



# The View From The Park

A Newsletter of Faith & Community

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## Return To "Regular" Worship

A reminder that on **Sunday, September 5th** we will return to a **10 a.m.** start to worship. Owing to the recent surge of COVID cases in the county, the emergence of the Delta variant and, especially, in an effort to safeguard the kids in our congregation we have **returned to masking** and will continue the **suspension of singing**. Though we are all tired of such precautions, we recently had an instance of someone attending worship who, unbeknownst to them, had contracted COVID. Thankfully, at the urging of our COVID Committee, we had just returned to masking that Sunday and averted a potential disaster.

Please continue to take this matter, and these precautions, with the utmost seriousness. **We're going to get there.**

## 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  
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**Bob Duda**.....Assistant Choir Director  
**Jarrett Larson**.....Organist  
**Michael Walters**.....Handbell Choir Director  
**TBD**.....Director of Christian Education  
**Mary McGreevy**.....Treasurer  
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**Church Office Hrs: 1 - 4 p.m., Mon., Tues. & Thur.**

## Fall Rummage Sale

Rummage Sale co-chairs Pat Mace and Ellen Grayson have announced that **the sale is on** and that they will be monitoring the COVID situation to adjust plans as needed.

The Fall Rummage Sale will be held **Friday, September 24th** from **9 a.m. - 4 p.m.** and **Saturday, September 25th** from **9 a.m. - 12 p.m.** with a **Congregational Sneak Peek** on **Thursday, September 23rd** from **6 - 8 p.m.** All shoppers will be required to **wear a mask**.

**No donations** of rummage sale items are being accepted at this time. Even after a summer of Friday Lawn Sales, there still is plenty of rummage to be sold.

**Your help is needed!** Set-up of tables and bringing up the rummage will be on **Saturday, September 18th** at 1 p.m. Sorting & folding will be **Monday through Thursday**, during the day. In addition, we will need volunteers as **cashiers** Friday and Saturday and help with **clean-up** at the end of the sale. Contact **Ellen Grayson** at (315) 323-0950 or **Pat Mace** at (585) 350-9529 with any questions.

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## Family News

Congratulations to **Marion** and **Jarret Larson** expecting a baby girl at the start of the new year!!! Brother **Nico** is quite excited, as are mom and dad!

Congratulations to **Julia Basford** who caught a 15.12 pound carp during the St Lawrence International Junior as part of Jay's Dream Team. What a LUNKER!



Welcome **Penelope Ann Brackett**, born August 12, 2021, daughter of Emma Brackett and George Repicky, sister to Porter, and granddaughter of Mark & Nancey!

Congratulations to Lance and Emily Erickson on the birth of their son Alfred T. Erickson, grandson of **Mark Erickson** (7/14/21). Grandpa Mark is thrilled!

Congratulations to **Barb McCoy** on her June 21st wedding to **Phil Jacoby**! A beautiful wedding in the park was followed by a family dinner and celebration!



**Welcome Rory John!** On August 15th our congregation celebrated the baptism of **Rory John Soricelli**, son of **Tiffany** and **Rob**, brother of **Juniper**. **What a joy!**



Prayers for **Dave & Ellen MacMasters** as they provided care and support to Dave's mother Marie; it is a very challenging time for them and Dave's brother.

## Family News - cont.

Thanks to **Janet Stitt**, **Kristine McKie** and **Sean Boutin** (one of our representatives to the C&CP Board) for their help with a hotdog fundraiser hosted by the good folks at Coakley Hardware which took place at the end of June. **\$600** was raised to support the Church and Community Program food pantry! Hot diggity dog! (*Janet Stitt pictured.*)



With heart-ache we share news of the recent death of **Gordy Theisen's** daughter, **Emily**. Emily sang in our choir for a time many years ago and, most recently, had been living and working in Watertown. Let us keep **Gordy** and **Michelle** and their family in our prayers during this extremely difficult time as they mourn the death of a child. Cards of condolence and support would surely be greatly appreciated and may be sent to Gordy and Michelle at their new address: 905 Farnes Road, Canton, NY 13617.

We are saddened to report the death of the **Rev. Richard Stone**, former long-time pastor of our congregation. Please keep his wife **Jeanne** and her family in prayer. Cards may be sent to Jeanne at 30 Sullivan Drive, Apt. 223, Canton, NY 13617.

