

The View From The Park

A Newsletter of Faith & Community

March 2021

1st Presbyterian Church on the Park 17 Park Street Canton, NY 13617

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Ways To Worship

We are grateful for those who are able to join worship each Sunday, either in-person or via the live-stream. We are staying connected and emerging from this pandemic **strong** and **together**. As people are vaccinated and the weather turns warmer, we hope you will continue to join us in whatever way feels comfortable. You also can watch the service afterward on our <u>YouTube channel</u>. On Sundays, after worship, from 11:30 a.m. to 12:45 p.m, there is **Fellowship time via Zoom**.

See Page 7 For Information About Virtual Worship & Fellowship.

Daylight Saving Time begins at 2 a.m. on **Sunday**, **March 14th**. Spring ahead before bed on Saturday, March 13th to be on time for worship.

eNewsletter?

If you received a hard copy of this newsletter in the mail but have an email address to which it could be sent, please contact RevMike@ChurchOnThePark.org

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Church Office Hrs: 1 - 4 p.m., Mon., Tues. & Thur.

All-Church Read

The Annual All-Church Read will take place on Sunday, March 21st and this year's book is Where The Wild Things Are by Maurice Sendak. A hard cover copy of the book will be gifted to every family in the church with young children. Those young at heart can find a copy at the local library or watch the 2009 movie based on the book. We

rumpus and hope you will join us!

are planning for a wild

Need Help With Your Vaccine?

The **Deacons** have graciously been helping **older members** of our congregation to get them **signed up** online to receive a **vaccine** and, if necessary, arrange to **drive** them to their appointment. If you don't have internet access, have had difficultly signing up, or would appreciate a ride to the vaccination site, please contact **Rev. Mike**. Thankfully, it seems that most have either had their first dose, or are scheduled to receive, but we want to be sure everyone gets **vaccinated**.

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Family News

Happy Birthday to **Wayne Miller**, who turns 101 years old on Wednesday March 24th! He would surely appreciate cards and notes (and some homecooking, if any are so moved)! 241 Eddy-Pyrites Rd., Canton, NY. 13617.

Congratulation to Heather Cole and Evan Richard, who were married last December. The couple makes their home in Colorado, and Heather is the daughter of **Martha** and **Steve Cole**.

Congratulations to Doug Stitt, son of **Janet** (and **Wes**) **Stitt**, recently promoted to Major General (2 stars). Outstanding!

Prayers for **Christa Lyon** who had been recovering from knee replacement surgery when a mass for found in her abdomen which has now been removed, and is awaiting scans and results for possible further treatment; and for **Marty Lyon** under care of Hospice. 43 Lincoln Street, Canton, NY 13617.

Prayers for **Edith Frazer** and her family on the death of her mother, Whitney Dunford. We celebrate her life, all those she loved, and all who loved her. 28 Woods Drive, Canton, NY 13617.

Prayers for **Bev Findley**, who tripped and fell in the foyer of her home breaking her right upper arm. She is pursuing treatment with an orthopedic specialist. 2026 CR 21, Hermon NY. 13652.

Congratulations to Brian and Jessica Stumper (Brown) on the birth of their son Liam Robert, and Kate and Nick Mooney (Grant) on the birth of their son Leo Ames!!! Grandparents Mark and Nancy Brown, and Colleen and Dale Grant are over the moon. God is good! WHOO HOO!

Family News - cont.

Kristine Potter is on the mend and back in the game after suffering lingering and more severe severe symptoms from COVID infection. **Tucker Catanzaro** is also doing well and has now recovered from Lyme disease. Both would like to thank everyone for their prayers and support.

Prayers for Loree MacNeill, **Karen**Parker's sister, recovering from shoulder surgery; **Mary Rexford**, who fell and broke her pelvis;

Sean Boutin and Kristine

McKie facing medical challenges; and for **Karen Parker** undergoing therapy to improve her balance.

