



# JACOB'S WELL

October 2022

- Oct. 2 SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST Celebration of the Lord's Supper**  
**Lectionary Readings:** *Lamentations 1:1-6; Lamentations 3: 19-26; Psalm 137; Habakkuk 1:1-4, 2:1-4; Psalm 37: 1-9; 2 Timothy 1:1-14; Luke 17: 5-10;*  
*Greeter: Bridget Critelli*  
*Liturgist: Paula Sheely*  
*Usher: Kim and Karl Thayer*  
*Count: Bridget Critelli/Paula Sheely*  
*Serve: Bridget Critelli/Rob Hayner/Paula Sheely*
- Oct. 9 EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**  
**Lectionary Readings:** *Jeremiah 29: 1, 4-7; Psalm 66: 1-12; 2 Kings 5: 1-3, 7-15c; Psalm 111; 2 Timothy 2: 8-15; Luke 17: 11-19*  
*Greeter: Anne Mitchell*  
*Liturgist: Chris Garney*  
*Usher: Terri Richards*  
*Count: Paula Sheely/Rob Hayner*
- Oct. 16 NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**  
**Lectionary Readings:** *Jeremiah 31: 27-34; Psalm 119: 97-104; Genesis 32: 22-31; Psalm 121; 2 Timothy 3: 14-4: 5; Luke 18: 1-8*  
*Greeter: Pat Woomer*  
*Liturgist: Anne Mitchell*  
*Usher: Dick Behrens*  
*Count: Cindy Brockman/Bridget Critelli*
- Oct. 23 TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**  
**Lectionary Readings:** *Joel 2: 23-32; Psalm 65; Sirach 35: 12-17; Jeremiah 14: 7-10, 19-22; Psalm 84: 1-7; 2 Timothy 4: 6-8, 16-18; Luke 18: 9-14*  
*Greeter: Carolyn Markwith*  
*Liturgist: Pat Woomer*  
*Usher: Paula Sheely*  
*Count: Paula Sheely/Cindy Brockman*
- Oct. 30 TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**  
**Lectionary Readings:** *Habakkuk 1: 1-4, 2: 1-4; Psalm 119: 137-144; Isaiah 1: 10-18; Psalm 32: 1-7; 2 Thessalonians 1: 1-4, 11-12; Luke: 19: 1-10*  
*Greeter: Bill Olmert*  
*Liturgist: Mark Booth*  
*Usher: Pat Woomer*  
*Count: Rob Hayner/Cindy Brockman*

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

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

## ***Pastor's Ponder***

Change is all around us—like it or not! The season is shifting from Summer into Autumn, and all the signs are sneaking up on us: pumpkins appearing, leaves changing color, corn fields taking on an entirely different aspect from the tender green tasseled look of the prior season, morphing into rather more stately, if brittle, brown shocks bundled into decorations in preparation for Halloween.

What we can all count on is the unchanging Sacred Seasons, celebrated by people of faith for as long as people have lived:

- Thanksgiving at the time of harvest, for all of God's bountiful blessings in providing sustenance to get us through the coming winter;
- the shortening of daylight and the lengthening of darkness that leads us through Advent into the joy of Christmastide, when we celebrate God's gift of self in Christ Jesus, the Light of the World;
- opportunities for personal and community preparations to begin a New Year—2023!-- full of promise, confident of God's eternal, faithful presence.

I'm excited to learn about and experience the to-many-of-you familiar "traditional" events held at Old Saratoga around all of those sacred seasons, and invite you to join me in making use of this opportunity to see things with fresh eyes— to see this year as an opportunity to be challenged, affirmed, and freshly creative! Together, let's honor and cherish what has been good about the past, move forward with what holds true for today's context, and trust God's Holy Spirit to guide us into discovering what New Thing God might be doing for us, through the church, and out of love for all of God's People.

-- *Pastor Susan*

### *Jeremiah 29:11*

*"For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope."*

## ***Thoughts on Stewardship***

*From our RCA website; by Ken Neevel*

I sometimes hear from people that the church just wants "their" money to fund the budget, pay the bills, or expand the building. But stewardship isn't a financial issue; it's a spiritual one. It's not about "stuff." It's about discipleship. In the words of Chris Willard and Jim Sheppard in their book *Contagious Generosity*, it's about "being a part of what [God] wants to do through people in his church with the resources he has given them." God doesn't need anything from us, but God does desire our hearts. Clearly, the way we steward our resources is a marker of our spiritual health. It isn't possible to be a disciple of Jesus without giving joyfully and generously from the resources that have been entrusted to us.

