

JACOB'S WELL

April 2022



April 3 FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Worship Leader: Rev. Chris Dungan

Lectionary Readings: *Isaiah 43: 16-21; Psalm 126; Philippians 3: 4b-14;
John 12: 1-8*

Greeter: Cindy Brockman

Liturgist: Dick Behrens

Usher: Anne Mitchell

Count: Rob Hayner/Cindy Brockman

April 10 PALM/PASSION SUNDAY Celebration of the Lord's Supper

Worship Leader: Christopher Tucker

Lectionary Readings: *Psalm 118; 1-2,19-29; Luke 19: 28-40; Isaiah 50: 4-9a;
Psalm 31: 9-16; Philippians 2: 5-11; Luke 22: 14-23:56*

Greeter: Karl and Kim Thayer

Liturgist: Amber Deyoe

Usher: Cindy Brockman

Count: Bruce Guerineau/Mark Booth

Serve: Rob Hayner/Mark Booth

April 17 EASTER, RESURRECTION OF THE LORD Worship Leader: Dick Behrens

Lectionary Readings: *Acts 10; 34-43; Isaiah 65: 17-25; Psalm 118: 1-2,14-24;
1 Corinthians 15: 19-26; John 20: 1-8; Luke 24: 1-12*

Greeter: Bridget Critelli

Liturgist: Paula Sheely

Usher: Karl and Kim Thayer

Count: Bridget Critelli/Paula Sheely

April 24 SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

Turning Point Churches Joint Worship at Fort Miller 10:30am

Lectionary Readings: *Acts 5: 27-32; Psalm 118: 14-29; Psalm 150;
Revelation 1: 4-8; John 20: 19-31*

No service at OSRC

***Our worship services begin at 10:00am. The sanctuary is handicapped accessible.
Holy Communion is celebrated the first Sunday of each month.***

Guest Editorial

Music in our Hearts and Church

Going to Church is a personal experience for each member of the congregation. What we hear, how we feel, and how we respond is different for everyone. We all receive God's word and love in different ways. One of the strongest methods of delivering God's word is through music and there are many forms and ways we receive this as well.

The Prelude at the beginning of the service is meant to be a time of reflection, a time to focus our hearts and minds for worship. A song for the call to worship is a wakeup call to open our hearts and minds and can also serve as a foreshadow of the theme or message of the day.

Hymns throughout the service have always served as a means to involve the congregation, as well as to reinforce the message of the day. They can literally include texts from the Bible message and deliver it to our ears and hearts in a unique package. Hymns are also a very personal experience. Many of us have favorites for one reason or another. I have certain hymns I cannot sing because they have great meaning to me. I find myself overwhelmed, and just listen to the singing and reflect on its personal message to me.

We are blessed to have a dedicated little choir who each week prepares a song, a gift of love for the congregation to reflect on. Sometimes the message is specifically for the theme of that Sunday, or it may be a seasonal message. Right now we are preparing for Easter, and our Lenten music opens our hearts and minds, preparing the way. In each case, our goal is to give the congregation something to think about while enjoying the beauty of the music itself.

You may have noticed that recently Dave Wever, Bruce Guerineau and I have offered music in a different form. Our goal is to support the ministry with a different kind of music that might speak to our congregation in a different form. We plan to prepare and present music throughout the year and hopefully in different styles, from guitar, to recorders, singing, and maybe even invite a special guest to share in the journey. We are confident that there is something for everyone, and we look forward to being a part of this journey with our congregation. You will next hear us share music on Palm Sunday. Dave will be singing a powerful piece called "Thief" by a Christian band called Third Day. This message will foreshadow the themes of Holy Week, leading to Easter. My message at the pulpit on Palm Sunday will emphasize the Triumphal Entry and the events leading to the Crucifixion of Jesus. We hope you will come join us, either in person or online. May music touch your hearts and strengthen your love of God and bless your experience at Old Saratoga Reformed Church.

