

# *Jacob's Well*

**November 2018**



- Nov. 4    TWENTY- FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST                      Preacher: Dick Behrens**  
***Celebration of the Lord's Supper and All Saints***  
**Lectionary Readings:** *Ruth 1: 1-18; Psalm 146; Hebrews 9: 11-14; Mark 12: 28-34*  
**Greeter:** *Robin Woomer*  
**Liturgist:** *Ajay Deyoe*  
**Ushers:** *Bridget Behrens/Holly Deyoe*  
**Counters:** *Amber Deyoe/Anne Mitchell*  
**Communion Servers:** *Paula Sheely/Anne Mitchell/Amber Deyoe*  
**Communion Cleanup:** *Kim and Karl Thayer*
- Nov. 11    TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST                      Pastor Jenn preaching**  
**Lectionary Readings:** *Ruth 3: 1-5; 4: 13-17; Psalm 127; Hebrews 9: 24-28; Mark 12: 38-44*  
**Greeter:** *Bill Olmert*  
**Liturgist:** *Holly Deyoe*  
**Ushers:** *Matthew Waldinger/Ajay Deyoe*  
**Counters:** *Amber Deyoe/Anne Mitchell*
- Nov. 18    TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST                      Thanksgiving Sunday**  
**Lectionary Readings:** *1 Samuel 1: 4-20; 2: 1-10; Daniel 12: 1-3; Psalm 16: Hebrews 10: 11-14; 19-25; Mark 13: 1-8*  
**Greeter:** *Anna Bierma*  
**Liturgist:** *Chris Garney*  
**Ushers:** *Bridget Behrens/Hank Harrington*  
**Counters:** *Cindy Brockman/Anne Mitchell*  
***Annual Meeting in Loomis Hall following worship***
- Nov. 25    TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST                      Reign of Christ**  
**Lectionary Readings:** *2 Samuel 23: 1-7; Psalm 132: 1-12; Revelation 1: 4-8; John 18: 33-37*  
**Greeter:** *Joan Lapitsky*  
**Liturgist:** *Susanna Combs*  
**Ushers:** *Paula Sheely/Bill Olmert*  
**Counters:** *Bruce Guerineau/Cindy Brockman*

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

## ***From Pastor Joyce...***

Dear Members and Friends of Old Saratoga,

Greetings to you in the Peace of Christ!

As we look forward to the celebration of **Thanksgiving** and the start of the holiday season, I share with you these "offerings" of thanks. Sometimes during these anxious and troubled days, it's easy to focus more on what's wrong; but really, there is much to be thankful for in our **land, church** and **community**.

As our nation's mid-term elections approach on Nov. 6, I'm grateful that we can go to the polls to **vote** according to our faith and conscience. This is a responsibility we've been given. It's an opportunity to call for change and healing in our socially divided nation. It's our chance to help shape the direction of the future for ourselves and others--and for our children and grand-children.

In the **church**, I'm grateful for the pastors and priests and folks of our community who are open and committed to worshiping and serving Christ together and reaching out to the community we share. I'm thankful for the participation of the three local Reformed churches in the Albany Synod Fellowship Program. One year ago, the Turning Point Reformed Churches (Old Saratoga, Bacon Hill, and Fort Miller) welcomed **the Rev. Jennifer Legg** to our area to begin a two-year ministry among us through the Albany Synod Fellowship Program. On November 12, Pastor Jenn will celebrate her First Anniversary of ordination as a Minister of Word and Sacrament in the Reformed Church! As she continues to share with us her gifts, her love of God and people, I am grateful for her presence that has helped bring the churches closer together and has raised the question of what God may be calling us to do together!

In the **community**, I'm grateful for our town and village leaders, for all the volunteers who dedicate their time and energy to helping others—such as our local fire departments, Meals on Wheels, SAFER, Second Hand Rose Thrift Shop, the Caring and Sharing Program and many others. As one who loves trees, I give thanks for each and every new tree that's been planted in the village of Schuylerville--each one a sign of hope for the healing of our planet!

I'm grateful to the Great Creator for the gift of **life**, for **Love** that transforms and heals all things, for the spirit of **gratitude** that helps dissolve discontent, and fills the human heart with joy and resolve to celebrate and share the goodness of God.

