



# The View From The Park

A Newsletter of Faith & Community

April 2025

1st Presbyterian Church on the Park  
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## Sundays in April

• **Worship Begins At 10:00 a.m.** •

• **April 6th** •

Communion  
Deacons & Food Shelf Offering  
All-Church Read  
Elder & Deacon Ordination



• **April 13th** •

Palm Sunday  
Annual Women's Worship  
Potluck Brunch (Following Worship)  
One Great Hour of Sharing Offering  
Deacons' Meeting - After Brunch



• **April 20th** •

Easter  
Noisy Can Offering  
No Church School  
No Coffee Hour



• **April 27th** •

Bring A Friend To Church



## Church Website

Go to [www.churchonthepark.org](http://www.churchonthepark.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  
**Cameron Boswell**..... Stream Master  
**Linda Potter**..... Congregational Coordinator  
**Office Hours: 1:30 - 4:30 p.m. Tues. & Thursday**

## Spring Rummage Sale

The Spring Rummage Sale will be held this **Friday, April 4th** from **9 a.m. to 4 p.m.** and **Saturday, April 5th** from **9 a.m. to Noon** with a **Congregational Sneak Peek** on **Thursday, April 3rd** from **6 - 8 p.m.** (Pizza provided!)

We welcome clean and folded **spring and summer clothing** for ALL ages. We accept any **household goods**, clean and in good condition as well as **children's toys** and **games**. Also **books** - fiction and non-fiction. **NO TEXTBOOKS PLEASE.**

Electronics end up being thrown out and cost the church money to discard. **Please - no electronics of any kind.**

Sorting and set-up takes place **Monday through Thursday**. In addition, we will need volunteers as **cashiers** Friday and Saturday and help with **clean-up** after the sale. To help out, contact our Rummage Sale Chair, **Christy Dekay** at (512) 484-1668.



## Palm Sunday Brunch

A Palm Sunday **Potluck Brunch** will be held on **Sunday, April 13th** after worship in Fellowship Hall. Everyone is invited to join in the fun. If possible, bring a dish to pass. Table service will be provided. (**Set-up** for the brunch will take place on **Saturday, April 12th** at **1 p.m.** Your help is appreciated!)

## Family News

Congratulation to **Wayne Miller** who celebrated his 105th birthday at the end of March. (See photo on pg. 17.)

Special thanks to **Andrea**

**Montgomery**, Director of the SLC Office For the Aging, and her staff for providing a party complete with cup cakes at Wayne's home.



Congrats to **Jacki, Mary and Allen Kelly** who travelled to Deland, FL to participate in the March 8th U.S. Road Runners Foot Race Photo. (Photo on pg. 18)

**Wanda Renick** has been moved to a new room. Here is her new address: Room 211, Birch, Maplewood Nursing Home, 205 State Street Canton NY 13617. There is no longer a phone in her room.

Prayers for **Alice Poole** who has been diagnosed with Acute Myeloid Leukemia. It is a very difficult and serious situation. Cards may be sent to 2708 Salem Church Road - Apt. 102, Fredericksburg VA 22407.

Prayers for **Barb Brown**, and her family, as they gather in Austin TX to be with her former sister-in-law, Else, who is nearing the end of her days; **Nancy Lyon**, Rev. Mike's mother, under the care of Hospice; **Jorge Nsundidi** and **Rich Grayson** facing health issues; **Betty Fraser** who is facing health issues and her husband Bob; and Mark Holbrook, father of **Josh**, recovering from open-heart surgery.

Prayers for **Susan Akins**, and her family, on the death of sister Jodi Upton (for whom our congregation has been praying for many years). Susan thanks everyone for their cards and prayers.

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.

## Family News- cont.

Prayers for **Jerry Findley** healing and convalescing at home, and for **Bev Findley; Michelle Theisen** and her mother, Shirely Degouf-Brassard. Shirley is healing from a broken hip as Michelle provides care and support; **Mark Brown** still recovering from open-heart surgery, and to **Nancy** in support of him; and for **Edith Frazer** recovering from knee replacement surgery (down in Florida). Cards may be sent to 568 Lighthouse Way, Sanibel FL. 33957.

