

Jacob's Well

April 2019



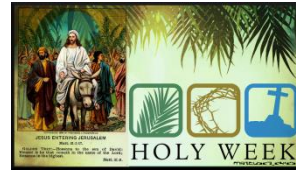
April 7 FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT *Celebration of the Lord's Supper*
Lectionary Readings: *Isaiah 43: 16-21; Psalm 126; Philippians 3: 4b-14; John 12: 1-8*
Greeter: *Anna Bierma*
Liturgist: *Holly Deyoe*
Ushers: *Bridget Behrens/Dick Behrens*
Counters: *Anne Mitchell/Amber Deyoe*
Communion Servers: *Anne Mitchell/Bridget Critelli/Amber Deyoe*
Communion Cleanup: *Anna Bierma*

April 14 PALM/PASSION SUNDAY
Lectionary Readings: *Luke 19: 28-40; Reading of the Passion According to Luke*
Greeter: *Becca Sheely*
Liturgist: *Carolyn Markwith*
Ushers: *Bill Olmert/Matthew Waldinger*
Counters: *Paula Sheely/Bridget Critelli*

April 21 EASTER RESURRECTION OF THE LORD
Lectionary Readings: *Acts 10: 34-43 or Isaiah 65: 17-25; Psalm 118: 1-2, 14-24; 1 Corinthians 15: 19-26 or Acts 10: 34-43; John 20: 1-18 or Luke 24: 1-12*
Greeter: *Bridget Behrens*
Liturgist: *Paula Sheely*
Ushers: *Eddie Fish/Terri Richards*
Counters: *Amber Deyoe/Bridget Critelli*

April 28 SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER *Joint Service of the Turning Point Churches at Old Saratoga*
Preaching: *The Rev. Jennifer Legg*
Lectionary Readings: *Acts 5: 27-32; Psalm 118: 14-29 or Psalm 150; Revelation 1: 4-8; John 20: 19-31*
Greeter: *Pat Woomer*
Liturgist: *Amber Deyoe*
Ushers: *Karl Thayer/Hank Harrington*
Counters: *Paula Sheely/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...

Greetings to you in God's Grace and Peace!

Followers of Christ all over the world will soon be observing **Holy Week** (April 14- April 20). This week marks the somber, tragic journey of Christ to the cross, and leads to the celebration of **His Resurrection** on Sunday, April 21. It's a time to open our hearts to the grace and mercy of God; to the Spirit of new life and hope for the world!

We just concluded our 6th annual 4 Tuesdays in Lent. This year we learned about the life of **Bishop Oscar Romero** of El Salvador, who like Jesus, encountered great resistance from the powers that be when he stood with the poor and oppressed, and preached the love of God. Sadly, he was shot and killed on March 24, 1980 while celebrating mass; but his legacy of love, faith, and courage lives on.

At our last session on April 2, we had the honor of meeting **Deacon Ed Solomon** from the Church of St. Peter in Saratoga Springs. Deacon Ed had just returned from a mission trip to El Salvador and had much to share about the life of Bishop Romero and the ongoing difficulty of life in El Salvador. We are eagerly awaiting an invitation from Deacon Ed to come to the slide show he is preparing for his parish about his recent mission trip!

In our closing session we talked about the church-- with Bishop Romero's words and example in mind-- how the Body of Christ must hold on to the hope of the gospel and not remain silent in the face of suffering and injustice.

As we remember Jesus' suffering and love; as we celebrate the great triumph of life over death; may God deepen our faith and strengthen our courage to follow Christ who is our Hope today and forever!

A Blessed Holy Week and Easter to you and your families!