Prayer for **Carrie Whalen** who slipped and fell on the ice fracturing her wrist. Cards & note appreciated: 16 Hull Street, Colton, NY 13625.

Prayers for **John Goetze** recovering from COVID, and as he cares for **Anne**.

Prayers for **Bill Rodee** who continues to make strides with rehabilitation, and for **Marilyn** in support of him; **Tom Dildine** recovering from a fall on the ice (banged up but no broken bones); **Beth Hayes** healing from grief; and for Josee Merlini, mother of **Patrick LaPierre**, facing significant health issues; and for Patrick as he tries to support her.

Prayers for Jodie Upton, sister of **Susan Akins**, who is being treated for cancer; Marie MacMaster, and her sons **David** and Ron as they seek to provide appropriate care for her as she ages.; Andrew Putman (friend of **Jean & Pat McGuire**) recovering from a stroke; and for Art Zanta, brother of **Carolyn Zanta**, who was just diagnosed with stage 4 esophageal cancer.

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More Family News

Prayers for Greg Richard, **Ray Erick-son's** daughter Meredith's step-father-in-law; recovering from surgery to remove a brain tumor, and for **Josh Ashton** (Meredith's husband) recovering from spinal surgery and facing a long recovery.

Prayers for Kathy Holbrook, sister-inlaw of **Josh Holbrook**, who was diagnosed with breast cancer last year and treated, but is experiencing significant side-effects.

Prayers for those in our congregation and community recovering from COVID and for all those working in the medical field, on the frontlines of the fight against COVID (in particular **Erin Casey**, **Vicki McLain**, **Colleen Grant** and **Jodi Falardeau**) and those working in local nursing homes (**Patience Boswell**).

Prayers for **all the children of our church, and their parents**, struggling to balance school, work and family lives; and, teachers, professors and staff at the local schools and colleges continue with their educational mission in the face of the on-going pandemic.

Palms for Palm Sunday

We will celebrate **Palm Sunday** on Sunday, **March 28th**. For those worshipping at home, you can stop by the church starting on the afternoon of **Saturday**, **March 20th** to pick up your own palms which will be in the foyer. If you would like palms delivered to you, please contact Rev. Mike. In-person and online, we will wave our palms together!

Communion Cups

Self-contained **communion cups** are available for you to pick up anytime in the **foyer**. Grab a few so you can celebrate Communion with us on the first Sunday of the month.

One Great Hour of Sharing

One Great Hour of Sharing is the single, largest way that Presbyterians come together every year to work for a **better world**. Each gift to One Great Hour of Sharing helps improve the lives of the suffering and the vulnerable.

Started in **1949**, One Great Hour of Sharing 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).

One Great Hour of Sharing, received during the season of **Lent**, makes a difference in the world through **three impactful programs**: Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, the Presbyterian Hunger Program, and Self-Development of People.

Today, projects supported by One Great Hour of Sharing are underway in more than **100 countries**. Presbyterians have a history of working to build a more **just**, **resilient**, and **sustainable** future. When you give to One Great Hour of Sharing, you are supporting the **gifts** and **talents** of people and communities all over the world.

The **OGHS offering** is traditionally taken at our church on **Palm Sunday**. This year, your offering can be given anytime during Lent. OGHS offerings can be mailed to the church at 17 Park St, Canton NY 13617. Please mark **OGHS** on your **memo line**. Thank you in advance for your generous support!

Church Attendance

In-Person Live Stream

February 7	7	74
February 14	10	56
February 21	Prerecorded -	- 58 views
February 28	14	54

Average In-Person Attendance: 10 Average Live-Stream Attendance: 61

Treasurer's Report

Operating Mission

February 14 \$5,028.00 \$303.00

Thank you for all those who are able to make pledges and gifts to the church.

We are able to pay our bills & provide care to our community. Your generosity is appreciated.

