



# The View From The Park

A Newsletter of Faith & Community

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## Pledge Reminder

The Session would like to thank everyone for their generous support, especially as we endured the pandemic, and remind everyone to **keep up with their church pledge as summer approaches**. If possible, try paying ahead. Vacation, family visits and time in the sun means Sundays are missed and church income falls as bills continue to arrive. **Help us to stay current by remembering your pledge!**

## Singing To Return!

**Singing** by the **congregation** in our church will return on **Sunday, August 15th**. As per guidelines, those vaccinated may be maskless and invited to join in our joyful noise. The resumption of the **choir** is still under consideration. We thank you for your **patience**.

## 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)

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

## Summer Sundays

Summer Sundays are **laid-back** and **casual**. Reminder that in **July and August, in-person worship and live-streaming** will start at **9 a.m.** Join us in what way works best for you.

**Rev. Mike** is on vacation from July 26th through August 8th. Chris Remick will preach on Sunday, **August 1st** and Sunday, **August 8th**.

Per **CDC guidelines**, those who are fully vaccinated may be **maskless**, while those who are not are asked to continue to mask for their own protection. The side sections of the pews will continue to be taped for those desiring social distancing. **Coffee hour** has resumed and **singing** will return on **August 15th**.

You also can watch a recording of the service afterward on our [YouTube channel](#).

On Sundays, after worship, from 10:30 a.m. to 11:45 p.m, there is **Fellowship time via Zoom**. (Note the **time change** for July & August.)

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## Family News

Congratulations to **Lara Syvertsen** (daughter of **Martin Syvertsen** and **Vicki McLain**) on her marriage to **Eric Sheehan**. They had beautiful weather and a festive celebration. Prayers for their new life together!



Congratulations to **Steve** and **Martha Cole's** daughter **Heather** and her husband **Evan**, on the birth of their son **Carson Orgillis Richards**, born 3/31/21 (as Martha was attending the Session meeting!) 6 lbs, 1oz and 18 inches long; mom and baby are doing great. Hip, Hip, Hooray!!!

Congratulations to **Casey Basford** and **Julia Basford** (son and daughter of **Mary** and **Elliot Rodee**) June graduates from Potsdam High School. **Casey** is joining the work force. He has completed building trades at Seaway Tech and was named recipient of the Barbara Hartle Award and named an Agriculture Department Scholar. He's had some great job offers and he is looking forward to finding his niche. **Julia** will attend the Culinary Institute of America in Hyde Park beginning this September 4; she is in National Honor Society and National Technical Honor Society, class treasurer for four years and recently received the Elliott Con Scholarship, the Community Bank Award, the Bruce Hederson Memorial Scholarship, the "Rizer" Award (established to honor her brother Riley), the Senior Service Award and named Outstanding Senior. **Congratulations to both Casey and Julia! We celebrate their achievements and look forward to them making their mark on the world. Wahoo!**



## Family News - cont.

Prayers for **Matt Gayle**, his father and family, on the unexpected death of his uncle David Gayle; **Jeremy Vose** (son of **John** and **Georgia**) recovering from hip surgery; **Lora Gibson** recovering from heart surgery; **Carolyn Zanta** recovering from a medical procedure, and **Jane Cable** continuing her diagnosis journey.

Prayers for **Jean McGuire**, and her family, as Jean continues chemotherapy that will stretch into the summer. Cards appreciated: 604 Hull Road, Lisbon, NY 1365 .

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

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

Prayers for **Sean Boutin** and **Kristine McKie** facing medical challenges; **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.

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; and Prayers for Kathleen McLean, daughter of **Helen** and **Galen Pletcher**, recovering from surgery on her neck.

## Family News - cont.

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 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 McMaster, 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.

Prayers for **Roger McBath** who recently fell and fractured his pelvis. Roger has moved up from Florida and is now a resident at the Maplewood Nursing home in Canton. His address is: Room 121A (Beech), Maplewood Nursing Home, 205 State Street Road, Canton, NY 13617.

