

# JACOB'S WELL

March 2022



**March 6 FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT Celebration of the Lord's Supper**  
**Worship Leader: Rev. Kent Busman**

**Lectionary Readings:** *Deuteronomy 26: 1-11; Psalm 91: 1-2, 9-16;*  
*Romans 10: 8b-13; Luke 4: 1-13*

*Greeter: Pat Woomer*

*Liturgist: Anne Mitchell*

*Usher: Dick Behrens*

*Count: Bridget Critelli/Cindy Brockman*

*Serve: Bridget Critelli/Cindy Brockman*

**March 13 SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT Worship Leader: Dick Behrens**

**Lectionary Readings:** *Genesis 15: 1-12, 17-18; Psalm 27; Philipians 3: 17-4:1;*  
*Luke 13: 31-35; Luke 9: 28-36, (37-43a)*

*Greeter: Carolyn Markwith*

*Liturgist: Pat Woomer*

*Usher: Paula Sheely*

*Count: Paula Sheely/Mark Booth*

**March 20 THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT Worship Leader: Patrick Woomer**

**Lectionary Readings:** *Isaiah 55: 1-9; Psalm 63: 1-8; 1 Corinthians 10: 1-13;*  
*Luke 13: 1-9*

*Greeter: Bill Olmert*

*Liturgist: Mark Booth*

*Usher: Pat Woomer*

*Count: Rob Hayner/Paula Sheely*

**March 27 FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT Worship Leader: Chris Garney**  
**Cooperative Worship Service – Favorite Bible Readings**

**Lectionary Readings:** *Joshua 5: 9-12; Psalm 32; 2 Corinthians 5: 16-21;*  
*Luke 15: 1-3, 11b-32*

*Greeter: Duffy Whitehouse*

*Liturgist: Carolyn Markwith*

*Usher: Bill Olmert*

*Count: 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.***

# CHURCH FAMILY

## IN OUR PRAYERS

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



Ruth Hayes  
Claire Houston  
David Garrand  
Trevor Mellen  
Naomi Thayer  
Charlotte Morrill  
Florence Sherman  
Barbara Vincent

Bette Tucker  
Alyson Fitzgerald  
Gerry Barber  
Charles Thayer  
Alicia Lewie  
Suzanne Guerineau  
Florence Brown  
Annabelle Gutasy

## ANNIVERSARIES:

25: Tammee and Adam Lockwood, 1989  
25: Brenda and Bill Buchanan

## BIRTHDAYS:

1: Rebecca Nicole Sheely  
1: Don MacMillan III  
3: Carolyn Cook  
5: Susan Fero Kurowski  
8: Glen Mathis  
8: Suzanne Guerineau  
9: Nasa Edgar  
10: Riley Peyton MacMillan  
10: Kimberly MacMillan  
12: Ashley Edgar  
14: Grace Louise Mellen  
15: Rob Hayner  
15: Emily Brockman  
19: Victoria Starnella  
20: Carol Cox  
29: Wyatt Anthony Correll  
29: Bethany Olmert  
  
30: Kyle Burch  
30: Alisa Richards

## 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 Street, Saratoga Springs, NY 12866  
**Florence Brown,** The Sentinel, 10 Market Street, Room 10, Amsterdam, NY 12010  
**Florence Sherman,** Wesley Community, Springs 502, 133 Lawrence Street, Saratoga Springs, NY 12866 Phone# 518-415-3012

***These addresses are included for the purpose of remembering our friends in prayer or with a card.***



Computer issues, so this JW will look a little different!

# CHURCH LIFE

## HYMNS OF OUR FAITH

***"Sing to the Lord, you saints of his; praise his holy name." Psalm 30:4***

### ***"Near the Cross"***

***"Jesus keep me near the cross, there's a precious fountain,  
Free to all a healing stream, flows from Calvary's mountain.  
In the cross, in the cross, be my glory ever,  
Till my raptured soul shall find rest beyond the river."***

This is another hymn by the prolific American hymnwriter, Fanny Crosby. It's one hymn among the 8,000 hymn texts that she wrote. The poem was set to a tune by William H. Doane, her principal collaborator. The hymn is a devotional prayer, especially suited to the Lenten season, or for use in celebrating the Lord's Supper.

