<u>Jacob's Well</u>

March 2019



March 3 TRANSFIGURATION SUNDAY Celebration of the Lord's Supper

Lectionary Readings: Exodus 34: 29-35; Psalm 99; 2 Corinthians 3: 12-4:2; Luke 9: 28-36 (37-43a)

Greeter: Patti Booth Liturgist: Anne Mitchell

Ushers: Eddie Fish/Terri Richards

Counters: Anne Mitchell/Amber Deyoe

Communion Servers: Anne Mitchell/Bridget Critelli/Susanna Combs

Communion Cleanup: Bill Olmert

March 10 FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

Worship Leader: Pastor Jenn Legg

Lectionary Readings: Deuteronomy 26: 1-11; Psalm 92: 1-2, 9-16; Romans 10" 8b-13; Luke 4: 1-13

Greeter: Bill Olmert Liturgist: Dick Behrens

Ushers: Hank Harrington/Karl Thayer Counters: Paula Sheely/Bridget Critelli

March 17 SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

St. Patrick's Day

Lectionary Readings: Genesis 15: 1-12, 17-18; Psalm 27; Philippians 3: 17-4:1; Luke 13: 31-35

Greeter: Amber Deyoe Liturgist: Carolyn Markwith

Ushers: Bridget Behrens/Dick Behrens Counters: Amber Deyoe/Susanna Combs

March 24 THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

Lectionary Readings: Isaiah 55: 1-9; Psalm 63: 1-8; 1 Corinthians 10: 1'-10; Luke 13: 1-9

Greeter: Bridget Critelli Liturgist: Mark Booth

Ushers: Makenzie Harrington/Katrina Harrington

Counters: Paula Sheely/Bridget Critelli

March 31

FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

Lectionary Readings: Joshua 5: 9-12; Psalm 32; 2 Corinthians 5: 16-21; Luke 15: 1-3, 11b-32

Greeter: Anna Bierma Liturgist: Chris Garney

Ushers: Dick Behrens/Bridget Behrens **Counters: Susanna Combs/Anne Mitchell**

Our worship services begin at 10:00am. The sanctuary is handicapped accessible.

Holy Communion is celebrated the first Sunday of each month.

From Pastor Joyce.....

"Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not rely on your own insight. In all your ways acknowledge God and God will make straight your paths." Proverbs 3: 5-6 (NRSV)

Dear Members and Friends of Old Saratoga,

Greetings to you in the grace and peace of Christ.

The holy 40-day season of **Lent** begins on Ash Wednesday, March 6. In these six weeks before Easter (April 21) followers of Christ are invited to embark upon a journey of the spirit. This is a time to reflect upon our lives as we think of Jesus whose path led to the cross; and, as we wrestle with our own temptations, doubts and fears, recall the struggles Jesus faced in his own mind and soul to **trust God** with all his heart and be faithful to his mission.

The inner journey we speak of in Lent continues on throughout our lives as we learn and experience from day to day what it means to trust in the God who loves us, and to discover the blessings that often are present—or come out of our struggles.

The theme for this year's Ecumenical Community Lenten Services is "Trust in the Lord." It seemed an appropriate theme considering that we are living in what's been termed as "the age of anxiety." In the ever-changing sea of life, climate, politics, religion, social and global issues, and personal challenges, "trust in the Lord" is a "mantra" of peace for the spirit, an anchor of hope for anxious minds and hearts.

For the church of Jesus Christ, struggling to abandon the crooked paths of sexual misconduct and confront its reluctance to welcome all people as God's Beloved children, "trust in the Lord" is a call the church cannot ignore. Trusting in God is a good way to resist something we seem humanly prone to do: To rely upon our own insight and succomb to the temptations of power, sex, money, or fear of those whom we deem to be "different".

The God in whom we place our trust is a **God of Love** who calls us to love one another. Full and complete trust, as the Psalmist writes, calls for acknowledging God in ALL our ways (Ps. 3:6). If we cannot trust the kind and loving ways of God, how can we follow Jesus in doing God's work to help heal the world?

"Trust in the Lord" is a simple, but profound text to keep in our minds and hearts through this Lenten season. May it remind us of the great Love and Mercy of God; may it help calm our anxious minds in times of distress and uncertainty; may it teach us to walk as Jesus did—faithfully embracing the loving ways of God who is trustworthy and faithful for all time!

