



The View From The Park

A Newsletter of Faith & Community

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In-Person Worship Resumes October 4th

In-person worship will resume at **10 a.m. on Sunday, October 4th**. Ushers will greet you and lead you through the process of entering the foyer and sanctuary using social distancing.

The *Ad-Hoc* Re-Opening Committee has worked diligently to set up these precautions and has sectioned off the pews for safety. For now, there will be **no** singing, communion or fellowship time. We thank you for your patience as we continue to move forward in the safest way possible.

See Page 3 For Information About Virtual Worship & Fellowship.

Deacons Meetings Resume

The Board of Deacons will resume their monthly meetings beginning on Thursday **October 22nd 5:45 p.m.** via Zoom. This will be a **brain-storming session** to imagine new ways to safely support those in need.

- Rev. Michael P. Catanzaro..... Pastor
- Donna Doig, CLP..... Associate Pastor
- Karen Bailey.....Office Coordinator
- Jarrett Larson.....Choir Director
- Bob Duda.....Assistant Choir Director
- Jarrett Larson.....Organist
- Michael Walters.....Handbell Choir Director
- TBD.....Director of Christian Education
- Phil Elvy.....Treasurer
- Patience Boswell..... Sexton
- Tom Dildine.....Webmaster
- Linda Potter.....Newsletter Editor

Church Office Hrs: 1 - 4 p.m., Mon., Tues. & Thur.

And...We're Back! Getting From Here To There

After 6 months of self-imposed distancing and virtuality, we will finally resume in-person worship this Sunday October 4th. We are about to embark on a whole lot of new things, all at once, and we'd like to do so with as much clarity and ease as is possible. There will certainly be some hiccups, but we'll adjust, adapt and overcome; and, do so with joy and grace.

We begin, though, with an exuberant **THANK YOU** to everyone for their patience, on-going support, and hard work to both sustain us and bring us to this point.

While endeavoring to safely return to our traditional Sunday morning worship, we will also be continuing with virtual fellowship and add a live-stream of our worship service to extend our caring and supportive faith community far beyond the Park. For in-person worship, changes have been made both to the physical church as well as the form of worship. For virtual worship and fellowship, we have made our church website a "One Stop Shop" point of access. **Each person is invited to worship in the way which is most comfortable for them.**

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Family News

Prayers of healing for **Nicholas Boswell** now at home recovering from successful kidney transplant surgery and for **Patience, Cameron** and **Aubrey** in support of him; **Jeremy Potter** who fell while skating on the first day of ice in Watertown and broke his wrist; **Evelyn Eller**, daughter of **James** and **Anna** (Brown) **Eller** who is recovering from a spinal fracture as a result of an accident at a horse show; and Andrew Putman recovering from a stroke, a friend of **Jean** and **Pat McGuire**.

Prayers for **J.J. Jockel** on the recent death of his friend Barbara Wennekers in The Hague, the Netherlands; and for her family and friends. Barbara was diagnosed with brain cancer this spring. Due to COVID, J.J. has been unable to return to see her. Barbara died peacefully at home.

Prayers for **Jodie Falardeau** moving to begin a new job in Albany.

Congratulations to **James & Anna** (Brown) **Eller** on their recent wedding! (See photo Pg. 10).



Volunteer Opportunities

Beyond a new Clerk of Session (see pg. 7) we also need someone to scrape the candle wax from glass top of the Communion Table and clean it, as well as a person interested in creating a "Welcome To The Church On The Park" video for a church website. Please see Rev. Mike.

Greetings from A Friend!

Aimee LaRue, our former church secretary, sent a note to us: *Rev. Mike & Congregation: You all have been much in my thoughts over the past months. I've missed your warm, joyful community. I hope everyone has been well and that the change of seasons brings good things for all. Best wishes - Aimee*

New Church Secretary

We are so pleased to announce that **Karen Bailey** has accepted the position as the new Church Secretary. Karen "test drove" the position for a couple of weeks while Rev. Mike was on vacation to get a sense of the office. Karen and her husband, **Kevin** along with their children, **Joshua** and **Logan** are relatively new to the church family and we are delighted that they have found a home with us. Like many of us, Karen and her family are excited to resume worship at the church.



