

JACOB'S WELL

June 2021



June 6 SECOND SUNDAY OF PENTECOST Celebration of the Lord's Supper

Lectionary Readings: 1 Samuel 8: 4-11, (12-15), 16-20; Psalm 138; Genesis 3: 8-15; Psalm 130; 2 Corinthians 4: 13-5: 1; Mark 3: 20-35

Greeter: Duffy Whitehouse

Liturgist: Mark Booth

Usher: Paula Sheely

Counters: Cindy Brockman/Bruce Guerineau

Servers: Anne Mitchell/Amber Deyoe

June 13 THIRD SUNDAY OF PENTECOST

Lectionary Readings: *1 Samuel 15: 34-16: 13; Psalm 20; Ezekiel 17: 22-24;*

Psalm 92: 1-4, 12-15; 2 Corinthians 5: 6-10, (11-13), 14-17; Mark 4: 26-34

Greeter: Kim Thayer

Liturgist: Pam Seward

Usher: Karl Thayer

Counters: Cindy Brockman/Anne Mitchell

June 20 FOURTH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST *Father's Day*

Lectionary Readings: 1 Samuel 17: 32-49; Psalm 9: 9-20; 2 Corinthians 6: 1-13;
Mark 4: 35-41

Greeter: Pat Woomer

Liturgist: Dick Behrens

Usher: Pam Seward

Counters: Mark Booth/Paula Sheely

June 17 FIFTH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST

Lectionary Readings: 2 Samuel 1:1, 17-27; Psalm 130; Lamentations 3: 22-33;
Psalm 30; 2 Corinthians 8: 7-15; Mark 5: 21-43

Greeter: Bridget Behrens

Liturgist: Duffy Whitehouse

Usher: Bridget Behrens

Counters: Bruce Guerineau/Amber Deyoe

Our church is open for worship services which begin at 10:00am.

The sanctuary is handicapped accessible.

Holy Communion is celebrated the first Sunday of each month.

Musings in the Interim

Back to the Future

Summer is seen by most as a time for physical recreation and renewal. Nature certainly renews as the crops grow, trees and plantings mature, and millions of species of insects renew their numbers. While you are re-creating this summer, I want to encourage some spiritual re-creation as well. Old Saratoga Reformed Church, along with every church, has experienced a high degree of uncertainty from COVID over the past year, as well as disruption in Church life and daily life. The way forward with God is the way the Church has always used - going forward by looking back in worship.

“Hearken to me, you who pursue deliverance, you who seek the Lord; look to the rock from which you were hewn, and to the quarry from which you were dug. Look to Abraham your father and to Sarah who bore you” Isaiah 51

From the beginning, sacramental worship actions - and especially Holy Communion, The Eucharist - have been the primary and continuing lifeblood of the Church. The Church is that body of people in the Creation who are aware of the presence and action of God and express this to themselves and the world through the actions of sacramental worship. Since the Reformation, we Protestants have been slowly losing a sacramental sense as we have become more and more focused on scriptural sense as found in bible study and preaching. In some instances, our worship has lost all sense of sacramental action and become completely a matter of mind and words. COVID made Eucharist into something else, as the restrictions took first place in our attention.

There is no “program for right worship”, nor was there ever one. The Living God calls the whole Creation into the daily conversation of the Father with the Son in their Spirit. We are invited to participate in that conversation. What we do when we gather on Sunday morning needs to be activity that enables the Church as a whole and each individual present to be in conversation with the Living God to as great a degree as possible.

Summer recreation involves different things for different families. While I hope not everyone would do it on the same Sunday, I do want to encourage you to experience other worship communities. Worship is a human expression. Some worship is packed with art, music, pageantry, tradition, and involves the physical senses. Other worship is a single silver note ringing God’s presence. You can find the first at St. Sophia’s Greek Orthodox Church in Albany (or, with fewer bells and whistles, in Ballston Spa and South Glens Falls). You can find the second at Easton Friends Meeting. And all of us have both friends and family who worship in ways different from OSRC and you could join them. The goal is not to find some “neat idea”. The goal is to experience how other folk express their love of God.

In the Fall, we will be spending some intentional time on OSRC ways of worship. For the summer, may we all expand our horizons a bit so that the Fall conversation can be richer.

