

Jacob's Well

February 2018



Feb. 4 FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY *Celebration of the Lord's Supper*

Lectionary Readings: *Isaiah 40: 21-31; Psalm 147: 1-11, 20;
1 Corinthians 9: 16-23; Mark 1: 29-39*

Greeter: *Patti Booth*

Liturgist: *Amber Deyoe*

Ushers: *Ajay Deyoe/Matthew Waldinger*

Counters: *Paula Sheely/Paulette Foote*

Communion Servers: *Paula Sheely, Paulette Foote, Cindy Brockman*

Communion Cleanup: *Kim & Karl Thayer*

Feb. 11 TRANSFIGURATION SUNDAY

Lectionary Readings: *2 Kings 2: 1-12; Psalm 50: 1-6; 2 Corinthians 4: 3-6; Mark 9: 2-9*

Greeter: *Cindy Brockman*

Liturgist: *Bridget Behrens*

Ushers: *Bridget Behrens/Hank Harrington*

Counters: *Cindy Brockman/Bruce Guerineau*

Feb. 18 FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

Lectionary Readings: *Genesis 9: 8-17; Psalm 25: 1-10; Peter 3: 18-22; Mark 1: 13-25*

Greeter: *Anna Bierma*

Liturgist: *Pam Seward*

Ushers: *Makenzie Harrington/Katrina Harrington*

Counters: *Anne Mitchell/Amber Deyoe*

Feb. 25 SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

Lectionary Readings: *Genesis 17: 1-7, 15-16; Psalm 22: 23-31; Romans 4: 13-25;
Mark 8: 31-38*

Greeter: *Joan Lapitsky*

Liturgist: *Carolyn Markwith*

Ushers: *Paula Sheely/Bill Olmert*

Counters: *Cindy Brockman/Bruce Guerineau*

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

From Pastor Jenn...

It has now been a little over two months since I started with the Turning Point Churches Ministry. So much has happened since then that it seems a lot longer! This time has brought a lot of change, but blessings as well. Being in a new place can be hard at first, but life giving as well, if we stop to listen for God's voice and the call he places on our lives in the stillness. I look back over the last six years and see how God was at work in my life, preparing me for the next step in my journey. It is not always easy to see that in the here and now. I am thankful for a loving, faithful and merciful God. No matter what we are doing, He continually shows us that he is ever present in our lives, no matter what we are doing or where we are going.

A few weeks ago I preached on the story of the Magi, from Matthew 12: 1-11. The sermon title was "Star of Wonder." As many times as I have read and heard that story, I never saw the significance of the star in that passage. I always thought the Magi were the main characters, but without the star, would the Magi have found Jesus? As I pondered the significance of the star, I thought of the song lyrics, "Star of wonder, star of night, star with royal beauty bright. Westward leading, still proceeding, guide us to thy perfect light." How often do we pay attention to the stars in the sky? As a child, I remember lying in the grass, looking up at the bright stars in the sky, wondering about the mysteries of the universe. This big, beautiful star lit up the darkness of the night sky and illuminated the path for the Magi. What if we are called to be like the Magi and follow the star? What would the journey look like?

We may not always know where God is leading us, but we are called to follow the light. Because the light has come into the world, darkness shall not overcome it. The journey the Magi set out on was one filled with mystery and wonder, but they followed the star to find the Christ child. As witnesses of the faith, we are called to embark on this journey, and trust where the star is leading us. For me, it has been overcoming my anxiety and fears to really listen to God's call and live in the mystery and wonder as I followed the path to NY.

My time here has been filled with love and joy. The three congregations have been hospitable and caring, and God has blessed my life by calling me to be a part of them. Each congregation is unique, and grounded in their individuality, but is working towards being together as a team. My ministry is unique, and we are creating as we go. I have had the opportunity to share a lot: leading worship, consistory meetings, coffee hours, planning Advent, Lent and an ecumenical MLK events, visiting nursing homes, working at food pantries, as well as getting involved in a local non-profit. This is only the first two months. I cannot wait to see what God has in store for the next two years!

