



# The View From The Park

A Newsletter of Faith & Community

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## Worship In Your Way

As people are getting vaccinated, our in-person **attendance** for worship has been creeping up. We strongly encourage you to do what it is best for you and what feels **comfortable**. We are happy to see faces, whether in the pews or via the live-stream. Masks are required and social distancing is still being followed in the church. You also can watch the service afterward on our [YouTube channel](#). 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.**

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

- Rev. Michael P. Catanzaro**..... Pastor
- Donna Doig, CLP**..... Associate Pastor
- Karen Bailey**.....Office Coordinator
- Jarrett Larson**.....Choir Director
- Bob Duda**.....Assistant Choir Director
- Jarrett Larson**.....Organist
- Michael Walters**.....Handbell Choir Director
- TBD**.....Director of Christian Education
- Mary McGreevy**.....Treasurer
- Patience Boswell**..... Sexton
- Tom Dildine**.....Webmaster
- Linda Potter**.....Newsletter Editor

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

## Holy Week & Easter

Due to continuing COVID precautions, there will be **no Maundy Thursday** service during this coming Holy Week, and the Sanctuary, while "open," will not be lit or heated on **Good Friday** as it traditionally would be.

The **Easter** service will be on Sunday, **April 4th** at 10 a.m. and we invite all to join us - in-person or via the livestream. If you'd like, wear your Easter best and put on a hat to celebrate the resurrection on this joyous day.



## Need Help With Your Vaccine?

The **Deacons** have graciously been helping **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 difficulty 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

Congratulations to cousins Jessica (Brown) and Kate (Grant) both of whom delivered healthy baby boys, *on the same day*, Friday the 26th! **Jess** and **Brian Thumper's** son is named **Liam Robert** and he weighed 8lbs 5oz. **Kate** and **Nick Mooney** named their son **Leo Ames** and he weighed 8lbs 4oz! Much joy in store for grandparents **Nancy** and **Mark Brown**, and **Dale** and **Colleen Grant**. Wah Hoo!

**BINGO! Melba Reinke**, the “Bingo Baroness of Montana,” has been raking in the winnings from residents at her senior living facility. High stakes gambling at 10 cents a card. Way to go Melba!

Thanks to **John** and **Lynn Miller** for polishing the candlesticks and cross for the Communion Table. Glorious!

Thanks to **Bob Duda** who filled in on Palm Sunday so Jarrett could take a much deserved break from his duties.

Congratulations to **Jorge Nsundidi** who officially launched his consulting business, “Lucination 3D” in early March <https://lucination3d.com>. He asks for prayers on this venture. (See Page 3)

Congratulations to **Arvilla Aldous** on “ringing the bell” to signal an end to cancer treatment; and prayers for her on the death of her brother-in-law, James Morrison.

Congratulations to **Emma Brackett** and **George Repicky** expecting their second child, and sibling to **Porter**, in August. Grandparents **Mark** and **Nancey Brackett** are *thrilled*.

Prayers for **Galen Pletcher** recently diagnosed with, and awaiting treatment for Hodgkins Lymphoma; **Christa Lyon** recovering from knee replacement surgery and being treated for melanoma, and her husband **Marty Lyon** under care of Hospice; and, **Ella Morter** being treated for cancer.

## Family News - cont.

Congratulation to **Kate Ewy** and **Emily Ewy** on their recent Ice Show figure-skating individual routines.

Prayers for **Sean Boutin** and **Kristine McKie** facing medical challenges; and **Karen Parker** recovering from a fall and medical complications, and for **Bill** in support of her (17 State Street, Canton, NY 13617).

Prayers for **Ellen Janack** home now following a hospital stay for pain, infection and unbalanced levels in her blood. (35 Riverside Dr. #7E, Canton, NY 13617).

Prayers for **Jane Cable** facing health concerns; **Pat Mace** recovering from pneumonia; **Bev Findley** (and Jerry in support of her) recovering from a broken arm; and, **Kimberly Dildine** (daughter of **Tom Dildine** and **Rev. Lynn Shepard**) recovering from a cardiac ablation to correct an irregular heartbeat.

Prayers for **Carrie Whalen** rehabbing a fractured wrist; **Beth Hayes** healing from grief, and **Bill Rodee** who continues to make strides with rehabilitation; and, for **Marilyn** in support of him.

