

# JACOB'S WELL

July/August 2022



- July 3**    **FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**    **Celebration of the Lord's Supper**  
**Worship Leader: Chris Garney**  
**Lectionary Readings:** 2 Kings 5: 1-14; Psalm 30; Isaiah 66: 10-14; Psalm 66: 1-9;  
Galatians 6: (1-6), 7-16; Luke 10: 1-11, 16-20  
*Greeter: Duffy Whitehouse*  
*Liturgist: Pat Woomer*  
*Usher: Paula Sheely*  
*Count: Paula Sheely/Bridget Critelli*  
*Serve: Paula Sheely/Bridget Critelli*
- July 10**    **FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**    **Worship Leader: Dick Behrens**  
**Lectionary Readings:** Amos 7: 7-17; Psalm 82; Deuteronomy 30: 9-14;  
Psalm 25: 1-10; Colossians 1: 1-14; Luke 10: 25-37  
*Greeter: Bill Olmert*  
*Liturgist: Paula Sheely*  
*Usher: Pat Woomer*  
*Count: Paula Sheely/Rob Hayner*
- July 17**    **SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**    **Worship Leader: Helene Patterson**  
**Lectionary Readings:** Amos 8: 1-12; Psalm 52; Genesis 18: 1-10a; Psalm 15;  
Colossians 1: 15-28; Luke 10: 38-42  
*Greeter: Duffy Whitehouse*  
*Liturgist: Duffy Whitehouse*  
*Usher: Bill Olmert*  
*Count: Bridget Critelli/Cindy Brockman*
- July 24**    **SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**    **Worship Leader: Patrick Woomer**  
**Lectionary Readings:** Hosea 1: 2-10; Psalm 85; Genesis 18: 20-32; Psalm 138;  
Colossians 2: 6-15, (16-19); Luke 11: 1-13  
*Greeter: Cindy Brockman*  
*Liturgist: Dick Behrens*  
*Usher: Anne Mitchell*  
*Count: Mark Booth/Cindy Brockman*
- July 31**    **EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**    **Worship Leader: Mellenie Booth**  
**Lectionary Readings:** Hosea 11: 1-11; Psalm 107: 1-9, 43;  
Ecclesiastes 1: 2, 12-14; 2: 18-23; Colossians 3: 1-11; Luke 12: 13-21  
*Greeter: Karl and Kim Thayer*  
*Liturgist: Amber Deyoe*  
*Usher: Cindy Brockman*  
*Count: Cindy Brockman/Bridget Critelli*

**August 7 NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST Celebration of the Lord's Supper**  
**Worship Leader: Dick Behrens**  
**Lectionary Readings:** *Isaiah 1: 1, 10-20; Psalm 50: 1-8, 22-23; Genesis 15: 1-6;*  
*Psalm 33: 12-22; Hebrews 11: 1-3,8-16; Luke 12: 32-40*  
*Greeter: Bridget Critelli*  
*Liturgist: Paula Sheely*  
*Usher: Karl and Kim Thayer*  
*Count: Mark Booth/Paula Sheely*  
*Serve: Mark Booth/Cindy Brockman*

**August 14 TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST Worship Leader: Christopher Tucker**  
**Lectionary Readings:** *Isaiah 5: 1-7; Psalm 80: 1-2, 8-19; Jeremiah 23: 23-29;*  
*Psalm 82; Hebrews 11: 29-12:2; Luke 12: 49-56*  
*Greeter: Anne Mitchell*  
*Liturgist: Chris Garney*  
*Usher: Terri Richards*  
*Count: Cindy Brockman/Bridget Critelli*

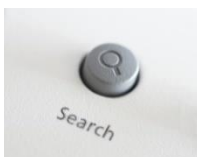
**August 21 ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**  
**Lectionary Readings:** *Jeremiah 1: 4-10; Psalm 71: 1-6; Isaiah 58: 9b-14;*  
*Psalm 103: 1-8; Hebrews 12: 18-29; Luke 13: 10-17*

**Joint Worship at Bacon Hill -10am**

**August 28 TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST Worship Leader: Patrick Woomer**  
**Lectionary Readings:** *Jeremiah 2: 4-13; Psalm 81: 1, 10-16; Proverbs 25: 6-7;*  
*Psalm 112; Hebrews 13: 1-8, 15-16; Luke 14: 1, 7-14*  
*Greeter: Carolyn Markwith*  
*Liturgist: Pat Woomer*  
*Usher: Paula Sheely*  
*Count: Rob Hayner/Bruce Guerineau*

***Our worship services begin at 10:00am. The sanctuary is handicapped accessible.***

***Holy Communion is celebrated the first Sunday of each month.***



***The unfailing love of the Lord never ends! Great is his faithfulness; his mercies begin afresh each day.*** (from Lamentations 3:22-23)

July 1, 2022

Greetings Friends!

