

JACOB'S WELL

July/August 2023

July 2 FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST Celebration of the Lord's Supper

Lectionary Readings: *Genesis 22: 1-14; Psalm 13: Jeremiah 28: 5-9; Psalm 89: 1-4, 15-18;
Romans 6: 12-23; Matthew 10: 40-42*

Greeter: Terri Richards

Liturgist: Pam Seward

Usher: Duffy Whitehouse

Communion Servers: Mark Booth/Paula Sheely

Communion Cleanup: Richard Behrens

Counters: Paula Sheely/Mark Booth

July 9 SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Lectionary Readings: *Genesis 24: 34-38, 42-49, 58-67; Psalm 45: 10-17;*

Song of Solomon 2: 8-13; Zechariah 9: 9-12; Psalm 145: 8-14; Romans 7: 15-25a; Matthew 11: 16-19, 25-30

Greeter: Pat Woomer

Liturgist: Mark Booth

Usher: Anne Mitchell

Counters: Rob Hayner/Bridget Critelli

July 16 SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Lectionary Readings: *Genesis 25: 19-34; Psalm 119: 105-112; Isaiah 55: 10-13;*

Psalm 65: (1-8), 9-13; Romans 8: 1-11; Mathew 13: 1-9, 18-23

Greeter: Anne Mitchell

Liturgist: Paula Sheely

Usher: Pat Woomer

Counters: Cindy Brockman/ Bridget Critelli

July 23 EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Lectionary Readings: *Genesis 28: 10-19a; Psalm 139: 1-12, 23-24; Wisdom of Solomon 12:
13, 16-19; Isaiah 44: 6-8; Psalm 86: 11-17; Romans 8: 12-25; Matthew 13: 24-30, 36-43*

Greeter: Richard Behrens

Liturgist: Amber Deyoe

Usher: Kim Thayer

Counters: Paula Sheely/Rob Hayner

July 30 NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST Guest Worship Leader: Preaching Elder Richard Behrens

Lectionary Readings: *Genesis 29: 15-28; Psalm 105: 1-11, 45b; Psalm 128; 1 Kings 3: 5-12;
Psalm 119: 129-136; Romans 8: 26-39; Matthew 13: 31-33, 44-52*

Greeter: Amber Deyoe

Liturgist: Chris Garney

Usher: Bill Olmert

Counters: Mark Booth/Cindy Brockman

August 6 TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST Celebration of the Lord's Supper

Lectionary Readings: *Genesis 32: 22-31; Psalm 17: 1-7, 15; Isaiah 55: 1-5;*

Psalm 145: 8-9, 14-21; Romans 9: 1-5; Matthew 14: 13-21

Greeter: Jean Wells

Liturgist: Pam Seward

Usher: Anne Mitchell

Communion Servers: Cindy Brockman/Bridget Critelli

Communion Cleanup: Bill Olmert

Counters: Bridget Critelli/Cindy Brockman

August 13 ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Lectionary Readings: *Genesis 37: 1-4, 12-28; Psalm 105: 1-6, 16-22, 45b; 1 Kings 19: 9-18;*

Psalm 85: 8-13; Romans 10: 5-15; Matthew 14: 22-33

Greeter: Anne Mitchell

Liturgist: Chris Garney

Usher: Duffy Whitehouse

Counters: Cindy Brockman/Bruce Guerineau

August 20 TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Lectionary Readings: *Genesis 45: 1-15; Psalm 133; Isaiah 56: 1, 6-8; Psalm 67;*

Romans 11: 1-2a. 29-32; Matthew 15: (10-20), 21-28

Greeter: Duffy Whitehouse

Liturgist: Pat Woomer

Usher: Pat Woomer

Counters: Paula Sheely/ Mark Booth

August 27 THIRTEENTH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST

Lectionary Readings: *Exodus 1: 8-2: 10; Psalm 124; Isaiah 51: 1-6; Psalm 138;*

Romans 12: 1-8; Matthew 16: 13-20

Greeter: Pat Woomer

Liturgist: Anne Mitchell

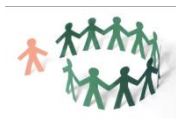
Usher: Richard Behrens

Counters: Mark Booth/Rob Hayner

Worship services begin at 10am. Communion is celebrated the first Sunday of the month.

