

JACOB'S WELL

OLD SARATOGA REFORMED CHURCH

May 2015

- May 3 FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER** *Celebration of the Lord's Supper*
Lectionary Readings: Acts 8: 26-40; Psalm 22: 25-31; 1 John 4: 7-21; John 15: 1-8
Greeter: Kim and Karl Thayer
Liturgist: Anne Mitchell
Ushers: Terri Richards/Paula Sheely
Counters: Paula Sheely/Cindy Brockman
Communion Servers: Paula Sheely, Pat Woomer, Cindy Brockman, Bruce Guerineau
Communion Cleanup: Terri Richards
- May 10 SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**
Lectionary Readings: Acts 10: 44-48; Psalm 98; 1 John 5: 1-6; John 15: 9-17
Greeter: Patti Booth
Liturgist: Holly Deyoe
Ushers: Katrina Harrington/Holly Deyoe
Counters: Pat Woomer/Bruce Guerineau
- May 17 SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**
Lectionary Readings: Acts 1: 15-17; Psalm 1; 1 John 5: 9-13; John 17: 6-19
Greeter: Joan Lapitsky
Liturgist: Paula Sheely
Ushers: Ajay Deyoe/Dick Behrens
Counters: Paulette Foote/Paula Sheely
- May 24 PENTECOST** *Please wear red, orange or yellow*
Lectionary Readings: Acts 2: 1-21; Psalm 104: 24-35; Romans 8: 22-27; John 15: 26-27, 16: 4-15
Greeter: Bill Olmert
Liturgist: Dick Behrens
Ushers: Kim Thayer/Karl Thayer
Counters: Pat Woomer/Bruce Guerineau
- May 31 TRINITY SUNDAY** *Children's Sunday* *Fellowship Hour hosted by Anna Bierma*
Lectionary Readings: Isaiah 6: 1-8; Psalm 29; Romans 8: 12-17; John 3: 1-17
Greeter: Helen Lofgren
Liturgist: Paulette Foote
Ushers: Hank Harrington/Cindy Brockman
Counters: Cindy Brockman/Hank Harrington

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

As of May 3, 2015, Worship time will be changed to

10 am

From the Pastor...

Dear Members and Friends of Old Saratoga,

On Sunday, May 3, the time of worship at Old Saratoga will change from 10:30 A.M to 10:00 A.M. A half hour difference may not seem like much, but when it comes to change in the church, everything merits careful consideration! I thank the Worship Committee and Consistory for taking the time needed to explain why a change was needed and to listen to the opinions of the congregation.

For those who might not know, Old Saratoga and Notre Dame-Visitation Roman Catholic Church in Schuylerville share the same organist, Barbara Elcox. Barbara is a communicant of Notre-Dame Visitation and Director of Music there, but we think of her as an "honorary" member of Old Saratoga. She has been with us a long time and her faithful, ecumenical spirit has served both churches well.

Several months ago, Notre Dame-Visitation made a decision to change their Sunday morning worship time to accommodate their priest, Father Marty's new schedule. Their revised time overlapped with ours, making it necessary for us to change our time in order that Barbara can play at both churches on Sunday morning.

We are grateful and glad that it worked out as it did. In some ways it turned out to be a blessing in disguise in that many of you think the earlier time will be better!

Gathering on Sunday mornings to worship God is one of the most meaningful things the church does. Being together for worship allows us to be formed and shaped by God's Word as disciples of Jesus Christ; it helps create a community of faith and love where all people are accepted and included, where they can voice their questions, grow in faith, pray for each other and the world, share the joys and the sorrows that are part of all our lives.

From the dawn of early civilizations, people on earth have come together to worship. Christian mystic and scholar, Evelyn Underhill, wrote in her classic book Worship, that "Worship in all its grades and kinds, is the response of the creature to the Eternal." (p.3) *"There is a sense" she said, "in which we may think of the whole life of the Universe, seen and unseen, conscious and unconscious, as an act of worship, glorifying its Origin, Sustainer and End...For worship is an acknowledgment of Transcendence."*

Worship for me is not as much about what we do or say, but more about being encountered and engaged by the Holy One who made us, who loves us forever, who calls us to help bring comfort and healing to a broken world. In worship we come to say "Thank you"...and then listen for the still small Voice, that sometimes surprising, and often mysterious message that works its way into our hearts and gives life to our souls.