Deacons' Offering

A reminder that though most folks are worshipping via the live-stream, we are still receiving the Deacons' Offering the **first Sunday** of every month. This is a vital component of our church's work and mission. Please remember to send along a participation to the

contribution to the Deacons along with your pledge or regular offering. **Thank you!**



Easter Book Recommendation

If you are looking for a book to read throughout **Lent** to prepare for **Easter**, consider The Women of Easter: Encounter the Savior with Mary of Bethany, Mary of Nazareth, and Mary Magdalene by Liz

Curtis Higgs. The book tells the story of Jesus before, during, and after the crucifixion through the eyes of the women in the Bible. Thanks to **Karen Bailey** for this recommendation!



Officers & Committees

Elders On Session

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

Rich Grayson Patrick LaPierre Martha Cole
Pat Mace Barry Walch Ellen MacMaster
Beth Hayes Tom Dildine Pat McGuire
Michelle Quinelle-Gayle Bill Parker
Gordy Theisen Janet Stitt - Clerk Of Session

Board of Deacons

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

Christa Lyon Georgia Vose Marilyn Coir
Nancy Brown Bob Duda Michelle Theisen
Jane Cable Stacie Olney-LaPierre
Jean McGuire Susan Akins Ellen Grayson
Secretary Moderator
Ray Erickson, Treasurer Ex Officio

Committees Chairs

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

Facilities Barry Walch & Beth Hayes Responsible for the maintenance and use of all church property.

Fellowship Ellen Grayson, Pat Mace & Beth Hayes

Responsible for all fellowship events.

Nominating Pat Mace, Ellen Grayson, Martha Cole, Rob Ewy & Barb Brown Responsible for filling Session, Deacons & Offices.

Education Beth Hayes Responsible for growth, nurturing & learning.

Worship Michelle Quinelle-Gayle 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 Martha Cole Helping our church, community & world.

Treasurer Mary McGreevy

Financial Secretary Barry Walch

C&C Program JJ Jockel & Sean Boutin

Personnel Pat Mace & Tom Dildine

Ad-Hoc Pulpit Supply TBD

The Pastor's Report

To the members and friends of our church, a not-quite-the-end of winter's welcome to you all. Whether these words find you around the block, in the next town, or even in warmer climes, I pray that you are well and that you feel both connected and a part of the Church on the Park.

This winter I've given myself over to a great deal of pondering about our church. I cannot help but be struck by the things we are doing, even amid a global pandemic, and the wonderful spirit with which we are doing them. Obviously there is much at work here, as there many aspects to a healthy, growing and vibrant church. But what are the component parts, what is the recipe, what is the most basic element that makes one church thrive while most admittedly only survive? After much consideration I have come to the conclusion that at least in our case, our vitality as a church is directly proportional to the distance we are traveling on our individual spiritual journeys. That is to say, who we are as a church is a function of our collective efforts to live our own lives of faith.

I've never much taken to the metaphor of pastor as shepherd, as it puts too much emphasis on the pastor and not enough on the congregation. However, one thing I do appreciate, more and more in fact, is the sentiment that I know my own and my own know me. It feels that we've been at this a long time (23 years and counting!). These have been full, rich

years; dense in substance and experience. Along the way we have watched each other grow and change. I know that most, if not all of you have been **working hard "on your stuff."** You have been facing your issues, dealing with your challenges, waiting upon God's will, and working very hard on your good works as a response to God's grace. And, you know what? It shows! Not just in you, but also in our church.

Sometimes possibility is a hard thing to entertain, especially when you go beyond everything that has been done before. Although a bit audacious, I have to admit that much of what the church will do from here on out is "cutting edge stuff." Meaning, you don't see very many churches out there running the kind of experiment we are pulling off here.

Think about it, we are attempting to change the very notion of what church is from the inside out. Basically, we are a pretty orthodox bunch theologically. Yet, the way we manifest that theology is often times amazingly unorthodox (or unusual at the least). We are inclusive, but we have maintained our center. We look within as much as we gaze outside. We are working without a net. And, I think, this is exactly what a church (every church) should be doing.

