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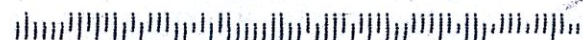
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OFFICE MANAGER: Duffy Whitehouse
Consistory Members: Paulette Foote, Paula Sheely,
Patrick Woomer, Cindy Brockman, Bruce Guerineau,
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Sunday School: (Sept.-June) 10:30am-11:30am

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Annual Congregational Meeting

Sunday, Nov. 16 following worship

Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service

Sunday, Nov. 23 3 pm

Schuylerville United Methodist Church

A Blessed Thanksgiving Day to All!

Thursday, November 27

St. Nicolaas Brunch

Sat. Nov. 29 10:30 am

Come help decorate the church
and enjoy brunch together

COMMUNITY NEWS

SECOND HAND ROSE

THRIFT SHOP

116 BROADWAY

Tues. - Sat. 11am-4pm

Next meeting: Fri. Nov. 14, 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, Nov. 17, 2014 6:30pm at the Town Hall

UPCOMING CHURCH SUPPER

(Dine in or take out)

Free Will Donation

Spaghetti Dinner at

Schuylerville United Methodist Church

Sat. Nov. 15 starting at 4:30 pm for
takeouts

and 5-7 pm for seating

This dinner is a fundraiser to support an
Eagle Project for Scout Tristan Turner who

will use the funds to renovate some
unused space at

Quaker Springs Methodist Church
for community outreach

KIDS DAY OUT

When: Sat. Dec. 13 - 9 am - 12 noon

Where: Schuylerville United Methodist
Church

Who: Children ages 3-12

What: FREE pancake breakfast at 9:00 -
pick children up at noon and have
FREE lunch

Children will enjoy a story, movie, crafts
and a snack while parents are gone.

ECUMENICAL EVENTS

Thanksgiving Service



When: Sunday, Nov. 23 at 3 pm

Where: Schuylerville United Methodist
Church

Offering: Non-perishable food items
and/or monetary donations
to benefit S.A.F.E.R.

Planned by the
Greater Schuylerville Clergy Association

Community Christmas Concert



When: Sun. Dec. 7 at 3 pm

Where: Old Saratoga Reformed Church

Offering: Support of the Caring and
Sharing Program at Schuylerville
Central School

Area choirs will celebrate the season with
Advent/Christmas anthems, and then join to sing
a joyous anthem together to end the concert!
The free will offering will benefit the Caring and
Sharing Program of Schuylerville Central School,
which helps students in need at the holidays and
throughout the year. Refreshments following!!

(part of Schuylerville's St. Nicolaas Festival,
Dec. 5-7)

"THE WAY"

Gently used clothing store

Rt. 29 Next to subway

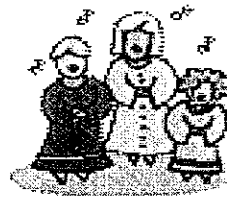
Hours: Fri. 1-7 pm, Sat. 9 am-1 pm

Community Christmas Music Festival

(In conjunction with Schuylerville's St. Nicolaas Festival Dec. 5-7)

Sunday, December 7
3 pm

Old Saratoga Reformed Church
Burgoyne and Pearl Streets, Schuylerville



Featuring choirs from Old Saratoga Reformed Church,
Notre Dame-Visitation Church, St. Stephen's Episcopal Church,
Schuylerville United Methodist Church, Centenary Methodist Church
and audience Carol singing

*Free will offering to support the Caring and Sharing program
of Schuylerville Central School which helps students in need through the
holidays and throughout the year*

Refreshments following!

All are welcome!

(Handicapped Accessible)

SUNDAY SCHOOL

The Sunday School will be learning about the story of *Daniel in the Lion's Den* and *Jonah and the Whale* in the early weeks of November. They will then begin preparing their Christmas program, which will be presented on **Sunday, December 14 at 10:30 am**. Please join the children that day as they celebrate the story of the birth of Jesus Christ.

PECAN SALE

The fresh Georgia pecans will be here on Nov. 14! If you have placed an order already, they should be available on Sunday, the 16th. We again will have the pecan halves for snacking, cooking and baking. We will also have milk or dark chocolate covered pecans, which make a wonderful gift! All types are being sold for **\$10** per bag.