Renewed prayers for Glenn Erickson (**Ray's** twin) who, unfortunately, requires further treatment; Greg Richard (father-in-law of Ray's daughter) being treated for a brain tumor; Josh Ashton (Ray's son-in-law) doing very well after his neck surgery; and, Maya Ashton (Ray's granddaughter) experiencing seizures.

Prayers for Al Solberg (brother-in-law to **Ellen Grayson**) who is recovering from a stroke; Loree MacNeill (**Karen Parker's** sister) recovering from shoulder surgery; preemie twins “River” and “August” (friends of **Barb Brown**); and, **Mary Rexford** recovering from a broken pelvis.

**More News On Pg. 3**

## More Family News

Prayers for Mike Murphy, husband of **Jim Franklin's** mother Bonnie Murphy, who is facing health issues; and prayers for Jim and his family in this challenging time.

Prayers for Josee Merlini, mother of **Patrick LaPierre**, facing significant health issues, and for Patrick in support of her; Jodie Upton, sister of **Susan Akins**, who is being treated for cancer; and, Marie Mac-Master, and her sons **David** and Ron as they seek to provide appropriate care as she ages.

Prayers for Andrew Putman (friend of **Jean & Pat McGuire**) recovering from a stroke; Art Zanta (brother of **Carolyn Zanta**) being treated for esophageal cancer; and, Kathy Holbrook, (sister-in-law of **Josh Holbrook**) experiencing significant side-effects from treatment.

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## Employment Opportunity

**Home Caregiver** needed to join our team of amazing caregivers that provide care for our parents at their home in **Canton**. Prior eldercare experience, CNA, or LPN a plus. We currently have 1-2 night shifts open 8 p.m. - 8 a.m. and other potential opportunities for shifts. Little care is required at night, and there is a separate caregiver room with a double bed for sleeping, monitors in our parents' rooms, and a computer. (Our parents have received both of their COVID vaccines.) If you are outgoing, responsible, and caring, and would like to learn more, please email me at [eauster@schuilich.yorku.ca](mailto:eauster@schuilich.yorku.ca)

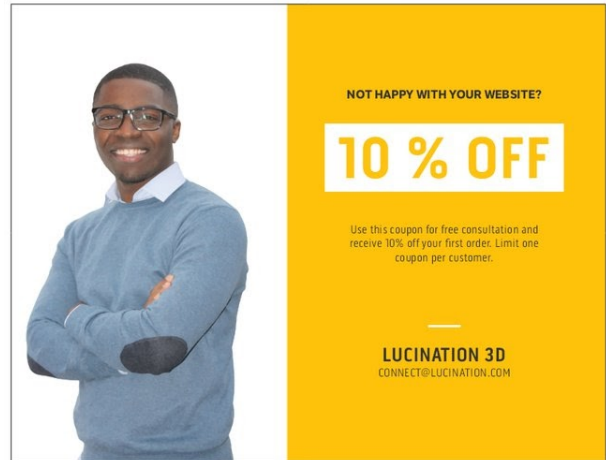
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## Communion Cups

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

## Jorge's New Business

**Jorge Nsuididi** has launched a new business, [Lucination3D](#) which brings affordable web site design and management services to small businesses. Check it out and share the word with others. Best wishes to Jorge!



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## Tastes To Go

**Hospice of St. Lawrence Valley** is holding **Tastes to Go: A Take & Bake Fundraiser** with entrees prepared by area chefs for you to pick up to re-heat and enjoy at home.

Entrees include **Braised Beef Short Ribs** (Chef Jason Bartholomew, SUNY Canton), **Pasta Primavera with Chicken** (Jessica & Baily Furnace, Little Italy-Canton), **Pork Osso Bucco** (Chef Eric Armstrong, Gran-View on the River) and



**Mushroom Stuffed Eggplant** (Chef Eric Armstrong, Gran-View on the River). Each entree is **\$25** and includes a spring mix salad and dessert.

