

# ***Jacob's Well***

## ***June 2019***



**June 2 SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER      *Celebration of the Lord's Supper***

**Lectionary Readings:** Acts 16: 16-34; Psalm 97; Revelation 22: 12-14, 16-17, 20-21; John 17: 20-26

**Greeter:** Bridget Critelli

**Liturgist:** Pat Woormer

**Ushers:** Bill Olmert/Hank Harrington

**Counters:** Anne Mitchell/Bridget Critelli

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

**Communion Cleanup:** Susanna Combs

**June 9 DAY OF PENTECOST**

**Lectionary Readings:** Acts 2:1-21; Psalm 104: 24-34, 35b; Romans 8:14-17; John 14: 8-17, (25-27)

**Greeter:** Becca Sheely

**Liturgist:** Paula Sheely

**Ushers:** Katrina Harrington /Makenzie Harrington

**Counters:** Amber Deyoe/Bridget Critelli

**June 16 TRINITY SUNDAY**

**Lectionary Readings:** Proverbs 8: 1-4, 22-31; Psalm 8; Romans 5: 1-5; John 16: 12-15

**Greeter:** Anna Bierma

**Liturgist:** Chris Garney

**Ushers:** Holly Deyoe/Matthew Waldinger

**Counters:** Anne Mitchell/Paula Sheely

**June 23 SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

**Lectionary Readings:** 1 Kings 19: 1-4, (5-7) Psalm 42;; Isaiah 65: 1-9; Galatians 3: 23-29; Luke 8: 26-39

**Greeter:** Joan Lapitsky

**Liturgist:** Susanna Combs

**Ushers:** Bridget Behrens/Dick Behrens

**Counters:** Paula Sheely/Susanna Combs

**June 30 THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

**Lectionary Readings:** 2 Kings 2: 1-2,6-14; Psalm 77: 1-2, 11-20; 1 Kings 19: 15-16,19-21; Luke 9: 51-62

**Greeter:** Bridget Behrens

**Liturgist:** Anne Mitchell

**Ushers:** Bill Olmert/Paula Sheely

**Counters:** Anne Mitchell/Bridget Critelli

**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...***

Dear Members and Friends of Old Saratoga,

Greetings in the grace of and peace of Christ!

On Sunday June 9, the church around the world celebrates the **Day of Pentecost**. (You can read about this day in Acts Chapter 2.) Pentecost is celebrated as the beginning or gathering of the early church! Strange and surprising things happened as the wind of God's Spirit brought people together and opened eyes and hearts to glimpse the amazing dimensions of God's Love!

Though Pentecost isn't as well known and celebrated as Christmas or Easter, it's always been one of my favorite days in the church year. Pentecost is a day that calls us back to our roots as the Body of Christ—and reminds us that no matter when or where in time, the Spirit is bringing change to the world and working to make all things new! (Rev. 21:5) Change can sometimes feel fearful and disruptive, but it can also be freeing and life-giving!

Later this month, on **Wed. June 19**, we (Old Saratoga and the other two Turning Point Churches—Bacon Hill and Fort Miller) have opportunity to learn more about the winds of change in the church regarding LGBTQ (lesbian, gay, bi-sexual, trans gender, queer) people and their inclusion in the church. The meeting will begin at 6:30 PM at Old Saratoga, and all are welcome!

The consistories of the Turning Point congregations were in agreement to invite **Marilyn Paarlberg**, member of the Reformed Church in America and Executive Director of **Room for All (RfA)** to come and talk with us about the ministry of Room for All, and how congregations, who so desire, can work through the process of becoming, intentionally and publically, congregations who welcome and affirm people of all sexual identities and gender expressions.

As you probably know, the Reformed Church in America is one among several other denominations divided on this matter. There are deep-seated differences in theology and biblical interpretation regarding the inclusive love of God that are sadly unraveling the unity of the church and hampering its witness.

We hope that the members and friends of the churches and community will come to the Room for All meeting on June 19—to learn and listen, to ask questions, and to think more about what it means to be the Body of Christ where all people are welcomed and loved.