LOOKING AHEAD

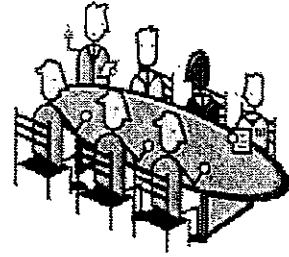
Sat. Nov. 29 – St. Nicolaas Brunch
at 10:30 am- Come and help decorate the church for the Advent Season and enjoy a brunch with friends

Sat. Dec. 6 – St. Nicolaas Holiday Sale-
This annual fund-raiser will include the sale of gently used Christmas items, a basket raffle and holiday goods bake sale! We'll be looking for volunteers to organize the weeks before, help on the day of the sale (8 am-2 pm) and for donations of Christmas items (decorations, knick-knacks, linens, lights, toys, etc.)

This sale will be part of the village-wide St. Nicolaas Festival in Schuylerville from Dec. 5-7

Questions? Call Amberlyn Deyoe, Chr.

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING



The Annual Meeting of the Old Saratoga Reformed Church will be held on **Sunday, November 16**, immediately following worship. Deacon and Elder nominating forms are available on the back table of the sanctuary. The congregation will vote on these nominations at the meeting. The 2015 Plan for Ministry (budget) will also be presented for approval. Refreshments will be provided by consistory members. Please plan to stay and be a part of our church's spiritual and financial planning for 2015.

CONFIRMATION PREPARATION for all youth grades 6-12

When: Sunday, Nov. 9
Time: 12:45 (starting with lunch) - 5:30pm
Where: Bacon Hill Reformed Church
Leaders: Pastors Janet Vincent and Joyce deVelder

The goal of this program is to help prepare young people for confessing their faith in the church. The focus of learning will be on Jesus' Sermon on the Mount and how being a Christian is a way of life. Youth will learn more about the church, its life and sacraments, and what it means to be a confessing member. The day will close with a special celebration of the Lord's Supper.

If you'd like to participate, please let Pastor Joyce know as soon as possible (695-3260) or joycedevelder@gmail.com.

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS



The poinsettia plant is one of the beautiful symbols of the Christmas season. Plants are a wonderful way to memorialize a loved one, and to beautify the sanctuary for Christmas Sunday and Christmas Eve. The cost is \$10 per plant for red ones. Deadline is **Sunday, November 23**. You may use the slips in the church to order, or you may call the office (695-3479).

If you prefer to memorialize a loved one in a more permanent way, envelopes for memorial donations are available on the back table of the sanctuary, or they may be sent to the church. All memorials will be listed on the insert for the Christmas services.

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING and CAMP FOWLER SUPPORT

We are happy to report that the offering for One Great Hour of Sharing totaled **\$224.06**. The offering for Camp Fowler Support was **\$342**. The goal for each of these was \$200. Grateful thanks goes to all who so generously supported these requests for funds, allowing us to meet and exceed our goals!

ADVENT WREATH



The Advent Wreath sign up sheet is posted in the foyer. Families, groups of friends, or individuals may volunteer to light the candles on the Sundays of Advent. All materials are provided for you and will be placed in the foyer to pick up. The first Sunday in Advent is Nov. 30.

HYMN OF THE MONTH

"COME, YE THANKFUL PEOPLE, COME"

*"Come, ye thankful people, come;
raise the song of harvest home.
All is safely gathered in ere the winter storms
begin.*

*God, our maker, does provide for our wants to be
supplied;*

*come to God's own temple, come,
raise the song of harvest home."*

This song of praise tells of God's hand in creation and speaks to the ongoing processes of planting, harvest and thanksgiving. The singer is invited to give recognition to God, the creator, who makes all these possible.

"The harvest season is a time of mixed emotions. On the one hand, it is a time of grace and bounty, or increase, prosperity, and provision for the year to come- indeed a time to give thanks. On the other hand, it is the season of withering and dying, when nature experiences the onset of winter. In both cases, it is the culmination of a process. The season of growth, from its beginning, has been leading to this moment."

In a sobering manner, the third verse of this hymn speaks to what we have done to produce "spiritual fruit." Just as the tares are separated from the wheat, so God will judge the work that we have done for his kingdom, and the "good fruit" will be separated from that which is not usable.

The fourth stanza is a prayer for God's deliverance, and reveals the hope that we have in eternal life in God's presence. May this be our daily prayer, not only in thought, but also in action.