Faithfully yours,

Pastor Joyce deVelder

2019 Ecumenical Lenten Services of the Greater Schuylerville Community

Theme: "Trust in the Lord"
The Lenten services begin at 7:00 PM

Refreshments and fellowship follow each service, except for Ash Wednesday and Maundy Thursday

Tues. Mar. 5 SHROVE TUESDAY HEARTY PANCAKE SUPPERS

5-7PM PANCAKE SUPPER AT Easton UMC (Rt. 40)

4:30-7PM PANCAKE SUPPER AT Schuylerville UMC (youth group fundraiser)

Wed. Mar. 6 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 Quaker Springs UMC
Preaching: *The Rev. Virginia Cornell*9:00 AM Mass at Notre Dame-Visitation

12 Noon and 6PM at St. Stephen's - Imposition of Ashes

7:00 PM Ash Wednesday Mass at St. Joseph's

Stations of the Cross 12:15PM Every Friday (except Good Friday) at St. Stephen's Episcopal

followed by Luncheon

Wed. Mar. 13 SECOND LENTEN SERVICE

7:00 PM at Fort Miller Reformed Preaching: The Rev. Marty Fisher

Wed. Mar. 20 THIRD LENTEN SERVICE

7:00 PM at Notre Dame-Visitation Preaching: The Rev. Jennifer Legg

Wed. March 27 FOURTH LENTEN SERVICE

7:00 PM at Bacon Hill Reformed Church

Preaching: The Rev. James Swanson

Wed. April 3 FIFTH LENTEN SERVICE

7:00 PM at Schuylerville United Methodist

Preaching: The Rev. Scott Cutting

Wed. April 10 SIXTH LENTEN SERVICE

7:00 PM at Faith Chapel

Preaching: The Rev. John Iseman

Prayers and Anointing for healing will follow the service

Thurs. April 18 MAUNDY THURSDAY The Lord's Table and Tenebrae

7:00 PM at Turning Point Wesleyan Meditation: The Rev. Joyce deVelder

7:00PM Mass of the Lord's Supper at St. Joseph's

Fri. April 19 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 Notre Dame-Visitation and St. Joseph's

7:00 PM Good Friday Service at St. Joseph's

Sat. April 20 EASTER VIGIL at 8 PM at Notre Dame-Visitation

Sun. April 21 EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE 6 AM Bacon Hill Reformed (Outdoor Chapel)

Led by the Revs. Janet Vincent and Jennifer Legg

OLD SARATOGA HAS A DISABILITY ADVOCATE!

The consistory is pleased to announce that **Deacon Bridget Critelli** volunteered to serve as a Disability Advocate in Old Saratoga Reformed Church. She is one of many advocates who serve as RCA Disability Advocates in the local congregations.

Bridget will be helping to identify needs of people living in the church and community, and encouraging the full inclusion of people with disabilities in the life of the church. We thank Bridget for her willingness to take on this important role!

More information about disability advocacy can be found on the Reformed Church website at www.rca.org.

REPORT ON CAMP FOWLER YOUTH RETREAT

We're happy to note that **Bridget Behrens** (from OSRC) was among 14 young people from Bacon Hill Reformed Church who spent the weekend of Feb. 9-10 at Camp Fowler. The theme of their retreat was "Loving the Unloveable," based on the book of Jonah. **Pastors Janet Vincent** and **Jennifer Legg** served as leaders for the weekend event.



CONSISTORY RETREAT Sat. March 9

Members of the Turning Point Reformed
Church consistories (Old Saratoga, Bacon Hill
and Fort Miller) will gather for a day-long
retreat at Bacon Hill Reformed Church from
9-4pm on Sat, March 9.

Pastor Jennifer Legg will lead the group in looking at our church mission statements and discussing our common purpose and how we can better support each other and work together as servants of Christ.

We'll be grateful for your prayers and will report to the congregations on what this retreat generated and/or achieved!

COMING ON SUNDAY APRIL 28

What: A joint worship service of the Turning Point Reformed Churches (Bacon Hill, Old Saratoga and Fort Miller)

Time: 10am

Location: Old Saratoga Reformed Church

Worship Leader and Preacher: Rev. Jennifer Legg

DRILLING FOR HOPE

Karen Flewelling will be leaving for Africa in the Spring of 2019, where she will be funding a total of 13 wells in Ghana, Tanzania and Burkina Faso. One of these will be the 100th well which she has provided!! She will also be funding the purchase of animals, soccer balls and school supplies. 100% of donations go to Drilling for Hope.

