

Jacob's Well

October 2019



Oct. 6 SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST *World Communion Sunday*

Lectionary Readings: *Lamentations 1:1-6; Psalm 137:2 Timothy 1: 1-14; Luke 17: 5-10*

Greeter: *Becca Sheely*

Liturgist: *Anne Mitchell*

Ushers: *Holly Deyoe/Paula Sheely*

Counters: *Paula Sheely/Anne Mitchell*

Communion Cleanup: *Kim and Karl Thayer*

Oct. 13 EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST

Lectionary Readings: *Jeremiah 29: 1, 4-7; Psalm 66: 1-12; 2 Timothy 2: 8-15; Luke 17: 11-19*

Greeter: *Jenny Middlebrook*

Liturgist: *Dick Behrens*

Ushers: *Dick Behrens/TBA*

Counters: *Susanna Combs/Amber Deyoe*

Oct. 20 NINETEENTH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST

Lectionary Readings: *Jeremiah 31: 27-34; Psalm 119: 97-104; 2 Timothy 3: 14-4:5; Luke 18: 1-8*

Greeter: *Bridget Behrens*

Liturgist: *Carolyn Markwith*

Ushers: *Bill Olmert/Matthew Waldinger*

Counters: *Bridget Critelli/Anne Mitchell*

Oct. 27 TWENTIETH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST

Lectionary Readings: *Joel 2: 23-32; Psalm 65; 2 Timothy 4: 6-8, 16-18; Luke 18:9-14*

Greeter: *Pat Woomer*

Liturgist: *Paula Sheely*

Ushers: *Eddie Fish/Terri Richards*

Counters: *Paula Sheely/Bridget Critelli*

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

From the Pastor...

Dear Members and Friends of Old Saratoga,

Greetings in the Grace of God and the Peace of Christ!

The following poem is one of my favorites at this time of year:

Autumn

*The leaves are falling, falling as if from way off,
as though far gardens withered in the skies;
they are falling with denying gestures.*

*And in the nights the heavy earth is falling
from all the stars down into loneliness.*

*We are all falling. This hand falls.
And look at others: it is in them all.*

*And yet there is One who holds this falling
endlessly gently in his hands.*

Rainer Maria Rilke (1875-1926)
(translated by M.D. Herter Norton)

The beauty of Autumn, with all its vibrant colors in the apples, pumpkins and leaves on the trees is a wonderful gift of God! It's a time to get outdoors and enjoy the earth before the colors fade and the crops are gathered in!

Glorious autumn is also a bittersweet time of letting go—as the leaves in all their natural colors remind us. As daylight decreases, the tree energy and chemicals change. Leaves that have done their part lose their greenness (chlorophyll) and assume their natural pigments; but then, according to nature's wondrous cycle, they are caused to let go, and they fall "with "denying gestures" to the ground.

The poet sees the falling leaves and recognizes that "we are all falling." I don't take this as a depressing thought, but as a reality of our ever-changing life. I am falling and you are falling. Youth and old age together are falling. Old notions and ways of thinking are falling. The church is falling. Life as we know it is falling. Earth is falling.

"Yet" the poet says, "there is One who holds this falling "endlessly gently in his hands." It is comforting to know that as life changes, God holds us in the falling so that we don't fall alone, afraid or hard.

In this autumn season, remember the words of the Psalmist: "*How many are the things you have made O Lord; You have made them all with wisdom.*" (Psalm 104:24) May we never forget--in all the changes life brings—that there's a deeper Wisdom in all things; and that we and all creation are being held "endlessly gently" in the hands of God.

Faithfully yours.

Pastor Joyce deVelder

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

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 Loughlin, 1305 Westridge
Drive, Mansfield, TX 76063

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

Susie Murphy, Center for Nursing and
Rehabilitation, Rm 184, 21 Danforth Street,
Hoosick Falls, NY 12090

NEW PHONE

Susanna Combs: 518-316-1987

OFFICE CLOSED

The church office will be closed on
Monday, Oct. 14 for the *History and
Heritage Day* Holiday (formerly Columbus
Day) It will reopen on Tuesday morning,
and the regular coffee hour will be held at
9:30am. All are welcome!

