

Jacob's Well

May 2018



- May 6** **SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER** **Celebration of the Lord's Supper**
Lectionary Readings: Acts 10:44-48; Psalm 98; 1 John 5: 1-6; John 15: 9-17
Greeter: Bill Olmert
Liturgist: Pam Seward
Ushers: Ajay Deyoe/Dick Behrens
Counters: Bruce Guerineau/Cindy Brockman
Communion Servers: Amer Deyoe/Paula Sheely/Cindy Brockman
Communion Cleanup: Kim and Karl Thayer
- May 13** **SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER** **Pastor Jenn Legg preaching** **Mother's Day**
Lectionary Readings: Acts 1: 15-17; Psalm 1; 1 John 5: 9-13; John 17: 6-19
Greeter: Anna Bierma
Liturgist: Carolyn Markwith
Ushers: Hank Harrington/Bridget Behrens
Counters: Paula Sheely/Amber Deyoe
- May 20** **PENTECOST (Please wear red, orange or yellow)** **Reception of New Members**
Lectionary Readings: Acts 2: 1-21; Psalm 104: 24-35; Romans 8: 22-27;
John 15: 26-27; 16: 4b-15
Greeter: Joan Lapitsky
Liturgist: Dick Behrens
Ushers: Makenzie Harrington/Katrina Harrington
Counters: Paulette Foote/Cindy Brockman
- May 27** **TRINITY SUNDAY** **Memorial Day Weekend**
Lectionary Readings: Isaiah 6: 1-8; Psalm 29; Romans 8: 12-17; John 3: 1-17
Greeter: Bridget Critelli
Liturgist: Anne Mitchell
Ushers: Holly Deyoe/Paula Sheely
Counters: Bruce Guerineau/Paula Sheely

**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...

*"...you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses, in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."
-Jesus (Acts 1:8)*

Dear Members and Friends of Old Saratoga,

Greetings in the Spirit of the Risen Christ!

We're a little more than halfway through the fifty days from Easter (4/1) to Pentecost (5/20)! The winter season was long and spring has been slow in coming, but the hope of warmth and sunshine, and the blessing of new life is a lift to our spirits as the weeks go on!

The church will celebrate the **Day of Pentecost** on Sunday, May 20. At Old Saratoga it will be our joy to welcome new members on Pentecost. This is a day to commemorate a special "outpouring" of God's Spirit upon the apostles and other followers of Jesus who were in Jerusalem for the Jewish Feast of Shavuot (a spring harvest festival) after his Ascension. The amazing story of what happened on Pentecost (Acts 2:1-31) is the story of how the church began.

Before he departed, Jesus had promised his disciples that he would always love them and be with them in their mission to carry on his ministry; and not only that—but they would receive "power" when the Spirit came upon them.

This commissioning power would give them courage, boldness and strength to be Christ's local and global witnesses. Spirit-power would be essential to the disciples--as their witness to the Gospel would soon place them in opposition with the "powers" of the world that felt threatened by their message from God.

Today, we think of the community of Christ's followers in Jerusalem, who are under threat because of political changes. It seems after all these years, not much has changed. And we, who are living in a country that is in political turmoil, are finding that our spiritual values are constantly challenged by the powers of greed, corruption, and injustice.

It is our fervent hope and prayer, that the Holy Spirit will empower us like the first apostles and followers of Christ, help us find our voice, and give us courage and power to witness to the Love of God for all creation. As Paul the Apostle encouraged Timothy: *"I remind you to rekindle the gift of God that is within you...for God did not give us a spirit of timidity, but a spirit of power and love and self-control."* (2 Timothy 1:6-7)

As God said long ago to our ancient ancestors of the faith, *"Take courage... for I am with you...**My Spirit abides among you; fear not!**"* (Haggai 2:4-5)

*Faithfully yours,
Pastor Joyce deVelder*

Church Family

HOSPITALIZED IN APRIL

Anne Mitchell- Saratoga Hospital

THANKS EXTENDED

..to **Cindy Brockman** and **Helen Lofgren** who arranged the Easter plants in the sanctuary
..to the **Fellowship Committee** for the refreshments following the Easter Sunday worship service
..to **Dave Garrand** who cleaned up the church yard of winter debris before our lasagna dinner
..to **Doug Sheely** for winter plowing
..to **David and Mikael deVelder** for clearing the church sidewalks

CONGRATULATIONS

Makenzie Harrington (13) daughter of **Hank and Katrina Harrington**, was inducted into the Schuylerville Chapter of the Junior National Honor Society on April 10. **Ajay Deyoe** (16) son of **Amber and John Deyoe**, was inducted into the Schuylerville High School National Honor Society on March 27.