Orders must be placed by Thursday, **April 8th** with pick-up on Saturday, **April 17th** from **noon - 3 p.m.** at the Cornell Cooperative Extension Learning Farm in Canton. Learn more at [SLV Hospice website](#). **Bon Appetit!**

## Church Attendance

	In-Person	Live Stream
March 7	10	46
March 14	10	42
March 21	16	45
March 28	24	45

Average In-Person Attendance: 15  
Average Live-Stream Attendance: 45

## Treasurer's Report

	Operating	Mission
February 21	\$ 2,460.00	\$ 40.00
February 28	\$10,175.00	\$ 140.00
March 7	\$ 2,614.00	\$ 455.00
March 14	\$ 1,840.00	\$ 66.00
March 21	\$ 2,026.00	\$1,085.00
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$19,115.00</b>	<b>\$1,786.00</b>

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



## Vaccine Sites

As of March 30th, those age **30+** will be eligible for vaccines. Along with the NYS site at [SUNY Potsdam](#), St. Lawrence County Public Health holds [vaccine clinics](#) at several locations. Local pharmacies also offer the vaccine. If you need help signing up, contact **Rev. Mike**.

## 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	<i>Ex Officio</i>

### 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

A very Happy Easter to all, my brothers and sisters. Given the season, this month I'd like to take up the matter of "resurrection" as expressed in very concrete and physical terms.

Often, we understand Christ's resurrection as a spiritual rebirth in our lives and, additionally, as a corporeal return to life for those who have died in the faith. However, the notion of resurrection to new life is most readily apparent in the physical embodiment of the church.

Though many correctly understand "the church" to be the fellowship of believers comprising the body of Christ which necessarily inhabits some physical structure, it is undeniably true that the four walls and roof of such a church form the vessel for our fellowship and spiritual existence. A church is more than the physical structure, but the physical structure plays a crucial role in spiritual formation.

Undeniably, then, the physical structure of a church must be "resurrected" from time to time, to keep pace with the spiritual revitalization which is occurring within. While the physical state does not dictate the spiritual state, outward signs can be important symbols in indicating inward health and vigor.

Due to the pandemic, and the utility of worship through the live-stream, many have missed that we have buckets, buckets everywhere this spring. We have leaks in the flat foyer roof, over the narthex which have soaked the choir room rug and the hall outside the sanctuary and,

most bothersome, in the steeple which recently soaked the carpet around the bell tower (and is peeling away the plaster that covers the stone walls). To these we can also add replacement of the south facing portion of the roof over Fellowship Hall. Suffice to say, there is much we must do this summer and in the coming years to "resurrect" the physical integrity of our church by maintaining and protecting it.

Along with this need for a "resurrection" of the physical church, and as a means of assisting in it, we have also been busy this spring trying to consolidate and better administer our church's restricted funds and endowment. A small working group comprised of Martha Cole (Elder on Session), Jim Franklin (who tends to our reserve funds), Mark Brackett (who previously had Jim's role), Janet Stitt (Clerk) and I have been meeting to review our current holdings and explore avenues for management. This includes meeting with a representative of the Presbyterian Foundation (where most of our funds are currently invested), a representative of the Northern New York Community Fund, and a local investment firm. It is hoped that a clear consensus will emerge, with recommendations then being made to the Session and congregation for approval and endorsement (respectively).

As we begin to emerge from the tomb that has been COVID, let us begin to venture out to the new life Christ's resurrection promises.

He is Risen, we are rising! - Rev. Mike

"What sign can you show us to prove your authority to do all this?" Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and I will raise it again in three days." - John 2:18-19



# APRIL Birthdays

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



# APRIL Anniversaries

- 14 Terry & Martha Billings
- 16 Bill & Marilyn Rodee 1960
- 18 Brent & Faye Bartley
- 23 Patrick & Stacie LaPierre
- 25 Martin Syvertsen & Vicki McLain

## Parents! Grandparents!

**Shout out** and **share** the word about your kids and grandkids in **Student News!** Send in their **accomplishments** and **achievements** in the classroom, on the field and in the community to the church office (315) 386-2570 or [office@ChurchOnThePark.org](mailto:office@ChurchOnThePark.org).

