



The View From The Park

A Newsletter of Faith & Community

November 2020

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Worship Is Happening!

We are happy to report that **in-person worship**, which started on October 4th, has gone off without without a hitch. Thanks to the **Ad-Hoc Re-Opening Committee** who has overseen this process and thanks to those attending who wear their **masks, sanitize** their hands at the stations set up in the church, and sit in the **designated pews**. Though there is no singing, there is great music provided by **Jarrett Larson** on the piano and organ.

Others are joining in the worship via **livestream** on our [YouTube channel](#) (you can also watch a recording later in the week). After worship, from 11:30 a.m. to Noon, there is **Fellowship time via Zoom**.

You can be part of it! Join worship in whatever way works best for you. In-person worship is at **10 a.m.** and livestream is live at the same time and can be watched later. **Let's worship together!**

See Page 3 For Information About Virtual Worship & Fellowship.

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.

Pledge Sunday - Nov. 1st

In this season of thanksgiving, it is time for our **annual Stewardship Drive** with **November 1st as Pledge Sunday**.

You will soon receive in the mail an **appeal letter, Stewardship brochure** and your **pledge card**. A pledge card is also on **page 10** and additional cards will be at the church on November 1st. The Stewardship Committee and Session ask that you **prayerfully consider how our church supports you** and your family, our community and world, and how you, in turn, **can support the work and mission of our church**.

You are invited and encouraged to contact any member of the Session or Rev. Mike with any questions. Please return the pledge cards as quickly as possible so we may begin to plan **our budget and programs for 2021**. We are especially grateful for your support of the church during this time when many are facing financial difficulties.

Thanks to everyone (near and far) for their **continued support** of the First Presbyterian Church on the Park!

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Family News

Former pastor of our church, **Rev. Dick Stone**, has been moved to the Canton Nursing Home. His wife, **Jeanne**, is now a resident of Partridge Knoll. Prayers for Dick, Jeanne and their daughter Lisa as they undertake these changes. Cards can be sent to Jeanne at 30 Sullivan Drive, Apt. 223 and to Dick at Maplewood Nursing Home, 211 Birch North.

Prayers for Andrew Putman (friend of **Jean & Pat McGuire**) recovering from a stroke; **Jeremy Potter**, son of **Tom** and **Kristine**, healing from a broken wrist (while skating, first day of ice!); **Bill Rodee** who continues to make strides with rehabilitation, and for **Marilyn** in support of him; and for Shelley Backus, sister of **Susan Akins**, who suffered a heart-attack but is now, thankfully, on the mend.

We are thankful for positive news regard Chad McNab, nephew of **Beth Hayes** for whom we've been praying, regarding the efficacy of treatment for cancer. **Evelyn Eller** is on the mend and doing better; thank you for your prayers.

Prayers for **Jodi Falardeau** beginning a new job, and moving to the Albany area in December; **Donna Doig** facing health challenges; and **Pat O'Shea** recovering from cataract surgery.

We are saddened to learn of the death of Tom Patterson Jr., who grew up in our church (son of Tom and Janet Patterson). Prayers for his wife Susan, their children Erin and Ryan, as well as his brother **Dave** and wife **Anne Paterson**. Tom was a vibrant and fun-loving guy, and he will be greatly missed by all who knew & loved him.

Prayers for Josee Merlini, mother of **Patrick LaPierre**, facing difficult health challenges, and Patrick as he endeavors to visit her in Montreal; Lorene Royce, and her family, on the death of her husband Phil.

Family News - cont.

Continued prayers for **Nicholas Boswell** recovering well from kidney transplant surgery, and for **Patience, Cameron** and **Aubrey**.

We are thrilled to know that **Mason Theisen** has finally returned home following heart surgery last spring, and then rehab where he got "stuck" due to COVID (and wasn't allowed visitors). A very long and hard journey now, thankfully, ended.

Congratulations to **Michelle** and **Gordy Theisen** who have purchased a log home at 905 Farnes Road, Canton, NY 13617; very exciting. Currently, they are doing some renovations, but hope to move in later this fall. More good news is Gordy responded very well to treatment for prostate cancer; his PSA level is way down and he is feeling great.