The goal of Christian stewardship is the faithful management of everything that God gives us so that God can use our gifts to transform us and to extend Christ's transforming love to others.

Christian stewardship has to do with where our hearts are. God's goal is *always* transformed hearts and

# 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: Bridget Regan Behrens
- 21: Nathaniel de Velder
- 21: Oscar Everts
- 21: Hank Harrington
- 25: Alma Westcott
- 16: Holly Farrell Deyoe
- 26: Edward (Buddy) Fero
- 27: John Hayes
- 27: Bruce Guerineau
- 29: Jean Stark
- 29: Susan Kerr



## ANNIVERSARIES

- 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

## THANKS RECEIVED

*..from Wycliffe Bible Translators for a donation of **\$100***

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## SYMPATHY

Sympathy in Christ is extended to the family of **Bill G. Whitehouse** who passed away on September 22, 2022. Bill grew up in rural Montgomery County, NY; and was referred to as a "scrappy" child by his teachers. Bill grew into a strong, stubborn, and driven gentleman. Bill supported OSRC by singing in the choir and as a "handyman"- fixing kitchen drawers, welding chairs which needed repair, outdoor maintenance and helping to remove the old parsonage garage. Bill was a loving husband and father, agriculturist, outdoorsman, educator, aviator, and world traveler.

Left to cherish his memory are his wife, Dorothy "Duffy" (Wells) Whitehouse; children Melanie Whitehouse-Casey and Eric (Angie) Whitehouse, five grandchildren, one great grandson, three siblings, and extended family.

A memorial service was held at OSRC on Friday, September 30, 2022 with Rev. Susan Kerr and Rev. Joyce de Velder officiating.

Condolences may be sent to the Whitehouse Family at 545 Mountain Road, Greenwich, NY 12834.

Donations in Bill's memory may be made to Cambridge Valley Flying Club, P.O. Box 134, Shushan, NY, 12873



## IN OUR PRAYERS

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

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| <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>Walter Grom</i>       | <i>Ruth Hayes</i>        |
| <i>Whitehouse Family</i> | <i>Chris Garney</i>      |

## THANK YOU

All the members of the Whitehouse Family extend grateful thanks to the congregation for their prayers, well wishes, condolences and hugs during Bill's illness and death. And thanks for the delicious food brought to the funeral reception, too!  
Duffy, Melanie and Eric

## OUR FRIENDS IN HEALTH CARE FACILITIES/HOMEBOUND

- Chauncey Mabb:** Crescent Manor, 312 Crescent Blvd. Bennington, VT 05201  
**Florence Brown,** River Ridge Living Center, 100 Sandy Drive, Amsterdam, NY 12010  
**Florence Sherman,** Wesley Community, Springs 204, 133 Lawrence Street, Saratoga Springs, NY 12866 Phone# 518-415-3012

## CONGRATULATIONS



To Rebecca Sheely and Zachary King who were married at Old Saratoga on Sat. September 24, 2022! Becca is the daughter of Doug and Paula Sheely; grand-daughter of Pat and Harvey Howd and great grand-daughter of Ruth Hayes.

## CONGRATULATIONS

To our dear friend and former Turning Point Fellowship "Fellow", **Pastor Jennifer Legg**, who was installed at her new church, Jerusalem Reformed Church, in the town of Bethlehem, south of the Albany area. The service was held in Elm Avenue Park on Sept.18 at 3pm. **Pastor Janet Vincent** gave the charge, and **Pastor Joyce deVelder** gave the closing prayer.