Prayers for **Barb Brown** who, though fully vaccinated, recently contracted COVID. Thankfully, she is asymptomatic and, of course, taking all prudent steps.

## Family News - cont.

Prayers for **Kristine Potter** who is slowly recovering from surgery (1609 St. Hwy 68, Canton, NY 13617); **Lora Gibson** recovering for surgery and her husband **Dave**; **Rita Ostrander** recovering from surgery and her husband **Al** contending with health matters; and little **Amari Clark**, granddaughter of **Susan Aikens** and daughter of **Amy Barr**, recovering from minor surgery.

Prayers for **Christa Lyon** having surgery Wednesday September 1st, and facing a lengthier recovery. Christa will be convalescing for a time at the home at Rich and Ellen Grayson and we are hoping to provide a few meals (fresh or frozen) for her husband Marty (under the care of Hospice) during this period. Please contact Rev. Mike if you are interested in doing so. Cards may be sent to 43 Lincoln Street, Canton, NY 13617.

Prayers for **Jean McGuire**, and her family, as Jean continues chemotherapy treatments (604 Hull Road, Lisbon, NY 1365) and for **Galen Pletcher** who also continues treatment (32 Judson Street, Canton, NY 13617).

**Ella Morter** recently received good news about the results of her surgery and subsequent treatment. Please continue to hold Ella in prayer (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).

Continued prayers for **Sean Boutin** and **Kristin McKie** facing medical challenges. Renewed prayers for Glenn Erickson (**Ray's** twin, and brother **Mark**) facing continued health challenges.

## Husband & Wife...Finally!

After being postponed for a year due to COVID, **Christopher Melville** and **Nicole Potter** (son Duncan and Sarah Melville, daughter of Rev. Mike & Linda) were (*finally*) married in our church on Saturday August 7, 2021, and live-streamed for friends and family.

It was a joyous and festive affair, and the newlyweds would like to thank the congregation for their love and support all these years; and, more recently, to **Pat Mace** and **Faye Bartley** for working so hard on the the beautiful flower garden and the gift of a lovely bouquet of flowers which adorned the foyer for the wedding, **Rich Grayson** for painting the sidewalk, Pat for sweeping the walkway, and **Lynne Pickens** and **Jim Robertson** for the charming sign in front of their home which all were surprised and delighted to see on the way to the reception. The couple has moved to Maine and now reside at 14 Veteran Court, Waterville, ME 04901.



## Church Attendance

	In-Person	Live Stream
June 27	22	18
July 4	16	21
July 11	15	18
July 18	25	12
July 25	22	12
August 1	14	16
August 8	11	17
August 15	19	12

Average In-Person Attendance: 18  
 Average Live-Stream Attendance: 16

## Treasurer's Report

	Operating	Mission
June 30th	\$ 4,404.00	\$ 50.00
July 11	\$ 6,315.00	\$560.00
July 18	\$ 2,764.00	\$ 93.00
August 15	\$ 6,514.91	\$180.00
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$19,997.91</b>	<b>\$883.00</b>

**Thank you for your generous support of this church and its mission.**

## 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, Gordy Theisen & Michelle Quinelle-Gayle

# The Pastor's Report

Well folks, so concludes an (almost) endless summer. I'm not sure if it is because of Labor Day falling late, or because it has been such a full summer, but the lilacs and strawberries seem a very long time ago. What a blessing.

Fall is officially upon, now; time to begin a new school year and a new season at the Church on the Park. As you can tell from reading the newsletter, we continue to stride and strive; and not by accident. So, for this month's pastor's report I'd like to take the opportunity to express my gratitude.

Thanks to ALL of you for continuing to support, enliven and affirm the church; even amid the continued on-going slog with COVID. Though we've had a to be a little more low key (and, seemingly, "virtual") you continue to abide, inspire and make it possible for us to carry out our very important mission and ministry both within and beyond the congregation. You are touching a great many lives, and making our world a far better place.

Speaking of COVID, thanks to all of you for your renewed efforts to make our church, and its gatherings, as safe as possible for every member of the congregation; especially the little ones in our midst. It really felt for a few weeks there like we had turned the corner, and could look forward to the choir and church school resuming. Alas, we must continue to be patient. Please know all your efforts and, especially, your "can do" spirit is greatly appreciated!