Jane Cable has a new address: 79 Buck Street, Canton, NY 13617, cell: 315- 322-2441, home: 315-388-3002.

Thank you to **Ellen MacMaster** for cleaning the candle wax from the communion table. What a difference! BIG help!

Thanks from **Christa Lyon** for all of the food, flowers and many cards received following her recent knee replacement surgery: Lora Gibson, Arvilla Aldous, Jean McGuire, Faye Bartley, Jane Cable, Linda Potter and Ellen Grayson provided food. It meant so much to her and her family. Continued prayers for Christa as she continues to rehabilitate and convalesce at home. Cards may be sent to her at 43 Lincoln Street, Canton, NY 13617.

**More Family News
on Page 3!**



More Family News!

Congratulations to **Dr. Keli Hollis** and her husband **Phil Elvy** who will be purchasing the dental practice of Dr. Curt Ross! They, along Harper and Luke, are very excited about this new chapter in their life and this big change for their family.

Can you say, CUTE!?! Ellen

Janack's Great-grandson, Finn Knudtson, was recorded on a "nanny cam" cuddling up with his boxer dog who has been his constant companion through treatment. To view, go to: <https://animachannel.co/toddler-goes-to-sleep-with-dog/>

We celebrate with an old friend, **Aggrey Wasike**, and his wife, Sarah, on the birth of their son, Ashton in August. Prayers as Aggrey is in Toronto where he teaches and raises their daughter, Ashley while Sarah is in Kenya with Ashton with hopes to travel when it is safe.

Wow, to **Dave MacMaster** on his outstanding wood shop creation crafting a "Thin Blue Line" flag for a law enforcement friend. Beautiful work! Fifty birch stars on a field of finger jointed knotty pine yield to biscuit joined butternut and white cedar planks. Stains of ebony over charcoal on butternut and pine in contrast with white on cedar. Two oak stays affixed for stability and a hanger. Clear gloss serves and protects its forward motion while satin seals on its "six". This is no ordinary Thin Blue Line. Never to be taken lightly: Hand created with dignity and respect.

It is an art form of reflective history, the here and now, and the truth and justice of our future.



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 is 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 each Sunday from **11:30 a.m. to Noon** for fellowship only with no format or moderator. If needed, download the ZOOM app ahead of time by clicking on this link (free): <https://zoom.us/download>. One you have the Zoom app, go to www.ChurchOnThePark.org and click on "Sunday Zoom Meeting". You will be asked to enter a password which is **3862570** (the phone number of the church). The meeting will automatically begin at 11:15 a.m. & end at 12:45 p.m.

Worship bulletins are posted earlier in the week 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").

Church Attendance

	In-Person	Live Stream
October 4	44	15
October 11	26	15
October 18	36	19
October 25	23	18

Average In-Person Attendance: 32
Average Live-Stream Attendance: 17

Treasurer's Report

	Operating	Mission
October 2	\$3,845	\$300
October 19	\$6,398	\$977
October 27	\$1,515	\$192
Total:	\$11,758	\$1,469

Thank you to those able to make pledges and gifts to the church.

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@Church-OnThePark.org.

Your Church Can Help

Along with the latest wave of cases of the virus, there is a new wave of furloughs related to the pandemic and people experiencing **financial difficulties** for the first time. Thanks to the **generosity** of our congregation and local foundations, the church has funds to assist people. If you are in need of help or know someone who is, **contact Rev. Mike**, 716-857-0111.

Thank You Sarah!

The Session, pastor and entire congregation offer great thanks to **Sarah Melville** for her many years of helpful and cheerful service to our church as the Clerk of Session. We are tremendously appreciative of Sarah's dedication, attention to detail and gift of time. Well done!

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
TBD - 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 Patrick LaPierre
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

And, then, I remembered...how much fun this is.

Happy Fall to you brothers and sisters! Much has happened since last month, as we've resumed live-worship and launched our live-stream of the Sunday service. We typically push the capacity of our, now, socially distanced sanctuary at around 45, average about 18 streamers on a Sunday and garner 20 to 30 "views" every week from folks who watch the recorded service at their own pace. Amazing.

