

JACOB'S WELL

July/August 2021



July 4 SIXTH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST Celebration of the Lord's Supper

Worship Leader: Christopher Tucker

Lectionary Readings: 2 Samuel 5: 1-5, 9-10; Psalm 48; 2 Corinthians 12: 2-10;
Mark 6: 1-13

Greeter: Duffy Whitehouse

Liturgist: Pat Woomer

Usher: Kim Thayer

Counters: Anne Mitchell/Paula Sheely

Servers: Anne Mitchell/Paula Sheely

July 11 SEVENTH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST Worship Leader: Rev. James Swanson

Lectionary Readings: 2 Samuel 6: 1-5, 12b-19; Psalm 24; Ephesians 1: 3-14;
Mark 6: 14-29

Greeter: Karl Thayer

Liturgist: Victoria Starnella

Usher: Dick Behrens

Counters: Mark Booth/Amber Deyoe

July 18 EIGHTH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST Worship Leader: Dick Behrens

Lectionary Readings: 2 Samuel 7: 1-14a; Psalm 89: 20-37; Ephesians 2: 11-22;
Mark 6: 30-34, 53-56

Greeter: Bill Olmert

Liturgist: Anne Mitchell

Usher: Pat Woomer

Counters: Anne Mitchell/Bruce Guerineau

July 25 NINTH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST Worship Leader: Rev. James Swanson

Lectionary Readings: 2 Samuel 11: 1-15; Psalm 14; Ephesians 3: 14-21;
John 6: 1-21

Liturgist: Duffy Whitehouse

Liturgist: Rob Hayner

Usher: Terri Richards

Counters: Cindy Brockman/Bruce Guerineau

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.

Masks are optional for those who are vaccinated.

August 1 TENTH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST Celebration of the Lord's Supper
Worship Leader: Dick Behrens
Lectionary Readings: *2 Samuel 11: 26-12:13a; Psalm 51:1-12; Ephesians 4: 1-16;*
John 6: 24-35
Greeter: Kim Thayer
Liturgist: Sandy Jones
Usher: Paula Sheely
Counters: Cindy Brockman/Amber Deyoe
Servers: Mark Booth/Cindy Brockman

August 8 ELEVENTH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST Worship Leader: Rev. James Swanson
Lectionary Readings: *2 Samuel 18: 5-9; Psalm 130; Ephesians 4: 25-5:2;*
John 6: 35, 41-51
Greeter: Pat Woomer
Liturgist: Paula Sheely
Usher: Karl Thayer
Counters: Paula Sheely/Mark Booth

August 15 TWELFTH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST
Joint Worship of Turning Point Reformed Churches
Bacon Hill 10am
Lectionary Readings: *1 Kings 2: 10-12; 3:3-14; Psalm 111; Ephesians 5: 15-20;*
John 6: 51-58
Counters: Anne Mitchell/Paula Sheely

August 22 THIRTEENTH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST
Worship Leader: Rev. James Swanson
Lectionary Readings: *1 Kings 8: (1,6,10-11) 22-30. 41-43z; Psalm 84;*
Ephesians 6: 10-20; John 6:56-60
Greeter: Amber Deyoe
Liturgist: Pam Seward
Usher: Bridget Behrens
Counters: Anne Mitchell/Amber Deyoe

August 29 FOURTEENTH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST
Worship Leader: Rev. James Swanson
Lectionary Readings: *Song of Solomon 2: 8-13; Psalm 45: 1-2, 6-9;*
James 1: 17-27; Mark 7: 1-8, 14-15, 21-23
Greeter: Karl Thayer
Liturgist: Dick Behrens
Usher: Bridget Behrens
Counters: Bruce Guerineau/Mark Booth

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Musings in the Interim

Summertime, and the livin' is

June 2021

Solstice is past and Summer has begun, even though the temperatures during May and June often made it feel like Summer has been here a while. How will summer livin' be for OSRC?