So "Come, make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth! Worship the Lord with gladness...give thanks to Him, bless his name! For the Lord is good, and his steadfast love endures forever!" (Psalm 100)

Faithfully yours,

Pastor Joyce deVelder

CHURCH FAMILY

BIRTHDAYS

1: Caitlin (Clary) Perkins
2: Meghan Coral Hayes
4: Charlotte Morrill Gorham
6: Ethan Clary
7: Desiree DiCiccio
8: Samantha Galagan
8: Jeffrey Booth
8: Paula Hayes Sheely
11: Mark Booth
11: Sabrina Eve Whitehouse
11: Paulette Foote
15: Myra Edgar
15: Cheryl Jones
17: Anne (Behrens) Mitchell
18: Nugent Edgar
25: Katrina Harrington
26: Maggie Correll
27: Anna Bierma
28: Rev. Joyce deVelder
28: James Thayer
28: Amanda (Fugle) Markwith

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	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	Rev. Dr. Charles Bailey

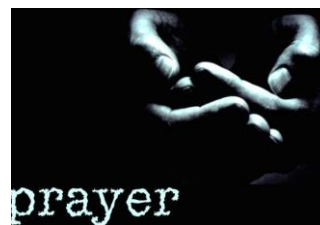
ANNIVERSARIES

2: Bruce and Suzanne Guerineau
8: Roger M. and Yvonne Sherman, 1994
14: Joshua and Wendy (Russell) Fedderly,
1995
15: Richard and Pat Behrens, 1971
15: Charlotte and Jim Gorham
17: Kenneth and Jessica Mac Millan, 2003
26: Marion (Davies) and Franck Beaufreton

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

HOSPITALIZED IN APRIL

Clyde Wells – 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 311**, Saratoga Springs, NY 12866- **Note room change.**

SYMPATHY

The church extends prayers and sympathy in Christ to the following families:

..to the family of **Carol DeFelice** (64) of Loudenville, who died on April 3 at Albany Medical Center following a brief illness. Carol is survived by her husband, **Thomas**, of 44 years, and their four daughters (and families,) one of whom is **Kimberly (DeFelice) MacMillan** from Schuylerville. Kim and her husband **Don** and their three children, **Donald, Rebecca and Emily**, live on Homestead Road. A Mass of Christian Burial was held on April 11 at Christ Our Light Catholic Church in Loudenville.

..to the family of "**Uncle Trim**" (82) who died on April 8 in Atlanta, GA following the removal of life support. **Lawrence Trim**, who was born in St. Lucia, is the uncle of **Henrietta Edgar** – a brother of Henrietta's paternal grandmother. Last year he and his wife **Viviana** were involved in a terrible car accident in CT where they have family.

..to the family of **Kristine Williamson** (49) who died in a car accident on Easter Sunday. Kristine was the niece of **Helen Lofgren**.

..to the family and friends of **Patrick J. Richards** (63) who died on April 20 at Saratoga Hospital following an extended time of chronic illness. Patrick was born in Saratoga Springs. He and **Terri (Periard)** married 34 years ago and lived in Schuylerville for many years. Patrick joined OSRC in 1997. He was an ordained deacon, a member of the Prayer Chain, sang in the choir for a time, and years back started a Soup of the Month Ministry which raised funds for the church's missions. He was a veteran of the US Marine Corps and enjoyed being a member of the Honor Guard at the Gerald B.H. Solomon National Cemetery. Pat is survived by his wife, Terri, three sons, **Joseph (Jeanean) Brian and Eric (Heather)**, and two daughters, **Crystal (Justin) and Alissa**, four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. A funeral service was held at Flynn Bros. on April 23, with burial at the National Cemetery on April 28.

THANKS EXTENDED

..to **Cindy Brockman** and **Paulette Foote** who co-chaired our Lasagna Dinner, and to **all who helped** by donating, cooking, and coming to the dinner!