A **Blessed Thanksgiving** to you and and your families and friends!

Faithfully yours,

*Pastor Joyce de Velder*

# Church Family

## DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME

Sat. Nov. 3

Don't forget to set your clocks **back** overnight one hour on **Nov. 3<sup>rd</sup>**. We'll all get one much-needed extra hour of sleep after the Harvest Dinner!



## PASTOR JOYCE AWAY

**Pastor Joyce and family** will be away in Cooperstown, NY the weekend of Nov. 9-11, where she will be officiating at the wedding of **Samantha Whitehouse** (granddaughter of **Duffy and Bill Whitehouse**) and **Ethan Bliss**. Many thanks to **Pastor Jennifer Legg**, who will lead worship and preach at Old Saratoga on Sun. Nov. 11.

## HOSPITALIZED IN OCTOBER



**Susie Murphy** – Saratoga ER  
**Sue Hughes** – Saratoga ER

## CONDOLENCES TO THE TEMPLE

*If you would like to send condolences to the Pittsburgh Synagogue which experienced a mass shooting:*

**Tree of Life Congregation**  
**5898 Wilkins Avenue**  
**Pittsburgh PA 15217**

## BIRTHDAYS

- 1: Roger Sherman
- 2: Carol Burch
- 3: Roger M. Sherman
- 3: David Woomer
- 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: Timothy Cox



## ANNIVERSARIES

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

## OUR FRIENDS IN HEALTH CARE FACILITIES/HOMEBOUND

**Chauncey Mabb**, Crescent Manor, 312 Crescent Blvd., Bennington, VT 05201,  
**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  
**Pat Burke**, Wesley Community, Victoria

## THANKS RECEIVED FROM...



...from **The Giving Circle** for a donation of **\$75** to help rebuild the Koi Koi House  
...from **Wellspring** (Domestic Violence Services) for a donation of **\$95**  
...from **Dorcas Ministries** for a donation of **\$200** to help for hurricane relief

## WELCOME TO PASTOR SCOTT CUTTING



We are happy to welcome **Pastor Scott Cutting** to the Schuylerville neighborhood and community! Scott moved here in late August from his home in Moriah, NY (near Ticonderoga) to serve as Pastor of Faith Chapel, Assembly of God. He recently graduated in May from the Northpoint Bible College in MA, and was credentialed by his denomination as a Licensed Minister. Scott enjoys music and playing an assortment of stringed instruments, and plays in Faith Chapel's worship band. The Ecumenical Clergy Association was pleased to welcome him to his first meeting with the group on Oct. 15! We pray God's grace and blessings upon Scott as he settles into the community and ministers among us!

## 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  
Billie Jo MacWhinnie  
David Garrand  
Rod Borgman  
Trevor Lewie  
Richard Zelazny  
Terri Richards  
Evie Senecal  
Charlotte Gorham  
Gerry Barber  
Susie Murphy  
Anna Bierma  
Sandy DeGregory  
Mona Perkins  
Sandy Horsfield  
Billie Jo MacWhinnie  
Margaret Jacobson  
David Slay

Bette Tucker  
Sue and Tom Wilbur  
Donna Mellen  
Thomas Altrogge  
Ryan Markwith  
John Bodnar  
Robin Woomer  
Naomi Thayer  
Sandy Jones  
Alicia Lewie  
Rosie Driscoll  
Clyde Wells  
Tom Barber  
Sue Hughes  
Charles Thayer  
Suzanne Guerineau  
Pat Hayes-Howd  
Anne Mitchell  
Cheryl Durkee  
Shawn Gamble

## ECUMENICAL BIBLE STUDY

**Meets Wednesdays from 10-11am in Loomis Hall.** All are welcome to come and learn what the Book of James has to say about living in faith.

## CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

The church office will be closed on **Friday, Nov. 9, Monday, Nov. 12** in observance of Veterans Day, and on **Thursday and Friday, Nov. 22,23** for Thanksgiving.