May God's light forever be a guiding light in your lives and ministry, and may the love of God, the peace of Christ, and the presence of the Spirit be with each of you as you journey in the New Year!

Pastor Jenn

CHURCH FAMILY

BIRTHDAYS

3: Jean Wells
3: Mira Jolene McCarty
4: Robin Woomer
5: Kobie Dyke
6: Kevin Casey
8: Sherrie Mickel
9: Brenda Buchanan
10: Jim Mellen
11: Sam Dickinson
12: Brian Perkins
14: Margaret Jacobson
16: Ronald Hayes, Jr.
20: David deVelder
22: Randy Kerr
23: Joseph Barton
24: Maureen Kerr Roberts
28: Eshia Cummins



ANNIVERSARIES

10: Henrietta and Nugent Edgar
14: David and Bonnie Garrand

Please help us keep the lists current by giving us dates and updates. Thanks!

CONGRATULATIONS

..to **Makenzie Harrington**, who was one of the first 100 campers to register for Camp Fowler this coming summer of 2018 and received a FREE t-shirt!

(We encourage our youth (who have will have completed third grade and on up) to get your registration in EARLY for Camp Fowler, so that you can get the week you want – and know that you're all set for the summer. The church will again be offering \$300 camperships to our youth who attend Camp Fowler.

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

Bette Tucker, Wesley Community, Victoria 212, 131 Lawrence St. Saratoga Springs, NY 12866

Shirley Mabb, Saratoga Center A110, 149 Ballston Ave., Ballston Spa NY 12020

IN OUR PRAYERS

"Pray at all times in the Spirit....making supplication for all the saints." (Ephesians 6: 18)

Ruth Hayes
Dwight Colvin
Alyson Fitzgerald
Bill Cluff
David Garrand
Rod Borgman
John Bodnar
Richard Zelazny
Ron Hamm
Evie Senecal
Charlotte Gorham
Joan Lapitsky
Susie Murphy
Anna Bierma
Sandy DeGregory
Mona Perkins
Suzanne Guerineau
Sandy Horsfield
Gerry Barber

Bette Tucker
Sue and Tom Wilbur
Anne Mitchell
Thomas Altrogge
Ryan Markwith
Ashley Edgar
Trevor Lewie
Naomi Thayer
Sandy Jones
Alicia Lewie
Rosie Driscoll
Clyde Wells
Tom Barber
Sue Hughes
Charles Thayer
Patti Allen
Robin Woomer
Cheryl Durkee
Susanna Combs

HOSPITALIZED IN DEC./JAN.

John Bodnar – Saratoga Hospital

Peggy MacMillan- St. Peter's Hospital

Susie Murphy – Saratoga Hospital ER

Susanna Combs – Albany Med

THANKS RECEIVED

- ..from **SAFER**, for our donation of **\$134**
- ..from **Shelters of Saratoga** for our donation of **\$76**
- ..from **Camp Fowler** for our donation of **\$200**
- ..from **Schuyler Hose Company** for our donation of **\$194**
- ..from **Bottskill Baptist Church** (Greenwich) for our donation of **\$1000** to aid their fund for structural repair to the building
- ..from **Ladies Oriental Shrine** for our donation of aluminum can tabs, which support the purchase of equipment at Shriner's Children's Hospitals
- ..from **Rebuilding Together in Saratoga County** for our donation of **\$111**
- ..from the **Palmas Community Church** in Puerto Rico for our donation of **\$425** for Hurricane Maria Relief
- ..from **Heifer International** for our donation of **\$206.82** (used to buy bees, chicks, a heifer, a goat, a pig, and remainder to the General Fund)
- ..from **Real Hope Ministries** (jail) for our donation of **\$116**
- ..from **Estherville Animal Shelter** for the donation of some of our remaining garage sale items

UPDATE ON COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS CONCERT

The Community Christmas Concert, held at OSRC on Dec. 3, raised **\$1395** for **Team Dan Dan**, to help with the continuing expenses involved with **Danny MacMillan's** treatment for Ewing's Sarcoma. Thank you all!

