

# ***Joint Worship Sundays***

*Turning Point Churches (Old Saratoga, Bacon Hill, Fort Miller)*

***July 7*** at Fort Miller Reformed Church

***10:30am***

*Celebration of the Lord's Supper*

***July 28*** at Bacon Hill Reformed Church

***10 am***

*Celebration of the Lord's Supper*

*Guest Preacher: Rev. Jonathan Vanderbeck, Classis President*

*Farewell Reception for Pastor Jenn following*

***Sept. 1*** at Bacon Hill Reformed Church

***10 am***

*Celebration of the Lord's Supper*

*There will be no worship service at OSRC on these Sundays.*

*Please join us at these services!*

# *Jacob's Well July/August 2019*

## **July 7 JOINT WORSHIP OF TURNING POINT CHURCHES AT FORT MILLER REFORMED CHURCH**

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST Celebration of the Lord's Supper**

**Lectionary Readings:** 2 Kings 5: 1-4; Psalm 30; Galatians 6: (1-6),m 7-16; Luke 10: 1-11 16-20  
**Counters:** Anne Mitchell/Bridget Critelli

## **July 14 FIFTH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST**

**Lectionary Readings:** Amos 7: 7-17; Psalm 82; Colossians 1: 1-4; Luke 10: 25-37

**Greeter:** Anne Mitchell

**Liturgist:** Paula Sheely

**Ushers:** Pat Woome/Kim Thayer

**Counters:** Amber Deyoe/Bridget Critelli

## **July 21 SIXTH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST Preacher and Worship Leader: Pastor Jennifer Legg**

**Lectionary Readings:** Amos 8: 1-12; Psalm 52; Colossians 1: 15-28; Luke 10: 38-42

**Greeter:** Kim Thayer

**Liturgist:** Mark Booth

**Ushers:** Anne Mitchell/Duffy Whitehouse

**Counters:** Anne Mitchell/Paula Sheely

## **July 28 JOINT WORSHIP OF TURNING POINT CHURCHES AT BACON HILL REFORMED CHURCH**

**SEVENTH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST Celebration of the Lord's Supper**

**Lectionary Readings:** Hosea 1: 2-10; Psalm 85; Colossians 2: 6-15; Luke 11: 1-13

**Counters:** Paula Sheely/Susanna Combs

**Joint Farewell Reception for Pastor Jenn**

## **Aug. 4 EIGHTH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST Celebration of the Lord's Supper**

**Lectionary Readings:** Hosea 11: 1-11; Psalm 107: 1-9,43; Colossians 3: 1-11; Luke 12: 13-21

**Greeter:** Anne Mitchell

**Liturgist:** Amber Deyoe

**Ushers:** Karl Thayer/Duffy Whitehouse

**Counters:** Anne Mitchell/Bridget Critelli

**Communion Servers:** Paula Sheely/Anne Mitchell/Amber Deyoe

**Communion Cleanup:** Bill Olmert

## **Aug. 11 NINTH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST Worship Leader: Chris Garney**

**Lectionary Readings:** Isaiah 1: 1, 10-20; Psalm 50: 1-8, 22-23; Hebrews 11: 1-3, 8-16; Luke 12: 32-40

**Greeter:** Kim Thayer

**Liturgist:** Bruce Guerineau

**Ushers:** Anne Mitchell/Hank Harrington

**Counters:** Amber Deyoe/Bridget Critelli

## **Aug. 18 TENTH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST**

**Lectionary Readings:** Isaiah 5: 1-7; Psalm 80: 1-2, 8-19; Hebrews 11: 29-12: 2; Luke 12: 49-56

**Greeter:** Duffy Whitehouse

**Liturgist:** David deVelder

**Ushers:** Pat Woome/Kim Thayer

**Counters:** Anne Mitchell/Paula Sheely

## **Aug. 25 ELEVENTH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST**

**Lectionary Readings:** Jeremiah 1: 4-10; Psalm 71: 1-6; Hebrews 12: 18-29; Luke 13: 1-17

**Greeter:** Joan Lapitsky

**Liturgist:** Christopher Tucker

**Ushers:** Holly Deyoe/Paula Sheely

**Counters:** Paula Sheely/Susanna Combs

## ***From Pastor Jenn... (A Letter of Farewell to the Turning Point Reformed Churches)***

**Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,**

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and our Lord Jesus Christ.

