

## **An Open Letter to Potential Candidates to be the Minister of Old Saratoga Reformed Church in Schuylerville New York**

Old Saratoga Reformed Church (OSRC) is an old church in a small old village. We have a history here. Some people refer to us as a place to get help. Others tell us we are known as a friendly, welcoming congregation. We are a small congregation, but we believe that our ministry continues to be important and we strive to follow in Jesus' footsteps as we minister to those near and far. We want to share God's love with others through our worship services, our involvement in making our community a better place, and in sharing our gifts locally and globally.

We are looking for a minister who wants to become part of our church family and community. We are looking for a Pastor not just a minister. One of the members of the local Ecumenical Clergy Group recently wrote about the difference between the two stating that, "To call someone pastor means you trust them with your spiritual growth and well-being. You call them that because you know they will care about you and help you become what God called you to be."

Our congregation has many strengths, but we also have areas where we need to improve. For example, we need guidance to help us set goals beyond just surviving as a congregation and to find purpose in mission beyond financial giving. For if our only goal is to survive, then that is the best we can hope for, but if our goal is to help others, then through God, anything is possible.

Thank you for taking the time to read this and to check out our profile which follows. If you think God is leading you to learn more about ministry at OSRC, we look forward to hearing from you. Please contact Christine Garney, our Search Committee Chairperson, at the phone or email address shown in the profile, or mail to the church address.

## OLD SARATOGA REFORMED CHURCH PROFILE

### Contact Information

Name of church: Old Saratoga Reformed Church (OSRC)

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### Mission

In answer to God's call to share Christ's love, we welcome people of all abilities and life situations and encourage everyone to fully participate in worship and service.

## Open Position: Pastor

Our small congregation, with the help of an endowment, has been able to support a full-time pastor with a base salary, housing and benefits. We feel this position could be filled with a part-time minister but would be open to full-time and a discussion of benefits should the right candidate apply.

## Worship Schedule

<i>Time of Worship</i>	<i>Average Attendance Five Years Ago</i>	<i>Average Attendance Today</i>
Sundays 10:00 AM	35 – 40	21

The COVID-19 pandemic reduced overall attendance which does not include those who watch online. We also lost families as their children aged out of Sunday School.

## Worship Style

Our style is relatively traditional but we are open to some new experiences. A sample bulletin is attached for reference.

## Membership

	<i>Five Years Ago</i>	<i>Today</i>
Active Confessing Members	52	52
Inactive Confessing Members	79	84

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Elders have been more liberal in keeping people on the active list as some are cautious about coming back to church.

<i>Percentage of Active (baptized &amp; confessing) Members</i>	<i>Age Range</i>
2%	0 – 20 Years Old
16%	20 – 34 Years Old
10%	35 – 49 Years Old
24%	50 – 64 Years Old
48%	65 Years and Older

The ethnicity of the congregation reflects the demographics of the area, which is Caucasian. All members speak English as their first language.

There are a variety of education levels in our congregation. Most have had up to twelve years of formal education. Many have had some education beyond high school, with many of those with a college degree. A few members have graduate degrees.

The occupations of members include engineers, office workers, business people, industrial workers and farmers. Several members are/were teachers. A large portion of our membership is retired.

### **Church Educational Programs**

Sunday School was discontinued in 2018 as children aged out and no younger children joined the church.

Ecumenical Bible Study meets at OSRC weekly, except during summer months. This program is led by one of our members who has completed his study to be a Preaching Elder. It is attended by 8 - 10 people.

### **Church Groups/Committees/Organizations**

Our annual report is attached which contains reports from our various groups, committees and organizations

### **Community Involvement**

Due to the pandemic, community involvement has been limited. Over the years, we began a food pantry and thrift shop, both of which were spun off into their own entities. Prior to the pandemic, we participated in a community picnic with the other local RCA churches. We also held free concerts for the community.

### **Community Served**

Schuylerville is an historic community. The church is located in the village, but the school district encompasses a larger area. The local community is growing in population. The village has boutique shops and restaurants, a bank and a small grocery store. Retail chain stores are within a 15 minute drive.

Schuylerville Central School is a highly rated and desirable school system.

<https://www.schuylervilleschools.org/>

Village of Schuylerville

<https://www.villageofschuylerville.org/>

Town of Saratoga  
<https://townofsaratoga.com/>

Town of Northumberland  
<https://www.townofnorthumberland.org/>

The community served is home to several other denominations including Roman Catholic, Methodist, Episcopal, Assembly of God, and two other RCA churches.

### **Cooperative Ministry**

OSRC has coordinated with the two other Reformed churches in our area, Bacon Hill RC and Fort Miller RC, to form the “Turning Point Churches”. We hold joint services with these congregations approximately three times per year, one at each church.

OSRC participates in ecumenical joint services for Lent, Thanksgiving and All Saints. There is generally a joint Christmas concert to benefit a local charity.

### **Financial Information/Congregational Giving**

Copies of our most recent Consistorial Report and our Annual Budget are attached.

Approximately 75% of our budget is contributed by living donors. Donations are made by our overall membership without dependence on any one donor. The remainder of OSRC’s budgeted funds are withdrawn from endowment dividends.