Drilling for Hope is our Jan.-Mar. Mission of the Quarter. Thanks you for your gifts!

Old Saratoga Reformed Church Stewardship Invitation 2019

"These offerings are in addition to those for the Lord's Sabbaths andin addition to whatever you have vowed and all offerings you give to to the Lord." Leviticus 23:38 (NIV)

The Consistory and the Finance Committee are asking members and friends to prayerfully consider underwriting, either in whole or in part, ome or more of our budgeted expenditures for the 2019 financial year. We request that this 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
Boxes for Mission of the Quarter	\$1	\$3	\$35_	
Building/Grounds Maintenance	\$29	\$125	\$1,500_	
Choir Music	\$6	\$25	\$300	
Christian Literature."Upper Room" Lg. Print	\$2	\$8	\$100 -	
Church Parsonage Sewer Rent	\$12	\$53	\$640	
Church Parsonage Water Rent	\$8	\$33	\$400	
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Copier/Printing Expenses	\$26	\$113	\$1,350	
Envelopes for Offering	\$4	\$17	\$205	CHECK TO CONTROL TO BE WITH TO THE WAY
Fire Alarm System Inspection	\$6	\$25	\$300	
Fire Central Station Monitoring	\$5	\$24	\$285	
Furnace Inspection/Maintenance Contract	\$7	\$30	\$365	*
Offfice/Paper Supplies	\$6	\$25	\$300	
Organ/Piano Tuning	\$6	\$26	\$310	
Postage	\$10	\$42	\$500	
*Support for Albany Synod Fellowship Program	7			
Worship Materials	\$3	\$15	\$175 <u> </u>	

^{*} Support for the Albany Synod Fellowship Program does not have a dollar figure stated. Members and friends wishing to contribute to the program are asked to offer whatever amount they feel led to give.

Please return this form to the church office, drop in the offering plate, or e-mail your response to oldsaratogareformed@gmail.com. Make checks payable to OSRC, earmarked "Stewardship".

Name of Contributor	

THE LORD'S PRAYER

(2nd in a series of articles)

Theologians believe that Jesus was teaching his disciples a pattern of prayer as opposed to a strict set of words. In this month's article we will look at the pattern and delve in the meaning of the opening of the prayer, "Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name."

The dictionary definition of prayer is "a solemn request for help or expression of thanks addressed to God." Prayer in the Hebrew Bible is an evolving means of interaction with God. In the modern world it has been described as "talking to your best friend." Looking at prayers, in a global sense, three elements are commonly found- adoration, confession, and thanksgiving. But, Christian prayer has always been essentially in the manner of petitions.

The Lord's Prayer consists of seven petitions. Three are addressed to God and are about God's character. The remaining four petitions are about humankind and address people's physical needs, relational needs, mental needs and spiritual needs.

Before the first petition "hallowed be thy name" is expressed, we hear to whom the prayer is addressed – "Our Father." William Barclay said, "We cannot fail to see that the prayer begins by giving God his own and proper place." Matthew Henry, an English clergyman and Bible commentator living in the late 17th century, points to the importance of the owrd "Our." Henry notes "God is the Father to all mankind by creation, and he cites the words of Malachi 2: 10, "Have we not all one Father? Did not God create us all?" In the Book of Acts 17: 28 we read, "We are God's offspring." Modern day Biblical scholar Keith Warren writes, "Our Father" shows us that there is both a vertical and horizontal relationship within this prayer. Vertically- we are to understand God as our loving parent. Horizontally- "Our Father" connects us with other believers across the world and throughout history."

The first petition of the Lord's Prayer is "Hallowed be thy name." In response to the question, "What is the first petition?" The Heidelberg Catechism reads as follows: "Hallowed be thy name." That is: help us first of all to know you rightly, and to hallow, glory, and praise you in all your works through which shine your almighty power, wisdom, goodness, righteousness, mercy and truth. And so order our whole life in thought, word and deed that your name may never be blasphemed on our account, but always honored and praised." Albert Barnes (1798-1870_ an American Presbyterian theologian, had this to say about the word "hallowed." "The word means to render or pronounce holy. God's name is essentially holy everywhere, and receives from all people honor. It is thus the expression of a wish or desire, on the part of the worshiper, that the name of God, or God himself, should be held everywhere in proper veneration."