As the apostle Paul often opens his letters with gratitude for God and for the people of the church he is writing to, so I give thanks to God and for all of you in my prayers. I especially thank God for His abundant grace, steadfast love, and faithfulness throughout the ages. Over this last year and eight months I have experienced your faith in Jesus Christ, the love that you have for God's people, and how you witness to the grace and love of Jesus Christ in your community. The disciples of the Turning Point Reformed Churches are living out the greatest commandments: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart, mind, and soul and love your neighbor." You have come together in unity as the body of Christ to live in ways that honor and glorify God and to provide care for others. I am thankful that God has placed us on this journey in ministry together. Together we have grown in faith, loved each other, built up and empowered each other, faced challenges of the unknown, and found new ways of living as God's people in this place and time. Thanks be to God for these blessings and opportunities to come closer to Him in relationship and to live each day as disciples on mission with God in the world.

As we embarked on this journey together, there were many unknowns we would face. We did not know what to expect of this program, of each other maybe, or what would come out of all this. Personally, for me the unknowns caused anxiety and worry at times as I did not know what the future held for me and for us. The scriptures that I have read and held close to my heart on this journey are Proverbs 3:5-6, Psalm 23, and John 14:5-6.

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

The Psalmist says, "The Lord is my shepherd, I shall lack nothing. He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters; he restores my soul. He leads me in right paths for his names sake. Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff—they comfort me. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord my whole life long."

John 14:5-6 says, "Thomas said to him, 'Lord, we do not know where you are going, so how can we know the way?' Jesus answered, 'I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.'"

These passages have given me comfort, peace, and hope in times where I may have felt discouraged, stuck, challenged, or feared the unknowns that we would face together. As we read the scriptures, they re-focus and center us in Christ and remind us that we are not alone on this journey. Christ is behind us, with us, and walking before us. We just need to pray, rest in Christ, trust in Him, and listen for how the Holy Spirit is speaking to us, nudging us, and calling us to live as disciples who radiate the love of Christ into the world.

Over the past year, we have transformed as a community by growing in our faith through worship and study, in service to our neighbors, and challenging ourselves to find new ways to be in ministry together. Some of the collaborative ministry ideas we came up with are: youth group leadership, a community picnic to get to know our neighbors better, evening bible study, leadership retreats, A Room for All information session, collaborative women's retreat, outreach opportunities, and united worship services with the three congregations. Some of these ideas have already been started and some are still in the planning stages. All these opportunities are exciting new ways of being on mission together to serve and glorify God. Collaborative

ministry is also a way that we visibly unify as the body of Christ yet celebrate and use the different gifts within the body to do ministry together.

As most of you already know, but some do not, I have accepted a call with the First Presbyterian Church of Ballston Spa, NY. I will embark on a new path along my ministry journey on Aug 1<sup>st</sup>. Over the next month, I will be transitioning out of the Fellowship Program and ministry with you all. My hope is that in this last month I am with you that I get to make visits to as many people as I can especially those in the nursing homes and who are unable to get out, continue to preach, transition the evening bible study leadership from myself to another gifted and equipped leader, continue to empower and equip those leading collaborative ministry ideas, go on a hike with the youth one last time as PJ2 (PJ squared), and to encourage and bless you in the ministry you already are doing and will continue to do in the name of our Lord and Savior. My prayer and hope are that you all continue to do collaborative ministry together long after I leave. I pray you find the things that have worked well so far, continue to look at your mission statements and how to live into those as individual congregations but also as the Turning Point Churches, and also continually listen for how the Holy Spirit is calling you to live into new ways of radiating the love of Christ into the world. God has amazing and awesome new things in store for this community and His people here.

