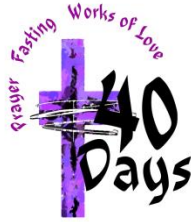


# ***Jacob's Well***

## ***March 2020***



- March 1     FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT     *Celebration of the Lord's Supper***  
**Lectionary Readings:** *Genesis 2: 15-17; 3: 1-7; Psalm 32; Romans 5: 12-19; Matthew 4: 1-11*  
**Greeter:** *Jenny Middlebrook*  
**Liturgist:** *Dick Behrens*  
**Ushers:** *Eddie Fish/Terri Richards*  
**Counters:** *Bruce Guerineau/Anne Mitchell*  
**Communion Servers:** *Anne Mitchell, Paula Sheely, Susanna Combs*  
**Communion Cleanup:** *Bridget Critelli*
- March 8     SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT**  
**Lectionary Readings:** *Genesis 12: 1-4a; Psalm 121; Romans 4: 1-5, 13-17; John 3: 1-17*  
**Greeter:** *Bridget Critelli*  
**Liturgist:** *Carolyn Markwith*  
**Ushers:** *Bill Olmert/Cindy Brockman*  
**Counters:** *Bridget Critelli/Chris Garney*
- March 15     THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT**  
**Lectionary Readings:** *Exodus 17: 1-7; Psalm 95; Romans 5: 1-11; John 4: 5-42*  
**Greeter:** *Pat Woomer*  
**Liturgist:** *Mark Booth*  
**Ushers:** *Dick Behrens/Paula Sheely*  
**Counters:** *Paula Sheely/Anne Mitchell*
- March 22     FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT**  
**Lectionary Readings:** *1 Samuel 16: 1-13; Psalm 23; Ephesians 5: 8-14; John 9: 1-41*  
**Greeter:** *Sheryl Norton*  
**Liturgist:** *Sherri Mickel*  
**Ushers:** *Terri Richards/Eddie Fish*  
**Counters:** *Bruce Guerineau/Susanna Combs*
- March 29     FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT     *Reception of New Members***  
***Fellowship Hour hosted by Pam Seward***  
**Lectionary Readings:** *Ezekiel 37: 1-14; Psalm 130; Romans 8: 6-11; John 11: 1-45*  
**Greeter:** *Amber Deyoe*  
**Liturgist:** *Susanna Combs*  
**Ushers:** *Bill Olmert/Cindy Brockman*  
**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...***

*"...for this I was born,  
and for this I came into the world,  
to testify to **the truth**.  
Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice."  
-Jesus  
(John 18:37)*

Dear Members and Friends of Old Saratoga,  
Greetings to you in the grace and peace of Christ!

The church is now in the 40-day season of Lent, which began on Feb. 26 with Ash Wednesday. Seasonally, Lent parallels the coming of Spring, when for us where we live, the cold, snow and ice of winter thaw and give way to the new cycle of life. This helps us to understand Lent as a season of spiritual renewal—a time to contemplate our mortal nature and the mystery of God's infinite Love revealed to the world in the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

For over 35 years, the churches of our community have come together during Lent to worship God. When we gather we are Reformed, Methodist, Episcopal, Catholic and Assembly of God—but most importantly we are all followers of Jesus Christ who makes us one.

Each year, a theme is chosen by the clergy for the Ecumenical Community Lenten Worship Services. This year's theme is **"Transcendent Truth, a Reflection of Faith."** This theme is based on the teachings of Jesus from The Gospel of John.

While the concept of "transcendent truth" may sound elusive and hard to grasp, we remember at the same time what Jesus said that "you will **know** the Truth and the truth will set you free." (John 8:32) This seems to say that the Truth of God is both beyond us and yet accessible to us through Christ who is the Living Truth.

Knowing the Truth is what most people desire; but in our present day, it's hard to sort out truth from falsehood. What passes for truth is often a distortion of truth or outright lies. When truth is compromised, society undergoes a moral and spiritual crisis; the confusion about who to trust undermines the very fabric of our life together.

Jesus said he had come "to testify to the truth" (meaning the Truth of God); and to those he said, "who belong to the truth, **listen to my voice**."

That is what we hope to do this Lent—to listen to the voice of Jesus, who embodied God's Truth, who lived his life by the truth. What he said and what he did show us the Truth that comes from God, by which we can discern truth from falsehood in our time. This Truth has everything to do with love and grace, forgiveness and reconciliation, dying (to false ways) and rising to new life!

May God's Spirit of Truth speak to us this Lent as we listen to the voice of Christ!