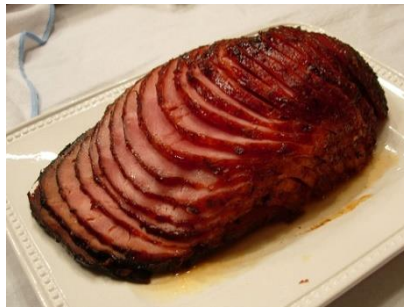


# HARVEST HAM SUPPER

*Sat. November 3*

**4:30pm through 6:00pm**

(continuous serving)



## OLD SARATOGA REFORMED CHURCH

48 Pearl Street, Schuylerville

NY

Menu: Baked Ham, potatoes, squash,  
green beans, Dutch Kraut, rolls & butter,  
homemade Apple and Pumpkin pies, beverage

Adults \$10      Children 5-12 \$5      Under 5 free

**Dine in or take out**

Reservations Recommended - Walk ins welcome

Call the church office (518-695-3479)

# Church Life

## HYMNS OF OUR FAITH

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

*"Here, O my Lord, I see you face to face, Here faith can touch and handle things unseen; Here will I grasp with firmer hand your grace, And all my weariness upon you lean."*

This hymn, written by Horatio Bonar, captures the essence of the Lord's Supper – that time in our worship when we commune with our Lord and with brothers and sisters in Christ around the elements associated with Christ's suffering on behalf of a broken world. Although we cannot physically see God, we do feel his presence as we "touch and handle things unseen." For many of us this feast of remembrance is the time when we feel closest to God, for it is the time when, as Bonar has written,, "Here will I lay aside each earthly load, here taste afresh the calm of sin forgiven."

Horatio Bonar (1808-1889) is viewed as the greatest of Scottish hymn writers, descended from a long line of pastors, who in aggregate served 364 years in the Church of Scotland. Horatio was an avid Bible student and excelled in preaching and hymn writing. Many of his hymns were described as "spontaneous." In all, he wrote nearly 600 hymns, 100 of which are still in use in English speaking countries.

Once a year Horatio visited his brother, to celebrate the Lord's Supper. At one of these visits he gave his brother this hymn, which originally had eleven verses. The stanzas take us through the physical act of communion, a statement of confessing the sinner's condition and God's righteousness, God's presence after we have left the table, and closes with an image of the feast that awaits all believers, which reads as follows:

*"Feast after feast thus comes and passes by,  
Yet, passing points to that glad feast above;  
Giving sweet foretaste of the festal joy,  
The Lamb's great bridal feast of bliss and love."*

**Dick Behrens**

## PASTOR JENN'S WORSHIP SCHEDULE FOR NOVEMBER



**Sun. 11/4 FMRC**

**Sun. 11/11 OSRC**

**Sun. 11/18 BH**

**Sun. 11/25 FM**

***Congratulations to Pastor Jenn, who will celebrate the first anniversary of her ordination on Nov. 12.***

Pastor Jenn will be moving from Greenwich to Saratoga on Nov. 6.

Her new address will be:

**9 Hampstead Place Apt. 218  
Saratoga Springs NY 12866**

## CONSISTORY NOMINATING FORMS AND ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

The nominating forms for consistory members are out, for the required six week interval before our annual meeting. Please give careful thought to who you think would feel called to serve the church. We will need two deacons and one elder.



Election for both offices will take place at our annual meeting, which is scheduled for **Sunday, Nov. 18, following worship.** Please plan to attend to vote on our Faith Budget for 2019, hear the reports, updates, affirmations, and enjoy a light lunch with the members and friends of OSRC.

# **St. Nicolaas Holiday Sale**

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

**Saturday, Dec. 1**

**8 am-2 pm**



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

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

*(All proceeds will benefit the General Fund)*

***Donations will be accepted beginning  
Mon. Nov. 19. Thanks!***



## OUR 4th QUARTER MISSION

### *The Giving Circle*

The Mission for the fourth quarter (October-December) is The Giving Circle whose purpose is to shape better lives by building and teaching sustainable solutions in education, health, farming and economic self-empowerment to end poverty and hopelessness. It is a **local** all-volunteer non-profit organization, originally founded in response to Hurricanes Katrina and Rita. It has since expanded its efforts to work with underserved families in Saratoga County, helping to found and serve Code Blue homeless shelter, and support the Koi Koi House orphanage in Africa.

