

# Jacob's Well

March 2018



- March 4**      **THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT**      **Celebration of the Lord's Supper**  
**Lectionary Readings:** Exodus 20: 1-17; Psalm 19; 1 Corinthians 1: 18-25; John 2: 13-22  
**Greeter:** Bridget Critelli  
**Liturgist:** Dick Behrens  
**Ushers:** Holly Deyoe/Dick Behrens  
**Counters:** Paulette Foote/Anne Mitchell  
**Communion Servers:** Paula Sheely, Paulette Foote, Cindy Brockman  
**Communion Cleanup:** Bill Olmert
- March 11**      **FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT**  
**Lectionary Readings:** Numbers 21: 4-9; Psalm 107: 1-3, 17-22; Ephesians 2: 1-10; John 3: 14-21  
**Greeter:** Patti Booth  
**Liturgist:** Anne Mitchell  
**Ushers:** Karl Thayer/Ajay Deyoe  
**Counters:** Cindy Brockman/Bruce Guerineau
- March 18**      **FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT**  
**Lectionary Readings:** Jeremiah 31: 31-34; Psalm 51: 1-12; Hebrews 5: 5-10; John 12: 20-33  
**Greeter:** Cindy Brockman  
**Liturgist:** David deVelder  
**Ushers:** Hank Harrington/Matthew Waldinger  
**Counters:** Cindy Brockman/Bruce Guerineau
- March 25**      **PALM/PASSION SUNDAY**      **Preaching: Pastor Jennifer Legg**  
**Lectionary Readings:** Mark 14: 1-15: 47; Reading of the Passion according to Mark  
**Greeter:** Bill Olmert  
**Liturgist:** Ajay Deyoe  
**Ushers:** Paula Sheely/Bridget Behrens  
**Counters:** Paula Sheely/Paulette Foote

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 Joyce...***

*"Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth,  
who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here...  
But go tell his disciples and Peter that he (Jesus)  
is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him,  
just as he told you."  
Mark 16:6-7*

Dear Members and Friends of Old Saratoga,

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

We're almost mid-way through the holy season of Lent. Easter (April 1) is still a few weeks away, but we're already thinking ahead to the great celebration of Christ's Resurrection! It may be similar to how we are still living with winter, but anticipating the coming of spring.

This Lenten season is a time when we "look for Jesus." Not in the sense that he's gone and where is he? But in the sense that we will "see" him at work in our lives, with us in our pain and suffering, present in our moments of doubt, and encouraging us to love each other as we are all so loved by God. He has called us to follow him—to keep our eyes on him, in order that we can go where he leads and help do our part in the building of God's Kingdom on earth!

Looking for Jesus is an act of faith, believing that the Risen Christ is here with us as he promised he would be. We look for him when we worship with his body the church; when we come together for worship with the ecumenical community; when we gather with others to read the Bible or learn about daring and devoted disciples like Bishop Desmond Tutu; we look for Jesus when we eat the bread and drink the cup; when we walk beside a loved one or friend who is hurting or suffering. We look for Jesus when we look within ourselves.

The grieving women who were looking for Jesus on Easter morning presumed him dead and were looking for his body so they could anoint it with oils and spices. They remind us that sometimes it is possible we look for Jesus, but don't really expect to find him or that his presence will be real.

Yet, on that first Easter morning, the women find out that Jesus was raised, and not only was he alive, but he was going ahead of them to Galilee—and there they would see him! The mystery of God's intervention, in what had seemed a sad and hopeless situation, rendered them speechless and afraid as they fled the garden where their beloved Jesus had been entombed. Was it really possible that they would see him again and feel the joy of his presence?

And so goes the great story of Easter...that Christ is not only alive, but goes ahead of us; and if he is truly walking ahead of us, we will not look for him in vain, but we will "see" him—in the world and in our lives--just as he told us.

May the Living Christ who goes before us lead us through Lent to a joyous Easter!

