

# JACOB'S WELL

October 2021



**October 3 NINETEENTH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST Celebration of the Lord's Supper**

**Joint Worship of the Turning Point Reformed Churches at Old Saratoga**

**Lectionary Readings:** Job 1:1;2:1-10; Psalm 26; Hebrews 1: 1-4; Mark 10: 2-16

*Greeter: Bridget Behrens*

*Liturgist: Anne Mitchell*

*Usher: Terri Richards*

*Counters: Cindy Brockman/Bruce Guerineau*

*Servers: Anne Mitchell/Bruce Guerineau*

**October 10 TWENTIETH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST**

***Coffee Hour Conversation following worship***

**Lectionary Readings:** Job 23: 1-9,16-17; Psalm 22: 1-15; Hebrews 4: 12-16;  
Mark 10: 17-31

*Greeter: Carolyn Markwith*

*Liturgist: Rob Hayner*

*Usher: Dick Behrens*

*Counters: Cindy Brockman/Amber Deyoe*

**October 17 TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY OF PENTECOST**

**Lectionary Readings:** Job 38: 1-7(34-41); Psalm 104: 1-9, 24, 35c;  
Hebrews 5: 1-10; Mark 10: 35-45

*Greeter: Karl Thayer*

*Liturgist: Duffy Whitehouse*

*Usher: Paula Sheely*

*Counters: Anne Mitchell/Paula Sheely*

**October 24 TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY OF PENTECOST**

**Lectionary Readings:** Job 42: 1-6, 10-17; Psalm 34: 1-8, (19-22);  
Hebrews 7: 23-28; Mark 10: 46-52

***Coffee Hour Conversation following worship***

*Greeter: Bill Olmert*

*Liturgist: Paula Sheely*

*Usher: Karl Thayer*

*Counters: Paula Sheely/Amber Deyoe*

**October 31 REFORMATION SUNDAY – FEAST OF ALL SAINTS**

**Lectionary Readings:** Ruth 1: 1-18; Psalm 146; Hebrews 9: 11-14; Mark 12: 28-34

*Greeter: Duffy Whitehouse*

*Liturgist: Chris Garney*

*Usher: Paula Sheely*

*Counters: Anne Mitchell/Paula Sheely*

***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

## A Fall Reflection on Spring

Some single days nourish whole years. A still remembered day in Spring was a "best kind of day just 'being.'" After the morning's Daily Office and a half hour of sermon refresh prep to fill in for an ill friend, I was ready to be outside in the 80 degree Spring sun, blazing through my window. Looking out, I realized I was still in the US. Many Danes wash their windows every week, and a few more often than that. (In America we don't wash windows, we replace them instead.) And I was suddenly aware that my windows needed something, so they got the Danish solution. (The Danes don't actually wash windows, they polish them. The tradesperson who does it is called a "vinduspuder", a window polisher.)

Beginning with the top sash, I noticed the dust level on top of the curtain approaching a weight that would soon occasion curtain defenestration. Into the washer with the curtains! Being at a height to remove the curtains revealed an equivalent dust on top of the pictures, while the angle showed the face of the pictures to be pretty dusty, too. And you know what I found on the walls after removing the pictures.

So, I spent the whole day on the simple task of having clean enough window(s) to enjoy the sun. At the end of the process, wine poured, I cut the now perfectly blooming lilac, read Whitman's poem *When Lilacs Last in the Dooryard Bloom'd* (an annual rite of Spring) and spent an hour on the porch in silence, watching Nature shift and people pass by. The crocus and daffodils finished, the leaves past the golden green, the flowering trees within a few days of being costumed in summer green.

Nature's first green is gold,  
Her hardest hue to hold.  
Her early leaf's a flower;  
But only so an hour.  
Then leaf subsides to leaf.  
So Eden sank to grief,  
So dawn goes down to day.  
Nothing gold can stay.      Robert Frost

Yet Christ is risen! So, while the gold cannot stay, new moments, as golden as this, are assured! And the golden moments, often found in the company of God's people here at OSRC, give life to many otherwise soulless days throughout the year.

*Rett Zabriskie*

# CHURCH FAMILY

## BIRTHDAYS

1: Nicholas Booth  
2: Eric Garney  
3: Aubrey Nickole Richards  
3: Donald M. Squires Sr.  
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: Tyler Erbe  
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  
28: Sue Wilbur  
29: Jean Stark

## ANNIVERSARIES

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

**(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  
Trevor Lewie  
Naomi Thayer  
Charlotte Morrill  
Peggy MacMillan  
Suzanne Guerineau  
Florence Brown  
Barbara Vincent  
Harvey Howd

Bette Tucker  
Dwight Colvin  
David Garrand  
Charles Thayer  
Alicia Lewie  
Sherrie Mickel  
Sheryl Norton  
Florence Sherman  
DanDan MacMillan  
Tom Esposito  
Annabelle Gutasy



## 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, Hathorn 207, 133 Lawrence Street, Saratoga Springs, NY 12866, Phone # 518- 415-3012  
**Shirley Mabb**, Wesley Community, Springs 502, 131 Lawrence St, Saratoga Springs, NY 12866

