

The View From The Park

A Newsletter of Faith & Community

November 2021

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

3rd Annual Ham Dinner

Our **3rd Annual Ham Dinner** with take-out meals only will take place on **Sunday**, **November 7th** from **11 a.m. to 2 p.m**. A meal of ham, macaroni & cheese, coleslaw, apple-cranberry sauce and a piece of pie will be offered for **\$12**. Pre-orders are encouraged but not required. To place an order or to volunteer, contact **Beth Hayes** at hayesbe27@gmail.com or (315) 244-7902.

Sunday Worship

In-person worship with **masks** on is going great with more people filling the pews each week. We also are delighted by those who join via the

livestream. Together we are a **vibrant** and **fun-loving** church. Please continue to join us for worship in the way best suited for you.



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

Rev. Michael P. Catan	zaro 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 Dire	ector of Christian Education
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Patience Boswell	Sexton
Linda Potter	Newsletter Editor

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

Pledge Sunday - Nov. 7th

In this season of thanksgiving, it is time for our **annual Stewardship Drive** with **November 7th** as **Pledge Sunday.**

You will soon receive in the mail an **appeal letter**, **Stewardship brochure** and your **pledge card**. A pledge card is also on **page 13** and additional cards will be at the church on November 7th. The Stewardship Committee and Session ask that you **prayerfully consider how our church supports you** and your family, our community and world, and how you, in turn, **can support the work and mission of our church**.

You are invited and encouraged to contact any member of the Session or Rev. Mike with any questions. Please return the pledge cards as quickly as possible so we may begin to plan **our budget and programs for 2022**. We are especially grateful for your support of the church during this time as the pandemic continues to be be present in our community.

Thanks to everyone (near and far) for their **continued support** of the First Presbyterian Church on the Park!

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Family News

Prayers for **Bill Rodee** who was hospitalized for a few days, primarily for observation for low blood pressure, and who is now convalescing at home. 5431A CR 27, Canton NY 13617. Wife **Marilyn**.

Prayers for **Jim Durham**, who has been caring for our church's heating, plumbing and electrical needs for the past several decades. Jim had a knee replaced at the end of October and is home recovering and undergoing rehabilitation. P.O. Box 15, Colton NY 13625. Partner **Patti**.

Prayers for **Karen Parker** was recently diagnosed with a form of Parkinson's Disease. 17 State Street, Canton NY 13617. Husband **Bill**.

Prayers for **Jorge Nsundidi** in his job search and in finding an employer who will sponsor his work visa application. 49 Johnson Park Apt. 5, Buffalo NY 14201; **Christa Lyon** still recovering from surgery and her husband **Marty** under the care of Hospice. 43 Lincoln Street, Canton, NY 13617; and for **Pastor Donna Doig** recovering from successful cataract surgeries, 30 Sullivan Dr. Apt. 110, Canton NY 13617,

Continued prayers **Galen Pletcher** who had a small set back in his treatment, 32 Judson Street, Canton NY 13617, spouse Helen McLean; **Jean McGuire** as she regains strength from treatment. Recent scans show her to be cancer free! 604 Hall Road, Lisbon NY 13658. Spouse **Pat**.

Continued prayers for **Gordy** and **Michelle Theisen** as they grief the death of their daughter, Emily; 905 Farnes Road, 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).

Family News - cont.

Continued prayers for **Sean Boutin** and **Kristine McKie** facing medical challenges.

Prayers for the **children** and **young families** of our church (and community) as they continue to contend with learn, live and grow against the backdrop of COVID.

Prayers for **Ellen Grayson's** sister Connie and her daughter Pam; Glen Erickson recovering from surgery (brother of **Ray** & **Mark**); **Susan Akins** facing health challenges; Raelene McLain (**Vicki's** mother) facing health challenges; Ron MacMasters (**Dave's** brother) facing health challenges; Evan Richards in Colorado (husband of **Heather Cole**) who

fell off a roof and broke his wrist and ankle; Katy Greenall (**Helen McLean's** sister) being treated for parasitic infection; and, **Bev** & **Jerry Findley's** granddaughter Michelle being treated for an intestinal bacterial infection.

