



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

**Oct. 4    FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST    Worship Leader: Dick Behrens**

**Creation: Wilderness**

**Celebration of the Lord's Supper – World Communion Sunday**

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

**Lectionary Readings:** Joel 1: 8-10, 17-20; Psalm 18: 6-19; Romans 8: 18-27;  
Matthew 3: 13-4: 2 or Mark 1: 9-13

**Greeter: Bill Olmert**

**Liturgist: Mark Booth**

**Usher: Karl Thayer**

**Oct. 11    FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST    Worship Leader: Christopher Tucker**

**Creation: River**

**Lectionary Readings:** Genesis 8: 20-22; 9: 12-17; Psalm 104: 27-33; Revelation 22: 1-5;  
Matthew 28: 1-10

**Greeter: Cindy Brockman**

**Liturgist: Carolyn Markwith**

**Usher: Bill Olmert**

**Oct. 18    SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST    Worship Leader: Rev. Virginia Cornell**

**Lectionary Readings:** Exodus 33: 12-23; Psalm 99: 1-6, 37-45; 1 Thessalonians 1: 1-10;  
Matthew 22: 15-22

**Greeter: Patti Booth**

**Liturgist: Duffy Whitehouse**

**Usher: Terri Richards**

**Oct. 25    SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST    Worship Leader:    TBD**

**Lectionary Readings:** Deuteronomy 34 1-12; Psalm 90: 1-6, 13-17; 1 Thessalonians 2: 1-8;  
Matthew 22: 34-46

**Greeter: Joan Lapitsky**

**Liturgist:**

**Usher: Dick Behrens**

**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 Grace of God and the Peace of Christ! On behalf of the Consistory, I would like to share some updates on our activities.

Under the guidance of our supervising minister, Rev. Matthew van Maastricht, we have begun forming our Pastoral Search Committee. By the end of October, this committee will begin its work. One of the first steps is to complete a church profile which helps us prioritize the characteristics and responsibilities of our future pastor.

As the search process is somewhat lengthy, we are hoping to find an interim pastor who has been specifically trained as a transitional minister. As the name implies, a transitional minister works with congregations as they move from one pastor to the next. We are in the extraordinary position of having had the same pastor for 38 years and a transitional minister can help ease us through these changes. We hope to have an interim pastor by the spring. In the meantime, we are grateful to all those who are preaching from the pulpit. We are also thankful for Chris Garney's work to ensure that we have someone there every Sunday.

As the deVelder family continues to move their belongings from the parsonage, we are assessing its condition to determine what repairs are needed. We will share updates with the congregation as we receive them.

The Consistory is very appreciative of the support of the congregation as we navigate through these changing times. 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,

**Paula Sheely**

Elder / Vice President

# Church Family

## BIRTHDAYS IN OCTOBER



1: Nickolas Booth  
2: Eric Garney  
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 IN OCTOBER

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, 1999  
20: Katrina and Hank Harrington  
22: Florence and Roger Sherman, 1960  
25: Dawn and Stephen Alexanian  
27: Ryan and Amanda Markwith



## THANKS EXTENDED

..to **Dick Behrens** who has been leading the Wednesday morning Ecumenical Bible Study

..to **Paula and Doug Sheely** who put back the outer door on the rear entrance to the church after it was blown off during one of the Spring storms, and also trimmed some of the low hanging branches of the trees on the church lawn

## NEW PHONE NUMBERS

**Anna Bierma** called to give an update on her home phone number. Her new house phone number is as follows:

**518-695-3102**

She still has her cell phone and that number and her home address are found on the following page. Why not give her a call!

Please check the Health Care article on the following page for new information about **Florence Sherman**.

