

November 2020



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

Nov. 1 TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST Worship Leader: Rev. Kent Busman
All Saints Day Celebration of the Lord's Supper
Those at home, please prepare your bread /juice to participate in the Communion Liturgy
Lectionary Readings: *Joshua 3: 7-17; Psalm 43; 1 Thessalonians 2: 9-13; Matthew 23: 1-12*
Greeter: Bridget Critelli
Liturgist: Chris Garney
Usher: Bill Olmert

Nov. 8 TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST Worship Leader: Paula Sheely
Lectionary Readings: *Joshua 24: 1-3a, 14-25; Psalm 78: 1-7, 1 Thessalonians 4: 13-18;*
Matthew 25: 1-13
Greeter: Pat Woomer
Liturgist: Pat Woomer
Usher: Dick Behrens

Nov. 15 TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST **Worship Leaders: Chris Garney/Karen Flewelling**
Lectionary Readings: *Judges 4: 1-7; Psalm 123; 1 Thessalonians 5: 1-11; Matthew 25: 14-30*
Greeter: *Sheryl Norton*
Liturgist: *Anne Mitchell*
Usher: *Terri Richards*
ANNUAL MEETING IN THE SANCTUARY FOLLOWING WORSHIP – Please plan to stay or watch on Zoom!

Nov. 22 REIGN OF CHRIST Thanksgiving Sunday Worship Leader: Chris Garney
Lectionary Readings: Ezekial 34: 11-16, 20-24; Psalm 100; Ephesians 1: 15-23;
 Matthew 25: 31-46
Greeter: Amber Deyoe
Liturgist: Amber Deyoe
Usher: Cindy Brockman

Nov. 29 FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT **Worship Leader: Amber Deyoe**
Lectionary Readings: *Isaiah 64: 1-9; Psalm 80: 1-7, 17-19; 1 Corinthians 1: 3-9;*
Mark 13: 24-37
Greeter: Becca Sheely
Liturgist: Paula Sheely
Usher: Karl Thayer

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

Guest Editorial

"For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." Jeremiah 29: 11

These words from Jeremiah are a promise from God that we need to claim. We need to claim it both for our church, and for our individual lives. It is a promise that if claimed and sought after can help us in these difficult times. It is a promise that addresses our present lack of a pastor, the needs of those who are stressed by the present pandemic, the needs of those suffering from illness or injury, the needs of those who seek employment and a means of supporting themselves and their families

The story behind God's words to Jeremiah is this: Jeremiah knew about tough times. He was God's chosen messenger to a rebellious nation. He warns of coming disaster unless the people repent of their wrongdoings. Jeremiah's warnings go unheeded. Jeremiah lives through the initial siege of Jerusalem by the Babylonians and gives advice about the policies the nation should adopt in the aftermath.

Despite the gloomy outlook that Jeremiah had presented, his message contains important words of hope. Although it appears that the nation is about to fall, God tells Jeremiah to buy a plot of farmland. In short, although the nation would suffer, God promises to restore them. The message of Jeremiah 29:11 is given to surviving elders among the exiles in Babylon; people who had remained faithful to God. The plan for them is to "build houses and settle down; plant gardens and eat what they produce. Marry and have sons and daughters...." And in due time bring them back to their homeland.

I am in no way intimating that our present adversities are because we lack faithfulness to God. Our adversities are of a different sort. But our loving God desires that none should perish. Hence, he has plans for Old Saratoga Reformed Church, and for each of us as individuals. We may not be able to comprehend the plan at this time, but God wants us to prosper, to experience hope, and to find a future of service for God's kingdom in this place.

We would do well to follow the advice of the Apostle Paul to the church in Corinth. "My dear brothers and sisters, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor is not in vain."
(1 Corinthians 15: 58 NIV)

Your friend in Christ,

Richard Behrens
Member of the Greater Consistory

Church Family

BIRTHDAYS IN NOVEMBER



1: Roger Sherman
2: Carol Burch
3: Roger M. Sherman
3: David Woomer
6: Wendy (Russell) Fedderly
10: Emily Buchanan
11: Lily Russell
12: Robert Haney
12: Thomas Pooler
13: Peggy MacMillan
14: Sawyer Russell Fedderly
18: Linda Barter
20: Melanie (Whitehouse) Casey **(50!)**
22: Sandy Jones
23: Ryan Markwith
24: Chauncey Mabb
24: Allison Cummins
25: Timothy Cox

ANNIVERSARIES IN NOVEMBER



9: Donald and Kimberly Mac Millan, 2002
10: Anne and Doug Mitchell 2012
25: Bill and Duffy Whitehouse, 1967

THANKS EXTENDED

..to **Bill Whitehouse** who tuned up the snowblower
..to **Bonnie Garrand** who is chairing our Harvest Dinner
..to **Cindy Brockman and Patti Booth** who have begun working on new stars for the sanctuary Christmas tree

NEW LIVING SITUATIONS

Florence Sherman has moved recently to the Springs building at the Wesley Community.

