



The View From The Park

A Newsletter of Faith & Community

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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 19th**. 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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Donna Doig, CLP..... Associate Pastor
Jarrett Larson.....Office Coordinator
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Michael Walters.....Handbell Choir Director
Cameron Boswell.....Stream Master
Andrea Montgomery.....Church School Director
Mary McGreevy.....Treasurer
Patience Boswell..... Sexton
Linda Potter.....Newsletter Editor
Emily & Kate Ewy.....Nursery Care Providers
NEW Office Hrs: 9 a.m. - Noon Tues. & Thursday

Brick Chapel Returns

The Brick Chapel Presbyterian Church will again return to a **regular summer worship** schedule for the months of **July** and **August**.

Rev. Mike will be preaching and leading worship each of these summer Sundays with the exception of **July 17th** when **Rev. Meigs Ross** will fill the pulpit (Meigs is a member of the Rodee tribe and that Sunday is their family reunion; Meigs is an ordained Episcopal minister who recently moved from the NYC area to Crary Mills along with her partner Barbara) and **July 31st** and **August 7th** when **Rev. Rich Hinckle** (recently retired minister from Scotch Presbyterian) when Rev. Mike is on vacation. Also, **Mark Shepard** (son of Lew and a very talented guitarist and singer) will be playing during the service on **July 10th** and **24th**, as well as **August 14th, 21st** and **28th**.



Tentative date for the **Chicken BBQ** is **Thursday, June 30th** at 5 p.m., and the **Ice Cream Social** is tentatively scheduled for **Thursday, July 28th** at 5 p.m.

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Family News

Prayers for **Christa Lyon** on the death of her husband **Marty** after a very long illness; and for their sons **Mark** and **Jason** and their families. A service in celebration of Marty's life will be held in the sanctuary on **Friday, June 24th at 11 a.m.** (calling hours from 5 to 7 p.m. on Thursday the 23rd). Following the service on Friday, our church will be hosting a luncheon in Fellowship Hall for the family and guests. We'll need all hands on deck. Please contact Ellen Grayson or Pat Mace if you would like to help with set-up, serving, or clean-up; or if you would be willing to donate to the meal.



Prayers for **Anna** and **James Eller** expecting a child June 27th (!!!), and **Kristin McKie** and **Sean Boutin** expecting a child October 4th. Please keep these couples in prayer.

Prayers for **Karen Parker** who is now home and undergoing outpatient rehabilitation, and for **Bill Parker** who is also facing significant health challenges (17 State Street, Canton, NY 13617); for **Colleen Grant** also facing health issues (and husband, **Dale**, in support of her) 55 Bird Street, Canton, NY 13617; for **Al Ostrander** and **Rita**.

Continued prayers for **Lew Shepard**, **Aubrey Boswell** and **Mary Kelly**; for **Galen Pletcher** and **Jean McGuire** to remain cancer-free following successful treatment; for **Betsy Robinson** healing from corneal surgery; and **Bill Rodee** facing medical challenges.

Prayers for the **Boswell Family** as well as **Mary** and **Elliott Rodee** and their family as they continue to abide loss and move through grief.

Family News - cont.

Prayers for Paul Catanzaro undergoing chemotherapy treatments for another occurrence of non-Hodgkins Lymphoma (Paul is Rev. Mike's "kid" brother); Janice Brown, mother of **Anna Eller**, who suffered a heart-attack and subsequent complication following surgery and is recovering; Mitzi VonSchiller, friend of Beth Hayes, facing health issues; **Ellen Grayson** and her sister, Nancy, on the death of Nancy's husband Al; Carl Janack (son of **Ellen**) being treated for colon cancer, and Judy Norton (wife of Brian and daughter-in-law of **Shirley**) undergoing treatment; Glen Erickson recovering from surgery (brother of **Ray & Mark**); Raelene McLain (**Vicki's** mother) recovering from treatment; and **Roger McBath**, a resident at the Canton Nursing Home.

Congratulations to **Mark Courson** and **Whitney LaShomb** (mother of **Sophia** and daughter of **Beth Hayes**) who will be married on Saturday June 18th at Bella-Brooke Vineyard in Hammond (Rev. Mike to officiate). Prayers for this family beginning a new life together.

Congratulations to Carmen Caruthers, friend of **Jorge Nsundidi**, who was recently offered and accepted a position as a Psychologist at the Teach Autism Program at the University of North Carolina, and as a Clinical Assistant Professor in the department of Psychiatry at UNC School of Medicine. Carmen has worked long and hard for this opportunity, and is very much looking forward to returning to her home state of North Carolina. We wish her the very best in this future endeavor.