## Brick Chapel Summer Worship

The Brick Chapel Presbyterian Church is having worship services on the last Sunday of the summer months at **10:30 a.m.** Communion will be served at the **July 26th** service and **August 29th** is their Back Home Sunday.

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## You're Invited!

**Nicole Potter** (daughter of Rev. Mike Catanzaro and Linda Potter) and **Chris Melville** (son of Duncan and Sarah Melville) will be married in our church on **Saturday, August 7th** at **1 p.m.** You are invited to watch the wedding on our livestream. On that day at the appointed hour, go to [www.ChurchOnThePark.org](http://www.ChurchOnThePark.org) and click on "YouTube Channel" to watch the ceremony.

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## Support My Mile(s)

**Linda Potter**, a Hospice of St. Lawrence Valley volunteer and board member, is once again participating in their annual summer fund raiser, My Mile for Hospice.

During the month of August, Linda will **run** four miles, **bike** 11 miles and **kayak** two miles - all in one day. You can make a pledge of support for her at <https://mymileforhospice.org/donate/?kwofrid=ICDV2I3> or you can send a check (payable to **Hospice of St. Lawrence Valley**) directly to Linda at 2 Park Place, Canton NY 13617. Thanks for your consideration!

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## Deacons & Session

There will be **no** Deacons or Session meetings in **July**. The next Deacons meeting is on **Thursday, August 26th** at **5:45 p.m.** and Session meets on **Monday, August 30th** at **7 p.m.** Both meetings will be via **Zoom**, unless otherwise decided.

## Church Attendance

	In-Person	Live Stream
June 6	37	39
June 13	28	18
June 20	14	18

Average In-Person Attendance: 26  
Average Live-Stream Attendance: 25

## Treasurer's Report

	Operating	Mission
June 6	\$9,987.09	\$160.00

**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.**

**The Church Office will be closed from August 9 to August 13th.**

## 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 **foyer**.

## Vaccine Sites

All New Yorkers **age 12 and older** are now eligible for the vaccine. St. Lawrence County Public Health holds [vaccine clinics](#) at several locations and 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 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

Howdy folks! I trust you are all enjoying a wonderful start to the summer. There is much to celebrate in our lives together as we emerge from our COVID cocoon. Before we all set off on summer adventures, get lost in a good book or immersed in the garden, I'd like to give all of us something to chew on for the next 2 months: Church School.

Over the years of my tenure we have tried a couple of different models for nurturing the children of our church. What we have found is that having a paid Church School Director, supported by volunteers from the congregation, is the best, most effective and least stressful way to fulfill this most important of our responsibilities as a community of faith.

Just as the pandemic was beginning our former director, Kim Trombly and her family, moved south to begin a new adventure. This past year, due to the pandemic, we were unable to welcome kids to church school as we could not devise a safe way to do so, and it felt like more screen time as an only option wasn't the option for which anyone was seeking.

Hence, come this September, we will be starting anew with the Church School program and we will be open to every new possibility and option. Given that school just got out for the summer, and with high school graduation only just in our rearview mirror, September seems a world away. However, *now* is the time to get our ducks in a row. So, let's start quacking.

For quite a few years we followed the age old model of a church school staffed by volunteers, many of whom were parents of the children who were attending. While this certainly is a workable solution, it meant that parents were not able to join for worship with any kind of regularity. Parenting has always been the toughest job you'll ever love. In recent years, however, it has proven to be even more difficult with demands on working parents, kids' activities, and a general busyness becoming increasingly taxing and hectic.

Acknowledging the importance of the opportunity for these parents to get their batteries recharged through worship, we moved to a paid Church School Director position (quietly funded for many years by an annual anonymous donation from a member of our congregation). Fortunately, we needed to look no further than Miss Barbara (Burdick) who had been holding "Music Together" classes at our church. Miss Barbara got us humming and, after her retirement, Kim took up the ball and ran with it. With COVID (hopefully) past, the next chapter in the history of our Church School must now begin.