As you know, Stewardship time is upon us. YEAH! LOL. Seriously, though, this is crucial moment each year for our church when we "figure it out" fiscally. I hope each of you might sit down with yourself, or your spouse (as Linda and I do each year) and give serious consideration to what the church means to us, and the degree to which we endeavor to support the church.

More often than not, however, "Stewardship" kind of gets a bad rap. Really, though, stewardship is simply one of the ways we care about each other by providing ourselves the things we need to grow spiritually, be sustained physically and supported emotionally (and have no small amount of fun along the way). But, you already know all this. So, let me talk about something of which, perhaps, you are not fully aware. I know I wasn't.

This past week we undertook our first ever "Food For Fellowship" event. If COVID has taught us anything, it is the great importance of connection and community. To simply know, and experience, that each of us belongs to a larger, loving body. In providing a soup dinner to all the families in our church with young chil-

dren, a very clear sense of the parts of this body has been revealed. This past Tuesday we fed 103 people! More astounding, is the fact that we have 23 families in our church with school-aged children (88 souls) 50 of whom are kids. That's right, our church has 50 kids!

On the other end of the spectrum, we also provided meals to 12 folks who are a bit more homebound. In between, are 51 families or individuals who will be receiving cards from the kids who received food as away to "pay forward" the fellowship. Making all of this happen are 18 folks who made soup, baked bread, cookies and pies, donated cheese and delivered the food.

When you shake this all out, what this means is that we have a fabulous demographic at our church. We are mostly young families with kids (by *far*), we have a solid core of folks who step up to help to do the work of the church and, unlike many churches, are no longer the "blue-haired, gray-haired and no-haired" (not that there is anything *wrong* with that).

However, what these numbers fail to demonstrate, is just how much *fun* everyone had, and is having, making "Food For Fellowship" happen. At every turn people are *thrilled* to help, *delighted* to receive, *graciously* giving of their time, talents, energy and resources. Frankly, this has been the ideal of "Stewardship." Not just because of *what* has been offered but, more importantly, *how* it is *being* offered: with glad and joyful hearts. It's simply a whole lot of fun being our church. Let's not forget this.

Mmm, Mmm Good, - Rev. Mike

"I know your deeds, and your love and faith and service and perseverance, and that your deeds of late are greater than at first." - Revelation 2:9

NOVEMBER Birthdays

- 1 Dave MacMaster
- 2 Tracy Loeffler
- 4 Amanda Eschman,
Duncan Melville,
Donna Norrell
- 5 Judy Longshore
- 6 Mary Grace Gordon
- 8 Rev. Michael Catanzaro,
Elizabeth Chadwick,
Laura O'Shaughnessy,
Gemma DelRossi,
Rebecca DelRossi
- 11 Roger McBath,
Anne Patterson
- 12 Amelia Rodee, Sarah Rodee
- 17 Jon Abplanalp, Chris Abplanalp
- 18 Wanda Renick
- 21 Janice Poole
- 24 Martha Pierce,
Betsy Robinson
- 25 David Patterson, Hayden Irish
- 26 Tom Dildine
- 28 Bob Duda
- 29 Stuart Jones

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

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

Time to Fall Back!

Turn your clock back an hour when you go to bed on Saturday, October 31st.

November Lectionary Readings

Sunday, November 1

Joshua 3:7-17
Psalm 107:1-7, 33-37
1 Thessalonians 2:9-13
Matthew 23:1-12



Sunday, November 8

Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25
Psalm 78:1-7
1 Thessalonians 4:13-18
Matthew 25:1-13

Sunday, November 15

Judges 4:1-7
Psalm 123
1 Thessalonians 5:1-11
Matthew 25:14-30

Christ the King Sunday - November 22

Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24
Psalm 100 or Psalm 95:1-7a
Ephesians 1:15-23

First Sunday of Advent - November 29

Isaiah 64:1-9
Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19
1 Corinthians 1:3-9
Mark 13:24-37

*Saving
Grace*

The bread is warm and fresh,
The water cool and clear.

Lord of all life,
be with us.

Lord of all life,
be near.