We were able to take advantage of a PPP loan for approximately \$10,000 in 2020 which has been forgiven. We have no indebtedness.

OSRC has active fundraising efforts including the following annual events:

- Church Suppers (approximately four per year)
- Christmas Crafts/Decorations Sale
- Garage Sale
- Pecan Sales
- Amazon Smile

### **Church Buildings**

Church - OSRC has a beautiful brick church with stained glass windows. It is listed on the historic registry. The sanctuary is upstairs with a fellowship hall, kitchen, church office and restrooms on the first floor. OSRC has a handicapped accessible lift. We have a circular driveway and off-street handicapped parking only. All other parking is on the street.

Parsonage – The five bedroom brick parsonage is also listed on the historic registry. It is located immediately next door to the church. The parsonage is undergoing a renovation to prepare it for the arrival of our new pastor. The kitchen and full bath are being completely replaced. The parsonage has off-street parking in a driveway.

**OSRC Paid Staff Positions**

<i>Position</i>	<i>Full/Part-Time</i>	<i>Role</i>
Office Manager	Part-Time	Our Office Manager works 3 to 5 days per week from 9am – 12pm
Organist	Part-Time	Our organist plays during our regular services and choir rehearsals
Church Cleaner	Part-Time	Our cleaner comes into the church on a flexible schedule weekly and before any special events to clean

**Consistory**

<i>Role</i>	<i>Sex</i>	<i>Occupation</i>
Elder	Female	Credit Union Executive
Elder	Male	Retired Utilities Worker
Elder	Male	Mental Health Aide
Deacon	Female	Disabilities Professional
Deacon	Female	Former Nurse
Deacon	Male	Retired Music Teacher

Consistory members are selected through election at our annual meeting held the third Sunday in November each year. Church members make nominations. Nominees may accept or decline their nominations. Candidates generally run unopposed.

**Women in Leadership at OSRC**

Our embracing of women in leadership roles is evidenced by our female pastor of 38 years. In 2022, three of the six consistory members, including the VP are women. Our membership is largely women. Most of our committee chairperson positions are also held by women.

**OSRC During the COVID-19 Pandemic**

Throughout the last 18 months, during the COVID-19 pandemic and after having lost our pastor of 38 years due to retirement, our worship services have been led by a variety of people. These include nine members of our own small congregation, each bringing their own unique gifts and perspectives to the worship experience. We also had four ordained ministers and three lay

leaders from outside our congregation. We feel we have had a wide range of spiritual experiences to help us in selecting our next pastor.

We were able to begin sharing our services via Facebook, utilizing the talents of our Minister of Music. When services were allowed in person, we continued to offer the online option to those who were not comfortable or able to attend.

### **Reflections of Who We Are**

- We have strong beliefs.
- We have set 'being an inclusive church for people of all abilities and needs' as a priority and are now looking to expanding that to include people of the LGBTQIA+ community.
- We believe in working with and respecting people of other faiths.
- The ecumenical community is important to our congregation.
- We are an empowered congregation. We kept going on our own for ten months following the retirement of our long-term pastor during the COVID pandemic. We embrace the gifts of lay leaders in worship and all areas of the church. People step up to meet needs.
- We have fun working together. We enjoy fellowship and being together. Strong friendships have evolved over time.
- We like food and have really good cooks in our congregation. Many meetings involve refreshments.
- Music is an important part of our worship. We have talented musicians in our congregation.
- We believe that we should be good stewards of the earth. We are mindful of the environment in our choices.
- We make financial investments only in companies who demonstrate good moral values.
- Although we are a small congregation, we truly believe God has a plan for us to continue to be a church. There is still work to be done and we are willing to work.
- We are not perfect. We are open to improvement with someone who is willing to work with us.

### **Gifts We Are Seeking in Our Future Pastor**

- Exhibits strong preaching/teaching skills
- Values interpersonal relationships
- Embraces ecumenical and community participation

**Attachments**

Sample Bulletin

Annual Report including Budget

Consistorial Report

**BULLETIN SAMPLE**  
**OLD SARATOGA REFORMED CHURCH**  
*Schuylerville, New York*  
*Worship Leader: Dick Behrens*

**THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY**  
**Jan. 23, 2022** **10 am**

**WELCOME!** If you are a visitor this morning, we hope you leave as a friend! Please sign our register, and know that you are welcome to worship with us again!

**HYMN BOOKS** are at the end of each pew.  
**\*The people stand**

**O COME LET US WORSHIP**

**A TIME FOR SILENT MEDITATION**  
*(Lighting the candles)*

**THE GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**RINGING OF THE BELL**

**PRELUDE**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

**SENTENCES** from Psalm 19

L: The heavens are telling the glory of God; and the firmament proclaims his handiwork.

**P: Day to day pours forth speech, and night to night declares knowledge.**

L: There is no speech, nor are there words; their voice is not heard.

**P: Yet their voice goes out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world.**

L: The law of the Lord is perfect; reviving the soul.

**P: The decrees of the Lord are sure, making wise the simple.**

L: The fear of the Lord is pure; enduring forever.