Faithfully yours,

Pastor Joyce deVelder

Church Family

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Florence Brown, The Sentinel, 10 Market Street, Amsterdam, NY 12010

BIRTHDAYS

2: Harold Burch
2: Colleen Burch
4: Leah Demick
5: Gabriel Paul Alexanian
7: Jikke (Bierma) Loughlin
8: Janice Cornell
9: Sarah Zotzmann
10: Christopher Correll
13: Allene Cobart
15: Sarah Mathis
17: Kathryn (Sherman) Clark
17: Andrew Freebern
20: Carl Douglass
21: Maggie Cox
23: John Deyoe, Jr.
23: Bryn Radigan
24: Jillian Perkins
25: Devin Freebern
27: Edward Robert Richards Fish
30: Michael Shaver

ANNIVERSARIES

17: Donald and Kathleen Bartholomay, 1970

THANK YOU

*"Our family is grateful for the support (prayers, cards and food) that OSRC gave us during my sister, **Margaret Hougen's** illness and death. She told me often that she was happy that you were praying for her. We ask for your prayers when we have her memorial service on April 13 in Northampton, MA.*

David deVelder

PASTOR JOYCE AND FAMILY ON VACATION 4/23-5/2

The deVelders will be making their annual trip to visit family in Michigan from April 23-May 2.

Pastoral care needs may be directed to

Elder Paula Sheely, V.P., directly, or through the church office (518-695-3479)

Pastor Jenn Legg will be on call during the time Pastor Joyce is away.

Prayer Chain requests can be made through the church office or by calling

Chris Garney (518-695-6638)

YOUTH RECEIVES BIBLE

On Sunday, March 17, **Logan Tomlinson**, who was 10 years old in January, was presented with a Good News Bible. Logan is the son of **Tod Tomlinson** and **Teresa Tomlinson**. Logan's sister, **Halie**, was able to usher at the service for the very first time. Congratulations to both of the youth!



HOSPITALIZED IN MARCH

Buddy Burch- St. Peter's Hospital

Ruth Hayes – Saratoga Hospital

Chauncey Mabb – Bennington Hospital

Trevor Lewie – Ellis Hospital

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	Tom Wilbur
Alyson Fitzgerald	Anne Mitchell
Thomas Altrogge	David Garrand
Rod Borgman	John Bodnar
Trevor Lewie	Naomi Thayer
Pat Hayes-Howd	Sandy Horsfiel
Rick Mellen	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 Guerinea
Ryan Markwith	
The deVelder/Hougen Family	
The Wilbur/Deyoe Family	

CONGRATULATIONS !

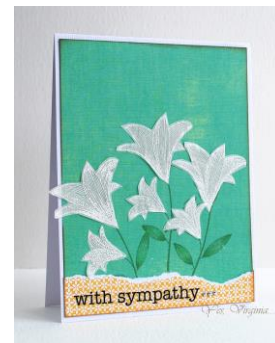
..to **Bridgette Lewie** (13) , daughter of **Alicia Lewie**, and granddaughter of **James and Donna Mellen**, who was inducted into the Jr. National Honor Society on March 26. The ceremony was held at Schuylerville Central High, where she is an eighth grade student.



SYMPATHY

The church extends prayers and sympathy to the family and friends of **Sue Kilpatrick Wilbur**, (73) who died at Saratoga Hospital on March 25. From 1983-1998, Sue served as the OSRC secretary and office manager. She also was an RN and worked for Dr. Jacobs in Saratoga. In her retirement she enjoyed traveling and playing golf, and being with family and friends.

She is survived by her husband of almost 51 years, **Thomas Wilbur**, and by her children, **Amberlyn (John)** and **Morgan (Pattie)** and her two grandchildren, **Ajay and Holly Deyoe**. Her memorial service was held at the Ackley, Ross and Garipey Funeral Home in Cambridge on April 2.



We were saddened to learn of the death on April 4th of **Rosie Driscoll (62)**, sister and sister-in-law of **Joe and Pam Driscoll**. Her memorial service will be held at St. Peters Church in Saratoga on Wed. April 10.

Church Life

HYMNS OF OUR FAITH

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

"Near the Cross"

"Jesus, keep me near the cross; there a precious fountain; Free to all a healing stream, flows from Calvary's mountain."

In the cross, in the cross, be my glory ever; Till my raptured souls shall find rest beyond the river."