Inductees are selected for membership based on outstanding scholarship, citizenship, leadership and service. Congratulations to both of these young people and to their families!

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
10: Bridget Critelli
11: Mark Booth
11: Paulette Foote
15: Myra Edgar
15: Cheryl Jones
17: Anne Mitchell
18: Nugent Edgar
25: Katrina Harrington
26: Maggie Correll
27: Anna Bierma
28: Rev. Joyce deVelder
28: James Thayer
28: Amanda (Fugle) Markwith
29: Pam Seward

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
17: Kenneth and Jessica Mac Millan, 2003
26: Marion (Davies) and Franck Beaufreton

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
Anne Mitchell

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

NEW HOMES

Mellenie Booth and **Rich Zotzmann** have each recently purchased homes. Mellenie will now be living in Round Lake (PO Box 201, zip 12151) and Rich's new home is on Bald Mountain Road in Greenwich. We wish them both well in their new lives as homeowners. Happy Mortgage!!!

Janice Cornell and **Bridget Critelli** have recently moved "around the corner" and are now living at 42 Salem St. in Greenwich.

QUARTERLY MISSION Fowler Ministries

The mission for the second quarter (April-June) is Fowler Ministries, which helps support and sustain not only the camp itself, but its programs and ministries. *"The camp has been set aside for 64 years to allow congregations to experience a holy world, loved-redeemed-sustained by a Holy God. We are, all together, stewards of 245 acres, 1000 feet of lakefront, over 30 buildings, all the children who visit, and all the creatures which make their homes there. Donations from congregations account for about 20% of the support needed to sustain Camp Fowler."* **Rev. Kent Busman**

Thank you for your support of Fowler Ministries.

Coin boxes are available on the back table of the sanctuary, or you may make your donation by check to OSRC, earmarked "Fowler Ministries." Boxes are due back Sunday, June 24.

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

The Church office will be closed on Monday, May 28, for Memorial Day.

GARDENER NEEDED

Once again, Old Saratoga is requesting the help of someone who likes flowers, and would have a couple of hours each week to plant, water and weed our three flower beds (one by the sign on the corner, one around the spotlight on the front lawn, and one by the back door of the church, which has mostly ground cover) Plants will be purchased by the Property Committee and will just need to be put in the ground. Please let Pastor Joyce know if you are able to help. Thanks!

Church Life

LASAGNA DINNER UPDATE

Sat. April 14

Thank you to all who supported our lasagna dinner and especially to **Cindy Brockman** and **Paulette Foote**, who co-chaired it. The profit which will go to the General Fund was **\$1168**.

ANNOUNCEMENTS PLACEMENT CHANGED

The Worship Committee decided to begin the service with the announcements and prayer concerns, in order to have the flow of the worship service be uninterrupted. If a purple prayer request is placed in the offering plate, it will be mentioned just before the Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession.

CHURCH PICNIC

Sunday, June 3 at noon

Everyone is invited to the Annual Church Picnic to be held on **Sunday, June 3 at noon** at the home of **Duffy and Bill Whitehouse**. Please bring a dish to share, your own beverage and a lawn chair (if you have one.) If you have meat to cook, there will be a grill provided for you to use. A signup sheet is posted in the entryway.



Come and enjoy sharing a meal with your church friends and an afternoon in the country, overlooking the Hudson Valley! See you there!

PASTOR JENN'S WORSHIP SCHEDULE FOR MAY



Sun. May 6 Bacon Hill

Sun. May 13 Old Saratoga

Sun. May 22 Fort Miller

Sun. May 29 Bacon Hill

STEWARSHIP INVITATION

Responses to the Stewardship Invitation have started coming in! So far we have received donations and pledges totaling **\$1735**. If you would like to see what has been underwritten so far, and what still remains, an updated list of the items may be found on the bulletin board in the foyer. Thank you to all who have made a donation to support the church, in addition to their regular giving.

Guest in Worship on June 10

On June 10, Sherry Herdman will be a guest at Old Saratoga. Sherry will be speaking on the Mariposa DR Foundation (Our 3rd quarter mission) which began in 2009 with the goal of working "to end extreme generational poverty," and to assist women and girls especially who are "not looking for a hand-out, but a hand-up." The Mariposa Center for Girls in the Dominican Republic was established to educate, empower and employ girls from the Dominican Republic and neighboring Haiti. More information can be found by going to www.mariposadrfoundation.org

Old Saratoga Reformed Church Stewardship Invitation 2018

“These offerings are in addition to those for the Lord’s Sabbaths and in addition to whatever you have vowed and all the freewill offerings you give to the Lord”

Leviticus 23:38 (NIV)

The Consistory and the Finance Committee are asking members and friends of the church to prayerfully consider underwriting one or more of our budgeted expenditures for the 2018 financial year. Support for an item may be in whole or in part. We request that your act of stewardship be in addition to your regular giving. Your gift may be offered in a single payment, or in as many payments as you find convenient over the course of the year.