Karen's hours at the church will be **1:00 to 4 p.m.** on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday. Send Karen an email to **welcome her!** Or stop by the office (with a mask, please).

Cabbage Rolls Report

A **huge thank you** to all that donated supplies, baked pies or ordered cabbage rolls. The September 27th event was a huge success. A special thank you to **Liam** and **Amelia Rodee**, **Julia Basford**, **Katie Seymour**, **Whitney Smalling** and **Olga Virgil** who tirelessly blanched cabbage and assembled and baked rolls on Saturday. Another nod to **Mary** and **Liam Rodee**, **Whitney** and **Sophia Smalling**, **Katie Seymour** and **Julia Basford** who returned Sunday morning to package pie and cabbages rolls which they efficiently delivered to the customers as they arrived to pick up orders. The biggest tip of the hat goes to **Beth Hayes** as the Chief Cabbage Roll Coordinator who saw this through from soup to nuts.



Because of everyone's hard work we were able to profit **\$1,384** (that a lot of cabbage rolls!) **Thank you all for supporting this fund raiser.**

NEW! ZOOM Instructions

1. Download the ZOOM app ahead of time by clicking on this link (free):

<https://zoom.us/download>

2. Go to www.ChurchOnThePark.org and click on "Sunday Zoom Meeting" You will see the prompt "Do you want to allow this page to open "zoom.us"? Click "Allow." You will be asked to enter the meeting password. Enter "3862570" and click "Join." This will take you a "Video Preview" screen; click "Join with Video." You will then enter the meeting.

The meeting will automatically begin at 11:15 a.m. & end at 12:45 p.m. and will be for fellowship only (no format or moderator).



You can still join the Sunday Zoom Meeting using the previous link (i.e. the same meeting) <https://zoom.us/j/6360764407> However, you will now need to enter the password. Either way will bring you to "Michael Catanzaro's Personal Meeting Room"; meeting ID: 636 076 4407.

Gifts Received And Given

Thanks to the generosity of a few in our congregation, our church has been able to distribute \$3,100 in COVID relief. Additionally, the church has received a \$4,000 grant from the Adirondack and Cloudsplitter Foundations for those suffering through economic hardship and acute need, illness or the inability to obtain other assistance.

Funds still available, contact Rev. Mike.

HUGE Thanks!

Thanks to the members of the **Re-Opening Committee** for their diligence in following guidelines so the church can re-open. Kudos to **Martha Cole** (Chair), **Barb Brown, Rob Ewy, Mark Erickson** and **Ellen Grayson**. We *greatly* appreciate your efforts.

Virtual Worship & Fellowship

For live-streaming, fellowship, bulletins, sermons newsletter and other resources, **begin by bookmarking the church website:** www.ChurchOnThePark.org. "Click" on the relevant link at the top of the page.

A **live-stream** of the worship service will begin **Sunday, October 4th at 10 a.m.** on the church's YouTube Channel. Go to www.ChurchOnThePark.org and click on "YouTube Channel." You can choose to subscribe to our channel or simply go to this link each week.

Zoom Fellowship calls will continue, each Sunday but beginning October 4th at a **new time of 11:30 a.m.** and will be for fellowship only (no format or moderator). **Please note** there is a new policy on Zoom which requires participants to enter a **password**. The password is **3862570** (the phone number of the church). Go to www.ChurchOnThePark.org and click on "Sunday Zoom Meeting" (or you can still use the previous link; it is the same meeting). The meeting will automatically begin at 11:15 a.m. & end at 12:45 p.m.

Worship bulletins will be posted to the church website for those worshipping virtually through the stream on our YouTube channel. This will allow everyone the opportunity to follow the liturgy, and see the announcements and prayer requests. Go to www.ChurchOnThePark.org and click on "Sunday Bulletin."

Written sermons will continue to be emailed, or snail-mailed, on *Monday* to everyone each week; as well as being posted to the church website. Go to www.ChurchOnThePark.org and click on "Written Sermons."