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**, Arbrook Plaza, 401 Arbrook Blvd. Arlington, TX 76014 Phone # 518-321-4498 (c)

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

**John Bodnar**: Home of the Good Shepherd, Rm. 113, 198 Bluebird Road, South Glens Falls, NY 12803- Phone # 518-338-3027

## THANKS EXPRESSED

..to **Susanna Combs and Bridget Critelli** who chaired the Nickel Social held on Feb. 15. The profit from this event was about **\$200!**

## NEW BABY



Congratulations to **Susan and Mike Hughes** who became first-time great-grandparents on Feb. 20. **Liliana LeBarron** was 6lb 11oz and 19 inches long, and was happily welcomed by her parents **Josh and Vanessa**. Susan and her daughter, **Lisa** (the baby's grandmother) will travel to Phoenix on March 10 to stay for a week to do a little "spoiling!"

## BIRTHDAYS

1: Rebecca Nicole Sheely  
1: Don MacMillan III  
3: Carolyn Cook  
5: Susan Fero Kurowski  
8: Glen Mathis  
8: Suzanne Guerineau  
9: Nasa Edgar  
12: Ashley Edgar  
10: Kimberly MacMillan  
10: Riley Peyton MacMillan  
11: Miles and Sasha Clifford  
14: Grace Louise Mellen  
15: Emily Brockman  
16: Josephine Edgar  
19: Heather Freebern  
20: Carol Cox  
25: Diane Mathis Asiel  
29: Wyatt Anthony Correll  
29: Bethany Olmert  
30: Kyle Burch  
30: Alisa Richards



## ANNIVERSARIES

25: Tammee and Adam Lockwood, 1989  
25: Brenda and Bill Buchanan

## 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	Alyson Fitzgerald
Anne Mitchell	Jim Miers
Thomas Altrogge	Anna Bierma
Rod Borgman	John Bodnar
Trevor Lewie	Naomi Thayer
Pat Hayes-Howd	Sandy Horsfield
Alicia Lewie	Peggy MacMillan
Gerry Barber	Toni Bentley
Sandy DeGregory	Charles Thayer
Mona Perkins	Danny MacMillan
Suzanne Guerineau	Clyde Wells
Dee Periard	Cheryl Sherman-Baust
James Thayer	

## DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME

March 8



Daylight Savings time will begin overnight March 7-8. In spring we set our clocks **forward** one hour. So before you go to bed on Saturday night (after having eaten a delicious dinner at our Soup Supper) please remember to reset your clock, so that you will be on time for church in the morning!

## DISABILITY CONCERNS UPDATE

The Disability Concerns Committee met and did an inventory of the needs of OSRC. Listed were that several people have allergies of which to be aware, that they will look into a loop system which could help those who have difficulty hearing, and transportation issues for getting a particular member to church each week. They also plan to investigate taping the sermon for those who are unable to attend. Chairperson **Bridget Critelli** and the committee hope to have an insert in the bulletin for people to list any conditions which may be limiting.

## PEOPLE YOU KNOW

Congratulations to **Elder Susanna Combs** whose application for mediation training was recently approved by Mediation Matters. Susanna will begin a 30 hour training program in March, and in the following year, complete an apprenticeship, in order to receive her certification as a mediator. Susanna recently spent a quiet weekend (2/28-3/1) at Camp Fowler. (While there she spent some time with Pastor Jan and the youth group!) If you'd like to know more about a personal retreat at Fowler, talk to Susanna!

Welcome home to **Patti and Mark Booth** who were away the month of February, enjoying the warmer climate in South Carolina and visiting family!

Congratulations to **Amberlyn and John Deyoe**, who are celebrating their 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year with a cruise to Central America from Feb. 28- March 7!

**Dick Behrens**, who is participating in the Preaching Elder training program of Schenectady Classis, just completed his second course in the program in Theology of the Old Testament. From April 25-June 6 he will be taking his third course on preaching, taught by the **Rev. Dr. Bill Levering**, one of the pastors at First Reformed Church, Schenectady. Thank you for keeping Dick in your prayers as he continues his training- along with his many community involvements and continuing work as supervising elder at Fort Miller.

**Bridget Behrens** (12), daughter of **Anne and Doug Mitchell**, spent the weekend of Feb. 28-Mar. 1 at Camp Fowler, where she participated in the Bacon Hill Youth Retreat led by **Pastor Jan Vincent**.

