

JACOB'S WELL

JUNE 2024



June 2nd – Second Sunday after Pentecost

Greeter: Janice Cornell

Liturgist: Mark Booth

Usher: Bridget Critelli

Counters: Anne Mitchell, Bruce Guerineau

Communion Setup: Patrick Woomer

Communion Servers: Anne Mitchell, Bruce Guerineau

Communion Cleanup: Richard Behrens

June 9th – Third Sunday after Pentecost

Greeter: Karl Thayer

Liturgist: Paula Sheely

Usher: Richard Behrens

Counters: Anne Mitchell, Patrick Woomer

June 16th – Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Greeter: Jean Wells

Liturgist: Patrick Woomer

Usher: Patrick Woomer

Counters: Patrick Woomer, Cindy Brockman

June 23rd – Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

Greeter: Kim Thayer

Liturgist: Anne Mitchell

Usher: Bill Olmert

Counters: Bridget Critelli, Bruce Guerineau

June 30th – Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

Greeter: Duffy Whitehouse

Liturgist: Richard Behrens

Usher: Bridget Critelli

Counters: Cindy Brockman, Mark Booth

Liturgy Readings

June 2nd

1 Samuel 3:1-10, (11-20) Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18

Deuteronomy 5:12-15 Psalm 81:1-10

2 Corinthians 4:5-12 Mark 2:23-3:6

June 9th

1 Samuel 8:4-11, (12-15), 16-20, (11:14-15)

Psalm 138 Genesis 3:8-15 Psalm 130

2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1 Mark 3:20-35

June 16th

1 Samuel 15:34-16:13 Psalm 20

Ezekiel 17:22-24 Psalm 92:1-4, 12-15

2 Corinthians 5:6-10, (11-13), 14-17

Mark 4: 26-34

June 23rd

1 Samuel 17:(1a, 4-11, 19-23), 32-49

Psalm 9:9-20 Job 38:1-11

Psalm 107:1-3, 23-32 2 Corinthians 6:1-13

Mark 4:35-41

June 30th

2 Samuel 1:1, 17-27 Psalm 130

Lamentations 3:22-33 Psalm 30

2 Corinthians 8:7-15 Mark 5:21-43



Pastor's Ponder

Greetings Friends and Members of OSRC,
I've been reading a lot over the past seven weeks since right knee replacement surgery, as I spend a lot of time daily elevating and icing to attempt to quell the intense swelling that seems to be my particular plague with this thing. One of the books I have beside me is my Bible. In truth, I own approximately a dozen bibles—various translations, from a dog-eared paperback copy of The Message, to a weighty crumbling leather-bound King James tome that has spidery-script listings of my mother's family going back to the mid-

early- 19th c, to children's Bibles, to contemporary individual volumes of the gospels ("Cotton Patch Gospel", 1968-1973—highly recommend them!), to both individual and collective academic translations and commentaries of the books of the Bible. I have a French language Bible, a New International version, a Catholic Jerusalem Bible, a Jewish Scriptures Bible (the Tenach: needless to say, Old Testament only!). There is at least one Old Testament in Hebrew and one New Testament in Greek, and a quite new Inclusive Language Bible. I'm sure I'm forgetting some... but the one I have with me while I ice is my "working Bible", an NRSV (new revised standard version) that has large print on onion-skin pages. It is full of prayer cards of folks I have buried, photos of Bible Study groups in the past, little notes that I particularly cherish from friends and family. It is underlined and marked up with notes and comments in the margins. The binding is showing some serious wear. It continues to speak to me in new ways with old familiar passages, as well as through verses and story lines I have read but forgotten, and which now have new meaning because I have an older perspective from a different season of my life.

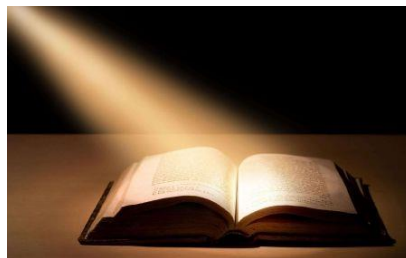
Do you have a Bible that you call "yours"? Is it easy for you to read? Do you enjoy opening it to a random spot and seeing what's going on?

If you do not, or have not... oh my! Do a browse or ask me for a suggestion for a translation of scripture that would suit you both in your time of life, and will grow with you into the future! Be aware that there is not "ONE correct translation" of God's holy and inspired Word, but there are MANY different directions that translators have come from in order to prepare a version—especially with built-in study guides—intended to further their theological agendas. How does your Bible speak to you, and how does it help you listen for God's Word in your life (apart from a "party line")?

I'm going to share passages in worship this summer from a variety of translations of the Bible—for fun, for edification, for conversation and evaluation. But I promise I'll always come back to my old NRSV—with sprinklings of the New International Readers Bible version—and I'd love to know what you think, as well as what YOU read and "always come back to", to hear the Word of God.