## PECANS

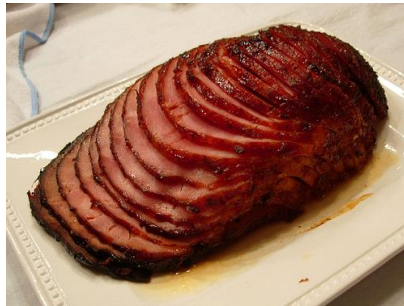
**We will again have fresh Georgia pecan halves, both plain and dark chocolate-covered available for your holiday baking and/or gift giving. 48 plain and 24 chocolate have been ordered from the company. Sign up to reserve yours, or call the office to be on the list! All bags are being sold at the bargain price of \$12.**

# DRIVE THROUGH

## HAM HARVEST SUPPER

SAT. NOVEMBER 5

4:30 - 6pm



**OLD SARATOGA REFORMED CHURCH**

**49 Pearl Street, Schuylerville, NY**

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

**Tickets: \$15**

**Take out only!**

**Reservations Required by Nov. 4! Call (518-695-6638)**

## **ECUMENICAL BIBLE STUDY**

### **Wednesday's 9:45-1045 am**

The Ecumenical Bible Study continues its 2022-23 season on Wednesday mornings, led by OSRC Preaching Elder, **Dick Behrens**. Each session goes from 9:45-10:45am. The group is studying the Book of Joshua. If you have ever thought that you would like to know more about the Bible, please join the group. New members are welcome at any time. Because it is an ecumenical group, members of any denomination are welcome.

## **OUR MISSIONS**

### **Quarterly – The Giving Circle**

Giving Circle is an all-volunteer organization based in Saratoga. It was founded in 2005 with a mission to seek out communities and individuals in need and connect them with the resources to help. It was initially started in response to Hurricanes Katrina and Rita, where work was done rebuilding homes in southern Mississippi. It has since expanded efforts both locally and internationally, working with underserved families in the Capital District, Uganda and Ukraine.

### **Monthly- Schuyler Hose Company**

Schuyler Hose Company has been serving the greater Schuylerville community since 1836. The all-volunteer company provides fire protection for portions of four towns-Saratoga, Northumberland, Greenwich, and Easton. The fire company is also active in educational, fire prevention and charitable activities. In addition to responding to emergency calls, the department trains vigorously. Training hours actually exceed time spent on active situations. While responding to fires has decreased everywhere, increases are seen in response to non-fire emergencies. Your support of our friends and neighbors who provide these services is greatly appreciated.

### **Ukraine-**

Donations still being accepted for Ukraine. Please make your check to OSRC, earmarked "Ukraine."

## **YARD SALE UPDATE**

Our Yard Sale, held on Saturday, September 17<sup>th</sup> yielded a profit of \$1506.69. Thank you to Amber Deyoe, Terri Richards, and Bridget Critelli for organizing the event! A BIG shout out to Christopher Tucker for donating his time to provide music for the yard sale. Also, Thank You to all who donated food and other items, and those who came to shop!

## **BOTTLES AND CANS**

Once again we need your help to take the bottles and cans, which are so generously donated by members and friends of OSRC, to be recycled. We are enrolled in the CLYNK program at Hannaford, so they can be taken there and dropped off. Please consider taking a turn !! This program helps to fund our missions.

## **HYMNS OF OUR FAITH**

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

***"Praise God for the harvest of farm and of field,***

***Praise God for the people who gather their yield, the long hours of labor, the skills of a team,  
the patience of science, the power of machine."***

The season of harvest is upon us and the storehouses are being filled. At my home, the last of the tomatoes have been picked and canned. Our bell pepper plants are still producing fruit. Throughout the summer we have enjoyed the wonder of fresh-picked tomatoes on BLT's and in crisp salads. Stuffed peppers have been on the menu, and some peppers sliced and frozen for future enjoyment.

Brian Wren, author of "Praise God for the Harvest" is a contemporary hymn-poet, writer and preacher. Born and raised in England, and ordained in the Congregational Church, he now lives in the United States where he is active as a freelance lecturer, preacher and full time hymn writer. To date he has written over 125 hymns. He is a strong proponent of the view that hymns are poetry and theology, instead of simply music, and wants readers of the poetry in his hymns to grasp and understand the meaning of God's creation, self-disclosing and liberating activity centered and focused in Jesus Christ.

In "Praise God for the Harvest" Wren goes beyond what is grown in the soil to develop a broader picture of harvest and caring for all that God has created, and expresses thanks for all who are active in the broader sense. His harvest includes "the harvest of alloy and ore," "oil and coal" – all from the hand of God, "who in love has provided them all." The poet speaks of the harvest of things less tangible – "science and skill" and "new inventions that promise to gain a future more helpful, a world more humane." The hymn closes with a prayer for a "harvest of justice and peace."