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.

Student News

Congratulations to **Aubrey Boswell** (daughter of **Patience**) who danced in the Arts of Northern New York's Spring Dance class recital. She tap danced to "White Winter Hymnal," by Pentatonix, and danced to "Serenade to Spring," from The Secret Garden. Way to go, Aubs!

Congratulations to our high school graduates and their families! **Katie Bennett** (daughter of Brian and Marcy) is her class Valedictorian and will be attending Valparaiso University in Indiana to study Mechanical Engineering; **Andrew Franklin** (son of Jim and Sarah) will graduate from Edwards-Knox later this month with an Advanced Regents Diploma. He plans to attend Le Moyne College and pursue a double major in marketing and management as well a minor in entrepreneurship with aspirations to get his MBA.; **Emily Ames** (daughter of Heidi and Patrick) will be attending SUNY Fredonia to study English and Creative Writing. She is also looking forward to participating in student-led theatre productions and the Ukulele Club!;

Hunter Montgomery (son of Joe and Andrea Montgomery) has enlisted in the Army and is set to depart for Boot Camp in South Carolina and, afterward, he will go for training in Virginia for mechanical repairs (Hermon-DeKalb); **Natasha Troike** (daughter of Robert and Lisa, granddaughter of Dave and Anne Patterson) will be attending the University of Richmond (VA) this fall. Congratulations to each student, and the parents. Our prayers and blessings go with them as they begin this new and exciting chapter in their lives! Well done!



Support For Ukraine

We hold the people of Ukraine in our heart-felt prayers during this tragic and deeply troubling time. Those seeking to provide financial support through a trusted source may do so through our denomination's Presbyterian Relief Agency. You may click on this link: <https://pma.p-cusa.org/donate/make-a-gift/gift-info/DR000156/>. To give by phone, call 800-872-3283; to send a check, please put "Disaster Relief-International Refugee Programs (DR000156)" on the memo line and mail to: Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), P.O. Box 643700, Pittsburgh, PA 15264-3700. Thank you!



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 July, 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: [athttps://secure.qgiv.com/event/mymileforhospice/donate/](https://secure.qgiv.com/event/mymileforhospice/donate/) 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!



Women's Circle

Women's Circle is taking its **summer break** and resumes in September. If you want to learn more or have a topic for discussion, contact **Linda Potter** at nautilus@twcnny.rr.com.

Church Attendance

	In-Person	Live Stream	CS
May 1	32	35	12
May 8	47	35	5
May 15	32	28	4
May 29	20	45	No CS

Average In-Person Attendance: 33
 Average Live-Stream Attendance: 36
 Average Church School Attendance: 7

Treasurer's Report

	Operating	Mission
April 25	\$6,094.00	\$1,220.00
May 8	\$5,223.00	\$ 160.00
Total:	\$11,317.00	\$1,380.00

Choir To Resume (!!)

The Church Choir is looking forward to resuming activities in the hopefully not-too-distant future (all circumstances permitting). We're a joyful and welcoming bunch hoping for new membership! We're looking for a steady commitment to two hours of rehearsals in addition to singing in the service. If you're interested in participating in choir, contact **Jarrett Larson** at jarrettmusic12@gmail.com. Once we have an idea of what our choir membership will look like, we can begin planning the resuming of choral activities!

Deacons' Offering

A reminder that though most folks are worshipping via the live-stream, we are still receiving the Deacon's 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 Deacon's 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** for at-home or in-person use.

Officers & Committees

Elders On Session

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

Rich Grayson	Patrick LaPierre	Martha Cole
Patricia Mace	Barry Walch	Jim Franklin
Beth Hayes	Heidi Ames	Pat McGuire
Michelle Quinelle-Gayle		Michelle Theisen
Patricia Mace - Clerk Of Session		

Board of Deacons

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

Christa Lyon	Georgia Vose	Mark Brackett
Nancy Brown	Susan Akins	Jane Cable
	Stacie Olney-LaPierre	
Jean McGuire		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 JJ Jockel, Mark Erickson, Rich Grayson - Chair
 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 Rich Grayson
 Responsible for securing resources and energy to fulfill the mission & ministry of our church.

Mission Michelle Theisen
 Helping our church, community & world.

Treasurer Mary McGreevy

Financial Secretary Barry Walch

C&C Program JJ Jockel & Sean Boutin

Personnel Pat Mace, Patrick LaPierre & Michelle Quinelle-Gayle

The Pastor's Report

Greetings folks, friends and fellow pilgrims.