Many hymns are inspired by a life-changing experience. For a given writer this might be the only piece of prose to become a hymn, once put to music. It was not uncommon for the melding of word and song to occur decades later. In the case of Fanny Crosby, the pattern was much different...Fanny became known as the "Queen of Gospel Song Writers," the "Mother of Modern Congregational Singing" in America. She was most prolific, contributing 8,000 hymns and gospel songs, in collaboration with composers. Some of her hymns were inspired by her service as a rescue mission worker, and some by her knowledge of the Bible. Blind since shortly after birth, she memorized large portions of scripture. Fanny Crosby a prominent figure in 19th century gospel circles, lived until just short of her 95th birthday. The singing of this hymn is appropriate during Lent as we think on our need for a power beyond ourselves, contemplate the meaning of sacrifice, and prepare to stand in awe remembering the Savior's life-giving work, and rejoice in his glorious resurrection.

"Near the cross I'll watch and wait, hoping, trusting ever; Till I reach the golden strand just beyond the river."

Dick Behrens

WOMEN'S GUILD

The Women's Guild monthly meeting will be held on **Monday, April 15 at noon.** The hostess for the day is **Joan Lapitsky.** 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. 4/7 FMRC

Sun. 4/14 OSRC

Sun. 4/21 BHRC

**Sun. 4/28 Joint service of
Turning Point Churches @ OSRC**

***Pastor Jenn will also be participating in
the Ecumenical Lenten Services***

SOUP SUPPER UPDATE

We had fourteen delicious soups to choose from, delighting the palates of all who came to our soup supper. Add a variety of yummy desserts to the evening, and our supper was a tasty success! It was also a financial success, as we were able to add **\$638.23** to our General Fund. A big thank you goes to all the cooks and bakers, and especially to **Susanna Combs** and **Joe Corsetti**, who chaired their very first dinner for the church!

THE LORD'S PRAYER

(3rd in a series of articles)

"Thy Kingdom Come"

In our search for meaning of the Lord's Prayer we come to the second of the seven petitions, "Thy kingdom come." As mentioned in earlier articles, the first three petitions are addressed to God, and are about God. Each of these petitions contain the word "thy."

Concerning the first petition, "Hallowed be thy name" theologians, Biblical scholars and pastors are in general agreement on the meaning. Concerning the second petition, "Thy kingdom come" interpretations vary. Some say the kingdom is here and was established with Jesus' Advent. There are those who tie this petition to the second coming of Christ, citing Rev. 11:15.

"The kingdom of heaven is near," said John the Baptist (Matthew 3:2) Is this petition referring to the present; to something evolving; some future event? Is the kingdom physical, or is it spiritual? Could it be both?

The dictionary definition of "kingdom" is "the next world." The definition is devoid of any context, but could possibly reflect the dictionary author's own theology. Among Biblical scholars who seem to be pointing to a future, or perhaps a physical kingdom, Albert Mohler said that God has promised a kingdom and "Thy kingdom come means nothing more or less than may Christ establish his kingdom soon." A United Church of God publication states "Thy kingdom come" means we are to pray that God will hasten Christ's return to establish the literal kingdom of God on this earth."

In contrast to a future event, and differing with Webster's "next world" definition, are the scholars who say that the word "kingdom" means "reign." Albert Barnes, a Presbyterian theologian, believed that kingdom means reign. "The petition," he said, "Is the expression of a wish that God may reign everywhere; that his laws may be obeyed, and especially that the gospel of Christ may be advanced everywhere, filling the world with God's glory." John Calvin told us that "God is said to reign among men when they voluntarily devote and submit themselves to be governed by him, placing their flesh before him, and renouncing their desires." William Barclay, a Scottish theologian, said, "The kingdom of God is not something in the first place that involves nations and peoples and countries. The kingdom of God is something which begins with me..."