May Christ's blessings abound--

--In faith, *Pastor Susan*



Church Budget: *Many of us go away on vacations during the summer months, but the church's ministry and mission obligations do not go away. Your gracious continuing support of Old Saratoga truly matters. Thank you for your caring, and your thoughtful generosity in continuing the ministry of this beloved historic church.*

Hymns of Our Faith

By Richard Behrens

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

“Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling”

***“Holy Spirit, ever dwelling in the holiest realms of light;
Holy Spirit, ever brooding o’er a world of gloom and night;
Holy Spirit, ever raising those of earth to thrones on high;
Living, life imparting Spirit, you we praise and magnify.”***

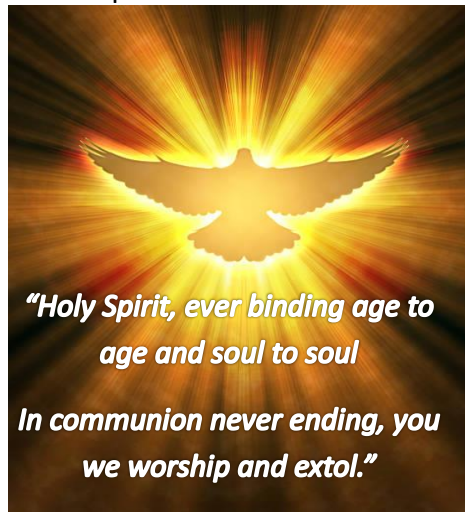
“Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling” is especially suited to the beginning of the Season of Pentecost; that time in the life of the Church when the promised Holy Spirit filled the hearts of Jesus’ followers. Uncertainty over what would follow the Savior’s ascension into heaven is now displaced by hope. Through the work of the Holy Spirit, the Church is empowered and mission oriented.

The poem which constitutes the body of this hymn was composed by Timothy Rees (1874-1939), a Welsh clergyman who served the last eight years of his life as Anglican Bishop of Llandaff in Wales. Noted as a great scholar and orator, Rees distinguished himself as a military chaplain during World War I as he ministered among the British soldiers in the trenches in France. Although he was a member of the Welsh establishment by birth, his work as Bishop found him to be a champion of the common people during a depression in the mining industry in Wales. Many of Rees’ hymns remind us of the presence and work of the Trinity in our lives.

This hymn of tribute to the Holy Spirit emphasizes the place and function of the third person of the Trinity in the on-going work of Christ’s Church. Significant use is made of the word “ever,” reminding us of the constant availability of the Spirit. The Spirit “lives and dwells, broods, strives, forms, raises, and imparts.” The Spirit “quickens, strengthens, absolves, and sets captives free.”

The Spirit is then worthy of our praise and endless worship.

We read in Acts 4:31: “When they had prayed, the place in which they were gathered together was shaken; and they were filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke the word of God with boldness.



Financial Update

Old Saratoga Reformed Church: Designated Funds (As of 5/31/24)					
		Missions			
Organization	Budget	Carryover	Received	Paid	Balance
Albany Synod Mission	\$100.00				\$0.00
Quarterly Ministries	\$800.00		\$220.00	\$200.00	\$20.00
ADK Save a Stray	\$100.00		\$95.00	\$100.00	(\$5.00)
Wellspring	\$110.00		August		
Camperships	\$300.00	\$100.00		\$300.00	(\$300.00)
Gateway House of Peace	\$110.00		June		
Bottles/Cans Ministries	\$600.00	\$7,469.08	\$22.00		\$7,491.08
Things of My Very Own	\$110.00		July		
Community Hospice	\$110.00		\$83.00	\$110.00	(\$27.00)
Disaster Relief	\$200.00			\$250.00	(\$250.00)
SAIL	\$100.00		December		
Rebuilding Together	\$150.00		September		
Prospect Hill	\$30.00				
Caring & Sharing	\$115.00		\$103.00	\$115.00	(\$12.00)
Schuyler Hose	\$125.00		October		
Saratoga Bridges	\$110.00		\$68.00		\$68.00
Habitat for Humanity	\$100.00		\$68.00	\$100.00	(\$32.00)
Guardian House	\$100.00		November		
Giving Circle(Teacher)	\$312.00			\$312.00	(\$312.00)
General Missions			\$187.00		\$187.00
Deacons' Disc. Fund	\$100.00	\$710.85			\$710.85
Total Missions	\$3,782.00	\$8,279.93	\$846.00	\$1,487.00	\$7,638.93
Pastor's Disc. Fund	\$1,000.00	\$1,411.68		\$630.95	\$780.73
Carpet Fund		\$2,549.87	\$300.00		\$2,849.87
Memorial Fund		\$490.00			\$490.00
Total Designated Funds					\$11,759.53