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 **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); **Nick Scelzi**, a resident of the Canton Nursing Home (Willow 206, 205 State Street Road, Canton).



Big thanks to **Michelle Quinelle-Gayle** for keeping our church's Facebook page interesting and up to date.

**Rev. Mike** would like to thank **Master Sean** for gifting him a box of Gevalia k-cups for the coffee maker in his office. *Far* better than what he usually brews! Much appreciated.

**Beth Hayes** requests prayers for her friend, Jeremy, and his family. He was very recently diagnosed with stage 4 colon cancer that has gone to his liver. He is quite young. New baby born Tuesday, March 25th. A very difficult and trying time for this family.

## More Family News

**Bev Findley** asks prayers for a friend, Winston (and his wife, Bess) who suffered burns to his head and upper torso, and is currently being treated in a Philadelphia, PA hospital.

**Jane Cable** asks prayers for her two-month-old great-great niece, Charli (and her parents Ashli and Trevor) who is hospitalized with a feeding tube due to weight loss the cause of which remains undiagnosed.

Continued long distance prayers for Pam Constantine, sister of Barry Walch, being treated for cancer; Dave Pierce, father of Kristine Potter, recovering from health issues; Jeannie Lewis, and 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.**

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## Wear Your Bonnet!

Let's have fun and show off your bonnet (or hat) on **Easter Sunday, April 20th!** Hop to it!

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## Evening Book Group

The Evening Book Group will meet on Tuesday, **April 22nd** at 7 p.m. in Lorna's Lounge for a discussion of **The Collected Regrets of Clover** by Mikki Brammer.

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## Women's Circle

Women's Circle will meet on **Wednesday, April 9th** at 7 p.m. in Lorna's Lounge with topic of **"The Gift Economy"** All women of the church are welcome!

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## Maundy Thursday Service

A **Maundy Thursday Service** will be held on **April 17th** at 7 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. All are welcome to attend.

## April Lectionary Readings

### April 6

Isaiah 43:16-21; Psalm 126  
Philippians 3:4b-14; John 12:1-8

### April 13 - Palm Sunday

Liturgy of the Palms  
Luke 19:28-40; Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29  
Liturgy of the Passion  
Isaiah 50:4-9a; Psalm 31:9-16  
Philippians 2:5-11  
Luke 22:14-23:56 or Luke 23:1-49

### April 17 - Maundy Thursday

Exodus 12:1-4 [5-10] 11-14  
Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19  
1 Corinthians 11:23-26  
John 13:1-17, 31b-35

### April 18 - Good Friday

Isaiah 52:13-53:12; Psalm 22  
Hebrews 10:16-25  
or Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:7-9  
John 18:1-19:42

### April 20 - Easter Day

Acts 10:34-43 or Isaiah 65:17-25  
Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24  
1 Corinthians 15:19-26 or Acts 10:34-43  
John 20:1-18 or Luke 24:1-12

### April 27

Acts 5:27-32  
Psalm 118:14-29 or Psalm 150  
Revelation 1:4-8; John 20:19-31

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## Women's Worship

Owing to the recent ice storm which resulted in cancelation of the worship service on March 30th, our annual **Celebrate the Gifts of Women Sunday** has been rescheduled for

**April 13th**, Palm Sunday. Please join us in this very special event in the life of our congregation as the women and girls of our congregation lead the service.



## Church Attendance

	In-Person	Stream	CS
March 2	55	55	8
March 9	42	45	5
March 16	37	33	5
March 23	59	40	8

Average In-Person Attendance: 48

Average Live-Stream Attendance: 43

Average CS Attendance: 7

## Treasurer's Report

	Operating	Mission
March 2	\$5,142.00	\$ 20.00
March 9	\$2,998.00	\$ 170.00
March 16	\$4,586.00	\$ 101.00
March 23	\$2,966.00	\$ 95.00
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$15,692.00</b>	<b>\$ 386.00</b>

## Student News

Congrats to **Giselle Kelly** who stepped up to try out a cello recently during Heuvelton Central fourth grade field trip to Crane School of Music for their "instrument petting zoo" which allows kids the opportunity to try out new instruments and learned techniques from professionals. (See photo on pg. 17.)