The monthly **Newsletter** will continue to be emailed to most, and snail-mailed to a few; as well as being posted to the church website (click on "Newsletter").

Treasurer's Report

	Operating	Mission
August 19	\$4,305.00	\$289.50
August 30	\$2,932.00	\$126.00
September 9	\$3,802.96	\$370.00
September 26	\$3,156.00	\$ 25.00
Total:	\$14,195.96	\$810.50

Thank you for all those who are able to make pledges and gifts to the church.

We are able to pay our bills, meet salary and provide care to our community.

Your generosity is appreciated.

Parents! Grandparents!

Shout out and share the word about your kids and grandkids in **Student News!** Send in their **accomplishments** and **achievements** in the classroom, on the field and in the community to the church office (315) 386-2570 or office@ChurchOnThePark.org. Your **church family** wants to **celebrate** with you!

Hospice Tastes of Autumn

Hospice of St. Lawrence Valley is holding a **Taste & Bake fundraiser** with local chefs preparing meals for you to bake at home along with salad and cannoli provided. Choices include Penne alla Vodka with Sausage, Seafood Pasta Bake and Chicken Parmigiana with Medigan Lasagna. Orders must be placed by **October 9th** with pick-up on Sunday, **October 18th** starting at 11:30 a.m. at the Cornell Cooperative Extension Learning Farm. More details at <https://hospices-lv.org/takeandbake/>.

eNewsletter?

If you received a hard copy of this newsletter in the mail but have an email address to which it could be sent, please contact RevMike@ChurchOnThePark.org

Officers & Committees

Elders

To strengthen and nurture the faith and the life of the congregation.

Rich Grayson	Patrick LaPierre	Martha Cole
Pat Mace	Keli Hollis	Ellen MacMaster
Beth Hayes	Tom Dildine	Pat McGuire
Janice Reynolds	Bill Parker	Gordy Theisen
Sarah Melville Clerk Of Session		

Deacons

Ministering to the sick, those in need, the friendless, and those in distress.

Arvilla Aldous	Susan Akins	Ellen Grayson
Vicki McLain	Georgia Vose	Marilyn Coir
Nancy Brown	Bob Duda	Michelle Theisen
Jean McGuire	Stacie Olney-LaPierre	

Committees

Chairs

Resources	Jim Franklin & Keli Hollis
Responsible for managing and dispensing funds to fulfill the mission & ministry of our church.	
Facilities	Rich Grayson, Gordy Theisen & Beth Hayes
Responsible for the maintenance and use of all church property.	
Fellowship	Ellen Grayson, Pat Mace & Beth Hayes
Responsible for all fellowship events.	
Nominating	Bill Parker, Ellen Grayson & Barb Brown
Responsible for filling Session, Deacons & Offices.	
Education	Beth Hayes
Responsible for growth, nurturing & learning.	
Worship	TBD
With pastor, responsible for worship.	
Stewardship	TBD
Responsible for securing resources and energy to fulfill the mission & ministry of our church.	
Mission	Martha Cole
Helping our church, community & world.	
Treasurer	Phil Elvy
Financial Secretaries	Barry Walch Janice Reynolds
Church & Community	JJ Jockel & Sean Boutin
Communion	Pat Mace & Vicki McLain
Personnel	Pat Mace & Tom Dildine

The Pastor's Report

Whew! We made it!

Greetings fellow pilgrims. It has been a long and arduous voyage to bring us here to this place. I trust that each of you is holding up and carrying on. It has been quite a stretch these last six months; with more trials and tribulations yet to come. Of this we can be sure.

As we near the long-anticipated resumption of in-person worship and the launch of live-streaming the Sunday worship service, there is great cause for much rejoicing. In just a few days we will swing wide the doors of our church to welcome home our brothers and sisters and to be together once more as a family of faith (socially-distanced, of course).

However, these past months have also given us the opportunity to consider new ways of being "the church" and to challenging us to get outside of our box about what is and isn't possible. One of the greatest gifts of this experience has been the realization that just because we aren't gathered together, physically, or near to each other, geographically, we can and should be a vigorous and connected community of believers. Our weekly Zoom Fellowship has helped us to discover the importance of using technology to both bridge the miles and strengthen the tie that binds us one to another. Quite frankly, we will never be the same again; and in wondrous ways, indeed.