As on that first Pentecost, may the Spirit of God breathe new life into the church and so help us live and celebrate the unconditional Love of God!

Faithfully yours,  
*Pastor Joyce deVelder*

# Church Family

## BIRTHDAYS

2: Vicki Perkins  
3: Dale Cox  
3: Kylie Dyke  
5: Chris Garney  
5: Bonnie Garrand  
5: Eric Richards  
9: Rich Zotzmann  
11: Donald MacMillan  
11: Gerry Barber  
12: Pam Driscoll  
12: Sydney Alexanian  
15: Mellenie Rose Booth  
16: Zoe Bartholomay  
16: Barbara Vincent  
17: Ajay Thomas Deyoe  
20: John Bodnar  
21: Adam Burch  
21: Matthew Waldinger  
23: Olivia Edgar  
24: Jenny Middlebrook  
25: Patti Zotzmann  
27: Kenny MacMillan  
28: Wally Kroner  
29: Sue Hughes



## ANNIVERSARIES

1: Darryl and Cheryl (Sherman) Baust  
2: Randy and Cindy Kerr  
9: Jean Stark and Walter Kroner, 2001  
9: Mary and Charlie Sherman 2002  
24: Don and Jennifer (MacMillan) Squires  
25: Cindy and Jim Brockman **(25 years!)**  
27: Rixt (Bierma) and David Clifford

## THANK YOU

..to **Susanna Combs and the Fellowship Committee** for arranging two recent Bereavement Receptions  
..to those who came to help at the church cleanup: **Anna Bierma, David, Mikael and Joyce deVelder, Susanna Combs, Mark and Patti Booth, Bruce Guerineau, Duffy Whitehouse**  
..to our friend, **Loris King** from Norfolk, NY, who sent a generous donation for the Camp Fowler Camperships

## 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**, c/o J ikke Loughlin, 1305 Westridge Dr, Mansfield, TX 76360

## THANKS FROM PATTI BOOTH

*To my church family-*

*Thank you for your comfort and love during a difficult time. Thank you to all who made food, and to the fellowship committee for making the reception so special.*

**Love, Patti**



# Church Life

## HYMNS OF OUR FAITH

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

**Peace, Perfect Peace**

***"Peace, perfect peace, in this dark world of sin?  
The blood of Jesus gives us peace within."*** (v. 1)

The hymn is based on Isaiah 26: 3: "God will keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on God, because he trusteth in God." Edward H. Bickersteth (1825-1906) was a minister in the Anglican Church, who went on to become Bishop of Exeter. The son of a preacher, Bickersteth was a prolific writer, composing twelve books of sermons, numerous poems and several hymns.

The story is told that in 1875, while vacationing, Bickersteth heard a sermon based on Isaiah 26:3. The preacher related that the Hebrew text used the word "peace" twice to indicate absolute perfection. Shortly after, while visiting a gravely ill relative, Bickersteth read the passage from Isaiah 26. When the relative had fallen asleep, the minister took a sheet of paper and wrote down the inspired words of the poem which became a hymn. Upon awakening, Bickersteth read the poem, bringing great comfort to the relative.

The hymn is written in couplets. The first line asks a question. The second line answers the question. The questions all refer to challenges to our faith: the condition of our world, emotional distress, concern for loved ones, what the future holds for us. The answers all point to Jesus as the one who can solve the dilemma. He gives us peace that surpasses our understanding as we dwell upon God's promises, and as we seek to do God's will.

***"Peace, perfect peace, the future all unknown?  
We know that Jesus reigns upon the throne."*** (v.4)

## WOMEN'S GUILD

The Women's Guild monthly meeting will be held on **Monday, June 17 at noon** when they will have their "picnic." The members will provide picnic food and enjoy fellowship together. All women of the church are welcome to attend.

