



February

# The View From The Park

A Newsletter of Faith & Community

February 2025

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## Sundays in February

• **Worship Begins At 10:00 a.m.** •

• **February 2nd** •

Annual Children's Communion  
(Debut of new GF bread - see pg. 2)  
Deacons & Food Shelf Offering  
Annual Congregational Meeting  
Groundhog Day



• **February 9th** •

Bring A Friend To Church



• **February 16th** •

Name Tag Sunday  
Noisy Can Offering  
No Church School



• **February 23rd** •

Bill Webb Grill Day  
& Winter Potluck Picnic



## Church Website

Go to [www.churchon-thepark.org](http://www.churchon-thepark.org) or scan this QR code to see the latest sermon, church calendar, link to our YouTube Channel and much more!



**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  
**Cam & Aubrey Boswell**.....Stream Masters  
**Linda Potter**.....Congregational Coordinator

**Office Hours: 1:30 - 4:30 p.m. Tues. & Thursday**

## Annual Meeting

The members and friends of the First Presbyterian Church are hereby called to the annual congregational meeting on **Sunday, February 2nd** following worship. We will receive the budget and annual reports, elect officers, and review the Pastor's terms of call approved on 12/15/24. You also can participate **via Zoom** (see pg. 7 for church's Zoom info). **Your presence at this meeting is very important!!!**

## Annual Reports Available

As part of our Annual Meeting of the Congregation to be held on Sunday, February 2nd, the **2024 Annual Report** has been completed and emailed or mailed to everyone. (Hard copies available at the church that Sunday as well).

This report includes **all church activity** from the past year, a **proposed 2025 budget, Pastor's Terms of Call** and **financials**. If you did not receive a copy and would like one, either as an emailed PDF or a snail-mailed hard copy, please contact the church office and we'll get one right out to you.

## 2025 Per Capita

If you haven't yet paid your **per capita for 2025**, you still have time. Per capita is the amount that the church pays per Active Member to the Presbytery, Synod and General Assembly for services provided. For 2025, this is **\$35 per Active Member**. Your donation is **greatly appreciated!**

## Family News

Prayers for **Pat McGuire** on the death of his sister, Barbara Rushford. Prayers also for Barbara's husband, Alan, and their family.

Prayers for **Betty Fraser** who is at home healing and strengthening.

Prayers for **Michelle Theisen** and her mother, Shirely Degouf-Brassard. Shirley is healing from a broken hip, as Michelle provides care and support.

Prayers for **Nicole Potter** and **Chris Melville** awaiting the birth of their first child. The (new) due day is February 14th. In the home stretch now! Grandparents-To-Be **Sarah** and **Duncan**, and **Linda** and **Rev. Mike** are pretty excited.



Prayers for **Mark Brown** recovering from open-heart surgery prior to Christmas, and to **Nancy** in support of him. Cards may be sent to 201 Brewer Road, Canton NY 13617. Thanks to **Jean McGuire** for providing a meal.

Prayers for **Edith Frazer** recovering from knee replacement surgery (down in Florida). Cards may be sent to 568 Lighthouse Way, Sanibel FL. 33957.

Prayers for **Carolyn O'Connor** at an assisted living facility outside of Boston. Her address is: Carolyn O'Connor 216, 276 Whiting Street, Hingham, MA 02043. 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

## More Family News

House (Attn Janet Favro, P.O. Box 46, Keene Valley, NY 12943); **Colleen Grant** for healing 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).

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.**

Congratulations to **Susan Akins** who officially RETIRED in January (then promptly headed south to Florida for a spell). Right on! Congratulations!

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## YUCK!!

Special thanks to **Hunter Fiese** who had the temerity to express what *every-one* in the congregation was already thinking but graciously abided: that the gluten free, dairy free, egg free, everything free bread we've been using for Communion is TERRIBLE! As in it tastes like saw-dust...YUCK! Beginning in February we will be moving to a homemade loaf (thanks to **Linda Potter**) which is sufficiently free of whatever adversely affects folks, but is *significantly* more tasty and moist. Out of the mouths of babes!



## Student News

Congratulations to **Emily Ewy**, part of a team which recently placed 2nd in the regional Science Olympiad.

Congratulations **Andrew Franklin** who made the Fall 2024 Dean's List at Le Moyne College (a GPA of 3.5 or above). Drew is a Junior majoring in Information Systems and Business Analytics.

