday, June 15 at noon**. This meeting will be their annual picnic at which they host guests from the congregation. All women of the church are welcome to attend. This is the last meeting until September.

## MORMON TABERNACLE CHOIR Monday, June 29 7:30 pm

A large group of 32 people will be attending the Mormon Tabernacle Choir concert at Saratoga Performing Arts Center this month. Members and friends of Old Saratoga, as well as some community members, will enjoy the sounds of this magnificent choir, which only visits the area about once every ten years.

*If you are attending and need a ride, or can take a passenger or two, please call the office.*

## JAMAICA MISSION

The consistory voted at its May meeting to send a donation of **\$1500** to help with the various projects at the Pringle Home Orphanage.

## RCA GENERAL SYNOD MEETS IN CHICAGO June 11-16

The highest governing body of the Reformed Church in America, the General Synod, will meet June 11-16 at Trinity Christian College, Palos Heights, IL near Chicago. Elder and pastor delegates from all the classes, denominational staff, professors, and guests will gather to review the work of the church, address social issues, make changes to church policy and order, reaffirm our alliances and steps to unity with other denominations.

From our Classis of Schenectady, the following will represent us at the General Synod meeting: **Rev. Janet Vincent** and **Rev. Annie Reilly**, and **Elders Patrick Woomer** (from Old Saratoga) and **Carol (Kitt) Jackson**.

If you would like to follow the proceedings of General Synod, you can go to [www.rca.org](http://www.rca.org).

## NEWS FLASH!!!

**Bacon Hill Chicken Barbecue  
Sat. June 6th**

## HYMNS OF OUR FAITH

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

**"O Word of God Incarnate"**

**"O Word of God Incarnate, O Wisdom from on High**

**O truth unchanged, unchanging, O Light of our dark sky;**

**We praise you for the radiance that from the hallowed page,**

**A lantern to our footsteps, shines on from age to age."**

This hymn was written in 1867 by Bishop William How, Church of England, and employs the tune from a German chorale. The tune was also used by Felix Mendelssohn in his oratorio, *Elijah*.

Two images from the Psalms form the basis for the writing of this hymn. Psalm 119, verse 105 reads, "Your word is a lamp for my feet, a light to my path'" and Psalm 119:130 reads, "The unfolding of your word gives light."

The hymn is addressed to Jesus Christ, and is a prayerful expression of praise and thanksgiving for the gift of God's Word as found in the Holy Scriptures. The hymn speaks of "the church" whose beginnings we celebrate during the current season of Pentecost. We are also caused to think of the gift of God's Holy Spirit who assists us in interpreting the Word. The last stanza concludes the writer's prayer expressing a plea for the Savior to aid in making the Church the lamp that the nations need in order to see the light.

**"O make your Church, dear Savior, a lamp of burnishes gold,**

**To bear before the nations your true light, as of old;**

**O, teach your wandering pilgrims by this your path to trace,**

**Till, clouds and darkness ended, they see you face to face!"**

**Dick Behrens**

## OFFERING FOR NEPAL

In response to the devastating earthquake which hit Nepal, our congregation donated a total of **\$310** for relief efforts by World Vision.

## PROPERTY COMMITTEE



The Property Committee met on Wednesday, May 18 to continue considering improvements to the buildings of Old Saratoga. Since the last meeting, the committee has organized the cleaning out and sorting of the items in the old food pantry. **(Thank you to David deVelder who took the items to Anna Bierma's barn, and thanks to Anna for letting the church store them.)** Plans have been made to straighten up some other areas of the church which need some attention. Flowers have been planted around the spotlight on the front lawn.

Committee members are gathering information about two major improvements for the future. The Property Committee welcomes new members, as well as your input on projects.

**The next meeting will be on Thursday, June 25 at 7pm at the church.**

## SUMMER APPEAL LETTER

Our summer appeal letter has been approved by the consistory and was mailed on June 2. We rely on these donations especially during the summer months when people are away, and the expenses of the church go on. Thanks!

## THANKS TO CHOIR

A big thank you goes to our Chancel Choir for another year of faithful attendance at rehearsal and on Sunday mornings. Special thanks to our Minister of Music, **Christopher Tucker**, whose inspiring leadership teaches and entertains the group. Thanks to **Barbara Elcox** for her cheerful attendance and for accompanying. Thanks also to **Carol Burch**, the choir "super fan" who always took time after worship to compliment the group on the anthems she especially liked!

The choir will be singing for the last time this season on Sunday, June 7<sup>th</sup>. They will resume singing again on Sept 6<sup>th</sup>.

## GUEST WORSHIP LEADERS

**Chris Garney** has been busy arranging for summer worship coverage while **Pastor Joyce** and family are away. Once again, we are grateful to the following members of the congregation who have responded to her requests and agreed to lead worship on these Sundays:

July 5            **Dick Behrens**  
August 2        **Christopher Tucker**  
August 30      **Amber Deyoe and**  
                      **Paulette Foote**

Please be sure to come on these Sundays to support our worship leaders as they bring their messages to us!

