



The View From The Park

A Newsletter of Faith & Community

March 2025

1st Presbyterian Church on the Park
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Sundays in March

• **Worship Begins At 10:00 a.m.** •

• **March 2nd** •

Communion
Deacons & Food Shelf Offering
Transfiguration of the Lord



• **March 9th** •

First Sunday of Lent
Daylight Saving Time Begins
Deacons' Meeting - 11:15 a.m.



• **March 16th** •

Rev. Mike on Vacation
Rev. Vanessa Syvertsen to Preach
Name Tag Sunday
Noisy Can Offering
Ham Dinner, 11 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.



• **March 23rd** •

Third Sunday of Lent
Baptism of Maryanne Eller



• **March 30th** •

Fourth Sunday of Lent
Annual Women's Worship



Spring ahead before bed on Saturday,
March 8th for the start of DST
and be **on time** for church!

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
Cameron Boswell..... Stream Master
Linda Potter..... Congregational Coordinator

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

Annual Women's Worship

The "Gifts of Women Sunday" will be held on **Sunday, March 30th**. The women of the church present the entire worship service on this day. If you would like to be part of this special day, contact **Linda Potter** at (315) 229-8886 or nautilus@twcnny.rr.com.

Annual Ham Dinner

We will be holding our annual Ham Dinner Fundraiser on **Sunday, March 16th** from 11 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. Dine in or take-out will be available. To make this a successful church FUNdraiser, we will be looking for **food** and/or **monetary donations** as well as **volunteers** to set-up and prepare food on Saturday and work in the kitchen, serve and clean-up on Sunday. Sign-up sheets will be posted in the foyer on **March 2nd** and **9th**. This is a great opportunity to make new acquaintances into old friends while doing the hard work of the church.



Spring Rummage Sale

The Spring Rummage Sale will take place **April 4th & 5th**. Set-up will begin on **Saturday, March 29th** from **1- 2:30 p.m.** Many hands are needed for this important church fund raiser with volunteers needed to sort rummage, serve as cashiers and clean up. Contact **Christy Dekay**, text or call her at (512) 484-1668.



Family News

Congratulations to **Nicole Potter** and **Chris Melville** on the birth of their son, **Alistair Lyon Melville**, born Friday, February 21st; 21 inches long and weighing **10 lbs 2 ozs!!!** Grandparents **Duncan** and **Sarah Melville**, and **Linda Potter** and **Rev. Mike** are over the moon. Welcome to the world little one!

Prayers for Mark Holbrook, father of **Josh**, recovering from open-heart surgery; **Jerry Findley** facing health concerns, and for **Bev Findley**; and **Wanda Renick** who has moved to the Maplewood Nursing Home here in Canton (See page 17 for new contact information and photo).

Prayers for **Dick Partch** who recently had a close call with a chimney fire at his home. Thanks to alert and caring neighbors the fire was caught early and extinguished quickly with little damage. A close call though! Whew!

Prayers for **Betty Fraser** who is at home healing and strengthening; **Michelle Theisen** and her mother, Shirely Degouf-Brassard. Shirley is healing from a broken hip as Michelle provides care and support.

Prayers for **Mark Brown** still recovering from open-heart surgery, and to **Nancy** in support of him; **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** living 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 **Bill** and **Karen Parker**, **Lew Shepard** and, **Marilyn Coir** in their days; **Rich Denison** who continues to face health concerns, **Christa Lyon** and

More Family News

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 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, NY).

Shout out to **Michelle Quinell-Gayle**, the chief administrative and communications officer for The Arc Jefferson-St. Lawrence, who was interviewed for a story by NCPR about the Blue Envelope program in the North Country which aims to improve communication between people on the autism spectrum and law enforcement during traffic stops. Listen to it [HERE](#).

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.

Eggs For Sale

Beth Hayes has an abundance of eggs being laid these days by her chickens (who have come to home to roost) and will be bringing surplus eggs with her to church on Sundays. This is a first-come-first-serve kind of deal (no pre-orders or promises). The cost is **\$3/dozen**.



