

# ***Jacob's Well***

## ***September 2020***



**Our service is held in the sanctuary or you  
may watch it on our Facebook page**

**Sept. 6    FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST    Worship Leader: Rev. James Swanson**  
**Celebration of the Lord's Supper**

**Those at home, please prepare your bread /juice to participate in the Communion Liturgy**

**Lectionary Readings:** Exodus 12: 1-14; Psalm 149; Romans 13: 8-14; Matthew 18: 15-20

**Greeter: Pat Woomer**

**Liturgist: Anne Mitchell**

**Usher: Terri Richards**

**Sept. 13    FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST    Worship Leader: Chris Garney –Creation: Forest**

**Lectionary Readings:** Genesis 2: 4b-22; Psalm 139: 13-16; Acts 17:22-28; John 3: 1-16

**Greeter: Sheryl Norton**

**Liturgist: Amber Deyoe**

**Usher: Karl Thayer**

**Sept. 20    SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST    Worship Leader: Christopher Tucker**

**Lectionary Readings:** Exodus 16: 2-15; Psalm 105: 1-6, m 37-45; Philippians 1: 21-30;  
Matthew 20: 1-16

**Greeter: Amber Deyoe**

**Liturgist: Paula Sheely**

**Usher: Bill Olmert**

**Sept. 27    SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST    Worship Leader: Anne Mitchell- Creation: Land**

**Lectionary Readings:** Genesis 3: 14-19, 4: 8-16; Psalm 139: 712; Romans 5: 12-17;  
Matthew 12: 38-40

**Greeter: Becca Sheely**

**Liturgist: Dick Behrens**

**Usher: Terri Richards**

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



## ***Guest Editorial***

Family and friends of Old Saratoga Reformed Church,

Greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. On behalf of the Consistory, I wanted to share with you some information and an update on the process of welcoming a new pastor to our pulpit.

The Consistory met this past week with our supervising minister, **Rev. Matthew van Maastricht**, who was able to provide needed insight into the next steps on this journey. He stressed that the Consistory understand and advise the congregation that the steps prior to interviewing candidates will likely take at least one year. He encouraged us to have faith and patience that this necessary process will yield positive results.

Initial steps in the process will be to form a Pastoral Search Committee and develop a church profile. The search committee should be representative of our congregation in both gender and generational diversity as well as varying careers and lifestyles. The profile is a candidate's initial introduction to our faith community and will include input from the congregation and adherents.

The Consistory is presently discussing the possibility of inviting an interim pastor to serve during the search process. We are also committed to providing regular updates on the search process.

Please do not hesitate to reach out to a member of the Consistory should you have any questions or would like to share any thoughts.

Yours in Christ,

**Anne Mitchell, Deacon**



# Church Family

## BIRTHDAYS IN SEPTEMBER

2: Cindy Brockman  
4: Patricia Hayes-Howd  
4: Jim Brockman  
4: Atticus McCarty  
5: Karl Thayer  
9: Bridgette Lewie  
10: Emma Nazarenko  
11: Barbara Elcox  
14: Joan Lapitsky  
14: Mike Hughes  
16: Gene Usher  
18: Jennifer (MacMillan) Squires  
18: Brian Driscoll  
20: Randy Kerr III  
23: Gage Woomer  
24: Chad Cummins  
25: Adam Lockwood  
29: Patti Booth



## ANNIVERSARIES IN SEPTEMBER

11: Patrick and Robin Woomer  
16: Sue and Mike Hughes  
21: Paula (Hayes) and Douglas Sheely, 1991  
24: Karl and Kim Thayer

## THANKS EXTENDED

..to all the members of the church who have volunteered to lead worship (**Chris Garney, Anne Mitchell, Mellenie Booth, Bruce Guerineau, Pat Woomer, Dick Behrens, Christopher Tucker, Amber Deyoe, Paula Sheely**)

## THANKS RECEIVED

..from the Saratoga Bridges Covid-19 Relief Fund for a donation of **\$140**  
..from Karen Flewelling for a donation of **\$200** to drill a well at a fistula hospital in Tanzania (also acknowledged by the Community Foundation, of which Drilling For Hope is a part)  
.. from Kent Busman for a donation of **\$200** to Fowler Ministries  
..from Wycliffe Bible Translators for a donation of **\$110** for the support of Priscilla Mellen

## UPDATE ON ANNA BIERMA

Our dear friend, **Anna Bierma**, has returned home to Schuylerville. She had to self-quarantine for two weeks, but she was able to join the congregation for worship on several occasions. If you'd like to call her, the # is **518-321-4498**.