## **2020 Ecumenical Lenten Services of the Greater Schuylerville Area**

***Lenten Theme: Transcendent Truth, a Reflection of Faith***

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

- Wed. Feb. 26**      **ASH WEDNESDAY**  
8:30am Mass at Notre Dame-Visitation  
7pm at Old Saratoga Reformed Church – Lord’s Table, Imposition of Ashes  
Joint Service of the Reformed, Methodist and Episcopal churches  
Preaching: The Rev. Joyce deVelder
- Stations of the Cross**      12:15pm every Friday (except Good Friday) at St. Stephen’s Episcopal  
(followed by light luncheon)   begins 3/6, ending 4/3  
7pm at Notre Dame-Visitation (Fridays, except Good Friday at 3pm)
- Wed. Mar. 4**      **SECOND LENTEN SERVICE**  
7pm at Faith Chapel  
Preaching: The Rev. Virginia Cornell
- Wed. Mar. 11**      **THIRD LENTEN SERVICE**  
7pm at Fort Miller Reformed  
Preaching: Pastor John Iseman
- Wed. Mar. 18**      **FOURTH LENTEN SERVICE**  
7pm at Bacon Hill Reformed  
Preaching: The Rev. Janet Vincent
- Wed. Mar. 25**      **FIFTH LENTEN SERVICE**  
7pm at Quaker Springs UMC  
Preaching: The Rev. Ed Kacerguis
- Wed. April 1**      **SIXTH LENTEN SERVICE**  
7pm at Notre Dame-Visitation  
Preaching: The Rev. Scott Cutting  
*Prayers for Healing and anointing will follow the service*
- Thurs. April 9**      **MAUNDY THURSDAY** The Lord’s Table and Hand Washing  
7pm at Schuylerville UMC  
Meditation: TBD  
7pm at Notre Dame-Visitation – Service of the Lord’s Supper
- Fri. April 10**      **GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE** (Reading of the Passion of Jesus)  
12 Noon at St. Stephen’s Episcopal followed by luncheon  
Preaching: Pastor Marcial Reyes  
7pm at Notre Dame- Visitation - Good Friday Service  
7pm at Quaker Springs UMC  
Preaching: Pastor John Iseman  
*Prayers for Healing and anointing will follow the service*
- Sat. April 11**      **EASTER VIGIL** 8pm at St. Joseph’s Church, Greenwich
- Sun. April 12**      **EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE** 6am at Bacon Hill Reformed  
(Outdoor Chapel)   led by The Rev. Janet Vince

# Church Life

## 1<sup>st</sup> QUARTER MISSION

### **Drilling For Hope**

The Mission for the first quarter (January-March) is Drilling For Hope, which was started in 2005 by **Karen Flewelling**. Since Karen pays for her own travel, lodging and food expenses, 100% of donations go to people and well drilling endeavors. Through the generosity of donors, Drilling For Hope provides water wells and farm animals to communities around the world that are in need of clean water. Food, medicine and school supplies are also donated, along with the sponsoring of children who would otherwise not receive an education. For those interested, more information can be found at **drillingforhope.org**. Coin boxes are available and will be due back at the end of March. *If you would like to support this mission, please make your check out to OSRC, earmarked Drilling For Hope. Thank you!*

## ROOM FOR ALL



The Room for All team met on Feb. 12 to begin its work of exploring the possibility of Old Saratoga becoming a Room for All (RfA) congregation, which openly and publically welcomes people of the LGBTQ community. The team members would like to know the thoughts and opinions of the congregation about this, and would like to have conversations with members and friends of the church during the next several months. Members of the team would welcome you to contact one of them, or don't be surprised if you are asked by one of them to share your views! **(Members of the team include Elder Paula Sheely, Chr., Deacon Bridget Critelli, Becca Sheely, Pam Driscoll, Elder Susanna Combs, and Janice Cornell)**

## HYMNS OF OUR FAITH

**"Sing to the Lord, ye saints of God."** Psalm 30: 4

**"More love to thee, O Christ, more love to thee:  
Hear thou the prayer I make on bended knee;  
This is my earnest plea: more love, O Christ to  
thee, More love to thee, more love to thee."**

The four verses of this hymn are a plea for more fervent love to Christ. The writer once wrote in her diary, "To love Christ more is the deepest need, the constant cry of my soul...when I am happy and busy, or when I am sad and idle, the whisper keeps going up for more love..." Greater love for Christ is that which displaces the momentary ills and pleasures of earthly existence. The hymn affirms the value of that greater love even in times of pain.

