



The View From The Park

A Newsletter of Faith & Community

December 2024

1st Presbyterian Church on the Park
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Sundays in December

• **Worship Begins At 10:00 a.m.** •

• December 1st •

1st Sunday of Advent
No Church School
Communion
Deacon & Food Shelf Offering
Farm Family Offering



• December 8th •

2nd Sunday of Advent
White Christmas (Sung by
the Men of the Church)
Kids' Christmas Showcase
Church Potluck Lunch
Deacons To Deliver Poinsettias
& Cookies to Homebound



• December 15th

3rd Sunday of Advent
Name Tag Sunday
Noisy Can Offering
Congregational Meeting (After worship)



• December 22nd •

4th Sunday of Advent
Service of Lessons & Carols



• December 29th •

No Church School



Rev. Michael P. Catanzaro..... Pastor
Pastor Donna Doig, CLP..... Associate Pastor
Andrea Montgomery.....Church School Director
Dr. Meagan Dissinger..Director of Music & Pianist
Christy Dekay.....Office Coordinator
Emily & Kate Ewy.....Nursery Care Providers
Patience Boswell..... Sexton
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Christmas On The Park

There is a *great* deal of fun happening this month at our church starting with the Farm Family Offering being received on **December 1st**.

On the **8th**, we will delight at the Church School **Christmas Showcase** which will be held during the morning worship service (i.e. no sermon!). **Every child** is invited to participate by playing a musical instrument or wearing a costume (no lines to memorize). **Parents** - contact **Andrea Montgomery** at amq20@yahoo.com or cell/text 315-244-7628 to let her know that your child will be there. Those in costume need to arrive by 9 a.m. on the 8th.

Our fabulous **Potluck Lunch** will take place after worship on the **8th**. **Set-up** will take place on **Saturday, December 7th** at **12:30 p.m.** Volunteers also needed to bake **cookies** for December 8th. These will be taken with poinsettias to the homebound by the Deacons.

Worship on **Sunday, December 22nd** will be a **Service of Lessons & Carols**, using scripture & song to tell the Christmas story.

Poinsettias will decorate the sanctuary in Advent beginning **Sunday, December 15th**. See **pg. 11** to order in memory or honor of a loved one. Order deadline is **December 9th**.

The **Christmas Eve Candlelight Service** will be on Tuesday, December 24th at 7 p.m.



Family News

Congratulations to **Michelle Quinell-Gayle** for her 20 years of service to The Arc Jefferson-St. Lawrence! Way to go Michelle!



Congratulations to **Natasha Rossiter**, a cast member in the Canton High School Thespians Fall production, "Father of the Bride." Way to shine Natasha!



Prayers for **Dave Patterson** on the death of his wife **Anne**, and for their daughter Lisa (husband Robert) and their granddaughter Natasha (apple of Anne's eye). Anne died at her home in Maryland on November 10th under the care of her husband and surrounded by her loving family. Cards may be sent to Dave at 14050 Esworthy Road, Darnestown, MD 20874-3312. A long-time member of our church, Anne was a devoted mother and grandmother and will be terribly missed by her family, friends and church.

Prayers for **Carolyn O'Connor** who was move to an assisted living facility outside of Boston. Her new address is: Carolyn O'Connor 216, 276 Whiting Street, Hingham, MA 02043. Unfortunately, we still do not have a phone number for her, but will share once determined. Any card or note one cares to send would be *greatly* appreciated.

Continued prayers for **Lew Shepard** and **Marilyn Coir** in their days; **Rich Denison** who continues to face health concerns, **Christa Lyon** and **Josh Holbrook** facing health challenges; Janet Favro currently residing at Keene Valley Neighborhood House (Attn Janet Favro, P.O. Box 46, Keene Valley, NY 12943); **Colleen Grant** for healing

More Family News

and wholeness, and husband **Dale** in support of her, (55 Bird Street, Canton, NY 13617); **Alice Poole** facing health challenges (2708 Salem Church Road - Apt. 116, Fredericksburg, VA 22407); **Nick Scelzi**, a resident of the Canton Nursing Home (Willow 206, 205 State Street Road, Canton).

Prayers for Mary Theisen, mother of **Gordy Theisen**, who fell and broke her hip and, now, has experienced complications. A difficult situation. Thankfully, Mary has a large and loving family and they are providing her with excellent support and a lot of love.