THANKS RECEIVED

**"Thanks for the generous donation (\$115).
We'd love to have the church involved in our
next build in Saratoga!"**

Adam Feldman

Executive Director, Habitat for Humanity

BIRTHDAYS

1: Nicholas Booth
2: Eric Garney
2: Kura Dickinson
3: Aubrey Nickole Richards
3: Donald M. Squires Sr.
3: Clyde Wells
4: Donald M. Squires Jr.
4: Bill Olmert
4: Halie Tomlinson
6: Wayne Barton
7: Kim Thayer
9: Mikael de Velder
10: Justin Burch
12: Dawn Alexanian
12: Randy Kerr
12: Rebecca Lynn MacMillan
12: Barrett Tueller Fedderly
13: Tamee Haney Lockwood
14: Jennifer Legg
16: Bridget Regan Behrens
21: Nathaniel de Velder
21: Hank Harrington
21: Oscar Everts
25: Alma Westcott
25: Holly Farrell Deyoe
26: Edward (Buddy) Fero
27: John Hayes
27: Bruce Guerineau
29: Jean Stark

ANNIVERSARIES

6: Pat and Harvey Howd (2007)
9: Jennifer (Barton) and Todd Bruneau,
13: Sara and Jeremy Radigan, 2012
16: James and Donna Mellen
16: Julia (Behrens) and Thomas Pooler,
20: Katrina and Hank Harrington
22: Florence and Roger Sherman, 1960
25: Dawn and Stephen Alexanian
27: Ryan and Amanda Markwith

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	Susie Murphy
Sandy DeGregory	Charles Thayer
Mona Perkins	Danny MacMillan
Suzanne Guerineau	Clyde Wells
Peggy MacMillan	Jim Miers

SYMPATHY

The congregation extends sympathy and prayers to the family and friends of **Michael J. Booth (57)** who died at home from pancreatic cancer on 9/19. Michael, who ran the Booth Oil business, was a veteran of the US Air Force, and had served as a member of the Schuylerville Board of Education, the Quaker Springs Fire Dept., and the Greenwich Elks BPOE #2223. We remember especially his wife, **Kelly**, and their three sons, **Michael Jr., Stephen, and Nathan**, as they grieve the loss of their husband and father. We also remember Mike's eight surviving sisters and brothers, (one of whom is **Mark Booth (Patti)** from Old Saratoga) and their families.

A funeral mass was held at St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church in Greenwich on Sept. 25. He was buried with military honors at Gerald B.H. Solomon Saratoga National Cemetery. Condolences may be sent to Mark and Patti Booth and Family at PO Box 58, Victory Mills, NY 12884

Church Life

DISABILITY ADVOCACY

Many thanks to **Bridget Critelli**, who serves as a Disability Advocate in our congregation and denomination (RCA.) Bridget is hoping to assemble a team of volunteers to work with her on disability and ministry opportunities with people in our church and community.

Please let Bridget know if you feel called to serve! Copies of our church policy on disabilities are located by the "Awareness Board" in Loomis Hal.

GROUPS THAT USE OUR BUILDING

Old Saratoga is pleased to share our church building with the following groups, who provide vital services to the greater community:

Alcoholics Anonymous (AA)

**Meeting times: Sunday nights at 5pm
Tuesday nights at 7:30pm**

Saratoga County Head Start

Promotes school readiness in children under 5 from low income families, through education, health, social and other services

Meets in Loomis Hall 1st Monday of the month

Living Resources

A community- based program of life enhancing options for people with developmental disabilities

Day Hab groups meet Thursdays from 10-11:30 in Loomis Hall



IT'S DOUGHNUT TIME!

All through the month of September, we took orders for **Krispy Kreme original glazed doughnuts!** They were sold for **\$10/dozen**. The church earns **\$6** on every dozen sold. The goal was to sell **100 dozen**. The donuts will be available for pickup during the week that begins with **Sunday, Oct. 13. Thank you for your support!**

4TH QUARTER MISSION

The Giving Circle

The Mission for the fourth quarter (October-December) is The Giving Circle, whose purpose is to shape better lives by building and teaching sustainable solutions in education, health, farming and economic self-empowerment, to end poverty and hopelessness. It is an all-volunteer, non-profit organization, originally founded in response to Hurricanes Katrina and Rita. It has since expanded its efforts to work with underserved families in Saratoga County, helped to found and serve the Code Blue homeless shelter, and supports the Koi House orphanage in Africa. For more info, go to www.thegivingcircle.org. Coin boxes will be available and will be due back at the end of December.

AVAILABLE TO USE

If you or someone you know is in need (temporary or permanent) of handicapped equipment, the church has the following items which may be borrowed or kept:

- 4 wheeled fold-up walker w/ seat
- Shower chair
- Over the toilet hand bars
- 3 wheeled walker w/pouch



PROPERTY NEWS

At its most recent meeting on 9/15, the committee members discussed the resealing of the driveway, which was then completed on 9/20. The back door lock was repaired, and several new keys were made.