SYMPATHY

The church extends sympathy in Christ to the family of **Charles William (Bill) Glass**, who died of illness in Florida (where he lived) on Dec. 17, 2018. Bill is survived by his daughters **Jennifer Glass**, and **Caroline Lopez** and her husband **Tim**, by his sister **Bette Tucker**, and nephew **Christopher Tucker**. (Bill was the son of **Estelle and Charles Glass**, and was a baptized member of OSRC.)

Our sympathy in Christ to **Alyson Fitzgerald** and her family. Alyson's uncle, **Michael (Micky) Salvato** of Schuylerville, died at Saratoga Hospital on Jan. 24. Mr. Salvato was a brother of Alyson's mother, **Peggy Fitzgerald**.

CELEBRATION OF BAPTISM

On Sunday, February 4, the congregation celebrated the baptism of **Mira Jolene McCarty**, 1 year old daughter of **Amanda and Lucian McCarty** of Schuylerville. Mira has a brother, Atticus (7) and a sister Ada (3.)

"And Jesus said, "Let the children come to me, and do not hinder them; for to such belongs the kingdom of heaven."

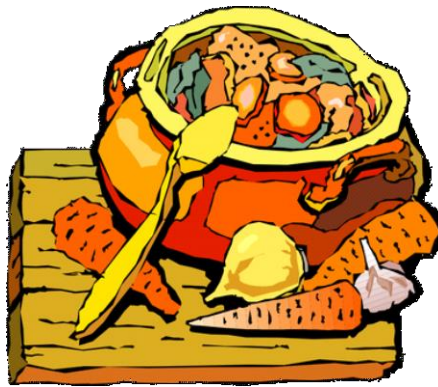
Matthew 19: 14

“Souper” Supper

Sat. Feb. 17, 2018

4:30-6:00 pm

old Saratoga Reformed Church
Corner of Pearl and Burgoyne Sts. Schuylerville



Cost: \$7.00 – adults \$3.00 – Children 5-10
Under 5 free

Menu:

Homemade Soups, Breads, Crackers, Salad, Dessert, Beverages

Reservations recommended Walk-Ins Welcome

Call 695-3479 or 695-6638

(Dine in only)

CHURCH LIFE

ECUMENICAL BIBLE STUDY

Bible Study meets on **Wednesdays at 10am at OSRC**. The group is continuing to read the **Book of Isaiah**. Interested people of all denominations are always welcome!

LOOKING AHEAD

2/10 Sat. 8am-noon Annual Blood Drive

2/11 4pm Commissioning Service for Pastor Jennifer Legg

2/14 7pm Ecumenical Ash Wednesday Service at Bacon Hill Reformed

2/17 4:30-6:30pm "Souper Supper" at OSRC

**2/20 Tues. 12-1pm 4 Tuesdays in Lent
The Life and Work of Archbishop
Desmond Tutu from South Africa**

NEW PASTORS IN THE SCHENECTADY CLASSIS

Ist Reformed Church of Scotia installed their new senior pastor on 10/15, **Rev. Meghan Hodkin**, and new associate pastor, **Rev. Jason White**, will soon begin his work.

Altamount Reformed Church installed their new pastor **Rev. Matthew Van Mastricht** 10/22.

Lynwood Reformed commissioned **Rev. Stacy Dusening** on 11/22 as the Pastoral Resident of Discipleship.

The **Reverend Jennifer Legg** began her ministry on Nov. 1 as a ministry fellow of the Albany Synod Fellowship Program, serving Old Saratoga Reformed, Bacon Hill Reformed, and Fort Miller Reformed, and will be commissioned by the Classis of Schenectady on Feb. 11 at 4pm at Old Saratoga.