Budgeted Item	Weekly Amount	Monthly Amount	Annual Amount	My Gift
Buildings/Grounds Maintenance	29	125	\$1,500	_____
Choir Music	6	25	\$300	_____
Christian Literature	2	8	\$96	_____
Church Parsonage Sewer Rent	13	55	\$664	_____
Church Parsonage Water Rent	8	33	\$400	_____
Classis Dues for a Friend	2	8	\$96	_____
Copier/Printing Expenses	27	117	\$1,400	_____
Envelopes for Offering	4	19	\$230	_____
Fire Alarm Related Inspections	7	29	\$350	_____
Fire Central Station Monitoring	6	24	\$290	_____
Mission of the Quarter Boxes	1	3	\$35	_____
Furnace Maintenance	7	30	\$365	_____
Office/Paper Supplies	8	33	\$400	_____
Organ/Piano Tuning	6	26	\$310	_____
Sunday School Supplies	3	13	\$150	_____
Postage	10	42	\$500	_____
Support for Synod Fellow	*	*	*	_____
Worship Materials	2	8	\$100	_____

Please return this form to the Church Office, drop in the offering plate, or e-mail your response to oldsaratogareformed@verizon.net. Make checks payable to OSRC, earmarked “Stewardship”

Name of Giver _____

HYMNS OF OUR FAITH

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

"Children of the heavenly Father safely in his bosom gather;

Nestling bird or star in heaven such a refuge ne'er was given."

Carolina Sandell-Berg (1832-1903) was a prolific poet and hymn writer, having more than 600 hymns to her credit. Lina, as she was more commonly known, was the daughter of a Swedish Lutheran minister, and had her first book of poems published when she was in her late teens. Several of her hymns were inspired by personal tragedy, when at age 26, she lost her father in a boating accident, with her mother's death following a year later. "Children of the Heavenly Father" reflects her thoughts of dealing with personal loss: "Neither life nor death shall ever from the Lord his children sever." Her original text said nothing about children, only the faithful crowd of Christians throughout history. Later an editor changed her text and put in the image of children.

The hymn is sung to a traditional Swedish melody, and in contemporary Swedish life it is used as a baptism hymn. It is said that no baptism in Sweden takes place without the singing of this hymn, despite the fact that the hymn says nothing about baptism.

Scripturally, the hymn is inspired by words from the Book of Psalms and Paul's letter to the Romans. In Psalm 103:13 we read "As a father hath compassion on his children, so the Lord has compassion on those who fear him." Romans 14:8 gives us this assurance, "If we live to the Lord; and if we die, we die to the Lord. So whether we live or die, we belong to the Lord." It is a hymn for all seasons of our lives: at baptisms assuring God's hand on the youngest, and in good times or bad, since, whatever our state, "We belong to the Lord."

"Though he giveth or he taketh, God his children ne'er forsaketh;

His the loving purpose solely to preserve them pure and holy."

Dick Behrens

CLEANUP DAY SCHEDULED

Sat. May 5 at 9am



The Property Committee has scheduled **Saturday, May 5 at 9am** for a church cleanup, both inside and outside the building. A list of jobs has been drawn up, so sign up to do what you like to do! If you notice something which you feel needs attention, please speak to one of the members of the Property Committee (**Paulette Foote, David deVelder, Karl Thayer, Oscar Everts or Duffy Whitehouse.**) We'll need lots of help!!

GRADUATES

If you will have a graduate in your family this year (child or grandchild) please let the office know and future plans of the graduate. All names will be printed in the July JW, when the graduations have all occurred. Thanks!

PASTOR JOYCE TO SPEAK MAY 12 AT NEW BRUNSWICK SEMINARY

Pastor Joyce and family will be in New Brunswick, NJ from 5/11-13. On Sat. May 12, Pastor Joyce will be one of the speakers at a special event at New Brunswick Theological Seminary commemorating a number of anniversaries having to do with the leadership of women in the RCA as pastors, professors, elders and deacons. (Pastor Joyce was one of the first women ordained in the Reformed Church following the historic General Synod decision of 1979.)

The event, a Women's Stories Day, is planned by the Reformed Church Center and the RCA office for Women's Transformational Leadership. Pastor Jenn will be leading worship on Sunday, 5/13 at Old Saratoga!