Long distance prayers for Pam Constantine, sister of **Barry Walch**, recently diagnosed with cancer; Dave Pierce, father of **Kristine Potter**, recovering from health issues; Jody Upton, sister of **Susan Akins**, being treated for cancer; Jeannie Lewis, a former church member who lives in NH and is the daughter of Elsie Dana, being treated for macular degeneration.

We pray for parents raising children, and children caring for parents.

Thank You!

Thanks to all who helped with the **Greening of the Church** following worship on November 24th. The sanctuary looks wonderfully "Christmas-ee" and we appreciate everyone's efforts and leadership.



Farm Family Offering

Our Farm Family Offering is an opportunity for all of us to share our **mission dollars** with **local farmers**. Because of this mission program, which we began in 2002, many farm families have been able to buy presents for their children when they wondered where the money would come from to do so.

Our local producers have to deal with **whatever weather** that Mother Nature sends - sun, rain sleet, dry or soggy fields, warm or freezing temperatures. Today's economy is not easy. Cost of production may be higher than the payment they receive for their product. Despite these challenges, our local farmers will do their best to provide their **foods** and **products** to us.

During the month of December, **monetary gifts** will be delivered personally to **local farm families**. Together our dollars will provide a Merrier Christmas for farm children and their parents.

Bring your donation to church on **Sunday, December 1st** where there will be envelopes addressed to "**Farm Family Offering**" in which you can insert your money. For church families who receive a snail-mailed newsletter, an envelope will be attached. You can also mail your donation (check only-no cash) to: Canton Presbyterian Church, 17 Park Street. Be sure to note for **Farm Families** on check. **Thank you for making a difference!**

- **Marilyn Rodee**, Farm Family Coordinator

Stewardship Update

Barry Walch reports that stewardship is going **well** with currently **44** pledging units for **\$94,640** for the General Fund and **\$9,928** for Mission. There is still time to make **your pledge** for 2025. Thanks to everyone for your incredible generosity!

December Lectionary Readings

December 1

Jeremiah 33:14-16; Psalm 25:1-10
1 Thessalonians 3:9-13; Luke 21:25-36

December 8

Malachi 3:1-4; Luke 1:68-79
Philippians 1:3-11; Luke 3:1-6



December 15

Zephaniah 3:14-20; Isaiah 12:2-6
Philippians 4:4-7; Luke 3:7-18

December 22

Micah 5:2-5a
Luke 1:46-55 or Psalm 80:1-7
Hebrews 10:5-10; Luke 1:39-45 (46-55)

Christmas Eve - December 24

Isaiah 9:2-7; Psalm 96:1-13
Titus 2:11-14; Luke 2:1-14 (15-20)

Christmas Day

Isaiah 52:7-10; Psalm 98:1-9
Hebrews 1:1-4 (5-12); John 1:1-14

December 29

1 Samuel 2:18-20, 26; Psalm 148
Colossians 3:12-17; Luke 2:41-52

Beans = Wagon Rides?!?

Thanks to congregation's generous support, our recent "Where Have You Bean" fundraiser made \$500 for the church. However, rather than add this to church coffers, we have donated the amount to the Canton Holiday Of Lights to pay for the horse and wagon rides that evening for the kids and families of our community!



Church Website

Go to www.churchonthepeark.org or scan this QR code to see the latest sermon, church calendar, link to our YouTube Channel and much more!



Church Attendance

	In-Person	Stream	CS
November 3	44	60	3
November 10	49	50	8
November 17	60	35	7

Average In-Person Attendance: 51
 Average Live-Stream Attendance: 48
 Average CS Attendance: 6

Treasurer's Report

	Operating	Mission
November 3	\$9,319.00	\$1,011.00
November 10	\$2,020.00	\$ 25.00
November 17	\$3,889.67	\$1,675.00
Total:	\$15,228.67	\$2,711.00

Cookie Bakers Needed!

This year we will continue the tradition of the Deacons delivering **poinsettias** to the homebound along with **cookies** on Sunday, **December 8th**.

We are looking for volunteers to bake so as to end up with a total of **17 dozen cookies**. With a variety of Christmas cookies donated, we can gift an assorted dozen to each person. Extra cookies will be shared with all at the potluck brunch on December 8th.

Please contact **Linda Potter** at nautilus@twcny.rr.com or text her at (315) 229-8886 if you would like to donate (let her know how many dozen you'll be providing and what kind; no nuts please). Cookies can be brought to the church either on **Saturday, December 7th** (can be left in the kitchen) or Sunday morning before or after worship, the **8th**.