..to **Gerry Barber** and **Helen Lofgren** who arranged the plants in the sanctuary for the Easter service

..to **Robin Woomer** who went to Albany to get 4 warmers we purchased for the dinner (and donated one of them!)

..to **David Garrand** for cleaning up the church lawns after the winter

PEOPLE YOU KNOW

Congratulations to **Makenzie Harrington** (10) daughter of **Katrina and Hank Harrington**, who competed in the Spring Championship Tae Kwon Do in Schenectady on March 28. There were over 500 people competing, from ages 5 through adult. Makenzie got 4th place in form, 1st place in board breaking, and 1st place in sparring. She also did a wonderful job in her Team Demo Performance.

Congratulations to **Kyler Mitchell**, son of **Doug and Anne Mitchell**, who completed his Eagle Scout project in November. He presented it at the Board of Review on 4/7 and became an official Eagle Scout! Kyle made a handicapped accessible fishing dock and installed it at the reservoir on North Road in Greenwich.

Doug Mitchell, Kyle's dad, was honored at the Eagle banquet of **Josh Culbertson** from Greenwich. Josh selected Doug as his mentor through his career in scouting. The selection is a secret until the dinner, so Doug got a wonderful surprise and honor!

8th grader **Ajay Deyoe** (13) son of **Amberlyn and John Deyoe** was accepted into the Junior National Honor Society at SCS. Ajay wrote a great essay and mentioned the role of the church in helping form his character. Congrats!

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 has resumed meeting following the holiday break. They are studying the book of Genesis. New members of all denominations are always welcome.

WOMEN'S GUILD

The guild will meet on **Monday, May 18 at noon**. Bring a sandwich; dessert will be provided. Hostess for this meeting will be **Robin Woomeer**. At its last meeting the Guild members voted to fund the purchase of a buffet warmer, which will be used at our fundraiser dinners. All women of the church are welcome to attend.

CAMP FOWLER

Four young people from OSRC are currently registered, two of whom will be going for the first time!

The consistory voted to give each camper **\$200** to help with the cost for a week. We still need about **\$325** to fulfill our commitment to the campers. Please help by giving a gift towards a campership, and marking your check "campership." Thanks!

www.campfowler.org.

LASAGNA DINNER UPDATE



Our annual Lasagna dinner was a great success, as always! Everyone left with smiles on their faces and full stomachs. Our treasurer (and ticket taker) **Chris Garney** reported a profit of **\$957**.

2015 JAMAICA MISSION TRIP

The tentative date for this year's Jamaica Mission Trip is **Wed. July 1- Wed. July 8**. We are looking for 2-3 individuals (age 16 and older) who might be interested to go to serve at the Pringle Home orphanage. Anyone that goes will need a passport. If you are interested, please contact **Pastor Joyce**.

JACOB'S WELL MAILING AND E-MAIL UPDATE

The office is happy to report that **100** e-mail copies of JW were sent out last month, and **120** were mailed at the post office. This resulted in a savings of **\$60!** If you would like to receive your JW by e-mail and have not yet expressed a preference, please contact the office, either by phone (695-3479) or by e-mail (oldsaratogareformed@verizon.net) If you do not wish to receive the newsletter at all, please let us know.

Please help by forwarding JW to anyone whom you think might enjoy reading about the ministry at OSRC! Thanks!

HYMNS OF OUR FAITH

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

"Alleluia Alleluia, Hearts to Heaven"

"Alleluia Alleluia! Hearts to heaven and voices raise:

Sing to God a hymn of gladness, sing to God a hymn of praise;

He who on the cross a victim for the world's salvation bled,

Jesus Christ, the King of Glory, now is risen from the dead."

As the season of Eastertide draws to a close we continue to rejoice at the wonder of the resurrection of Jesus Christ. Death has met defeat and our salvation is complete. The English hymn writer Christopher Wordsworth was inspired to write this hymn based on St. Paul's resurrection discourse in 1 Corinthians 15: 1-28. It seems that there were some who said there was no resurrection. In his sermon the Apostle recounts the proof of the resurrection in that Jesus appeared to Peter and then later to more than five hundred Paul boldly proclaims, "'For as in Adam all die, so in Christ all will be made alive.'" This is the hope that we have in the resurrection that is yet to come.