Anna Bierma has flown back to Texas with her daughter, **Jikke**, and is now a resident of the facility she was in before she came home.



Addresses and contact information for both these friends of OSRC is available on the next page of the newsletter, in the **Friends in Health Care** article. Please remember all those people with cards, phone calls and prayers during this difficult time when they cannot see their family members. Thanks!

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	Sheryl Norton
Alicia Lewie	Peggy MacMillan
Gerry Barber	Lisa Stover
Sandy DeGregory	Charles Thayer
Danny MacMillan	Suzanne Guerineau
Clyde Wells	Lena Hughes
Dee Periard	Florence Brown
Glenn Stamile	Florence Sherman
Roger and Joan Sheely	Susan Seward
Claire Houston	Charlotte Morrill

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 West Arbrook Blvd., Arlington TX 76010

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

Florence Sherman- Wesley Community, Springs 322, 133 Lawrence Street, Saratoga Springs, NY 12866, Phone # 518- 415-3012 (c)

HOSPITALIZED IN OCTOBER



Joyce deVelder – Saratoga Hospital

SYMPATHY

..to **Sherrie Mickel**, whose mother, **Carol Lehmann**, died in the early morning on September 4

..and to **Sandy Jones**, whose younger sister **Beth Barber**, died in early October, following a long struggle with a neurological disease.

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 a local, all volunteer, non-profit organization, originally founded in response to Hurricanes Rita and Katrina. It has since expanded its efforts to work with under-served families in Saratoga County, helped to found and serve the Code Blue homeless shelter, and it supports the Koi Koi House orphanage in Africa.. For more info, go to www.thegivingcircle.org. Coin boxes are available and will be due back at the end of December.

Church Life

CONSISTORY NOMINATING FORMS AND ANNUAL MEETING

Beginning on Oct. 11, nominating forms for the consistory offices of deacon and elder were available. There is a nominating form towards the end of this issue of JW. If you would like to nominate someone, you may either mail it in or call the church office with your suggestion **(518-695-3479)**

At our annual meeting, scheduled for **Sunday, Nov. 15 in the sanctuary** immediately following worship, voting will take place on these important positions, and on our faith budget. Please mark your calendar and plan to attend, either in person or online on Zoom.

PROPERTY NEWS

The two furnaces in the church and the one in the parsonage were inspected and serviced in October. The one in the parsonage was in need of a new condenser, which was installed at the time of the inspection.

Dave Garrand came to check the leaves situation, but there were not enough on the ground yet to clear away. He hopes to be back in a few weeks when more have fallen. Thanks, Dave!

The committee will be meeting soon to get started on plans for making the necessary repairs to the parsonage.

TOOLS



HYMNS OF OUR FAITH

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

"Savior Again to Your Dear Name We Raise"

*"Savior, again to your dear name we raise
With one accord our parting hymn of praise;
We give you thanks before our worship cease,
And now departing wait your word of peace."*

A prayer for peace is evident in each verse of this hymn, possibly inspired by John 14: 27, where Jesus said to his disciples, "Peace I leave with you, my peace I give you."

This hymn appears to be meant for the closing of worship (before our worship cease) but then expands as a prayer for peace while traveling home, through the coming night, and through the rest of our lives. The use of these words should not be limited, I believe, to the close of worship, but might be part of our daily devotional practice.

The author of the poem is John Ellerton who lived in mid 19th century England. He was an Anglican pastor, chaplain, teacher, hymnologist, and translator. Nearly every one of his 50 hymns are in common use. Expression of the peace that God gives was an oft used theme in Ellerton's poems and his plea for "peace in our time" is as fresh and necessary today as it was in Ellerton's time.

*"Grant us your peace throughout our earthly life;
Comfort in sorrow, courage in the strife;
Then, when your voice shall make our conflict cease,
Call us, O Lord, to your eternal peace."*

Dick Behrens

River



Gently flows the waters deep,
With currents from beneath.
The journey long a twist a turn,
A destination rich to which we
yearn.

The sun sparkles as the ripples pass,
The moonlight dances on the
water's path.
All this splendor to which we gaze,
A lifeblood of the wild and human
race.

Take not for granted the gift as it
flows,
It feed us and nourishes, as it goes.
We are God's stewards, this I know,
Let's come together and help it
grow.

By Christopher Tucker

(Excerpted from his sermon on "River" which was part of the Creation Series this fall, and preached on Oct. 11, 2020.)

"CONSISTORY CONNECTION"

The consistory of Old Saratoga Reformed Church held their monthly meeting via Zoom on Thursday, Oct. 29.