Therefore, I would issue a "call for consideration" of what our Church School might look like this fall and moving forward. On the good news front, we've got the kids...lots of them. Please realize how unusual this is, and what a tremendous privilege and opportunity has been set before us.

In the years to come, there will be nothing more important than our Church School program: for the kids who will participate, for their families, for our congregation and, especially, for our community and

world. Beyond fulfilling the charge Jesus us gives to let the little children unto him, and to teach them to observe all that God commands, we have the unique opportunity and privilege to equip the next generation and, hence, the world.

The lesson we intend to teach is three-fold. First, that our kids are our priority with regard to time, space and resources. We want our kids to understand they occupy a vital and cherished place within our community of faith. It isn't just what goes on in the classroom, it is also the interactions which take place at coffee hour, and the relationships of nurture that grow over time within the congregation and across generations. Second, to equip our kids with the tools they need to speak of, and explore ultimate realities and the biggest of pictures. And, third, to teach the values inherent in our faith; chief among them the importance of being compassionate.

WE are the next BIG thing, - Rev. Mike

*"Train up a child in the way they should go; even when they are old they will not depart from it."*

- Proverbs 22:6



The Next  
BIG Thing

## Birthdays This Summer

### July Birthdays

- 1 Karen Poole, Deb Smith
- 2 Andy Loeffler
- 3 Keli Hollis
- 6 Nancy Brown
- 8 Ella Morter, Aimee LaRue
- 9 Kaitlyn Cryderman,  
Deborah Danehy
- 10 Arlo Catanzaro
- 11 Bronwyn O'Connor
- 12 Joshua Bailey
- 14 Ellen O'Shaughnessy
- 16 Cole Ladison, Lincoln Gollinger
- 17 Toby Walch
- 23 Bill Webb
- 25 Natasha Bell, Shirley Norton
- 26 Justin Brady
- 27 Kim Trombly, Anastasia Kelly
- 29 Chris Grant
- 30 Lew Shepard, Martha Billings,  
Ann Spencer
- 31 Blake Bennett

### August Birthdays

- 1 Calvin Bourdette
- 2 Sven Syvertsen, Jim Franklin
- 4 Lynn Miller
- 7 Vivienne Casey
- 9 Margaret Wylie, Andrea Potter,  
Karen Bailey
- 10 Cassandra Chase
- 11 Jeremy Potter
- 12 Cody Ladison
- 13 Vicki McLain, Mary Kathryn Wylie
- 14 Stephen Cole, Cameron Boswell,  
Susan Akins
- 15 Harper Rose Elvy
- 16 Whitney Smalling
- 17 Leah Rohlfen
- 18 Anne Goetze, Carolyn Leavitt
- 20 April Rossiter, Daphne LaPierre
- 22 Nathan Walch
- 24 Casey Basford, Julia Basford
- 25 Kristine Potter
- 26 Ashley Ross, Gerald Findley

## Birthdays - continued

- 27 Patrick Ames, Beth Hayes
- 28 Grace Franklin, Beatrice McManus
- 30 Carolyn O'Connor
- 31 Larry Compeau, Paul (P.J.) Miller,  
Donna Doig, Jorge Nsundidi

## Anniversaries This Summer

### July Anniversaries

- 6 Dave and Ellen MacMaster
- 14 Rich & Ellen Grayson,  
Bob & Corinne Duda
- 28 Philip Elvy & Keli Hollis
- 29 Mark & Nancey Brackett,  
Katie & John Smith

### August Anniversaries

- 7 Dale & Colleen Grant,  
Clifford & April Rossiter
- 13 David & Anne Patterson
- 16 Mark & Nancy Brown,  
Ann & Armond Spencer,  
Elliott & Mary Rodee,  
Erin & Jason Casey
- 19 Kenneth & Carolyn Gibson
- 22 Carl & Mary Colton
- 23 Bob & Betty Fraser



## 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 <https://zoom.us/j/6360764407>, or email at [RevMike@ChurchOnThePark.org](mailto:RevMike@ChurchOnThePark.org)