2017 FINANCIAL UPDATE

Thank you to everyone who supported the ministry of Old Saratoga during 2017. God blesses our church with each gift. Our income actually exceeded our expectations, which meant that we were able to withdraw less money (\$14,000 instead of \$18,000) from our investment profits.

Our operating expenses also exceeded our budget, particularly for maintenance of our church and parsonage. We are grateful that lower costs in other areas allowed us to take care of many needed projects that were recommended by the Property Committee, as well as a few urgent needs. We also used \$3000 from our investment fund to renovate the bathroom off the kitchen. Because we received more mission money than budgeted, we were able to send more donations out to help worthy organizations both near and far.

Respectfully submitted,
Chris Garney, Treasurer

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

Saturday, February 10, 2018

8AM- 12 Noon



**American
Red Cross**

Together, we can save a life

OSRC will be hosting its Annual Blood Drive. Donors are urgently needed due to many cancellations because of bad weather.

To schedule an appointment call 1-800-REDCROSS or 1-800-733-2767 or search online for sponsor code: SCHUYLerville. Walk-Ins are also welcome!

HYMNS OF OUR FAITH

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

*"Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne and thy kingly crown
When thou camest to earth for me;
But in Bethlehem's home there was found no room For
thy holy nativity."*

There are essentially two reasons for writing a hymn – praise and instruction. "Thou didst leave thy throne" was written as instruction for school children by Emily E.S. Elliot. The hymn story traces the life of Christ from his birth, through time spent in the desert, his trial before Roman authorities, and the road to Calvary. Each of the first four stanzas begins with a note of acceptance, but ends with the notion of rejection that Jesus knew throughout his time on earth. The last stanza (vs. 5) closes extolling the day of Christ's return to gather his saints. Two refrains are attached to the hymn. The first is sung following the first four stanzas. It is the singer's prayer of acceptance – the singer's personal invitation to Jesus to make his or her heart his dwelling place. The second refrain, following the tone of verse 5, speaks of the joy to be experienced at our Lord's return.

Little is known about Emily Elliot, and it may be that this was the only hymn that she wrote or that survives in the hymnary of our day. We do know more about the composer of the tune that is married to Emily's prose. Timothy R. Matthews was an Anglican clergyman who wrote over 100 hymn tunes. Carrying through on a particular request for a children's hymnal, it is said that Matthews completed six tunes in one day.

It is unfortunate that this hymn is largely reserved for the Christmas season. It is a hymn for all seasons, and is applicable to Christmas, Holy Week, Ascension, and when addressing Jesus' earthly ministry.

At times, consistent with the frailty of our human nature, we are prone to reject Jesus' entrance into our lives, perhaps passively, but excluding him, nonetheless. We fail to fully accept the magnitude of the love of God and the fact that we are such an important part of sharing his love with others. May our desire and endless prayer ever be, **"O come to my heart, Lord Jesus, there is room in my heart for thee."**

Dick Behrens

PASTOR JENN'S COMMISSIONING SERVICE

Sunday, Feb. 11 at 4pm at OSRC

Everyone is welcome to attend Pastor Jenn's commissioning service! The Classis of Schenectady will commission her to ministry with the Turning Point Churches (Bacon Hill, Fort Miller and Old Saratoga) through the Albany Synod Fellowship Program. Members and pastors and a joint choir will participate in the service. Refreshments following!

CHURCH OFFICERS FOR 2018

At the January meeting of the consistory, the following people were elected to office:

Vice President – Amber Deyoe

Financial Secretary – Cindy Brockman

Clerk- Paula Sheely

Classis Delegate – Amber Deyoe

Thank you to these people for their willingness to serve the church.