Friends, this is not goodbye, but more of a see you later, or see you around. I have prayed to God and always wanted to feel part of a community. God has blessed and gifted me with His Beloved people from the Turning Point Churches as my community that will forever hold a very special place in my heart. You all have supported me, encouraged me, taught me, challenged me, held me accountable, been gracious to me, loved me, filled my spirit with joy, and showed me what it truly means to live in community as the body of Christ. Whether you are right here in Schuylerville, Bacon Hill or Fort Miller, or hundreds or thousands of miles away, you all will always be my Beloved community in Christ.

May the love of God our Father, the grace and peace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the presence of the Holy Spirit be with each of us now and forever. Amen.

**In Christ's love,  
Pastor Jenn**

## **SUMMER JOINT SERVICES OF THE TURNING POINT REFORMED CHURCHES**

We're pleased to announce there will be three joint services of the Turning Point Reformed Church (Old Saratoga, Fort Miller and Bacon Hill) this summer (see flyer in this issue!)

- 1) **Sunday, July 7 10:30am at Fort Miller** This service will be led by Pastors Jenn, Jan and Joyce and will center around the Celebration of the Lord's Supper
- 2) **Sunday, July 28, 10am at Bacon Hill Reformed Church** This will be Pastor Jenn's last service with the Turning Point churches before she begins her new pastorate in Ballston Spa. She and the Rev. Jonathan Vanderbeck (President of Schenectady Classis and guest preacher) will lead the Celebration of the Lord's Supper. Following worship, there will be a Farewell Reception for Pastor Jenn.
- 3) **Sunday, Sept. 1 10 at Bacon Hill** Pastor Joyce will lead this service and elders from the three churches will assist with the Celebration of the Lord's Supper

**Pease note these special dates and plan to worship with our sisters and brothers in faith. All are welcome!**

***(The joint services are part of the collaborative effort to bring the churches closer together in faith and mission.)***

# Church Family

## BIRTHDAYS

### July

2: Harvey Howd  
3: Kathleen Bartholomay  
6: Ashley Buchanan  
6: Shirley Mabb  
7: Ruth Hayes  
9: Dick Behrens  
9: Larissa Anne Squires  
10: Henrietta Edgar  
12: Chet Demick  
16: Curt Demick  
16: Susanna Combs  
17: Duffy Whitehouse  
20: Alyson Fitzgerald  
26: Thomas Wilbur  
26: Catherine Alice Pooler  
27: Joshua Cummins  
28: Trevor Lewie  
28: Florence Sherman  
29: Marion Barton  
30: Amberlyn (Wilbur) Deyoe  
30: Helen Lofgren  
31: Christopher Correll, Jr.

### August

1: Traci Anne Scrom  
4: Danny Barton  
4: Kelsey Buchanan  
6: Amanda McCarty  
10: Brian Richards  
11: David Garrand  
12: Maeve Gilman  
12: Sara Radigan  
13: Terri Richards  
17: Cindy Kerr  
18: Zachary Mellen  
18: Emily MacMillan  
18: Ian Kerr  
19: Stephen Bodnar  
20: Declan Mellen  
21: Crystal Richards  
21: Makenzie Harrington  
22: Amelia Clark  
24: Carolyn Markwith  
25: Donald MacMillan IV  
25: Sarah Brockman  
27: Nicholas Thayer

## ANNIVERSARIES

### July

20: Mark and Patti Booth

### August

2: Dale and Christine Cox  
3: Joyce and David de Velder  
5: Sam and Eran Dickinson  
7: Maureen and Will Roberts  
8: Pam and Joe Driscoll  
15: Gene and Sue Usher, 1952