Our sanctuary is handicapped accessible.

OSRC STATEMENT OF INCLUSION



Led by the love of Jesus Christ, we, the people of OSRC in Schuylerville, faithfully declare that we are a Welcoming and Affirming congregation. We welcome into the full life of our congregation all persons whom God calls to us, and affirm their gifts to the Glory of God.



PASTOR'S PONDER

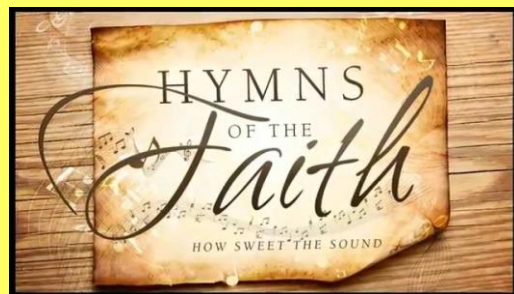
Wishing you all a happy summer, filled with respite and activities that fill your soul with joy and raise your spirits!

I frequently preach a series that departs from the revised common lectionary in the summer months, but this year I'll be following the Old Testament readings from the lectionary in Genesis and Exodus. I haven't preached on many of them in all my years of ministry, and I find they have new intrigue for me—and I hope for you as well. We will be rediscovering “old familiar” stories remembered from Sunday School—back in the Dark Ages—as an adult...or hearing them afresh for the first time. There is much more to them now than I ever imagined as a child, and I look forward to challenging us and sharing newfound meanings over the next couple of months. I hope you enjoy visiting—or revisiting them—as much as I! Looking forward to seeing you in church!

-- In faith, *Pastor Susan*

Summer Old Testament Foundational Stories of Faith Readings—A summer of DRAMA and deceit, fate and faithfulness, anger and exultation, anticipation, frustration, and fulfillment!

July 2	Genesis 22:1-14	The Command to Sacrifice Isaac
July 9	Genesis 24:34-38, 42-49, 58-67	The Marriage of Isaac and Rebekah
July 16	Genesis 25:19-34	The Birth and Youth of Esau and Jacob
July 23	Genesis 28:10-19a	Jacob's Dream at Bethel (Jacob's Ladder)
July 30	Genesis 29:15-28	Jacob Marries Laban's Daughters
August 6	Genesis 32:22-31	Jacob Wrestles at Peniel
August 13	Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28	Joseph Dreams of Greatness
August 20	Genesis 45:1-15	Joseph Reveals Himself to His Brothers
August 27	Exodus 1:8-2:10	The Israelites are Oppressed/Birth and Youth of Moses



**Do you have a favorite hymn?
Let me know so I can work it into our worship!
Email revskerr@gmail.com,
Or drop me a note into the offering plate!**



HELP!!! SEEKING A NEW SECRETARY

The Consistory is seeking to hire a new church secretary now that Duffy has retired. While it is an essentially clerical position, other considerations are important as well: a kindly phone and in-person manner, patience, efficient organizational habits, ability to prioritize, knowledge of Microsoft Word and gmail, strong written and verbal communication skills and reasonable typing skill, as well as some proficiency with social media (Facebook, website updates). Familiarity with the workings of a church and the Christian year is a plus, but being a “quick study” is fine as well. *Ability to handle confidential information with discretion is a must.* Scheduling at present is three mornings a week, 9 – noon, with some flexibility. The position is open after June 30, with the expectation to begin on a regular basis as of September 1 at the latest. Please send resume and enquiries to the church email at:
oldsaratogareformed@gmail.com

GRATITUDE CORNER

Thank you to all of you who faithfully maintain your financial support of Old Saratoga throughout the summer months! While many families and individuals budget carefully for vacations every year, the habit of including church support in family budgets has fallen out of favor in our culture, which adds to the burden of building and program maintenance and renovation, just to keep current in the church! There is plenty of time to make your tax-deductible, charitable contribution or special memorial remembrance to Old Saratoga in support of our ministries, to preserve and renew our facilities, and to give glory to God!

WHAT’S GOING ON AT THE PARSONAGE?