God has truly been faithful and blessed us! I am delighted to announce that we have an (almost official) new minister! This past weekend, we welcomed Pastor Susan Kerr to Schuylerville with a Pot Luck Supper on Saturday evening. The food was delicious, and Susan moved from table to table at 15 minute intervals so everyone had a fair chance to speak with her. On Sunday, she led our worship service and then we held a congregational meeting. After a summary of the process that brought us to this point, people had a chance to ask questions and make comments. The vote was unanimous to recommend to Consistory that she be our next pastor. The Consistory then met, under the supervision of Pastor Janet Vincent, to vote to bring her to Old Saratoga Reformed Church. Then Consistory met with Susan to review her contract, which is now signed and on its way to Schenectady Classis for final approval. Susan is planning to move into the parsonage in mid-August and spend some time unpacking and settling in before beginning her duties the week after Labor Day. We look forward to having her as our pastor and beginning a new phase of ministry at OSRC.

It has been an honor to chair the Search Committee and work with its dedicated members to achieve our goal of finding someone who would be a good fit for us, at a time when there is a serious shortage of ministers. In the cover letter we sent with our Church Profile to the RCA Job Website we wrote: *We are looking for a minister who wants to become part of our church family and community. We are looking for a Pastor, not just a minister. One of the members of the local Ecumenical Clergy Group recently wrote about the difference between the two stating that, "To call someone pastor means you trust them with your spiritual growth and well-being. You call them that because you know they will care about you and help you become what God called you to be."*

We believe Susan is the person who will be our pastor, not just our minister, and we thank God for guiding our process and bringing her to our attention. We ask your prayers that God will bless our ministry together, and we encourage you to participate in that ministry.

**Chris Garney**

# CHURCH FAMILY

## BIRTHDAYS

### July

2: Harvey Howd  
3: Kathleen Bartholomay  
6: Ashley Buchanan  
6: Shirley Mabb  
7: Ruth Hayes **100 Years Old!!**  
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 Mellen  
28: Florence Sherman  
30: Amberlyn (Wilbur) Deyoe  
30: Helen Lofgren

**100!!!**

**Ruth Hayes will be celebrating her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday on July 7. If you would like to congratulate her, the address is:**

**247 Hayes Road  
Schuylerville NY 12871**



## ANNIVERSARIES

### 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

### August

1: Traci Anne Scrom  
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  
23: Joe Corsetti  
24: Carolyn Markwith  
25: Donald MacMillan IV  
25: Sarah Brockman  
27: Nicholas Thayer

## 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>	<i>Karl Thayer</i>
<i>Harvey Howd</i>	

## **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,** River Ridge Living  
Center, 100 Sandy Drive, Amsterdam, NY  
12010 **\*\*new address**

**Florence Sherman,** Wesley Community,  
Springs 205, 133 Lawrence Street, Saratoga  
Springs, NY 12866 Phone# 518-415-3012

## **GRADUATE**

Congratulations to **Makenzie Harrington**,  
daughter of **Hank and Katrina Harrington**,  
who graduated from Schuylerville High  
School on June 24, where she was fifth in  
her class. Makenzie will be continuing her  
education at Clarkson University and  
studying aerospace engineering.

## **RETIREMENT**

Congratulations to **Donna Mellen**, who  
recently retired from her job in a local  
school in Arizona. Donna spent many  
years as a valued employee of  
Schuylerville Central School in the  
elementary building. Enjoy this new  
time in your life, Donna!



## **THANKS RECEIVED**

*"Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,  
Since Feb. 24, 22, when Russia  
invaded Ukraine and started their  
brutal and devastating war, the lives  
of the people of Ukraine were  
instantly changed forever. Given  
only moments to pack up their  
families and what few necessities  
they could gather, they became  
another heartbreaking example of a  
group singled out for persecution by  
an army whose leaders are evil and  
corrupt. Stories of such tragic  
proportions abound in the Bible and  
throughout history, and we are  
witnessing yet another tragedy  
unfold on a massive scale, in what  
should now be a more civilized  
world.*

*The teachings of our Christian faith  
instruct us to help those in need, to  
feed them, to clothe them, to show  
them that our merciful Lord will  
come to their aid and bring them  
hope in desperate times. Your faith  
has led your congregation to reach  
out to help our suffering families and  
friends still in Ukraine. You have  
prayed for them and donated to  
feed, clothe and provide medical aid  
to them. In our prayers we thank  
God for your generosity and acts of  
charity. You are living examples of  
God's love. We sincerely thank you  
for your generous donation of \$610."*

**Rev. Mikhail Myshchuk**  
**Pastor of St. Nicholas Ukrainian**  
**Church**  
**Watervliet, NY**

# CHURCH LIFE

## PROPERTY COMMITTEE NEWS

The push is on to complete the parsonage renovations, now that we have a new pastor coming in mid-August! There still remains a lot of work to be done, but the latest developments are that the microwave and dishwasher have been installed in the kitchen, and a new ceiling went up in the laundry room. Carpeting for the upstairs hallway and down the stairs to the foyer is in the process of being measured and ordered. Jay Ellis continues to work on the electrical upgrades. The duct work will be replaced shortly, adding a heat source in the downstairs half bath.