John Mac Arthur, pastor of Grace Community Church in Sun Valley, CA, succinctly expresses in everyday language, the thought within this first petition of the Lord's Prayer: "Oh God, before I even talk about my bread, my sin, my life, know this. I desire your glory to be displayed."

In the next issue of Jacob's Well, we'll look into the meaning of "Thy kingdom come."

Dick Behrens Church Historian

"Souper" Supper Sat. March 23 4:30-6 pm

old Saratoga Reformed Church
Pearl and Burgoyne Sts. Schuylerville



Cost: \$8.00 - adults \$4.00 - Children 5-10
Under 5 free

Menu:

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

Reservations recommended Walk-Ins Welcome
Call 518-695-6638 or 518-695-3479
(Dine In Only)

Church Life

HYMNS OF OUR FAITH

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

"O Love that will not let me go, I rest my weary soul in thee;

I give thee back the life I owe, that in thine ocean depths its flow may richer, fuller be."

It was in love that God breathed into man the breath of life. It was in love that God led the Hebrew nation out of bondage into the promised land. It was in love that God sent us His Son to show us the way. It was in love that Christ submitted himself to the agony of the cross. It is God's steadfast, unchanging and unconditional love that ever sustains us.

It was George Matheson, a Scottish pastor, who wrote about a "love that would not let him go." In despair concerning his increasing blindness and enduring pain caused by his fiancée breaking their engagement when she discovered his disability, it was God's love that made him strong in a time of weakness.

Matheson echoed the words of the Apostle Paul who wrote, "That is why, for Christ's sake. I delight in weakness...in difficulties. For when I am weak, then I am strong."

"O joy that sleekest me through pain, I cannot close my heart to Thee:
I trace the rainbow through the rain, and feel the promise is not vain,
That morn shall tearless be."

Dick Behrens

WOMEN'S GUILD

The Women's Guild will resume their monthly meetings on Monday, March 18 at noon. The hostess for the day is Anna Bierma. All women of the church are welcome to attend. Please bring a sandwich; dessert and beverage will be provided.

PASTOR JENN'S WORSHIP SCHEDULE



Sun. 3/3 FMRC Sun. 3/10 OSRC Sun. 3/17 BHRC Sun.3/24 FMRC Sun.3/31 BHRC

Pastor Jenn will also be participating in the Ecumenical Lenten Services, and will be preaching on 3/20 at Notre Dame-Visitation.

UPDATES

Our Lasagna Dinner added \$1192 to our General Fund. Thanks to all who helped in any way, and especially to Cindy Brockman, who chaired the dinner.

At our Annual Red Cross Blood Drive, volunteers donated a total of **28 pints** of blood, for which the Red Cross was extremely grateful. Thanks to all who donated or helped that morning.

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

Shirley Mabb, Saratoga Center A 110, 149 Ballston Ave., Ballston Spa NY 12020

Bette Tucker, Wesley Community, Victoria 212, 133

Lawrence St. Saratoga Springs, NY 12866

Pat Burke, Wesley Community, Victoria, 133

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BIRTHDAYS

- 1: Rebecca Nicole Sheely
- 1: Don MacMillan III
- 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 (97!!!!)
- 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

SYMPATHY

The church extends sympathy and prayers

..to the family and friends of Peter A.
Lofgren (78) of Schuylerville who died on
January 31 following several weeks of
hospitalization. Peter began his life in NYC,
but lived in Schuylerville for 45 years. He
was a veteran of the US Army and owned
a used car business for many years. He is
survived by his former wife, Helen Lofgren,
and by their two sons Steven and
Christopher and their families. On April 11,
his interment will take place at the Gerald
B.H. Solomon Saratoga National
Cemetery.

..to the family of **Richard (Rick) Zelazney** (80) who died 2/22 in Florida, following months of hospitalization and medical complications. Rick is survived by his wife, **Maizie**, their children **Maizie Anne** and **Jeff** and their families, and by his sisters-in-law, **Gerry Barber** and **Catherine Signor**.

