

JACOB'S WELL



January 2023

Jan. 1 FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS DAY

Lectionary Readings: *Isaiah 63: 7-9; Psalm 148; Hebrews 2: 10-18; Matthew 2: 13-23*

Greeter: *Anne Mitchell*

Liturgist: *Mark Booth*

Usher: *Paula Sheely*

Counters: *Rob Hayner/Cindy Brockman*

Jan. 8 FIRST SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

INSTALLATION OF NEWLY ELECTED CONSISTORY MEMBERS

Lectionary Readings: *Isaiah 42: 1-9; Psalm 29; Acts 10: 34-43; Matthew 3: 13-17*

Greeter: *Amber Deyoe*

Liturgist: *Anne Mitchell*

Usher: *Richard Behrens*

Counters: *Mark Booth/Cindy Brockman*

Communion Servers: *Cindy Brockman, Mark Booth, Paula Sheely*

Jan. 15 SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY Guest Worship Leaders: Amber Deyoe and Sheryl Norton

Lectionary Readings: *Isaiah 49: 1-7; Psalm 40: 1-11; 1 Corinthians 1: 1-9; John 1: 29-42*

Greeter: *Jean Wells*

Liturgist: *Pat Woomer*

Usher: *Cindy Brockman*

Counters: *Bruce Guerineau/Bridget Critelli*

Jan. 22 THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

Lectionary Readings: *Isaiah 9: 1-4; Psalm 27: 1, 4-9; 1 Corinthians 1: 10-18; Matthew 4: 12-23*

Greeter: *Cindy Brockman*

Liturgist: *Chris Garney*

Usher: *Bill Olmert*

Counters: *Rob Hayner/Paula Sheely*

Jan. 29 FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

Lectionary Readings: *Micah 6: 1-8; Psalm 15; 1 Corinthians 1: 18-31; Matthew 5: 1-12*

Greeter: *Carolyn Markwith*

Liturgist: *Richard Behrens*

Usher: *Karl Thayer*

Counters: *Mark Booth/Bridget Critelli*

CHURCH FAMILY

BIRTHDAYS

1: Patrick Woomer
1: Tyler Jon Squires
1: Donna Mellen
4: Kara Woomer
13: Donna-Ella Marie Brooks
17: Chris Cox
21: Cindy Barber
22: Morgan Wilbur
25: Christopher Tucker
26: Lucian McCarty
27: Julia (Behrens) Pooler
27: Casey Perkins
29: Alicia Mellen Lewie
29: Logan Tomlinson
31: Elizabeth Fero
31: Brad Markwith

ANNIVERSARIES

21: John and Amberlyn Deyoe, Jr., 1995

THANKS RECEIVED

*...from Schuyler Hose Company for a donation of
\$110*

*...from Regional Synod of Albany for a donation of
\$100*

*...from St. Nicholas Ukrainian Church for a donation
of **\$450***

*...from Things of My Very Own for a donation of
\$257*

THANKS EXTENDED

*...to all those who purchased poinsettias in memory
or honor of a loved one, and to **Cindy Brockman** for
arranging them and watering them after Christmas*

IN OUR PRAYERS

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

Alyson Fitzgerald	Bert Brinkerhoff
Trevor Mellen	Naomi Thayer
Alicia Lewie	Gerry Barber
Charles Thayer	Suzanne Guerineau
Florence Sherman	Florence Brown
Dave Mosher	Annabelle Gutasy
Matthew Booth	Mark Booth
Nancy and Norman Howard	
The parents of Darrick Evensen	

OUR FRIENDS IN HEALTH CARE FACILITIES/HOMEBOUND

*(We've listed the names and addresses of our
church members/friends for the purpose of
remembering them in prayer or with a card.)*

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, 133
Lawrence St., Springs 204 , Saratoga Springs
NY 12866

SYMPATHY

..to the family and friends of **Ruth Hayes (100)** who died
on Friday , Dec. 30 at home. Ruth was a member of
OSRC and supported the church in many ways by
holding garage sales at the family farm. Funds were
used to do projects in the church and parsonage
buildings. One of her major projects was the painting of
the sanctuary. Ruth is survived by her children; **Jean
Wells, Diana Hasson, Walter Hayes, George Hayes
and their families.** She was predeceased by her
husband **Walter Hayes** and her son **Ronald Hayes.**

Calling hours were held on Friday, Jan. 6 from 4-7pm at
Flynn Brothers in Schuylerville. The family will have a
gathering in the summer to join her ashes with her son,
Ron's ,on the back hill. Memorials may be made in her
memory to Old Saratoga Reformed Church, 48 Pearl
Street, Schuylerville, NY 12871

CHURCH LIFE

WINTER PARKING

Alternate side of the street parking began on December 1. On MWF, park on the west side of Pearl Street. All other days you may park on the church side of the street. This is to help facilitate the cleaning up of snow after a storm.

WORSHIP SERVERS

Thank you to all those who have volunteered to serve in worship. We even have a couple of new persons for this year. The lists have been handed out or mailed to those who volunteered, so please mark your calendar for the times when you have been scheduled to help as a greeter, liturgist or usher.