Rett Zabriskie

CHURCH FAMILY

BIRTHDAYS

2: Vicki Perkins
3: Dale Cox
3: Kylie Dyke
5: Chris Garney
5: Bonnie Garrand
5: Eric Richards
9: Rich Zotzmann
11: Donald MacMillan
11: Gerry Barber
12: Pam Driscoll
12: Sydney Alexanian
15: Mellenie Rose Booth
16: Zoe Bartholomay
16: Nicholas Casey
16: Barbara Vincent
17: Ajay Thomas Deyoe
21: Adam Burch
21: Matthew Waldinger
23: Olivia Edgar
24: Jenny Middlebrook
25: Patti Zotzmann
27: Kenny MacMillan
28: Wally Kroner
29: Sue Hughes

Congratulations NICE GOING!
GREAT! Way to Go!
Yea! FELICITATIONS
CHEERS Take A BEST
BOW! WISHES!

ANNIVERSARIES

1: Darryl and Cheryl (Sherman) Baust,
2: Randy and Cindy Kerr
9: Jean Stark and Walter Kroner
24: Don and Jennifer (MacMillan) Squires,
25: Cindy and Jim Brockman
27: Rixt (Bierma) and David Clifford

(Please help keep our birthday, anniversary, and hospital lists current by giving us dates and updates! (518-695-3479 Thanks!)

IN OUR PRAYERS

"Pray at all times in the Spirit...making supplication for all the saints." Ephesians 6: 18

Ruth Hayes
Claire Houston
Alyson Fitzgerald
Rod Borgman
Naomi Thayer
Alicia Lewie
Jim Miers
Peggy MacMillan
Suzanne Guerineau
Florence Brown
Sherrie Mickel

Bette Tucker
Dwight Colvin
David Garrand
Trevor Lewie
Evie Senecal
Charlotte Morrill
Charles Thayer
Sheryl Norton
Florence Sherman
DanDan MacMillan



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
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
Florence Brown, The Sentinel, 10 Market Street, Room 10, Amsterdam, NY 12010
Florence Sherman, Wesley Community, Springs 322, 133 Lawrence Street, Saratoga Springs, NY 12866, Phone # 518- 415-3012

THANKS EXTENDED

..to **Christopher Tucker**, who took down the cross and put it away until Lent and Easter next year

..to **Dick Behrens** who has been leading the Ecumenical Bible Study this past year. The group will be taking a summer break, with the last meeting being June 16.

THANKS RECEIVED

"Thank you so much for your continued support. I will use the donation **(\$200)** toward a well at a school with over 1000 students in Ghana. They have never had water at the school, so they will be thrilled.

Karen (Flewelling)

Drilling for Hope

DONATION RECEIVED

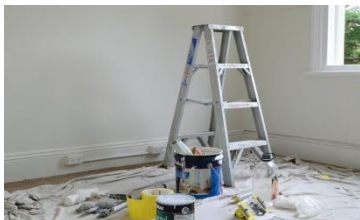
"In memory of my grandmother, **Grace Kinney Curtis**, I would like the enclosed donation to be used toward the renovation of the church parsonage which was home to my great-grandparents, **Charles and Emma Kinney.**"

(Rev. Charles Kinney was pastor at OSRC from 1913-1931)

Marilyn Beilstein

(daughter of Mildred (Midge) Curtis Drew)

Thank you, Marilyn!!!

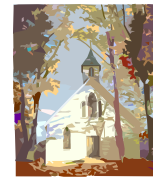


GRADUATES



This is the time of year when we think about those who have connections to OSRC and are graduating. If you have a child or grandchild who will be graduating from high school or college, please call the office **(518-695-3479)** and give us the graduate's name, school he/she attended, and what the plans for the future are. We will be publishing all the info in the July/August issue of JW after the graduations have occurred. Thanks!

"THE SMALL CHURCH"



**In a big world, the small church
has remained intimate.**

**In a fast world, the small church
has been steady.**

**In an expensive world, the small church
has remained plain.**

**In a complex world, the small church
has remained simple.**

**In a rational world, the small church has
kept feeling.**

**In a mobile world, the small church has
been an anchor.**

**In an anonymous world, the small church
calls us by name.**

-From "Grassroots"

CHURCH LIFE

OSRC MISSION STATEMENT

*In answer to God's call
to share Christ's love,
we welcome people
of all abilities and life situations,
and encourage everyone
to fully participate in worship and service.*

PROPERTY COMMITTEE

Several members of the Property Committee went to Albany recently to select the slab for the parsonage kitchen counters. The cabinetry has been ordered, with the help of Maria Saavedra, who is the kitchen consultant for Curtis Lumber. In keeping with the consistory policy of "buying and/or hiring locally," this has been done whenever possible. Jay Ellis has completed the first half of the house rewiring, having wanted to be finished with the upstairs before it got too hot to be up in the attic! Fixtures have been purchased and will be installed in the bedrooms and upstairs hallway soon.