George Gershwin sang that summer livin' is easy. I do pray and hope that your summer will be re-creating and filled with family and relaxing activities. I also pray and hope that your summer can provide some space for reflection on our life at OSRC. I have been spending these first three months getting to know you. Many, many thanks for the hospitality shared by the many whom I have now met. I look forward to having had some visit time with everyone eventually, but not now until the Fall. For now, I am looking forward to spending time in Denmark, with family and friends of course, but I am also looking at some re-creating. Covid canceled continuing education last year, but the option is back this year. I will be spending four days at Løgumkloster Refugium with about 25 others reflecting on the theme "The Unpredictable Life". Covid also canceled any big celebration of my 80th last year, so I spent the day at Sankt Birgitta Kloster with the Sisters of St. Bridget instead. There are about eight cloisters in Denmark that still have monks or nuns active in them and most offer overnight accommodations and opportunity to join them at the 6 - 8 daily worship services. It was a nourishing experience and I plan to do it again this year - and probably for every birthday I have left. I do pray and hope that the OSRC family will also have both some relaxing times and some re-creating ones as well.

When we return in the Fall, we will begin the work of transitioning to a new pastor. I am planning a number of congregational activities for the Fall and there will be more detail about that in the September Jacobs Well. For now, it is enough to say that we will be doing two big things and two little things. The two big things are, first, some serious and in-depth conversation about how we as individuals and as a congregation experience God. The second will be about what we do together on Sunday mornings and how that activity can help all experience God more. The two little things both have to do with a new minister: what does an OSRC minister do to be effective; what are the practical parameters for employing a minister.

May summer be a growing time for all!

Rett Zabriskie

CHURCH FAMILY

BIRTHDAYS

ANNIVERSARIES

July:

2: Harvey Howd
3: Kathleen Bartholomay
6: Ashley Buchanan
7: Ruth Hayes
9: Dick Behrens
9: Larissa Anne Squires
10: Henrietta Edgar
12: Chet Demick
16: Curt Demick
17: Duffy Whitehouse
20: Alyson Fitzgerald
26: Catherine Alice Pooler
27: Joshua Cummins
28: Trevor Scott Lewie
28: Florence Sherman
29: Rett Zabriskie
30: Amberlyn (Wilbur) Deyoe
30: Helen Lofgren

August:

4: Danny Barton
4: Kelsey Buchanan
6: Amanda McCarty
10: Brian Richards
11: David Garrand
12: Maeve Gilman
12: Sara Radigan
13: Terri Richards
17: Cindy Kerr
18: Zachary Mellen
18: Emily MacMillan
18: Ian Kerr
19: Stephen Bodnar
20: Declan Mellen
21: Crystal Richards
21: Makenzie Harrington
22: Amelia Clark
24: Carolyn Markwith
25: Donald MacMillan IV
25: Sarah Brockman
27: Nicholas Thayer

July:

20: Mark and Patti Booth

August:

2: Dale and Christine Cox
3: Joyce and David de Velder
7: Maureen and Will Roberts
8: Pam and Joe Driscoll
15: Gene and Sue Usher, 1952
(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	Bette Tucker
Claire Houston	Dwight Colvin
Alyson Fitzgerald	David Garrand
Rod Borgman	Trevor Lewie
Naomi Thayer	Evie Senecal
Alicia Lewie	Charlotte Morrill
Jim Miers	Charles Thayer
Peggy MacMillan	Sheryl Norton
Suzanne Guerineau	Florence Sherman
Florence Brown	DanDan MacMillan
Sherrie Mickel	

OUR FRIENDS IN HEALTH CARE FACILITIES/HOMEBOUND

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

Chicken BBQ



Sunday, July 25 3-5pm

Reservations suggested - call 518-695-6638

limit 200 dinners Cost:\$12

**Menu: $\frac{1}{2}$ chicken prepared by American Legion,
baked potato, roll, cole slaw, dessert**

**Pick up only at the American Legion,
Clancy Street, Schuylerville**

Benefits the Old Saratoga Reformed Church General Fund

THANKS EXTENDED

..to several **members of the Property Committee** who gave up a Saturday morning to trim and clean up the trees in the church and parsonage yards, and to pressure wash the back entryway to the church.

..to **Dick Behrens** who took over teaching the Ecumenical Bible Study and just completed his first year of doing so.

GRADUATES

Sawyer Fedderly, son of **Wendy and Josh Fedderly** and grandson of **Carolyn Markwith**, graduated from the International School of Beaverton, Oregon. He will attend Oregon State University in the fall, majoring in Engineering.

Emily Brockman, daughter of **Jim and Cindy Brockman**, graduated with a Master's Degree from Case Western University in Ohio. She will be attending dental school in Nova Scotia in the fall.