## PASTOR JENN'S WORSHIP SCHEDULE



**Sun. 6/2 FMRC**

**Sun. 6/9 OSRC**

**Sat. 6/15 BHRC**

**(Sat. evening outdoor service)**

**Sun. 6/16 FMRC**

**Sun. 6/23 OSRC**

**Sun. 6/30 OSRC**

## OUR GARDENER



We are grateful to **Susanna Combs**, who has volunteered to tend to the three flower beds at the church (one in front of the sign, one around the spotlight, and one at the back entrance to the church)



## 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.**

## FOWLER CAMPERSHIPS

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!

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**

## PROPERTY NEWS

The Property Committee is pleased to report that the Lexan stained glass window protectors have been installed by Hayes Contracting. Additionally, Doyle Securities has replaced the smoke and heat detectors in the church building, at no cost to us, provided we re-signed with their alarm monitoring for another five years. The detectors in the sanctuary cannot be replaced, because of the height of the ceiling. However, it was discovered that there were two heat detectors in the attic of which we were not aware. They have been replaced, instead of the ones in the sanctuary.

The committee was happy with the participation in the church cleanup day. Nine people came to clean the kitchen, scrub the front doors, prepare some clothing for recycling, etc. and to enjoy refreshments mid-morning! Thank you to all who helped!

**Next meeting is to be scheduled.**

## GRADUATES

If you have a child or grandchild who will be graduating from high school or college this May or June, please let the church office know.

[oldsaratogareformed@gmail.com](mailto:oldsaratogareformed@gmail.com) or call the office (518-695-3479) We will be including all the graduates in the July/August edition of Jacob's Well.



## ECUMENICAL BIBLE STUDY

The Ecumenical Bible Study will soon break for summer. The last meeting will be on

**6/12 11:30am Picnic at the home  
of Jean Myers**

Bible Study will resume meeting on Wednesday, Sept. 11 at 10am in Loomis Hall, continuing the study of the Gospel of Luke. Interested people of any denomination are welcome to join.

## EVENING BIBLE STUDY

**Pastor Jenn** will be leading an Evening Bible Study this June.

**Dates: Tuesday evenings, June 11 and 25**

**Time: 6:30pm**

**Place: Bacon Hill Reformed Church**

**Studying: The Book of Ephesians**

**All are welcome!!**

## CHURCH FAMILY PICNIC

The Church Family Picnic will once again be held at the home of Duffy and Bill Whitehouse on **Sunday, June 9 at High Noon**. Come and enjoy a day in the country, good food, and the company of the members and friends of OSRC!

(signup sheet in church entryway)



## ACTIVE SHOOTER SEMINAR

On **Sunday, May 19** after worship, approximately 20 people stayed for the Active Shooter Seminar presented by **Deputy Austin Brooks** of the Saratoga County Sheriff's Dept. Officer Brooks talked about the reality of gun violence and that "this is the society we live in." He explained the importance of "situational awareness," urging people to be aware, wherever they go, of where to run or hide in the event of an active shooter. The consistory has taken under consideration some specific tips offered by Deputy Brooks in regard to enhancing the safety of the church people, and will report back.

Our thanks go to Deputy Brooks for coming, and to **Elder Susanna Combs**, who arranged the seminar.

## OFFICE TO CLOSE FOR SUMMER

**June 28-Aug. 18**

The church office will close on Friday, June 28 for the summer. Tuesday coffee hour will still be held, and all are welcome to come and join the lively discussions each week.



**Pastor Joyce's vacation schedule:**

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

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

## CHANCEL CHOIR



The last day that our choir will be singing for this season will be Sunday, June 16. Please take a moment to thank all the faithful members of the choir, who give up an hour each Thursday evening to rehearse, and are here at church each Sunday throughout the year to lead the singing of the hymns and praise God with an anthem. Special thanks go to **Christopher Tucker**, our Minister of Music, who so ably leads and teaches the choir members each week, and to **Barbara Elcox** for playing the organ and piano for worship.