Deacons' Fund by Month					
Jan. \$83	Apr. \$68	Jul. \$	Oct. \$		
Feb. \$78	May \$68	Aug. \$	Nov. \$		
Mar. \$95	Jun. \$	Sept. \$	Dec. \$		
Quarterly Missions					
Drilling for Hope	Fowler	World Missions	Giving Circle		
1: \$125	2: \$95	3: \$	4: \$		

Old Saratoga Reformed Church: 2024 Fund Raisers (As of 5/31/24)				
	Income	Expenses	Profit	Profit
2023 Pecans	\$306.00		\$306.00	NA
Souper Supper	\$760.00	\$180.64	\$579.36	76.23%
Lasagna Dinner	\$2,691.00	\$506.39	\$2,184.61	81.18%
Yard Sale	\$202.75		\$202.75	100.00%
Harvest Dinner			\$0.00	
Pecans			\$0.00	
Holiday Sale			\$0.00	
Blue Box	\$557.45		\$557.45	100.00%
Total	\$4,517.20	\$687.03	\$3,830.17	

June Giving

Quarterly Mission: Fowler Ministries

Owned and operated by the RCA, Camp Fowler is a non-profit children's camp located in Lake Pleasant, NY. Camp Fowler aims to be a place grounded in love, openness, and compassionate Christianity, where kids can be themselves and learn from those who are different from them. All are welcome, whether you consider yourself a follower of Christ or not. All camp generated income from retreats, summer camp, facility rentals fees, and donations help to ensure that any child who wants to attend camp, can.

Deacon's Mission: Gateway House of Peace

Founded in 2006 by Joni Hanchett, Gateway House of Peace is a community support home for end-of-life care, dedicated to providing a safe, comfortable and caring residence for terminally ill patients in need of a home during their final days. The facility has beds for two residents at a time and offers a spacious, home-like setting – including a spacious living room, fully equipped kitchen, and large dining room table for home cooked meals – so that residents, families, and friends can spend their last days together in a comfortable, compassionate, and peaceful environment.

UPCOMING EVENTS

June 2nd, 3pm: Duo organists Elizabeth and Raymond Chenault will be playing a free concert at St. Kateri Tekakwitha Parish, 1803 Union Street, Schenectady, NY. The concert is co-sponsored by St. Kateri Tekakwitha Parish, Allen Organ Studios, and the Eastern NY chapter of the American Guild of Organists, with the purpose of dedicating St. Kateri's new custom Allen hybrid organ.

June 3rd: Village Trash Week begins: register at the Village Office on or before May 30th, \$10 per household

June 30th, Noon: Church Picnic hosted by Duffy Whitehouse at her home, sign-up sheets will be posted in Loomis Hall, please sign up if you plan on attending

September 21st: Musicians of Ma'alwyck concert



September 14th OSRC YARD SALE

We are not yet accepting donations, but keep this date in mind if you would like to start setting items aside.

*We **cannot** take electronics, furniture, coffee mugs, or full sets of dishes – no one is really buying photo frames either – but we will gladly accept clothing, shoes, purses, pots, pans, jewelry, trinkets, toys, books, tools, camping gear, and more!*

An email will go out and announcements will be made once we are able to start accepting donations.

Please help us spread the word!



ANNOUNCEMENTS

We will be starting to host WIC clinics in Loomis Hall, on the first Thursday of every month from 9:30am-3:30pm, starting June 6th. Please help spread the word so that it can reach those who may benefit from it!

The Café Musica Benefit Concert held here last month raised \$725 for Drilling for Hope! Karen Flewelling has stated in her letter of thanks that the money raised from the concert will be put towards building a well at a school in Madagascar.

Weekly Bible Study will suspend after the June 12th meeting, and resume again in September.

The last day for the choir program this year was May 26th.



Mark and Patti Booth will be travelling to Arizona this month as Mark serves as an Elder Delegate at the General Synod meeting. We thank him for his service in this role, and ask for prayers for a safe and enjoyable trip for them as they drive across the country and back!

Current Consistory Terms: *Consistory members can serve up to 3 terms of service, consisting of 2 years apiece, for up to 6 years of consecutive service.*

<u>Position</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Term</u>	<u>Eligible for re-election in 2025?</u>
Deacon	Cindy Brockman	Term 2, Year 2	yes
Deacon	Bridget Critelli	Term 2, Year 1	serving 2 nd year of term
Deacon	Bruce Guerineau	Term 2, Year 2	yes
Elder	Mark Booth	Term 2, Year 2	yes
Elder	Anne Mitchell	Term 1, Year 1	serving 2 nd year of term
Elder	Patrick Woomer	1 yr interim appt.	eligible to be elected for term 1, year 1, if desired

RCA Announcements

RCA Mission 2025: January 16-18, 2025: "RCA Global Mission is excited to invite you to Mission 2025: Roots and Branches—a gathering of people with a passion for and a desire to engage in mission. This three-day event will be packed with an amazing lineup of 20+ missionaries and speakers who will inspire individuals and churches to root deeper in God's call to serve globally while also reaching and growing wherever God might be leading. Early bird registration opens on April 8. Don't miss out on this chance to be part of something incredible! www.rca.org/mission2025."