Deacon's Offering

The Deacon's Offering is the **first Sunday** of the month and a vital component of our church's work and mission. Please remember to send along a contribution to the Deacons along with your pledge or regular offering. **Thank you!**

Officers & Committees

Elders On Session

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

Joe Montgomery Patrick LaPierre Rob Ewy
 Sarah Melville Barry Walch Jim Franklin
 Anna Eller Heidi Ames Pat McGuire
 Rich Grayson Michelle Theisen
 Patricia Mace - Clerk Of Session

Board of Deacons

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

Christy Dekay Ray Erickson Mark Brackett
 Susan Akins Jane Cable Ellen Grayson
 Jean McGuire Bob Duda Stacie Olney-LaPierre
 Secretary Moderator
 Ray Erickson, Treasurer

Committees

Chairs

Resources Jim Franklin
 Responsible for managing and dispensing funds to fulfill the mission & ministry of our church.

Facilities Barry Walch, Rich Grayson & Pat McGuire
 Responsible for the maintenance and use of all church property.

Fellowship Ellen Grayson & Pat Mace
 Responsible for all fellowship events.

Nominating Jean McGuire, Michelle Theisen, Gordy Theisen, Barb Brown & Sarah Melville
 Responsible for filling Session, Deacons & Offices.

Church School Anna Eller
 Responsible for growth, nurturing & learning.

Worship Sarah Melville
 With pastor, responsible for worship.

Communion Pat Mace & Vicki McLain

Stewardship Jim Franklin
 Responsible for securing resources and energy to fulfill the mission & ministry of our church.

Mission Michelle Theisen & Rob Ewy
 Helping our church, community and world.

Treasurer Mary McGreevy

Financial Secretary Barry Walch
 Asst. Financial Secretary Anna Eller

C&C Program JJ Jockel, Sean Boutin & Michelle Theisen

Personnel Anna Eller, Heidi Ames & Patrick LaPierre

The Pastor's Report

Ho! Ho! Ho! Merry Christmas!

Jolly (somewhat) Old Rev. Mike here wishing you all a very Merry Christmas as we begin the Season of Advent.

Advent (from the Latin word *adventus*, meaning "coming") is the period of expectant waiting and preparation for the celebration of the Nativity of Jesus; in other words, the period immediately before Christmas. The Latin word *adventus* is the translation of the Greek word *parousia*, commonly used in reference to the Second Coming. As Christians we believe that the season of Advent serves as a dual reminder of the original waiting which was done by the Hebrews for the birth of their Messiah, as well as the waiting that Christians today endure for the second coming of Christ.

I know they never told me this at seminary, and I'm sure that none of you read the small print when you signed on as a follower of Christ, but one of the most significant aspects of being a Christian is the need to become one who abides well.

The definition of the word "abide" actually has two different nuances which really serve to capture the spirit of discipleship (i.e., what it actually means to "do" or "be" your faith). First, to "abide" means to accept or act in accord with the wishes or demands of another. Step number one in the faith journey is the acceptance of the fact that this path we are on is one which has been laid out before us by God. We, of course, may

decide whether we will follow it (enter our old friend *free will*) but the direction, pace and terrain of the path is clearly not of our own design or control.

Due to my own sometimes tumultuous faith journey, I recognize and must constantly challenge myself to accept that there is a very real and pervasive mystical rhythm and spiritual flow to discipleship. The key is to dance (live one's life) to the tune God is actually laying down. As a former musician, I greatly appreciate people who get into whatever song is being played, rather than wishing for a song that has not yet been played or won't be played. I think the same is true with abiding in whatever reality God is currently laying down. It is what it is; let us bide in it.

Second, we can also speak about "abiding" as a feeling or a memory which we do not allow to fade or become lost. For me, Christmas is the one time of year (whether I like it or not) that I get a vibrant sense of the actual "**feeling of faith.**" We get it watching children take in the tree and presents on Christmas morning. We get it when you drop off a loaf of holiday bread to our neighbor. We also get it when we realize that Christmas isn't about what we *get*, but rather, what we can *give* to others. This feeling of faith is what it means to have God's son come into our world at Christmas, and into our lives every day.