## SYMPATHY

### THANKS RECEIVED

..from Unity House for our donation of **\$75**  
..from Care Network –International Disaster Relief 2021 Haiti Earthquake for our donation of **\$300** (some of this money came from donations from the congregation, and the rest was from our bottle and can mission fund)

### THANKS EXTENDED

..to **Mark Booth** and **Dick Behrens** who fixed the toilet in the handicapped bathroom, and Mark also fixed the problem with our email service, which was not working  
..to the **anonymous donor** of a new clock for the kitchen  
..to all the **faithful attendees** of our weekly worship services (and those who watch at home) who keep the spirit of faith and love alive at OSRC while we search for a new pastor

### CONGRATULATIONS

..to **Dick Behrens** who completed the classwork to be a preaching elder

### HOSPITALIZED IN SEPTEMBER

**Joyce deVelder** – Saratoga Hospital  
**Barbara Vincent** – Saratoga Hospital  
**Harvey Howd** – Nathan Littauer Hospital  
**Anne Mitchell**- Samaritan Hospital



The church extends sympathy in Christ to the family of **Clyde Wells**, who died on Sept. 15 under Hospice Care, after a long battle with cancer. Clyde was the husband of **Jean (Hayes) Wells**, and father to Mark and Laurie. He was a son-in-law to **Ruth Hayes**, and brother-in-law to **Pat (Hayes) Howd**. Condolences may be sent to Jean and family at 251 Hayes Road, Schuylerville, NY 12871

### LOST- AND FOUND!

**Shirley Mabb**, daughter of long ago member **Eliza Wendell**, was recently the subject of a phone call from the Pastoral Care Coordinator at Wesley Community. Shirley had been a resident of the Saratoga Center in Ballston Spa for some time, and then it closed several months ago. Because of HIPAA laws we did not know where she had gone to resume her health care. We were happy to learn that she is now a resident at the Wesley Community in the Springs building, Room 502.

### GET WELL WISHES TO PASTOR JOYCE



**Pastor Joyce deVelder** had a right knee replacement at Saratoga Hospital on Sept. 20. After many months (and years!) of dealing with the pain, we hope that her recovery will be swift and uneventful! Get well wishes can be sent to her at  
12 Woodlake Drive  
Gansevoort, NY 12831

# CHURCH LIFE

## SEARCH COMMITTEE

The Search Committee will be meeting soon to discuss the input and ideas generated from the Coffee Hour Conversations held after worship in September, and the upcoming ones in October. The members of the Search Committee are **Christine Garney, Christopher Tucker, Paula Sheely, Anne Mitchell, Amber Deyoe, Duffy Whitehouse, and Becca Sheely.**

## OFFERING ENVELOPES



Offering envelopes for the year 2022 have been ordered and will be here in a month or so. This year there will be four new envelopes. The Deacons have agreed to placing an envelope for the Quarterly Mission Projects we support in our packets, in the hope that the donations will increase. Each of these special envelopes will be marked with a teal colored tab, to differentiate them from the monthly Deacon's Fund donation envelopes. They will be found on the last Sundays of February, May, August and November, to give you enough time to donate before the quarter has ended.

The Deacons will be meeting soon to review all their missions, both monthly and quarterly, for the budget process, and may change some designations depending on need.

The Quarterly Mission for the fourth quarter is The Giving Circle. Deacon's Fund for October is Schuyler Hose Company.

## JOINT WORSHIP ON WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY Sunday, Oct. 3 10am at Old Saratoga

Once again, the Turning Point Reformed Churches will join together to worship God. This service will be held at Old Saratoga on Sunday, October 3, which is also World Communion Sunday. We will be joining together in our local "world" as well as with Christians all over the world to celebrate the Sacrament of Communion. **Pastors Jan Vincent** and **Rett Zabriskie** will be serving the bread and cup. Members of the Turning Point Fellowship Team will be assisting in the service. Please join us to partake of Holy Communion on this special Sunday.

## "THE GOLDEN RULE"



***"Hurt not others in ways that you yourself would find hurtful."***      **Buddhism**

***"What is hateful to you, do not to your fellow man. That is the entire Law; all the rest is commentary."***      **Judaism**

***"No one of you is a believer until he desires for his brother that which he desires for himself."***      **Islam**

***"Blessed is he who preferreth his brother before himself."***      **Ba'hai Faith**

## LOCAL RECYCLING OPPORTUNITIES



1. Bring pull tabs from cans to church. There is a container in the front entryway. The tabs are sent to Shriner's Hospital and are then sold to a recycling company. The Shriners use the money to help sick children.
2. Bring 5 cent deposit bottles and cans to church to the back entryway. Volunteers return them and the money received goes to help OSRC's mission projects.
3. Bring metal objects to the American Legion on Clancy Street and place in their huge container in the parking lot. The metal gets sold to a recycling company. The legion uses the money to help Boy Scouts and veterans.
4. Bring clothes, shoes, belts, linens and stuffed animals to the Blue Boxes in the alley behind the church, to the parking lot at Byron's Market, or to Hearthstone Veterinary on Rt. 29. The items are sold to a recycling company. Items that are still good go to people who need them, at a low cost. The other items are recycled into new materials. This is a project of the Women's Guild, and they use the money to make quarterly donations to the church.
5. Plastic bottle tops can also be brought to the church, where a church member donates them to a mission project.