PASTOR JENN'S WORSHIP SCHEDULE FOR FEBRUARY

Sun. Feb. 4 Bacon Hill

Sun. Feb. 11 Old Saratoga

Sun. Feb. 18 Fort Miller

Sun. Feb. 25 Bacon Hill



4 Tuesdays in Lent

12 Noon- 1pm

Feb. 20, 27 and March 6, 13

Old Saratoga Reformed Church
48 Pearl Street, Schuylerville

The Work and Witness of Archbishop Desmond Tutu of South Africa (to eliminate racism and instill the hope of peace and reconciliation)



BYO Lunch

Beverages, cookies, fruit provided

ALL ARE WELCOME!

For more info call 695-3479

www.facebook.com/oldsaratogareformedchurch or

www.old-saratoga.rcachurches.org

OUR NEW MEMBERS



Janice Cornell, one of seven children of **Bruce Cornell** and **Peg Mullen Jeram**, was born 4/8/56, and was baptized and confirmed at Visitation Catholic Church. She attended college after graduating from high school, and has lived in various local communities before moving to this area. She is a single mother of Bridget, with whom she lives in Greenwich. She worked in the area and for a time was a director of the meal site program for seniors in Schuylerville.

Janice enjoys knitting and made about 20 winter hats for our holiday sale. She and her daughter enjoy canning and preserving their own fruits and vegetables. Some years ago Janice worshipped at Old Saratoga and sang in the choir. We're happy that she returned and are glad that she "felt drawn by a non-judgmental faith community and the warm feeling of fellowship and belonging."

Bridget Critelli was born 5/1982 in Saratoga, and was baptized at Visitation. She attended Sunday School here for a time. After graduation from Schuylerville, she got an Associate Degree in Humanities and Social Sciences at ACC. She worked in Massachusetts at a state run group home, before moving back to Greenwich. She is now employed as a Direct Support Professional in Queensbury for ARC and is Assistant Manager there. Bridget is currently working on her Bachelor's Degree in Psychology and Human Development through Empire State College, and hopes to be able to start a Master's Program at Sage in Troy.

Bridget's interests include traveling, and she has been to Italy four times. She likes to bowl, enjoys cooking, and all things natural – even having expertise in essential oils and chemical free laundry detergent. She said that she enjoys OSRC because she likes to hear Pastor Joyce speak."

Oscar Everts was born 10/21/ 51, the oldest of nine children. He graduated from South Glens Falls High. He worked for 31 years at Finch Pruyn Paper and was president of the local union. In the Vietnam years, Oscar was on active duty in the Navy, returning home to work at the mill and build his home in Fort Ann, where he lived and raised three children. In 2001 he decided to attend Skidmore College, graduating in 2006 with a major in History and a minor in English and Creative Writing. He now works full time as a Data Collector for Crossmark.

Oscar is a co-owner of the Bullard Building in Schuylerville, where he lives. He has worked on various old building restoration projects with his nephew. He writes poetry, with some of his work having been published, and enjoys his two grandchildren.

Oscar mentioned that he used to go running past the church and felt drawn to it at a time when he was reflecting on his life, health and relationships, and seeking peace.

Ecumenical Lenten Services Schedule of the Greater Schuylerville Community

Theme: Giving Up or Taking On?

All services begin at 7pm

Refreshments follow all but the Ash Wednesday Service and the Maundy Thursday Service

