

The View From The Park June 2021

A Newsletter of Faith & Community

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

Summer Worship

During **June**, our worship service will be held at its **usual time** of 10 a.m. For the months of July and August, our worship service (in-person and live-stream) will move to 9 a.m. to give folks an earlier start to their summer Sundays. That

means more time in your garden, on the water or to relax on the porch on those lazy summer days.

Please note this on your

calendars!



Father's Day

Celebrate Dad and all the important men in your life on Father's Day, **June 20th**. We look forward to celebrating together next year as restrictions ease and our church brunches are held again.

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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The Way We Worship

The doors are open each Sunday for those who are comfortable in joining inperson worship and the live-stream begins at 10 a.m. for those joining online. It is a **joyful group** of people and we are thankful for each person. We strongly encourage you to do what it is best for you and what feels comfortable.

New! Per the new and state and federal guidelines, those who have been fully vaccinated may be maskless, while those who are not are asked to continue to mask for their own protection. The tape in the center sections has been removed, while the pew sections at the edges will continue to be taped to facilitate social distancing. Though we will resume coffee hour for those who wish, we will still refrain from singing for a little while longer.

You also can watch recording of 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.

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Family News

Congratulations to **Julia Basford** named to the Potsdam HS Honor Roll as *Magna Cum Laude* student (94-96.99 GPA). Way you cook the books Julia!

Congratulations to **Arlo Catanzaro** recently inducted into Lambda Phi Eta, the undergraduate National Communication Honor Society of the the National Communication Association, Tau Theta Chapter at the Roy H. Park School of Communications at Ithaca College.

Bill Parker shares the great news that **Karen** has graduated from home health and has begun out-patient therapy (17 State Street, Canton, NY 13617).

Great thanks to **Rich** and **Ellen Grayson**, and **Chris Remick** for preaching and leading worship in May so Rev. Mike and Linda could attend the college graduation of their son, Tucker, and enjoy a little R & R.



Prayers for **Nicole Potter** and **Chris Melville** moving from Idaho this month to Waterville/Skowhegan ME, and congratulations to **Chris** who claimed top individual honors from the Idaho Press Club in the Weekly Print category for the Best General Column ("The Melville Minute") and Best Arts & Entertainment Report ("A Virtual Summer In Review"); as well as shared team honors for Best Headlines ("Claus and Effect; Eat, Sleigh, Love; Your Place Ermine?") and Best Website! <u>http://www.idahopressclub.org/awards/best-of-2020-award-winners/</u>

Prayers for **Jorge Nsundidi**, and his parents Marcelina and Paulo, on the death of his grandmother Isabel Malungo (32 Main St. Apt. C, Potsdam, NY 13676).

Prayers for our dear friend Dr. **Aggrey Wasike**, and his family, on the unexpected death of his brother Emmanuel.

Family News - cont.

Prayers for **David** and **Lora Gibson** facing health challenges, **Carolyn Zanta** recovering from a medical procedure, and **Jane Cable** continuing her diagnosis journey.

Prayers for **Jean McGuire**, and her family, as she has begun chemotherapy treatments that will stretch into the summer (cards appreciated: 604 Hull Road, Lisbon, NY 1365).

Prayers for **Galen Pletcher** who has recently begun treatment for Hodgkins Lymphoma (32 Judson Street, Canton, NY 13617); **Christa Lyon** recovering from knee replacement surgery and being treated for Melanoma, and her husband **Marty Lyon** under care of Hospice (43 Lincoln Street, Canton, NY 13617; and, **Ella Morter** being treated for cancer (1314 CR 25, Canton, NY 13617).

Prayers of comfort and healing for **Mary** and **Sean Rodee**, and the Basford/Rodee families, on the death of **Riley Basford**. Let us continue to hold this family in love (8 Meade Rd., Canton, NY 13617).

Prayers for **Sean Boutin** and **Kristin McKie** facing medical challenges.

Prayers for **Ellen Janack** now receiving additional support from the Advanced Illness Management (AIM) Program through Hospice of St. Lawrence Valley (35 Riverside Dr. #7E, Canton, NY 13617).

Prayers for **Bev Findley** (and Jerry in support of her) recovering from a broken arm; **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; **Matt Gayle**, his father and family on the unexpected death of his uncle David Gayle. (More Family News on **page 3**)

Family News - cont.

Prayers for the SUNY Potsdam community on the death of Dr. Lonel Woods, voice professor at the Crane School of music.