## 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

**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 Lawrence St. Saratoga Springs, NY 12866

**Anna Bierma**, Encompass Health Rehabilitation Hospital of Arlington, Room 206B, 3200 Matlock Rd., Arlington, TX 76015  
Phone# 1-817-419-1821

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

**Susie Murphy**, Center for Nursing and Rehabilitation, 21 Danforth Street, Hoosick Falls, NY 12090

## HOSPITALIZED IN JUNE

**Anna Bierma** –Galveston Hospital, TX

**Carol Cox** – Saratoga 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	Anna Bierma
Rod Borgman	John Bodnar
Trevor Lewie	Naomi Thayer
Pat Hayes-Howd	Sandy Horsfield
Evie Senecal	Alicia Lewie
Gerry Barber	Janice Cornell
Susie Murphy	Pam Seward
Sandy DeGregory	Charles Thayer
Mona Perkins	Danny MacMillan
Suzanne Guerineau	Clyde Wells
Chris Garney	Peggy MacMillan

## WEDDING

Blessings and congratulations to **Kathy Calkins and Will Soltren, Jr.** who were married in Greenwich on Sat. June 22, with Pastor Joyce officiating at the ceremony. Kathy and Will are good friends of **Amberlyn Deyoe** and have often helped out at our church fundraisers. We pray God will bless them with many happy, loving years together.

## CONSISTORY RESIGNATION

At its meeting on June 12, the consistory accepted with regret the resignation of Deacon **Oscar Everts**. His unexpired term will be filled this fall when we elect consistory members at our Annual Congregational Meeting on 11/17.

## FAREWELL TO THE MELLEN FAMILY



On Sunday, June 23, the congregation held a special blessing prayer of farewell for **Donna and Jim Mellen** and their grandchildren, **Trevor and Bridgette Lewie**. On June 26, they left Schuylerville to drive to Suhuarita, Arizona (south of Tucson) where their son, **Zachary Mellen**, and his family live. The two families are planning to move into a newly built home and live together. We will miss them very much and be forever grateful for their presence and ministry at Old Saratoga – including their years as youth group leaders, Jim's service on consistory as a deacon, Donna's work as a former editor of Jacob's Well and her help with Sunday School, Trevor and Bridgette's participation in Sunday School and Camp Fowler- and the whole family's help with fundraisers and dinners over the course of many years. We pray God's blessing for their safe travel to Arizona and for a smooth transition into their "new" life there.

When we sang "Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love..." there were tears of sadness, but also of joy in knowing that we will always be together in the Love of Christ!

# Church Life

## **HYMNS OF OUR FAITH**

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

*“God of Our Fathers”*

*“God of our fathers, whose almighty hand  
Leads forth in beauty all the starry band  
Of shining worlds in splendor through the skies,  
Our grateful songs before thy throne arise.”*

As we approach the 4<sup>th</sup> of July our thoughts turn to the birth of our nation and the freedom won for us by the founding fathers. “God of Our Fathers” was authored by Daniel C. Roberts, an Episcopal priest in Brandon, VT who had previously served in the cause of freedom as a Private in the 84<sup>th</sup> Ohio Infantry during the US Civil War. It was written for a Fourth of July celebration in Brandon. It was later chosen to be sung at the Centennial Celebration of the United States of America.

The tune to this song, entitled “National Hymn” was written by George W. Warren, who was born in Albany, NY. Warren was an accomplished organist and composer who served for many years as the organist at St. Thomas Episcopal Church in New York City. “God of Our Fathers” is a salute to our nation, but more importantly, it is a hymn of praise to God for his guidance in the past. God is viewed as our “ruler, guide and stay.” The hymn closes with petitions for God’s continuing presence and aid.