## COFFEE HOUR CONVERSATIONS

The first of four coffee hour conversations was held on Sept. 12 following worship. The discussion focused on qualities this congregation finds important to be in a minister:



1. Be a part of the church family
2. Welcoming to all
3. Continue our Ecumenical progress
4. Be empathetic
5. "Oozes" God's love through personal experience
6. Sets personal boundaries,
7. Be relatable to all people
8. Personally reflective
9. Devotion/grounded in scripture
10. Part of Greater Schuylerville
11. Tough love (without dropping care)
12. Mission development
13. Agrees with congregational practices on communion, disability awareness
14. Innovative/risk taker
15. Exhibit self-care
16. Be excited to lead us into the future, not yearning for the past

The second meeting was held on Sept 26 and focused on "Picturing Worship." It included reflections on times when God's presence had been felt in the lives of several members. Discussion also touched on the format of worship.

The last two are scheduled for Oct. 10<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>. Topics will be *Planning Worship* and *God's Economics*, respectively. Please join in!

# HARVEST SUPPER

**SAT. NOVEMBER 6**

**4:30pm through 6:00pm**



**OLD SARATOGA REFORMED CHURCH**

**48 Pearl Street Schuylerville, NY**

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

**Adults \$14 - Children 5-12 \$7 - Under 5 free**

**Drive through takeouts only**

**Reservations Recommended**

**Call 518-695-6638**

## HYMNS OF OUR FAITH

***“Sing to the Lord, you saints of his; praise his holy name.”*** (Psalm 30:4)

***“People Need the Lord”***

***“People need the Lord; people need the Lord;  
At the end of broken dreams, he’s the open door.”***

“People need the Lord” is a short but very sing-able contemporary hymn, written by friends from the mid-west. Its inspiration comes from an example demonstrated by Jesus, and by an experience which its authors shared.

In Mark’s Gospel, Chapter 6, we have the account of Jesus feeding the Five Thousand. Mark tells us that Jesus and his disciples were looking to get away from the crowds for a needed time of rest. But the adoring crowds pursued Jesus and found him. As Jesus stepped on to the shore “he saw a great crowd; and he began to teach them many things.” (v. 34) The “people needed the Lord,” and the Good Shepherd provided both physical and spiritual food.



The hymn’s authors, Greg Nelson and Phill McHugh, “were eating lunch in a restaurant one day and both observed that the waitress seemed to be sad and lonely. When they returned to their car afterward, one of them said, “You know, people need the Lord.” They proceeded to write the song that afternoon.<sup>1</sup>

Most of us lead very busy lives. We need to earn a living, tend to our homes and look after the welfare of those most dear to us. But our Lord urges us to have a wider view; to look beyond self-preservation or advancement; to look beyond our closest loves to see a world that is in need; a world that needs the shepherd we have found in our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

***“People need the Lord; people need the Lord;  
When will we realize people need the Lord?”***

1. The Worshiping Church: A Hymnal, Worship Leader’s Edition, Hope Publishing Company, Carol Stream, IL, 1991, No 730.

**Dick Behrens**



# IN THE COMMUNITY

## SAFER

Schuylerville Area Food Emergency Relief  
12 Spring Street, Schuylerville 518-507-6043  
M,F 9-12 Call before coming!

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## SECOND HAND ROSE THRIFT SHOP

116 Broad Street 518-695-4640 Tues.- Sat. 11am-4pm

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## CLERGY NEWS

**Pastor James Swanson** has let us know that he has accepted the position of pastor at the Rome (NY) Wesleyan Church. We are grateful to him for the many times he led us in worship during the last year and a half, for his kind and caring ways, and his beautiful singing voice. We wish him and his wife, **Joan**, a fulfilling ministry in their new church!

**Pastor John Iseman** and his family will be leaving the Schuylerville/Quaker Springs Methodist Churches and moving to California. John was also very active in the Ecumenical Association in Schuylerville. He will be missed, both there and by his congregations. We wish him and his family Godspeed!

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## FALL YOUTH FESTIVAL

**Where:** Schuyler Farms Corn Maze, 1124 Rt. 29

**When:** Sat. October 20 5-8pm

**What:** Come join other youth groups for a night of fellowship and fun

**Cost:** \$10 per youth – covers entrance to petting zoo, superslide, 1 zipline run, duck racing, pedal cart and corn maze (bring a flashlight)

**Signup on the Schuyler Farm website:**

<https://schuylerfarms.ticketspice.com/fall-festival-2021>

(raindate: 10/27)

**Questions?:** Call Pastor Scott at 518-695-6069

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Mark Boloth, Cindy Brockman, Bruce Guerineau,  
Anne Mitchell

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