## WOMEN'S GUILD NEWS

The next meeting will be on **Monday, Nov. 19 at noon**. Hostesses will be **Sue Hughes and Sandy Jones**. All women of the church are welcome to attend.

## POINSETTIAS



Poinsettias can be ordered through the church to memorialize or honor a loved one this Christmas season. Cost is **\$10** per red plant. They will be displayed on Christmas Sunday, Dec. 23, and Christmas Eve. Forms are placed in the bulletins on Sunday, or you may call the office to order.

**Deadline is Nov. 25.**

## WORSHIP COMMITTEE NEWS

Two of our Worship Committee members attended the worship symposium at First Reformed in Schenectady on Oct. 20 and got lots of ideas about ways to worship. The committee will meet Thursday, Nov. 8 at 6pm and discuss how some of these ideas can be incorporated into the worship at OSRC.

## ADVENT WREATH



Advent begins on Sunday, Dec. 2. On each of the four Sundays of Advent, leading to Christmas and on Christmas Eve, we light candles to remind us of Christ the Light of the World. This year the Turning Point Reformed Churches (Old Saratoga, Bacon Hill and Fort Miller) will be using the same liturgy and readings for the lighting of the Advent candles. (We thank **Jennifer Thomas** from Bacon Hill Church who is preparing the liturgy.)

We will be looking for 5 families, individuals or groups to take a turn lighting the candles on the Sundays in Advent and on Christmas Eve. If you would like to participate, please look for the sign-up sheet in the church entryway.

## ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

**Nov. 4**

On Sunday, Nov. 4, we celebrate **All Saints** with Holy Communion and a special remembrance of those in the church who have died in the past year. We will also pay special tribute to one of God's saints who was a famous hymnwriter – **Frances Ridley Havergal**. **Dick Behrens**, our hymn-story writer for *Jacob's Well*, will tell her inspiring story, and we will sing her hymns during the service. We will also welcome a special "mystery guest."





# **Community Christmas Concert** **on** **Sunday Dec. 2** **3 pm**

**at Old Saratoga Reformed Church  
Burgoyne and Pearl Streets, Schuylerville**



**Featuring local choirs and musical groups  
with audience carol singing  
Refreshments following**

**All are welcome!**  
**(Handicapped accessible)**

*Free will offering to benefit "Caring and Sharing"*

## PECAN SALE

We are again selling pecans for holiday baking or just for snacking. The order has been placed for 72 bags of plain halves, and 48 of dark chocolate covered. The cost will be **\$10** per bag. Signup sheets for preorder are on the back table of the sanctuary, or you may call the office to order. **(518-695-3479)** So get yours ordered early to be sure you get what you need! Please spread the word, too, as there are community members who like to purchase them. Thanks!

**(We're expecting the pecans to arrive the last week of October.)**

## COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS CONCERT Sunday, Dec. 2 at 3pm

Plans are under way for the Annual Community Christmas Concert to be held at Old Saratoga. Area choirs will again each sing an anthem, and there will be audience carol singing in between. Refreshments will follow the hour long concert. Please come and get in the Christmas spirit by attending with your neighbors and friends in Schuylerville!

**A free will offering will benefit  
"Caring and Sharing"**

## ST. NICOLAAS BRUNCH Sun. Nov. 25 11:30am



Everyone is invited to come to the St. Nicolaas Brunch on **Sun. Nov. 25 at 11:30am** to help decorate the church for the Christmas Season. First we will join together for the meal, and then do the decorating of the sanctuary and Loomis Hall. Please bring a brunch item (sweet breads, muffins, egg casseroles, fruit, juice, meats) to share. See you there!

## "WHAT IT MEANS TO BE REFORMED"



**Pastor Jenn** will be leading a discussion group on **"What It Means to Be Reformed"** which is open to members and friends of all three churches of the Turning Point Ministry (Old Saratoga, Bacon Hill and Fort Miller) and the community.