Greening of the Church

The Greening of the Church will take place after worship on **Sunday, November 22nd**. This year, only the front of the sanctuary will be done. **Socially distanced help is welcome!**

Session Report

A regular meeting of the Session was held, via Zoom, on **September 28th**. Services at **Partridge Knoll** will resume in October. Work on the **fountain** is coming along nicely with new donations of \$6,500 bringing the current to **\$129,000**. Work on the **Greener Church Initiative** is on-going.

Church Treasure, **Phil Elvy** spoke to Mary McGreevy about taking over the **bookkeeping position** and he is working with her to facilitate the changeover.

On September 13th, Rev. Mike gave a blessing at the **new C&CP building**. We are still looking for an additional C&CP representative.

Karen Bailey has been hired as the new church secretary. The *ad hoc* Committee on Reopening has prepared the sanctuary for **social distancing** and **disinfecting** in anticipation of **in-person services** resuming on October 4th. Rev. Mike will continue to send out a weekly sermon via email and the Zoom fellowship meetings will continue.

Beth Hayes reported that she and her crew made **376** cabbage rolls and offered **16** pies for dessert. Everything got sold and they earned **\$1,384!** Beth thanked her helpers: **Amelia** and **Liam Rodee**, **Julia** and **Mary Basford**, **Katie Seymour**, **Olga Virgil**, **Whitney** & **Sophia Smalling**.

WiFi is all set up for the live-streaming of the worship service. The **power** has been restored downstairs in the Christian Ed. wing at a cost of \$334. The search for a new **Church School Director** is on hiatus for the present as we cannot hold church school. **Master Sean** is holding **Tai Chi** classes in Fellowship Hall with great attention to social distancing and sanitation rules.

Session Report - Cont.

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. The idea is to distribute soup, bread, cheese and dessert to young families and to others in need. (*Go to **page 12** to see how it worked out.*) Rev. Mike also reported that all the outside decking and some of the playground equipment were re-stained.

Next meeting is October 26th.

Giving Tree - New Look for 2020

With your help, the **Church & Community Program** can supply **vouchers** for **toys/gifts** and **clothes**, plus **new PJs** and a **hand-knit hat or scarf** for each child and a **food voucher** for each family. With your help, this year's Giving Tree program will reach well over **400** local children in low-income families. Because of Covid-19, we need your help more than ever this year, since we can't distribute actual toys and clothing.

We're asking you to donate by **cash** or **check** so that we can convert it into food, clothing or toy/gift **vouchers**. If you prefer to use **PayPal** or a **credit card**, you can go online to our **website** (<http://www.ccpcanton.org>) and click on the link to **Giving Tree** on the home page. Or, you can come into our Second Chance Thrift Shop at **30 Court Street** to drop off cash, check or to use Square to donate by credit card in-person.

Whichever way works best for you, we really need your help more than ever this year. Please submit donations by **November 15th**. All of us at the Church and Community Program Giving Tree thank you for partnering with us to once again provide a **better holiday** for a child in need.

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

A newly up-dated Photo Directory is available online 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**.

Presbyterian Worship

Please note that the next monthly worship service at **Partridge Knoll** is on Wednesday, **November 11th** at **10 a.m.** This is a temporary change in date and time **for this month only**. 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 **November 15th**.

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



We are currently seeking a successor to **Sarah Melville** to serve as the **Clerk of Session**. Responsibilities are limited to **taking** and **preparing minutes** at 10 monthly meetings (last Monday of the month

except in July and December, no longer than 1 hour), our annual meeting in February, and once-a-year on-line denominational statistical reporting. **The Clerk need not be an Elder or member to serve**. This is a great way to provided a **much needed service** to our church with limited responsibilities and no “mission creep” (plus, the Session meeting are a lot of fun). Please see **Rev. Mike** if interested or have questions.

SPAM or Scam

A couple of times now someone has attempted a **“phishing” scheme**, first via **email** and more recently via **text**, by posing as Rev. Mike to solicit the recipient’s immediate help (typically to purchase a gift card). Please know that you would **never** be asked to do such a thing by anyone at the church; if ever you receive such a message you **should never click on any link or respond**. You can mark it as “Spam” or “Junk” in your email application, or “Block Caller” on your phone.

If ever your receive such a message, regarding the church or any other matter, which seems **odd**, a good tip is to **carefully** examine the sender’s email address or phone number. If it isn’t in your address book, or you don’t recognize, chances are it is a scam.