Blessings to All,

Christopher

CHURCH FAMILY

BIRTHDAYS

2: Harold Burch
2: Colleen Burch
5: Gabriel Paul Alexanian
8: Janice Cornell
9: Sarah Zotzmann
13: Allene Cobart
15: Sarah Mathis
17: Kathryn (Sherman) Clark
20: Carl Douglass
21: Maggie Cox
23: John Deyoe, Jr.
23: Bryn Radigan
24: Jillian Perkins
27: Edward Robert Richards
30: Michael Shaver

ANNIVERSARIES

17: Donald and Kathleen Bartholomay, 1970

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,
Saratoga Springs 205, 133 Lawrence Street, Saratoga
Springs, NY 12866 Phone# 518-415-3012

IN OUR PRAYERS

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

<i>Ruth Hayes</i>	<i>Bette Tucker</i>
<i>Claire Houston</i>	<i>Alyson Fitzgerald</i>
<i>David Garrand</i>	<i>Gerry Barber</i>
<i>Trevor Mellen</i>	<i>Charles Thayer</i>
<i>Naomi Thayer</i>	<i>Alicia Lewie</i>
<i>Charlotte Morrill</i>	<i>Suzanne Guerineau</i>
<i>Florence Sherman</i>	<i>Florence Brown</i>
<i>Annabelle Gutasy</i>	

SYMPATHY

*..to the family and friends of **Kit McGinnis**,
who died March 23, 2022 following illness.
Condolences may be sent to her brother,
**Bill Olmert, 32 Schuyler Heights Drive,
Schuylerville NY 12871***

*..to the family and friends of **Barbara
Vincent**, who died March 25, 2022 following
a long illness. Barbara was predeceased by
her husband, **Rev. James Vincent**, and is
survived by her children **Rev. Susan
Vincent-Cox, Douglas Vincent , Laura
Ryder** and their families. Her funeral service
will be held at OSRC on Saturday, April 2nd at
2pm, with the **Rev. Joyce deVelder**
officiating. Condolences may be sent to the
**Vincent Family, 1237 Fort Miller Road,
Fort Edward, NY 12828, c/o Doug
Vincent***

SPRING

An early Spring shower pours droplets of white,
As a wintering cloud slowly makes its last flight.

In wakening woods I can hear peepers sing;
Redundant their song, yet as new as each Spring.
As I stand by my window and breathe God's fresh air,
I rejoice in spring's signature penned everywhere.

Loise Pinkerton Fritz

CHURCH LIFE

PALM SUNDAY BREAKFAST

Sunday, April 7 at 9am

For two years we have been unable to hold our popular Palm Sunday Breakfast, but we will be having it this year!

Breakfast foods to share (egg dishes, baked items, juices, fruits, bacon and sausage) are all needed. A signup sheet is posted in the foyer, so get your name on it soon! Please have your donations here a little before 9am, so that the buffet can be set up and ready to go at 9. Then feel free to stay and celebrate the Palm Sunday Triumphant Entry of Jesus into Jerusalem with us, the waving of palm branches, and the celebration of the Lord's Supper.

(Normally OSRC would celebrate communion on the first Sunday of the month, but this year it will be the second Sunday, to especially commemorate the Last Supper.)

LENTEN SERVICES

Wed, April 6 7pm at St. Stephen's
Preaching: **Rev. Virginia Cornell**

Thursday, April 14 7pm at Schuylerville
United Methodist
Preaching: **Rev. Debbie Earthrowl**

Friday, April 15 7pm at Schuylerville
United Methodist
Preaching: **Rev. Debbie Earthrowl**
everywhere.

PROPERTY COMMITTEE NEWS



The Hayes Contracting crew came to the parsonage on Tuesday, March 22, and installed the cabinetry in the kitchen. Handles for the doors and drawers will be purchased soon, and the appliances will be installed. Our kitchen consultant from Curtis Lumber has contacted the countertop company, and they will come shortly to measure for the template for the countertop, cut and install it. Two of the bedrooms have been sheet rocked, taped, sanded and painted. A new floor will be installed in the rear north bedroom.

There is still much to do, but we are beginning to see "the light at the end of the tunnel!"

CLASSIS MEETING AT OSRC 5/24

Just a reminder that OSRC will be hosting the delegates of the Schenectady Classis on Tuesday, May 24. **Dick Behrens** will be preaching the sermon, as a culmination to his completion of the Preaching Elder classes he took this past year.