Student News

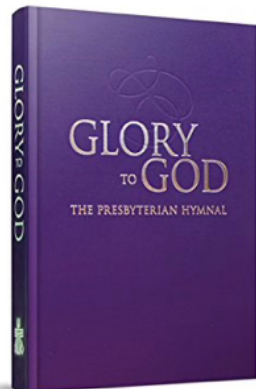
Congratulations to all the kids who were selected to participate in the All-County Music Festival held February 8th at Crane School of Music. Young people from our church included: **Kate Ewy** (Clarinet), **Natasha Rossiter** (Clarinet), **Maria Franklin** (Tenor Sax) and **Olivia Bourdette** (Percussion) all of whom were members of the Senior High Band; **Wes Gayle** and **Amelia Merchant** members of the Elementary Chorus; and, **Aubrey Boswell** a member of the Jr. High Chorus. Each should be proud of the hard work and effort they have put in to have been selected, and their efforts to practice and perform with their ensembles. Hip, hip, hurrah!

Congratulations to **Emily Ewy** and **Kate Ewy** named to the High Honor Roll at Potsdam High School.

Congratulations to **Kate Ewy** who won a Silver Medal (!) at the 2025 Empire State Winter Games as a member of the Potsdam Figure Skating Club. The annual competition with skaters from all over the state was held in Lake Placid Jan. 31-Feb. 1. (See page 17)

Hymnal For Stream

Several people who join in for worship through the live-stream on our Youtube channel have inquired about the **Hymnal** we use in the sanctuary (Glory To God: The Presbyterian Hymnal). While we have a few extra we'd be pleased to distribute, it also is available for purchase at the PC USA Store by clicking [HERE](#) if you would like to order your own copy to have and use. Cost is **\$25**.



March Lectionary Readings

March 2 - Transfiguration of the Lord

Exodus 34:29-35 Psalm 99
2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2
Luke 9:28-36 [37-43]

March 9 - First Sunday in Lent

Deuteronomy 26:1-11
Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16
Romans 10:8b-13 Luke 4:1-13

March 16 - Second Sunday in Lent

Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18
Psalm 27
Philippians 3:17-4:1
Luke 13:31-35 or Luke 9:28-36

March 23 - Third Sunday in Lent

Isaiah 55:1-9 Psalm 63:1-8
1 Corinthians 10:1-13 Luke 13:1-9

March 30 - Fourth Sunday in Lent

Joshua 5:9-12 Psalm 32
2 Corinthians 5:16-21
Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

Spring Musical

Canton Central will be presenting "Newsies" on March 14 & 15. Hats off to **Natasha Rossiter, Aubrey Boswell, Maria Franklin** and **Gwen LaPierre** who are all part of the show!

Church Website

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



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
February 2	35	61	No CS
February 9	44	40	5
February 16	1	127	No CS
February 23	52	48	8

Average In-Person Attendance: 33
 Average Live-Stream Attendance: 62
 Average CS Attendance: 7

Treasurer's Report

	Operating	Mission
February 9	\$9,488.00	\$ 532.00
February 16	\$13,830.00	\$ 25.00
February 24	\$8,068.00	\$1,000.00
Total:	\$31,386.00	\$1,557.00

Basses (et al) Wanted!!!

The congregation has been THRILLED to welcome back the Choir to worship. The last week of February there were **11** folks singing in the Choir and a full and glorious noise was lifted up to God! We are thankful for the spirited and enthusiastic leadership being provided by Director of Music, **Meg Dissinger**, and for the growing number of Choir members who offer their time and energy to enliven and deepen our worship service.

While all voices are welcome, there is a particular need for those in the low register (i.e., basses). If you are interested in checking out the Choir, you may speak to Meg, or simply come to practice (Thursday nights at 6:30 p.m., and 9 a.m. on Sunday mornings). **These are great days for our church choir, come and be part of it.**



Found

A **400 GB Toshiba external hard drive** in the Elder and Deacon boxes at the church. If this is yours, please pick it up at the church office.

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 Nick Dekay Jim Franklin
 JJ Jockel Heidi Ames John Christopher
 Rich Grayson Michelle Theisen Beth Hayes
 Patricia Mace - Elder & 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 Mark Brackett
 Georgia Vose Bob Duda Stacie Olney-LaPierre
 Ray Erickson, Treasurer

Committees

Chairs

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

Facilities Nick Dekay & Joe Montgomery
 Responsible for the maintenance and use of all church property.

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

Nominating TBD
 Responsible for filling Session, Deacons & Offices.

Christian Education Jim Franklin
 Responsible for growth, nurturing & learning.

Worship Rob Ewy
 With pastor, responsible for worship.

Communion Pat Mace & Vicki McLain

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

Mission Michelle Theisen & Sarah Melville
 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 Heidi Ames & Patrick LaPierre

Thanks to our Elders & Deacons for their work on behalf of the church!

