

JACOB'S WELL

November 2022



Nov. 6 TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

Lectionary Readings: *Haggai 1: 15b-2:9; Psalm 145: 1-5, 17-21; Psalm 98; Job 19: 23-27a; Psalm 17: 1-9; 2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17; Luke 20: 27-38*

Greeter: Duffy Whitehouse

Liturgist: Carolyn Markwith

Usher: Bill Omert

Count: Rob Hayner/Cindy Brockman

Serve: Cindy Brockman/Rob Hayner

Nov. 13 TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Lectionary Readings: *Isaiah 65: 17-25; Isaiah 12; Malachi 4: 1-2a;*

Psalm 98; 2 Thessalonians 3: 6-13; Luke 21: 15-19

Greeter: Cindy Brockman

Liturgist: Dick Behrens

Usher: Anne Mitchell

Count: Paula Sheely/Cindy Brockman

3pm COMMISSIONING SERVICE OF PASTOR SUSAN KERR

Nov. 20 CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY

Lectionary Readings: *Jeremiah 23: 1-6; Luke 1: 68-79;*

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Greeter: Karl Thayer

Liturgist: Amber Deyoe

Usher: Cindy Brockman

Count: Bruce Guerineau/Bridget Critelli

Nov. 27 FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT "Peace"

Lectionary Readings: *Isaiah 2:1-5; Psalm 122; Romans 13: 11-14;*

Matthew 24: 36-44

Greeter: Bridget Critelli

Liturgist: Paula Sheely

Usher: Karl Thayer

Count: Mark Booth/TBA

***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



NOVEMBER!!! So much to look forward to this month—incredible that Advent is creeping up on us, and Christmas plans are in the works! And...already I have SO much to be thankful for, as Thanksgiving is just around the corner: the number of boxes around the parsonage is noticeably dwindling as they are unpacked and rooms are becoming more settled; we're coming toward the end of Richard Behren's wonderful Bible study of Joshua on Wednesday mornings, and looking to what should be a *fascinating* and fun look at Women in the Bible coming up; the Harvest Ham Supper is only a couple days away as I type this; I am able to put more names to faces at and around church; and...have participated in my first ecumenical service on All Saints Day, enjoying the privilege of sharing worship with other clergy and congregants from our local churches...to name a few "joys".

Naturally at this time of year, there are also sadnesses to be acknowledged, like mourning those who will no longer be at our holiday tables: I had the thought the other afternoon that I should give my mom a quick call about something—more a fleeting feeling than a delusion of it being possible, since she died in 1998. But that got me thinking about Thanksgivings Past, and family members long gone—and that was an opportunity to give thanks to God for having had them in my life, and turned sadness into joy! Some folks have worries about upcoming treatments, or diagnoses suspected or confirmed; finances and employment, education and life-choices are all topics that bear lifting up to God especially as holidays and year-end looms. I am—we are—so blessed and fortunate to have a community of faith to be part of, a lovely church in which to worship God together, in a community of friends, old and new!

Thanks be to God! -- *Pastor Susan*

○ **give thanks to** the Lord, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever. Psalm 136:1

WHAT DO RCA MISSION DONATIONS DO?



Did you know that the RCA Global Mission is composed of missionaries and partners who are sharing the gospel in word and deed *across the globe*, in over 30 countries world-wide? Your support is key! Here is a glimpse of how we are working together to share God's love with the world.

CHURCH FAMILY

BIRTHDAYS

1: Roger Sherman
2: Carol Burch
3: Roger M. Sherman
3: David Woomeer
6: Wendy (Russell) Fedderly
10: Emily Buchanan
12: Robert Haney
12: Thomas Pooler
12: Doug Sheely
13: Peggy MacMillan
14: Sawyer Russell Fedderly
18: Linda Barter
20: Melanie (Whitehouse) Casey
22: Sandy Jones
23: Ryan Markwith
24: Chauncey Mabb
25: Timothy Cox



ANNIVERSARIES

9: Donald and Kimberly Mac Millan 2002
10: Anne and Doug Mitchell 2012

THANKS RECEIVED

..from Shelters of Saratoga for a donation of **\$100** to Code Blue, serving the needs of people experiencing homelessness in Saratoga

OUR FRIENDS IN HEALTH CARE FACILITIES /HOMEBOUND

Chauncey Mabb: Crescent Manor, 312 Crescent Boulevard, Bennington, VT 05201
Florence Brown: River Ridge Living Center, 100 Sandy Drive, Amsterdam, NY 12010
Florence Sherman: Wesley Community, Springs 204, 133 Lawrence St., 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

Claire Houston	Alyson Fitzgerald
David Garrand	Gerry Barber
Trevor Mellen	Charles Thayer
Naomi Thayer	Alicia Lewie
Karl Thayer	Charlotte Morrill
Suzanne Guerineau	Annabelle Gutasy
Florence Sherman	Florence Brown
Walter Grom	Ruth Hayes

COMMISSIONING OF PASTOR SUSAN Sun. Nov. 13 at 3pm

The Schenectady Classis and the congregation of Old Saratoga will joyfully celebrate the commissioning of Susan Kerr as the Pastor of Old Saratoga Reformed Church on **Sunday, Nov. 13 at 3pm**. Rev. Matthew Van Maasticht will give the charge to the congregation, Rev. Abby Norton-Levering will give the charge to the pastor, and Rev. Kent Busman will give the sermon. All are welcome to come to the service and stay for refreshments following.