Faithfully yours,

*Pastor Joyce deVelder*

# CHURCH FAMILY

## 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  
Susanna Combs  
David Garrand  
Rod Borgman  
John Bodnar  
Richard Zelazny  
Ron Hamm  
Evie Senecal  
Charlotte Gorham  
Gerry Barber  
Susie Murphy  
Anna Bierma  
Sandy DeGregory  
Mona Perkins  
Suzanne Guerineau  
Sandy Horsfield

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

## HOSPITALIZED IN FEBRUARY

**Barbara Vincent** – Saratoga Hospital

**Tom Wilbur** – Saratoga Hospital ER

**Sandy Jones** – Glens Falls Hospital

**Rosie Driscoll** – Saratoga Hospital

**Paulette Foote**- Saratoga Hospital

## SYMPATHY

*The church extends its prayers and sympathy in Christ to the following families who lost loved ones in February:*

..to the family of **Louise Lindahl** (84) who died on 2/9 at The Pines in Glens Falls where she had spent the last weeks of her life, struggling with a broken hip and other medical conditions. Louise and her husband of 62 years, **Malcolm (Mac) Lindahl** ( a retired teacher at Schuylerville Central School) lived in Clarks Mills. She is survived by her husband, their three children – **Laurie Wells, Kristi Irish and Jeffrey Lindahl** and their families, and by four grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. Louise's funeral service, led by **Pastor Joyce**, was held on 2/13 at Flynn Bros. Funeral Home. We thank the family for the flowers donated to the church in her memory.

..to the family and friends of **William (Bill) R. Cluff** (93) who died on 2/24 at the home of his daughter and son-in-law, **Jacqueline and William Standish** of Schuylerville, where he had lived for the past eight years. (Bill's wife, **Elizabeth (Betty)** a member of old Saratoga, preceded him in death in 2010. Bill was an active member of the communities where he had lived, and of the churches where he worshipped and served Christ. He liked coming to Old Saratoga on communion Sundays with Betty, and helped out with many projects. Bill's funeral service was held on March 1 at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints (Mormon) in Greenwich, where he was actively involved for many years. He is survived by his daughter **Jacqueline**, his son **Robert (Bob) Cluff** of South Carolina and their families, including nine grandchildren and 20 great grandchildren.

## CONGRATULATIONS

..to **Bridget Critelli**, who recently received her Bachelor of Science Degree in Psychology and Human Development from Empire State College with formal ceremony in early June. She is hoping to start her Master's Degree program in applied Behavior Analysis and Autism at the Sage College in Troy. Bridget is a direct support professional (DSP) who works for the Warren-Washington-Albany County ARC as a full-time Assistant Residential Manager of a group home. She lives in Greenwich with her mother, **Janice Cornell**.

## BIRTHDAYS



- 1: Rebecca Nicole Sheely
- 1: Don MacMillan III
- 3: Carolyn Cook
- 5: Susan Fero Kurowski
- 8: Glen Mathis
- 8: Suzanne Guerineau
- 9: Nasa Edgar
- 12: Ashley Edgar
- 10: Kimberly MacMillan
- 10: Riley Peyton MacMillan
- 11: Miles and Sasha Clifford
- 14: Grace Louise Mellen
- 15: Emily Brockman
- 16: Josephine Edgar
- 19: Heather Freebern
- 20: Carol Cox
- 25: Diane Mathis Asiel
- 26: Susanna Murphy
- 29: Wyatt Anthony Correll
- 29: Bethany Olmert
- 30: Kyle Burch
- 30: Alisa Richards

## ANNIVERSARIES



- 25: Tammee and Adam Lockwood, 1989
- 25: Brenda and Bill Buchanan

## IRISH BLESSING FOR ST. PATRICK'S DAY – March 17



*May you see God's light on the path ahead*

*When the road you walk is dark.*

*May you always hear,*

*Even in your hour of sorrow,*

*The gentle singing of the lark.*

*When times are hard, may hardness*

*Never turn your heart to stone,*

*May you always remember*

*When the shadows fall*

*You do not walk alone.*

## CONGRATULATIONS



..to the cast and crew of the wonderful production of **"Les Mis"** at the Schuylerville High School on the snowy weekend of March 1,2,3. OSRC youth who participated in one way or another were **Bridgette Lewie, Myra Edgar, Maggie Cox and Holly Deyoe.**

# **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 - 5<sup>th</sup> 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)**

# CHURCH LIFE

## WOMEN'S GUILD

The Women's Guild will resume meeting on **Monday, March 19 at noon**. Bring a sandwich; dessert and beverage will be provided. Hostess for March is **Terri Richards**. All women of the church are welcome to attend! Bring a friend!

## EASTER FLOWERS



If you would like to place flowers in the church for Easter Sunday in memory or honor of a loved one, you may either call the office or use the order form in your Sunday bulletin. The plants are **\$10** each, and available choices are lilies, mums or azaleas.