In God's abiding presence, Rev. Mike

"Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me." - John 15:4

DECEMBER Birthdays

- 1 Michelle Quinell-Gayle
- 2 Lindsey Frazer
- 3 Jessica Brown, Giselle Kelly
- 9 Ellen Grayson, Brandon Bartley
- 10 Holly Miller, Christa Lyon,
George Repicky
- 11 James Colton
- 12 Brandon Rodee, Georgia Vose,
Rich Miller
- 13 Kenneth Gibson,
Jessica Witherhead
- 14 David Witherhead
- 15 Evan Poole
- 17 Colin Montgomery
- 18 Sarah Melville, Pat McGuire
- 19 Kristin McKie
- 20 Dale Grant
- 21 Mark Erickson,
Lance Erickson
- 23 Faye Bartley
- 25 Fran Miller
- 26 Rance Davis, David Gordon
- 29 Jane Cable
- 30 Janet Favro,
Kathryn (McAuliffe) O'Connell
- 31 Michael Witherhead

DECEMBER Anniversaries

- 13 Pierre & Hilde Nzuah
- 22 Gerald & Beverly Findley
- 23 Kenneth & Mary Garwood

Women's Circle

Women's Circle will meet on **Wednesday, December 11th** at **7 p.m.** in Lorna's Lounge with topic of **"Celebration."** All women of the church are welcome. For more info contact **Linda Potter** at nautilus@twcny.rr.com or 315-229-8886.



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

Virtual Worship & Fellowship

For live-streaming, fellowship, bulletins, sermons, newsletters, 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 happen each Sunday (except July & August) 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>. Once 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 11:30 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 continue to be emailed, or snail-mailed, on *Tuesday* 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").

Session Report

Session met on **October 28th**. For the Treasurer's Report, **Barry Walch** noted that for the **first time** this year that \$5,000 has been requested from the \$20,000 budgeted deficit fund to cover bills. Rev. Mike shared that things are going well at the church and that he is visiting people in the congregation. He also noted that the Presbytery of NNY is struggling to maintain itself.

January 12th was set as the date to celebrate the gift of the grill from the family of **Bill Webb**. Two Presbyterian ministers, **Jean Kabambi** and **Leia Lutz** have been attending services. It was agreed to invite Rev. Lutz to preach the sermon soon.

An ad has been posted for the **director of music** position. Kathleen Crecco's last day will be November 24th. **Doug Wingerath** attended the session meeting to share his ideas about music for the church. **Patrick LaPierre** volunteered to speak to the music teacher at the church about possibly having students perform as soloists during the service. It was noted that the choir has returned to singing from the choir loft.

A discussion was held to create a **Congregational Coordinator** position for \$18,000/year. The minister's salary would be reallocated to cover the salary so that church would not incur any additional cost. Barry Walch and Jim Franklin will work with Rev. Mike on this.

The new **cabinets** have been partially installed in the nursery. **Furniture** is being considered for the **Selleck Room**. The **Cabbage Roll Sale** raised \$1,183 and the **Bazaar** brought in just over \$2K. The **Bean Sale** is this weekend.

Session Report - cont.

A **bridge club** has inquired about using the church for their meetings. Rev. Mike reported on the generous and anonymous donation to the Pastor's Discretionary Fund which must be used within the year. Thus far, **donations** have been made to the school's Back Pack Program, local ground beef for the Church & Community Food Pantry, rent assistance for a person in need, memorial donation for a family whose child had died, assistance for diapers for a young family, one-time donations to the Crary Mills and Dailey Ridge church, and payment of a individual's bill at Claxton Hepburn hospital.

Nominating Committee will meet soon to discuss upcoming vacancies on Session. For **Stewardship**, letters have been mailed. **Patrick LaPierre** presented his *Seconds for Stewardship* last week and **Jim Franklin** will share his at the next worship service. **Facilities Committee** will meet soon to discuss needed repairs at the church. **Michelle Theisen** shared that the Church & Community Program is doing well and has been providing personal care kits for the homeless.

Next meeting is November 25th.



Church Weather Closings

In the event of inhospitable weather, notice of the cancellation of our worship service, or the switch to On-Line only, will be emailed to the congregation and listed on WWNY-TV and NCPR radio.



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**

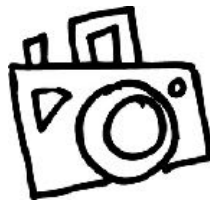
Prayer Chain to offer prayers for folks who are ill, troubled or in need.

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



Photo Directory

Our Photo Directory is no longer available online through the website. If you would like a copy (print or digital), please contact Rev. Mike or the church office and we'd be happy to send one with you. We endeavor to keep the photo directory as up-to-date as possible. If you find that you have been inadvertently omitted, would like to be included or would like a retake, please contact **Rev. Mike**. Updates easily done.