Beyond sharing the excitement and relief many feel about finally being able to worship together in the same physical space, I'm personally excited that we have

taken the bold step of equipping our church to move forward into the future by installing high-speed internet and video equipment to allow the live-streaming of our worship service. Together with continuing the Zoom Fellowship and emailing/ mailing the sermon, I believe we've done absolutely everything we can to provide access to all.

I'll be honest with you, though, the whole thing has made my head hurt for many months. There are an awful lot of moving parts involved in what we are about to do. We should fully anticipate there will be a few snafus and hitches in our giddy-up, but I'm utterly certain we'll be able to overcome both the technical snags and the trials which come with the imperative to change. I know one thing without a doubt, however, we've done everything well and comprehensively.

The final part to this puzzle, though, will be each of you. Using the analogy of the many gears of a watch, each of us represents a "mainspring"; that which powers the watch and makes it go, function, operate, and run. Without *you* we simply are a mass of infrastructure waiting for power and purpose.

I know that the next few weeks and months will be a difficult test of our ability to learn new things and adapt to change. There will be frustrations as well as joys. However, let us not forget that the greatest gift we have been given is each other. It is time to wind it up and get us running again; for ourselves and one other.

Be the mystical movement. - Rev. Mike

AN AWFUL LOT



OF MOVING PARTS

"And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to God's purpose." - Romans 8 :28



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Birthdays

- 1 Andrew Loeffler,
Armond Spencer
- 2 Mark St. Hilaire,
Patience Boswell
- 4 Diane Ladison,
Tiffany Conn-Soricelli
- 12 Josh Holbrook, Kevin Bailey
- 13 Charles Dean
- 14 Aggrey Wasike; Maria Franklin,
Frederick James McManus
- 15 Bonnie Russell,
Steven DeSantis
- 16 Janice Reynolds
- 17 Jeanne Stone, Maggie Smith
- 18 Emma Mousaw
- 23 Meagan Brady, Al Ostrander
- 24 Philip Royce
- 25 Darcy Aldous, Cati Gollinger,
Mary Kelly
- 26 Kelly Davis
- 29 Marcy Bennett



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Anniversaries

- 1 Vernon & Arvilla Aldous
- 7 Stephen & Martha Cole,
- 8 Scott & Chris Sutherland,
Bill & Cati Gollinger
- 9 Patrick & Heidi Ames
- 24 Richard & Jeanne Stone

Thank You!

Your financial support in pledges and donations have been amazing and a bright light during this stressful time. **Your offerings allow us to pay the bills and do the work and mission of the church.** We are grateful to receive contributions via the mail at 17 Park St., Canton, NY 13617.

Thank You For Your Generous and Continued Support of OUR Church!

Contact the church office with your birthday so we can keep our list current!

October Lectionary Readings

Sunday, October 4

Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20
 Psalm 19
 Philippians 3:4b-14
 Matthew 21:33-46



Sunday, October 11

Exodus 32:1-14
 Psalm 106:1-6, 19-23
 Philippians 4:1-9 ; Matthew 22:1-14

Sunday, October 18

Exodus 33:12-23;
 Psalm 99
 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10
 Matthew 22:15-22

Sunday, October 25

Deuteronomy 34:1-12
 Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17
 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8;
 Matthew 22:34-46

Pastoral Care And Communication

With face-to-face conversations a challenge, please know that Rev. Mike is available at *anytime* to talk about about matters both large or small.

He can be reached on his cell phone at (716) 857-0111 for voice or FaceTime video chat, or through Skype at revmike70, or via a ZOOM chat in his "meeting room" accessed through this link <https://zoom.us/j/6360764407>, or email at RevMike@ChurchOnThePark.org

*Saving
Grace*

For sun and rain, for fruit and grain,
 for friends we love so dearly,
 For gentle moments, kindly hearts,
 we thank you, God, sincerely.