Congratulations to **Kate Ewy** who was a soloist in the recent Potsdam Figure Skating Club Annual Ice Show. Kate skated to "Mr. Blue Sky" and had a strong group of supporters cheering her on, including her parents Rob Ewy and Carolyn Zanta, and sister Emily (who worked the spotlight for the show's soloists). (Photo on pg. 18.) Kate also was the **stage manager** for "Matilda The Musical" at Potsdam Central.  Way to go!

Prayers for **Emily** and **Kate Ewy** (and parents **Carolyn** and **Rob**) who will be traveling to France for 12 days later this month as part of a student exchange (they hosted two French students earlier this winter). It is a very exciting (and FUN) opportunity for them. Right on!

## 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 & Sarah Melville  
 With pastor, responsible for worship.

Communion Pat Mace & Vicki McLain

Stewardship Jim Franklin & Patrick LaPierre  
 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

Happy Spring long-suffering, winter souls,

Folks, I am going with a weird one this month (but go with it we will). Easter is upon us, don't you know, so while one would think the Pastor's Report would be given over to talk of resurrection, hope, grace, and a rousing chorus of "Hallelujahs!" I would, instead, like to speak with you about "Skin Bracer."

50 years ago, in the early 1970's, there was a product call "Skin Bracer" sold by a company called Mennen. This was a men's after shave that promised to close pores, tighten skin, and leave one's face feeling and looking healthy such that it was a great way to *face* the day. Those of a certain (old) age will remember the commercials owing to their catchy phrase, "*Thanks! I needed that!*" which was uttered following a quick slap of the product to each cheek. The company maintained that, "America wakes up with Skin Bracer." ([Here](#) is a link to a video of one of the commercials.)

I am sure that most of you who are reading this are saying, "Ok Mike, great, but what does this have to do with Easter?" A fair question, to be sure. My answer is that while there is no greater soul-soother in the world than Easter, it is also the biggest head-scratcher we will ever encounter. Yes, it would be nice to think that one could simply read the Pastor's Report, or listen to the sermon preached on Easter morning to fully grasp the ramifications of Easter. The truth, though, is that Easter is such a massive mystery and considerable concept that one only begins to unravel

and understand it through a lifetime of prayer, thought, contemplation, worship, feeling, and fellowship. I could shout Hallelujah from the rooftops, and expound on the concepts of resurrection, hope, and grace until I'm blue in the face (and we will) but at the end of the day the best we can hope for is simply a place to begin, with "Skin Bracer" being just as good as any other. It isn't so important where we start, but what we do once we set out on the faith journey.



By way of an opening statement, "*Thanks! I Needed that!*" is spot-on. Gratitude will *always* the first step in *any* understanding of Easter. Gratitude for the love God has for us, the gift Christ has given us through the Cross, and the comfort the Spirit ever provides us.

Such gratitude begins with the recognition that it is this particular "I" who both *needs* and *receives* such blessings of our Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer. These blessings, though, aren't just for "us." They are for the whole world, and the entire cosmos. Also contained in this simple statement is the realization/belief/conviction that *that* (the cross, empty tomb, and resurrection to new life) has *already* happened. We are just trying to catch up to the gift of grace already given. Our task, now is to fully receive it.

While certainly a comfort, Easter should also serve as something a bracing slap in the face that God so loved the world. Yes, the "Soul Bracer" that is Easter is great way to start, and face, each and every day.