Renewed prayers for Glenn Erickson (**Ray's** twin) undergoing further treatment for bladder cancers. Prayers, also, for 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 night-time 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; 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); 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 MacMaster, 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; Kathy Holbrook, (sister-in-law of Josh Holbrook) experiencing significant side-effects from treatment; John Mark Waldorf (brother of Jane Cable) being treated for cancer; and, preemie twins, baby River and baby August, facing health challenges, and their parents.

Congratulations to **Holly Miller** who was on the *Today Show* as part of their Mother's Day celebration.

Congratulations!

Congratulations to **Patti Cryderman** who retired in April after 41 years of nursing! She, "couldn't be happier."



Summer Baptisms

Porter Lawrence Brackett son of Emma Brackett and George Repicky (grandson of Mark and Nancey) will be Baptized Saturday June 19th. **Rory David Soricelli**, son of Tiffany and Rob Soricelli, will be Baptized Sunday August 15th. The Session and congregation are *thrilled* to welcome these new children of God into our midst!

Brick Chapel Summer Worship

The Brick Chapel Presbyterian Church will embark upon a partial reopening this summer, with a worship service being held the last Sunday of the summer months, **June 27th**, **July 25th** and **August 29th** beginning at 10:30 a.m.

The Basement Is Full!

Ellen Grayson and **Pat Mace** say thanks for the generosity but ask for **no more donations** for the rummage sale, at this time. We are full to the brim. In fact, Ellen and Pat will be putting out items for free during Fridays when the farmers' market is open and selling items at the town-wide garage sale on **Saturday**, **June 5th** from 9 a.m. to noon. Contact Ellen at 315-323-0950 if you would like to help.

Church Attendance

	In-Person	Live Stream
May 2	25	49
May 9	27	44
May 16	19	45
May 23	20	52

Average In-Person Attendance: 23 Average Live-Stream Attendance: 48

Treasurer's Report Operating Mission

Total:	\$14,179.84.00	\$1,918.00
May 23	<u>\$7,815.00</u>	\$600.00
May 16	\$4,043.00	\$248.00
May 6	\$2,321.84	\$1,070.00

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

Communion Cups

Self-contained **communion cups** are available for you to pick up anytime in the fover.

Vaccine Sites

All New Yorkers age 12 and older are now eligible for the vaccine. Along with the NYS site at SUNY Potsdam, St. Lawrence County Public Heath holds vaccine clinics at several locations. Local pharmacies also offer the vaccine. If you need help signing up, or help with a ride please contact **Rev**. Mike.

Officers & Committees

Elders On Session

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

Rich Gravson 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-LaF	Pierre
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 Haves

Responsible for all fellowship events.

Pat Mace, Ellen Grayson, Nominating 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

TBD

Stewardship 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

JJ Jockel & Sean Boutin C&C Program

Personnel Pat Mace & Tom Dildine

Ad-Hoc Pulpit Supply TBD

The Pastor's Report

I had all kinds of ideas of what to write about this month; mostly frilly. You know, gardening, school's out, perhaps fishing, or even length of day. Then draw some quaint conclusions and call it good. Apparently not.

This month I'd like to talk about hard times. Not the every day, run of the mill stuff; I'm talkin' HARD TIMES. Those things which find you making deals with God as you pray, and searching your soul asking, "Why me?" or, "Why the ones I love?"

So you say, "Come on Rev. Mike, lighten up. It is darn near summer. Put the cross down for one month." Well, I'd like to, but it just so happens that the past few weeks have found me witnessing a lot of folks I care about toting crosses far heavier than any I'd like to bear (maybe more than I could bear).

One of the most valuable things ministry teaches, is that everyone, *everyone* gets their share (or more than their share) of hard times at some point or another in their lives. It is the most common denominator of the human condition. Funny, though, how people seem to forget this on a day to day basis (denial?).

When you embrace such

reality as the fact it is, you begin to change the way you think about and act in the world. It doesn't happen overnight, to be sure, but eventually you find yourself treading a little bit lighter through life, and looking over your shoulder a little bit more.

Eventually you come to possess something which will look an awful lot like stoicism, or even detachment. I think a better description, though, is a sense of calm. Not that you have it all together in some kind of Zen sense, you just realize that freaking out really doesn't help any. Better just to gird yourself, and move through it with as much grace as you can muster (and pray for more, because you never can have enough grace; besides, no one knows what tomorrow might bring). Now hear me when I say this, I'm not showing myself to be a "glass is half empty" guy. But I am a realist. And hard times really happen to everyone, even those we love.