The committee will be investigating the possibility of installing ceiling fans in the sanctuary, and the replacement of the stove in the kitchen.

DRILLING FOR HOPE FUNDRAISER

What: *Mama Mia's Restaurant (Route 50, Price Chopper Plaza) will host a fundraiser for Drilling for Hope, donating 20% of the gross sales for the evening to support this worthy project*

When: *Wed. Oct. 2 4-9pm*

Tell your family and friends or plan to join with church friends for dinner at Mama Mia's. Please call the church office if you'd like a ride!



We look forward to seeing **Karen Flewelling**, the founder and director of Drilling for Hope. She is planning to return to Africa later in October to continue her mission of providing water wells, goats and chickens, and soccer balls to villages in need. All donations go to the purchase of these items.

PASTOR JENN'S INSTALLATION

On Sunday, Nov. 10 at 3pm, **Pastor Jenn Legg** will be installed by the Presbytery of Albany as the Minister of Word and Sacrament of the First Presbyterian Church of Ballston Spa. Pastor Jenn, who served as minister with the Turning Point Churches (Old Saratoga, Bacon Hill and Fort Miller) from Nov. 2017-July 2019, began her new ministry with the Ballston Spa Church this past August.

All are welcome to come to the installation service on Nov. 10. We'll have more details in next month's issue of Jacob's Well. Thank you all for your love, prayers and support for Pastor Jenn, as she and her new congregation get to know each other and work together to serve Christ in the Ballston Spa community

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

Oct. 6

On the first Sunday of October, the Church will celebrate the Lord's Supper around the world, as a reminder that we are "one in Christ" and called by Jesus to minister together in love and service. Though our customs and traditions, our liturgies and languages are different, and though the churches be large or small, we are remembering that Christ is calling us, when we come to the table, to be one in God's love!

OSRC will be celebrating the Sacrament this month by coming forward to the table, and partaking by "intinction" in which the bread is dipped into the juice, rather than using the small cups of juice and trays of bread which are passed.



HYMNS OF OUR FAITH

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

"Give to the winds your fears, in hope be undismayed; God hears your sighs and counts your tears, God shall lift up your head; Through waves and clouds and storms he gently clears the way; Wait for God's time, so shall the night soon end in joyous day."

The poet (hymnodist) was Paul Gerhardt (1607-1676) a German theologian and Lutheran minister. The hymn is a paraphrase of Psalm 37, in which David speaks of God's providence, urging readers to dispel their fears. We are to trust and delight in the Lord and commit our ways to God's care.

Gerhardt experienced more than his share of grief and could have been perpetually dismayed. He lived through the Thirty Years War in Europe, a conflict which was mostly a religious war. He was 44 years old before he had steady employment as a minister, due to his uncompromising nature concerning the beliefs he held. As a pastor he was often at the center of political and theological controversy. Only one of his five children lived to adulthood, and his wife died in their thirteenth year of marriage. Yet with the confidence he had in God's faithfulness, he went on to serve churches in Mittenwalde, Berlin and Lubben. He wrote 123 hymns, many of which are still in use today. It is said that he ranks next to Luther as the most gifted and popular hymn writer of the Lutheran church, reflecting a serenity that encourages those who sing them to share his simple faith.

The original poem had 16 verses. Presently one can find the hymn published using from two to six verses. It was translated into English in 1739 by John Wesley, an English theologian and evangelist, and musical accompaniment applied in 1868 by George Elvey, and English organist and composer.

Dick Behrens

HARVEST HAM SUPPER

Sat. Nov. 2



Please save the date of **Saturday, Nov. 2** when our Annual Harvest Supper will be held. The good news is that we already have a chairperson!! Our friend, **Bonnie Garrand**, who has chaired it several times in the past, has again agreed to coordinate the dinner. Before we know it, signup sheets will be posted and we will be looking for help before, during and after the dinner. It's not too early to start thinking of what you can do!

WOMEN'S RETREAT FOR THE TURNING POINT CHURCHES

When: Fri.-Sun. Oct. 25-27

Where: Camp Fowler

Cost: \$160 for the weekend due to Nancy Purinton-(Bacon Hill) Contact Nancy at purinton73@gmail.com to register

What: Fellowship, friendship, Bible lessons, discussions, music, arts and crafts, walks to the lake, local mission project, breast cancer pillows for Saratoga Hospital

PECANS

We will again be selling pecans for holiday baking. We will only have **48 bags of each type**, so get an order in early to be sure that you get what you need. Spread the word!