**Jeremy Potter** and **Darren Potter** were on High Honor Roll last quarter. Jeremy is enjoying playing Forward for 8th Grade Modified Basketball, Darren is a Defenseman for the Norfolk Norwood Minor Hockey 12U team. **Andrea Potter** is playing Goalie for the Canton Blades 10U girls hockey team.

**Kaitlyn Holbrook** is playing JV Basketball and doing an Indoor Soccer Camp Program and **Matt Holbrook** is playing Varsity Hockey for Canton and skating for Massena for Minor Hockey.

**Aubrey Boswell** is on the High Honor Roll at McKinney Middle School.

**Gwen LaPierre** participated in All-County earlier this month on the French horn, and **Daphne LaPierre** recently qualified for Track Sectionals for the 600.

**Maria Franklin** participated in All-County Jazz Band and will be in All-County Chorus, and is in the cast of the upcoming Spring Musical, *Newsies*, at Canton High.

**Natasha Rossiter** competed in the recent regional Science Olympiad held in Plattsburgh.

Congratulations and Good Luck to **Kate Ewy** participating in the Empire State Games the first weekend in February at Lake Placid.



## February Lectionary Readings

### February 2

Jeremiah 1:4–10; Psalm 71:1–6  
1 Corinthians 13:1–13; Luke 4:21–30

### February 9

Isaiah 6:1–8 (9–13); Psalm 138  
1 Corinthians 15:1–11; Luke 5:1–11

### February 16

Jeremiah 17:5–10; Psalm 1  
1 Corinthians 15:12–20; Luke 6:17–26

### February 23

Genesis 45:3–11, 15; Psalm 37:1–11, 39–40  
1 Corinthians 15:35–38, 42–50  
Luke 6:27–38

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## Congratulations to Emily Ewy!



Emily recently passed her NYS Road Test and is now a licensed driver! **WOO-HOO!**

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## Back In The “Sing” Of Things

After a seven month hiatus, the congregation was THRILLED to welcome back the Choir to worship on Sunday, January 26th. It was evident to all that our new Director of Music, **Meg Dissinger**, has brought a lively spirit to our worship, and Choir members a great enthusiasm. Anyone is welcome to come and sing with Meg and the Choir. Practice is Thursday nights at 6:30 p.m., and 9 a.m. on Sunday mornings.

**Come and make a joyful noise unto the Lord!**



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## 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!**



## Church Attendance

	In-Person	Stream	CS
January 5	36	20	6
January 12	40	35	3
January 19	51	50	7
January 22	52	50	5

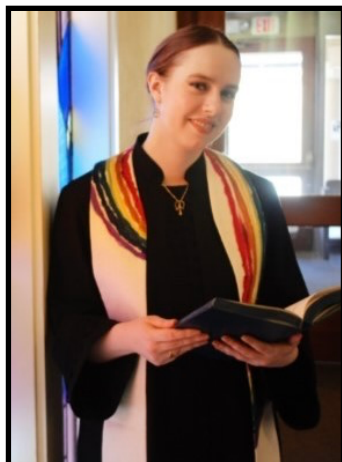
Average In-Person Attendance: 45  
 Average Live-Stream Attendance: 39  
 Average CS Attendance: 5

## Treasurer's Report

	Operating	Mission
January 12	\$3,943.00	\$ 250.00
January 19	\$4,057.00	\$ 148.00
January 26	\$1,295.00	\$ 80.00
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$9,295.00</b>	<b>\$ 478.00</b>

## Rev. Leia Lutz, Parish Associate

At the January meeting of the Session, **Rev. Leia Lutz** was welcomed as a Parish Associate at our church. This is an "official" designation of an ordained pastor who participates in the congregation without serving as an installed pastor (unpaid, and without onerous responsibilities).



Leia is a graduate of Princeton Theological Seminary, and served for seven years as the solo pastor of the Peoples Presbyterian Church in Milan, MI prior to moving to Canton last summer. We've been delighted to welcome and get to know Leia, appreciate her preaching (and look forward to more) and are elated to see her singing the choir. Our congregation is blessed to now have two Parish Associates in Leia and **Rev. Vanessa Syvertsen**.

## 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, M. Gordy Theisen, Barb P.  
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 have been elected and are in attendance.

With Sarah Melville  
 worship.  
 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

Sisters and brothers far and near; greetings!

Well, I don't mind telling you that this is my *least* favorite time of year. Yes, winter is hard (though we've made it to February, so if not necessarily "over the hump" we are certainly cresting the hill) but the real challenge is getting all the administrative ducks in a row to close out the previous year as a church and launch ourselves into the next. I am speaking here of budgets, Annual Reports, Annual Meeting and statistical reporting.