For this writer, the words of Jesus seal the case. In the book of Matthew we hear the voice of Jesus saying, "Let the little children come to me for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these." (Matt. 19: 13-14) Simple faith in Christ, and the desire to act upon that faith brings the kingdom near. More startling are the words we read in Luke's gospel of the time when Jesus was asked when the kingdom of God would come. Jesus' reply was "The kingdom is within you." (Luke 17: 21)

If the kingdom is within us, I want to believe that we are capable of making the kingdom visible in this world. Imperfect as we may be, I want to believe that at times those around us can see and experience glimpses of the kingdom in us. Barclay goes on to say that "the entry into the kingdom begins for us when we, like Paul on the road to Damascus, ask: What shall I do, Lord?"

The meaning of "Thy kingdom come" is the subject of books. An article such as this merely scratches the surface. However, I now have a fuller understanding of its meaning, and pray that each day the kingdom will show in me, and in all believers in Christ, until that day when our Lord returns and the kingdom is made perfect.

Dick Behrens
Church Historian

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 65 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

Coin boxes are available on the back table of the sanctuary, or you may make a donation by check to "OSRC" earmarked "Fowler Ministries." Boxes are due back Sunday, June 23.

PROPERTY NEWS

The Property Committee met in March to review the next phase of upkeep to the buildings.

1. There will be a church cleanup day on **Sat. May 4 at 9am.** Come for an hour or the whole morning. All help is gratefully welcomed!
2. The committee is investigating buying into a solar farm to reduce the carbon footprint of the church.
3. **Doug Sheely** and **Michael Hayes** installed a new rear foyer door. It will be painted when the weather warms up.

The next meeting will be April 7 in the office following worship. New members are always welcome to attend.

PALM SUNDAY BREAKFAST



Everyone is invited to attend our Palm Sunday Breakfast on **April 14 at 9:00am.** 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. The food will be abundant, so please come, even if you can't bring something. Following the breakfast, all are welcome to join in the celebration of the triumphal entry into Jerusalem of Jesus Christ, and the commemoration of the Passion. ***In order to be ready for worship, we ask that everyone have their dishes here at 8:45 so that we can begin to enjoy them at 9am! Thanks!***

EASTER SUNDAY CELEBRATION OF THE RESURRECTION

Everyone is invited to celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus at the worship service on **Sunday April 21 at 10am.** The Easter story will be read and joyful hymns will be sung. The choir will sing an anthem. Following the service, there will be coffee and cookies downstairs in Loomis Hall. All are welcome!

FOWLER CAMBERSHIPS

If you would like to help our youth who attend Camp Fowler on their spiritual journey, you may make a donation to help cover the cost of a week in the beautiful Adirondacks. In the past we have helped each of the youth who attend by paying part of the cost. Please make your check to OSRC, earmarked "**Campership**" Thank you!

ECUMENICAL BIBLE STUDY

Here's the current schedule for Wed. am
Bible Study!

April 10- Regular session at church 10-11am

April 17 - Bible Study will not meet Holy Week

April 24 and May 1- Regular sessions at church
from 10-11am led by Pastor Jenn Legg

*All are welcome to come read and learn more
about the Gospel of Luke!*

COMING SUNDAY APRIL 28

Area Reformed Churches Worship Together!

Please plan to come to this special joint service of
the Turning Point Reformed Churches
(Bacon Hill, Fort Miller, Old Saratoga)

Date and Time: Sunday, April 28 10am

Location: Old Saratoga Reformed Church

**Featuring: A joint choir, a sermon by Pastor Jenn,
Prayers of the People by a member of
each church, and a fellowship hour
following worship!**

***(Offerings for each church will be placed in
separately marked offering plates at the rear of
the sanctuary.)***

Planned by: The Albany Synod Fellowship Program
(ASFP) Team composed of members from each of
the three Reformed Churches.

*"How very good and pleasant it is when
kindred live together in unity! "*

Psalms 133: 1 (NRSV)



GIFT FOR THE GIVING CIRCLE

In response to a request received from
Mark Bertrand from The Giving Circle, the
consistory voted at its March meeting to
give **\$312** from our bottle and can
mission fund to help support the yearly
salary of one of the teachers at the
Busoga and Kagoma schools in Uganda.
In most of the country schools like these,
teachers make as little as **\$41** per month
or **\$500** per year.