May your soul be soothed. - Rev. Mike

"In great mercy God has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ." - I Peter 1:3



# APRIL Birthdays

- 1 Lauren Dean
- 2 Sean Rodee, Simon Mackey
- 3 Julia Trombly
- 4 Stacie Olney LaPierre,  
Nico Larson
- 7 Paula Eschmann
- 8 Matthew Holbrook
- 9 Andi Mackey
- 10 Nancey Brackett,  
Emma Brackett,  
Audrey Gollinger
- 11 Linda Potter, Alaina Janack
- 12 Kelly Garwood, Barb Brown
- 13 Terry Billings
- 15 Patti Cryderman,  
Kathleen Witherhead,  
Isabelle Sullivan
- 16 Nicole Potter
- 17 Michael Frazer
- 18 Ruth Leslie, Allison Witherhead,  
Sophia Smalling
- 20 Gwen LaPierre
- 21 Jean McGuire
- 23 Brent Bartley
- 24 Emily Bolton
- 25 Luke Frazer, Martin Syvertsen
- 27 Katie Dawley
- 28 Tim Cryderman, Jason Casey
- 29 James Gibson



# APRIL Anniversaries

- 18 Brent & Faye Bartley
- 23 Patrick & Stacie LaPierre
- 25 Martin Syvertsen & Vicki McLain

## 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!**

## 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").

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

## Session Report

The Session met on **February 24th**. Cards thanking our church for recent donations were shared from the **Dailey Ridge Church** as well as **MINC**.

Rev. Mike shared in his Pastor's Report that he along with Linda and Sarah and Duncan Melville became grandparents with the arrival of Alistair Lyon Melville on February 21st.

**Joe Montgomery** and **Heidi Ames** will meet to discuss the next steps for the AED. Other items discussed include the church's software program, the possible purchase of a color laser jet printer, types of Bibles to be given to the children, additional WiFi for Fellowship Hall and children serving as acolytes.

Money from Rock Charitable Trust for the **church steeple** was received in the amount of \$25,000. The contractor was unable to complete the project last year. It is hoped it can be done this year. **Jim Franklin** is looking into how to conduct background checks for employees. An anonymous matching grant of \$2,500 has been given for the **Selleck Room**. Joe Montgomery has been working on the Selleck Room. where doors need to be rehung and lights, a dart board, and Nerf ball hoop will be purchased

**Michelle Theisen** requested that the children could sing *Jesus Loves Me* after taking the Noisy Can donation. Time and the number of children present to sing would have to be considered. Rev. Mike said he would need to know in advance.

It was voted and approved to elect **Pat Mace** to serve another year as Clerk of the Session. It was reported the **46** people received communion in February.

New committees were discussed and will be finalized at the next meeting:

## Session Report - cont.

**Christian Education:** Jim Franklin

**Facilities:** Nick Dekay  
and Joe Montgomery

**Fellowship:** Ellen Grayson  
and Pat Mace-memorials;  
Beth Hayes – coffee hour

**Nominating Committee:** TBD

**Worship:** Rob Ewy and Sarah Melville

**Communion:** Vicki McLain and Pat Mace

**Resources:** Jim Franklin and J.J. Jockel

**Mission:** Sarah Melville  
and Michelle Theisen

**Stewardship:** Jim Franklin  
and Patrick LaPierre

**Personnel:** Heidi Ames  
and Patrick LaPierre

**Next meeting is March 31st.**

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## Membership

This spring, Rev. Mike would like to offer a **Confirmation Class** and/or **New Member Class** for anyone wishing to join the church (**1 hour in length**, child care can be arranged). If you are interested in exploring membership in the church, or have high school aged children who might be interested, please speak with Rev. Mike.

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## DME Available

A reminder that the church keeps a stock of **Durable Medical Equipment** (DME) for use and loan to those in the congregation with need. We have **walkers**, **shower chair** with back and without, and a travel **wheelchair** available. Contact the church office.

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## Deacon's Meeting Change

A reminder that the Board of Deacons now meets on the **second Sunday** of the month following worship. The next meeting is Sunday, **April 13th** following the Palm Sunday potluck brunch.