*“Refresh thy people on their toilsome way;  
Lead us from night to never ending day;  
Fill all our lives with love and grace divine;  
And glory, laud and praise be ever thine.”*

**Dick Behrens**

## **PASTOR JENN’S SUMMER SCHEDULE**

**Sun. 7/7 FMRC (joint service)**

**7/7-13 Raleigh, NC (Vacation)**

**Sun. 7/14 BHRC**

**Sun. 7/21 OSRC**

**Sun. 7/28 BHRC (joint service)**

**7/29-31 Days off**

**7/31 Pastor Jenn’s “official” last day  
with Albany Synod Fellowship  
Program**

**8/1 Pastor Jenn begins her ministry  
as the full time pastor of the  
First Presbyterian Church in Ballston  
Spa, NY**

## **PROPERTY NEWS**

The Property Committee made a recommendation to consistory that the church purchase some shares in the Nexamp Solar Farm in Troy. This will save 10% on the cost of electricity and will be an environmentally sound practice. The consistory approved the recommendation at its last meeting, after reading over the proposal. The paperwork to enroll was then completed and sent in. Several other local entities have also enrolled, including the Village of Schuylerville and Temple Sinai in Saratoga.

## **EVENING BIBLE STUDY**

**Dates: Tuesdays, July 9 and 23**

**Time: 6:30pm**

**Place: Bacon Hill Reformed Church**

**Studying: The Book of Ephesians**

**All are welcome!!**

## QUARTERLY MISSION

### *Mariposa DR Foundation*

The mission for the third quarter (July-Sept.) is the Mariposa DR Foundation, which was founded in 2009 in Cabarete in the Dominican Republic (DR) with the goal of helping women and girls find their way out of poverty. Girls from the Dominican Republic (and neighboring Haiti) come to Mariposa (which means "butterfly") to receive education and learn work skills, such as sewing.

This charity was started by **Sherry Herdman** cousin of church member **Kim Thayer**. Last year she visited us and told us the story of how she had started Mariposa and how it has grown over the years. She gave us a few of the upcycled bags and potholders made by the girls.

If you would like to make a donation, please make your check payable to OSRC, earmarked "**Mariposa.**"

**Coin boxes are available on the back table of the sanctuary, or you may make a donation by check to "OSRC" earmarked "Mariposa DR Foundation." Boxes are due back Sunday, Sept. 29.**

## FOWLER CAMPERS

Attending camp this year will be:

**Makenzie Harrington - Una Terra -7/21-26**

**Ajay Deyoe and Holly Deyoe - Triple A -  
8/4-9**

**Bridget Behrens - Explorations - 8/11-16**

If you would like to send the campers a note while they are at camp, the address is as follows:

**Camper Name    Week Name**  
**PO Box 207, Lake Pleasant, NY 12108**

## CONGRATULATIONS TO GRADUATES!

### High School

**Ajay Deyoe**, son of **Amber and John Deyoe**, graduated from Schuylerville High School and will attend Clarkson University, majoring in Mechanical Engineering. He won several awards and was in the top 20 of his class.

**Matthew Shaver**, son of **Tim Shaver**, graduated from Medford (MA) High School and will attend Framingham State majoring in accounting.

### College

**Sarah Brockman**, daughter of **Cindy and Jim Brockman**, graduated from UMass with a BS in Computer Science and Math. She will continue her studies there, working on her Master's degree.

**Nick Thayer**, son of **Kim and Karl Thayer** graduated from UAlbany with a degree in Actuarial Science.

**Spencer Hayes**, daughter of **Ron Hayes, Jr.**, graduated from UConn and will continue her studies at SUNY Binghamton to become an FBI profiler.

**Makenzie Galcik**, daughter of **Karen (Shaver) and Mike Galcik** graduated from Nazareth College with a BA in Psychology.

**Karlie Flood**, girlfriend of **Nick Thayer** graduated from UAlbany, and won the R.W. Wilkie Award for Outstanding Graduate in Communications at SUNY Albany, and addressed the senior class at commencement.