The Pastor's Report

Howdy-Do to You!

If it is ok with everyone, I am just going to jump right into it this month. As you might imagine, I spend a lot of time thinking about the church. Certainly about *this* church, in specific, but also about *the* "Church," in general; as a concept, institution, and social force. However, I have come to believe and, moreover, we have come to prove that things are not all as we have been led to believe or fear.

While dooming and glooming seem to be pretty much endemic to society these days, this is particularly true of the church's prospects in the modern era. Particularly from those within the church itself. In fairness, this is not at all unfounded. In 1983, when our current denomination was formed through the merger (reuniting, actually) of primarily northern and southern branches, the Presbyterian Church USA had 3,121,238 members. Forty years later, in 2023, our membership had been reduced to a little over 1 million members. Not good. That is almost a 70% drop. While we might imagine that some of these folks might have found other denominations which are a better fit or more to their liking, the real reason for such a precipitous decline is that folks have died and they haven't been replaced (not to put too fine a point on it). It is not just Presbyterians, though. There has been a comparable declines across the denominational board. The times, they are a changin'.

The question becomes why, and what (if anything) can be done to alter this trend? Though a stunning percentage of my colleagues in ministry seemingly fail to grasp the concept, a church is much like a business. Management, Sales, Marketing,

and Customer Service are what drive and dictate the enterprise. While I would argue there is no better product than the Gospel of Jesus Christ, I would also argue that Management has done a poor job of maintaining quality control and supply chain, the folks in Sales have diluted the product line and been overly beholden to faddish or slick advertising campaigns and, most discerning, the entire organizational structure has all but ignored Customer Service. Which is, has been, and forever will be the core principle of our "business."

While it is true that we must know our history in order to truly know ourselves, looking backwards will only get us so far. Worse, the relentless cascade of bad news (real and perceived) has created a "hunched shoulder" posture which not only *expects* more bad news, it creates a climate of "woe is me/us" where Good News is relegated to the realm of unanticipated and is, therefore, unplanned for. We've forgotten the potential of our Product. We have shifted our resources and energies away from Research and Development. We see no way forward for ourselves.

All of which is just a myth which we have perpetuated on ourselves. If you don't believe me, take a hard look at this month's newsletter. It is 21 pages of nothing but Good News. Yes, sometimes the news is hard, but here on the Park it is never not good. Seeing is believing, but one still has to look. Cultural Anthropologist Margaret Mead once said, "Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it's the only thing that ever has." We ARE that small group which is changing the world, and ourselves with it. Good for us.

- Rev. Mike

"Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind" - Romans 12:2

MARCH Birthdays

- 3 Mark Brackett, Sally Street,
Ali Smith, Porter Repicky
- 4 Talis Mackey
- 7 Jeannette Cole, Deborah Nikkari
- 9 Mary Rodee
- 13 Ricky Athanasakis
- 14 Jeremiah Sullivan
- 15 Ben Brackett, Mark Brown
- 18 Dave Smith, Rob Soricelli
- 20 Patricia Mace
- 21 John Goetze, Barb King,
Noah Trombly
- 22 Lorien Kelly, Kane Smith
- 24 Wayne Miller, Ray Erickson
- 25 Sebastian Dekay
- 29 Ayden Mousaw
- 30 Liam Rodee, Kristen Holbrook,
Kaitlyn Holbrook,
John Christopher
- 31 Sean Boutin

MARCH Anniversaries

- 15 Michael Catanzaro & Linda Potter
- 30 Matt Gayle & Michelle Quinell-Gayle

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.

Evening Book Group

The Evening Book Group will meet on Tuesday, **March 25th** at 7 p.m. in Lorna's Lounge for a discussion of **The Heaven & Earth Grocery Store** by James McBride.

Women's Circle

Women's Circle will meet on **Wednesday, March 12th** at 7 p.m. in Lorna's Lounge with topic of "**Celebration.**" All women of the church are welcome!

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").

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

Session Report

The Session met on **January 27th** via Zoom due to inclement weather. **JJ Jockel** and **Nick Dekay**, who will become new elders in February, were in attendance along with current Elders.

Rev. Mike thanked **Rich Grayson**, **Barry Walch** and **Pat McGuire** for their service on the Session. He reported all the Annual Reports are ready for the annual meeting. New people attending church were mentioned. Prayers were given in concern for people in the congregation and for their friends and relatives. The Mission Budget was explained. The money given stays in the mission and is spent as allocated. The Operating Budget was discussed. Some adjustments were made.