## Prayer Warriors

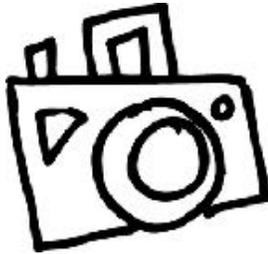
Would you like to help your neighbor, stretch spiritually and be a part of the mystical movement of the church? We are always looking for new prayer warriors to join **the church Prayer Chain** to offer prayers for folks who are ill, troubled or in need.

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 **April 2nd**. 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...

There will be **NO** Name Tag Sunday in **April** because it falls on Easter. Come to church (in your Easter bonnet), wave to your neighbors and meet some new friends!

## Ham Dinner Report

Whew.....**WE DID IT**. The Ham dinner was a success. A HUGE thank you to all that contributed supplies. We saw many **new faces** volunteering, and a few old ones forgot to show up (**Jim Franklin**).

Saturday found **Mark & Ray Erickson** showing **Joe Montgomery** the art of skillful ham carving (and a great job they did!). **Christa Lyon** and **Marcia Hayden** were busy making coleslaw while Jim Franklin (he did show up for a while) started the mac and cheese, which **Christy Dekay** finished. **Mary** and **Joe Bean**, **Jeremiah Sullivan**, and **Olga Virgil** made quick work of the table setting. Sunday morning found **Pat Mace**, **Michelle Theisen**, and Marcia Hayden cutting all the **wonderful pies** that were donated. **Mary Kelly** and granddaughters **Anastasia** and **Lorien** pitched in with last minute packaging and set-up. Once the dinner began, **Ellen Grayson** and Michelle Theisen *joyfully* served people while **Barb Brown** worked in the kitchen with **Sandy Trimm** and Mary Kelly.

The **Deacons** delivered meals, **Barry Walch** was the money changer, **Patience** and **Aubrey Boswell** managed the take-out area, and **Nick Dekay** manned the dishwasher. When it was time for clean-up, **EVERYONE** pitched in and tables and chairs were stowed and food put away in record time. With your **support** and **hard work** we profited **\$1,068**. Thank you to **EVERYONE** (especially to **Beth Hayes!**).

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## 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**.

## One Great Hour of Sharing

On **Sunday, April 13th**, Palm Sunday, we will be receiving the One Great Hour of Sharing Offering. Started in 1949, OGHS is a long-standing **ecumenical effort** aimed at raising the funds necessary to provide **relief** and **reconstruction** for communities in the aftermath of disaster. What started as an hour-long radio appeal has evolved over the years, growing to over **30** participating denominations, and has become the most participated-in Offering in the PC(USA). Each gift serves to help change the lives of people in these challenging situations and provides us a way to share God's love with **our neighbors** in need through **three impactful programs**: Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, the Presbyterian Hunger Program, and Self-Development of People.

**Envelopes** for the OGHS offering will be in bulletins on April 6th & 13th. You also can **mail** in your offering (checks payable to First Presbyterian Church with OGHS on the memo line) to the church at 17 Park Street, Canton NY 13617. Thank you for your **support** and **generosity!**

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*Saving  
Grace*

For good food,  
good wine,  
good friends  
and good health.  
Let us thank God,  
and pray that we do not forget  
those less fortunate  
than ourselves.

## CCP Bowling Fundraiser

The congregation and our “Empowered Presbytereers” Bowling Team helped to raise **\$350** for the Church & Community Program! It was a wonderful ecumenical effort, and a great deal of fun. Thank you to everyone who gave support, monetary donations, and participated on our Bowling Team! You are all much appreciated. What a great team effort! In all, six bowling teams participated to raise a total of **\$1,544** for the Church and Community Program! Special thanks to Elder and Board Representative **Michelle Theisen** for her leadership with the event, to Dr. **Keli Hollis** and **Phil Elvy** for sponsoring our team, and to **John Goetze** who sent a significant contribution in memory of his wife, Annie, who loved to bowl.