*"Even so, Lord, quickly come to your final harvest
home,*

*gather all your people in, free from sorrow,
free from sin, there, forever purified,
in your presence to abide.*

*Come with all your angels, come,
raise the glorious harvest home."*

1. The Worshipping Church: a Hymnal, Worship Leaders
Edition, Hope Publishing Company, Carol Stream, IL
1991

Dick Behrens

St. Nicolaas Holiday Sale

at Old Saratoga Reformed Church
(corner of Pearl and Burgoyne Streets)

Saturday, Dec. 6

8 am-2 pm

(to help celebrate Schuylerville's Celebration of St. Nicolaas)



**Gently used Christmas decorations,
holiday collectibles, baked goods,
fudge, basket raffles, refreshments**

(All proceeds will benefit the General Fund)

OTHER LOCAL ST. NICOLAAS EVENTS Dec. 5-7

Memory Tree Lighting at the Saratoga Town Hall Fri. 6pm

Entertainment Events and Vendors all day

in the Town Hall on Saturday 10 am-4pm, Sunday 10 am-2pm

Annual Parade of St. Nicolaas Sat. 4:00pm

Lighting of the Village Christmas Tree 5:00pm

Community Christmas Concert Sun. 3pm at

Old Saratoga Reformed Church

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 will continue to meet on **Wed. mornings from 10-11am** reading the book of Genesis. Interested people from all denominations are welcome to participate.

WOMEN'S GUILD

The Women's Guild met on **Monday, Oct. 20 at noon**. Hostesses for the day were **Cindy Brockman** and **Joyce deVelder**. At the business meeting, members voted to donate the money to purchase the hams for the Harvest Dinner. The members also voted to donate **\$200** to the Caring and Sharing Program at Schuylerville School, which helps with gifts and other items for students. They will also donate two **\$25** gift certificates for a Basket Raffle at the Holiday Sale. One will be for Clarks Steakhouse, and the other for Byron's Market. Members and friends are reminded that the next meeting is on **Mon. Nov. 10 at noon**. **(note change in date!)** Guest speaker will be Jean Myers, who was rescheduled from last month when she was unable to come.

CHURCH INTERNET ADDRESSES

www.old-saratoga.rcachurches.org

<https://Facebook.com/OldSaratogaReformedChurch>

CHRISTMAS SHOE BOXES

Our church will be participating in the Samaritan's Purse Christmas Shoe Box project. **Sandy Jones** has agreed to coordinate again this year. We have ordered 35 boxes. The date for them to be returned is **Nov. 16**, giving only a short time to fill them. Thanks!

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

On Nov. 2, All Saints Sunday, we lit the Christ Candle in memory of those church members and friends who have died since Nov. 1, 2013. The names were read aloud, and were followed by a blessing prayer:

Lisa Westcott Hartwell	6/20/14
Richard Jacobson	7/4/14
Pauline Bradley	10/23/14

PROPERTY COMMITTEE

The Property Committee met on Oct. 29 and reviewed the progress of some projects:

1. Walt Hayes has been painting the north porch railings on the parsonage
2. The organ has been tuned for the winter season
3. A request for small groups of people to clean certain areas of the church will be made soon, once a list of those places has been drawn up

The next meeting of the committee will be on Dec. 10 at 7pm. Interested members and friends are always welcome to join.

HARVEST SUPPER UPDATE

Our Harvest Supper profit was **\$1887!** Many thanks to all who helped make it a success, with especial thanks going to **Cindy Brockman**, who chaired the dinner again this year and to **George and Eric Garney** who did the cooking!

SYMPATHY

The church extends sympathy to the family of **Daniel Lee Martinovich** (67) who died Oct. 16, 2014 in Grand Rapids, Michigan. Dan was formerly of Schuylerville. He was the son of **Paul and Lorraine Martinovich**, and became a confessing member of Old Saratoga in 1961. He later taught Sunday School and served as Sunday School Superintendent. After being in the US Navy and Vietnam War, he lived most of his adult life in western Michigan where he worked. He and his wife, **Mary**, raised their family and actively worshiped in their church. Dan's memorial service was held on Oct. 21 in Grand Rapids.

Please remember in your prayers Dan's wife of 47 years, **Mary**, and their daughters, **Melissa, Jill and Alison** and their families (including 7 grandchildren) Dan's brother **Bob**, and his wife **Pat** from Colonie, NY, and Dan's aunts **Helen Loomis** and **Shirley Hoodack** of Saratoga Springs. Condolences may be sent to Mary Martinovich and Family, 3583 Prairie Street, Grandville, MI 49418

..to the family of **Pauline M. Bradley** (94) a resident of Wesley Care Center, who died at Saratoga Hospital on October 23. Pauline grew up in Miami, Florida, and lived most of her adult life in Stillwater. She and her husband **John** (who died in 2010) were active members of the Stillwater United Church, where Pauline served as a deacon, and taught Sunday School for 25 years. After they moved to Embury Apts. in Saratoga Springs, they transferred their membership to Old Saratoga in 1999. Pauline was a member of the Women's Guild and a faithful worshiper when she was physically able. A memorial service was held at the Burke Funeral Home in Saratoga, with burial and committal following in Stillwater Union Cemetery – also known as St. Peter's Cemetery. Please keep Pauline's family in your prayers-her daughter,

Toni Salerno from Corinth, and her son **Rev. John Bradley** and his wife **Joan** from Ohio. We also remember Pauline's two grandchildren, **Lauren Bradley** of Belgium and **Rachel Zayas** and her husband **Frank** and their three children (Pauline's great-grandchildren) **Eliana and twins Ema and F. Javier** from Ohio. Condolences may be sent to Toni Salerno at Lot 9, 377 Angel Road, Corinth, NY 12822-2216.