SPRING ORIENTATION FOR NEW MEMBERS

The Elders have scheduled **Sunday, May 6** following worship to hold a new Members Orientation. Reception of new members will be **Pentecost Sunday (May 20)** If you are interested, please contact **Pastors Joyce or Jenn** or one of the elders (**Paula Sheely, Paulette Foote, Amber Deyoe**)

PROPERTY COMMITTEE REPORT

In its report at the recent consistory meeting, the following items were discussed:

1. Created a list of jobs for the cleanup day (5/5, 9am-12)
2. Will contact Code Officer regarding some options for the stove
3. Contractor will come to look at parsonage chimneys, roof of church and railings
4. Recommend that bid from Sound Solutions for upgrades be accepted

We will need to find someone who will take care of the **snow blowing/shoveling** for the upcoming winter. Any suggestions will be welcome!

The next meeting will be 5/14 at 7pm at church.

FOWLER CAMPERSHIPS

We currently have three, possibly five, youth (**Bridget Behrens, Makenzie Harrington and Bridgette Lewie**) who will be going to Camp Fowler this summer. Each camper will receive a campership of **\$300** from OSRC towards the cost of the week. If you would like to contribute towards this cost, please make your check to OSRC, earmarked **"campership."** Thanks!

FAITHWALKING RETREAT AT FOWLER May 20-22

Pastor Jenn Legg, Ministry Fellow and some members of the "Turning Point" churches (Bacon Hill, Fort Miller and Old Saratoga) will be gathering at Camp Fowler Sun. May 20-Tues. the 22 for a Faithwalking 101 Retreat. This retreat is part of the Albany Synod Fellowship Program of which the three churches became a part in 2017.

Participants from Old Saratoga include: **Paulette Foote** and **Anne Mitchell** (both members of the Fellowship Team) and **Amberlyn Deyoe**. Please remember Pastor Jenn and the participants in your prayers during the retreat! Thank you.

ECUMENICAL BIBLE STUDY

Pastor Jenn Legg will be leading the Bible Study on April 25 and May 2, while Pastor Joyce and family are out of town, visiting family in Michigan. The group is continuing their study of the Book of Isaiah. New members always welcome!

Baby Goats!

Visit with 25+ baby goats. Family friendly fun for FREE. Saturday, May 12
11 am-3 pm at Old Saratoga Mercantile-
1120 Route 29 Schuylerville. Shuttle bus from Schuyler Farms-Corner of 29 & Burgoyne Road. Food, music, games and activities.



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: May 8 at 9:30 at OSRC

SAFER

Schuylerville Area Food Relief

Open 9-12 noon M, F

518- 260-4779

CONCERT AT ST. STEPHEN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Sunday, May 6 at 4pm

A Spring Concert will be held on Sunday May 6 beginning at 4pm in the sanctuary of St. Stephen's Church in Schuylerville. Refreshments will be served at a post-concert reception.

Violinist **Tania Susi**, with her daughters joining her on violin and cello, will be offering beautiful string music. Baritone **John Alecci** will also be featured, accompanied by **Doug Bischoff**, organist at St. Stephen's.

The concert is a celebration of the 150th Anniversary of the church. Music will include songs of Stephen Foster, and hymns which were popular at the time of the church's founding in 1868.

The concert is free, but donations to the music ministry program will be gratefully received. All are welcome!

**The church will be open for self-guided tours
from 2-4pm**

DRILLING FOR HOPE FUNDRAISER

A fundraiser dinner for Drilling for Hope will be held on May 18 from 5-7pm at the Principessa Elena in Saratoga

All you can eat prices: Seniors - \$8;
Adults: \$9; Takeout- \$10; Child 5-12-\$5

Menu: Pasta Fagioli soup, Pasta with Marinara Sauce, Meatballs, Sausage and Peppers, Dessert

SCHUYLERVILLE GARDEN CLUB ANNUAL PLANT SALE

Sat. May 12- 9am-noon or until sold out!



At Fort Hardy Park

Perennials, houseplants, garden items,
and gloves will be available for purchase

SCHUYLERVILLE LIBRARY MUSIC PROGRAMS

Libraries Rock : Summer Music Programs

Featuring performers such as
the Zucchini Bros.: Peter, Paul and George;
violinist Concetta Abbate; Rural Soul Studio;
"Story Laurie" McIntosh. Programs are free!!

Info: descriptions and schedule at
schuylervillelibrary.sals.edu or
518-695-6641

LOCAL CHURCH DINNERS AND EVENTS

Sats. in May, June Fort Miller Area
Bicycle Rides- Call John Peterson for
info-518-695-3054

5/ 20 St. Stephen's Chicken BBQ at the
Monument 12-2pm 518-695-6061

6/2 Sat. Chicken BBQ at Bacon Hill

6/2 Sat. 6pm Community Barbecue at
Fort Miller

10/20 Sat. Roast Pork at Quaker Springs

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Anne Mitchell

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Sunday School: *as announced*

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