Sarah Brockman, daughter of **Cindy and Jim Brockman**, graduated with a Master's Degree in Computer Science from UMass, Amherst. She has begun a job with the company with which she interned while in college.

CONGRATULATIONS!!!

..to **Becca Sheely** and **Zack King** who became engaged, purchased their first home together in Latham, and got a dog!

..to **Bridget Behrens** who was inducted into the National Junior Honor Society on June 9th because of her good grades, good character, community service and leadership qualities.

SYMPATHY

..to the family and friends of **Gladys Gogis**, (93) mother of **Cindy Brockman**, who died on May 26 at home after a short illness. Her funeral was held at Woestina Reformed Church on June 2, with burial at the Woestina Cemetery. Condolences may be sent to Cindy, Jim, and Emily and Sarah at 18 Division Street, Unit 602, Saratoga Springs, NY 12866

..to the family and friends of **Sharon Sarle**, wife of **Jack Sarle**, who died unexpectedly on June 5. She was buried at Prospect Cemetery in Schuylerville on June 12, with **Pastor Joyce deVelder** officiating at the committal service. Condolences may be sent to John R. Sarle, 49 Royal Dr., Brick, NJ 08723

VISITORS

We were happy to welcome the **Mellen Family** from Arizona, who were visiting in NY to for the Celebration of Life for **Marion Barton**. **Jim, Donna, Trevor and Bridgette** joined OSRC in worship on June 13. Also coming East and attending worship was **Mike Mellen**, who arrived from California for the celebration for Marion, the sister of **Jim, Mike and Patti Booth**.

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.*

ANNA BIERMA'S FUNERAL SERVICE

Sat. July 10 at 11am

Members and friends of OSRC are reminded that the funeral service for **Anna Bierma** will be held in the church on Saturday, July 10 at 11am, with graveside service immediately following for the family at the Fort Miller Cemetery. A reception will be held in Loomis Hall following the funeral. Please check the signup sheet to see how you can help.

CLASSIS AND SYNOD NEWS

The Classis of Schenectady, which was scheduled to hold a meeting at OSRC on June 29, moved their meeting to a church which is air conditioned for this time. We will have the opportunity to host the pastors and elders of the classis in October, with format to be determined.

The General Synod of the RCA, which always meets in early June, had cancelled that meeting due to COVID concerns. Now, based on input from medical professionals, classis presidents, the General Synod Council and RCA staff, the decision was made to hold the General Synod from Oct. 14-19 at the Westin La Paloma in Tucson, AZ.

SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

The church office will be open on Tuesday and Friday mornings throughout the summer, from 9am-noon.

PROPERTY NEWS

The Property Committee has been meeting about every two weeks to keep up with all the decisions which need to be made in regard to the parsonage renovation/repair. The kitchen cabinets have been ordered and are due to be here at the end of July. Since the house already has a fairly new refrigerator and stove, only an over the range microwave and dishwasher needed to be ordered. In keeping with the church policy of buying locally when possible, the appliances were ordered through Jim Parisi Appliances, and cabinets from Curtis Lumber.

Recently there was an issue with the lift on a Sunday morning. Upon inspection by the lift company, it was determined that the tensioner cable was bad. They are obtaining a new cable for us, and we hope to have it installed before Anna Bierma's funeral.

Thanks to the members of the Property Committee for all the work they have done so far this year in keeping the property tended to, and for all the decisions which have had to be made on the renovations: **Mark Booth, Jim Brockman, Paulette Foote, Oscar Everts, Karl Thayer and Duffy Whitehouse**. Thanks to **Cindy Brockman**, too, who helped with the cleanup!

LEMONADE ON THE LAWN

The consistory agreed to holding the popular "Lemonade on the Lawn" following worship on Sundays. However, we need people to sign up to host in order to enjoy this time of fellowship. You do not have to bake – purchased cookies or crackers and cheese are fine. The lemonade cups are here in the church kitchen, along with napkins. Please take a turn at hosting and visiting with your friends after church. The signup sheet is on the bulletin board in the entryway. Thanks!

BOTTLE AND CAN SIGNUP

A BIG THANK YOU TO Amber Deyoe, who volunteered to take our bottles and cans to CLYNK for refund for the months of June and July. 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!