## Sk8toElimin8 Cancer

**Barb Brown** would like to both thank and congratulate everyone who sponsored her in the this year’s *Sk8toElimin8 Cancer* held in Lake Placid which raised **\$2,745** for cancer research and treatment! Barb is incredibly grateful for the support and generosity. She says, *“At the end of the 15 laps, I was feeling not quite so positively. In the warming room I sat on the bench, unlaced my skates, fumbled for my boots and stood up to walk back to my friends’ home...then promptly collapsed back down to the bench and had to call for a ride. My legs just wouldn’t support me! They felt like caramelized onions. Completely spent. If I do this again next year, I will actually have to really train for it! Duly noted. Not 30 years of age anymore.”*

Barb trained in Placid in the 70’s, attaining her dream of skating in the Ice Capades in the 80’s and then, 40 years  
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## Sk8toElimin8 - cont.

later, survived cancer. These are the three dominant touchstones of her life, and she appreciates the sharing and support shown to her at any of these pivotal times in her life.

## Repair Fair

The **Canton Sustainability Committee** is hosting **Repair Fair** on May 3rd at the Canton Pavilion on Lincoln Street. Local community members will be on-hand with a variety of skills to either make repairs, demonstrate repair and maintenance so you can take care of your stuff, or will put you in contact with those who can fix the things that need fixing.

If you have a **skill** and **ability** you’d be interested in sharing on that day, either to demonstrate or to do the actual repair, or if you would be interested helping to put on the event by setting up/breaking down, or directing the flow of attendees, please contact **Cathy Shrady**, [cshrady@stlawu.edu](mailto:cshrady@stlawu.edu) (Rev. Mike thinks she is a very good egg.)



To learn more, you can watch a local video interview [here](#). Some ideas for volunteer fixers are: clock/watch repair, watch battery replacement, leather repair, sporting equipment repair (any sort), jewelry repair, tool sharpening, kitchen knife sharpening, reviving unhappy houseplants, sewing on patches, repairing/darning wool items- sweaters with snags/holes, socks, mittens, etc., general tool use, small engine winterization, guitar tuning/restringing,

If there are repairs or maintenance you do around your own home, chances are others would like to learn what you already know.



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](mailto: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

### Ham Dinner

Dine-In or Take Out

**Sunday March 16th**

11 a.m to 1:30 p.m.

Baked Ham, Mac & Cheese,  
Coleslaw, Homemade Pie

\$12 Adults \$5 Kids Under 5/Over 90 Free

Canton HS

Spring Musical

*"Newsies"*

March 14th and 15th

Support The Kids & Support The Arts

Worship & Church School

Begin at 10:00 a.m.