*The first choir practice for the Fall will be Thursday,  
Sept. 5 at 7pm in Loomis Hall.  
New voices are always welcome.*

## 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. a small donation to support our mission and 2. a reusable water bottle each day Dress to play!!**

**Register:**

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

Adult volunteers needed!! Contact  
**Jessica Schwerd at JFSchwerd@me.com**

## GENERAL SYNOD TO MEET

The 2019 General Synod of the Reformed Church in America will meet June 6-11 on the campus of Hope College, Holland Michigan.

To follow synod events see

[www.rca.org](http://www.rca.org)

A video stream will also be available.

The General Synod Workbook can be accessed on line for information and reports (RCA website)

**"The RCA is at a turning point"  
"crossroads"**

(from the Vision 2020 Team half way point report)

## ROOM FOR ALL

On **Wednesday, June 19 at 6:30pm** at OSRC, the Turning Point Churches consistories, congregations and friends will meet with **Marilyn Paarlberg**, Executive Director of Room For All (RFA.) Marilyn will talk about RFA, which is the advocacy arm of the RCA, for the inclusion of the LGBTQ community. All are welcome to attend.





# **The Lord's Prayer**

**(5<sup>th</sup> in a series)**

## **"Give Us This Day Our Daily Bread"**

Considering what appears to be a petition stated in simple language, one is lead to believe that the interpretation is easy and universally agreed upon. Not so, states theologian William Barclay. As was previously noted in this series of articles, current Bible translations are based on a host of previous translations, so that identifying the exact meaning becomes difficult. Questions about the exact meaning of this petition involve whether the "bread" given daily is only for today, or is it for tomorrow? Is it physical food, spiritual food, or both? In the search for meaning, the writer will remain consistent by considering the interpretations of ministers and theologians William Barclay, Albert Barnes, Adam Clarke and Matthew Henry, looking for areas of common interpretation.

Albert Barnes notes that the word "bread" refers to everything necessary to sustain life. He speaks of sustaining life in both the physical and spiritual ways, citing Deuteronomy 8:3 and Matthew 4:4. In Deuteronomy we are reminded that God fed his people physically with daily "manna," and spirituall, to remind the wandering Hebrews that "man does not live on bread alone but on every word that comes from the mouth of the Lord." In responding to Satan's temptation to turn stones into bread, Jesus reminds the evil one of this same declaration. Barnes also reminds us of the importance of the word "us." This petition is a communal prayer.

Adam Clarke exhorts us to remember that "God is the dispenser of all temporal as well as spiritual good."<sup>1</sup> He emphasizes the meaning of the word "daily" as indicating that the support we receive from God is in measure to what we need at the moment, and is not concerned with future need. In asking for our daily bread we pray only for "that which is essential to our support, God having promised neither luxuries nor superfluities."<sup>2</sup>

While in agreement with other writers, Matthew Henry gives emphasis to the implications of the word "us." We pray, "Give it to us, not to me only, but to others in common with me. This teaches us charity, and a passionate concern for the poor and needy. It intimates also that we ought to pray with our families; we and our families eat together, and therefore ought to pray together."<sup>3</sup>

William Barclay summarizes his commentary on "Give us this day our daily bread" as follows: "In praying this petition we trust in God to supply all the physical and the spiritual need of this life, we commit to the service of our fellowmen, and we pledge ourselves to the effort of mind and body which will make it possible for God to give us more and more, that our own lives may be enriched, and that through us God's gifts may be shared with others."<sup>4</sup>

<sup>1,2,3</sup> [www.lords-prayer-words.com](http://www.lords-prayer-words.com)

<sup>4</sup> William Barclay, The Beatitudes & The Lord's Prayer for Everyman, Harper&Row Publishers, 1963,p.225

**Dick Behrens**

## PENTECOST SUNDAY

June 9



The celebration of Pentecost comes fifty days after Easter Sunday. Pentecost has its roots in the Jewish Harvest Feast of Shavuot. On this day the church celebrates the gift of the Holy Spirit gathering people into what would become the church of Jesus Christ. Some refer to Pentecost as the "birthday" of the church.. The story is found in the Acts of the Apostles, Chapter 2.

Each year we encourage members and friends of the church to wear red, orange or yellow to worship service that day, to recall the tongues of fire that appeared and rested on the people, and filled them with the Holy Spirit.