LASAGNA DINNER



Sat. April 23
4:30-6pm

Old Saratoga Reformed Church
48 Pearl St., Schuylerville

*Lasagna (meat and vegetarian), tossed salad,
Italian bread, dessert*

\$15 for adults \$8 for children 5-10

Reservations required, please!

Call 518-695-6638

HYMNS OF OUR FAITH

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

"Hallelujah! What a Savior"

***"Man of Sorrows" what a name
for the Son of God who came,
Ruined sinners to reclaim!
Hallelujah! What a Savior.***

***Bearing shame and mocking rude,
in my place condemned he stood,
Sealed my pardon with his blood:
Hallelujah; what a Savior."***

The first verse of this hymn is based on Isaiah 53:3 *"He is despised and rejected of men; a man of sorrows acquainted with grief: and we hid as it were our faces from him; he was despised and we esteemed him not."*

The text of this hymn is appropriate to the Lenten Season, alluding to Jesus' arrest, trial and crucifixion, and looking to Christ's return for his saints. Christ's redemptive work is affirmed. The text and tune are the work of Phillip P. Bliss (1838-1876) whose early love of music came from songs his parents sang. Bliss taught school in Hartsville and in Rome, both in NYS. After receiving formal instruction in music, he became a music educator and a fine baritone singer. He added music composition to his many talents, and worked with Dwight L. Moody and Ira Sankey.

Some of his other well-known hymns are "Wonderful Words of Life", "I Will Sing of My Redeemer", and "It Is Well With My Soul."

***"When he comes, our glorious King,
all his ransomed home to bring,
Then anew this song we'll sing;
Hallelujah! What a Savior!"***

Dick Behrens

SEARCH COMMITTEE UPDATE

Our committee is working diligently with our Classis Supervisor on our goal of finding a new Pastor who will be a good match for our congregation. We have received a couple of nibbles based on the Church Profile that we posted on multiple websites. The RCA has very clear steps and protocols for the process which include not telling the congregation very much until we have a candidate to recommend. With that in mind, I will simply assure you that we are carefully following the steps of the process and look forward to the day when we can share exciting news with you.

Christine Garney (Chair)

OUR MISSIONS

Quarterly- Fowler Ministries

Donations will go, not only to help pay for the camp itself, but to fund its programs and ministries, enabling those who attend to experience spiritual renewal.

Monthly- Habitat for Humanity

Habitat helps to provide simple, decent and affordable housing for those in need. The family must meet certain qualifications, and must agree to put in 500 hours of volunteer work to realize the dream of home ownership.

Ukraine- Donations are being accepted to be sent to Ukraine Relief. This will likely be an ongoing mission as the need is great. Please make your check to OSRC, earmarked "Ukraine."

COMMUNITY LIFE

UPCOMING LOCAL EVENTS

Quaker Springs United Methodist

Ham and Turkey Dinner Sat. April 9th

Old Saratoga Reformed

Annual Lasagna Dinner Sat. April 23rd 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 4th

HOME DELIVERED MEALS

An urgent request for volunteer drivers in the Schuylerville area has been received, to take home delivered meals to homebound seniors who lack nutritional support by being unable to cook, or get groceries due to health issues, or have no local friends or family to help. This program allows them to remain independent and safe within their homes.

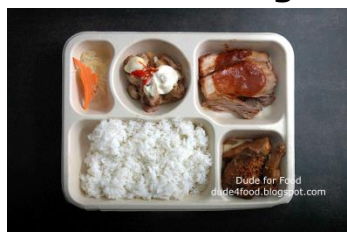
If you are able to help, please contact

Carly Cahill

HDM Volunteer Coordinator

518-363-4020

Or email: ccahill@saratogacountyny.gov



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Sunday Worship: 10:00am OR Facebook page

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

Ecumenical Lenten Services

7pm Wednesday, April 6 at St. Stephen's

Maundy Thursday and Good Friday Services

April 14, 15 7pm at Schuylerville United Methodist Church

Celebration of the Lord's Supper (Palm Sunday)

Sunday, April 10 10am

Guest Preachers for April

4/3 Rev. Chris Dungan

4/10 Christopher Tucker

4/17 Dick Behrens

4/24 Turning Point Churches

Joint Worship at Fort Miller @ 10:30am

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