**P: The ordinances of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.**

**\*HYMN OF PRAISE # 103 Ye Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim**

**PRAYER OF ADORATION**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION** *(in unison)*

*God of all the saints, God of all the sinners, hear our prayer. We would be saintlike - holy, good, patient, loving. But we end up feeling more like sinners- full of failures of morality, selfish, mean. Perhaps you see us simply as human- as beloved, and flawed, and trying, and failing, and succeeding. In all of this, forgive the wrong that we have done, and bless the good we have accomplished. Keep on loving us, and helping us, and molding us more and more into the image of Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.*

**WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

**HEAR THE WORD OF THE GOSPEL**

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**SCRIPTURE**

Nehemiah 8: 1-3, 5-6, 8-10; Luke 4: 14-21

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

**P: Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON** "The In-Between Times"

**PRAYER FOR GOD'S BLESSING**

**\*HYMN # 310 O Word of God Incarnate**

**BLESSED ARE THEY WHO HEAR THE WORD AND DO IT**

**ANTHEM** *A Canon of Praise*  
Natalie Sleeth

**\*DOXOLOGY #809**

**PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION**

## **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

*Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed  
be thy name. Thy Kingdom come, thy  
will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread, and  
forgive us our debts, as we forgive our  
debtors. And lead us not into  
temptation, but deliver us from evil:  
for thine is the kingdom, and the  
power, and the glory forever. Amen.*

**\*HYMN # 743 Christ for the World We  
Sing**

**\*BENEDICTION AND POSTLUDE**

**GREETER:** Carolyn Markwith

**LITURGIST:** Carolyn Markwith

**USHER:** Duffy Whitehouse

**MINISTER OF MUSIC:** Christopher Tucker

**ORGANIST:** Barbara Elcox

**OLD SARATOGA REFORMED CHURCH**  
*Schuylerville, NY*  
**ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**  
*Sunday, November 21, 2021*  
*11:00 am-12:30 pm*

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**WE MEET IN GOD'S NAME**

Welcome- Paula Sheely, *Vice President of Consistory*  
Call to Order  
Lighting of the Christ Candle  
Prayer-*Pastor Rett Zabriskie*

**WE REMEMBER OUR PAST**

Approval of the Minutes: *2020 Meeting*  
Report from our Church Treasurer- *Chris Garney*  
Report on Investments – prepared by *Jim Brockman*  
Report on the Church Family- *Paula Sheely*  
Report on Turning Point Fellowship Program – *Anne Mitchell*  
Reports from Church Committees/Groups  
Classis News – *Rett Zabriskie*

**WE RESPOND TO GOD IN FAITH**

Thanks to Current Consistory and Officers  
*Elders: Amberlyn Deyoe, Clerk of the Consistory,*  
*Paula Sheely, Vice-President ;Mark Booth, Classis Delegate;*  
*Deacons: Anne Mitchell, Asst. Treas; Cindy Brockman, Financial*  
*Secretary; Bruce Guerineau*  
Election of Elders and Deacons (*one deacon and two elders are needed*)  
(*Newly elected elders/deacons will be ordained/installed on Sunday, Dec. 26*)  
Presentation of 2022 Plan for Ministry- *Paula Sheely, Finance Committee, Chr.*  
(*This faith budget, prepared by the Finance Committee and recommended by*  
*the consistory, requires congregational approval*)  
Sharing of Concerns for the Present and Future

**WE GIVE THANKS**

Closing prayer of thanks to God

**WE GO OUT IN GOD'S NAME**

Adjournment  
Benediction

Minutes of Annual Meeting 11/16/20

Meeting called to order at 10:52 am

Lighting of the Christ Candle by Paula and an opening prayer read by Anne.

Duffy makes a motion to approve the minutes of last years meeting, Anne seconds, approved by all.

Treas, report given.

Investment report by Jim Brockman: market is volatile. Keep this in mind when doing parsonage improvements.

Church Family: Our congregation has remained strong.

Turning point churches: Anne Mitchell-12/27/20 joint service planned. Covid is squashing many plans.

Pastoral Search Committee has been formed and has 7 members

Room for all is on hold.

Classis no report

Mark Booth accepted his nomination for Elder and Cindy Brockman for Deacon. Chris Garney moves, Bruce seconds-Approved. There will be no ordination or laying of the hands, just installation.

Paula gives the budget. Dick B. moves to approve Budget and Jim Brockman 2nds. Approved by all.

Concerns: Covid. We need to be prepared to go remote. Pastoral search is going. Consistory is meeting with an Interim Pastor this Saturday.

Affirmations

Meeting closed with prayer 11:48 am.