“Your house, our home”: Pastor’s son Andrew Perti donates time: preps the hen house and mixes paint; PAINTING DONE on the dry week between rain storms! Gardening work continues around the house. Stay after worship for Lemonade on the Porch July 16th, and see the progress in person!

CHURCH FAMILY

BIRTHDAYS -July 2: Harvey Howd; 3: Kathleen Bartholomay; 6: Ashley Buchanan; 9: Richard Behrens; 10: Henrietta Edgar; 17: Duffy Whitehouse; 20: Alyson Fitzgerald ; 26: Catherine Alice Pooler; 28: Trevor Scott Mellen; 28: Florence Sherman; 30: Amberlyn (Wilbur) Deyoe; 30: Helen Lofgren

August

4: Kelsey Buchanan; 10: Brian Richards; 11: David Garrand; 12: Maeve Gilman; 13: Terri Richards
17: Cindy Kerr; 18: Zachary Mellen; 18: Ian Kerr; 19: Stephen Bodnar; 20: Declan Mellen;
21: Crystal Richards; 21: Makenzie Harrington; 24: Carolyn Markwith; 25: Donald MacMillan IV
25: Sarah Brockman; 27: Nicholas Thayer

ANNIVERSARIES – July

20: Mark and Patti Booth

August 2: Dale and Christine Cox; 3: Joyce and David de Velder; 8: Pam and Joe Driscoll
15: Gene and Sue Usher, 1952

THANK YOU

Dear OSRC Friends,

Thank you for the wonderful retirement party last Sunday. It was heartwarming to see you all, and what thoughtful and generous gifts I received – I guess I'm pretty vocal about my likes and dislikes!! All the food was great and the cake – out of this world!! The beautiful gazing ball and stand found its home in my front yard and looks perfect there!

I have really enjoyed the last 21 years as the church secretary, getting to know so many of you better through your office visits, and through our involvement in events at the church. It is very inspiring to see how much the church means to all of us, and how so many do so much behind the scenes. My time in the office is the only aspect of church life that will change for me, so I look forward to continuing the friendships I have made with you.

With grateful thanks, and much love for you all...

Duffy

SYMPATHY

*...to the family and friends of **Joan (Germain) Lapitsky**, who died on Tuesday, June 13 at home. Her funeral was held on Friday, June 16 at the Kilmer Funeral Home in Fort Edward, with interment following at Union Cemetery, also in Fort Edward. Condolences may be sent to the Lapitsky Family at 44 County Route 70A, Greenwich, NY 12834. Memorial gifts may be sent to Old Saratoga Reformed Church, 48 Pearl Street, Schuylerville NY 12871*

*...to the family and friends of **Margaret (Eckert) Jacobson**, who died at the Home of the Good Shepherd in Malta on Friday, June 16. Her funeral service will be held at the church on Saturday, July 8 at 11am, with the Rev. Susan Kerr officiating. Friends are invited to a reception at The Basin in Schuylerville. Condolences may go to Glenn Jacobson, 182 Charleton Rd. Ballston Spa, NY 12020*

*..to the family and friends of **Steven Kurowski** who died unexpectedly on June 19. Condolences may be sent to his wife, Sue Fero –Kurowski, 4364 Skates Circle Fort Myers FL 33905*

CHURCH LIFE

Hymns of Our Faith



“I Sing the Mighty Power of God”

*“I sing the mighty power of God that made the mountains rise,
that spread the flowing seas abroad and built the lofty skies.
I sing the wisdom that ordained the sun to rule by day;
The moon shines full at his command and all the stars obey.”*

“In this hymn, we extol the power, wisdom, and goodness of God as seen in the created order. We recognize that it is God who has made all these beautiful wonders, and that it is He who keeps the world in order through his ever-present care.” ¹

The writer of this hymn is Isaac Watts (1674-1748.) He has been referred to as the “Father of English Hymnody” and is credited with writing 750 hymns. More than 400 of Watts’ hymns are in current use. Among many favorites are “O God, Our Help in Ages Past”, “Joy to the World”, and “When I Survey the Wondrous Cross.”

“I Sing the Mighty Power of God” was originally composed for children, and was entitled “Praise for Creation and Providence.” Watts led the way in the inclusion, during worship, of original songs of Christian experience at a time when worship music consisted primarily of reciting texts from the Psalms. Watts’ introduction of Biblical poetry opened a new era of hymnody.

