

# JACOB'S WELL

June 2022



- June 5 DAY OF PENTECOST Celebration of the Lord's Supper**  
**Worship Leader: Rev. Lindsey De Kruif**  
**Lectionary Readings:** Acts 2: 1-21; Genesis 11: 1-9; Psalm 104: 24-35b;  
Romans 8: 14-17; Acts 2: 1-21; John 14: 8-17, (25-27)  
*Greeter: Karl and Kim Thayer*  
*Liturgist: Amber Deyoe*  
*Usher: Cindy Brockman*  
*Count: Cindy Brockman/Bruce Guerineau*  
*Serve: Bridget Critelli/Mark Booth/Cindy Brockman*
- June 12 TRINITY SUNDAY Worship Leader: Rev. Chris Dungan**  
**Lectionary Readings:** Proverbs 8: 1-4, 22-31; Psalm 8; Romans 5: 1-5;  
John 16: 12-15  
*Greeter: Bridget Critelli*  
*Liturgist: Paula Sheely*  
*Usher: Karl and Kim Thayer*  
*Count: Paula Sheely/Bridget Critelli*
- June 19 SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST Worship Leader: Dick Behrens**  
**Lectionary Readings:** 1 Kings 19: 1-4, (5-7), 8-15a; Psalm 42 and 43;  
Isaiah 65: 1-9; Psalm 22: 19-28; Galatians 3: 23-29; Luke 8: 26-39  
*Greeter: Anne Mitchell*  
*Liturgist: Chris Garney*  
*Usher: Terri Richards*  
*Count: Rob Hayner/Cindy Brockman*
- June 26 THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST Worship Leader: Rev. Susan Kerr**  
**Lectionary Readings:** 2 Kings 2: 1-2,6-14; Psalm 77: 1-2, 11-20;  
1 Kings 19:15-16, 19-21; Psalm 16; Galatians 5:1, 13-25; Luke 9: 51-62  
*Greeter: Pat Woomer*  
*Liturgist: Anne Mitchell*  
*Usher: Anne Mitchell*  
*Count: Mark Booth/Paula Sheely*

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

## ***Guest Editorial***

***"Ask and you will receive; seek and you will find." Matthew 7:7***



Dear Friends,

I have exciting news to share as the chairperson of the Pastoral Search Committee: **We have found a candidate to be our next Pastor!** After months of meetings, which included a lot of hard work but also good food, laughter, and a few tears, we have recommended to Consistory that Rev. Susan Kerr be invited to come to Schuylerville the weekend of June 25-26 to meet the church family at a pot luck dinner on Saturday and to lead worship on Sunday. Mark your calendars. You will find more information about this weekend in a separate article in this issue of JW.

Pastor Susan Kerr's last name is pronounced Care, which the committee found fitting after meeting her. She is coming to us from Old North Reformed Church in Dumont New Jersey. Susan is originally from upstate New York and is eager to return to this area. She is a history buff and especially loves historic architecture so is very excited about our church and parsonage buildings.

Originally a pastry chef, Susan told us she had an "Aha moment" of realizing that when Jesus said, "Feed my sheep." he wasn't talking about croissants! Susan has been at two RCA churches and is now looking to become a part-time minister so that she can fulfill her goal of writing a book.

Our committee was impressed by her enthusiasm and the joy she finds in leading worship. She shares the beliefs we identified as important in our survey and is already brainstorming ideas for how we can work together to go forward in our ministry. She is excited, not intimidated, about working with a congregation that is empowered to serve. We believe she will minister not just to us, but also with us.

In a time when there is a serious shortage of ministers, we are grateful to God for leading Susan to reach out to us, and pray that God will continue to guide this process of finding a new minister. Don't forget to mark your calendars for June 25-26.

Blessings, **Chris Garney**

# **ANNUAL CHURCH PICNIC**

**Sunday, June 5**

**(following worship)**

**at the home of Duffy and Bill Whitehouse**



**Signup sheet posted in the entryway  
or call the office 518-695-3479**

**Please bring a lawn chair, picnic dish to share, your own  
beverage, and meat if you wish to grill**

**All are welcome!**

# CHURCH FAMILY

## IN OUR PRAYERS

### 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  
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

### 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

### THANKS EXTENDED

..to **Christopher Tucker** for taking down and storing the cross which was in the sanctuary throughout the Lenten and Easter seasons

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

**Ruth Hayes**

**Bette**

**Tucker**

*Claire Houston*

*Alyson Fitzgerald*

*David Garrand*

*Gerry Barber*

*Trevor Mellen*

*Charles Thayer*

*Naomi Thayer*

*Alicia Lewie*

*Charlotte Morrill*

*Suzanne Guerineau*

*Florence Sherman*

*Florence Brown*

*Annabelle Gutasy*

*Karl Thayer*

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

### THANKS RECEIVED

*To my friends at Old Saratoga Reformed,*

*Please accept my heartfelt thanks for the gifts given to me this past Tuesday (5/24) at the Commissioning Service. The new Bible will be used regularly in my preparation for God's service, wherever that may be.*

**Richard (Behrens)**

# CHURCH LIFE

## PROPERTY COMMITTEE NEWS

The Property Committee has been meeting with contractors to get advice, ideas and estimates on further improvements to the parsonage and its grounds. The kitchen will soon be completed, some more new flooring will be done, and the hardwood floors in the study, foyer, living room and dining room will be refinished. Because the stair treads are not in good enough shape to be refinished, they will again be carpeted

## CLASSIS MEETING AT OSRC

It was a happy and proud moment for OSRC when, at the May Schenectady Classis meeting held in our sanctuary, **Dick Behrens** was commissioned as a Preaching Elder. Dick had completed several classes in preaching during the last few years, was examined by the Classis following the completion, and therefore was confirmed as a preaching elder. He was formally commissioned on May 24. Many of his family and friends were present at the classis worship service to witness the happy moment. OSRC presented him with gifts of a Bible with his name and "Preaching Elder" engraved into the cover, and, on a lighter note, a navy blue t-shirt printed with the words "Help! I'm preaching and I can't shut up!" Congratulations, Dick!