Respectfully Submitted,

Amberlyn Deyoe

**Old Saratoga Reformed Church**  
**Treasurer's Update: November 21, 2021**

- We ended last year with all of our bills paid and \$22,287.20 left in the General Fund which covers our bills.
- We have not had to withdraw any investment profits to cover bills so far this year but we have used up most of our surplus. We began the month of November with \$8,336.29. I am hopeful that we will get through the rest of this year without needing to make a withdrawal.
- The Paycheck Protection Program loan that we received at the beginning of the pandemic was forgiven by the federal government.
- Our Summer letter of appeal brought in \$2215 which was down slightly from last year's \$2575 (which was higher than usual as it was in honor of Pastor Joyce's retirement).
- We did not have a Stewardship Appeal this year.
- We have withdrawn \$45,600 from our investments for the renovation of the parsonage. As of the end of October, we had \$12,834.69 of that left. We expect to need to withdraw more before the end of the year and also next year in order to finish the project.
- We had fewer fund raisers again this year due to the pandemic, but the ones we had were successful.
- We will be sending out our annual holiday letter of appeal soon.
- We are especially grateful during this pandemic and time of transition for all the gifts we continue to receive and for those who give them. We have a few members using the Tithely.com system to make their donations and some people who regularly mail in donations when they aren't here. Every gift is a blessing.
- Please pray that God will continue to make us good stewards of our resources and will bless us as we continue serving Him in our community and throughout the world.

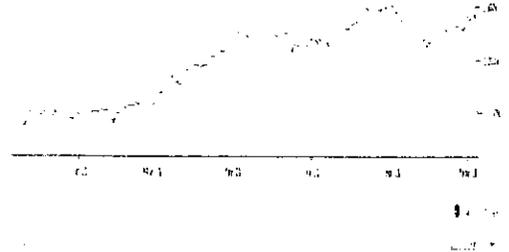
Respectfully Submitted,  
*Christine Garney*  
Christine Garney, Treasurer

# Old Saratoga Reformed Church Investment Report

## November 21, 2021

TD Ameritrade Account (data: November 10, 2021)

Stocks	\$1,168,671
Bonds	102,509
Cash and Equivalents	8,146
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,279,326</b>
	(\$1,036,225 November 2020)



1 Year Performance (Nov 2020 to Nov 2021):

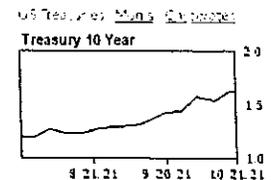
Gains	\$241,361
Withdrawals	(45,600)
Dividends	43,860
Interest	3,480
Long Term Gain Distribution	0
Fees	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$243,101</b>
	(1,279,326 – 1,036,225 = 243,101)

OSRC / DJIA – 1 year

Investment Committee Charter:

1. Follow guidelines of the will (20% of assets over two-year period, capital improvements only)
2. Provide funding for ongoing expenses (\$16,500 in 2020)
3. Long term appreciation and protection of assets

**Key Rates & Benchmarks**



Maturity	Yield	Prev Day	Prev Week
<u>3Month</u>	0.05	0.06	0.06
<u>6Month</u>	0.01	0.02	0.01
<u>2Year</u>	0.24	0.21	0.23
<u>3Year</u>	0.70	0.58	0.55
<u>5Year</u>	1.16	1.12	1.01
<u>10Year</u>	1.64	1.53	1.48
<u>30Year</u>	2.10	2.11	2.09

Withdrawals over last year:

1. 5/26/21 \$5,500 Expenses (general)
2. 6/16/21 \$100 Expenses (general)
3. 7/12/21 \$15,000 Capital Improvement (parsonage)
4. 10/20/21 \$15,000 Capital Improvement (parsonage)
5. 10/25/21 \$10,000 Capital Improvement (parsonage)

Notes:

1. Return: \$243K / \$1,279K = 19%
2. Major expenditures planned for next year:
  - a. Church Expenses for 2022 - \$24,000
  - b. Continue parsonage capital improvement - \$75k?
  - c. Others?

Sectors	YTD	1year	2year	3year	5year
S&P 500 benchmark	+20.73%	+31.99%	+50.33%	+53.34%	+111.79%
<u>Communication Services</u>	+9.34%	+25.21%	+45.81%	+52.32%	+39.21%
<u>Consumer Discretionary</u>	+9.79%	+21.95%	+33.39%	+30.21%	+140.35%
<u>Consumer Staples</u>	+0.33%	+3.99%	+4.53%	+10.53%	+13.92%
<u>Energy</u>	+32.27%	+75.15%	+4.45%	10.59%	-7.57%
<u>Financials</u>	+24.39%	+50.55%	+23.75%	+27.40%	+55.30%
<u>Health Care</u>	+1.30%	+17.06%	+37.55%	+24.37%	+70.15%
<u>Industrials</u>	+14.27%	+26.33%	+33.95%	+39.06%	+72.57%
<u>Information Technology</u>	+17.25%	+37.33%	+35.97%	+100.50%	+133.40%
<u>Materials</u>	+24.19%	+30.51%	+33.06%	+59.95%	+32.40%
<u>Real Estate</u>	+10.27%	+10.14%	0.57%	+27.75%	+12.73%
<u>Utilities</u>	+1.27%	+1.13%	0.21%	+13.56%	+24.76%