It was voted and approved to increase the **Faith Line** by \$3,000 to help meet the expenses of \$7,500 per quarter. The budget was approved as well as the **Statistical Report**.

The Baptism of **Maryann Grace Eller** was approved for **March 23rd**. It was voted and approved that Rev. **Vanessa Syvertsen** and Rev. **Leia Lutz** become Parish Associates. It was voted and approved that the Pastor may administer Communion the first Sunday of every month and to the homebound (with Elder present). It was also approved that Rev. Mike can perform Communion for the mother of a friend; both live in Lancaster, PA. The friend will serve the communion and Elder **Jim Franklin** (representing the Congregation) will join Rev. Mike on the Zoom call.

Bill Webb Grill Day will take place on February 23rd. **Fifty** people received communion in November. **\$400** in contributions were received for the Deacons at the Christmas Eve service.

Next Session meeting is February 24th.

Sk8ToElimin8 Cancer

Barb Brown recently participated in the **Sk8ToElimin8 Cancer 2025** fundraiser by skating a 5K around the Olympic Oval in Lake Placid. Funds raised support the **Scott Hamilton CARES Foundation** for cancer research. If you would like to make a donation in support of Barb, click [HERE](#). Any amount is appreciated though Barb is suggesting **\$20.25** to mark the 45th anniversary of the Miracle on Ice

Annual Pie (π) Day Sale!

Canton Rotary is its holding its 5th Annual Pie Day Sale and are offering locally made **apple, rhubarb** and **strawberry-rhubarb** 9" deep dish pies for **\$20** each. Call or text Jean Tyo Martin at 315-212-6911 to place your order **by March 7th**. **Pick-up** will be on Sunday, **March 16th** at the Best Western.

Membership

This spring, Rev. Mike will be offering 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**.



New Member Class

Deacon's Meeting Change

A reminder that beginning in March the monthly meeting of the Board of Deacons will move to the **second Sunday** of the month following worship. The next meeting of the Board of Deacons is Sunday, **March 9th** after worship in the CR.

Prayer Warriors

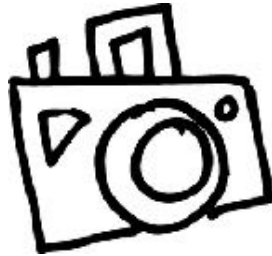
Would you like to help your neighbor, stretch spiritually and be a part of the mystical movement of the church? We are always looking for new prayer warriors to join **the church Prayer Chain** to offer prayers for folks who are ill, troubled or in need.

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



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 to 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 **March 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

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 **March 16th**.

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

Maple Weekends

Tis the season of sap! With the weather changing to warmer days and (hopefully) sunshine but with nights still staying cold, folks will be out in woods sugaring this month throughout St. Lawrence County. During the last two weekends of **March (22-23 & 29-30)** local producers invite folks to come to a Sugar Shack for pancakes and to purchase a variety of maple products. Our very own Rodee family has been sugaring for generations (**Brick Chapel Maple**) and will be hosting their own breakfast on these weekends at Saphead Complex at the White Silo, 5355 CR27, Canton NY (a mile or so past Brick Chapel Church and the Rodee Farm on the right). Hours are **9 a.m. to noon** on these days. Beyond the pancakes, pure maple syrup, maple sugar, maple cream, and maple popcorn will also be available. Feel free to text or call **Marilyn Rodee** if you have questions, (315) 854-4962. For more information SLC Maple Weekends click [HERE](#).

218 Years & Going Strong

Friday, **March 7th** is the anniversary of our church's founding in 1807! That is over 8 generations of people on the Park, with many more to come. *Each* of you is a part of the rich history of *our* church, and a key to our *collective* future. **Here's to us!**

*Saving
Grace*

Thanks be to Thee for friendship shared,
Thanks be to Thee for food prepared.

Bless Thou the cup;
bless Thou the bread;
Thy blessings rest upon each head.