"The hymn was written by Elizabeth Prentiss (1818-78) during a time of physical suffering and family tragedy, with the deaths of two of her children. In her grief she began to meditate on God's dealings with Jacob in his times of sorrow and need, and on the hymn "Nearer My God to Thee" which was inspired by Jacob's dream at Bethel"<sup>1</sup> The reader is encouraged to read about Jacob in Genesis 27: 41 - 28:18)

Here in the Lenten season the themes of self-denial, contrition, justice, and preparation for the day of resurrection are often in our thoughts. As we reflect upon what we must do to be more Christ-like in our thoughts and actions, we do well to first recognize that the basis for purity of thought and action, true repentance and justice are found in the seed of love that the Creator has implanted in us. If our love is to grow, if it is to be more effective, if it is to be witnessed and a benefit to others it will require "more love to Christ."<sup>2</sup>

**Dick Behrens**

1. The Worshipping Church: A Hymnal, Worship Leaders Edi., Hope Pub.Co, 1991

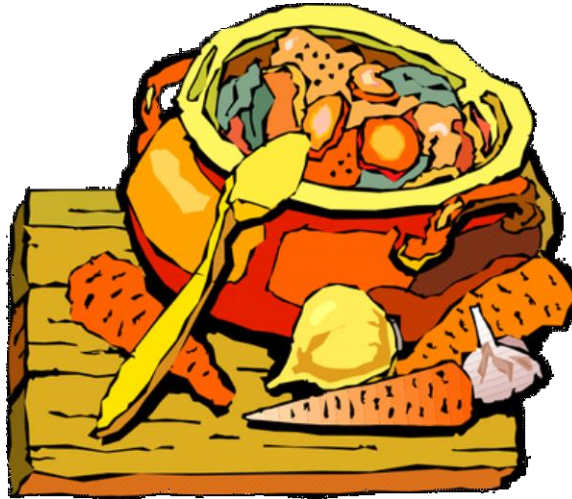
2. 2 Corinthians 5: 14 NRSV



# **“SOUPER” SUPPER**

at Old Saratoga Reformed Church  
48 Pearl Street, Schuylerville

**Sat. Mar. 7 from 4:30-6 pm**



**\$8.00 per person**

Children 5-10 \$4.00 Under 5 free

Menu:

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

**Dine in only**

**Reservations appreciated**

**Walk-ins welcome**

**Call 518-695-3479 or 518-695-6638**

## DO YOU WANT TO FAST THIS LENT?

*(In the words of Pope Francis)*

- ***Fast from hurting words and say kind words.***
- ***Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude.***
- ***Fast from anger and be filled with patience.***
- ***Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope.***
- ***Fast from worries and have trust in God.***
- ***Fast from complaints and contemplate simplicity.***
- ***Fast from pressures and be prayerful.***
- ***Fast from bitterness and fill your hearts with joy.***
- ***Fast from selfishness and be compassionate to others.***
- ***Fast from grudges and be reconciled.***
- ***Fast from words and be silent so you can listen.***

## EASTER FLOWERS



Old Saratoga has always tried to be sensitive to the conditions of the members and friends which could limit their ability to participate in worship, which is why, for instance, we have a lift and a sound system. Recently we have been made aware that three of our members are highly sensitive to the smell of lilies, to the point that it makes them ill. Therefore we will **not** be offering lilies for Easter Sunday purchase – just azaleas and mums. There will be artificial lilies at the cross, and the Easter bulletins will have lilies on them. **(orders due 3/22)**

## WOMEN'S GUILD

The Women's Guild will resume its regular monthly meeting on Monday, March 16 at noon. Please bring a sandwich; dessert and beverage are provided. Hostess for this month is **Susanna Combs**. Following lunch, the women will hold a business meeting, led by **President Sandy Jones**, and will plan their activities for the next three months. All women of the church are welcome to attend.

## **NO "4 TUESDAYS IN LENT"**

Anyone who has ever moved will understand why Pastor Joyce will **not** be leading a "4 Tuesdays in Lent" series this year! Over the last six years participants have studied the lives and work of **Dietrich Bonhoeffer, Thomas Merton, Dorothy Day, Desmond Tutu, Corrie Ten Boom, and Oscar Romero**.

## ECUMENICAL BIBLE STUDY

The Ecumenical Bible Study is continuing their study of the Gospel of Luke. New members of any denomination are always welcome to join the group, which meets at **10am on Wednesday mornings** at OSRC.

## LASAGNA DINNER NEEDS CO-CHAIRS

**Sat. April 25 – 4:30-6pm**

One of our most popular fundraisers is our Annual Lasagna Dinner. If you love lasagna, but a pan of it is too much for your family, this is a perfect way to get your fill!

The dinner is currently scheduled for Saturday, April 25 from 4:30-6pm. **However we are in need of a chairperson or co-chairs!** If no-one volunteers, we will have to cancel the dinner.