Submitted Jim Brockman, Chair,  
Investment Committee

OLD SARATOGA REFORMED CHURCH  
ANNUAL REPORT 2021  
MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>
ACTIVE CONFESSING MEMBERS	54	52
INACTIVE CONFESSING MEMBERS	83	84
TOTAL CONFESSING MEMBERS	137	136
ACTIVE NON-MEMBERS (ADHERENTS)	17	14
NEW CONFESSING MEMBERS	0	3
INFANT AND CHILD BAPTISM	0	0
ADULT BAPTISM	0	0
TRANSFER OF MEMBERSHIP (to another church)	0	2
Susanna Combs to Bacon Hill		
Jenny Middlebrook to Christ Community		
BIRTHS	0	0
DEATHS (since 11/15/20)	5	3
Marion Mellen Barton	12/21/20	
Anna Brunner Bierma	3/20/21	
Joyce Fogarty Shaver	6/20/21	
MARRIAGES AT WHICH THE PASTOR HAS OFFICIATED	1	0
SUNDAY SCHOOL (there is currently no active Sunday School)		
YOUTH FELLOWSHIP (there is currently no active Youth Fellowship)		

## REPORTS FOR ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING 2021

### PRAYER CHAIN

There are currently 44 members of the Prayer Chain who receive e-mail requests for prayers, and one member who receives them by memo. The Prayer Chain members received 257 requests for prayer this year.

### WOMEN'S GUILD

Treasurer's Report (Nov. 1, 2020- Oct. 31, 2021)

<b>Beginning Balance</b>	<b>\$2016.93</b>
<b>Income</b>	
Blue Box Oct. 2020-.2021	<b>\$1677.90</b>
Card Sale	<b>4.00</b>
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$3694.83</b>
<b>Expenses</b>	<b>\$1647.99</b>
<b>New Balance</b>	<b>\$2050.84</b>

Respectfully submitted,  
Robin J. Woomeer

### PROPERTY COMMITTEE

The following improvements/repairs were made this year: (not in any particular order)

1. Furnaces inspected and repair to church furnaces made
2. Pianos tuned, fire extinguishers inspected,
3. All fixtures for parsonage bathroom and kitchen purchased and delivered, with the exception of the kitchen counter which has been selected, but has to wait for installation until the cabinets are in place
4. Lighting has been purchased
5. Doug Sheely, Jay Ellis and Mike Hayes continue to make progress on the renovation/repair of the parsonage

**Special Thank You:**

to Doug Sheely for plowing the church driveway

**Old Saratoga Reformed Church  
Committees – 2021  
Standing Committees**

**Worship**

**Chr. Duffy Whitehouse**

Oversees worship of the church, helps pastor plan special services, arranges for usher, greeters and serves as a liaison between Minister of Music and Organist and the consistory.

Current Members: Christopher Tucker, Carolyn Markwith, Bruce Guerineau, Dick Behrens, Chris Garney

**Fellowship**

**Chr. Patti Booth**

Plans church family get-togethers and special fellowship events, provides for monthly and summer fellowship hour after worship, helps host ecumenical gatherings, and organizes bereavement gatherings upon request

Current Members: Terri Richards, Sandy Jones, Robin Woomer

**Finance**

**Chr. Paula Sheely**

Monitors the financial health of the church and has primary responsibility for preparing the annual budget in the fall.

Current Members: Dick Behrens, Chris Garney, Anne Mitchell

**Fundraising**

**Chr. Amber Deyoe**

Plans activities to benefit the General Fund of the church, such as the annual holiday sales, and the selling of pecans, cutlery, etc.

**Property**

**Chr. Paulette Foote**

Responsible for the upkeep/maintenance of the church building and grounds, arranges for lawn mowing, snow plowing and shoveling. Oversees special capital improvements.

Current Members: Karl Thayer, Duffy Whitehouse, Oscar Everts, Mark Booth, Jim rockman

**Investment**

**Chr. James Brockman**

Oversees the investment portfolio of the church and makes recommendations to the consistory.

Current Members: Dick Behrens, Anne Mitchell, Bruce Guerineau

**Special Ministries – on hold due to the pandemic and the search process**

Room For All, Disabilities Ministry

**Search Committee - Chris Garney, Chair**

Current Members: Paula Sheely, Becca Sheely, Christopher Tucker, Duffy Whitehouse, Anne Mitchell, Amber Deyoe

# 2021

## WOMEN'S GUILD

Executive Committee: Sandy Jones, Pres.  
Cindy Brockman, Vice Pres.  
Helen Lofgren, Sec.  
Robin Woomer, Treas.

## CHOIR MEMBERS

Christopher Tucker, Minister of Music	
Patrick Woomer	Duffy Whitehouse
Bruce Guerineau	Paulette Foote
Mark Booth	Anne Mitchell
Carolyn Markwith	Pam Seward
Kim Thayer	Bridget Behrens
Sherrrie Mickel	

(The choir has just begun to sing again, and some of these people are not ready to return to singing together, but are still listed as members of the choir.)

## CAMP FOWLER ATTENDEES

Bridget Behrens attended Camp Fowler in the summer of 2021.