Since we will be hosting the Schenectady Classis on June 29th and **Anna Bierma's** Memorial Service on July 10, the committee would like to schedule a church cleanup day on June 12 at 9:30am. Most of the cleanup will be outside, on the building entryways, windows, and door. The only inside job is to clean the stove top in the church kitchen. You do not have to stay for the whole time. If you can come for an hour or so, it would be a big help. Thanks!



DEACONS' FUND FOR JUNE

Wycliffe Bible Translators

Wycliffe staff is involved in bringing the Word of the Lord to people in their own language, by translating the Bible into the language of countries which do not have access to it already. Bible translators must take courses in Linguistics, Translation and Literacy, in order to be able to prepare the text for print and distribution. Though **Rick Mellen (Patti Booth's and Jim Mellen's brother)** has passed away, we continue to support his wife, **Priscilla**, who also dedicated many years of her life to serving God in this way.

SECOND QUARTER MISSION

Fowler Ministries

The mission for the second quarter (April – June) is Fowler Ministries, which helps support and sustain not only the camp itself, but its programs and ministries. "The camp has been set aside for over 65 years to allow congregations to experience a holy world, loved-redeemed-sustained by a Holy God. We are, all together, stewards of 245 acres, 1000 feet of lakefront, over 30 buildings, all the children who visit, and all the creatures that make their homes there."
(Rev. Kent Busman)

Donations for the Quarterly Mission are due back at the end of June. There are several boxes available for filling with coins, or you may make your check out to OSRC, earmarked for "Fowler Ministries."

CHURCH FAMILY PICNIC



**Sunday, June 6 following worship
at the home of
Duffy and Bill Whitehouse
(Directions available)**

**Please bring a dish to share,
your own meat if you want to grill,
your own beverage,
a lawn chair if you have one**

**Under cover and outdoor seating
(signup sheet in the foyer)**

CAMP FOWLER CAMPERSHIPS



Bridget Behrens will be attending Camp Fowler this summer, as she has for several years prior, (except for last summer!) It has been the custom of the church to give a campership of **\$300** to help cover the cost of the week in the Adirondacks. If you would like to help with this, please make your check out to OSRC, earmarked "Campership."

WOMEN'S GUILD

Women's Guild will meet again on **Monday, June 21 at noon**. All women of the church are invited to come. Please bring a sandwich; dessert and beverage will be provided.

ECUMENICAL BIBLE STUDY



The Ecumenical Bible Study continues its Study of the Book of Acts, and is enjoying having **Pastor Reft** as one of the participants. **Dick Behrens** has been leading the group since **Pastor Joyce** retired. Their last meeting will be June 16th, with a luncheon at the home of **Jean Myers** on June 23rd.

"CONSISTORY CONNECTION"

The consistory met on May 11, and made the following decisions:

1. The Pastoral Search will begin in earnest in the fall.
2. The 250th Anniversary Celebration (which was postponed due to the pandemic) will be celebrated jointly with the start of a new pastor's tenure here at OSRC.
3. The Classis will be meeting here on June 29, but there has not as yet been a decision about whether there will need to be a meal prepared, or if they will be meeting outside.
4. Research is still being done on the possibility of holding a Chicken BBQ this summer in conjunction with the Legion. They would cook the chicken and potatoes, and we would supply the rest of the meal. It would be on a first come-first served basis. Possible dates are July 24 or 25.
5. The purple/white prayer slips will no longer be in the pews, as opportunity is given in the service to offer a prayer request.
6. The Room For All committee will reconvene in the fall.
7. The consistory has dropped the mask mandate for vaccinated people. The wearing of masks will be up to the person attending the service and their comfort level with mask wearing. Those who are not vaccinated are on the "honor system." The ropes on the pews will continue to be used, for the time being.
8. We will begin to have our popular Lemonade on the Lawn, starting in July. A signup sheet will be posted in June.