## CONSISTORY CONNECTION

At its last meeting, the consistory voted to have another Chicken BBQ fundraiser, in conjunction with the American Legion. Details are found in the flyer in this issue. They also approved the Summer Letter of Appeal, which has been copied, prepared for mailing, and sent out.

## 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. Please consider taking a turn entertaining the members and friends of Old Saratoga.

## HYMNS OF OUR FAITH

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

**"My Soul Has Found a Resting Place"**

***"My soul has found a resting place, not in device or creed. I trust the ever living One. His wounds for me shall plead.***

***I need no other evidence; I need no other plea. It is enough that Jesus died, and that he died for me."***

This hymn is a simple statement of faith—salvation in Christ's work or redemption on the cross and nothing else. Salvation is not dependent on our effort. It is not dependent on anything we can create, or touch, or on repeated recitations.

Our creeds do have importance and are not to be disregarded. Our creeds help to define truth, correct error, and provide rules and standards. But the hymn writer insists that salvation and eternal rest are simply found in our acceptance of what God has done for us through his Son.

Inspiration for this hymn may have come in part from Matt. 11:28 where Jesus invites us to find rest in him. Hebrews 4: 3 speaks of those who believe the "good news" entering into eternity.

The hymn writer was Eliza Hewitt, who was born in Philadelphia in 1851. She aspired to be a teacher, but a spinal malady prevented that. Her deep faith and a passion for writing poetry led to hymn writing and creating Sunday School materials for her church and a home for orphaned children. One can imagine that her life experiences inspired her faith and the lyrics for this hymn.

***"My heart is leaning on the Word, the written Word of God. Salvation by my Savior's name, salvation through his blood. I need no other evidence; I need no other pleas. It is enough that Jesus died, and that he died for me."***

**Dick Behrens**

## OUR MISSIONS



### **Quarterly- Things of My Very Own**

Things of My Very Own provides transitional services to children who have been removed from their homes, and works with the non-abusive parent or foster care provider to give the children what they need in a new home: bedding, clothing, hygiene products, emergency food, school and medical supplies. Many of the children have missed a lot of school, and services are supplied to give them experiences they may have missed by not being in attendance. There are also family crisis recovery services and life skills development programs for the children.

### **Monthly- Unity House**

Unity House embraces the view that everyone deserves equal economic, political and social rights, and they work together to open doors of access and opportunity for everyone. They recently opened a satellite office in Hoosick Falls, giving greater access to people in rural areas dealing with domestic abuse.

**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)**

## COFFEE HOUR

Our Tuesday morning coffee hour will continue throughout the summer months. Please feel free to join us from 9:30-10:30am each week for coffee, goodies and conversation.

## SUMMER OFFICE HOURS



The church office hours for the summer will be Tuesdays and Fridays, from 9am-noon. Please feel free to drop in for a visit any time.

## CHICKEN BBQ SIGNUP

We will be needing volunteers to make cakes for our chicken BBQ, and to help prepare the food for pick up on July 30. Please call the office (518-695-3479) to offer your help, or signup on the sheet posted in the foyer.



*Happy moments, praise God.  
Difficult moments, seek God.  
Quiet moments, worship God.  
Painful moments, trust God.  
Every moment, thank God.*

*Anonymous*

# CHICKEN BBQ





**Saturday, July 30 4-5:30pm**

**Menu: 1/2 chicken (prepared by the  
American Legion)**

**Baked potato, Cole Slaw, Cake**

**Limit 200 dinners!!**

**First come, first served!**

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

**(Benefits the Old Saratoga Reformed Church General Fund)**

**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

**OSRC Chicken BBQ at the American Legion Sat. July 30 4-5:30pm**  
(Details on flyer)

**Annual Turning Point Parade Sun. Aug 4 1pm**

**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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Sunday Worship: 10:00am OR Facebook page

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

**Sat. July 30 OSRC Chicken BBQ at the  
American Legion (see inside for details)**

**Guest Preachers for July and August**

**7/10 Dick Behrens**

**7/17 Helene Patterson**

**7/24 Patrick Woomer**

**7/31 Mellenie Booth**

**8/7 Dick Behrens**

**8/14 Christopher Tucker**

**8/21 Joint Worship at  
Bacon Hill Reformed 10am**

*(no service at OSRC)*

**8/28 Patrick Woomer**