## HYMNS OF OUR FAITH

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

**"O For a Closer Walk With God"**

***"O for a closer walk with God, the calm of sins forgiven,  
A light to shine upon the road that leads at last to heaven."***

The Old Testament scriptures tell us that Enoch, Noah and Abraham "walked with God." William Cowper, the great 18<sup>th</sup> century English poet, never equated himself with these patriarchs of old, but he certainly desired a stronger relationship with the Almighty – "a closer walk with God." His early life was full of personal anguish. The death of his mother when he was six years old, several school changes, and being "bullied" in his teen years resulted in great anxiety and depression. He was hospitalized at one point in his life for insanity. In his adult life he became a Latin scholar and completed law studies. But his strength was found in writing verse, hymns, and treatises attacking the practice of slavery. The words of "O For a Closer Walk With God" seem to reflect Cowper's struggle with insecurity and doubt. The phrase in the first verse "...the calm of sins forgiven" seems to speak to his belief that his sins had brought darkness into his life. In verse three Cowper writes, "From every idol I have known now set my spirit free" which speaks to the overflowing weight of his struggle with depression. Verse five of the hymn appears to reflect the liberation that William Cowper found in a renewed relationship with his creator.

***"So shall my walk be close with God, my wanderings be forgiven.***

***So shall his light mark out the road that leads at last to heaven."***

**Dick Behrens**

## 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- **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.

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." **(\$610 sent so far)**

## LASAGNA DINNER PROFIT

We are happy to report that our April Lasagna Dinner added **\$1176.75** to our General Fund, once all the bills were paid. Thank you to **Bonnie Garrand** for chairing, and to all who helped in one way or another.

## LEMONADE ON THE LAWN

It will soon be time to gather on Sunday mornings after worship and enjoy fellowship with each other, with a glass of lemonade and a treat. A signup sheet will be posted soon. Please consider taking a turn entertaining the members and friends of Old Saratoga.

## PENTECOST



Beginning on Sunday, June 5, we will be in the season of Pentecost. On Pentecost Sunday, the Holy Spirit filled the church with power and added 3,000 new believers.

Pentecost was a Jewish festival/holiday, and by law all adult Jewish men would come to Jerusalem for a harvest festival. But we don't celebrate it the same way it was in the Old Testament. Pentecost for us is the moment in history after Christ ascended. He had promised during his earthly ministry that he would send the Comforter. And it was in at that moment that the Holy Spirit empowered the early believers, specifically the apostles that were left. That is when thousands came into the faith. And it went from this little sect of believers who followed a Jewish rabbi from Nazareth, who died and rose again. The apostles became more knowing, and had a greater understanding of the mysteries of the Gospel, and were more qualified to preach it to people of all nations and languages.

Pentecost has taken on a new significance for us. It at one point was just a historical memory. Now it is the living reality of the moment that the Spirit of God burst forth.

**Dr. Ray Pritchard**  
**[www.christianity.com](http://www.christianity.com)**

# **SAVE THE DATE**

## **Meet Pastor Susan Kerr**

**June 25-26**

The Pastoral Search Committee has recommended to Consistory that we get to know Pastor Susan Kerr for the purpose of hiring her to be our next minister. We are planning events for the weekend of June 25-26. Please mark your calendars now so you don't miss out!

### **Saturday, June 25<sup>th</sup> at 5:00: Pot Luck Dinner (children welcome!)**

- Sign up on the list in the church entryway or let Duffy know you are coming by calling the church office (518 695-3479).
- Bring a dish to share.
- Paper products and silverware will be provided.
- There will be time to mingle, and Susan will be moving from table to table during dinner so everyone gets a chance to spend some time with her.

### **Sunday, June 26<sup>th</sup> at 10:00: Worship and Meetings**

- Susan will lead our worship service.
- Following worship, the congregation will meet to give feedback and ask questions about hiring her.
- Following the meeting with the congregation, the Consistory will meet to vote on hiring her.
- Following the Consistory's vote, they will meet with Susan to discuss the terms of employment.

# COMMUNITY LIFE

## SECOND HAND ROSE THRIFT SHOP

116 Broadway Schuylerville NY 518 -695-4640 Tues.-Sat. 11am-4pm  
Not for profit – low cost “previously owned” items

## SAFER (Schuylerville Area Food Emergency Relief)

12 Spring Street Schuylerville NY 518-507-6043 M & F 9am-12pm  
Non- profit, serving residents of the Schuylerville School District

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## UPCOMING LOCAL EVENTS

### Bacon Hill Reformed

1. Annual Chicken BBQ Sat. June 4 518-695-6116
2. Annual Women’s Retreat at Camp Fowler Chi Rho House

November 3-5

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## 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](mailto:ccahill@saratogacountyny.gov)





**"Jacob's Well"**

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**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)**

***Pentecost Celebration of the Lord's Supper  
Sunday, June 5 10am***

***Guest Preachers for June***

***6/5 Rev. Lindsey De Kruif***

***6/12 Rev. Chris Dungan***

***6/19 Dick Behrens***

***6/26 Rev. Susan Kerr***

***Please plan to attend the pot luck on June 25 to  
meet with Pastor Susan,  
and worship with her on Sunday!***