The second verse speaks to the time when one turns to God for salvation- "Near the cross...love and mercy found me." The third verse addresses the believer's journey of faith- ..."help me walk from day to day with its shadow over me." The last verse suggests the time of reunion with God - "I'll watch and wait...till I reach the golden strand." The refrain refers to Galatians 6: 14, (NKJV): "God forbid that I should glory (boast) in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ."

There are allusions to other Scripture texts, notably John 19: 25 (NRSV) - "Meanwhile, standing near the cross of Jesus were his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary, the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene," and Revelation 2: 1-2 (NRSV) - "Then the angel showed me the river of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb through the middle of the street of the city."

As God's people, we should live daily with a sensitive awareness of Christ's cross. We should review its scenes of suffering as well as revel in its triumph." (Pastor Jim Farris, Calvary Temple)

***"Near the cross I watch and wait, hoping, trusting ever,  
Till I reach the golden strand just beyond the river.  
In the cross, in the cross, be my glory ever,  
Till my raptured soul shall find rest beyond the river."***

**Dick Behrens**

## **LASAGNA DINNER – Sat. April 23**



We are happy to announce that we will be having our Annual Lasagna Dinner on Saturday, April 23, from 4:30 -6 pm. Once again, it will be drive through with reservations ahead of time. **Bonnie Garrand** and **Cindy Brockman** have agreed to chair again, but we will need others to help with preparation, serving, and getting the dinners to people in their cars. Signup sheets will be posted soon, and more info will be in next month's JW.

## **CONSISTORY CONNECTION**

Elder **Mark Booth** recently attended the Schenectady Classis meeting at Amity Reformed Church, and fulfilled the requirement to have the elders meeting book checked, and he verified that the Annual Consistorial report was received – something which all consistories have to do. OSRC will be hosting the next Classis meeting, which will be held on Tuesday, May 24. At that time, provided there is a quorum, our own **Dick Behrens** will be commissioned as a peaching elder.

The consistory also decided that masks will be optional for the time being, and that the ropes in the sanctuary will be taken down for the two Lenten services we will be hosting, but will be in place for our regular services.

## **NEWS ABOUT PASTOR JENN**

Our friend, **Pastor Jenn Legg**, has a new address and churches. She is now pastor of two Reformed churches south of Albany: 1<sup>st</sup> Reformed of Bethlehem, and Jerusalem Reformed of Feura Bush. Her new address is 30 Church Road, Selkirk, NY 12158. We wish her well in this next phase of her life!

## **PULPIT SUPPLY UPDATE**

The Pulpit Supply schedule is completed through the end of June. We have several ministers, in addition to our usual volunteers, who will be leading worship during the next few months. We will continue to have group led worship services on the last Sunday of the month. While this does help to fill up the schedule, that is not the main reason for doing it. In January we heard from three of our members about their favorite hymns, and in February three of our members shared what it means to them to be part of a congregation. Each time someone shares, we get to know that person better and we get to think about a new perspective. That is the main value of what we are doing. On the last Sunday of March, I am looking for volunteers to share a Bible passage and to speak for 2-5 minutes about why it is particularly meaningful to them. Please get in touch with me if you are willing to participate. If you can't be there or don't want to speak from the pulpit, someone else will be happy to read your thoughts.

**Christine Garney** (Pulpit Supply Coordinator)

## **PASTORAL SEARCH COMMITTEE UPDATE**

The Church Profile is completed and we have begun the process of sending it out. So far, we have submitted it for posting on the websites for the Reformed Church in America, the United Church of Christ, the Presbyterian Church, and the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America. Those denominations are all able to share clergy. We have also sent it to New Brunswick and Western Theological Seminaries, and to various individuals within the RCA. If you would like to read our profile, it is available on our church website. If you know of anyone we should consider interviewing, please let us know.

**Christine Garney** (Chair)

### **DONATIONS**

#### **(FOR OUR QUARTERLY MISSION)**

In an earlier issue of JW it was pointed out that there are four new offering envelopes in this year's packet: one for each of our quarterly missions, and inserted on the last Sunday of February, May, August and November. This is to give time for you to make your donation before the end of the quarter (March, June, September and December). We have already gotten **seven** donations using the new envelopes! Please consider donating to this quarter's mission, which is Caring and Sharing.