## Groups That Use Our Church Building

Alcoholics Anonymous (AA)	Sunday Nights (4:30pm) Tuesday Nights (6 pm)
Saratoga County Head Start	TBD
Living Resources	Wednesdays 12-2 Fridays 10-12, 12-2
Cub Pack	TBD

## OLD SARATOGA REFORMED CHURCH MISSIONS PLAN FOR MINISTRY

<u>Deacon's Fund</u>		<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>
January	Community Hospice of Saratoga	\$100	\$100
February	Caring and Sharing	110	110
March	Support for AIDS Housing, Services	100	100
April	Habitat for Humanity (G.F. chapter)	75	90
May	Saratoga Bridges	100	100
June	Wycliffe Bible Translators	100	100
July	Unity House	75	75
August	Wellspring (Domestic Violence Services)	125	100
September	Rebuilding Together	100	125
October	Schuyler Hose Company	110	110
November	(E)Guardian House/(O)Shelters of Saratoga	75	75
December	SAIL	75	75
		\$1145	\$1160

Deacon's Discretionary Fund	\$100	\$100
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### Other Missions

Albany Synod Mission	\$100	\$100
Prospect Hill Cemetery	15	15
Camp Fowler Camperships	300	300
The Giving Circle: Support a Teacher	312	312

<b>Quarterly Ministries</b>	<b>800</b>	<b>800</b>
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1. Drilling for Hope
2. Fowler Ministries
3. Things of My Very Own
4. The Giving Circle

Special Ministry(funded by bottles/cans)	2000	2000
Disaster Relief	200	200

	\$3827	\$3827
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<b><u>Total Missions</u></b>	<b>\$4972</b>	<b>\$4987</b>
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<b>Undesignated Income</b>	<b>2021 Budget</b>	<b>2022 Budget</b>
Use of Facilities	\$500	\$500
Holiday Special Offerings	\$500	\$500
Current Expenses	\$50,000	\$48,000
Guild Donations	\$800	\$800
Special Appeals	\$4,000	\$5,000
<b>Total Donations</b>	<b>\$55,800</b>	<b>\$54,800</b>
Fund Raisers	\$3,000	\$9,000
Investment Income	\$12,817	\$23,717
<b>Total Undesignated Income</b>	<b>\$71,617</b>	<b>\$87,517</b>
Undesignated/Other Missions	\$427	\$427
Deacons' Fund	\$1,145	\$1,160
Quarterly Missions	\$800	\$800
Disaster Relief	\$200	\$200
Bottle & Can Missions	\$2,000	\$750
Camp Fowler Camperships	\$300	\$300
Deacons' Discretionary Fund	\$100	\$100
<b>Total Missions</b>	<b>\$4,972</b>	<b>\$3,737</b>
Classis Dues	\$700	\$600
Energy	\$80	\$80
Passthrough Account (In & Out)	\$75	\$900
Memorial Fund	\$1,000	\$1,000
Stewardship	\$500	\$3,500
Investment Withdrawal - Cap Improvement	\$50,000	\$50,000
<b>Total Designated Income</b>	<b>\$57,327</b>	<b>\$59,817</b>
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$128,944</b>	<b>\$147,334</b>

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Expenditures	2021 Budget	2022 Budget
Classis Dues	\$5,671	\$5,833
Envelopes for Offering	\$170	\$180
Fire & Smoke Detector		
Central Station Monitoring	\$290	\$300
Inspections	\$300	\$300
Total Fire & Smoke Detector	\$590	\$600
Fund Raising Expenses	\$500	\$5,000
Insurance		
Property	\$4,200	\$4,300
Workers' Comp/Disability	\$1,100	\$960
Total Insurance	\$5,300	\$5,260
Maintenance		
Building & Grounds	\$1,200	\$2,500
Copier/Printing	\$1,200	\$1,300
Furnace	\$400	\$400
Total Maintenance	\$2,800	\$4,200
Organ/Piano Tuning	\$310	\$310
Pastor (Interim)		
Salary	\$29,250	\$45,000
Social Security	\$2,544	\$0
Total Pastor	\$31,794	\$45,000
Payroll		
Organist	\$2,516	\$3,496
Secretary	\$8,008	\$7,056
Housekeeper	\$2,576	\$2,632
Social Security	\$1,002	\$1,009
Total Payroll	\$14,102	\$14,193
Postage	\$900	\$900
Office & Paper Supplies	\$300	\$500
Dues/Fees	\$675	\$1,000
Telephone & Internet		
Church	\$1,524	\$1,656
Parsonage	\$300	\$750
Total Telephone	\$1,824	\$2,406
Utilities		
Church Gas/Electric	\$2,800	\$3,000
Parsonage Gas/Electricity	\$2,000	\$2,000
Church/Parsonage Sewer	\$656	\$660
Church/Parsonage Water	\$480	\$480
Total Utilities	\$5,936	\$6,140
Worship		
Christian Literature	\$100	\$100
Music	\$150	\$100
Worship Materials	\$175	\$175
Pulpit Supply(preachers)	\$2,600	\$800
Total Worship	\$3,025	\$1,175
<b>Total Operating Expenses</b>	<b>\$73,897</b>	<b>\$92,697</b>