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

**"Soul Satisfied"**

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

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**Giving Begets Giving**

**and the gift  
stays in motion.**

- Robin Wall Kimmerer, *The Serviceberry*

**Celebrate The Gifts  
of Women Sunday**

**Join Us at 10 a.m.  
Everyone Welcome**

**Be Joyful**

**Though you  
have considered  
all the facts.**

- Wendell Berry

**"We Do Not See Things  
As They Are,  
We See Things As We Are."**

- Anais Nin

See you Sunday at 10:00 a.m.  
All Are Welcome

**Without Love  
In The Dream  
It Will Never  
Come True**

# Ham Dinner



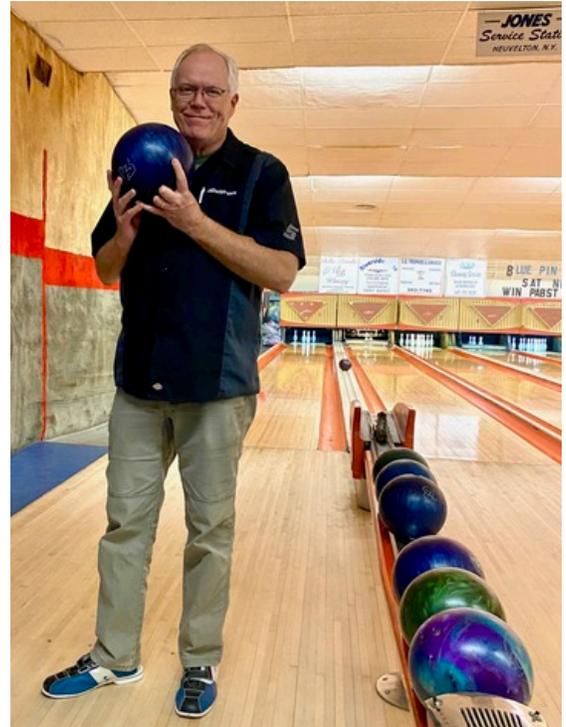


**Thanks To All Who Helped & Dined!**

# Baptism of Maryanne Grace!



# Church & Community Program 2025 Bowling Fundraiser



# Life In A Small Church



Sarah



Linda

## Grandma Brigade Arrives in Maine to Visit Alistair



Happy Birthday Wayne!  
105! (With Sis Lois)



Giselle Tries Cello



Jacki, Mary, and Allen  
US Road Runners Foot Race In FL

Kate Solos At Ice Show



Sebastian,  
Bob and  
(Rev.) Vanessa  
Bring The  
Good Vibes  
To Worship



Barb In Lake Placid at  
Sk8toElimin8 Cancer

Lachlan Got A Fly Ball





Patience with Aubrey  
(Role of a "Bowery Beauty")



Natasha (Roles of "Hannah" & "Nun")



Wes  
(Role of "Newsie")

Canton HS  
Spring Musical  
**"Newsies"**  
Congratulations  
To The Cast  
and Crew!  
**BRAVO!!!**



Gwen  
(Role of "Seitz")

Olivia Bourdette  
(Orchestra);  
Sue & Chuck Dean  
(Costume Design)  
Scenery Work Crew:  
Aubrey, Maria,  
and Gwen



Drew,  
Maria  
(Role of  
"Newsie")  
and  
Grace



# 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**

# April 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30 4th Sunday of Lent Women's Worship 11:15AM Church Fellowship Zoom Meeting	31 Rummage Sale Set-Up 7:00PM Session	1 April Fools Day 1:30PM Church Office Open	2 11:00AM PK Service	3 1:30PM Church Office Open 6:00PM BS Sneak Peek 6:30PM Choir Practice	4 9:00AM Spring Rummage Sale	5 9:00AM Spring Rummage Sale
6 All Church Read Communion Deacon & Food Offering Ordination of Elders & Deacons 11:15AM Church Fellowship Zoom Meeting	7 7:00PM Women's Circle	8 1:30PM Church Office Open	9 Easter Flower Deadline 1:30PM Church Office Opening 4:15PM C&CP Board Meeting 6:30PM Choir Practice	10 1:30PM Church Office Open 6:30PM Choir Practice	11 Good Friday	12 1:00PM Brunch Set-Up
13 OGHS Offering Received Palm Sunday Women's Worship 11:15AM Church Fellowship Zoom Meeting 11:15AM Deacons Meeting	14 Newsletter Deadline Tax Day 1:30PM Church Office Open	15 1:30PM Church Office Open	16 1:30PM Church Office Open 6:30PM Choir Practice 7:00PM Maundy Thursday Service	17 1:30PM Church Office Open 6:30PM Choir Practice 7:00PM Maundy Thursday Service	18 Good Friday	19
20 Easter No Coffee Hour No CS Noisy Can Offering 11:15AM Church Fellowship Zoom Meeting	21 Earth Day 1:30PM Church Office Open 7:00PM Evening Book Group	22 1:30PM Church Office Open	23 1:30PM Church Office Open 6:30PM Choir Practice	24 1:30PM Church Office Open 6:30PM Choir Practice	25	26
27 Bring A Friend To Church 11:15AM Church Fellowship Zoom Meeting	28 7:00PM Session	29 1:30PM Church Office Open	30 1:30PM Church Office Open 6:30PM Choir Practice	1 1:30PM Church Office Open 6:30PM Choir Practice	2 10:00AM Repair Fair @ Pavilion	3