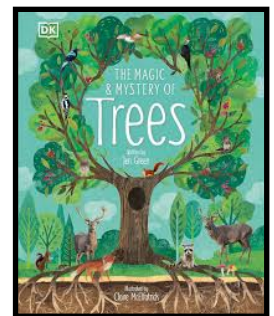
All-Church Read(s)

This year for the all-church read, which will take place on **April 6th**, we have selected **The Serviceberry: Abundance and Reciprocity in the Natural World** by Robin Wall Kimmerer. Kimmerer also is the author of Braiding Sweetgrass, a Distinguished Teaching Professor at SUNY ESF and an enrolled member of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation. In her latest book, she explores the **gift economy** using the service-



berry's relationship with the natural world to demonstrate the values of interconnectedness and gratitude. Copies will be available at the church for people to borrow and there are several available through the North Country Library System. This book also is appropriate for the high schoolers in our congregation.

For the middle schoolers, **The Magic & Mystery of Trees** by Jen Green illustrates how trees are an integral part of the gift economy in the forest.



Our youngest members will enjoy **The Mitten Tree** by Candace Christiansen which shows how the gift of mittens for neighborhood children brings joy and an unexpected gift to an older woman.



The church will be gifting a copy of one of these books to each of the 29 families in the congregation with school-aged children.



We will be ordering memorial **Lilies**, **Tulips**, and **Hyacinths** (\$20 each), **Azaleas** (\$35) or **Hydrangeas** (\$40) to adorn our sanctuary on **Easter Sunday** (which donors are encouraged to take home after the service).

If you would like to purchase a flowering plant in memory or honor of a loved one, please fill out this form and return it to the church by mail, placing it in the offering plate, or dropping it off at the church office. You can also email or call Christy at office@churchonthepark.org or (315) 386-2570. If calling, please leave a clear, detailed message on the machine if no one picks up. *All emails/phone message will be confirmed by April 10, 2025.*

Please place all orders by Thursday, April 10, 2025.

In memory/honor of (please circle one): _____

Given by: _____

Type and number of flowering plant(s) you would like:

___ Lily (\$20) ___ Tulip (\$20) ___ Hyacinth (\$20)

___ Azalea (\$35) ___ Hydrangea (\$40)

Please drop off or mail a check in the appropriate amount to:

**First Presbyterian Church, Attn: Christy,
17 Park Street, Canton NY 13617**

SIGN(S) OF THE TIMES

Brrrrr!

Enjoy

Winterfest!

Be Nice On The Ice!

Freeze The Day!

Keep Calm and Ski On!

Worship & Church School

Begin at 10:00 a.m.

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

"Blessings & Woes"

www.ChurchOnThePark.org

FEB 20 10:00 AM 10° 315.386.2570

I venture to suggest

that patriotism is not

a short & frenzied outburst of emotion

**but the tranquil
and steady dedication**

of a lifetime.

- Adlai E. Stevenson II

Kindness is like snow

**it beautifies
everything**

it covers.

- Kahlil Gibran

All You Need Is Love!

(But a little chocolate
now and then
doesn't hurt.)

- Charles M. Schulz

Happy Valentine's Day!

**"You Can't Get
Too Much Winter
In Winter"**

- Robert Frost

Bill Webb Grill Day

and Summer Picnic Potluck

This Sunday

Worship With Us At 10 a.m.

Fun and Feasting To Follow

Please Join Us!

Kid's Communion



Benediction With Kids



Alina Played An Introit

Bread and Blessings

Bill Webb Grill Day and “Summer” Picnic Potluck



We were thrilled to have Bill’s daughters Paula and Janice (and husband Roy) join us. We thank the Webb Family for their generosity!



Blessing of “Bill’s Grill”



Brats and Dogs

Hey, Hey, Boo Boo, It's A Pic-a-nic!





Great Thanks To Our “Grill Guys” Rob, Jim and Joe

We Broke Bread, and 3 Plates! A New Record!



Bill Webb's Amazing Technicolor Vest

Life In A Small Church



Welcome Alistair!
Congrats Chris & Nicole!



Pat's New Puppy "Stitch"



Sophia & Whitney
Take a "Ski Day"



The Athanasakis Family
Sends Warm Greetings



Over 1,000 Valentine's Day cards were given to seniors in the community, thanks to the Valentine's Day Card Drive organized by the SLC Youth Bureau and Office for the Aging. Pictured on the right is Andrea Montgomery, OFA Director and the Christian Education Director at our church.



Congratulations To Kate Ewy for Skating to a Silver Medal at Empire State Games!