- Tues. Feb. 13** **SHROVE TUESDAY SUPPER**
5-7PM PANCAKE SUPPER AT Easton UMC (Rt. 40)
- Wed. Feb. 14** **ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICES**
Joint service of the Methodist and Reformed Churches, including
The Lord's Supper and The Imposition of Ashes
7:00 PM at Bacon Hill Reformed Church
Preaching: *The Rev. Rich Hoffman*
9:00 AM Mass at **Notre Dame-Visitation**
12 NOON and 6PM at St. Stephen's
7:00 PM Ash Wednesday Mass at **St. Joseph's in Greenwich**
- Wed. Feb. 21** **SECOND LENTEN SERVICE**
7:00 PM at Turning Point Wesleyan Church
Preaching: *The Rev. Benjamin Lalka*
- Wed. Feb. 28** **THIRD LENTEN SERVICE**
7:00 PM at Schuylerville United Methodist
Preaching: *The Rev. Marty Fisher*
- Wed. March 7** **FOURTH LENTEN SERVICE**
7:00 PM at Notre Dame- Visitation
Preaching: *The Rev. Jennifer Legg*
- Wed. March 14** **FIFTH LENTEN SERVICE**
7:00 PM at Old Saratoga Reformed
Preaching: *The Rev. Janet Vincent*
- Wed. March 21** **SIXTH LENTEN SERVICE**
7:00 PM at Fort Miller Reformed
Preaching: *The Rev. James Swanson*
Prayers and Anointing for healing will follow the service
- Thurs. March 29** **MAUNDY THURSDAY The Lord's Table and Tenebrae**
7:00 PM at Quaker Springs United Methodist
Meditation: *The Rev. Virginia Cornell*
7:00PM Mass of the Lord's Supper at Notre Dame-Visitation
- Fri. March 30** **GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE (A Reading of the Passion of Jesus Christ)**
12:00 Noon at St. Stephen's Episcopal -followed by light luncheon
Preaching: *The Rev. Donna Arnold*
3:00 PM Stations of the Cross at **St. Joseph's in Greenwich**
7:00 PM Good Friday Service at **Notre Dame-Visitation**
- Sat. March 31** **EGG HUNT (for children infants - 5th grade) Schuylerville School 11 AM**
(Sponsored by Faith Chapel)
EASTER VIGIL at 8:15 PM at St. Joseph's in Greenwich
- Sun. April 1** **EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE 6:15 AM Bacon Hill Reformed (Outdoor Chapel)**

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: Feb.23 at 9:30 at OSRC

SAFER

Schuylerville Area Food Relief

Open 9-12 noon M, F

260-4779

SCHUYLERVILLE COMMUNITY THEATER PRESENTS.....

“Mary Poppins”

May 3,4,5

Details to follow!!



*Come see Mark Booth, who will be playing
the role of the father.*

“LES MIS”

March 1,2,3 (Th, F, Sat) at 7pm
High School Auditorium

Tickets sold at the door

\$6 Seniors and Students; \$9 Adults

**Come see Bridgette Lewie who will be
singing in the village chorus!!**

Presented by the High School and Jr Hi Drama Clubs

UPCOMING LOCAL CHURCH DINNERS AND EVENTS

(Please mark your calendars!)

- 2/17** Sat. 4:30-6pm “Souper” Supper at
Old Saratoga (see flier)
- 3/24** Sat. 5pm Roast Beef Dinner at Fort
Miller
- 4/21** Sat. (am) Bacon Hill Bonanza Road
Race
- 4/21** Sat. Ham and Turkey at Quaker
Springs 4-6pm
- 6/3** Sat. Chicken BBQ at Bacon Hill
- 10/20** Sat. Roast Pork at Quaker Springs



AA MEETINGS IN SCHUYLERVILLE

Sun. evenings at 5pm at Old Saratoga

Tues. evenings at 7pm at Old Saratoga

Sat. evenings at 8pm at Schuylerville United
Methodist

OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS

Friday mornings at 10am at Schuylerville United
Methodist

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Paulette Foote, Cindy Brockman, Bruce Guerineau,
Anne Mitchell

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Sunday Worship: 10:00 am

Sunday School: *as announced*

***Celebration of the Lord’s Supper and Sacrament of Baptism
Sunday, Feb. 4 10am***

***Red Cross Blood Drive at OSRC
Sat. Feb. 10 8am-12noon
Call 1-800-REDCROSS to schedule***

***Rev. Jenn Legg Commissioning Service
Sun. Feb. 11 at 4pm***

***Ecumenical Ash Wednesday Service
Wed. Feb. 14 7pm at Bacon Hill Reformed
(see entire Lenten schedule inside)***

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