Christian/Folk Group

# "This Time Around"

*Local musicians (Greenwich/Schuylerville)*

*Featuring Christian and Traditional Folk Music*



**Benefit concert:**

**Sunday March 22, 202**

**3pm**

**Old Saratoga Reformed Church**

48 Pearl Street, Schuylerville

**Free will donations benefit:**

**Emergency Assistance Fund of Catholic Charities**

**Saratoga County**

**Refreshments following the concert!**

## COMING UP- Save the Date!

Sat. 3/7 4:30-6pm Soup Supper

Sun. 3/22 3pm Benefit Concert with  
"This Time Around"

Sun. 4/5 9am Palm Sunday Brunch

Sat. 4/25 4:30-6pm Lasagna Dinner

## CAMP FOWLER 2020

Registration opened Dec. 1  
for Summer Camp

Visit [CampFowler.org](http://CampFowler.org) for more information

## NEW MEMBERS ORIENTATION

A New Members Orientation will take place on **Sunday, March 8 following worship**. If you are interested in learning more about Old Saratoga and/or becoming a member, let us know as soon as possible. (You can call or email the church office.) A hot lunch will be provided at the church. The receiving of new members is tentatively set for **Sunday, March 29**. If you have any questions, please contact one of the elders or Pastor Joyce.

## PALM SUNDAY BREAKFAST

Everyone is invited to attend our Palm Sunday Breakfast on **April 5 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. Our thanks goes to the Fellowship Committee, which will be organizing this event. The food will be abundant, so please come, even if you can't bring something.

***In order to be ready for worship, we ask that everyone have their dishes here so that we can begin to enjoy them at 9am! Thanks!***

Following the breakfast, you're welcome stay for the service to remember the Triumphant Entry and the Passion of Jesus.

## JOINT WORSHIP OF TURNING POINT REFORMED CHURCHES

*Sunday, April 19 at Fort Miller*



The next joint service will be Sunday, April 19, the first Sunday after Easter, at Fort Miller Reformed Church. Many thanks to the Turning Point Fellowship Team (which was formed when Pastor Jenn Legg came to minister with us) for planning the joint services. Members of the team from Old Saratoga include **Anne Mitchell, Susanna Combs and Pastor Joyce**.

## PASTOR JOYCE'S RETIREMENT

It is only three months now until Pastor Joyce retires. Her last Sunday at the church will be May 31 (Pentecost.) Your consistory is at work helping to plan ahead in order that Sunday worship and our programs and ministries will continue to go smoothly.

Around the beginning of April, Pastor Joyce and the consistory will be sending a communication to members and friends of Old Saratoga about what happens after Pastor Joyce retires. As that communication is prepared we'd like to know your questions and/or concerns.

There will be sheets at church this month on which you can write your questions, or you can call Duffy at the church office (518-695-3260) or email her at [oldsaratogareformed@gmail.com](mailto:oldsaratogareformed@gmail.com) and she will relay your comments to consistory.

Thank you!

# Community Life

## SECOND HAND ROSE THRIFT SHOP

116 Broad Street, 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 March 27 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

518-507-6043

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## MONDAY NIGHT PRAYER

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

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## SPAGHETTI DINNER

Sat. March 28 5-7pm

On Sat. March 28, the American Legion will host a spaghetti dinner from 5-7 pm. Walk ins are welcome and take-outs are available. Cost is \$9. Proceeds will benefit the Property Fund of the post, as they raise money for much needed repairs to their building, which serves the veterans of the Schuylerville area.



## LOCAL CHURCH EVENTS

"Breakfast for Dinner"

Tues. March 10 5-7pm

Faith Chapel

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Benefit Concert for  
Catholic Charities Emergency Fund  
Saratoga County

"This Time Around"

Sun. 3/22 at 3pm at Old Saratoga

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FREE Community Dinner

Wed. 3/25 5:30-6:30pm

St. Stephen's Episcopal

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Roast Beef Dinner

Sat. 4/4 4:30-6pm at Fort Miller

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Benefit at The Way for Guatemala Mission  
4/16 Thurs. 3-7pm

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Turkey and Ham Supper at Quaker Springs  
Sat. 4/18 4-7pm

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Bacon Hill Bonanza Road Race  
at Bacon Hill Reformed Church  
Saturday 4/25  
Please check website for details or to register

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Lasagna Dinner at Old Saratoga  
4/25 4:30-6pm

**"Jacob's Well**

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## ***Ecumenical Lenten Services***

***(see inside for schedule)***

### ***Soup Supper***

***Sat. March 7 4:30-6pm***

***Daylight Savings Time Begins***

***Set your clock ahead overnight!!***

### ***Benefit Concert "This Time Around"***

***Sunday, March 22 3pm at Old Saratoga***

***Coming up...***

***Palm Sunday Brunch***

***April 5 9am***