PASTOR RETT LEAVES FOR DENMARK

Pastor Rett Zabriskie has left for Denmark, flying out at 11pm on June 28 from Newark Airport. He will return Sept. 1, and resume his duties leading OSRC through the search process for a new minister.

DEACONS FUND AND MISSION OF THE QUARTER

July – Unity House

August – Wellspring (Domestic Violence Services)

Mission of the Quarter – Mariposa DR Foundation

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 Fowler Campership.

TUESDAY COFFEE HOUR

Those who regularly attend the Tuesday Coffee Hour decided they would like to continue through the summer months. So please feel free to join the group at 9:30 am every Tuesday morning for conversation, goodies, and laughs!

HYMNS OF OUR FAITH

“Help Us Accept Each Other”

“Help us accept each other as Christ accepted us. Teach us as sister, brother each person to embrace.

Be present Lord, among us and bring us to believe. We are ourselves accepted and meant to love and live.”

In a letter to the Christians in Rome the Apostle Paul wrote these words: “Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor.” (Romans 12:9-10)

“Help Us Accept Each Other” is a contemporary hymn written by Fred Kaan. Kaan was a minister in the Congregational Church in Britain who sought to address issues of peace and justice. He is best known as a prolific hymn writer and translator.

Fred Kaan was of Dutch origin. He lived through the Nazi occupation of the Netherlands and saw three of his grandparents die of starvation. He witnessed his parents’ deep involvement in the resistance movement which included providing hiding places for Jews.¹

“Help Us Accept Each Other” is particularly applicable to our present dilemma as we experience a divided nation, intolerance, racial discrimination, and inexplicable acts of violence. The Apostle’s admonition to “outdo one another in showing honor” strikes hard at a time when it is sport to tear others down. What could be more contrary to the commandment to “love each other as we love ourselves?”

“Teach us, O Lord, your lessons, as in our daily life We struggle to be human and search for hope and faith.

Teach us to care for people, for all, not just for some, To love them as we find them, or as they may become.”

1. Biographical information owed to Hymnary.org

Dick Behrens

TURNING POINT BREAST CANCER SUPPORT GROUP

The vision of the group is to be there during what is a turning point in a life – when a diagnosis of breast cancer is given. The group wants to welcome breast cancer survivors, the newly diagnosed, and family and friend support persons. They hope to uplift each other, share in struggles and joys, and educate each other through volunteer speakers, community sponsored seminars and what each have learned on their journeys. Meetings are the second Monday of the month.

For more info, or to be put on the mailing list for a Zoom link, or a phone number to participate in the monthly meetings, please email turningpointbcsg@gmail.com or call 518-316-1987.

FREE HANDBELL CONCERT AT HUDSON CROSSING PARK



Who: The Battenkill Bell Ringers
*(Local ringers in the group: Donna Barber,
Virginia Cornell, Mark Booth, Duffy Whitehouse)*

**When: Thursday, August 12
at 6pm
(raindate Aug. 19)**

**What: Playing a variety of music
(patriotic, religious, general)**

2021 MIDYEAR FINANCIAL UPDATE

Thank you to everyone who continues to support the ministry of Old Saratoga. We are so grateful for each and every gift as they allow us to continue serving God both here in Schuylerville and throughout the world with our local and global missions.

We have taken money out of our investments to finance the renovations of the parsonage but have not had to withdraw any money for our regular expenses. We were grateful to learn that our \$10,400 PPP Loan was fully forgiven by the federal government. This money was used primarily to cover payroll during the pandemic but also covered some utility costs. Our expenses have increased with the arrival of our transitional pastor so it is possible we may need to go back to withdrawing money from our investments as the year progresses.

We pray that God will continue to bless our ministry both locally and through our mission donations. Once again, thank you for the support you offer through your prayers, gifts, time, and talents.

Respectfully Submitted
Christine Garney, Treasurer

Community News



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

SECOND HAND ROSE THRIFT SHOP
116 Broad Street 518-695-4624
Tue.-Sat. 11am-4pm

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Anne Mitchell

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Sunday Worship: 10:00 am OR our Facebook page

Facebook: www.facebook.com/oldsaratogareformedchurch

***Sunday July 4, August 1 10 am
Celebration of the Lord’s Supper***

***Joint Worship of the Turning Point Reformed Churches
Sunday, August 15 at Bacon Hill
10am***

***(see first page for complete list of services and
worship leaders for the summer)***