**When: Wednesday evenings (Nov. 7 and 14)**

**Time: 6:30-7:30pm**

**Where: Old Saratoga Reformed Church**

**Focus: The History of the Reformed**

**Denomination, Reformed Theology, The Liturgical Worship Tradition, and Denominational Structure**

**Format: Presentation, with lots of opportunity for discussion! All are welcome!**

## DEACONS SEND MONEY TO RCA FOR HURRICANE RELIEF

At its meeting on Oct. 25, the consistory designated **\$200** from our Bottle and Can Mission Fund to be sent to the Reformed Church in America to assist with disaster recovery in Florida.

## A Blessed Thanksgiving to all!

Thursday, November 22



# 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: Nov. 2 at 9:30 at OSRC**

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## SAFER

(Schuylerville Area Food Relief)

Open 9-12 noon M, F, and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sat.

518- 260-4779

SAFER will now be open on the third Saturday  
of the month,  
beginning Jan. 19, from 9am-Noon.

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## LOCAL CHURCH DINNERS AND EVENTS



- 11/3 Sat. Harvest Ham Supper at OSRC
- 11/10 Sat. Bacon Hill Lasagna Dinner
- 12/1 Sat. Holiday Sale at OSRC
- 12/2 Sun. Community Christmas Concert

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## WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA

Wreaths Across America is an organization that helps raise money to provide a wreath for each veteran's gravestone. The goal of the Gerald B.H. Solomon is 10,000 wreaths. For more information, to donate or to register as a volunteer, go to [WreathsAcrossAmerica.org](http://WreathsAcrossAmerica.org)

**On Saturday, Dec. 15 at 12 noon, a ceremony will be held and wreaths will be placed. A group from OSRC is planning to help. See Cindy Brockman if you are interested in participating.**

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## JACOB HOUSTON "POP UP ART SALE"

Just in time for Christmas!!

Sat., Sun. Nov. 3, 4 from 11am-4pm  
2432 St. Rt. 29, Greenwich

## MOBILE FOOD PANTRY

Where: Schuylerville United Methodist,  
51 Church Street

When: 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of every month from  
1:30-3:00pm

Saratoga County EOC 518-288-320

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## APPLE PICKING

Volunteers are needed to pick apples for  
SAFER at Saratoga Apple on  
Sunday, Nov. 4 from 1-3pm

Hot cider and donuts served!!!

Call or text Dee Whitten  
518-893-2736

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## GLENS FALLS NATIONAL BANK COMMUNITY DAY

Friday, Nov. 2 10am-4pm

Proceeds will benefit SAFER

*Volunteers are needed to help make goodies for  
the bake sale table. You can drop your  
donation at the bank from 9-10am on Friday.*

*Thanks!*

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## RACING CITY CHORUS TO ENTERTAIN

**Sat. Dec.1 at 7pm**

The Racing City Chorus will be entertaining  
all fans of barbershop singing on Saturday,  
Dec. 1 at 7pm at the Greenwich School  
Auditorium. Proceeds will benefit several  
area Methodist churches.

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## ST. NICOLAAS WEEKEND SCHEDULE

**Fri.-Sun. Nov. 30-Dec. 2**



**Nov. 30 Fri. 6pm Memory Tree Lighting at  
the Saratoga Town Hall**

**Entertainment Events and Vendors all day  
In the Town Hall on**

**Sat. 10am-4pm, Sun. 10am-2pm**

**Community Christmas Concert Sun. 3pm at  
Old Saratoga Reformed Church**

**“JACOB’S WELL”**

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PASTOR: Rev. Joyce deVelder

MINISTRY FELLOW: Rev. Jennifer Legg

OFFICE MANAGER: Duffy Whitehouse

**Consistory Members:** Amber Deyoe, Paula Sheely,  
Cindy Brockman, Bruce Guerineau, Anne Mitchell

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Sunday Worship: 10:00 am

Sunday School: *as announced*

***Ham Harvest Supper***

***Sat. Nov. 3 from 4:30-6pm***

***(details inside)***

***All Saints Sunday - Celebration of the Lord’s Supper***

***Sunday, Nov. 4 10am***

***St. Nicolaas Brunch and Church Decorating***

***Sunday, Nov. 25 following worship***

***Holiday Sale***

***Sat. Dec. 1 8am-2pm***

***(see inside for details)***

***Community Christmas Concert***

***Sunday, Dec. 2 at 3pm***

***Benefits “Caring and Sharing”***