Wanda Renick has moved to the nursing home and would love to receive cards, calls, or visits. Her phone number is (315) 386-4541, ext. 3117. Room #117 B
Maplewood Nursing Home
205 State Street Canton NY 13617
Pictured is Wanda "cleaning up" at a recent Bingo Tournament (Grand Prize \$1)



Ham Dinner

Dine-In or Take-Out

Sunday March 16th
11 a.m to 1:30 p.m.

Baked Ham (Generous Portion)
Macaroni & Cheese
Coleslaw
Homemade Pie

Cost: \$12 Adults
\$5 Kids (ages 5 to 10)
Under 5/Over 90 Free

Take Out Available:
Call : (315) 244-7902
Email: hayesbe27@gmail.com



First Presbyterian Church
on the Park

17 Park Street Canton, New York
(315) 386-2570



Rummage Sale

*Great Clothes
at
Great Prices*

Friday

April 4th

9 AM to 4 PM

Saturday

April 5th

9 AM to Noon

Summer clothes, kid's clothes, household items, all good stuff!

**First Presbyterian Church
on the Park in Canton, NY**

Friday: Clothing \$5/Bag

Saturday: Everything \$1/Bag

3rd Annual Church & Community Program Bowling Tournament Fundraiser

Saturday March 15, 2025

At Ogdensburg Bowl

1121 Paterson St., Ogdensburg, NY

2:00 - to 5:00 p.m. (approx. end)



Team Sign up sheets in church foyer.

Team members: 5 people per Team
plus a couple of alternate players
to take turns during the 3 games.

We are hoping to “field” TWO teams again this year!

*There is **no cost to the participants.***

**Great thanks to Phil Elvy & Dr. Keli Hollis of Grasse River Family Dental
for sponsoring one of our teams (the church will sponsor the other team).**

Time to arrive: Bowlers should arrive at bowling alley before 2 p.m,
to get lanes assigned and get shoes and select bowling balls.

We will try to carpool to the bowling alley, and will meet at church at 1:25 p.m.

Bowling Shoes & Balls: Are always free at the Ogdensburg Bowl.

Food: The alley does not serve food, though we can bring our own snacks and food.
People often have pizza delivered, or get take-out etc.

Beverages: You can certainly bring water, and there will be beverages
(soda and otherwise) available at the lanes.

Pennies for Pins: Pledge Forms are available on the table in church lobby;
*each team bowler to get donations pledges from others to raise funding
for the Church and Community Program.*

Questions? Contact Michelle Theisen, Elder & CCP Board Member, at (315) 742-2172

Thank you for your participation and support!



Photos from last year's tournament.

March 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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
2 Communion Deacon & Food Offering Transfiguration Sunday 11:15AM Church Fellowship Zoom Meeting	3	4 1:30PM Church Office Open	5 Ash Wednesday 11:00AM PK Service	6 1:30PM Church Office Open 6:30PM Choir Practice	7 1807 Church Founding	8
9 1st Sunday of Lent Daylight Saving Time Begins 11:15AM Church Fellowship Zoom Meeting 11:15AM Deacons Meeting	10 Rev. Mike On Vacation (Rev. Vanessa Sywertsen To Preach)	11 1:30PM Church Office Open	12	13 1:30PM Church Office Open 4:15PM C&CP Board Meeting 6:30PM Choir Practice	14	15 Newsletter Deadline 2:00PM C&CP Bowling Tourney 7:30PM HS Musical
16 Rev. Mike On Vacation (Rev. Vanessa Sywertsen To Preach) Name Tag Sunday Noisy Can Offering 11:00AM Ham Dinner 11:15AM Church Fellowship Zoom Meeting	17 Rev. Mike On Vacation (Rev. Vanessa Sywertsen To Preach)	18 1:30PM Church Office Open	19	20 1:30PM Church Office Open 6:30PM Choir Practice	21	22
23 3rd Sunday of Lent Eller Baptism 11:15AM Church Fellowship Zoom Meeting	24	25 1:30PM Church Office Open 7:00PM Evening Book Group	26	27 1:30PM Church Office Open 6:30PM Choir Practice	28	29 1:00PM RS Set-Up
30 4th Sunday of Lent Women's Worship 11:15AM Church Fellowship Zoom Meeting	31 Rummage Sale Set-Up 7:00PM Session	1 1:30PM Church Office Open	2 11:00AM PK Service	3 1:30PM Church Office Open 6:00PM RS Sneak Peek 6:30PM Choir Practice	4 9:00AM Spring Rummage Sale	5 9:00AM Spring Rummage Sale