A HUGE thanks to the entire congregation for the support and grace to undertake the (overly) ambitious pursuit of fundraising and effecting the renovation of the fountain. I hope that every time you look at the fountain, you will smile in delight and warm with pride knowing that YOU helped to make it all possible by sustaining and empowering the church. You have given a wonderful gift to this community, one which will be greatly enjoyed for many generations to come.

Thanks to each and everyone of you for taking such good care of each other, and for the incredible hospitality and welcome you offer to all those who find their way to our church. Every card you send, call you make, meal you provide, prayer you offer and reassurance you give is like a mighty stone thrown into a pond; with goodness and light rippling throughout our congregation. You are the REAL deal.

Linda and I would like to thank you all for a life-time of love and support for our family and, especially, our kids. Having everyone gathered in the sanctuary for Chris and Nicole's wedding was a tremendous reminder to us of how much you have made possible for our family, and for so many years. Our kids have only ever known acceptance and nurture from everyone at the church. While this might be the norm on the Park, and the experience common to all the children of our church, it is by no means typical or frequent in the larger world.

Pre-emptive thanks to all of you for abiding the up-coming and extended vacation that Linda and I have planned for September. The demands of the past few years and the challenge of filling the pulpit in my absence have resulted in a build-up of quite a bit of unused vacation time. Truth be told, the longer I am in this vineyard the more "up-tight" I get about staying fresh and relevant. Given that Linda and I are greatly

enjoying ourselves during this newly emerging "empty nest" chapter in our lives, I believe the best course of action is to get the rest and rejuvenation necessary to keep water in the well and the pump primed. I'm going to avail myself of the opportunity to have a singular focus: to work on Linda's "She Shack." We will also be traveling to Beach Haven, NJ where I will officiate at my God-son's wedding. We are hoping to get in some serious beach time and have a hoot.

And the pastor was heard to say,  
"THANK YOU!" - Rev. Mike



*"You will be enriched in every way to be generous in every way,  
which through us will produce thanksgiving to God." - I Corinthians 9:11*

# SEPTEMBER Birthdays

- 1 Heather Cole,  
Matthew Compeau
- 2 Mary Garwood
- 4 Sharon Poole
- 6 Andrew Franklin
- 7 Susan Johnson
- 8 Lara Syvertsen,  
Simon McManus
- 9 Ellen Compeau
- 10 Cheryl Ostrander
- 12 Chris Melville,  
Alexandrea Janack
- 13 Erin Casey
- 14 Betty Fraser
- 15 Alice Poole
- 16 Ben Bartley
- 19 Maggie Brizendine
- 21 Britt Gordon, Carolyn Zanta
- 22 Carl Colton
- 24 Erik Johnson, Cheryl Young
- 25 Jake Cole
- 26 Philip Elvy
- 27 William Rodee
- 28 Matt Peacock, Aubrey Boswell,  
Darren Potter
- 30 Molly Ames

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

# SEPTEMBER Anniversaries

- 3 Dave and Mary Pierce
- 5 Anna and James Eller
- 8 Bill & Cati Gollinger
- 9 John & Anne Goetze
- 10 Charles & Margaret Alexander
- 12 Leah Rohlfen & Patrick McManus
- 13 Jean and Pat McGuire
- 15 Douglas & Terri Knuth
- 20 Christa & Martin Lyon
- 28 Tim & Patti Cryderman



## Back To School Supplies

Connie Jenkins, director of the Church & Community Program, is pictured with **Sean Boutin**, one of church's representatives to the program, with **72** packs of **Crayola Markers** which is our church's donation to the C&CP Back To School program for area children. Sean, along with **JJ Jockel** (another of our C&CP representatives) found a great price of \$1 / packet for the markers this summer and made this purchase on behalf of the church. If you would like to make a donation toward the total cost of \$72, you can send a check payable to First Presbyterian to 17 Park Street, Canton NY 13617 and note "C&CP Markers" on the memo line. Any funds raised beyond the cost of the markers will be used to cover additional Back To School supplies at C&CP. Thanks for your support.