Session Report

A regular meeting of the Session was held, via Zoom, on August 31st. **Pastor Donna** reported that she performed a committal at Beach Plains Church. Rev. Mike has been leading the service at **Daley Ridge** because they are still looking for a pastor.

The restoration work for the **fountain** is progressing nicely. The fund needs **\$15,000** more, but \$4,000 has come in and the Village fronted the concrete costs.

For the Greener Church Initiative, **Dave McMaster** measured the **outside sanctuary doors** to see what he can do to **weatherproof** them.

Church Treasurer **Phil Elvy** spoke to Mary McGreevy about taking over the **bookkeeping position**. After the initial sign-on cost, the annual cost should stay roughly the same as it is now. She is willing to do everything Phil has been doing except sign checks. Most bills get paid automatically but we do need to write some checks every month. Motion was made and passed unanimously to give check signing authority to **Pat McGuire** and **Rich Grayson**. Motion to have Mary McGreevy take over the bookkeeping passed unanimously as well.

It was agreed that the church keep paying **Jarrett Larson** his salary as Choir Director & Organist, in recognition of his work and talent looking toward the future when the choir resumes.

Deficiencies detected in last spring's **boiler inspection** have been resolved (thank you Barry Walch!).

Those **ailing** or **in need of support** were mentioned and prayers were offered.

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Session Report - Continued

In-person worship services will resume **Sunday, October 4th**. The Committee on Reopening has prepared the sanctuary for **social distancing** and **disinfecting**. Rev. Mike will continue to send out a **weekly sermon** via email and the weekly Zoom meetings will continue. New electronics and WIFI system, so that church services can be **live-streamed** to those who cannot attend in person.

Rev. Mike will give a **blessing** at the new **CCP building** on September 13th at 1 p.m. Rev. Mike informed the elders that the **garbage disposal** at the manse stopped working and they are getting a new one. The **power** is out in the classrooms and nursery and needs to be fixed (now repaired).

Beth Hayes is planning the **annual cabbage roll sale** for September 27th. The idea is to take pre-orders for pick-up in the church foyer. Social distancing will be observed and there will be minimal public contact.

Rev. Mike would like to shift our mission focus onto **young families**. They are under a lot of stress due to Covid and could use our support. Making a meal for a family would be a good place to start.

Next meeting is September 28th to be held via Zoom.

New Clerk of Session Needed!

Sarah Melville, the current Clerk of Session, is looking to step down due to other responsibilities. The Clerk of Session does not have to be an Elder. Along with taking the **minutes**, the Clerk maintains the **church rolls** of membership, baptisms and more. If you want to learn more, contact **Rev. Mike**.



Prayer Warriors

Would you like to help your neighbor, stretch spiritually and be a part of the mystical movement of the church? We are always looking for new prayer warriors to join the church Prayer Chain to offer prayers for folks who are ill, troubled or in need.



If you want to learn more about the prayer chain, call **Rev. Mike** at 386-2570 or **Wanda Renick** at 386-3474.

Photo Directory

The Photo Directory is now available on-line through the **church website** <https://churchonthepark.org>. From the Home Page click on the link to **Church Photo Directory** in the menu at the top. This will take you to a new page which will prompt you to type in the password. Type in **PeopleonthePark17** and the photo directory will appear. We will endeavor to keep this online version as up-to-date as possible. If you have been inadvertently omitted, would like to be included or would like a retake, please contact **Rev. Mike** or **Keli Hollis**. Updates easily done.

Presbyterian Worship

The monthly worship service at **Partridge Knoll**, is resuming at **11 a.m.** on Wednesday, **October 7th**. Due to COVID no community members are allowed at this time.



Like Us On Facebook!

The Church On The Park has a **Facebook page** which changes regularly - <https://www.facebook.com/TheFirstPresbyterianChurchonthePark>

Church Website



Our Website is updated each month and is a great way to stay a part of the life of the church. If you have questions about, or contributions for the website please email our Webmaster Tom Dildine: tdildine@gmail.com

The Church's email address:

office@ChurchOnThePark.org

Reverend Mike's email address:

RevMike@ChurchOnThePark.org

Sermons & Services

Written Sermons in PDF format are now available for viewing or downloading on Monday at www.ChurchOnThePark.org then click on "Written Sermons."