Mission Treasurer Needed

After many years of service as our Mission Treasurer, **Diane Ladison**, will be retiring at the end of the year and we will need to fill her shoes. If you've got an eye for numbers and would like to offer a small amount of time to the church in this capacity (the job is very limited in scope) we'd be thrilled to welcome new leadership into this role. If interested, please speak to **Rev. Mike**.

Farm Family Offering

Reminder that the **Farm Family Of- fering** will be held on **December 5th**.

More info will be in the December newsletter about this important local outreach.

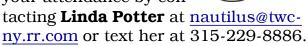
Rides For Betsy

Betsy Robinson has not healed properly from cataract surgery and there has been some damage to her cornea; she cannot see out of that eye and is extremely frustrated. Betsy is scheduled for **surgery** Tuesday, November 9th, and is in need of a ride down to **Syracuse** on Monday, **November 8th** (leaving anytime in the morning) and a ride back to Canton on Thursday, November 11th (picking up late morning); drop off and pick up with be at her step-daughter's house in Syracuse. If you are able and would like to assist with a ride for Betsy please speak to Rev. Mike **ASAP**. Betsy's lives at 69 Riverside Drive, Canton NY 13617.

Evening Book Group

The Evening Book Group will meet on

Tuesday, November 16th at **7 p.m**. in the Conference Room at the church to discuss **The Midnight Library** by
Matt Haig. Confirm
your attendance by contacting **Linda Potter** at na



Greening of the Church

The Greening of the Church will take place after worship on

Sunday, November 21st. Many hands are needed for this decorating of the sanctuary, the foyer and Fellowship Hall. Hope to see you!



Time to Fall Back!

Turn your clock back an hour when you go to bed on Saturday, November 6th.

Letter of Thanksgiving

We've often talked about how lucky we are to have a wonderful family and good friends present in our lives. To that, we add the support of community. Never has it been more evident than in the last seven months.

Receiving a diagnosis of cancer is a shock, and it's frightening, but how lucky we were to have the support of so many throughout a period that included surgery and chemo treatments. Rev Mike stayed in close contact, and we are appreciative of that. At the same time, we are overwhelmed by the number of you who contacted us to offer support.

Recent scans indicated that no cancer cells are present now. We are ecstatic about that news and are hopeful that they won't return.

Please know how very thankful we are for your prayers, visits, food, cards, phone calls, emails, texts, and all of the other acts of kindness that many of you and others showered us with during these months. They lifted us up and brightened even the hardest days. We will always be grateful for your continued prayers and kindhearted ways.

You touched our hearts. The journey may not be over, but your support has made it less steep. Thank you!

Jean & Pat McGuire

Women's Circle

Women's Circle will meet on Wednesday, November 10th at 7 p.m. in the Conference Room at the church. All women of the church are welcome to join in for conversation and connection. If you are able to attend, contact Linda Potter at nautilus@twcny.rr.com.

Church Attendance

	in-Person	Live Stream
October 10	24	26
October 17	20	18
October 24	30	15
October 31	40	21

Average In-Person Attendance: 29 Average Live-Stream Attendance: 20

Treasurer's Report

	Operating	M1221011
October 3	\$ 3,100.00	\$315.00
October 17	\$ 5,343.00	\$190.00
October 25	\$ 7,772.84	\$ 40.00
October 31	\$ 5,813.00	\$ 25.00
Total:	\$20,028.84	\$570.00

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

Communion Cups

pledge or regular offering. Thank you!

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

Vaccine Sites

Booster shots for the COVID vaccine are now available for those eligible and soon vaccines will be offered to those over the age of five. St. Lawrence County Public Heath holds <u>vaccine clinics</u> 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	Gordy Theisen	Pat McGuire
Michelle Quinelle	e-Gayle	Bill Parker
Janet Stitt - Clerk Of Session		

Board of Deacons

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

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

Committees Chairs

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

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

Fellowship Ellen Grayson, Pat Mace & Beth Hayes

Responsible for all fellowship events.