### Post Graduate

**Paula Sheely** received a Master of Business Administration through UAlbany's Weekend program. It was a 22 month commitment, which included a week-long international trip to Hungary, Slovakia and Austria.

## ROOM FOR ALL MEETING REPORT

On Wednesday, June 19, around 25 people from the Turning Point Churches (Old Saratoga, Bacon Hill and Fort Miller) met with **Marilyn Paarlberg**, Executive Director of "Room For All." Marilyn explained the process of how churches become "Room For All congregations, who openly welcome and affirm people of all sexual orientation, gender identities and gender expressions. Each congregation will need to explore whether (or not) to go this route. Marilyn also gave a brief update about General Synod in regard to how the inclusion of LGBTQ people could change or split the Reformed Church in America,

## OFFICE TO CLOSE FOR SUMMER

**June 28-Aug. 18**

The church office will close on Friday, June 28 for the summer, reopening on Monday, August 19.

**Pastor Joyce's vacation schedule:**

**7/15-7/23 Brown Tract Pond in the Adirondacks**

**8/6-8/14 Rhode Island (Burlingame State Park)**

## OFFERING ENVELOPES

In case you did not know (or had forgotten) our weekly offering envelopes are **mailed**, so that you are still able to support the ministry and mission of OSRC on those summer Sundays when you are not able to be with us. Just put a stamp on the envelope and mail it off! It will be a big help in paying the bills over the summer months. Thanks!

***Our Summer Letter of Appeal has been mailed, and we are grateful that responses have already begun to come in!***

## GENERAL SYNOD UPDATE



The 2019 General Synod of the Reformed Church in America met June 6-11 on the campus of Hope College, Holland Michigan. Highlights of the meeting include:

1. The synod voted to do away with the current per-member assessment system, and will by Jan. 2021, implement a new system based on "covenant shares." Each congregation will contribute a flat percentage of its income to help fund the work and ministry of the denomination.
2. A mid-term report was received from the 2020 Vision Task Force regarding the present and future state of the denomination which is currently divided over the inclusion of LGBTQ people. Their final report and recommendation will come at the 2020 Synod meeting. A significant change in how the classes vote to make changes in the RCA Book of Church Order was proposed in regard to the forthcoming report of the 2020 Task Force next year. (That proposed change will be voted on by all the RCA classes this year.

Our Classis President, **Rev Jonathan Vanderbeck**, who attended the Synod meeting, wrote in a letter to classis:

***"We will prepare ourselves for what is to come, and trust in the grace of God to sustain us, no matter what happens moving forward."***

# The Lord's Prayer

(6<sup>th</sup> in a series)

## "Forgive Us Our Debts, As We Forgive Our Debtors"

The discussions and written opinions are almost endless. The debate continues. Which is the correct expression of this portion of the Lord's Prayer? Is it "debts and debtors" trespasses, or sins, that are to be forgiven? Arguments are made based on definitions and translations of words from ancient languages, such as Aramaic and Greek. Matthew, writing in Aramaic, states "debts and debtors" (Matthew 6: 12) Debts, in the narrowest sense, can mean money owed. Its broadest meaning can indicate any moral or religious obligation that we have. Luke, working in the Greek language writes "sins" (Luke 11: 4) In this context, sins refer to a failure to do that which ought to have been done, and which could have been done. The New English Bible reads, "Forgive us the wrongs we have done, as we have forgiven those who have wronged us."

From my readings on the topic, I have concluded that the words debts, debtors, sins, trespasses and wrongs are not the critical elements of this portion of the Lord's Prayer. The indispensable, and most important, concepts are those of forgiveness and forgiving. William Barclay, Scottish theologian, and author of *The Beatitudes and the Lord's Prayer for Everyman*, writes, "a man is never closer and more kin to God than when he forgives a fellowman." Matthew Henry said, "Forgiving our debtors is an extension of God's grace."