## 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
Sandy Horsfield	Forrest Norton
Alicia Lewie	Peggy MacMillan
Gerry Barber	Toni Bentley
Sandy DeGregory	Charles Thayer
Mona Perkins	Danny MacMillan
Suzanne Guerineau	Clyde Wells
Dee Periard	Florence Brown
Carol Lehmann	Glenn Stamile
Roger and Joan Sheely	Susan Seward
Claire Houston	Lena Huahes

## THANKS FOR OFFERINGS



Our church treasurer, **Chris Garney**, continues to be grateful to all of the members and friends of the congregation who have been regularly sending in their offerings, using the mail-in envelopes, and to those who have made arrangements with Tithely.com (**Check the church's website if you are interested in the online opportunity to give**)

## IT RUNS IN THE FAMILY

The Consistory minutes of 2/13/1919 indicate that Rev. C.W. Kinney "presented the subject of engaging Mr. Albright to take charge of the choir and drill the young people in vocal music; his price is two hundred & fifty dollars. It being an experiment it was voted to engage Mr. Albright for a six month trial. Mr. Beach and Mr. Smith to act as a committee with Mr. Kinney to see Mr. Albright and report."

The consistory minutes are silent as to the outcome of Rev. Kinney's proposal, but obviously church music was of great importance to the pastor. If the love of music is transmitted through our DNA, it is worthy to note that **Mr. Christopher Tucker**, our choir director for more than 25 years, is the great-great grandson of Rev. C.W. Kinney.

## THANKS, SID!

Thank you to **Sid Colvin**, who recently sent several pictures all mounted on boards for display when we finally are able to have our 250th anniversary celebration!

## HOSPITALIZED IN JULY/AUGUST

**Peggy MacMillan** – Saratoga Hospital  
**Charlotte Morrill** – Saratoga Hospital and Wesley Community

## 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**, 847 Rt. 4 South, Schuylerville NY 12871. 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



# Church Life

## 3<sup>rd</sup> QUARTER MISSION

### **Mariposa DR Foundation**

The Mission for the third quarter is Mariposa DR Foundation which was founded in 2009 in the Dominican Republic, with the goal of helping women and girls find their way out of poverty. Girls from the DR and neighboring Haiti come to Mariposa (which means "butterfly") to receive education and learn work skills. The charity was begun by **Sherry Herdman**, cousin of church member **Kim Thayer**. Sherry visited us two years ago and gave us a few upcycled bags and potholders made by the girls.

## **250<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION POSTPONED**

At its meeting in July, the consistory made the decision to postpone the 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration of OSRC indefinitely, until it is safe for the congregation to celebrate together. The **Rev. Jonathan Vanderbeck**, who was scheduled to preach at our afternoon service, was unable to come for a morning worship service on that day. We will be seeing him in December, when he will lead our Advent Communion Service on Dec. 6. Our own **Christopher Tucker** was asked and agreed to step in, and will be leading the service on **Sept. 20 at 10am**.

## **IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS!!**

An email list has been created in order to be able to reach members and friends of the church quickly if something important arises. Please send an email to the office ([oldsaratogareformed@gmail.com](mailto:oldsaratogareformed@gmail.com)) if you have changed your email, or call the office with your new information. You don't want to miss out!! (We've used this twice already!)

## HYMNS OF OUR FAITH

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

***"For beauty of meadows, for grandeur of trees,***

***For flowers of woodlands, for creatures of seas,***

***For all you created and gave us to share,***

***We praise you, Creator, extolling your care" vs. 1***

As we enter the liturgical Season of Creation, this article introduces the reader to a modern era hymn that gives gratitude to God for his work in creation. But the hymn goes beyond gratitude to remind the reader of our responsibilities as stewards of God's creation.

The poem that constitutes the text of the hymn was written in 1969 by the Very Reverend Walter H. Farquharson, a pastor in the United Church of Canada, its largest Protestant denomination. He is the author of over one hundred hymn texts.

He grew up on a seed grain farm in Saskatchewan. He has said, "To treasure all of life, this good earth with its rich resources, to love it and care for it, this is each gardener's opportunity, calling and joy. And we are called to be God's gardeners."<sup>1</sup>

References to verses in Genesis allude to humankind being created in God's image and pointing to our role in caring for the world.