"Stanza 1 proclaims praise to God for the fact of Jesus' resurrection, stanza 2 emphasizes the impact of Christ's victory and the final stanza is the great Trinitarian doxology."

**"Alleleuia, Alleluia! Glory be to God on high!
Alleluia to the Savior who has gained the victory!
Alleluia to the Spirit, fount of love and sanctity!
Aleluia, Alleluia to the Triune Majesty!"**

Christ is Risen! He is Risen Indeed!

Dick Behrens

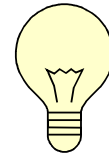
OFFERING FOR NEPAL

In response to the devastating earthquake which hit Nepal, the Consistory of OSRC voted to hold a special offering, funds from which will be sent to aid those who have lost so much. Your offerings will be gratefully received on Sunday, May 3 and May 10, or you may send a check earmarked "Nepal" to the church office.

HEALTH CARE KITS

We were happy to be able to send a total of **26** Health Care Kits to Church World Service. Thanks goes to **Dick and Pat Behrens** who got them to the collection point for our area – the Hartford Yoked Parish in Hartford, NY.

PROPERTY COMMITTEE



The Property Committee met on Wednesday, April 15 to continue considering improvements to the buildings of Old Saratoga. They are happy to report that the new letters for the permanent outdoor sign have arrived and will be placed in the glass very soon. The sign will also receive an exterior "face lift" in the form of a new paint job. The replacement accordion partitions for Loomis Hall have also been ordered, and should be installed by the time we host the Classis dinner on May 26. **Doug Sheely** spent a day at the church installing new fluorescent lighting in Loomis Hall, which should help to brighten up the room, as well as being more energy efficient. The committee is grateful to the consistory for supporting its efforts to maintain the buildings of OSRC. Please take a look at the upgrades!

**The next meeting will be on
Monday, May 18 at 7pm
at the church.**

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

The church office will be closed on **Mon. May 25** for Memorial Day and will reopen Tuesday morning at 9 am.

GARDENER NEEDED!



Each year we ask if someone in the church, who has a little extra time each week and likes to be outdoors, would be able to help keep up the church flower beds. It would involve a little weeding, and planting a few annuals around the front spotlight. If you are willing to help with this, please let the office know **(695-3479)**

HISTORY FAIRE

Sat. May 16 10am- 2pm

The Saratoga County Heritage Hunters has organized a History Faire for Sat. May 16 from 10am-2pm at the Clifton Park Library, 475 Moe Road, Clifton Park. Several talks will be presented during the day. **Dick Behrens** was asked to represent Old Saratoga Reformed Church. He will be there with photos, artifacts and church history.

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!

PENTECOST



The celebration of Pentecost comes fifty days after Easter Sunday. Pentecost has its roots in the Jewish Harvest Feast of Shavuot. On this day the church celebrates the gift of the Holy Spirit gathering people into what would become the church of Jesus Christ. Some refer to Pentecost as the "birthday" of the church. The story is found in the Acts of the Apostles, Chapter 2.

Each year we encourage members and friends of the church to wear red, orange or yellow to worship service that day, to recall the "tongues of fire" that appeared and rested on the people, and filled them with the Holy Spirit

FIRST QUARTER FINANCIAL UPDATE



The financial support we continue to receive from so many of you blesses our small church. The money that was left over from the withdrawal of investment income in December, and the gifts we have received so far this year, has allowed us to pay all of our bills for the first quarter and donate to several missions that we support. We are beginning the second quarter with a balance of over **\$700**. Thank you for your support and prayers for our ministry.