So don't be afraid this month to take **some small measure of pride** in what our church is accomplishing because of the things that you yourself are accomplishing in your life.

With thanks for you... - Rev. Mike

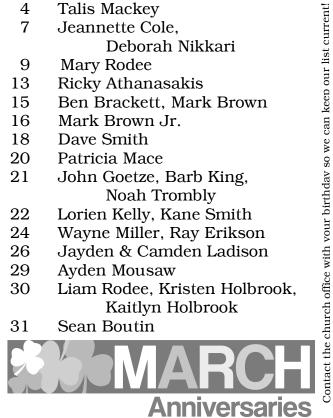
Now to God who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, to God be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen. - Ephesians 3:18-19



- Sandy Pollard 1
- 3 Mark Brackett, Robert Brown, Sally Street, Ali Smith, Porter Repicky
- Talis Mackey 4
- 7 Jeannette Cole.

Deborah Nikkari

- 9 Mary Rodee
- 13 Ricky Athanasakis
- 15 Ben Brackett, Mark Brown
- 16 Mark Brown Jr.
- 18 Dave Smith
- 20 Patricia Mace
- 21 John Goetze, Barb King, Noah Trombly
- 22Lorien Kelly, Kane Smith
- Wayne Miller, Ray Erikson 24
- 26 Jayden & Camden Ladison
- Avden Mousaw 29
- 30 Liam Rodee, Kristen Holbrook, Kaitlyn Holbrook
- 31 Sean Boutin



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

Michelle Quinell Gayle

Pastoral Care

With face-to-face conversations a challenge, please know that Rev. Mike is available at anytime to talk about about matters both large or small.

He can be reached on his cell phone at (716) 857-0111 for voice or FaceTime video chat, or through Skype at revmike 70, or via a ZOOM chat in his "meeting room" accessed through this link https://zoom.us/ j/6360764407, or email at RevMike@ChurchOnThePark.org

March Lectionary Readings

Third Sunday in Lent - March 7

Exodus 20:1-17 Psalm 19 1 Corinthians 1:18-25 John 2:13-22

Fourth Sunday in Lent - March 14

Numbers 21:4-9 Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22 Ephesians 2:1-10 John 3:14-21

Fifth Sunday in Lent - March 21

Jeremiah 31:31-34 Psalm 51:1-12 or Psalm 119:9-16 Hebrews 5:5-10 John 12:20-33

Passion/Palm Sunday - March 28 Liturgy of the Palms

Mark 11:1-11 or John 12:12-16 Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29

Liturgy of the Passion

Isaiah 50:4-9a Psalm 31:9-16 Philippians 2:5-11 Mark 14:1-15:47 or Mark 15:1-39 (40-47)

Monday of Holy Week - March 29

Isaiah 42:1-9 Psalm 36:5-11 Hebrews 9:11-15 John 12:1-11

Tuesday of Holy Week - March 30

Isaiah 49:1-7 Psalm 71:1-14 1 Corinthians 1:18-31 John 12:20-36

Wednesday of Holy Week - March 31

Isaiah 50:4-9a Psalm 70:1-5 Hebrews 12:1-3 John 13:21-32



Pen Pal Program

The SLC Youth Bureau in partnership with Office for the Aging is offering a **St**. **Lawrence County Pen Pal Program** to connect **seniors** and **youths**. If you want to participate and are a **senior**, contact Peter Zimmerman at PZimmerman@st-lawco.org or 315-386-4730. **Youth** can register by contacting Rebekah Zuhlsdorf at RZuhlsdorf@stlawco.org or 315-379-9464. Build a sense of **connection** and **community** during these difficult times.

Women's Worship

Given the restrictions on in-person worship, we have decided **not** to hold our annual **Women's Worship**. Hopefully this will take place as usual in March of **next year** when we also **resume** our tradition of honoring a Woman of the Year.

Saving Frace

For flowers so beautiful and sweet,
For friends and clothes
and food to eat,
For gracious hours, for work and play,
We thank Thee for another day.