Unsurprisingly, I'm not big into administration. Frankly, I find it burdensome and unfulfilling. More a necessary evil than a virtue unto itself. I remember the first time I ran into the term, "Administrative Leadership." The context was the list of skills, attributes, or experiences a church was looking for in a pastor, or a person seeking a pastoral position might possess. I thought to myself, that is oxymoronic as there is no such thing as "Administrative Leadership." Oh, I understand the reasoning behind it, but from my perspective the goal and role of an "Administrator" is to *minimize* risk, while the responsibility of a "Leader" is to *take* risks. Clearly, someone somewhere had completely misunderstood the role of the latter in favor of the former; almost certainly an Administrator themselves.

Point being, I do not relish the annual task of collecting and compiling the numerous annual reports (though everyone has been great in getting their reports turned in, thank you, HUGE help), working with spreadsheets and budgets, or articulating how many 4 to 12 year olds we have in the church (etc.) and filing statistical reports with the denomination/Presbytery

just so they can feel like *they* are doing something. However, once we got the Annual Reports completed I was reviewing them one last time before printing/emailing and I thought to myself, "No Mike, this is a good and important thing to do every year."

Something I always tell those who are seeking a call to ministry is to ask for the church's Annual Reports for the past five years for any church with whom they are interviewing. Otherwise, one only has the "Church Information Form" (CIF) to go on in assessing if a church would be a good fit. However, the CIF is what a church *thinks* it is or *hopes* itself to be. The Annual Report is what the church is in *actuality*. Given this way of understanding, I must say that our "actuality" is pretty darn good if not downright excellent.

Please know how appreciative I am of each of you for having a hand in bringing our church to a great fruition again this year. When I say everyone, I do mean *everyone*. There is no task, no role, no intent, no act or gesture, no prayer, no kindness that isn't included in who we are being as a church. Everything, and everyone matters in our church. Thank you!

With joyous expectation for our future,  
- Rev. Mike

PS - I would like to say how much I enjoyed getting my chops busted by those in attendance in worship on the 26th. Just as we started the service *everyone* moved down to the front of the church (including the choir). Frankly, I've never been in a worship service where everyone sat in the front. Moreover, I've never known a congregation that would, or could, do such a thing; especially just for the fun of it. VERY SNEAKY! VERY FUNNY! Keep it coming!

"What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us?" - Romans 8:31

# FEBRUARY Birthdays

- 1 Jonathan Witherhead
- 3 Debra St. Hilaire,  
Andrew Sutherland
- 5 Heidi Ames, Patrick LaPierre
- 7 Natasha Rossiter;  
Mikey Athanasakis
- 8 Scott Smalling
- 10 Johnny Mousaw
- 11 Michelle Theisen
- 12 Clifford Rossiter
- 13 Marilyn Coir
- 14 Hannah Powers,  
Andrea Montgomery
- 15 Terisa Billings
- 16 Patrick Dean
- 17 Elliott Rodee, Matt Gayle
- 19 Arvilla Aldous; Vanessa Mousaw
- 20 Isabelle Powers, Thomas Potter, Jr.
- 21 Emily Dawley, Sarah Franklin
- 22 John Miller III, Bill Gollinger
- 23 Hope Irene Bethel, Lora Gibson
- 24 Luke Elvy, Corinne Duda
- 25 Nancy O'Shaughnessy,  
Rob Ewy, Kevin O'Connell
- 28 Melissa Compeau, Curt Ross,  
Josh Smith

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

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## Church Weather Closings Info

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.

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## Evening Book Group

The Evening Book Group will meet on Tuesday, **February 25th** at 7 p.m. in Lorna's Lounge for a discussion of ***The Women*** by Kristin Hannah.

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## Women's Circle

Women's Circle will meet on **Wednesday, February 12th** at **7 p.m.** in Lorna's Lounge with topic of ***"Celebration."***  
Contact **Linda Potter** at [nautilus@twc-ny.rr.com](mailto:nautilus@twc-ny.rr.com) or 315-229-8886.