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

## Summer Lectionary Readings

### Sunday, July 4

2 Samuel 5:1-5, 9-10 Psalm 48  
2 Corinthians 12:2-10 Mark 6:1-13

### Sunday, July 11

2 Samuel 6:1-5, 12b-19  
Psalm 24  
Ephesians 1:3-14  
Mark 6:14-29

### Sunday, July 18

2 Samuel 7:1-14a  
Psalm 89:20-37  
Ephesians 2:11-22  
Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

### Sunday, July 25

2 Samuel 11:1-15 Psalm 14  
Ephesians 3:14-21 John 6:1-21

### Sunday, August 1

2 Samuel 11:26-12:13a  
Psalm 51:1-12  
Ephesians 4:1-16 John 6:24-35

### Sunday, August 8

2 Samuel 18:5-9, 15, 31-33  
Psalm 130 Ephesians 4:25-5:2  
John 6:35, 41-51

### Sunday, August 15

1 Kings 2:10-12; 3:3-14  
Psalm 111  
Ephesians 5:15-20  
John 6:51-58

### Sunday, August 22

1 Kings 8:(1, 6, 10-11) 22-30, 41-43  
Psalm 84  
Ephesians 6:10-20  
John 6:56-69

### Sunday, August 29

Song of Solomon 2:8-13  
Psalm 45:1-2, 6-9  
James 1:17-27  
Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23



## 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 **10:30 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 10:30 a.m. & end at 11:45 p.m. (**July & August** time change.)

**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.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://churchoonthepark.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 which were put during the pandemic, will almost certainly resume mid to late fall. Please continue to keep our friends there in your prayers and, perhaps, stop by for a visit. Wanda, Shirley, Janet, Jean and Donna would love to see you.



## 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: [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).

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!**



## Wanted: Another Crazy Person

As we slowly inch our way back to normalcy from the pandemic, the next major challenge that confronts our church is to restart a vigorous Church School program for our kids. Though we will advertise the position publicly in July, we have had one person from the church express an interest in assuming the role of Church School Director. Might there be another equally crazy person in our midst with whom this important responsibility might be shared? If so, please contact Rev. Mike.



## Dairy Princess To Return

The current plan is for Dairy Princess festivities to return to the park on **August 13th & 14th**. Another positive sign that life is getting back to normal.

## Women's Circle

Women's Circle will resume with a gathering on **Wednesday, September 15th at 7 p.m.** We will meet in the **Conference Room** at the church with host **Pat Mace**. The **topic**, of course, the pandemic: how we each dealt with it, lessons learned and any light-hearted stories that came from it. All women of the church are welcome. If you are able to attend, contact **Linda Potter** at [nautilus@tweny.rr.com](mailto:nautilus@tweny.rr.com).

## Evening Book Group

Evening Book Group returns on **Tuesday, September 28th** at 7 p.m. with a discussion of ***The Dearly Beloved*** by Cara Wall at the home of **Ellen Grayson**, 23 CR 33 in Madrid. Books for the **October** and **November** discussions will be selected that evening as well. **All are welcome!**

## Saving Grace

May the blessing  
of five loaves and the two fishes  
be ours also.

May we be counted  
among the five thousand  
who ate and drank to their fill,  
and yet found enough to share beyond.

## Church & Community Program

Our church has played a leadership role in spearheading the creation of two new developments at CCP during the pandemic. The first initiative is called **CCP Business Buddies**. It seeks to build partnerships with local businesses. Do you own a business? Would you like to join our growing list of Buddies? The first two Business Buddies goals are to procure **quality footwear** (when needed) for area schoolchildren, and to purchase a CCP program **vehicle** to make the **Food Pantry** more mobile and better able to distribute food.

In our second initiative, a **Church Volunteer Corps**; our church suggested that every member



church develop a list of occasional one-off **C&CP Hotdog Sale volunteers** to support the mission of the program at **special events**. We hope to inspire a long list of "**sometime helpers**" starting with our own congregation. Before each special event, we would email our own list to look and see who is available to join volunteers from the other member churches. If you would like to join our church volunteer corps please contact CCP board member **Sean Boutin** at [northcountrytaichi@gmail.com](mailto:northcountrytaichi@gmail.com).