So, what do we do? Well, being the resident preacher, I'd advise taking a gander at the Bible sooner rather than later (maximizes the investment). Check out the ever pragmatic Apostle Paul in Romans 5:1-5; the bottomline absoluteness of the Psalmist in Psalm 46:1; Philippians 4:6-7 for some practical direction (my mother's favorite); the oldie but goodie 23rd Psalm (note the part where we are "made to lie down by the still water"); or hold on to a promise with Revelation 21:3-4.

Any of that help? Perhaps in time. Hold onto hope in your heart. Hope is what gives power to love and possibility to peace.



If you have been through your own hard times, you know two things at the very least. First, they are in fact *hard*. It hurts; a lot. There will be tears and anguish, pain and grief and worry and no small amount of fear. You'll feel as if you aren't going to make it. These feelings and experiences are real; honor them. Let them take up the room or make the changes in your life they must. Because

this experience <u>is</u> going to change you. That is the second thing hard times give you: a *new* you. Always remember, however, that you will have the most to say about the new "you" which emerges from all this. So choose *wisely* and with *intention*.

I feel as if I've accomplished so little in these words, that there is so much more to say or should be said. More often than not, though, hard times render all of one's words pinane and/ or inappropriate. So, I'll leave you with this:

> I love you, I'm praying for you and I will walk with you.

> > - Rev. Mike

"We have this hope, a sure and steadfast anchor of the soul, a hope that enters the inner shrine behind the curtain." - Hebrews 6:19



	Birthdays	
2	David Gibson, Scott Sutherland,	
	Rita Ostrander	
5	Megan McAuliffe Mousaw,	
	Barbara Burdick	
7	Adam Compeau	E!
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	Andi Athanasakis;	cm
	Kenna O'Connell	· list
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	Nicholas Boswell	ΜO
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17	Joseph McAuliffe;	thd
	Kendall Mousaw	· bir
18	Teanna Athanasakis	70UT
19	Barbara Gaines	th v
20	Karen Parker, Lyles Trombly	e wi
23	Terri Knuth, Marilyn Rodee	ffic
25	Gordon Theisen,	ch c
	Patrick McManus	hur
30	Ryan Ross	he c
Ľ		Contact the church office with your birthday so we can keep our list current!
3	Joseph & Karen McAuliffe,	
0	Galen & Helen Pletcher	
6	Barry & Rhonda Walch	
8	Larry & Ellen Compeau	
9	Charles & Sue Dean	
10	Lyles & Kim Trombly	
12	Daniel & Mary Grace Gordon;	
15	Patience & Nicholas Boswell	
15	Carolyn Zanta & Rob Ewy	
16	David & Lora Gibson	
18 19	James & Kathy Gibson	
19 22	Conrad & Dorothy Sharrow Al & Rita Ostrander	
$\frac{22}{26}$	Robert & Ruth Leslie	
26 27	Nicole & Josh Holbrook	
27		
20 29	James & Joanne Danehy Barbara & Neal Burdick	
29 30	Thomas & Kristine Potter	

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June Lectionary Readings

Sunday, June 6 1 Samuel 8:4–11 (12–15) 16–20 (11:14–15) Psalm 138 2 Corinthians 4:13–5:1 Mark 3:20–35

Sunday, June 13

1 Samuel 15:34–16:13 Psalm 20 2 Corinthians 5:6–10 (11–13) 14–17 Mark 4:26–34

Sunday, June 20

1 Samuel 17:(1a, 4–11, 19–23) 32–49 Psalm 9:9–20 or 1 Samuel 17:57–18:5, 10–16 Psalm 133 2 Corinthians 6:1–13 Mark 4:35–41

Sunday, June 27

2 Samuel 1:1, 17–27 Ps 2 Corinthians 8:7–15 Ma

Psalm 130 Mark 5:21–43

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.

Pastoral Care

Please know that Rev. Mike is available at *anytime* to talk about about matters both large or small; either virtually or in-person (he is fully vaccinated).