CHURCH LIFE

PECAN SALE

After initially ordering only one carton of chocolate covered pecans, we have had to order a second already! To date we have sold 36 bags of regular pecans and 29 chocolate. There are only 48 of each available, so please place your order before they are sold out. All bags are **\$12.**

ST. NICHOLAS BRUNCH AND SANCTUARY DECORATING Sat. Nov. 26 at 9:30am

Come for a fun-filled morning of good breakfast foods, and then decorating the sanctuary and Loomis Hall for the Advent and Christmas Season! Egg dishes, breads, breakfast meats, fruit and juices can be brought to share. Coffee will be provided. A signup sheet will be posted.



HOLIDAY SALE Sat. Dec. 3 8am-2pm

Our Holiday Sale will be here before we know it! Chairs **Amber Deyoe** and **Terri Richards** invite you to bring your gently used Christmas items to the church beginning on **Nov. 14.** Please place them on the floor in Loomis Hall. The church is open on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 9-noon, or you may bring your donations to church on Sunday mornings. Donations of themed raffle baskets are always welcome, and are a big crowd pleaser! And then....[COME BACK FOR THE...](#)



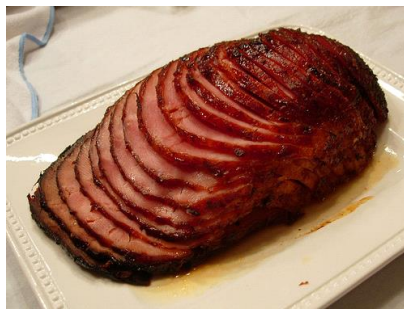
COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS CONCERT Sun. Dec. 4 at 3pm at Old Saratoga Reformed Church

Schuylerville will be welcoming in the Christmas Season with a return to holding the Annual Community Christmas Concert, which has been on hold for the last couple of years. It will again be hosted by Old Saratoga, with other churches bringing the refreshments following the concert. Please mark your calendars for this wonderful way to celebrate the season with friends and neighbors from other churches and the community. There is no charge for the concert, but a free will offering will be taken, benefitting the Caring and Sharing Program at Schuylerville Central School.

DRIVE THROUGH HAM HARVEST SUPPER

SAT. NOVEMBER 5

4:30 - 6pm



OLD SARATOGA REFORMED CHURCH

48 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)

Enter from alley end of driveway, drive up to front door and a server will bring your dinners.

Exit onto Pearl Street.

PROPERTY COMMITTEE NEWS

The Property Committee has made arrangements with Garden Time in Wilton to erect a garage, replacing the one which had to be torn down at the parsonage. The area has been leveled and stone brought in. Concrete is scheduled to be poured and then the garage will be constructed on the site. Once the garage is in place, it will be wired for electricity. Please look for notice of an Open House at the parsonage, so that the congregation can see the repairs and renovations that have been done!

OSRC ANNUAL MEETING

Sunday, Nov. 20 following worship

OSRC's by-laws require that the congregation hold its annual meeting on the third Sunday of November. At this meeting the Faith Budget is presented, updates on the life of the congregation are given, and election of new consistory members is held. It is a time to review where we have been and where we wish to be in the upcoming year. All are welcome to attend

VOLUNTEERS IN WORSHIP AND SERVICE

Slips to indicate how you would like to help OSRC by offering to help during worship services, or during the week, have been placed in the Sunday bulletins. You are encouraged to offer your assistance, and if you've never done it before, give thought to trying something new this coming year! Once the slips are returned a master schedule for the year is prepared.

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- Guardian House

The Guardian House in Ballston Spa is a residence providing housing for homeless women veterans, and supports their reintegration into society, with mental health and substance counseling, job training and other services. Women comprise 14% of military personnel and face many of the same stress-related combat illnesses as men. With the advent of cold weather, it is expected that all the beds will be filled.

Ukraine-

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

**St. Nicolaas Holiday Sale
at Old Saratoga Reformed
Church**

Sat. Dec. 3

8am-2pm



**Gently used Christmas decorations and
basket raffles**

Community Christmas Music Concert

(In conjunction with Schuylerville's St. Nicolaas Festival Dec. 2-4)



Sunday, December 4
3 pm

Old Saratoga Reformed Church
Burgoyne and Pearl Streets, Schuylerville

Featuring local choirs and musical groups
Refreshments following

All are welcome!

(Handicapped Accessible)

(Free will offering to benefit *Caring and Sharing*)

COMMUNITY LIFE

LOVE OUR LOCALS!!

Support Saratoga County organizations for the chance to win!!

Love our Locals \$20.22 is an ongoing effort to show support for our local businesses and non-profits while also helping to ensure they keep their doors open for a long time to come.

Now through Dec. 31, 2022, when you shop at, donate to, or dine in (or take out,) pay for a service or hire a local Saratoga County business or non-profit and spend \$20.22 or more, you can have the chance to win one of a variety of \$100 gift cards!

How to Enter:

- 1. Spend or donate \$20.22 or more at any Saratoga County business (shop, restaurant, service provider, etc.) or non-profit organization**
- 2. Take a photo of your receipt, including the purchase total and name of the business or non-profit**
- 3. Email the photo to loveourlocals@saratoga.org**
- 4. Follow our social media channels to see if you're a weekly winner!**

For more info, visit www.saratoga.org/love-our-locals

"Jacob's Well"

Old Saratoga Reformed Church

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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)

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

Sunday, Nov. 6 10am

Annual Pecan Sale

Fresh pecan halves and/or Dark chocolate covered pecans

\$12 per bag

Call the office or sign up!

Holiday Sale

Saturday, Dec. 3 8am-2pm

Annual Community Christmas Concert

Sunday, Dec. 4 3pm