Pecan halves - \$10 per 1 lb. bag

Dark chocolate halves - \$10 per 12 oz. bag

HOLIDAY SALE Dec. 7

Though we are currently enjoying the leaf changes and colors of Fall, it's not too early to think about checking your Holiday decorations to see what items in good condition you no longer want. We depend on your donations of gently used items, baskets for raffle, baked goods, and, especially, your time, to make this fundraiser a success. Thanks go to **Amber Deyoe and Terri Richards** who have volunteered to chair the sale. A schedule for bringing in donations will be in next month's JW.

ANNUAL MEETING AND CONSISTORY NOMINATION FORMS

Sunday, Nov. 17

OSRC will hold its Annual Congregational Meeting on **Sunday, Nov. 17 following worship**. At this meeting the Plan for Ministry 2020 (budget) and reports will be presented, Beginning on Oct. 13, nominating forms will be in the bulletins for you to suggest the name(s) of those whom you think have been called to fill the positions of Deacon or Elder. All members and friends are urged to attend and be involved in the decisions that continue the ministry and mission of OSRC.



WORSHIP COMMITTEE

The Worship Committee met recently and, among the items of business, discussion was held about the celebration of the 250th anniversary of the church during 2020. We are very interested in forming a committee which will do the planning of several events throughout the year, and are eager to have volunteers who would like to help. Please see **Duffy Whitehouse** if you are interested. Thanks!

ROOM FOR ALL

Followup announcement from Consistory



On June 19, 2019, members and friends of the Turning Point Churches (OSRC, Bacon Hill and Fort Miller) met with **Marilyn Paarlberg**, Executive Director of Room For All. Her presentation focused on the process for becoming Room For All congregations – that is, congregations who are publically committed to the inclusion of all people, including persons who are lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer. (LGBTQ)

The consistory is in the process of forming a leadership team that will meet from now through the coming year to help engage OSRC in this process. If you are interested or feel called to be part of this team, please contact **Elder Paula Sheely**, V.P. and let her know. An initial report will be given at the Annual Congregational Meeting on Sun. Nov. 17.

COMMUNITY PICNIC

It was a beautiful Sunday afternoon (9/8) at Hudson Crossing Park where 65-75 people gathered for a delicious lunch, conversation, and games for all ages. Several people remarked how they enjoyed getting to meet new people and be with others whom they don't see that often!

We thank the Turning Point Churches committee members who worked hard for months to plan the event: **Jennifer Hoffman** (Bacon Hill), **Tina deJong** (Fort Miller) and **Susanna Combs, Bridget Critelli and Amberlyn Deyoe** (Old Saratoga) Special thanks to **Mr. Rodney Borgman** of Fremont, MI (Pastor Joyce's brother) who contributed a generous gift in honor of **Pastor Jenn Legg** to help fund the picnic.

OLD SARATOGA TO BEGIN COMMUNITY SOLAR ON NOV.1

Thanks to the research of the Property Committee and the approval of consistory, our church will be increasing its use of renewable energy, starting on Nov. 1.

We will be partnering with **Nexamp**, a local provider of community solar power. (Visit capital.nexamp.com for more information.)



With community solar, there is no need for installation of solar panels or other equipment, and there are no long-term contracts. Our utility provider, National Grid, will stay the same. We're hoping for a savings of up to 10% on our yearly energy costs by utilizing solar power. This energy is generated on a solar farm and sent to the utility company. We receive credits on our bill for supporting local clean energy.

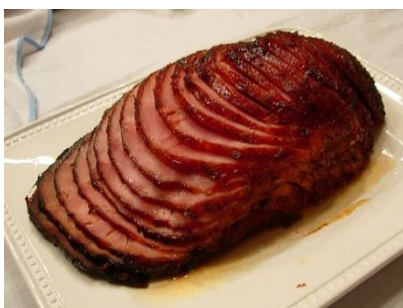
Others in the greater community and county who will be using Nexamp include the Village of Schuylerville, Temple Sinai of Saratoga Springs, Saratoga Regional YMCA and Christ Episcopal Church, Ballston Spa.

Many thanks to the Property Committee and Consistory for helping the church in its "green" mission to utilize renewable energy resources.