## Fountain Grand Re-Opening

As part of the planned re-opening of the fountain which will take place officially on **Friday, July 9th** at **1 p.m.** during the Farmers' Market, our church is hosting a **First Responder Meet & Greet** on **Thursday, July 8th** from **5 to 6:30 p.m.** Members of the **Canton Ambulance, Fire Department** and **Police** Departments will be on hand. There will be free hot dogs, soft drinks, chips/pretzels and cookies, as well as a pizza raffle. The fence surrounding the fountain will be down for a **sneak peak** at the fountain, and the fire department will fill the basin with the pumper truck.

Our church is the **host** for this community-wide event and **your help is needed!** We need cookie bakers. Our aim is to have **200 nut-free** cookies available that evening. Cookies donations can dropped off at the church no later than **3 p.m.** on Thursday, July 8th. If you are able to provide a few dozen of your favorite cookies, let **Linda Potter** know at 315-229-8886 (cell/text) or [nautilus@twcny.rr.com](mailto:nautilus@twcny.rr.com).

Also, we need a few people to **grill** the hot dogs (along with a grill, a "big ask" we know) and hand out the food and drinks. If you can volunteer your time, email **Rev. Mike** at [revmike@churchon-thepark.org](mailto:revmike@churchon-thepark.org) or text him at 716-857-0111.

The **fundraising** and **restoration** of the fountain has been a project years in the making. On the day of the opening, the **Canton VFW Color Guard** will be on hand, along with the **Goldenaires** (barber shoppers), the **Village Mayor** and **Town Superintendent** have been invited to speak (briefly) along with words of thanks to all who have supported the endeavor (with Presbyterians leading the way). Also, the church and Morgan's Ice

## Fountain - continued

House will be providing free baby cones at the opening to usher in a new generation of kids to the wonderful **local tradition** of having a **cone** at the fountain. We hope that you can be on-hand to celebrate this **joyous milestone** for our church and the Canton community.

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## Church Yard Sale

In conjunction with Canton Town-Wide Garage Sale days in **June**, our church held its own yard sale. **Ellen Grayson** and **Pat Mace** coordinated the effort and spent hours sorting through the **voluminous pile** of rummage sale donations in the basement to select items to put out for this first effort to lessen the load.

Though all items were labeled as free, donations were accepted and brought in **\$304.02**. There was lots of hugs as (vaccinated) friends greeted one another with laughter and conversation as people perused the offerings. Thanks to **JJ Jockel, Patrick LaPierre, Michelle Quinell-Gayle, Susan Akins, Christa Lyon, Rich & Ellen Grayson, Pat Mace, Linda Potter, Martha Cole, Barb Brown** and **Jorge Nsundidi** for volunteering their time to make it all happen. (Below - Pat, Barb, Ellen and Martha with happy shoppers at the yard sale.)



## **Congregational Survey for Connectional/Triennial Visit by Presbytery's Committee On Ministry**

Every three years, representatives from the Presbytery's Committee on Ministry (COM) conduct "Connectional Visits" (formerly "Triennial Visits") with each of its member congregations; typically meeting with the pastor, then with the Session. In preparation for such a visit this fall, and in order to give voice to the congregation in this conversation, we would like to ask folks to respond to this brief survey so that we can better include and express everyone's views on our church. You may mail in the sheet, send a photo/scan via email to [revmike@churchonthepark.org](mailto:revmike@churchonthepark.org), or email your responses. **Your assistance in this is greatly appreciated.** We'd like to get responses by **September 1st**, but the sooner the better would be appreciated.



**What is happening in your congregation that excites you?**

**If asked to describe your church, what would you say that makes you proud and/or is unique about your church?**

**Where do you see your church in 3-5 years?**

**If you were asked to (individually) describe the role of Presbytery (Synod and General Assembly, too) in supporting your church, what would you say?**

**Are there specific ways the Presbytery can support your congregation in the next year?**

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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.