## Virtual Worship & Fellowship

For live-streaming, fellowship, bulletins, sermons, newsletters, and other resources, **begin by bookmarking the church website:** [www.ChurchOnThePark.org](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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 School News

In January we had a lesson on the **Epiphany** and a lesson on how God can help us with our **worries** and **concerns**. We discussed various concerns the kids have and ways to cope with them. For the next lesson we made worry sensory bottles. They are bottles filled with glitter, beads, stones, feathers, charms, etc, that are filled with water and you shake them - it has a calming effect. The kids had a lot of fun with that. - **Andrea**

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## New Member Class

This spring Rev. Mike will be offer a New Member Class for anyone wishing to join the church (**1 hour** in length, child care can be arranged). While this a decision each must make as part of one's own spiritual journey, our possible pool of people who might serve as Elders and Deacons could use an influx of new folks (one must be an "official" member to service in these roles). If you are interested in exploring membership in the church, please see **Rev. Mike**.

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## Job Well Done!

Heart-felt thanks to **Barry Walch, Pat McGuire, Rich Grayson** and **Anna Eller** going off Session, and **Ellen Grayson** and **Jean McGuire** going off the Board of Deacons. The entire congregation is deeply grateful for the time, energy, and leadership each has given to our church.



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## Deacons' Meeting Change

Beginning in March the monthly meeting of the Board of Deacons will move to the **second Sunday of the month** following worship. As the Deacons met just recently, the change will commence beginning Sunday, **March 9th** (i.e., there will be no February meeting).

## Truth In Advertising

As we have discovered, the new **Electronic Messaging Center** (i.e., "the Sign") out in front of the church has been a real boon to our congregation in the way our church is perceived by the community.

In the days leading up to the Christmas Eve service the sign included the words "**Family Friendly.**" Now, we all know that our church is *very* family family, and the Christmas Eve Candlelight service the epitome of such a spirit of welcome. However, most people probably assume (not incorrectly) that for most churches such a service is a somber and staid affair. Sharing these simple words ("Family Family") attracted roughly **20 people** to this year's Christmas Eve service; most of them kids and all from out of town. Why? They saw the sign and came to church that night!

Also, on weekend the Buffalo Bills played the Kansas City Chiefs (BOO!!!) the sign read "**Go Bills!**" and Rev. Mike personally witnessed two people pull up in front of the church, park the car, and take a photo of the sign (see "Sign(s) of the Times" below). Once while he was going to the church before service, and another afterward as he was leaving.

Sports aside, this is an example of advertising ourselves to be "**A Different Kind Of Church**" as it says on our website. While shifting the paradigm in people's minds about what a church might be is wonderful, the very best advertising is done by satisfied customers.

**Meaning, all of YOU!** Let's not be the best kept secret in town. Tell your friends about your church experience and **invite them** to attend with you one Sunday. You will be **amazed** at how lives might be **changed**.





## 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**

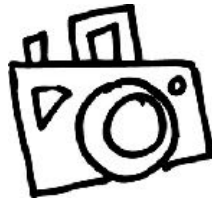
**Prayer Chain** to offer prayers for folks who are ill, troubled or in need.

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 **February 5th**. We will continue with services through the month of May, and are held on the **1st Wednesday** of the month at **11:00 a.m.** All are welcome.



## 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](mailto:Office@ChurchOnThePark.org)

Reverend Mike's email address:

[RevMike@ChurchOnThePark.org](mailto:RevMike@ChurchOnThePark.org)

## Sermons & Services

**Written Sermons** in PDF format are now available for viewing or downloading on Monday at [www.ChurchOnThePark.org](http://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](mailto: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](mailto:nautilus@twcny.rr.com)

## Hello, my name is...

Remember - **Name Tag Sunday** is **February 16th**.

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



## Senior Citizen Award

The St. Lawrence County Office for the Aging is accepting nominations for the **2025 St. Lawrence Country Senior Citizen of the Year Award**.

If you know an exceptional senior giving back to their community, please nominate them. For information and to receive nomination forms, please contact the Office for the Aging at 315-386-4730 or visit our website: [Office for the Aging/ St. Lawrence County](#).

**The deadline for nominations is February 21, 2025.**

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## Share Your News

Shout out and share the word about your kids and grandkids with your church family! Tell us about their involvement with **sports, music, theater** as well as **academic achievements** and anything else that you want to shout out!

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](mailto:office@ChurchOnThePark.org)

Also, let Rev. Mike know when the kids have a game, recital, performance or award ceremony. Text him at (716) 857-0111 or email him at [RevMike@churchoonthepark.org](mailto:RevMike@churchoonthepark.org).