BOTTLE AND CAN SIGNUP



A BIG THANK YOU TO Amber Deyoe, who has volunteered to take our bottles and cans to CLYNK for refund for the month of June. A **signup sheet** has been posted in the foyer for others to take a turn for a month. The money which is generated from the returns is one of the ways that our Mission Projects are funded. Please think about taking a turn! There are lots of fun-filled opportunities!!!

BULLETIN BOARD

Patti Booth has spent a lot of time going through old pictures of people and events of OSRC. She has posted them on the large bulletin board in Loomis Hall. We hope that you will take some time to look at them and find yourself, family members, and friends in the pictures. It will also be on display when the Classis comes here for their meeting on June 29th.



HYMNS OF OUR FAITH

"O Breath of Life"

***"O Breath of Life, come sweeping through us,
revive your church with life and power.***

***O Breath of Life, come, cleanse, renew us,
and fit your church to meet this hour."***

It is the Season of Pentecost in the church and we are reminded of the Holy Spirit coming upon the early Christians gathered at Jerusalem. The filling with the Holy Spirit was an enabling to go forward making disciples of all nations.

The author of the hymn was Bessie Porter Head, born in Belfast, Ireland. In 1894, Bessie became a secretary in the YWCA. She then served with the South Africa General Mission (SAGM) in Port Elizabeth, Capetown, and Johannesburg, helping to found several branches of the YWCA. With the chairman of the Mission and a fellow missionary, she toured North America in 1906-7. With her husband she continued actively in support of the SAGM and the Keswick Convention. Bessie was a frequent speaker for both organizations and a prolific contributor, in prose and verse, to their publications.¹

Bessie Head perceived a lack of spiritual fervor in the Church in her day. This feeling is reflected in one of the verses of the hymn where she asks, "Is zeal abating?" She wrote this hymn "as a prayer of invitation for the Spirit of God to do his work in our lives."

Sadly, in our day in the Western world, the Church is not thriving. We have reached new lows in the percentage of Americans who actively participate in worship. There is a scarcity of clergy members to lead congregations. We would do well to again pray as Bessie Head did.²

***"O Wind of God, come bend us, break us till humbly
we confess our need.***

***Then in your tenderness remake us, revive, restore,
for this we plead."***

***"Revive us, Lord! Is zeal abating while harvest fields
are vast and white?***

***Revive us, Lord, the world is waiting, equip your
church to spread the light."***

1. Biographical information owed to Hymnary.org

2. The Worshipping Church: A Hymnal, Worship Leaders' Edition, Hope Publishing Company, Carol Stream, IL 1991, p.299

COMMUNITY LIFE



SAFER – Schuylerville Area Food Emergency Relief
12 Spring Street, Schuylerville 518-507-6043 M,F 9-12

SECOND HAND ROSE THRIFT SHOP



116 Broad Street, Schuylerville 518-695-4624
Tue.-Sat. 11am-4pm

JUNK WEEK 2021

**Junk Week for the Village of Schuylerville
will be June 7 -June 11**

There is a \$10 charge to participate. You can register by e-mail, regular mail or in person when the village office reopens. Upon registration you will be given a sticker which you will then place on one of the items that you are disposing of and your trash will be removed. Only one sticker per household is required.

Items not taken:

Tires, Electronics (tvs, computers) Construction debris

Items must be at the curb by Sunday, June 6

“JACOB’S WELL”

Old Saratoga Reformed Church

48 Pearl Street, Schuylerville, NY 12871

Church Office: 518-695-3479

E-Mail: oldsaratogareformed@gmail.com

www.oldsaratoga.rcachurches.org

TRANSITIONAL MINISTER: [Rev. Rett Zabriskie](#)

[201-819-7629](tel:201-819-7629)

OFFICE MANAGER: Duffy Whitehouse

Consistory Members: Amber Deyoe, Paula Sheely,
Mark Booth, Cindy Brockman, Bruce Guerineau,
Anne Mitchell

Published ten times yearly in Schuylerville, NY 12871

Sunday Worship: 10:00 am OR our Facebook page

Facebook: www.facebook.com/oldsaratogareformedchurch

***Sunday June 6 10 am
Celebration of the Lord’s Supper***

***Followed by the Annual Church Family Picnic
(see inside for details)***