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

## April Lectionary Readings

### Maundy Thursday - April 1

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



### Good Friday - April 2

Isaiah 52:13-53:12  
 Psalm 22:1-31  
 Hebrews 10:16-25 or Hebrews 4:14-16,  
 5:7-9  
 John 18:1-19:42

### Resurrection of the Lord / Easter - April 4

Acts 10:34-43 or Isaiah 25:6-9  
 Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24  
 1 Corinthians 15:1-11 or Acts 10:34-43  
 John 20:1-18 or Mark 16:1-8

### April 11

Acts 4:32-35  
 Psalm 133  
 1 John 1:1-2:2  
 John 20:19-31

### April 18

Acts 3:12-19      1 John 3:1-7  
 Psalm 4              Luke 24:36b-48

### April 25

Acts 4:5-12      1 John 3:16-24  
 Psalm 23              John 10:11-18

## 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 revmike70, or via a ZOOM chat in his "meeting room" accessed through this link <https://zoom.us/j/6360764407>, or email at [RevMike@ChurchOnThePark.org](mailto:RevMike@ChurchOnThePark.org)



# Sowing Grace

Somewhere a miracle occurs,  
a seed is sown  
in fertile ground,  
germinates,  
grows, ripen  
and in due season  
will be harvested.

Somewhere a miracle occurs,  
from the simplest  
of ingredients,  
flour and water,  
salt and yeast,  
kneaded and formed.  
Daily bread.

Somewhere a miracle occurs,  
Your word is sown  
in fertile ground,  
germinates,  
grows, fruits  
and in due season  
will be harvested.

Somewhere a miracle occurs,  
as the purest  
of ingredients,  
love, hope  
and joy make  
broken lives whole.

Bread of Life.  
God of miracle,  
provider of daily bread,  
Word of life  
and love,  
we offer you our thanks.

## Virtual Worship & Fellowship

For live-streaming, fellowship, bulletins, sermons newsletter 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 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.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** 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](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”).

## 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 determined 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 **Facebook page** which changes regularly - <https://www.facebook.com/TheFirstPresbyterianChurchonthePark>

## 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](mailto:tdildine@gmail.com)

The Church's email address:

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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).

A **video recording** of the Sunday worship service will be available for viewing the week following broadcast. Go to [www.ChurchOnThePark.org](http://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](mailto: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!**



## Church Photos

See Gus Run!!!



(That's "Gus" on the left.)

Woof Woof!

**Sophia Smalling** welcomed a new labradoodle puppy into her life last month. Though given the more formal name of "Gus Gus," Sophia says, "You can just call him 'Gus.'"



Thanks to **Bob Duda** for providing music on Palm Sunday.



**Maria Franklin** made these delicious chocolate-chip biscotti cookies for Rev. Mike.

In preparation for this year's All-Church Read, **Calvin & Olivia Bourdette** read to their brother, **Lincoln Gollinger**, *Where the Wild Things Are* **Let the Wild Rumpus Start!**





## More Church Photos



Congratulations to **Wayne Miller** and **Ray Erickson** who celebrated their 101st and 75th birthdays (respectively) last month, as church members gathered at Wayne's home to sing and celebrate (now an annual tradition). That's a lot of candles.



"Mackey Maple" was launched as **Simon Mackey** was joined by sons **Sage, Talis** and **Reid** in their first sugaring season.



Thanks to **Walter** and **Alina Brown** (and mom **Anna**) for making and sharing the cut out cookies they gifted to folks who attended the in-person worship service on Palm Sunday. Yum Yum!





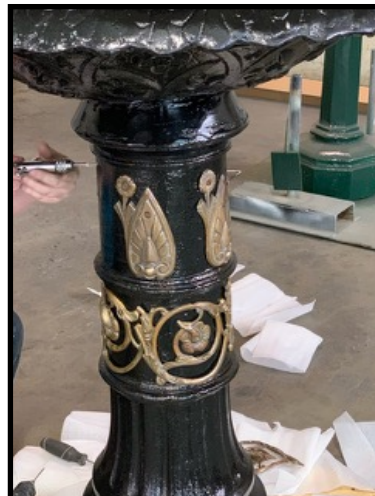
# Fountain Restoration Update



Picking up where we left off last month, the fountain was delivered Monday March 5th to Robinson Iron in Alabama where restoration work immediately began (sandblasting, priming, and painting). In this process, it was discovered that the adornment are, actually, bronze, and these will be left to patina rather be re-painted.



Plans are to have the fountain returned to Canton in mid to late April. As of press time, a new pump has been purchased, and the template for the mounting bolts will be arriving March 30th (these have to be inserted into the concrete base). We are working with Robinson Iron, the Village of Canton, and contractor Tyler Locke to arrange a date for installation. Thanks to all who have supported this important endeavor!



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**Holy Week & Easter  
Worship In Your Way  
Vaccine Help From Deacons  
Fountain Restoration  
Church Photos  
Family News**



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.