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 <u>https://zoom.us/</u> j/6360764407, or email at <u>RevMike@Chur-</u> chOnThePark.org

FCC Emergency Benefit Program

The Emergency Broadband Benefit Program, a government program that reduces eligible consumer's broadband Internet access service bill, is **temporary** and ends when federal funds are expended, or 6 months after end of pandemic, whichever comes first. It provides up to a **\$50/month discount** on your broadband service and associated equipment rental and a one-time discount of up to \$100 for a laptop, tablet, or desktop computer (with a co-payment of more than \$10 but less than \$50)

You qualify if you are on certain public assistance programs, like Medicaid or Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP). You can also qualify based on your **household income**.

Eligible households must **both apply for the program and contact a participating provider to select a service plan.** You can go to GetEmergency-Broadband.org to apply online and to find participating providers near you.

You also can call 833-511-0311 for a mail-in application or print a copy. After notice that you have qualified, you must contact a **participating provider** to select an Emergency Broadband Benefit eligible service plan.

Saving

Let us be thankful for whatever light, laughter, food and affection may come our way. And let us be mindful of those who are sadly without these good and golden things.

Virtual Worship & Fellowship

For live-streaming, fellowship, bulletins, sermons newsletter and other resources, **begin by bookmarking the church website:** <u>www.ChurchOnThePark.org</u>. "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 <u>www.ChurchOnThePark.org</u> 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): <u>https://zoom.us/download</u>. One you have the Zoom app, go to <u>www.ChurchOn-ThePark.org</u> 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 <u>www.ChurchOn-ThePark.org</u> 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 <u>www.ChurchOnThePark.org</u> 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 **Facebook page** which changes regularly -<u>https://www.facebook.com/TheFirstPres-</u> <u>byterianChurchonthePark</u>

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 <u>www.ChurchOnThePark.org</u> 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 <u>RevMike@ChurchOn-</u><u>ThePark.Org</u>.

A **video recording** of the Sunday worship service will be available for viewing the week following broadcast. Go to <u>www.ChurchOnThePark.org</u> 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**!

Church Clean-Up Day

Thanks to all who came to clean, scrub, vacuum, dust, trim trees, rake, clean out the basement and enjoy those donuts on the church's recent Clean-Up Day on May 22nd. Tip of the hat to the crew of **Rich & Ellen Grayson, Pat Mace, Karen, Kevin Joshua & Logan Bailey, Jorge Nsusdidi, Rob, Kate & Emily Ewy, Gordy Theisen, Marilyn Rodee, Barry Walch** and **Barb Brown**. It was a day of good, clean fun!



Fountain Update

After nearly **five years** of **fundraising**, **planning**, a **contractor search** and **construction**, the total restoration and refurbishment of the **123 year old fountain** in the Canton Village Park is **weeks away** from completion. Currently we await delivery and installation of **sandstone bench tops**, **memorial plaques**, and a few last details to be completed before giving it a final clean and fill. We are excited to announce a **"turn on"** date as soon as it can be determined (by the end of June or Rev. Mike maintains he will **"have a cow"**).

Though a great many folks, both near and far, have generously supported this endeavor, along with many **businesses**, **organizations**, **charitable funds** and **foundations**, first thanks goes to the **congregation of our church** for supporting this herculean task, allowing Rev. Mike to devote necessary time and energy, and for taking seriously the **responsibility** we bear for the park on behalf of the community and the many generations who have, and will, call this place home.

In addition to the fountain work, **new benches**, **picnic tables** and **garbage cans** will be arriving by **late July**, with concrete pads for two of the tables eventually being poured to ensure accessibility. Later this summer we will begin **Phase II** of the project with **tree care**, **pruning** and **necessary removal**; followed swiftly by the **planting** of new trees by the time the snow flies. **WHEW!**



How to Plant Your Garden

First, you come to the garden alone, while the dew is still on the roses.

For the garden of your daily living, plant three rows of peas:



- 1. Peace of mind
- 2. Peace of heart
- 3. Peace of soul

Plant four rows of squash:

- 1. Squash gossip
- 2. Squash indifference
- 3. Squash grumbling
- 4. Squash selfishness

Plant four rows of lettuce:

Let us be faithful
Let us be kind
Let us be patient
Let us love one another

No garden is without turnips:

Turn up for meetings
Turn up for service
Turn up to help one another



To conclude our garden we must have thyme:

- 1. Time for each other
 - 2. Time for family
 - 3. Time for friends



Water freely with patience and cultivate with love. There is much fruit in your garden because you reap what you sow.

-- Author Unknown



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The Church is charged for every returned Newsletter. If you have moved, or changed a seasonal address, please notify the church office. Thank you.



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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.