#### **(OTHER DONATIONS FOR WHICH WE ARE GRATEFUL)**

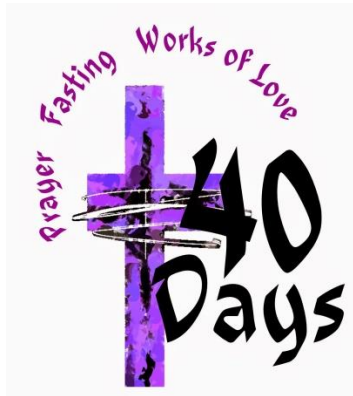
The mail brought us two unexpected donations – one was from “The Way” which is Schuylerville Methodist's clothing shop near the post office. Their practice is to donate to charities in the local area with their after expenses profits, and we were the fortunate recipients of last month's donation of **\$245**. The consistory has decided to put this money into our campership fund to assist those from our church who wish to attend a week at Fowler.

We also happily received a **\$200** donation from one of our online church service viewers, and we are so encouraged that our services have reached those at a distance.

### **PROPERTY NEWS**

The organ was recently tuned and repaired so will be all ready for the Lenten and Easter services.

The parsonage repairs and renovations are continuing, with great progress being made. Two of the upstairs bedrooms have been painted in neutral colors. The office downstairs will soon be ready for painting. The lighting and wiring in the kitchen is almost completed, and then the walls will be sheet rocked in preparation for the installation of the cabinetry and major appliances. Flooring has been purchased and will soon be installed in the rear north bedroom.



## **SCHUYLERVILLE AREA ECMENICAL LENTEN SERVICES SCHEDULE**

**Wednesday, March 2 7pm at Old Saratoga Reformed Church**  
**Imposition of Ashes, Celebration of the Lord's Supper**  
**Preaching: Jim Carbino**

**Wednesday, March 9 7pm at Old Saratoga**  
**Preaching: Janet Vincent**

**Wednesday, March 16 7pm at Bacon Hill Reformed Church**  
**Preaching: Helene Peterson**

**Wednesday, March 23 7pm at Bacon Hill**  
**Preaching: Mike McLoughlin**

**Wednesday, March 30 7pm at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church**  
**Preaching: Dick Behrens**

**Wednesday April 6 7pm at St. Stephen's**  
**Preaching: Virginia Cornell**

**Thursday, April 14 7pm at Schuylerville Methodist Church**  
**Maundy Thursday**

**Friday, April 15 7pm Schuylerville Methodist**  
**Good Friday**

**Preaching at both services: Debbie Earthrowl**

# COMMUNITY LIFE

## SAFER

*(Schuylerville Area Food Emergency Relief)*  
12 Spring Street 518-507-6043 M,F 9am-noon

If you would like to donate, SAFER has a need for paper supplies. They cannot use what money they receive for anything but food items, so donations of bathroom tissue, paper towels, etc. would be greatly appreciated.

## SECOND HAND ROSE THRIFT SHOP

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

Not-for-profit low cost "previously owned" clothing.  
Proceeds benefit community service organizations

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## UPCOMING LOCAL EVENTS

### Quaker Springs United Methodist

Ham and Turkey Dinner Sat. April 9<sup>th</sup>

### Old Saratoga Reformed

Annual Lasagna Dinner Sat. April 23<sup>rd</sup> 4:30-6pm 518-695-6638



### St. Stephen's Annual Chicken BBQ

Sunday, May 22 12-1:30pm 518 695-6061

### Bacon Hill Reformed

Annual Bacon Hill Bonanza Road Race Sat. May 21

Annual Chicken BBQ Sat. June 4<sup>th</sup>

**"Jacob's Well"**

**Old Saratoga Reformed Church**

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**<http://old-saratoga.rcachurches.org/>**

**Office Manager: Duffy Whitehouse**

**Consistory Members: Paula Sheely, Mark Booth,**

**Rob Hayner, Cindy Brockman, Bridget Critelli, Bruce Guerineau**

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**[facebook.com/oldsaratogareformedchurch](https://www.facebook.com/oldsaratogareformedchurch)**

***Ecumenical Ash Wednesday Service and Communion***

***at Old Saratoga Wednesday, March 2 @ 7pm***

***Ecumenical Wednesday Lenten Service at Old Saratoga***

***Wednesday, March 9 @ 7pm***

***Celebration of the Lord's Supper***

***Sunday, Mar. 6 10am***

***Guest Preachers for March***

***3/6 Rev. Kent Busman***

***3/13 Dick Behrens***

***3/20 Patrick Woomer***

***3/27 Cooperative Service***

***"Favorite Bible Readings"***