***"As stewards of beauty received through your hand, As creatures who bear your most urgent command, We turn from our wasteful destruction of life, Confessing our failures, confessing our strife."***

In the 3<sup>rd</sup> verse we renew our commitment to be good stewards of God's world.

***"Teach us once again to be gardeners in peace, All nature around us is ours but on lease; Your name we would hallow in all that we do, Fulfilling our calling, creating with you."***

1. *The Worshipping Church: A Hymnal*, Worship Leaders'

Edition, Hope Publishing Company, Carol Stream, IL,

1991, p. 383



## BOTTLE AND CAN PROJECT



Old Saratoga has been collecting deposit bottles and cans to benefit church missions since 1995. Thank you to **Bridget Critelli** who has set up a **CLYNK** account for the church at Hannaford. Thank you to **Dick Behrens** who has volunteered to recycle our donations of bottles and cans for the time being.

## PROPERTY NEWS

The Property Committee is planning to meet shortly, when the deVelders have completely moved out of the parsonage. **Rebecca Sheely**, who is a structural engineer, has volunteered her services to inspect the parsonage for recommendations on needed repairs. The committee will report her findings to the congregation once Becca has completed the inspection.

## “CONSISTORY CONNECTION”

Please support your consistory and classis leaders with your encouragement and prayers in these coming months. If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact a member of the consistory:

**Elder Paula Sheely, Vice President**  
**Elder Amberlyn Deyoe, Clerk**  
**Elder Susanna Combs, Classis Rep.**  
**Deacon Bruce Guerineau**  
**Deacon Anne Mitchell**  
**Deacon Bridget Critelli**

## FROM DAVID AND MIKAEL DEVELDER

*This letter went to all of the generous donors of bottles and cans in the Village of Schuylerville on 8/15*

Dear Friends,

As you may already know, we have moved from Schuylerville – our home for the past 38 years. Joyce retired on May 31 as pastor of the Old Saratoga Reformed Church, and we are now living near Saratoga Springs in the Town of Wilton.

Today will be our last day to pick up the bottles and cans you have been generously donating to Mikael – some of you for many years now! We are so appreciative of your support not only of Mikael – but also for the church. (All the bottle and can money has gone to support mission projects such as Habitat for Humanity, Community Hospice of Saratoga and many other local and global humanitarian efforts that help make life better for others.)

The church will continue to collect bottles and cans, so if you are so inclined, you can bring your bags to the rear of the church (use sidewalk on Pearl Street) and place them in the back entryway. The church is located at 48 Pearl Street on the corner of Burgoyne and Pearl Streets.

We hope to get back to Schuylerville from time to time so Mikael can visit some of his many friends in the community!

Thank you again for your care and support!

**Gratefully, David and Mikael**





# ***Community Life***

## **SECOND HAND ROSE THRIFT SHOP**

116 Broad Street, Schuylerville NY



**Tues.- Sat. 11am -4pm**

**Donations gladly accepted during  
store hours  
by appointment only!**

**Volunteers are always needed!  
Call Charlotte at 518-695-4640**

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## **SAFER**

**Schuylerville Area Food Relief**

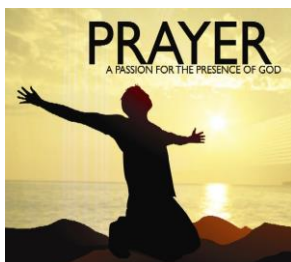
**Open 9-12 noon M, F**

**518-507-6043**

**Please call ahead!**

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## **THURSDAY NIGHT PRAYER**



Faith Chapel opens its doors every Thursday from 6-8pm to anyone who wants to come in and pray or meditate. Hot chocolate and tea are available.

## **COMMUNITY GROUPS WHICH USE OUR BUILDING**



**The groups which normally had used  
our building have slowly been  
returning.**

**AA Sunday night 5pm**

**AA Tuesday night 7pm**

**Living Resources**

**Wed. 12-2pm**

**Fri. 10am-12pm**

**Headstart plans to return in January**



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***Celebration of the Lord’s Supper***

***Sunday September 6 10am***

***Worship Leader: Rev. James Swanson***

***(Those at home, please prepare your bread and juice ahead of time to partake in the  
Communion Liturgy)***

***Guest Worship Leaders in September***

***Sept. 6 Rev. James Swanson***

***Sept. 13 Chris Garney***

***Sept. 20 Christopher Tucker***

***Sept. 27 Anne Mitchell***