Presbyterian Worship

The next **Partridge Knoll service** is on **December 4th** and will continue through the winter (except January) on the **1st Wednesday** of the month at **11:00 a.m.**



Like Us On Facebook!

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

New Church Website Live



Christy and Rev. Mike have finished the NEW Church Website which is brighter and easier to use. We have switched to a different platform which will allow us to keep the site updated weekly (i.e. calendar)

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.

To view recordings of previous worship services, please subscribe to our [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 Newsletter Editor, Linda Potter, at:

nautilus@twcny.rr.com

Hello, my name is...

Remember - **Name Tag Sunday** is **December 15th**.

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

Call to Congregational Meeting

The members and friends of The First Presbyterian Church on the Park are hereby called to a meeting of the congregation and corporation immediately following worship on **Sunday, December 15th**. We will remain in the sanctuary so others may join the meeting via the stream. We will be considering the creation of a new staff position at our church entitled, **Congregational Coordinator** (approved by Session on 11/25/24). If this new position is endorsed by the congregation, we will correspondingly set and approve the Pastor's 2025 Terms of Call to reflect this new position. These changes, if approved, will not necessitate any increase in funding from the church but, rather, a reallocation of existing funds to be better utilized.

Prison Book Program

John and Mary Christopher's daughter, Katherine, is a volunteer with the **Prison Book Program** which is based near Boston. The mission of Prison Book Program is to support people in prison by sending them free books and reading materials that meet their specific needs and interests. John and Mary, who will see Katherine during the holidays, invite people in our congregation to donate books which they will deliver. Donated books must be paperback and in good condition. You can find info about the most-needed genres and topics [here](#). A **box** for donations will be in the foyer. **Thanks for your support.**

C&CP Usage

October = 219 HH with **110** children, **197** adults and **154** seniors. Totals **461** individuals. Of the 219 HHs, 10 were new to the pantry, 4 were emergency/out of area cases, and one was a homeless person. Compare to: 198 HH last month and 199 a year ago.

Welcome Dr. Dissinger!

The Session is pleased to introduce Dr. Meagan Dissinger as our new Director of Music and Pianist! Meg is a Visiting Assistant Professor in Choral Music Education at the Crane School of Music. Choir will resume Thursday evening practices beginning January 16th (practice time still to be determined) and will be singing during worship beginning on Sunday January 26th. She will take over pianist responsibilities in January (TBD). Meg earned degrees from Penn State University (B.S. in Music Education), CUNY Hunter College (M.A. in Piano Performance), and Teachers College, Columbia University (Ed.M. and Ed.D. in Music and Music Education). She is also a certified yoga teacher. **We are delighted to have Meg on staff with us as we look expectantly to a bright and promising musical future here on the Park.**



Thanks To Bob Duda

The **Session, congregation,** and **Rev. Mike** would like to extend great thanks to **Bob Duda** who has agreed to assume piano playing duties for worship beginning with **Advent** and until Dr. Meg is fully on board at a point in January. Bob has been **extremely gracious** in providing his ample talents and enthusiasm to see us through this time in-between pianists. And, **YES**, Bob will be playing for the **Christmas Eve** service, which we all know is his most **favorite** time of the year!



Selleck Room & Nursery Update

Folks, it has been a **long haul** to bring this project to fruition. We still are not quite there yet, but we are taking some big, walking-on-the-moon steps and creeping ever closer to completion.

On Monday, December 2nd, the **countertop, sink, and cabinet lights** will be installed in the nursery. For the Selleck room, a large **5-piece sofa** surround has been purchased and will arrive by Christmas, as will the **Foosball table** which has already been ordered ("Tornado Classic" is the brand/model, tournament quality). Two **bean bag chairs** have arrived, as have the **sound bar, subwoofer and mount** for the **TV**. The TV is set to arrive November 27th, and at that point we can schedule the installation (hopefully in a week or so).



A comment about the decision to include TV in the Selleck Room. After consulting many folks in the congregation and having given the matter much consideration, the decision was made to have the Selleck Room provide the most potential benefit on the most occasions. While we aren't looking to have the TV on all the time (or even much at all, we are going to password protect its use) it will afford the opportunity for movie nights, CS instruction and other occasions/purposes. Given the large size of the room and the viewing distance, it will necessarily be a rather large screen (85 inches). As a bonus, the higher end sound bar and subwoofer will also serve as a Bluetooth connected "stereo" for more festive occasions. Once all these big items are on-site and in the room so we can assess remaining space, we will pursue other additions such as a soft-tip dart board, Nerf basketball hoop, board games, and lighting. Ideas and suggestions very welcome; see **Rev. Mike**.