INSTALLATION OF CONSISTORY MEMBERS AND SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION



Recently re-elected consistory members Cindy Brockman and Mark Booth will be installed as deacon and elder, respectively, on **Sunday, January 8**, during the worship service. There will also be the Celebration of the Lord's Supper that day. Please plan to attend to support these two people who have agreed to serve OSRC, and to join in the first partaking of communion in the new year.

COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS CONCERT



After a two year hiatus, due to the COVID Pandemic, the Community Christmas Concert was held at Old Saratoga on **Sunday, Dec. 4**. Several church choirs and a couple of musical groups entertained the audience with Christmas anthems and songs. The mood was joyous, as the community could finally come together to celebrate the beginning of the Christmas Season. The free will offering was given to the **Caring and Sharing** program of Schuylerville Central School, which at this time of year, gives presents to families in need for Christmas. The rest of the year donations are used to supply items like backpacks, sneakers, etc. for children in need in the district.

HOLIDAY SALE

Our Holiday Sale, held on **Saturday, Dec. 3**, was lots of fun, as always. Donations were good and we had lots of lovely baskets which were raffled off. The profit for our General Fund was **\$1473!** A big thank you goes to **Amber Deyoe, Sheryl Norton, Bridget Critelli, Jean Wells and Terri Richards** who organized the sale, made lovely items for the raffle or worked the day of the sale!

HYMNS OF OUR FAITH

“Sing to the Lord you saints of his; praise his holy name.” Psalm 30:4

“Brightest and Best of the Stars”

*“Brightest and best of the stars of the morning,
Dawn on our darkness and come to our aid;
Star of the east, the horizon adorning,
Guide where our infant redeemer is laid.”*

In Isaiah 9:2 we read, “The people who walk in darkness have seen a great light.” The condition of Israel during the reign of the wicked King Ahaz was one of darkness. The world into which the Christ child was born was one of darkness, corrupt and dominated by self-serving powers. We find the Magi, gentiles from afar, traveling in darkness; not sure of their destination, but guided by a great light – “the brightest and best of the stars of the morning.” In the words of this hymn, we hear the Magi praying for even greater illumination, and their words express hope as they see the light of the star adorning and brightening the horizon. They are concerned about the way in which they will honor the infant Redeemer. They are prepared with expensive gifts, but realize that the greatest offering they can bring is the gift of one's heart. “The brightest and best of the stars of the morning” guides the Magi to the one who is the light of the world, the light that dispels darkness, the light that has dawned upon all human kind, the Savior of the world. This hymn for the season of Epiphany was written by Reginald Heber (1783-1826). He wrote hymns at a time when Anglican authorities disapproved of the singing of hymns other than psalms. Heber was a gifted poet, and known for his commitment to missionary work. Among his poems that became hymns are “Holy, Holy, Holy” and “Bread of the World in Mercy Broken.”

May the guiding light of God's love shine in and through us this year, so that our path will be illuminated and point others to Christ.

Richard Behrens

FUNDRAISER AND APPEAL UPDATE



Our two holiday fundraisers were very successful! The Holiday Sale, held on Dec. 3, netted a total of **\$1473** for our General Fund. All of our pecans were sold (4 cases of 24 each for a total of 96 bags). The final profit total is **\$325.56**.

Donations for the Holiday Appeal are **\$2315**. We are grateful for the generosity of our members and friends who have gifted OSRC at the Christmas season. Thank you, all!!

TUESDAY COFFEE HOUR



The Tuesday morning coffee hour continues to gather for conversation, goodies, and laughs each week at **9:30am**. It's a great way to get to know those who sit in the pews on Sundays! So often we don't have the time to visit and learn about our friends at OSRC. All are welcome to join the group!

WOMENS' GUILD DISBANDED

At its last meeting, the consistory gave its approval to the disbanding of the Women's Guild, due to declining membership and interest. Most of the women who were members are actively supporting the church in other ways. The guild purchased a **\$1000** savings bond for **\$500** many years ago, which was now worth **\$1095**. It was redeemed and added to the General Fund of the church. The guild also transferred their remaining funds to the church.

OUR MISSIONS

Monthly: *Community Hospice of Saratoga*

Quarterly: *Drilling For Hope*

*We were happy to have had a visit from **Karen Flewelling** on Sunday, January 1st. She likes to visit and worship with the various churches which support Drilling for Hope.*

Ongoing: *Support for Ukraine*



NEW

DIRECTORY

It is time to update our church directory! If your address has changed, or if you have a new phone number or e-mail, please let the office know. **(518-695-3479)**

If you would like an updated directory, please sign up to receive one (as soon as they are available) or call the office to reserve yours.

CODE RED

Code Red (reverse 911) is your best source for being notified about emergencies that can affect you and your families in the village, such as boil water advisories, road closures or missing children. Landlines are in the system for reverse 911, but cell phones are not, unless you register these numbers. Below is the web address to sign up for this. You can also find this link on the village website. If you are unable to sign up, you may call us or send in your information and we will add you to the system.