While many hymns are based on a single portion of Scripture, this hymn draws from many passages, all speaking to God’s creative power, and presence in both “flower and tempest.” Among the many source passages are Genesis 1: 17-18, Psalm 95: 4-6; Psalm 136: 3-9, and Jeremiah 10: 12-13. I encourage you to read these passages.

*“There’s not a plant or flower below but makes your glories known;
And clouds arise and tempests blow by order of your throne;
while all that borrows life from you is ever in your care,
And everywhere that I may be, you, God, are present there.”*

1. Hymnary.org

BLUE BOX

The Blue Box, which was located in the alley behind the parsonage, has been removed. It was in bad condition after many years, and was an eyesore to many, especially when items were left outside the box as garbage. OSRC will still receive funds for the two boxes which are down in Byron's parking lot, and the one at Patti Jolie's veterinary office on Rt. 29, heading to Saratoga. You are encouraged to take your donations to either of these locations. We especially thank these two business people for their willingness to house a box for donations that support our ministry and mission.

GRADUATES - AND MORE....

Ajay Deyoe recently graduated from Clarkson University with a Bachelor's Degree in Mechanical Engineering. He is currently employed by Global Foundaries. Ajay is the son of **Amber and John Deyoe**.

Trevor and Bridgette Mellen recently graduated from Suhuarita High School in Arizona, where they live with **Jim and Donna Mellen**. Bridgette plans to attend classes at the University of Arizona, and Trevor's plans for the future are yet to be firmed up.

Becca Sheely-King has passed the "notoriously difficult" Structural Engineer exam, which has a pass rate of only 24%! Becca is the sole SE license holder in the company for which she works, and thus expands the company's capabilities in high hazard regions. Becca is the daughter of **Paula and Doug Sheely**.

SUMMER SEASON MISSIONS

Quarterly Mission- World Missions (South Sudan Refugee Care Project) While new humanitarian crises continue to force the migration of marginalized people groups, the violent conflict in South Sudan has continued. The people of south Sudan are rarely in the current news cycle. But more than 4 million people are forcefully displaced, many of whom live in refugee camps in Uganda and other neighboring countries. While living in the camps, they face ongoing threats to their safety and security, including conflict within the camps among refugees with different political/tribal affiliations, and conflict between the refugees and their host communities.

July- Things of My Very Own- funds donated go to give children, who have been forced to leave an abusive situation quickly (and do not have time to gather their personal belongings before they must leave for their personal safety) new items to replace what they have left behind.

August- Wellspring (Domestic Violence Services)- provides safe shelter, crisis intervention, counseling, advocacy, and many other services to the victims of domestic violence and sexual assault with the goal of helping individuals and families build a future free from fear.

TURNING POINT PARADE - Sunday, Aug. 6 at 1pm

The Annual Turning Point Parade will be at 1pm on Sunday, August 6th. You are welcome to park your car at the church and walk down to watch the parade, which is the highlight of the summer season in the Village of Schuylerville!

COMING UP – save the dates!!!

Our Annual Church Family picnic will be held on Sunday, July 23 at the home of Duffy Whitehouse, following the worship service. A signup sheet will be posted so you can indicate the number attending and the dish you will bring to share. Come spend the afternoon in the “country” with your church family!

And in October....



BEER AND BRATS!!

Saturday evening, October 14 at 5pm

Come to celebrate fall at the home of Duffy Whitehouse with a beer and a brat (or a hot dog or burger and a soda, water, etc.)

(More information to follow in next month's Jw.)

SAFE SUMMER SUPPER - June 28



In between the rain showers of the last week or so, 60+ community members met together on the lawn of OSRC to enjoy a meal together. Delicious pulled pork was donated by the St. Stephen's congregation, and many of those in attendance brought a dish to share with their friends and neighbors of the ecumenical community. Music was provided by the “Rose and Thorns” – (Christopher Tucker, Bruce Guerineau and Vicki Young.) It was a happy day of sharing food and faith!!

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Sacrament of Holy Communion
Sunday, July 2, August 6, Sept. 3
10am



Lemonade on the Lawn every Sunday following worship!

Church Family Picnic Sunday, July 23 following worship
(see inside for details)