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## Food Pantry Donations

**Donations** for the food pantry can be left in the **wooden box** in the foyer. Suggested items include: potatoes, carrots, apples, oatmeal, cereal, granola bars, crackers, canned soup, peanut butter, pasta, toilet paper, tomato sauce, tuna, mayonnaise, baked beans, rice, canned fruits and canned vegetables. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

## *Saving Grace*

For all that God in mercy sends;  
For health and food, home and friends,  
For comfort in the time of need,  
For every kindly word and deed,  
For happy thoughts and holy talk,  
For guidance in our daily walk,  
For everything give thanks!

For beauty in this world of ours,  
For verdant grass and lovely flowers,  
For songs of birds, for hum of bees,  
For refreshing summer breeze,  
For hill and plain, for streams and wood,  
For the great ocean's mighty flood,  
For everything give thanks:

For sweet sleep which comes with night  
For the returning morning's light,  
For the bright sun that shines on high,  
For the stars glittering in the sky,  
For these and everything we see,  
O Lord! our hearts we lift to Thee.  
For everything give thanks!

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**The Mission of the  
First Presbyterian Church of Canton  
is 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.**

# SIGN(S) OF THE TIMES

Another fresh new year is here,  
**another year to live!**

To banish worry, doubt, and fear,  
**to love and laugh and give!**

- William Arthur Ward

**"We must adjust  
to changing times  
and still hold to  
unchanging principles."**

- Jimmy Carter 1924-2024

**Worship & Church School  
Begin at 10:00 a.m.**

**Sunday's Sermon** In-Person and On-line  
Nursery Care Provided

**"Known In The Womb"**

[www.ChurchOnThePark.org](http://www.ChurchOnThePark.org)

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**"Unarmed truth  
and unconditional love  
will have the final word  
in reality."**

- Rev. Dr. M. L. King

**Go  
Bills!**

**Good Luck  
Kate  
At Empire  
State Games**

**Let It Snow  
Let It Snow  
Let It Snow**

**Doing nothing  
is better  
than being busy  
doing nothing.**

- Lao Tzu



# Life In A Small Church



Walter's 7th Birthday Breakfast



Church Kids Settling Into The Selleck Room



Wes On Travel BBall



Lachlan Took Mom And Dad To Portugal



Lincoln and Audrey Welcome Max

Sophia and Icestorm win Tournament Championship







Rosie Turned 3!



Harper Plays Hockey For Canton Varsity  
and The Storm out of Kemptville, ON

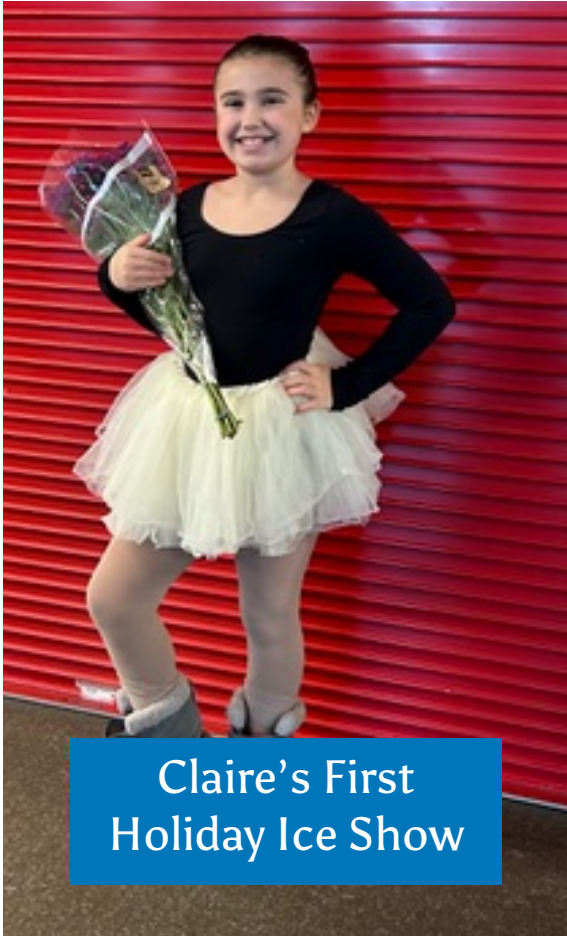


Luke THRILLED  
With The Snow!