<https://public.coderedweb.com/cne/en-US/BF26DE55718D>

ECUMENICAL BIBLE STUDY



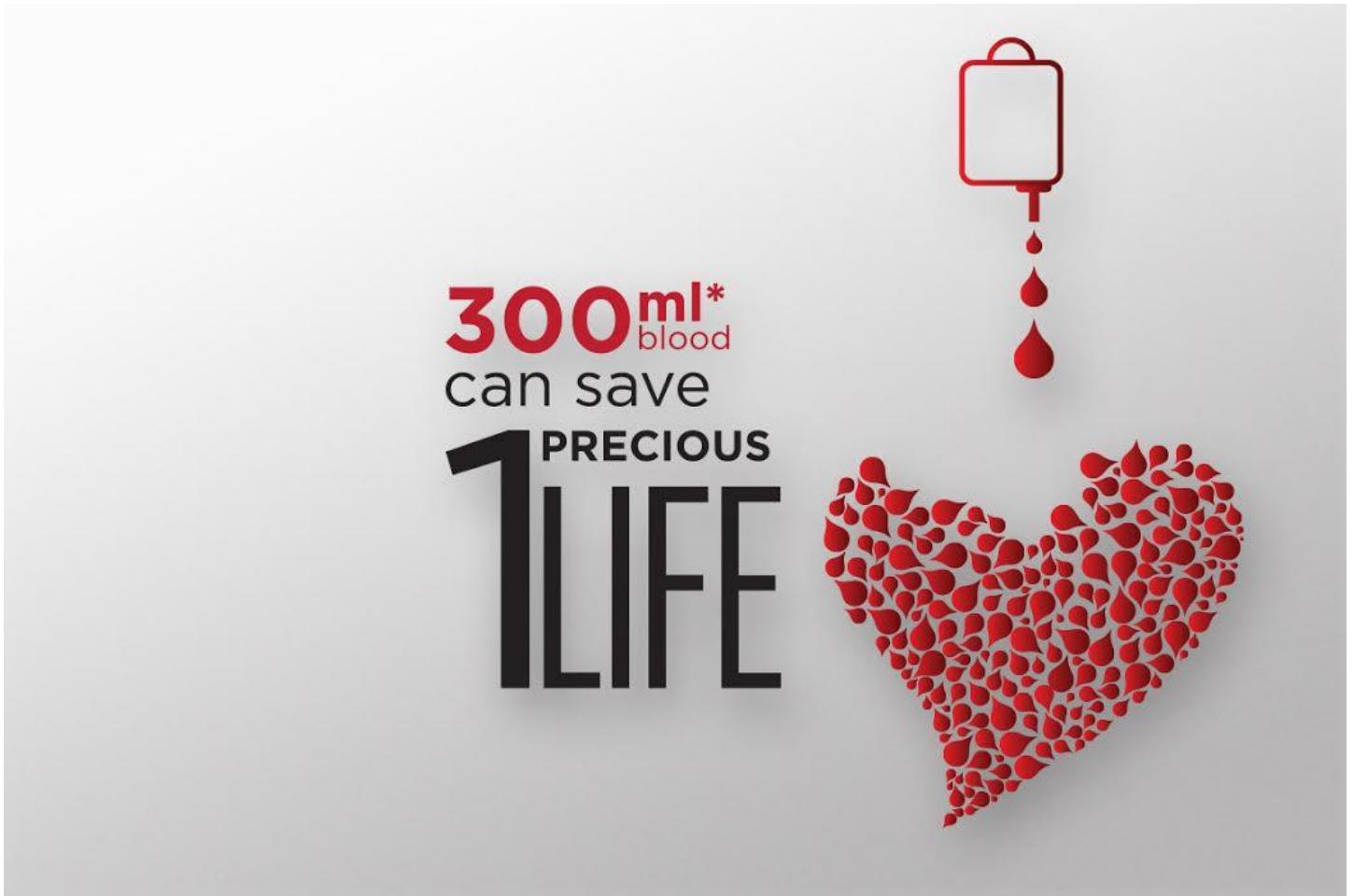
Bible Study has resumed on **Wednesdays, at 9:45am**. The group has recently begun a study of the "Women of the Bible." If you wish to learn more about the women of Biblical times, you are welcome to join the group. People of all denominations are encouraged to attend.

Winter



I sit watching Winter return
To the stubbled field
Fill up the screens with flakes,
The porch chairs already white
The wind blows snow to wherever
It can find a resting place.
And I? Warm, protected, solitary, observe
Through a window,
Wonder what I, too, should
Let go, let come, let change.

Renee Domlier, OSB



Blood Drive

Old Saratoga Reformed Church

48 Pearl Street, Schuylerville NY 12871

Saturday, Feb. 18, 2023

8am-12:30pm

To Schedule an appointment, please contact Red Cross at

1-800-RED CROSS or

Visit redcrossblood.org and use sponsor keyword SCHUYLERVILLE

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***Sacrament of Holy Communion and
Installation of Consistory Members
Sunday, January 8 10am***

***Sunday, January 15 10am
Guest Worship Leaders: Amber Deyoe and Sheryl Norton***