## 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)



## September Lectionary Readings

### Sunday, September 5

Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23  
Psalm 125  
James 2:1-10 (11-13) 14-17  
Mark 7:24-37

### Sunday, September 12

Proverbs 1:20-33  
Psalm 19 James 3:1-12  
Mark 8:27-38



### Sunday, September 19

Proverbs 31:10-31  
Psalm 1  
James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a  
Mark 9:30-37

### Sunday, September 26

Esther 7:1-6, 9-10; 9:20-22  
Psalm 124  
James 5:13-20  
Mark 9:38-50

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## Thank You Rev. Mike

It is time to say **thank you Rev. Mike** for taking his time during the past five years to lead the **restoration** of our fountain in the park. It certainly involved many contacts with town and village officials, in addition to finding the scattered and right parts, right contractor, repairmen with expertise to put together old and new internal parts strategic to an old fountain.

You have reminded all of us in the church that we are **“a community of faith, rooted and grounded in love”** (quote by Rev. Mike) and together we can accomplish so much---especially if we have a leader who offers such an example. He has brought our Church On The Park to the attention of the community, and especially to the fact that our church cooperates with town and village. **We thank him for all his hard work and leadership.**



## 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.

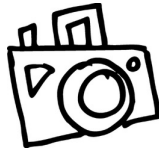
If you want to learn more about the prayer chain, call **Rev. Mike** at 386-2570 or **Wanda Renick** at 386-3474.



## Photo Directory

Due to recent "shenanigans," we have made a decision to no longer offer our Photo Directory online through the website. If you would like a copy (print or digital), please contact Rev. Mike or the church office and we'd be happy to send one with you.

We endeavor to keep the photo directory as up-to-date as possible. If you find that you have been inadvertently omitted, would like to be included or would like a retake, please contact **Rev. Mike** or **Keli Hollis**. Updates easily done.



## Presbyterian Worship

The monthly service at Partridge Knoll continues to be on hold as cases continue to rise in the county. Please continue to keep our friends there in your prayers and, perhaps, stop by for a visit (with a mask) or pick up the phone to say hi. Wanda, Shirley, Janet, Jean and Donna would love to hear from 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:

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Reverend Mike's email address:

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## Sermons & Services

**Written Sermons** in PDF format are now available for viewing or downloading on Monday at [www.ChurchOnThePark.org](http://www.ChurchOnThePark.org) then click on "Written Sermons."

If you'd like to have a copy of the weekly sermon emailed or snail-mailed to you directly, please contact [RevMike@ChurchOnThePark.Org](mailto:RevMike@ChurchOnThePark.Org).

To view recordings of previous worship services, please subscribe to our [YouTube channel](#).

## Newsletter Deadline Is The 15th Of The Month

We are still sending out the monthly newsletter! Please submit articles (emailed preferably) to the church office, or directly to the 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!**



## Women's Circle

Women's Circle plans to 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@twcny.rr.com](mailto:nautilus@twcny.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. Books for the **October** and **November** discussions will be selected that evening as well. We will be meeting in the Conference Room at the church (please note the change in location). **All are welcome!**

## *Saving Grace*

Gracious and giving God,  
thank You for the food before us,  
the family and friends beside us,  
and the love between us. Amen.

## Cabbage Roll Sale Returns!

## Final Fountain Update



The “grand” reopening of the fountain in the Village Park took place on **Friday, July 9th** at 11 a.m. and was a great success (not to mention relief). Everything is working as it should and folks really seem to appreciate, and are greatly enjoying, the fruits of such a long labor. After having raised and spent more than **\$162K**, and with every bill paid, we have exactly **\$129.08 remaining** in the account (how's *that* for cutting it close!?!); just enough to buy lunch to the workers at the Canton DPW to say thanks for all the good work they do to maintain the park.

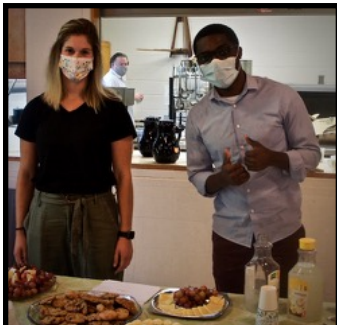
## Farewell To Jorge

**Jorge Nsundidi** has moved to Buffalo (to the very hip Allentown area) to begin the next chapter in his life. Jorge has been a tremendous gift to our church and congregation these past years, and he will be deeply missed by all of us. A farewell blessing was offered during worship on August 29th followed by a celebratory reception as part of coffee hour. His new address is 49 Johnson Park, Apt. 5, Buffalo, NY 14201. The world is your oyster, Jorge; enjoy, have fun, we're always here for you!