Thanks to generous donors, scholarships for Mission 2025 are available for individuals between the ages of 18-28 that are either associated with the RCA or a church that partners with the RCA Global Mission, or attend an RCA related educational institution. Applications are due by September 30th, 2024 and can be found here: <https://www.rca.org/global-mission/mission-2025/scholarships/>

The RCA Restructuring Team has released their final report, after considering and incorporating the feedback they have received. The final report contains the recommendations the team plans to bring to General Synod. The report can be found here: <https://www.rca.org/synod/rca-restructuring-team/final-report/>

Support The Giving Circle's Mitzen Clinic

(taken from an email from The Giving Circle)

The Mitzen Medical Clinic in the small Ugandan village of Mutai is so, so, so close to its grand opening as a full-fledged mini-hospital, similar to what we would call an Urgent Care facility here in the United States.

Thanks to the generosity of our donors, the clinic's construction is 100 percent complete. The Giving Circle's dedicated nursing staff, Lydia and Denis, have been treating patients from Mutai and neighboring Kagoma Gate for more than a year. During our team trip in early July, we plan to install solar panels and a 10-kilowatt battery unit to provide power for blood and urine analysis, vaccine and pharmacy refrigerators, lab equipment, lights and other critical tools needed to treat patients. Our newest staff member, Dr. Daniel Muwanguzi, is diligently working to prepare the clinic for certification by the Ugandan Ministry of Health. Now, we're calling on you once more — this time to help outfit the clinic with medical supplies and equipment.

Here's a partial list of what's needed:

- Microscopes: \$1,100
- Blood analyzer: \$9,600
- 4 computers and one printer: \$2,000
- 2 wheelchairs: \$350 each
- Centrifuge: \$800
- Pharmacy Fridge (2): \$1,950 each
- Blood Pressure Monitors (4): \$100 each
- Infant Scale: \$80
- Adult Scale: \$100
- Pulse oximeter: \$60
- Nebulizer: \$125
- Oxygen concentrator: \$800
- Chemistry analyzer: \$6,750
- Antibiotics, anti-malarial drugs: \$1,000



In total, it will take more than \$25,000 to turn The Giving Circle's Mitzen Clinic into a small hospital/urgent care to meet the needs of about 600 families in Kagoma Gate and Mutai. You can help by donating at <https://www.thegivingcircle.org/health>

Thank you so much for helping The Giving Circle realize this dream — and for saving lives in one of the most impoverished villages on earth.

Church Family

June Birthdays

6/3: Dale Cox

6/3: Kylie Dyke

6/5: Chris Garney

6/5: Bonnie Garrand

6/5: Eric Richards

6/9: Rich Zotzmann

6/11: Gerry Barber

6/12: Pam Driscoll

6/15: Mellenie Rose Booth

6/16: Nicholas Casey

6/17: Ajay Thomas Deyoe

6/21: Matthew Waldinger

6/23: Olivia Edgar

6/24: Jenny Middlebrook

6/25: Patti Zotzmann

6/28: Walter Kroner

6/29: Sue Hughes

June Anniversaries

6/9: Jean Stark & Walter Kroner

6/25: Cindy & Jim Brockman

THE CONSISTORY OF OLD SARATOGA

ELDERS: Mark Booth, Anne Mitchell,
Patrick Woomer

DEACONS: Bruce Guerineau,
Cindy Brockman, Bridget Critelli

MINISTER: Rev. Susan Kerr
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Gratitude Corner

Thanks extended:

Thank you to Doug Sheely for removing the fence in the yard behind the church and filling in the holes it left behind.

Thank you to Chris Garney for her faithful attention to the Church's finances.

Thank you to the Choir for another spectacular season of worship music!

Thanks Received:

We have received letters of thanks from:

Karen Flewelling of Drilling for Hope, thanking us for our support of her work following our Café Musica Benefit Concert.

Camp Fowler, for our donation of \$300

The Community Foundation for the Greater Capital Region, for our donation of \$200 to their Drilling for Hope Fund

In Our Prayers

Florence Sherman, Alicia Lewie, Sue Usher,

Trevor Mellen, Gerry Barber, Claire Houston,

Florence Brown, Judith Little, Barb Elcox,

Nancy and Norman Howard,

Naomi and Charles Thayer and Family

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.

Sacrament of Holy Communion: Sunday, June 2nd

Coffee Hour every Sunday following worship!



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