**Orders must be in by March 18.**

## SUNDAY SCHOOL



Our Sunday School will be meeting for its Spring session beginning in March. The schedule is as follows:

**March 11, 18, 25**  
**(NO session on 4/1 or 4/8)**  
**April 15, 22, 29**

Children's Day will be held on **Sunday, April 29**. Please be sure to attend worship that day to support the youth on their faith journey.

## HYMNS OF OUR FAITH

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

*"Take time to be holy, speak oft with thy Lord;  
Abide in him always, and feed on God's Word.  
Make friends of God's children;  
Help those who are weak,  
Forgetting in nothing his blessing to seek."*

We have arrived at the Season of Lent. In the liturgical year, this is a time of preparation and renewal, often encouraging us to give up something that brings joy to our lives. Self-denial for the sake of sacrifice alone does not profit, but it should be our desire that the void filled by relinquishing something will be filled by something more glorious that more fully prepares, that more fully equips us, for God's service.

Jesus, in preparation for his earthly ministry, recognized the need to separate himself from daily life in order to equip himself for the work ahead. Spending 40 days in the desert, dealing with temptations from Satan, Jesus fasted and prayed.

"Take Time to Be Holy," although not a Lenten hymn, contains elements of the Lenten theme. It speaks to our need to prepare, to pray and always be in a spirit of prayer. It speaks of our spiritual need to "feed on God's word." It speaks of the "world rushing on" while we spend time alone with God.

(This hymn was written by W.D. Longstaff and the hymn tune was composed by G.C. Stebbins, the first being an Englishman, and the second a native New Yorker who also wrote the tunes to "Have Thine Own Way" and "Jesus, I Come.")

*"Take time to be holy, be calm in thy soul,  
Each thought and each motive beneath his control;  
Thus led by his spirit to fountains of love,  
Thou soon shall be fitted for service above."*

**Dick Behrens**

## "SOUPER" SUPPER UPDATE

Our "Souper" Supper raised a total of **\$671** for our General Fund. We thank all the soup and dessert makers, those who donated money, those who helped in the dining room and kitchen, and especially **Bonnie Garrand**, who chaired the event!

## PALM SUNDAY BREAKFAST

**Sunday, March 25 8:45am**

Everyone is invited to attend our Palm Sunday Breakfast on **March 25 at 8:45am**. Please sign up to bring a breakfast item to share. It can be an egg casserole, sweet bread/muffins, meat (bacon or sausage) fruit, bagels, coffee cake or juice. Table service will be provided. Our thanks go to the Fellowship Committee for organizing the breakfast. The food will be abundant, so please come even if you aren't able bring something. **Following the breakfast, all are welcome to join in the celebration of the Triumphal Entry of Jesus Christ into Jerusalem, and the commemoration of the Passion.**

*In order to be ready for worship, we ask that everyone have their dishes here so that we can begin to enjoy them at 9am. Thanks!*

## LASAGNA DINNER

**Sat. April 14 4:30-6:30pm**



Our Annual Lasagna Dinner is scheduled for **Sat. April 22**. We are grateful to **Cindy Brockman** and **Paulette Foote** for offering to chair this event. A sign-up sheet will be posted soon. We will need everyone's help! Please note the date on your calendar so that you can come and enjoy a great meal! Help spread the word!

## CAMP FOWLER REGISTRATION

Registration for the upcoming camping season at Fowler is available online, by accessing the Fowler website:

[www.campfowler.org](http://www.campfowler.org)

The consistory has designated **\$300** for each camper to help cover the cost of a week at camp. You may want to sign up soon as weeks fill up fast!

We're happy to note that there are already **three** of our young people planning to go to Fowler this summer!

## EASTER SUNDAY

All are welcome to join the celebration of the Resurrection of Jesus Christ at the worship service at **10am on Sunday, April 1**. Following the service, refreshments will be served downstairs in Loomis Hall.



## BLOOD DRIVE

Thanks to everyone who helped with the American Red Cross Blood Drive held on Feb. 10 at Old Saratoga: **Sue Hughes** and **Jenn Legg** who registered donors, **Chris Garney** and **Cindy Brockman** who baked for the Red Cross workers, and to **David and Joyce deVelder, Duffy Whitehouse, and Terri Richards** who donated blood. A total of **22** pints of life-saving blood were donated!