## Blessing For Natalie

Also on Sunday, August 29th, our congregation was further delighted to offer a blessing to **Natalie DiSalvo**, a child of our church, who recently earned a Master's degree in Criminal Justice and will be moving down to Charleston, South Carolina to enroll in the Police Academy there, and to begin work as a Law Enforcement Officer. Prayers for Natalie in this new challenge in her life, and/or her parents **Jim** and **Amy DiSalvo**.



See page 12 for more photos from this celebratory day.

## Rev. Mike

## On Extended Vacation

Owing to a back-log of unused vacation time due to the pandemic (and in an effort to make some progress on Linda's "She Shack") Rev. Mike will be on vacation beginning **Monday, September 6th** and return to work **Monday, September 27th** (3 weeks). Chris Remick will be preaching and leading worship on Sunday September 12th, 19th and 26th.

We will be holding our **Third Annual Cabbage Roll and Pie Sale** on Sunday, September 27th. **Please note that no sermon manuscripts will be sent during this time (sorry).** We will be making/baking the cabbage rolls on Saturday, September 11. To make this fundraiser a success we will be looking for donations of **INGREDIENTS** and **PIES** as well as **VOLUNTEERS** to prepare cabbage rolls. A complete list of what is needed will be in the folder at church on Sunday with a **Meet & Greet** for **First Responders** sponsored by and held at our church. Though the rain forced the event to move from the park to Fellowship Hall, a good time was still had by all.

**Meet & Greet** on **September 5th**. We will also be sending an e-mail out on Tuesday, September 7th.

Music was supplied by "**Classic Country**" comprised of Carter Houk, Donnie Woodcock, Steve Manders and Josh Kirkpatrick.



Hats off to **Mary Kelly** who sheltered under a tent to grill hot dogs. Thanks also our volunteered cookie bakers: **Mary Kelly, Sarah Melville, Linda Potter, Marcy Bennett, Barb Brown, Bill & Karen Parker, Susan Akins, Ellen Grayson, Karen Bailey, Rita Ostrander, Lynne Pickens, Pat Mace, Jim Franklin, Jean McGuire** and **Vicki McLain**.

See page 11 for photos from the **Meet & Greet** and fountain re-opening.

# Giving Thanks For First Responders & The Fountain



Rev. Mike with "Peace" Officers.  
Tie-dyes gifted to the local police.



VFW Honor Guard at fountain opening.



Crowd gathered to enjoy the fountain.



Canton Goldenaires provided the music.



Fountain restoration co-chairs,  
Paul Mitchell & Rev. Mike at opening.



Rev. Mike with Volunteer Firefighters



# Farewell to Jorge Nsundidi and Natalie DiSalvo



Daphne, Patrick, Stacie & Gwen LaPierre



Jim Franklin, Jorge,  
Gordy & Michelle Theisen

Thanks to **Ellen Grayson** for making the celebration complete with cake and refreshments.



Amy DiSalvo with daughter, Natalie.



Rich Grayson, Jorge, Amy DiSalvo,  
Ellen Grayson & Natalie.



Jorge with Kristin McKie & Sean Boutin.



Bob Duda, Jorge & Mark Erickson.



Martha Cole, Jorge, Dave & Ellen MacMaster.

Thanks to **Bob Duda** for all these photos!

# Cabbage Roll Sale

**Sunday September 12th  
11 a.m to 2:00 p.m.**

## Cost

**Cabbage Rolls**  
\$3.50 each or 2 for \$6

**Homemade Pie**  
\$2 per slice

## Pre-Orders Available

(Prior to 3 p.m. September 11th,  
but not necessary.)

Call : (315) 244-7902

Email: hayesbe27@gmail.com



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## **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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**Return to "Regular" Worship**  
**Fall Rummage Sale**  
**Meet & Greet Photos**  
**Farewell to Jorge & Natalie**  
**Final Fountain Update**  
**C&CP Back To School Supplies**



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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.