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<b>Expenditures</b>	<b>2021 Budget</b>	<b>2022 Budget</b>
Passthrough - Flowers Etc.	\$75	\$900
Missions	\$4,972	\$3,737
Capital Improvements	\$50,000	\$50,000
<b>Total Designated Expenses</b>	<b>\$55,047</b>	<b>\$54,637</b>
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$128,944</b>	<b>\$147,334</b>
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$128,944</b>	<b>\$147,334</b>
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$128,944</b>	<b>\$147,334</b>
<b>BUDGET DEFICIT*</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>



# Annual Consistorial Report

## for the year ending December 31, 2020

*The Book of Church Order requires that each consistory shall make an annual report of statistical information and on the spiritual state of their congregation. Information reported by consistories helps RCA assemblies to “equip congregations to follow Christ in mission” and also gives the local church an opportunity to examine and reflect on its mission and ministry.*

*Parts 1a and 1b ask for quantitative information that is for the benefit of the General Synod, regional synod, and classis.*

*Parts 2a and 2b are for the benefit of the classis and include open-ended questions to assist the consistory in reflection on the ministry of the church.*

Old Saratoga Reformed Church  
48 Pearl St  
Schuylerville, New York 12871-1316

### ONLINE FORM

Please fill out this form electronically.  
Visit [crf.rca.org](http://crf.rca.org)  
and follow the instructions found on that screen.

**Part 1a**

**MEMBERSHIP STATISTICS:** *Revision of membership rolls is to be made at the end of each calendar year. The figures are to be the totals in each category. Report only the RCA portion of your statistics. (For example, if you are a union congregation with one other denomination, the numbers you report should be 50 percent of your totals.)*

**1. Church Households:** *Indicate the number of households living as one family at one address, in which there is at least one confessing member. (Include single military personnel and students with their family at the home address.)*

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**2. Confessing Members:** *Indicate the number of members who have received Christian baptism and have been received by the Board of Elders through profession of faith, reaffirmation of faith, or presentation of a satisfactory certificate of transfer of membership from another Christian church, and who make faithful use of the means of grace, especially the hearing of the Word and the use of the Lord's Supper.*

54  
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**3. Inactive Members:** *Indicate the total number of members who have been removed by the Board of Elders from the active confessing membership roll.*

83  
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**4. Baptized Members:** *Indicate the number of members who have received Christian baptism, who may or may not participate at the Lord's Table, and who have not been received by the Board of Elders as confessing members. (This figure must be annually adjusted for baptized children who have been transferred with their parents into or out of the congregation.)*

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**5. Total Membership** will be auto calculated (the sum of 2 through 4).

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**6. Adherents:** *Indicate the number of individuals who participate in the life, work, and worship of the church but are not members.*

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**7. Average Worship Attendance:** *Indicate the average of the actual count of all persons present for weekly worship service/s. (Give the average for the entire year.)*

19  
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**GAINS:**

**8. Received on Confession:** *Indicate the number of individuals who have been received by the elders upon confession or reaffirmation of faith.*

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**9. Received on Certificate:** *Indicate the number of individuals who have presented a satisfactory certificate of transfer from another church.*

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**LOSSES:** *Indicate the number of confessing And inactive members whose names have been removed from the membership roll.*

**10. Transferred**

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**11. Deceased**

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**12. All Other Removals from Roll**

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**BAPTISMS:** *Indicate the number of individuals baptized.*

**13. Infants**

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\_\_\_\_\_

**14. Adults**

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**Part 1b**

**FINANCIAL REPORT:** *Please complete the following section with financial results from your church's most recent fiscal year-end.*

Fiscal year-end: 2020-12-31 00:00:00

The dollar amounts listed below are in U.S. Dollars

*Union and federated churches should report only the RCA portion of their financial statistics, in the same proportion as they report membership statistics in Part 1a. A church that does not keep separate membership rolls should divide its full financial numbers by the number of denominations in the union or federation (for example, a church that is a union church of the RCA and one other denomination should report half of its full financial numbers). A church that keeps separate membership rolls should multiply its full financial numbers by the percentage of its membership that is RCA (for example, a federated church whose membership is 64 percent RCA should multiply its full financial numbers by 0.64).*

**Income:**

<b>21. Contributions received*</b>	<u>70474</u>
<b>22. Endowment gifts</b> (gifts that are permanently restricted by the donor, from which only the earnings may be used)	<u>                    </u>
<b>23. Investment income and endowment appropriations</b>	<u>5515</u>
<b>24. All other income</b> (including, but not limited to: tuition revenue, rental income, grants from any agency)	<u>14461</u>
<b>25. Total income (sum of lines 21-24)</b>	<u>90450</u>

\*Any gift received by the church, except for new endowed gifts. This includes, but is not limited to, contributions for the general operations, missions, benevolence, special designated funds, estate gifts, and capital campaign gifts.

**Expenses:**

<b>26. Assessments paid to RCA classis, regional synod, and denomination</b>	<u>5549</u>
<b>27. All other church expenses</b>	<u>64186</u>
<b>28. Total expenses (sum of lines 26-27)</b>	<u>69735</u>
<b>29. Net income (line 25 minus line 28)</b>	<u>20715</u>

Note: as of 2018, lines 18 through 18e, 19 through 19c, and 20 have been replaced with lines 21-29.

Financial data collected in this section is for the benefit of the General Synod, regional synod, and classis and is reported at [crf.rca.org/public](http://crf.rca.org/public).