## 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	Toni Bentley
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**, 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

**Florence Sherman**- Wesley Community, Hathorn 218L, 133 Lawrence Street, Saratoga Springs, NY 12866, Phone # 518-691-1654

## SYMPATHY

..to the family and friends of **Ramona ("Mona") Perkins**, sister of **Susan Hughes (Mike)** and mother to **Brian Perkins (Vicki)** and grandmother to **Jillian and Casey**. Mona had been residing at the Slate Valley Center in Granville, where she died on Sept. 26. Her funeral will be held at St. Joseph's Church in Greenwich with burial at the Saratoga National Cemetery with her husband, Ralph. Condolences may be sent to Susan and family at 3 Burgoyne Street, Schuylerville NY 12871

## HOSPITALIZED IN SEPTEMBER

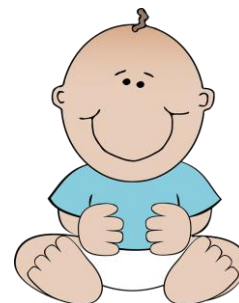


**Florence Sherman** – Saratoga Hospital  
**Sheryl Norton** – Albany Med

## NEW BABY

Congratulations to **Brian and Sarah Driscoll**, who welcomed their second child recently.

**Connor** joined his big sister, **Hailey**, on September 22 at an "impressive 21.5 inches long and 8.15 lbs." The happy grandparents are **Pam and Joe Driscoll**, and great-great aunt is **Allene Cobart**.



# Church Life

## 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 hope that he will be leading our services on October 25 and on December 6, our Advent Communion Service.

## CONSISTORY NOMINATING FORMS AND ANNUAL MEETING

**Beginning on Oct. 11**, nominating forms for the consistory offices of deacon and elder will be available. Please check your email soon, as they will be available for you to fill out if you do not yet attend worship services. There is also 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**, 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.

## HYMNS OF OUR FAITH

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

*"To God be the glory, great things he hath done,  
So loved he the world that he gave us his Son,  
Who yielded his life an atonement for sin,  
And opened the life gate that all may go in."*

Gratitude is our "grateful response to God's gift of grace, and it consists in two different acts: the dying-away of the old self and the rising of the new."<sup>1</sup> This hymn is a grand expression of praise to the one who has purchased our salvation, taught us his ways, and who will bring us to eternal life.

"To God Be the Glory" is a hymn with lyrics by Fanny Crosby and music by William Howard Doane, first printed in 1875. Fanny Crosby, born in Putnam County, NY, was one of the most prolific hymnists in history, writing more than 8,000 hymns and gospel songs, despite being blind from shortly after birth.

In 1954, the song leader for Billy Graham was given a copy with the suggestion that "To God Be the Glory" be included in the songbook for the London Crusade. It was so well loved that he included it again that year in the Crusade in Nashville TN. The audience responded enthusiastically. The hymn quickly became well-known to Christians world-wide and is printed in most modern hymnals. To the good news in each stanza is added the refrain, reiterating gratitude and inviting other to join in praise.

*"Praise the Lord, Praise the Lord, let the earth hear his voice!  
Praise the Lord, Praise the Lord, let the people rejoice!  
O come to the Father through Jesus the Son,  
And give him the glory, great things he hath done."*

**Dick Behrens**

## 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 **Cindy Brockman**, who has volunteered to recycle our donations of bottles and cans for the month of October. And thanks to **Dick and Pat Behrens**, who took a turn from mid-August until Cindy took over. If you would like to take a turn, please let the office know.

## PROPERTY NEWS

The Property Committee will be seeking a person who would be able to keep the sidewalks at the church clear of snow. We have a 24 inch Honda snow blower which is fairly new. It would mean two passes from the parsonage driveway down to the corner and then as far as the alley on Burgoyne Street. It would also include the two walkways into the church (one to the back door and the one from the street to the driveway.) We are grateful that **Doug Sheely** has plowed the driveway for many years for us and will be doing so again this year.