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

Education Beth Hayes Responsible for growth, nurturing & learning.

Worship Michelle Quinelle-Gayle With pastor, responsible for worship.

Communion Pat Mace & Vicki McLain

Stewardship TBD

Responsible for securing resources and energy to fulfill the mission & ministry of our church.

Mission Martha Cole Helping our church, community & world.

Treasurer Mary McGreevy

Financial Secretary Barry Walch

C&C Program JJ Jockel & Sean Boutin

Personnel Pat Mace, Gordy Theisen & Michelle Quinelle-Gayle

The Pastor's Report

Howdy folks! I hope these words find you well & your spirits at peace!

As November is Stewardship time here on the Park, I'd like to take a few minutes to speak with you about supporting our church.

First of all, support for our church really means support for the people who make our church happen. On behalf of myself, Linda and our three kids I would like to

thank each of you for the great gift of making possible our lives here in Canton. We're thrilled to have seen our kids grow up in a small town and a loving church. I'd also like to offer thanks on behalf of the entire staff: Patience Boswell our Sexton; Jarrett Larson our Pianist, Linda Potter our newsletter editor and Karen Bailey our sec-

retary. The paid staff here at the church accounts for 65% of our operating budget; 2/3 of every dollar you give to the church goes to support these folks and their families; thank you!

During the recent rainy weather, I was made aware of the outstanding job we are doing as a congregation to preserve and ensure the safety, viability and intended use of our beautiful church. Let's face it, we have a VERY LARGE physical plant and our resources are limited. However, over the past 20 years we've made major improvements to the buildings and manse; including, this fall, a new roof on Fellowship Hall and over the narthex. The place looks great! Even more importantly, this generation is making sure that future gen-

erations will be able to enjoy and utilize this physical legacy which has been handed down to us. Use and upkeep of **the church building represents 26% of our annual operating budget.**

The remaining 9% of the budget goes to supplies for the office, Christian Education program, music program, fellowship, and per Capita (paid to the Presbytery, Synod of the NE, and General Assembly of the PC USA).

Supporting OUR Church Beyond our Operating
Budget (remember we have a
dual budget system here
which separates operating
expense from mission) our
Mission giving (including
special offerings) is over
\$21,000 (or, an amount
equal to almost 15% of our
operating budget)!

All together, that is a very impressive amount mustered by a relatively small group of people. It is both a symbol of *God's* grace and *your* faith. Especially as we continue to labor under the weight of COVID. Let's keep this momentum moving us forward into our future.

So, this month, I'd like to thank the generous and faithful supporters of our church; both those who are here each Sunday in-person or via the live-stream, and especially those who have moved from the area or are no longer able to attend worship. Together we are making a real difference in our community, world and in the Kingdom of God.

May God bless us all! - Rev. Mike

"You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity, which will produce thanksgiving to God through us; for the rendering of this ministry not only supplies the needs of the saints but also overflows with many thanksgivings to God.." - 2 Corinthians 9:11



- 1 Dave MacMaster
- 2 Tracy Loeffler
- 4 Amanda Eschman,

Duncan Melville,

Donna Norrell

- 5 Judy Longshore
- 6 Cole DeSantis,

Mary Grace Gordon

8 Rev. Michael Catanzaro,

Elizabeth Chadwick,

Laura O'Shaughnessy,

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

Gemma DelRossi,

Rebecca DelRossi

- 11 Roger McBath, Anne Patterson
- 12 Amelia Rodee, Sarah Rodee
- 18 Wanda Renick
- 21 Janice Poole
- 22 James Eller
- 24 Martha Pierce, Betsy Robinson
- 25 David Patterson, Hayden Irish
- 26 Tom Dildine
- 28 Bob Duda
- 29 Stuart Jones

Parents! Grandparents!

Shout out and **share** the word about your kids and grandkids with your church family! 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

Also, let **Rev**. **Mike** know when the kids have a game, recital, performance or award ceremony. He would love to be part of your celebration and see the kids of

the church do their thing! Text him at (716) 857-0111 or email him at RevMike@ churchonthepark.org.