The following items were discussed and acted upon:

1. Denied a use of the building request for a family birthday party, due to concerns about COVID
2. Form to volunteer to help in worship and with activities will be available in the pews and via an email sent to the congregation
3. Find a Sunday when Pastor Joyce and our three friends who wish to join the church can all be here to formalize the memberships
4. The Search Committee will meet soon to discuss a classis guideline paper which asks them to review the needs, strengths and weaknesses of the congregation, as the next step in the search process
5. Bruce Guerineau will be drafting the Holiday Appeal letter
6. The consistory will not be meeting in November. Their next meeting will be Dec. 8
7. Deacons will continue to inform the congregation monthly of the missions which the church supports

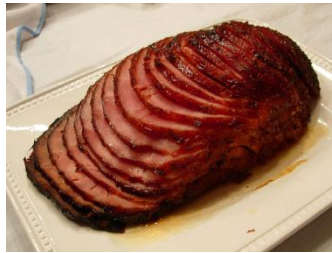


DRIVE THROUGH

HAM HARVEST SUPPER

SAT. NOVEMBER 7

4 - 6pm



OLD SARATOGA REFORMED CHURCH

48 Pearl Street, Schuylerville, NY

**Menu: Baked Ham, mashed potatoes and gravy, squash,
green beans, Dutch Kraut, roll, homemade Apple Crisp**

Adults \$12 Children 5-12 \$6

Take out only!

Reservations Required by Nov. 5! Call (518-695-6638)

**Enter from alley end of driveway, drive up to front
door and a server will bring your dinners. Exit onto Pearl Street.**

PECANS

This year we will again be selling pecans, which should arrive around Nov. 1. Please indicate how many bags of either plain halves or chocolate covered you would like by signing up on the sheet for that purpose, found in the sanctuary, or by calling the church office. Each type will sell for **\$12 a bag**. Please call the **office M-W-F, 9-noon with your order**. Thanks for your support of this fundraiser.

HARVEST SUPPER Saturday, Nov. 7 4-6pm

Our consistory has decided to go ahead with holding our annual Harvest Supper fundraiser. However, it will be a drive through pickup dinner at the front of the church. We are grateful to **Bonnie Garrand**, who has agreed to chair the dinner again. Masks, gloves and physical distancing will be part of the procedure for this year. Please check the enclosed flyer for details.

HOLIDAY SALE Saturday Dec. 5 8am-2pm, Sunday Dec. 6 -11am -2pm.

We will also be planning to hold our annual **Holiday Sale** on Dec. 5, and adding several hours on Sunday, following worship. Please plan to check over your holiday decorations to see what you might like to part with, and donate it to the church for the sale! Thank you to **Amber Deyoe and Terri Richards** who are again chairing this fundraiser for us. More information to follow.

CONSISTORY NOMINATIONS FOR 2021

QUALIFICATIONS:

1. 21 years of age, active confessing member
2. has a faith commitment to Jesus Christ
3. has gifts/abilities for leadership

This year we need to elect one elder and one deacon.

ELDER

1. _____

2. _____

DEACON

1. _____

2. _____

Already serving on consistory, and therefore INELIGIBLE to be nominated are:

Elders Paula Sheely and Amberlyn Deyoe, and Deacons Anne Mitchell and Bruce Guerineau. Just completing a term and ELIGIBLE for re-election are Elders Susanna Combs, and Deacon Bridget Critelli.

*Please fill out and return to the office, or call **518-695-3479** with the name of the person you wish to nominate.*

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**

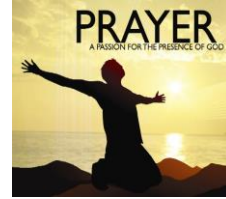
SAFER



**Feeding the
Community**

**Schuylerville Area Food Relief
Open 9-12 noon M, F
518-507-6043
Please call ahead!**

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.

UPCOMING EVENTS AT OSRC

**Pecan Sale \$12/bag - order through
the office**

Sat. Nov. 7 4:30-6pm

Drive through Ham Dinner

Reservations required by Nov. 5

518-695-6638

Sat. Dec 5 8am-2pm Holiday Sale

Sunday Dec. 6 11am-2pm Holiday Sale

(Masks and physical distancing)



“Jacob’s Well”

Old Saratoga Reformed Church

48 Pearl St. Schuylerville, NY 12871

Office Manager: Duffy Whitehouse

Consistory Members: Amberlyn Deyoe, Paula Sheely

Anne Mitchell, Bridget Critelli, Susanna Combs, Bruce Guerineau

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Celebration of the Lord’s Supper

Sunday November 1 10am

Worship Leader: Rev. Kent Busman

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

Guest Worship Leaders in November

Nov. 8 Paula Sheely

Nov. 15 Karen Flewelling/Chris Garney

Nov. 22 Chris Garney Thanksgiving Sunday

Nov 29 Amberlyn Deyoe