***"Praise God for the harvest of conflict and love, for leaders and peoples who struggle and serve  
To conquer oppression, earth's plenty increase and gather God's harvest of justice and peace."***

**Dick Behrens**

## **REPORT ON REFUGEE FORUM**

Pastor Susan and I attended a forum on helping local refugees from Afghanistan and Ukraine on Wednesday, Sept. 21, in Saratoga Springs. It was clear from the extensive information in the presentations that our church is not in a position to sponsor a refugee family on our own, but there are some possibilities for working with local organizations to help refugees. The Giving Circle, which we will be supporting with our 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Mission donations, is co-sponsoring a family from Ukraine. The Giving Circle is also connected with Letters of Hope, which asks people to write a letter expressing support and hope for the future, and to include a donation to help those who have been displaced by the war. I think there may be ways that we can work with the Giving Circle, and will be looking into that. As the founder of Letters of Hope said, "Do what you can do. It makes a difference." If you would like more info about the meeting, please ask one of us.

**Chris Garney**

## Two Weeks of Prayer with RCA Global Mission

We're glad you're joining us on this prayer journey.

To sign up to receive additional prayer opportunities digitally, visit [www.rca.org/30days](http://www.rca.org/30days)

**Day 1:** Pray for the children of Malawi, Zambia, and Zimbabwe. Pray that they would have access to adequate and appropriate education, including special education.

**Day 2:** Pray for a strong network of Christian leaders and pastors dedicated to urban ministry in Bangkok, Thailand.

**Day 3:** Pray that people come to know God's love through the CEPAD staff and their efforts to reduce rural poverty in Nicaragua.

**Day 4:** Pray that an interest in Christianity and the church would bloom and be nourished through church planting efforts in eastern Europe. In a post-Christian culture, may people find their way back to God and have a desire to convene together in community.

**Day 5:** Pray for the youngest generation of the church in Mexico, especially in Oaxaca. May they feel the love of Christ through ministries like Children and Worship.

**Day 6:** Pray for peace and positive relations between Muslims and Christians in the Middle East, specifically Lebanon.

**Day 7:** Pray for Christians and churches in remote villages in Alaska.

**Day 8:** Pray that Christians will be ambassadors of Christ to people who are part of the largest forced displacement in recorded history and who are seeking refuge.

**Day 9:** Pray for the health of the Maasai people. Pray they will have access to the care they need, including prenatal care, immunizations, counseling, and other healthcare.

**Day 10:** Pray for an opening of hearts within people in Japan who have not yet accepted Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior.

**Day 11:** Pray that our partners in Jamaica would find new opportunities to raise awareness of CCCD's resources for children and families of the Deaf population.

**Day 12:** Pray for the people of Bahrain. May the legacy of the RCA continue to be a blessing through the American Mission Hospital.

**Day 13:** Pray that the Lord would protect all children who are currently at risk of being sold or are already in the sex trade.

**Day 14:** Pray for the translation of the Bible. Pray that our partners in Ethiopia would continue to lay the groundwork for both translation and education in native languages so that when the Bible is translated, communities are able to read it.





# 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

Annual Women’s Retreat at Camp Fowler Chi Rho House  
November 4-6

OSRC Annual Ham Harvest Dinner (see flyer for details!!)

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## 245<sup>TH</sup> SURRENDER DAY



On Monday, Oct. 17 at 9:45am at Fort Hardy Park, a commemoration of the American Army victory over British Forces will take place. Fort Hardy Park is the historical ground where the British forces surrendered and laid down their arms on Oct. 17, 1777, ending the Battle of Saratoga. The 45 minute event will feature re-enactors, cannon salutes, musical entertainment, and “13 Toasts” to the Victory at Saratoga.

**"Jacob's Well"**

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**Office Manager: Duffy Whitehouse**

**Consistory Members: Paula Sheely, Mark Booth,  
Rob Hayner, Cindy Brockman, Bridget Critelli, Bruce Guerineau**

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

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

## **COMING UP**

**Ham Harvest Dinner Sat. Nov. 5  
(see inside for details)**

**Annual Pecan Sale  
Fresh pecan halves and/or  
Dark chocolate covered pecans  
\$12 per bag  
Call the office or sign up!**