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

Food Pantry Needs

We are looking for someone willing to give some **TLC** to our **modest food pantry** (organizing shelves, check for outdated food, alerting congregation to needs). This is **low demand**, but **important** area of responsibility in our church. If interested, or have questions, please see Rev. Mike.

Currently, we could use **donations** of **spaghetti sauce** and boxed **macaroni & cheese**. Thanks to all who support this mission of our congregation, **available to anyone** with no questions asked.

Food Fundraiser

On **Sunday, November 8th** we will be having a **food sale from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.** Featured will be **16 oz.** containers of **macaroni & cheese** or **Spanish rice with meat** (white rice or brown rice) for **\$4.50** each or **two for \$8** and **homemade pie, \$2** per slice.

To make this a success we will be looking for donations of the following ingredients along with homemade pies:

Elbow macaroni: **15#**
Chunks of sharp or very sharp cheese – 8 oz each: **30**
Whole Milk-gallon: **6**
Butter: **3 #**
Onions: **6 #**
Large Green Pepper: **10**
Uncle Ben’s White Rice: **4#**
Uncle Ben’s Brown Rice: **4#**
Diced tomatoes – 14.5 oz can: **20**
Tomato sauce-15 oz can: **15**
Homemade Pie: **15**

Pies to the church no later than 9:30 a.m. on November 8th; all others by November 5th. To place a **pre-order for food** and/or to **donate** any of the above, please contact **Beth Hayes** at hayesbe27@gmail.com or call/text her at (315) 244-7902.

It's Stewardship Time

Fall is itself a blessing for the North Country - beautiful leaves, schools buzzing with students, cooler weather and all things apple. It's different this go around as Covid has hushed some of our village jingle, but the blessings remain, each one of them sufficient. Among these are the loving and determined members of our church who, among many other things, have worked hard to resume in-person services with the benefit of a live-stream. Yes, we are now viewable on YouTube – **this Church knows how to meet a challenge.** It is a privilege, therefore, to have the opportunity to address all of you on the subject of stewardship.

We have another challenge; a yearly one, made more daunting by temper of the times. The passing suspension of in-person worship and the outlays involved in our new remote service, along with recurring costs like heating, outreach, insurance and repairs are again calling upon our generosity. November 1st is Pledge Sunday. **As Pledge Sunday approaches, we ask that you take a moment of careful prayer to search your heart and ask if you are giving as fully as you are able.** The success and very existence of our church lies directly in your hands. We hope you will join us in supporting our church by giving as generously as you are able and even considering an increase in your donation over past years as we approach the coming year.

There is so much good that radiates from our Church on the Park; Stacie and I are in wonder of it. Let's continue to fund the expressions of our faith, creativity and compassion in its varied forms by pledging as generously as we can. Please join us on Pledge Sunday by returning your pledge card with your offering, or by mailing it directly to the church. Thank you for your attention to this important matter, and **thanks to everyone (near and far) for their continued support** of the First Presbyterian Church on the Park!

Blessings, Patrick LaPierre
2020 Stewardship Chair

My Estimate of Giving

Yes! I would like to help support the work of our Church. During the coming year, I plan to give \$_____ per week, to be divided as follows:
\$_____ for our church and \$_____ for General Mission.

Yes, I would like offering envelopes.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Please bring to the church on November 1st or mail to 17 Park Street, Canton NY 13617.

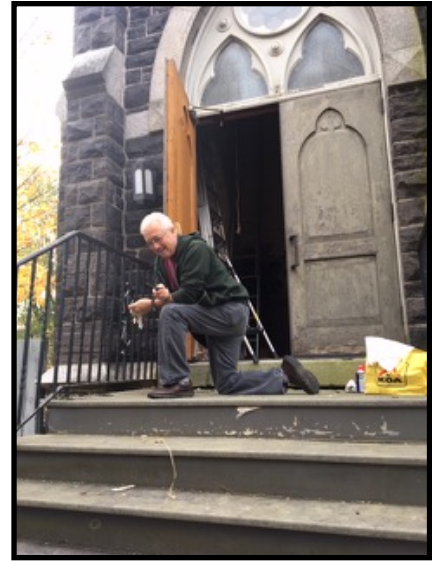
Your support of our church is greatly appreciated! Thank you!