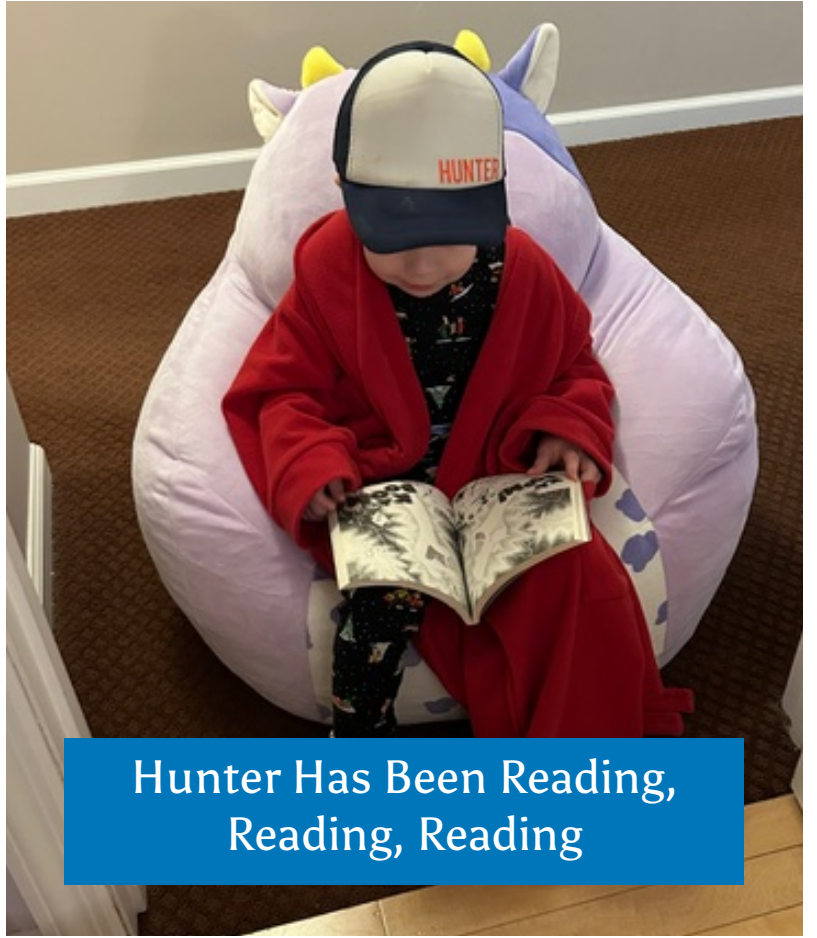


Porter and Penelope  
Hit the XC Ski Trails





Claire's First  
Holiday Ice Show



Hunter Has Been Reading,  
Reading, Reading



Ana, Giselle, and Lorien Made a Meal for Their  
Mom and Dad at Grandma & Grandpa's House.





Andrea In Goal



Darren On Defense



Jeremy On The Jumper



Alina, Jane & Walter Bake a "Pikachu" BDay Cake

Bob & Rev. Mike Lead Singing of The Johnny Cash Tune, "Water Into Wine"



**BILL WEBB GRILL DAY & WINTER POTLUCK PICNIC**  
Sunday February 23rd following worship. The church will provide grilling fare, and the congregation is asked to contribute (summer) side dishes and desserts as we inaugurate "Bill's Grill" and have some good fun, fine fellowship, and tasty food. See Grill Masters Jim Franklin, Rob Ewy, or Kitchen Queen Beth Hayes if you'd like to help.

# February 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26 Bring A Friend To Church Choir Sings In Worship 11:15AM Church Fellowship Zoom Meeting	27 7:00PM Session	28 1:30PM Church Office Open 7:00PM Evening Book Group	29 Lunar New Year	30 1:30PM Church Office Open 6:30PM Choir Practice	31	1
2 Annual Meeting Deacon & Food Offering Groundhog Day Kids' Communion 11:15AM Church Fellowship Zoom Meeting	3	4 1:30PM Church Office Open	5 11:00AM PK Service	6 1:30PM Church Office Open 6:30PM Choir Practice	7	8
9 Bring A Friend To Church 11:15AM Church Fellowship Zoom Meeting	10	11 1:30PM Church Office Open	12 7:00PM Women's Circle	13 1:30PM Church Office Open 4:15PM C&P Board Meeting 6:30PM Choir Practice	14 Valentine's Day	15 Newsletter Deadline
16 Name Tag Sunday No CS Noisy Can Offering 11:15AM Church Fellowship Zoom Meeting	17 Presidents' Day	18 1:30PM Church Office Open	19	20 1:30PM Church Office Open 6:30PM Choir Practice	21	22
23 Bill Webb Grill Day Winter Potluck Picnic 11:15AM Church Fellowship Zoom Meeting	24 7:00PM Session	25 1:30PM Church Office Open 7:00PM Evening Book Group	26	27 1:30PM Church Office Open 6:30PM Choir Practice	28	1