To fully understand the necessity to be forgiving it is important to read the verses in Matthew 6 that follow the prayer. Verse 14 reads, "For if you forgive men when they sin against you, your heavenly Father will also forgive you." Then note the sobering words of verse 15. "But if you do not forgive men their sins, your Father will not forgive your sins." (NIV) Matthew Henry comments, "...the condition of forgiveness is a forgiving spirit."

To assist in further understanding forgiveness, here are two suggestions for your consideration: Read "The Parable of the Unmerciful Servant" found in Matthew 18: 21-25. You might also want to go to your computer and view a 10 minute video. Enter "David Dorn- Forgiveness: episode 17."

**Dick Behrens**

## SECOND QUARTER FINANCIAL UPDATE

We are completing the second quarter of 2019 with the **\$6031.06** in investment income which we carried forward from 2018 used, and another **\$6000** from investment income transferred to our general fund, which I hope will allow us to meet our financial obligations through the end of June. We have also used money from our investment portfolio to make needed improvements to our property (protection of our beautiful stained glass windows) and for the support of the Albany Synod Fellowship Program. We are very grateful for the regular offerings we receive as well as the generous response to our Stewardship request (**\$2300**) and support for our Fund Raisers (**\$1955.62**).

We also support other charities that help people and support causes we believe in both locally and globally. The funds that support these outreach programs are given to us specifically for mission projects and do not come out of the gifts given to support our church.

Our annual summer letter of appeal is in the process of being sent out, and we hope to be blessed by additional funds from the response to that letter. We are grateful for both the donations we receive and the encouragement and prayers of those who support us.

Respectfully submitted,

**Christine Garney, Treasurer**

# 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 July 26 at 9:30 at OSRC

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## SAFER

Schuylerville Area Food Relief

Open 9-12 noon M, F & 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday

(Mobile Food Pantry at Schuylerville United

Methodist Church 4<sup>th</sup> Tues. 1:30-3pm)

518-507-6043

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## 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.

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## FREE COMMUNITY SUMMER SUPPERS

When: Wednesdays 5:30-6:30pm

6/26, 7/10, 7/24, 8/14, 8/28

Where: St. Stephen's, 1 Grove Street

What: Home cooked meals

No need for reservations – just come!



All are welcome!

## TURNING POINT PARADE 8/4

## COMMUNITY PICNIC 9/8

Schuylerville's Annual Turning Point Parade will be held on **Sunday, August 4<sup>th</sup> at 1 pm.**

Also "in the works" is a Community Picnic, planned by the three local Reformed churches. It will be held on **Sunday, September 8<sup>th</sup>**, with further details in the September JW.

**Save the Date – Sept. 8!**

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## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



**Aug. 5-9 9-11:30am**

**Campers: Grades K-5**

**Youth volunteers Grades 6-12**

**Place: Bacon Hill Reformed Church (M-Th)**

**Fri- Hudson Crossing Park**

**Theme:**

**Wild West / Adventure of the Open Door**

**Mission: Double H Ranch**

**Bring: 1. small donation to support our mission**

**2. a reusable water bottle each day**

**Dress to play!!**

**Register:**

**<https://baconhillreformedchurch.org/>**

Adult volunteers needed!! Contact

Jessica Schwerd at [JFSchwerd@me.com](mailto:JFSchwerd@me.com)

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Rev. Jennifer Legg, Turning Point Churches  
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## **Joint Worship Sundays**

***July 7 at Fort Miller Reformed – Celebration of Communion  
10:30am***

***July 28 at Bacon Hill Reformed Church- Celebration of Communion  
10am***

***Sept. 1 at Bacon Hill Reformed Church- Celebration of Communion  
10am***

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***Coming on Sept 8 -  
Community Picnic at Hudson Crossing Park  
(sponsored by the Turning Point Reformed Churches!)  
Old Saratoga, Bacon Hill and Fort Miller***