For father's care and mother's love, For blue skies and clouds above. For springtime and for autumn gay, For winter flake and summer ray.

For all Thy gifts so good and fair, Bestowed so freely everywhere. Give us grateful hearts, we pray, To stop and thank Thee on life's way.

- Mattie Renwick (1897 - 1920

Virtual Worship & Fellowship

For live-streaming, fellowship, bulletins, sermons newsletter and other resources, **begin by bookmarking the church website:** www.ChurchOnThePark.org. "Click" on the relevant link at the top of the page.

A **live-stream** of the worship service is on the church's YouTube Channel. Go to www.ChurchOnThePark.org and click on "YouTube Channel." You can choose to subscribe to our channel or simply go to this link each week.

Zoom Fellowship calls each Sunday from **11:30 a.m. to Noon** for fellowship only with no format or moderator. If needed, download the ZOOM app ahead of time by clicking on this link (free): https://zoom.us/download. One you have the Zoom app, go to www.ChurchOn-ThePark.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 worshiping 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.churchOnthe-ark.org and click on "Sunday Bulletin."

Written sermons will continue to be emailed, or snail-mailed, on *Monday* to everyone each week; as well as being posted to the church website. Go to www.ChurchOnThePark.org and click on "Written Sermons."

The monthly **Newsletter** will continue to be emailed to most, and snail-mailed to a few; as well as being posted to the church website (click on "Newsletter").

Prayer Warriors

Would you like to help your neighbor, stretch spiritually and be a part of the mystical movement of the church? We are always looking for new prayer warriors to join the church

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

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



Photo Directory

A newly up-dated Photo Directory is available online through the church website https://churchonthepark.org. From the Home Page click on the link to Church Photo Directory in the menu at the top. This will take you to a new page which will prompt you to type in the password. Type in PeopleonthePark17 and the photo directory will appear. We will endeavor to keep this online version as up-to-date as possible. If you have been inadvertently omitted, would like to be included or would like a retake, please contact Rev. Mike or Keli Hollis.

Presbyterian Worship

The monthly service at Partridge Knoll

are **on hold until further notice**. Though the residents have received their vaccines, services will not be held until it is deter-



mined that is safe for all. Please continue to keep our friends there in your prayers.

Like Us On Facebook!

The Church On The Park has a **Face-book page** which changes regularly - https://www.facebook.com/TheFirstPres-byterianChurchonthePark

Church Website



Our Website is updated each month and is a great way to stay a part of the life of the church. If you have questions about, or contributions for the website please email our Webmaster Tom Dildine:

tdildine@gmail.com

The Church's email address:

office@ChurchOnThePark.org

Reverend Mike's email address:

RevMike@ChurchOnThePark.org

Sermons & Services

Written Sermons in PDF format are now available for viewing or downloading on Monday at www.ChurchOnThePark.org then click on "Written Sermons."

If you'd like to have a copy of the weekly sermon emailed or snail-mailed to you directly, please contact RevMike@ChurchOn-ThePark.Org.

A **video recording** of the Sunday worship service will be available for viewing the week following broadcast. Go to www.ChurchOnThePark.org and click "YouTube Channel."

Newsletter Deadline Is The 15th Of The Month

We are still sending out the monthly newsletter! Please submit articles (emailed preferably) to the church office, or directly to the News letter Editor, Linda Potter, at:

nautilus@twcny.rr.com

Hello, my name is...

Name Tag Sunday is on hold for now but you can still get to know your church friends.

Use the **church Photo Directory** and send a note to say **hello**!

Food For Fellowship

Our second Food for Fellowship was held on **February 23rd** with **32** meals of soup, bread and dessert picked up or delivered to homes where they fed **95** individuals. Preaddressed stamped notecards were sent with many meals for greetings to be mailed to **45** church friends. Thanks to those who made food and delivered: **Ellen Grayson**, **Pat Mace**, **Faye Bartley**, **Lora Gibson**, **Linda Potter**, **Marcy Bennett**, **Ellen MacMaster**, **Jean McGuire**, **Barb Brown**, **Georgia Vose** and **Ray** & **Mark Erickson**. A wonderful day for the church to make so many happy!