*If you (and your family) are interested to
personally "sponsor" a teacher (at
\$26/month or \$312 for the year) you can
find more information at www.TheGivingCircle.org/wordpress/help-our-teachers/
or send a check to "The Giving Circle"
earmarked "help our teachers." Your gift
can be mailed to: The Giving Circle, PO
Box 3162, Saratoga Springs, NY 12866*

CHURCH SAFETY

At its March meeting the consistory had
a preliminary conversation about church
safety – particularly in regard to when
people are gathered for worship.
Deacon **Susanna Combs** reported that
an officer from the Saratoga County
Sheriff's Dept. would be willing to
conduct an **Active Shooter** training event
at Old Saratoga to help us know what to
do in case of such an emergency. The
consistory will discuss this at its April 16
meeting. Please watch for more
information in the May issue of Jacob's
Well.

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: May 17 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

4/13 4:30 pm *Quaker Springs Ham and Turkey Dinner*

4-6 pm *Fort Miller Reformed Roast Beef 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

EASTER EGG HUNT

Sat. April 20 11am-1pm

at the

Schuylerville Central School Turf Field



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 email

Sunday, April 14

8th Annual Autism Expo & Art Exhibit
Over 85 Exhibitions!

Saratoga Springs City Center
12pm-3pm

A FREE Family Event

Hosted by: Saratoga Bridges, Skidmore
Psychology Dept. and
Upstate NY Autism Alliance

LENTEN SCHEDULE

Wed. Apr. 10 SIXTH LENTEN SERVICE

7:00 PM at Faith Chapel

Preaching: *The Rev. John Iseman*

Prayers and Anointing for healing follow

Thu. Apr. 18 MAUNDY THURSDAY

The Lord's Table

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. Apr. 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. Apr. 20 EASTER VIGIL at 8 PM at

Notre Dame-Visitation

Sun. Apr. 21 EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE

6 AM Bacon Hill Reformed (Outdoor
Chapel)

"Jacob's Well"

Old Saratoga Reformed Church

48 Pearl Street, Schuylerville NY 12871

PASTOR: Rev. Joyce deVelder

OFFICE MANAGER: Duffy Whitehouse

Consistory Members: Amber Deyoe, Paula Sheely,
Anne Mitchell, Bridget Critelli, Susanna Combs, Oscar Everts

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Celebration of the Lord's Supper

Sunday, April 7 at 10am

Palm Sunday Covered Dish Breakfast

Sunday, April 14 at 9am (details inside)

Followed by Palm/Passion Sunday Service at 10am

Easter Celebration of the Resurrection of Jesus Christ

Sunday, April 21 at 10am

Refreshments following the service

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

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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 succumb 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

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BIRTHDAYS

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

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Anne Mitchell
David Garrand
John Bodnar
Buddy Burch
Pat Hayes-Howd
The Zales Family

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



“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

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



Old Saratoga Reformed Church Stewardship Invitation 2019

THE LORD'S PRAYER

"These offerings are in addition to those for the Lord's Sabbaths and in addition to whatever you have vowed and all offerings you give 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, one 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	_____
Classis Dues for a Friend	\$2	\$9	\$102	_____
Copier/Printing Expenses	\$26	\$113	\$1,350	_____
Envelopes for Offering	\$4	\$17	\$205	_____
Fire Alarm System Inspection	\$6	\$25	\$300	_____
Fire Central Station Monitoring	\$5	\$24	\$285	_____
Furnace Inspection/Maintenance Contract	\$7	\$30	\$365	_____
Office/Paper Supplies	\$6	\$25	\$300	_____
Organ/Piano Tuning	\$6	\$26	\$310	_____
Postage	\$10	\$42	\$500	_____
*Support for Albany Synod Fellowship Program				_____
Worship Materials	\$3	\$15	\$175	_____

* 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 _____

(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 word "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

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

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

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 or

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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