Giving Tree Time

It's time again to take a **Giving Tree** tag and help the **Church & Community Program** make Christmas brighter for roughly **400** area children in need!

Just like last year, we're asking for **donations** to purchase vouchers for **clothing** (\$25), **toys/gifts** (\$25), and **food** (\$35). In addition to the three vouchers, each child will also receive a new pair of **PJs** and a **hand-knit hat** made by local knitters.

To make this happen before Christmas, the Giving Tree needs your donation (in **any amount**) by cash, check, or online (ccpcanton.org) by **December 1st**. Thank you in advance for responding generously once more this year. If you have questions or would like to represent our church as a Giving Tree volunteer, please contact our C&CP representative **Sean Boutin** at northcountrytaichi@gmail.com.

Food for Fellowship!

Our 3rd Food For Fellowship meal was a rousing success, with 46 meals being picked up or delivered to feed 114 individuals (including 70 quarts of soup, 42 loaves of bread and 48 dozen cookies)! Thanks to cookie bakers Susan Akins. Karen Bailey, Arvilla Aldous, Linda Potter, Marilyn Rodee, Ellen MacMaster, Barb Brown, Nancey Brackett and Porter Ripicky. Thanks to Pat Mace for making bread, and Jean and Pat McGuire for donating bread (hot out of the oven). Thanks to soup makers Ellen Grayson, Mark Erickson and Linda Potter. Thanks to the **Deacons** who delivered meals. And, thanks to Pat Mace, Ellen Grayson, Ray and Mark Erickson, Tucker Catanzaro and Linda Potter who packaged food and staffed the kitchen all day as people came to the church for pick-up. (See Photos Pg. 10 & 11)

November Lectionary Readings

Sunday, November 7

Ruth 3:1–5, 4:13–17 Psalm 127 Hebrews 9:24–28 Mark 12:38–44



Sunday, November 14

1 Samuel 1:4–20 1 Samuel 2:1–10 Hebrews 10:11–14 (15–18) 19–25 Mark 13:1–8

Christ the King Sunday - November 21

2 Samuel 23:1–7 Psalm 132:1–12 (13–18) Revelation 1:4b–8 John 18:33–37

First Sunday of Advent - November 28

Jeremiah 33:14–16 Psalm 25:1–10 1 Thessalonians 3:9–13 Luke 21:25–36

Humming Along

Circle is a time of conversation and connection that is open to all women of the church. Each month, after a time to check-in and share what is going on her life, the group discusses a topic. In October, a discussion of the positive benefits of humming was enthusiastically led by Vicki McLain. As Vicki shared, "Many religious traditions use sound to help bring you into a state of connection with your spirit and God. Drumming, chanting, singing and humming are all examples. Sound can reach deeper than the conscious mind and give deep healing and connection to the soul."

Vicki shared how "conscious humming" can improve our **spiritual** and **physical well-being**. She recommends that we practice humming each day. Maybe humming at church can be our new thing until singing resumes!

Virtual Worship & Fellowship

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

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

Zoom Fellowship calls each Sunday from **11:30 a.m. to Noon** for fellowship only with no format or moderator. If needed, download the ZOOM app ahead of time by clicking on this link (free):

https://zoom.us/download. One you have the Zoom app, go to www.ChurchOn-ThePark.org and click on "Sunday Zoom Meeting". You will be asked to enter a password which is **3862570** (the phone number of the church). The meeting will automatically begin at 11:30 a.m. & end at 12:45 p.m.)

Worship bulletins are posted earlier in the week to the church website for those worshiping virtually through the stream on our YouTube channel. This will allow everyone the opportunity to follow the liturgy, and see the announcements and prayer requests. Go to www.ChurchOnthe-Park.org and click on "Sunday Bulletin."

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

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

Prayer Warriors

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

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

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



Photo Directory

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 next monthly service at Partridge Knoll will be on **Wednesday**, **November 3rd at 11 a.m.** However, due to COVID it will be for residents only. 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, Jeanne and Donna would love to hear from you.

Like Us On Facebook!