HARVEST HAM SUPPER

Sat. November 2

4:30pm through 6:00pm
(continuous serving)



OLD SARATOGA REFORMED CHURCH
48 Pearl Street, Schuylerville
NY

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

Adults \$12 Children 5-12 \$6 Under 5 free

Dine in or take out

Reservations Recommended - Walk ins welcome
Call 518-695-6638 or 518-695-3479

THE LORD'S PRAYER
(8TH in a series of articles)
"But deliver us from evil"

In this series we now arrive at the last of the seven petitions. The King James translation and many others simply record the general term evil. Many others express a more specific term, "the Evil One." As the last article indicated "there is no life without temptation." Temptation is inescapable. Since, in our humanity, we are frail, it is clear that we cannot deal with temptation by ourselves, hence we need to be delivered from the evil that induces the temptations. William Barclay tells us that "the aim of the Evil One is, by any means, to cause a break between man and God." Martin Luther said, "We cannot help being exposed to the assaults, but we pray that we may not fall or perish under them."

Matthew Henry, an English theologian of the 17th century, invites us to consider in specific terms what evil looks like. Henry speaks of the evil thing; that person or force which attacks goodness, and which invites us to sin. He speaks of "the evil of the world" which may be what the hymn writer John Bode referred to as "the sights that dazzle, the tempting sounds I hear." Matthew Henry addresses the "corruption that is in the world through lust," "the sting of death, which is sin," and that which emanates "from our own evil thoughts."

Can we resist temptation? Can we, in the present life, be "delivered from evil?" Among many examples found in Scripture, we have that of Job. It is likely that Job is the extreme example of suffering. It is likely that Job was more tempted, both overtly and in subtle fashion, than any other human being. Yet we read his words in the 27th chapter of Job, "As long as I have life within me, the breath of God in my nostrils, my lips will not speak wickedness, and my tongue will utter no deceit."

Obviously, since we are weak, we need help if we are able to be delivered from evil. We note, in Job's declaration, the presence of God's Spirit. The apostle James admonishes us, "Submit yourselves to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you." (4:7) In the Son of God, we have assurance of help. "Because he himself (Jesus) suffered when he was tempted, he is able to help those who are being tempted." (Hebrews 2: 18) Finally, the testimony of Timothy in his 2nd letter (4:18) "The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and will bring me safely to his heavenly kingdom. To him be glory for ever and ever. Amen."

Next month: the last article – A summation of our journey through the Lord's Prayer.

Dick Behrens

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 Oct. 18 at 9:30 at OSRC

SAFER

Schuylerville Area Food Relief

Open 9-12 noon M, F & 3rd Saturday

(Mobile Food Pantry at Schuylerville

United Methodist Church 4th Tues.

1:30-3pm)

518-507-6043

THURSDAY NIGHT PRAYER

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

GLENS FALL NATIONAL BANK COMMUNITY DAY

Friday, Nov. 1

Benefits SAFER (Schuylerville Area Food Relief)

Donations of baked goods are greatly appreciated. Please have them at the bank in the morning.

Food, fun, community spirit!



Last year \$7300 was raised for SAFER, which translates into \$73,000 worth of purchasing power at the Regional Food Bank!!

LOCAL CHURCH DINNERS AND CHARITY EVENTS

BENEFIT FOR THE MIKE BOOTH FAMILY

What: Hot Dog Roast, basket raffle, and 50/50 to benefit the Booth family after Mike's death on 9/19 from pancreatic cancer

Where: Greenwich Elks - 130 Bulson Road

When: Sunday, Oct. 6 2-6pm

Cost: \$10 adult Kids eat free

*Includes: Hot Dog, salad, beans & non-alcoholic beverage *cash bar available*

QUAKER SPRINGS UMC

ROAST PORK DINNER

When: Sat. Oct. 19th 4-6pm

What: Roast pork and all the trimmings!

Cost: Adults \$12 Kids- 5-12 \$6 under 5 free

Take outs available

"GREAT PUMPKIN" CHALLENGE ROAD RACE

When: Sat. Oct. 12 at 9:30am

*Where: Columbia Pavilion,
Saratoga Spa State Park*

Cost: 5K-10K - \$25 by 10/1

Kids Fun Run (12 and under) \$10

Register online:

saratogabridges.ejoinme.org/GPC

4th ANNUAL SCHUYLERVILLE FALL FESTIVAL

Sunday, Oct. 20, 2019 11 am-5pm

Discover Schuylerville's unique local shops, community services, restaurants and galleries. Enjoy live music, entertainers, and artisans displaying and selling their work.

Kid friendly activities and a Scavenger Hunt!!

Come join the celebration in Schuylerville!

"Jacob's Well"

Old Saratoga Reformed Church

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World Communion Sunday
Sunday Oct. 6 10am

Coming up! Save the Date!!
Annual Ham Harvest Supper
Sat. Nov. 2 4:30-6pm