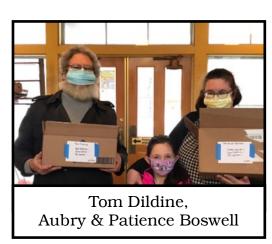


















Winter Projects

As Rev. Mike always says to anyone moving to the North Country, it helps to have a **project** to get you through winter. That has never been more true than this past winter. Below are some of the projects that have kept people busy in our church. If you have a project or hobby that you want to share with your church friends, send a photo to **Linda Potter** at nautilus@twcny.rr.com.

Rev. Mike and Linda would like to thank **Rich Grayson** for the very fine and wonderful gift of a hand-crafted headboard and matching end tables for their cottage. From loving hands and heart.





"Prayers" for **Patrick McManus** (AND **Leah Rohlfsen**) as he and his father, Bill, (in photo to right) who have spent successive weekends this winter "demo-ing" the second floor in their home down to studs for a new kitchen. Quite the ambitious endeavor!



Mark Brackett has been busy restoring a 1935 electric boat in his shop all winter. He can't wait for ice-out; great work, quite a beauty!



Thanks to **Jim**, **Maria** and **Drew Franklin** for the surprise gift of Adirondack chairs (right) which Rev. Mike and Linda discovered on their porch on recent morning. A cool place to sip a warm cup of coffee.





Fountain Update (Thank You!)

As we all know, the past few years our church has been leading the charge to renovate the fountain in the Park. After years of fund-raising and a search for a contractor willing to do the work at a fair price, the endeavor is *finally* nearing completion. The stone basin was almost completed last fall before winter set in, and will be finished as soon as spring arrives and weather allows (benches utilizing the original stone will be built, and the entire site graded to match the sidewalks).





The original thinking was to simply but the existing metal fountain back on the basin when completed. However, once it was removed and inspected it was clear that it would be a waste of time and money to reinstall it without a full restoration as it was in *very* poor condition. In September, a grant was written and submitted in the hope of securing funding as this cost was not included in the initial budget. In January we got word we did not receive funding. Frankly, this was a real "gut punch." However, one week later Rev. Mike received a phone call at the church, out of the blue, from a gentleman who had grown up in Canton and recently discovered through social media about the effort to restore the fountain. After a conversation with his sister, he called again to say that they would provide the necessary funding (\$20k!) to effect the restoration of the metal fountain.

The past few weeks things have been moving quickly. The village DPW dissembled the fountain, and contractor Tyler Lock (owner of Locke Design and Build, and the grandson of Gene and Shirley Seeley) found a local person who "just happened" to be driving down to Alabama with an empty flat bed trailer who was willing to transport the fountain to Robinson Iron (they have the original castings and specialize in this kind of work) and at cost!. On Monday March 1st, the fountain was loaded with expected delivery Friday at Noon. If all goes to plan the fountain should be restored, returned and reinstalled by the first weekend in June (Dairy Princess).



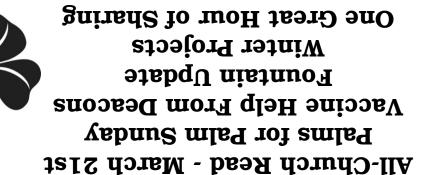
Though a great many people have contributed to this effort, we should take pride in knowing that the members of our church have provided a great deal of financial support for the endeavor (especially early on), and for allowing Rev. Mike the time to take on the task.

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The Mission of the First Presbyterian Church of Canton to reach out to all people and welcome them in celebrating truly the joys, freedoms and responsibilities that come with our faith in God, Christ's unconditional love for us, and the power of the Holy Spirit to transform our world.

Through this nurturing Christian Community
we will fully recognize the value of each believer,
humbly forgive ourselves and others, and lovingly embrace God's Grace.