**Part 2a**

**THE LIFE AND SPIRITUAL HEALTH OF THE CONGREGATION:**

*These questions encourage reflection as a consistory and are intended for the use of the classis. If necessary, please attach your responses on separate pages.*

1. What signs of transformation have been visible in the life and ministry of your congregation this year?

2020 was a transformational year for OSRC with the retirement of our 38-year pastor in addition to navigating the pandemic. While the sanctuary was open, attendance was very similar to the levels in prior years even though we had guest preachers each week.

2. How is your congregation actively ...
- a. developing passionate and reproducible disciples who live and love like Jesus?
  - b. mobilizing emerging leaders for service in the church and in the world?
  - c. embracing your mission to the world and sharing the good news of the gospel with everyone?
- (Please share specific stories, experiences, and examples.)

In filling our pulpit supply needs, our small congregation had nine different members who volunteered to lead a weekly service. After closing our sanctuary initially, we quickly found ways to stream our services. This has enabled members and friends who did not previously attend services due to time or distance constraints to worship with us.

3. In what ways can your congregation more intentionally live out the call to cultivate transformation in Christ, equip emerging leaders of today and tomorrow, and engage in Christ's kingdom mission in the coming year?

We are happy that we have continued to be able to support missions we have supported in the past, in addition to some new missions. At this time, our goal is to find a pastor to guide us to become better disciples.

4. What challenges, concerns, or celebrations does your congregation have right now?

The most obvious challenge and concern is our current search for a pastor. We celebrate the participation of our church members to fill in the roles to accomplish the tasks that need to be taken care of. As a group, we have truly pulled together during a difficult time.

*Question 5 was added by the General Synod in 2017. Responses to this question only are collected for the benefit of the General Synod and will be shared with the Commission on Race and Ethnicity.*

5. How does your congregation reflect the racial and cultural context in which you conduct your ministry? What are you doing to build bridges that develop and deepen mutual ministry that is multiracial and multicultural?

Our congregation accurately reflects our cultural context. During a pandemic, building bridges is particularly challenging, however through our online streaming, we hope to reach as many people as possible.

*Question 6 was added by the General Synod in 2018. Responses to this question only are collected for the benefit of the General Synod and will be shared with the Commission on Christian Discipleship and Education.*

6. How have those who serve in the spiritual formation or teaching arena of your congregation received ongoing or continuing education this year?

We have the pleasure of having one of our members currently taking classes to become a preaching Elder. He has been very active in leading occasional services and bible study group in the absence of a pastor.

**Part 2b**

**INDEBTEDNESS:**

*The following information is collected for the use of your classis in order to fulfill the directive from the Book of Church Order regarding indebtedness, which states, "the consistory shall not incur a total indebtedness which exceeds two-thirds of the prior year's expenditures for congregational purposes, as reported to the General Synod, without the approval of classis" (BCO, Chapter 1, Part I, Article 2, Section 13; 2019 edition, p. 17).*

- 1. Does your church have any indebtedness?  yes  no
- 2. If yes, what is the total indebtedness? \$ 10400
- 3. Is your church delinquent in any of its debt payments?  yes  no
- 4. If yes, what is the amount of the delinquency? \$

Information regarding the spiritual health of the congregation and congregational indebtedness is collected to assist the classis in its supervision of the churches within its bounds.

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# Old Saratoga Reformed Church

church name  
Schuylerville, New York  
city, state/province

The information below will not be shared with any entity outside the RCA. It will be used by the Office of Ministry Services to send information to elders and deacons. Because the General Synod requires that gender statistics of ordained officeholders be reported (*MGS 2002, R-32, p.54*), please use the check box to convey that information.

### List only those elders and deacons elected in 2020.

Name	Phone	Email	Office	Gender	Address
Mark Booth	518-695-6187	mbooth1@nycap.rr.com	Elder	Male	PO Box 58 Victory Mills New York 12884
Cynthia Brockman	518-577-3614		Deacon	Female	18 Division St Saratoga Springs New York 12866

**Primary Christian education/discipleship contact**

Please provide information for the person who is the primary contact for discipleship and/or education in your congregation. This person could be a paid staff member such as a Christian education director or pastor of discipleship, or he or she could be a volunteer if your congregation does not have Christian education or discipleship staff. If your congregation has more than one person in this role, please designate one as the primary contact.

We have no Christian education/discipleship contact.

**Name:**

**Title:**

**Address:**

**Email:**

**Phone:**

**Phone Type:**

**The information below will not be shared with any entity outside the RCA.**

It will be used to provide support for youth and discipleship ministry in RCA congregations, in keeping with the call articulated in Transformed & Transforming.

**Primary youth ministry contact**

Please provide information for the person who is the primary contact for youth ministry in your congregation. This person could be a paid staff member such as a youth minister or director of youth ministry, or he or she could be a volunteer if your congregation does not have youth ministry staff. If your congregation has more than one person in this role, please designate one as the primary contact.

We have no youth ministry contact.

**Name:**

**Title:**

**Address:**

**Email:**

**Phone:**

**Phone Type:**