## 2019 YEAR OF THE SENIOR CELEBRATION

**WHEN:** *Wed. June 26 11am-3pm*

**WHERE:** *Canfield Casino*

**WHO:** *Saratoga seniors 60+*

Buttons being created to be given to Seniors who wish to attend, to help with an approximate # attending. Get a button at local senior center or town hall.

**This is a FREEE event!**

Informational tables, Carnival games with prizes, Dunking Booth, Live Music, Caricature painters, face painters, balloon artists, Jugglers, people on stilts and unicycles, Carousel rides

Carnival foods: Hot dogs, hamburgers, French fries, sausage and peppers kettle corn, cotton candy, soft pretzels

## 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.** We are still seeking a volunteer from the church to join a committee to plan a float for the Turning Point Churches (OSRC, Bacon Hill and Fort Miller) Please call the office (518-695-3479) if you'd like to be a part of this.

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

## FATHER MARTY RETIRES

**Father Marty Fisher**, priest since 2009 at Notre Dame-Visitation (Schuylerville) and St. Joseph's (Greenwich) is retiring from active ministry at the end of June. In his ten years here, Father Marty was deeply loved and respected by the church and community. We wish him the blessings of God's grace and peace, and remember in prayer his parishioners and all who will miss and remember him for his love and kindness to all.

## MISSION OPPORTUNITY

Altamont Reformed Church is sending a work group to **Project Hospitality** (which operates a variety of ministries serving poor and marginalized persons) on Staten Island, and are looking for some volunteers to help during the week of **8/18-24.**

A meeting will be scheduled towards the end of June to firm up details of the trip. If you are interested, please contact **Kitt Jackson at 518-439-9771 or [kitt82@verizon.net](mailto:kitt82@verizon.net).**

# 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 June 21 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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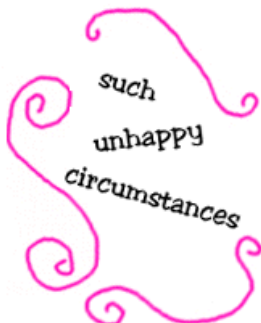
## TUESDAY NIGHT PRAYER

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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## 23<sup>rd</sup> ANNUAL SUNDAE ON THE FARM CANCELLED

This annual event, normally held on Father's Day weekend, has been cancelled, due to the wet conditions of the Spring season. This has prevented a lot of the activities normally scheduled from being able to be set up.



## JACOB HOUSTON ART EXHIBIT AT THE HYDE MUSEUM

**"A Magical World"**

*(through June 23)*

Spend an afternoon at the Hyde in Glens Falls and enjoy the artistic talent of **Jacob Houston**, Greenwich resident and friend of OSRC.

Jake's paintings are idyllic land and cityscapes, employing bright colors, in which he recreates everyday life. They are full of joy, wonder, beauty, and amazing detail.

*The Hyde is open Tu.-Sat. 10-5, Sun. 12-5  
Admission is \$12 adults and \$10 seniors  
(2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month is free and  
Wednesdays are free for seniors)*

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## ALBANY SYMPHONY "Sing New York" Concert



When: Thursday, June 6 5-9pm

Where: Hudson Crossing Park

What: Event activities include

Local school and community groups

Local food, crafts

Musical docu-drama

"Petticoats of Steel"

about Elizabeth Cady Stanton and Susan B.

Anthony's crusade for women's rights

Concert by symphony @ 7:30pm

featuring Stars and Stripes Forever,  
This Land is Your Land, Beethoven's Fifth

Cost: **FREE!!** Fireworks at the end

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## ***Celebration of Pentecost***

***Sunday, June 9 at 10am***

***(Please wear red, orange or yellow)***

## ***Church Family Picnic***

***Sunday June 9***



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

## ***“Room For All”***

***(inclusion of the LGBTQ community)***

***Meeting with Executive Director Marilyn Paarlberg***

***Wed. June 19 at 6:30pm at OSRC***

***All are welcome!***