## CHILDREN'S SUNDAY



On Sunday, May 31, our children wrapped up another educational and fun-packed year of Christian education. Drawing on the lessons they had learned this past year, they presented songs, Bible verses and activities to the congregation.

The students were colorfully dressed in tie-died shirts which they had made, and which call attention to their mission focus for the end of the year – *Hippies for Hope*.

A Bible was presented to **Bridgette Lewie**, who will celebrate her tenth birthday during this calendar year. Thanks was expressed to the Sunday School leaders: **Chris Garney**, **Donna Mellen** and **Sarah Brockman**, as well as to **Teresa Tomlinson**, who helped with the tie-dye project.

*(Kura Dickinson was to get a Bible also but was unable to be there. She will receive hers at a later date.)*

## SUNDAY MORNING ACTIVITIES FOR CHILDREN IN WORSHIP

Now that Sunday School has ended until September, we encourage families with children to attend worship on summer Sundays.

There will be **All God's Children** each week, and there will also be a variety of Bible activity books, coloring sheets, and stories for the children to read, with colorful pictures to look at, found on the table in the back of the sanctuary.

## SMALL WAYS TO HELP!

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

***Provide a bouquet of flowers from your garden for worship services***

***Purchase an extra can of coffee, a ream of copy paper, or a book of stamps***

**Thanks!**

## CHURCH FAMILY PICNIC



Following worship on **Sunday, June 7**, the church family picnic will be held at the home of **Duffy and Bill Whitehouse**. Please bring a dish to share. There will be a grill available for those who wish to cook their own meat. Come and plan to visit with friends, have a meal together, play horseshoes, or just sit and enjoy the view of the Hudson River Valley!

*(Please bring your own beverage, and a lawn chair, if possible.)*

## SUMMER SIGN UP SHEETS

Soon the signup sheets will be put up for ways you can help during the summer months. Since the choir will be on "vacation," we always hope that some of the members and friends of the congregation will offer to sing a song, or play an instrument, either alone or with some others.

We all look forward to our summer "**Lemonade on the Lawn**" each Sunday during the warm weather.



We will be needing volunteers to make some cookies, or supply cheese and crackers and/or fruit after worship to go along with the lemonade.

## LOOKING AHEAD



It's not too early to get out your calendar and note the dates of our next two fundraisers. Our Fall Garage Sale and our Chicken and Biscuit Dinner are both good reasons to look forward to Fall!

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

## GRADUATES



If you have immediate family members who will be graduating from high school or college, please let us know, for inclusion in our list of graduates in the July/August newsletter. **(695-3479)**  
Thanks!

## FATHER'S DAY

**Sun. June 21**

Fathers everywhere, we honor you and wish to say

**"God's blessings be with you on Father's Day."**

Happy  
*Father's*  
Day



# OUR COMMUNITY

**SECOND HAND ROSE  
THRIFT SHOP  
116 BROADWAY**



**Tues.- Sat. 11 am-4 pm**  
Donations gladly accepted during  
store hours  
Volunteers are always needed  
Call Charlotte at 695-4640

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

The pantry can use plastic bags.  
Donations of canned soup, fruit juice and  
canned fruit are always welcome. Items  
may be brought to the church and  
placed in the SAFER box, or taken to the  
pantry during their regular hours.

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## SENIOR TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM

Saratoga County Office for the Aging has  
contracted with Capitaland Taxi to help  
seniors in the Town of Saratoga get to doctor  
appointments, get groceries, and get to  
senior centers. Reservations must be made  
24 hours in advance and **by noon the  
day before at 884-4100. Appointment times  
must be between 10am and 2:30 pm.**  
There is a suggested contribution of \$1  
for each way.

*For a complete list of the regulations in regard to  
a ride, call the church office.*

**RACING CITY CHORUS**  
*Sat. June 6 7:30 pm*

Schuylerville High School  
Tickets: \$15 - Seniors and Youth \$12  
Call : 504-SING

## AREA CHURCH HAPPENINGS

**Lynnwood Reformed Church**  
**60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration**  
**June 7, 2015**

**West Glensville Reformed Church**

*"Sing Forth the Kingdom"*

*Featuring the Praise Band and  
the Vocal Ensemble*

**Sun. June 7 at 7 pm**

## FOR MEN OF THE COMMUNITY

**WHAT: P.T. "Pub Theology"**  
**WHEN: Mon. June 22**  
**TIME: 6:30 pm**  
**WHERE: Clark's Steak House**  
**LEADERS: Pastor All Johnson and  
Pastor Jason Proctor**  
**For more info:**  
**albert12190@yahoo.com**  
**jamesjason@aol.com**

## CONCERT AT OSRC

**Sun. June 7 2 pm**  
The Rural Soul Studio will hold a recital in the  
sanctuary under the direction of **Holly  
McCormack**. The public is welcome.

**“JACOB’S WELL”**

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Henry Harrington

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Sunday Worship: 10:00 am

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

***Sacrament of the Lord's Supper***

***Sunday, June 7 10:00 am***



***Church Family Picnic***



***Sunday, June 7***

***at the home of Duffy and Bill Whitehouse***

***Everyone welcome!***

***following worship***