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

Church Website



Our Website is updated each month and is a great way to stay a part of the life of the church. If you have questions about, or contributions for the website please email Rev. Mike or the church office.

The Church's email address: office@ChurchOnThePark.org

Reverend Mike's email address: **RevMike@ChurchOnThePark.org**

Sermons & Services

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

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

To view recordings of previous worship services, please subscribe to our <u>YouTube</u> 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!**

Could It Be You?

We are still on the lookout for a new **Christian Education Director**. Though the program is on hold because of COVID restrictions, we are looking forward to the day when we return with a **vibrant**, **creative** Christian Ed program and hear the sounds of little feet thundering out of the sanctuary on their way to the classroom.

It could be **you** or a **team of people** leading this effort. There is lots of great curriculum available to guide you. This is

a **vital part** of our church and if you are interested in exploring it, see **Rev**. **Mike**.



Saving Frace

We thank you for your daily care
And the clothes with which to wear;
We thank you for our restful bed,
For feeding us with daily bread.

But most of all we thank you, Lord,
For giving us your holy word;
You give us richly heavenly food,
To give us life, to make us good.



Wow! What a great turn-out we had for Halloween Sunday! Thanks to all the kids (and those young at heart) who brought a carved pumpkin to decorate the sanctuary. Hats off to those who donned a costume to wear. We had everything from the Cookie Monster and Spiderman to a bee keeper and his bee! It was all treats that day!



Food For Fellowship Photos















MoreFood For Fellowship Photos!



















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Church Photos!





Future Participants in this year's Great Pumpkin Parade await adoption by church families.









Martha Cole recently visited grandson Carson in Colorado, son of Heather & Evan.

Dear Members and Friends of The Church-On-The-Park:

These past two years have been exceedingly strange and stressful for everyone; for some, of course, much worse than for others. WE can all give thanks, I believe, for the wonderful ways in which our church has progressed through this difficult time; thanks in no small measure to Rev. Mike's highly effective leadership. This period of stress is not over, by any means, but with the financial support of yourself and our brothers and sisters in Christ, we will come out on the other side as a still strong and effective church in our community.

November 7th is this year's Pledge Sunday. That is the day that you and, I hope, all of us will be pledging our support of the church and our mission for the coming year. Your pledge, along with all the others, will make up the entire budget for our Operating and Mission expenses. When the pledges are all in, the Session will use that total to determine the many allocations to planned expenses for 2022. The Operating Budget includes all expenses for maintaining the physical plant, staff, and programs within our church. The Mission Budget provides for all the giving categories in which we participate: from support of local individuals in need throughout our home community, county and nation. I am personally very proud of the extent to which our church provides help though all our mission works.

Below is a Pledge Form for 2022. On behalf of the Session, I would like to sincerely thank you for your past support of our church. As well, we ask that you deeply and prayerfully consider a generous and heart-felt pledge to help our church continue to grow in its work within our congregation and to this community.

Embrace the Grace,
Richard Grayson, 2021 Stewardship Chair

My Estimate of Giving

Yes! I would like to help support the work of our Church. During the coming year,
I plan to give \$____ per week, to be divided as follows:
\$____ for our church and \$___ for General Mission.

____ Yes, I would like offering envelopes.

Name:

Address:

Email:

A reminder of My Church Pledge:

Please bring to the church on November 7th or mail to 17 Park Street, Canton NY 13617.

Your support of our church is greatly appreciated! Thank you!

During the coming year, I plan to give to our church \$____ per week.

Ham Dinner

(Take-Out only)

Sunday November 7th 11 a.m to 2:00 p.m.

Baked Ham (Generous Portion)
Macaroni & Cheese
Coleslaw
Apple-Cranberry Sauce
Homemade Pie

Cost: \$12

Pre-Orders Encouraged But Not Required

Call: (315) 244-7902 Email: hayesbe27@gmail.com





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Address Service Requested

★Vèterañs Day: ★ Thank You for Your Service!

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

Ham Dinner Fundraiser - Nov. 7th Letter of Thanksgiving

Family News
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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.