Respectfully submitted
Christine Garney, Treasurer

FILE OF LIFE

Thanks to Women's Guild members, **Sue Hughes** and **Joan Lapitsky**, we have "File of Life" kits in the church office for anyone who would like one. The File of Life is provided by the Saratoga County Office for the Aging. Used in times of emergency, it is a small paper which the holder fills out and keeps in his/her refrigerator freezer. The information recorded includes emergency contacts, medications, medical conditions, allergies, medical insurance information, and DNR directives. This is especially important for older people who live alone. In the event of an emergency, when an individual is unable to speak or respond, first responders would look for the File of Life information, which can help to save a life.

CROP WALK Sun. May 3

CROP (*Communities Responding to Overcome Poverty*) is part of Church World Service (CWS) a cooperative Christian organization that works to end hunger and poverty, and respond to disaster around the world. They also help to resettle refugees and promote justice and peace. Part of the money collected from local CROP walks goes to CWS and a portion is given to the local food pantries, such as SAFER and the Greenwich Food Pantry.



The local walk will be held in Greenwich, with registration beginning at the Gazebo, Church and Main Streets, at 1 pm. The walk will start at 2 pm.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday School will be ending for the year on Sunday, May 31 with their Children's Day Program. The children have had a wonderful year, full of projects, missions and sharing with the congregation. Please support their latest efforts in learning about people in need and how they can help when the children tie dye t-shirts for **Hippies for Hope**, which helps fund a girls school in Africa. Donations to cover the cost are very welcome!

OSRC HOSTS CLASSIS

On Tuesday May 26, the Classis of Schenectady will meet at Old Saratoga Reformed Church. The meeting begins with a lasagna dinner at 5:30pm, followed by worship and the meeting, at which **Rev. Janet Vincent** will present her President's Report. Members of the congregation are welcome to attend if you would like to know more about the classis. Elder **Pat Woomer**, our Old Saratoga delegate to classis, will be recognized as one of the delegates going to the RCA General Synod, which meets in Chicago, June 11-16.

Note: There will be a sign-up sheet posted this month for those who would like to help prepare, serve and cleanup for the dinner. We thank Cindy Brockman and Paulette Foote for offering to co-chair the dinner.

*Special thanks to **Mother Donna Arnold** and the St. Stephen's Episcopal Church for hosting the afternoon meeting of the Ministry Oversight 2 Committee, which will examine seminary students prior to the Classis meeting.

NATIONAL NURSES WEEK May 6-12

If you see a member of the nursing profession, please thank him/her for all they do to help! OSRC nurses include **Cindy Brockman, Terri Richards, Pam Driscoll, Stephen Alexanian and Kim MacMillan.**

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

S.A.F.E.R
Schuylerville Area Food Relief
Open 9-12 noon M-W F
260-4779

GIVE BLOOD Sat. May 16

**Where: General Schuyler Emergency
Squad Bldg (Rt. 29)**
When: Sat. May 16 8 am-12 noon
Appt: Call Sue Hughes 695-3165
Walk-ins Welcome!

Sponsored by: *The American Red Cross*



RACING CITY CHORUS Sat. June 6 7:30 pm

Schuylerville High School

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

MOTHER'S DAY WEEKEND Sat. May 9

Annual Plant Sale
at Fort Hardy Park
Lots of perennials available for sale!
9am-noon or until sold out!

Sponsored by the
Schuylerville Garden Club

Also.....

LILAC WALKING TOUR Sat. May 9

**Guided Walking Tour begins at
10:30 am**
Saratoga Town Hall
Corner of Spring and Broad Streets

Maps for self-guided tours are always
available



Sale of a variety of lilac cultivars
ongoing at Schuyler Farms
Rt. 29 and Grange Hall Road
www.schuylervillechamber.org

CHICKEN BBQ Sunday, May 17 12-2 pm

*St. Stephen's will hold their annual
Barbecue at the monument on
Burgoyne Street*
Cost: \$6 for 1/2 chicken

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Sunday Worship: 10:30 am

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

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Sunday, May 3 10:00 am

CROP WALK

Sunday, May 3

1 pm registration at the Greenwich Gazebo

2 pm Walk

Pentecost

Sun. May 24 10:00 am

Please wear red, orange or yellow

Children's Sunday

Sunday, May 31 10:00 am

Fellowship Hour following