A reminder of My Church Pledge:

During the coming year, I plan to give to our church \$_____ per week.

Church Photos

Great thanks to **Dave MacMaster** (right) who continues to press on in making improvements for the “Greener Church Campaign.” This past month Dave sealed the exterior doors to the sanctuary, making them air tight to prevent heat from escaping and cold drafts from getting in (and they *were* getting in, all over). We greatly appreciate his efforts!



Mary Kelly (left) shows off the latest farm fashion for running hammer mill for high moisture corn.



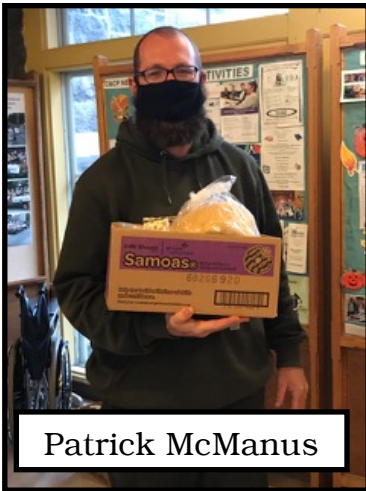
That's **Blake Bennett** (right) son of **Marcy** and **Brian Bennett**. Blake is second-year student at Clarkson and is showing off his fatigues as a member of the Air Force ROTC.



Aubry Boswell (below) mails notecards to church friends. The notecards were given with the Food For Fellowship meals as a way to “pay it forward.” More Food For Fellowship on pg. 12.



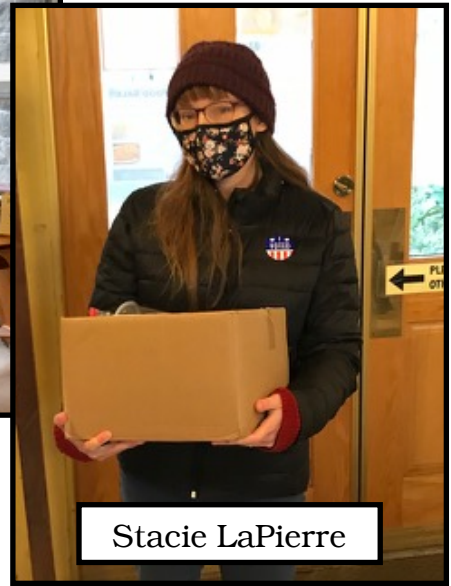
Food For Fellowship



Patrick McManus



Ellen Grayson & Michelle Quinell-Gayle



Stacie LaPierre



Susan Akins & Barb Brown

Food For Fellowship was held on October 27th with soup meals given to 22 families and 9 homebound members, totaling 103 people being fed. The families were given notecards that will be mailed to 51 church friends to share the gift of fellowship. With 12 people making the meals and five doing deliveries, it was full, fun, fellowship feat! Thanks to all!



Anna Eller with Walter & Alaina



Josh & Nicole Holbrook



Patience Boswell with Cameron & Aubry



Kristine Potter & Barb Brown



Linda Potter, Ellen Grayson, Nancy Brown, Barb Brown



Ellen Grayson, Heidi Ames & Linda Potter

FOOD SALE

**Sunday November 8th
11 a.m to 3:00 p.m.**

Menu

Macaroni and Cheese

OR

Spanish Rice with Meat

(White or Brown Rice)

16 oz Container \$4.50 each

or 2 for \$8

Homemade Pie

\$2 per slice

Pre-Orders Available

(But not necessary.)

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Pledge Sunday - November 1st
Greening of the Church
Giving Tree 2020
Food Sale - Nov. 8th
Food For Fellowship Photos
In-Person & Live-Stream Worship



The Mission of the First Presbyterian Church of Canton to reach out to all people and welcome them in celebrating truly the joys, freedoms and responsibilities that come with our faith in God, Christ's unconditional love for us, and the power of the Holy Spirit to transform our world. Through this nurturing Christian Community we will fully recognize the value of each believer, humbly forgive ourselves and others, and lovingly embrace God's Grace.