If you know of anyone who might want to earn some extra money this winter, and is available to do this, please call the office (518-695-3479)

## "CONSISTORY CONNECTION"

At its August meeting, the consistory was introduced to our Classis supervisor, the **Reverend Matthew Van Maastricht**, who is the pastor of the Altamont Reformed Church. He will be guiding OSRC through the search process for a new minister, and making sure that all procedures are followed according to the Pastoral Search Handbook.

The consistory granted permission to Living Resources, a day-hab program for people who are differently abled, who will be using the building for a few hours a week, following all protocols for sanitizing and limiting the space used. They have been coming occasionally for two years.

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**

## WORSHIP SERVICE FROM 8/30

If you had wanted to view the Joint Worship Service of the Turning Point Churches which was held at Bacon Hill on Aug. 30, but were unable to see it for whatever reason, you may still view it on You Tube under Bacon Hill Reformed Church. From all reports, it is a wonderful service, with some very interesting historical notes of the three churches, given by **Dick Behrens (OSRC)** **Linda Barber (BHRC)** and **Mac Sanders (FMRC)** Enjoy!



## 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.

## 4<sup>TH</sup> 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](http://www.thegivingcircle.org). Coin boxes are available and will be due back at the end of December.

## 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**)

## HARVEST SUPPER      Saturday, Nov. 7    4:30-6pm

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 and physical distancing will be part of the procedure for this year. The final details have yet to be worked out, but please plan to support this event with your donations and by picking up dinners for your family. Thanks!

## 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 of 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

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2. \_\_\_\_\_

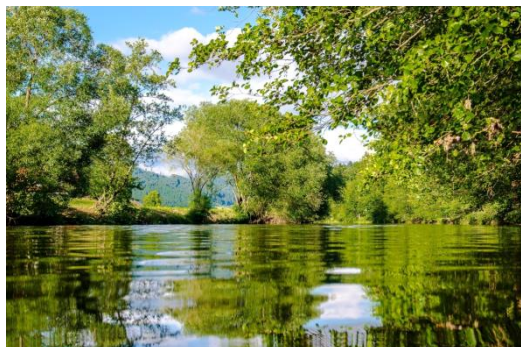
**Already serving on consistory, and therefore INELIGIBLE to be nominated are:**

**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..*

### QUOTE FROM POPE FRANCIS

"Rivers do not drink their own water; trees do not eat their own fruit; the sun does not shine on itself and flowers do not spread their fragrance for themselves. Living for others is a rule of nature. We are all born to help each other. No matter how difficult it is...Life is good when you are happy; but much better when others are happy because of you."





# 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



**Feeding the  
Community**

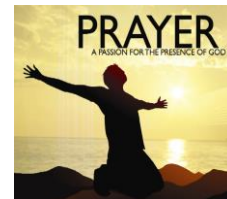
**Schuylerville Area Food Relief  
Open 9-12 noon M, F  
518-507-6043  
Please call ahead!**

## NO COMMUNITY DAYS AT GLENS FALLS NATIONAL BANK THIS YEAR

Unfortunately, due to the COVID pandemic, Glens Falls National Bank will not be hosting their annual Community Days. This has been a fundraiser for SAFER in the past. With people using food pantries in large numbers these days, it is unfortunate that, in keeping people safe from the virus, SAFER will not receive the funds generated by this event. Thanks you for your support in the past!

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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.

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## UPCOMING EVENTS AT OSRC

**Pecan Sale \$12/bag - order through the office**  
**Sat. Nov. 7 4:30-6pm**  
**Drive through Ham Dinner**

**Sat. Dec 5 8am-2pm Holiday Sale**  
**Sunday Dec. 6 11am-2pm Holiday Sale**  
**(Masks and physical distancing)**

**“Jacob’s Well”**

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Anne Mitchell, Bridget Critelli, Susanna Combs, Bruce Guerineau

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***Guest Worship Leaders in October***

***Oct. 11 Christopher Tucker***

***Oct. 18 Rev. Virginia Cornell***

***Oct. 25 TBD***