## YOUTH FELEWSHIP RETREAT

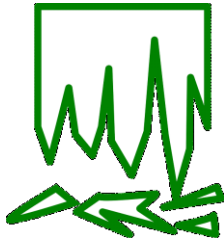
**Meeting 3/11 at 6:30pm at Bacon Hill to discuss plans for the retreat**

**Retreat at Camp Fowler  
3/ 16-18 Cost: \$25**

**Call Pastors Jan (518-321-7518 or Jenn (919-600-9240) for more info.**



## FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER GLITCH



Many of you did not receive a February Jacob's Well newsletter. The post office returned **27** copies (about one fourth of the ones we mail out) in shredded condition. Since it was very close to the end of the month and we were already preparing the March newsletter, we did not reprint them.

We hope that you will enjoy reading this month's newsletter. If you feel that you missed something, please call the office for an update. (518-695-3479)

## PASTOR JENN'S WORSHIP SCHEDULE FOR MARCH



**Sun. March 4** Old Saratoga

**Sun. March 11** Fort Miller

**Sun. March 18** co- lead Bacon Hill  
Youth Retreat

**Sun. March 25** Old Saratoga

## CHURCH CLEAN UP DAY

The Property Committee has selected **Sat. May 5** as the church cleanup day and are developing a list of interior and exterior jobs to be done. Please keep this date in mind, as we will need lots of help! Thanks!

## PASTOR JENN'S COMMISSIONING SERVICE

On Sunday, Feb. 11, the **Rev. Jennifer Legg** was commissioned by the Classis of Schenectady, led by **Rev. Kent Busman**, to her ministry with the Turning Point Churches (Fort Miller, Bacon Hill and Old Saratoga) The service was held at 4pm at Old Saratoga, with members/pastors of all three congregations participating – including a 3-church choir who sang a wonderful “upbeat” version of “Amazing Grace.” Though the weather was not good that day, and many people who wanted to come could not get here safely, it was a special celebration of Pastor Jenn's presence and ministry among us. All three churches hosted a fellowship reception following the worship service.

## THE REV. BILLY GRAHAM 1918-2018



**The Rev. Billy Graham** died on Feb. 21 at age 99. Over the course of his career, he preached to 215 million people in 185 countries around the world.

***“Only God can give us a selfless love for others, as the Holy Spirit changes us from within. This is one reason we must receive Christ, for apart from His Spirit we can never be freed from the chains of selfishness, jealousy and indifference. Will others see Christ's love in your life today?”***



# 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 518- 695-4640

Next Board meeting: April 6 at 9:30 at OSRC

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### SAFER

Schuylerville Area Food Relief

Open 9-12 noon M, F

518- 260-4779

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### “STRENGTH WITHOUT COMPROMISE”

*History of the Women’s Suffrage Movement in  
Warren, Washington and Saratoga Counties*

*Speaker: Teri Podnorszki Gay*

*Tues. March 13 at 7 pm*

*Fort Miller Reformed Church*

*Info: 518-747-9108*

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### DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME



Be sure to change your clocks  
overnight on Saturday, March 10, so  
you don’t miss church on  
Sunday, March 11!

## BUS TRIP TO LANCASTER, PA



**When: Friday, Saturday, May 4-5**

**Leaves: 5:15am from Bacon Hill**

**Reformed Church**

**What: Stops at Kitchen Kettle Village,  
stay at Hotel Lancaster, dinner at  
Shady Maple Restaurant, attend  
“Jesus” at Sight and Sound Theater.**

**Cost: \$310 for double (includes  
tips) \$100 due to Nancy**

**Purinton by 4/1; remainder by 4/16**

**Info: [purinton73@gmail.com](mailto:purinton73@gmail.com) or  
518-636-3856**

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### LOCAL CHURCH DINNERS AND EVENTS

*(Please mark your calendars!)*

**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**

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### HOSPICE VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY Training Class

**When: Mon. April 2 at 11 am**

**Where: Community Hospice of Saratoga  
179 Lawrence St. Saratoga Springs**

**Call the volunteer office to register  
518-581-0800**

**“JACOB’S WELL”**

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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  
Sunday, March 4 10am***

***4 Tuesdays in Lent continues  
12 Noon – 1 pm 3/6, 13***

***The Life and Work of Archbishop Desmond Tutu***

***Palm Sunday Breakfast  
Sunday, March 25 at 9:00 am***

***Easter Sunday Celebration of the Resurrection of Jesus Christ  
Sunday April 1 at 10 am  
Fellowship following! All are welcome!***