OFA Holiday Gift Drive

The **Office for the Aging** is sponsoring the **11th Annual Holiday Gift Drive** for older adults in SLC. They are collecting financial contributions to purchase gift cards and/or gift baskets for older adults in their home-delivered meal program. Mail your contribution by **December 6th** to Office for the Aging, 80 State Highway 310, Suite 7, Canton NY 13617. **Thank you!**

Volunteers Welcome!

A group of volunteers from our church are assisting the SLC Office for the Aging with their **Home Delivered Meals** program. We are delivering meals on the **second Tuesday** of the month at 35 and 37 Riverside Drive in Canton. Meals are picked up at **10:15 a.m.** and delivered to residents in the two buildings. It takes about **45 minutes** to complete and you are always greeted with a smile.



To volunteer or learn more, contact **Linda Potter** at (315) 229-8886 or nautilus@twcny.rr.com. We hope to increase the number of days per month we can help out.

Saving Grace

We thank you, God
for this our food;
For life and health,
for all things good.
We have been blessed,
beyond compare.
Accept our praise,
receive our prayer.



In Memory and Honor of Family, Friends & Loved Ones

If you would like to purchase a Poinsettia through the church (**cost \$20**), please fill out the **order form** below.

Please return order form and payment to
First Presbyterian Church, 17 Park Street, Canton NY 13617
by **December 9th at Noon.**
(The deadline to place our order with White's Flowers.)

You are welcome to provide your own plant; however, we will still need the information regarding your memorial for the bulletin insert by **December 9th** as well.

(Please pick up your Poinsettia following the Christmas Eve Service, or earlier, so you may enjoy it at home.)

You may also email your order to office@churchonthepark.org and send payment after.

Name: _____

In memory of:

Red #: _____ White #: _____

Cash: _____ Check: _____



PLEASE RETURN BY DECEMBER 9th, 2024.

SIGN(S) OF THE TIMES

Jewish Food Festival

Sunday November 17th

11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

at 81 Market St. Potsdam

Great Food for a Great Cause

Worship & Church School

Begin at 10:00 a.m.

Guest
Preacher

In-Person and On-line
Nursery Care Provided

Chris Remick

www.ChurchOnThePark.org

NOV 23 6:04 PM 43° 315.386.2570

If the only prayer you said was

Thank You

that would be enough.

– Meister Eckhart.

Holiday Of Lights

This Friday the 29th

Here In The Park 6 to 8 p.m.

Tree Lighting, Music,

Wagon Rides, Santa & Frosty

Hot Chocolate & Cookies in the Church

Craft & Vendor Fair

Today 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

at Canton School

To Benefit The

Canton Booster Club

O Beautiful

**for Heroes Proved,
In Liberating Strife.**

**Who more than Self
their Country Loved,**

And Mercy more than Life!

ONE Nation Under God

INDIVISIBLE

With Liberty and Justice

For ALL

Holiday Farmers' Market

Today at the Church

**Produce, Meat, Maple, Honey,
Baked Goods and More!**

10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

December 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Communion Deacon & Food Offering Farm Family Offering No Church School 11:15AM Church Fellowship Zoom Meeting 11:15AM Deacons Mtng CR	2 1:30PM Church Office Open	3 1:30PM Church Office Open	4 11:00AM PK Service	5 1:30PM Church Office Open	6	7 12:30PM Set-Up for Potluck
8 CS Christmas Showcase Poinsettias to Homebound White Christmas 11:00AM Potluck Lunch 11:15AM Church Fellowship Zoom Meeting	9 Poinsettia Order Deadline	10 1:30PM Church Office Open	11 7:00PM Women's Circle	12 1:30PM Church Office Open 4:15PM C&CP Board Meeting	13	14
15 Congregational Meeting Name Tag Sunday Newsletter Deadline Noisy Can Offering 11:15AM Church Fellowship Zoom Meeting	16 7:00PM Session/Budget Mtg	17 1:30PM Church Office Open	18	19 1:30PM Church Office Open	20	21
22 Service of Lesson & Carols 11:15AM Church Fellowship Zoom Meeting	23	24 Christmas Eve 7:00PM Candlelight Service	25 Christmas	26 5:30PM Deacons Meeting	27	28
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