..the family of Margaret deVelder Hougen (77) who died at home under Hospice care on 2/22 following a lengthy time of dealing with cancer. Margaret was an ordained minister in the United Church of Christ. She and her husband Edward (who died three years earlier) lived much of their life in the Boston area where they ministered and advocated for the LGBTQ community. Margaret is survived by her son, Eddy and daughter Sarah, her three granddaughters, and her brother, David deVelder. A memorial service is planned for April 13 in Northampton, MA.

HOSPITALIZED IN FEBRUARY

Sue Wilbur – Saratoga Hospital **Buddy Burch-** St. Peter's

IN OUR PRAYERS

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

Ruth Hayes Bette Tucker Dwight Colvin Sue and Tom Wilbur Anne Mitchell Alyson Fitzgerald Thomas Altrogge David Garrand Rod Borgman John Bodnar Trevor Lewie **Buddy Burch** Naomi Thayer Pat Hayes-Howd Robin Woomer The Zelazney Family Evie Senecal Alicia Lewie Charlotte Morrill Rosie Driscoll Gerry Barber Clyde Wells Susie Murphy Sue Hughes Sandy DeGregory Charles Thayer Mona Perkins Suzanne Guerineau Sandy Horsfield Rvan Markwith

The deVelder/Hougen Family

Rick Mellen

NEW ADDRESS

Florence Brown- The Sentinel, 10 Market St, Amsterdam, NY 12010- 518-669-5730

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS



Don't forget to change your clock overnight on March 9-10- Spring ahead!! See you in church!!

NEW BABY



Kyle, Kristin and (big sister) **Abby Burch** welcomed a new member to their family! on Tuesday, Feb. 26. **Landyn David** was born on Feb. 22 and was also welcomed by his happy grandparents, **Carol and Buddy Burch**.

EASTER FLOWERS



If you would like to place an Easter flower in the church in memory or honor of a loved one, please call the church office (518-695-3479.) Plants will be ordered from Dehn's in Saratoga and will be \$10 for either a lily, a mum or an azalea. Orders must be placed by March 31. If you prefer to purchase a plant elsewhere and have it be included in the flower list, please have it to the church by April 17. Thanks!

AN IRISH BLESSING

Wishing you always a bright sky above

The pleasure of doing the things that you loveGod's blessing around you,

His light from on high,

And deeper contentment as each day goes by.

Community Life

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 5 at 9:30 at OSRC

SAFER

Schuylerville Area Food Relief Open 9-12 noon M, F & 3rd Saturday 518-260-4779

TUESDAY NIGHT PRAYER

Faith Chapel opens its doors every Tuesday evening from 5-8pm to anyone who wants to come in and pray or meditate. Hot chocolate and tea are available.

LOCAL CHURCH EVENTS

- 3/16 9am-noon St. Patrick's Day Irish

 Breakfast at Faith Chapel- please call

 ahead to reserve 518-695-6069
- 3/23 4:30-6pm OSRC "Souper" Supper
- 4/13 4:30 pm Quaker Springs Ham and Turkey Dinner
- 5/4 10am Bacon Hill Bonanza Road Race –

 5K and 10K, with 1 Mile Kids Fun Run

 www.baconhillbonanza.com

 for more info or to register

HOSPICE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Community Hospice has openings in its volunteer training class. Learn more about the gratifying, meaningful volunteers do.

Monday, March 25 at 1pm 179 Lawrence St. Saratoga <u>or</u>

Wednesday March 27 at 1pm Greenwich Library, 148 Main St. Call volunteer office at 518-581-0800 to register

AUTISM CONFERENCE

Friday, April 12 7:30am-3:30pm
at the Red Lion Hotel
205 Wolf Road, Albany
Evidence based interventions to support
positive change in improving the lives of
individuals on the autism spectrum
See Bridget Critelli for details!
Register online or by mail

HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S



DAY!

"JACOB'S WELL"

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Sunday Worship: 10:00 am

Celebration of the Lord's Supper Sunday, March 3 10am

Ecumenical Ash Wednesday Service
Wednesday, March 6 7pm
Quaker Springs United Methodist Church

(Complete Lenten Schedule inside)

4 Tuesdays in Lent
Tuesdays March 12, 19, 26, April 3 12noon-1pm
DVD and discussion on Bishop Oscar Romero of El Salvador

"Souper" Supper
Sat. March 23 4:30-6pm