If you'd like to have a copy of the weekly sermon emailed or snail-mailed to you directly, please contact RevMike@ChurchOnThePark.Org.

A **video recording** of the Sunday worship service will be available for viewing the week following broadcast. Go to www.ChurchOnThePark.org and click "YouTube Channel."

Newsletter Deadline Is The 15th Of The Month

We are still sending out the monthly newsletter! Please submit articles (emailed preferably) to the church office, or directly to the News letter Editor, Linda Potter, at:

nautilus@twcny.rr.com

Hello, my name is...

Remember - **Name Tag Sunday** is **October 18th**.

Come early to church and make your own name tag.
Get to know your neighbor.

Congregations, COVID And Courtesies

From the Re-Opening Committee:

Wear a **mask** at all times.

Maintain a minimum of **6 feet** between yourself and the next family group.

Use the **hand sanitizers!**
Hand free pump on stands,
smaller pumps available.

Observe the **arrows** and **x's** on the floor.
Walk, shuffle, or dance,
but follow their direction.

One person, or one family unit,
only in the bathroom at any one time.

Keep moving,
no huddling in the foyer,
stairs, or hallway.
Then you can "sit pretty" in your pew.

No singing (sorry!)
But winking and waving is encouraged.

Pause. Breathe deep.
Smile, nod, or laugh.
And know that we are glad to see you.

Stay safe.



Ten Commandments of Social Distancing

1. Thou shalt have no other parishioners sitting neither directly before or behind thee.
2. Thou shalt remain 4 cubits (six feet) from thy neighbor.
3. Thou shalt not covet the pew you normally occupied, but choose a pew appropriate for the number of your family members.
4. Thou shalt let your light shine but keep your mask on during worship.
5. Thou shalt seek healing outside of the house of God prior to services.
6. Thou shalt not infect others.
7. Thou shalt not bear false witness about unproven treatments.
8. Thou shalt praise the Lord, but not through singing.
9. Thou shalt remain hopeful.
10. Thou shalt not linger in the Sanctuary once services are over.



Thanks to everyone who was able to attend the blessing for the new C&CP building on September 13th. L to R: **Rev. Mike, Martha Cole, Bill Parker, Pat Mace, JJ Jockel, Linda Potter, Betsy Robinson** and **Janet Stitt**. Check out the new location!

Food For Fellowship

The pandemic has been hard on all of us but especially so for the families in the church who have children at home. Balancing work, home and remote learning has put new pressures on them. **We want to make things a little easier by providing a meal.** In return, we ask that the families **“pay it forward”** and send greetings to a church member who may be homebound or more affected by the social isolation.

Food For Fellowship will be on Tuesday, October 27th. A meal of soup, home-made bread, cheese and dessert will be available for **all families with children.** It can be **picked up** at the church or **delivered** to your home. Along with the meal, you will receive **notecards** with addressed, stamped envelopes for other members of your church family. Sign the card, have the kids illustrate it and pop it in the mail. Food For Fellowship.

The soups offered will be **Curried Tomato Soup** (vegetarian, no dairy) and **Hearty Chicken Noodle.** You can place an order for the number of **quarts** of each that you would like by contacting **Linda Potter** at nautilus@twcny.rr.com or texting her at (315) 229-8886. She also will be contacting each family directly.

Volunteers are needed! If you are interested in baking loaves of **bread** to accompany the soup or making homemade **brownies** or **cookies** for the dessert, are willing to donate blocks of **cheese**, or can help **deliver** meals on October 27th, contact Linda.



Food for Families * Fellowship With Your Church Family



Congratulations to **James & Anna (Brown) Eller** on their recent wedding. They are with their children (L to R) **Alaina, Walter & Evelyn.**

Share your moments with your church family!
If you have a photo or news to share, please send it to the Newsletter Editor, Linda Potter at nautilus@twcny.rr.com or 315-229-8886. We'd love to hear from you!





Restoration of The Fountain Is Moving Right Along!