..to the family of **Jenny Kilpatrick**, who died on Oct. 2 in South Carolina. Jenny was the mother of **Sue Wilbur** and mother-in-law of **Tom Wilbur**. She was the grandmother of Amberlyn Deyoe and **Morgan Wilbur**, and great-grandmother of **Holly and Ajay Deyoe**.

..to the family of the **Rev. James Vincent** (80) who died at Saratoga Hospital on Sunday, Oct. 26, following a long illness. Rev. Vincent, a graduate of New Brunswick Theological Seminary, served Reformed Church pastorates in New Jersey, New York and Pennsylvania. A Memorial Service was held on Oct. 31 at the Helderberg Reformed Church in Guildertand Center where he grew up.

Please remember in prayer his wife of 58 years, **Barbara Vincent**, his children **Doug Vincent, Rev. Susan Vincent-Cox** and **Laura Ryder and their families**. (Rev. Vincent was the father-in-law of the **Rev. Janet Vincent**, pastor of Bacon Hill Reformed Church.)

THANKS EXTENDED

..to our "**anonymous donor**" who again provided \$100 worth of postage stamps

..to **David Garrand** for keeping our lawns mowed all summer, and for cleaning up the leaves before the Harvest Supper

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

1: Roger Sherman
2: Carol Burch
3: Roger M. Sherman
3: David Woome
4: Dean Casey
6: Wendy (Russell) Fedderly
10: Emily Buchanan
11: Lily Russell
12: Robert Haney
12: Thomas Pooler
13: Peggy MacMillan
14: Sawyer Russell Fedderly
18: Linda Barter
20: Melanie (Whitehouse) Casey
22: Sandy Jones
23: Ryan Markwith
24: Chauncey Mabb
24: Allison Cummins
25: Timmy Cox

NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

9: Donald and Kimberly Mac Millan, 2002
12: Anne and Doug Mitchell 2012
25: Bill and Duffy Whitehouse, 1967

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

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

HOSPITALIZED IN OCTOBER

Wayne Barton – St. Peter's Hospital
Anna Bierma – Saratoga ER

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 Garrand
Rod Borgman	Carl Douglass
Michael Hughes III	Trevor Lewie
Richard Zelazny	Naomi Thayer
Eloise Bosch	The Penniman Family
Sylvia Thompson	Wayne Barton
Evie Senecal	Kerst Brunner
Alicia Lewie	Charlotte Gorham
Parker Hayes	Dee Periard
Darlene Olmert	Clyde Wells
Susie Murphy	Edward Hougen
Pat Hayes-Howd	Sue Hughes
Carol Lehman	Audrey Booth
Sandy DeGregory	Shirley Hoodack
Kevin Rudolf	Pat Richards
Charles Thayer	Suzanne Guerineau
George Garney	Don MacMillan
Anna Bierma	Ashley Edgar
Myra Edgar	Helen Loomis

THANKS RECEIVED

"Thank you for your gift of \$64 to Domestic Violence and Rape Crisis of Saratoga County. Your gift will allow us to continue to work towards our vision of "A Saratoga County free of relationship and sexual abuse" by helping to provide shelter, counseling, legal advocacy, case management, and more for all of our clients.

Maggie Fronk
Executive Director

**COMMUNITY
THANKSGIVING
SERVICE**
(Ecumenical)



**Sunday, Nov. 23, 2014
3:00 pm at**

Schuylerville United Methodist Church

A special offering will be received for S.A.F.E.R.
which supports people in need of food in our community

Gifts of non-perishable food items will also be gratefully
received for the Community Food Pantry

(Planned by the Greater Schuylerville Ecumenical Association)

GUEST EDITORIAL



John Wilbur Chapman
1859-1918

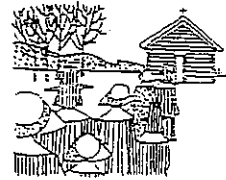
On Sunday, Oct. 26 (Reformation Sunday) the church celebrated its heritage with a special service commemorating the life and pastorate of **John Wilbur Chapman**, who was a minister at Old Saratoga from 1883-1885. During the service the congregation sang three hymns ("Our Great Savior," " 'Tis Jesus," and "One Day") which Rev. Chapman authored. The following is an excerpt from a talk that **Dick Behrens**, OSRC church archivist, presented during that service:

"John Wilbur Chapman, pastor, evangelist, supervisor of evangelists, General Secretary of the Presbyterian Church, Moderator of the Presbyterian General Assembly, author, hymn writer – these are among the accomplishments of one who became world renown. His work for God found him serving in churches both small and large, rescue missions, town halls, concert halls and large arenas. His pastorates began in rural Indiana and continued in Schuylerville, Albany, Philadelphia and New York City. In whatever church he served, congregations grew. At First Reformed Church of Albany some 500 members were added in the five years of his service. The Sunday School at Bethany Presbyterian Church in Philadelphia reached a record high enrollment of 6,027 in 1898, making it the world's largest. His work as an evangelist found him preaching on several continents. Chapman held revival meetings in many US cities, including Saratoga Springs, and the Canadian cities of Montreal, Quebec, Toronto and Vancouver. He listened to and worked with the evangelist Dwight L. Moody. Chapman himself hired Billy Sunday to work on his team, launching the career of that great evangelist. He was heavily involved in promotion of religious summer conferences, at one point directing the Winona Bible Conference in Indiana, and helping to establish Bible conferences in Montreal, North Carolina, and Stony Brook, New York. His labors took him to England, Australia, China, Korea and Japan. Through the year 1912, it is estimated that he preached 50,000 sermons to some 60 million people. Decisions for Christ are conservatively estimated to be in the tens of thousands. On Christmas Day, 1919, in Jamaica, Queens, John Wilbur Chapman went to be with the Lord at age 59.

J. Wilbur Chapman's pastorate at Old Saratoga (the Dutch Protestant Church) at Schuylerville was for a period of only two years (1883-1885.) In that time one hundred members were added to the church. Although the duration of his ministry in this locale was brief, it was Chapman's first pastoral experience outside the friendly confines of his home state of Indiana. Upon his leaving, the Consistory and membership comforted themselves with the belief that he had work of increased importance ahead of him. They were correct in that belief. Old Saratoga was a blessing for Chapman in the development and growth of his ministry. Old Saratoga was the richer for the time he spent here."

Dick Behrens

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OLD SARATOGA REFORMED CHURCH
November 2014



- Nov. 2 TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST** *Celebration of the Lord's Supper*
Lectionary Readings: Revelation 7: 9-17; Psalm 34: 1-10, 22; 1 John 3: 1-3; Matthew 5: 1-12
Greeter: Helen Lofgren
Liturgist: Paulette Foote
Ushers: Robin Woomer/Dick Behrens
Counters: Paulette Foote/Cindy Brockman
Communion Servers: Paulette Foote, Pat Woomer, Bruce Guerineau,
Cindy Brockman
Communion Cleanup: Bill Olmert
- Nov. 9 TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**
Lectionary Readings: Joshua 24: 1-3; 14-25; Psalm 78: 1-7; 1 Thessalonians 4: 13-18;
Matthew 25: 1-13
Greeter: Joan Lapitsky
Liturgist: Sandy Jones
Ushers: Terri Richards/Hank Harrington
Counters: Cindy Brockman/Hank Harrington
- Nov. 16 TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST** *Annual Meeting following worship*
Lectionary Readings: Judges 4: 1-7; Psalm 123; 1 Thessalonians 5: 1-11;
Matthew 25: 14-30
Greeter: Holly Deyoe
Liturgist: Duffy Whitehouse
Ushers: Bill Olmert/Katrina Harrington
Counters: Paulette Foote/Paula Sheely
- Nov. 23 THANKSGIVING SUNDAY** *Reign of Christ*
Lectionary Readings: Ezekiel 34: 11-16, 20-24; Psalm 100; Ephesians 1: 15-23;
Matthew 25: 31-46
Greeter: Robin Woomer
Liturgist: Bruce Guerineau
Ushers: Kim Thayer/Karl Thayer
Counters: Bruce Guerineau/Pat Woomer
- Nov. 30 FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT** *Lighting the Advent Candle of Hope*
Lectionary Readings: Isaiah 64: 1-9; Psalm 80: 1-7, 17-19; 1 Corinthians 1: 3-9;
Mark 13: 24-37
Greeter: Terri Richards
Liturgist: David deVelder
Ushers: Ajay Deyoe/Bill Olmert
Counters: Bruce Guerineau/Pat Woomer

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