By the time June rolls around each year, I'm typically in the mood to admonish rest and renewal. While this is certainly sound counsel, in this month's Pastor's Report I would, instead, share with you that these past few months I've been burdened by a creeping sense of what I describe as "existential anxiety."

I became a minister because after taking a good look around at the world during the first part of my life (and I looked under a lot of rocks and around many corners) I came to the simple conclusion that any solution to the challenges I faced as a person, and those we face collectively as a world, needs to begin and end *beyond* ourselves; that is, with a God who redeems and heals us.

Though I have not wavered in this conviction or, correspondingly, in such a faith, I will freely admit that over the past few years this has become an increasingly difficult task; with the challenges we face seeming to have grown...exponentially. So much so, that I sometimes find myself at a loss as to imagine what "our" part in all of this needs to be. The part which comes after our beginning with God, and before our ending with God. That is, how do we, as humans in general and as a church in specific, begin to bridge what seems to be an ever-growing and ever-deepening divide in our society and in our nation. Hence the existential anxiety.

Last week, however, I received a bit of salve for my soul in this regard and I would like to share it with you. It comes from a person named Bill Bishop, a journalist and author who wrote a book in 2008 entitled, *The Big Sort: Why the Clustering of*

Like-Minded America Is Tearing Us Apart. The premise of the book was that "Americans were getting more and more divided — sorted, as it were, based on income, occupation and education, religion, lifestyle and worldviews. And that in turn was having drastic political implications."

Recently, Mr. Bishop was interviewed as a follow-up and reflection given the events of the intervening years. I would share with you two excerpts from the interview:

The message people living in a democracy must understand more than any other message is that there are Americans who aren't just like you, they don't live like you, they don't have families like yours, and they don't think like you, they may not live in your neighborhood, but this is their country, too.

When you're working on a problem that's right in front of you and it's not abstracted and it's not about identity, it's about somebody's hungry and doesn't have any clothes, then all those other issues begin to go away. They go away and you deal with people as they are and not as an ideologue. And it's a great feeling. It is the greatest there is. You solve this problem not by talking about it, but by doing stuff. So don't talk about it — do something. We're not going to become good people and get over this modern problem because of a great leader. We're going to get over it because we work with others who aren't like ourselves.

Summer is coming. A time for rest and renewal which is, at once, a great privilege and a great responsibility. Drink deeply of the cup. Come the fall, we'll have some "stuff" that needs doing.

It isn't a matter of how do we get there, it is a matter of just keep going, Rev. Mike

"Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink?"

When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you?"

When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?" The King will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.'" - Matthew 25:37-40

Saving Grace

For the hay and the corn
and the wheat that is reaped,
For the labor well done,
and the barns that are heaped;
For the sun and the dew
and the sweet honeycomb,
For the rose and the song,
and the harvest brought home;
For all of God's gifts,
and for all that he does,
We offer our praise,
and give thanks for his love.

June Lectionary Readings

Day of Pentecost - June 5

Acts 2:1-21 or Genesis 11:1-9
Psalm 104:24-34, 35b
Romans 8:14-17 or Acts 2:1-21
John 14:8-17 [25-27]

Trinity Sunday - June 12

Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31
Psalm 8
Romans 5:1-5
John 16:12-15



June 19

1 Kings 19:1-4 [5-7] 8-15a
Psalm 42 and 43
Galatians 3:23-29
Luke 8:26-39

June 26

2 Kings 2:1-2, 6-14
Psalm 77:1-2, 11-20
Galatians 5:1, 13-25
Luke 9:51-62

JUNE Birthdays

- 2 David Gibson, Scott Sutherland,
Rita Ostrander
- 5 Megan McAuliffe Mousaw,
Barbara Burdick
- 7 Adam Compeau
- 8 Vanessa Syvertsen;
Andi Athanasakis;
Kenna O'Connell
- 11 Emily & Kate Ewy, Jarrett Larson
- 12 Rory John Soricelli
- 13 Kathryn Dean, Voss Fernandes
- 15 Carolyn Gibson
- 16 Rich Grayson; Vernon Aldous
- 17 Joseph McAuliffe;
Kendall Mousaw
- 18 Teanna Athanasakis
- 20 Karen Parker, Lyles Trombly
- 23 Terri Knuth, Marilyn Rodee
- 25 Gordon Theisen,
Patrick McManus
- 30 Ryan Ross

JUNE Anniversaries

- 3 Joseph & Karen McAuliffe,
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 Carolyn Zanta & Rob Ewy
- 16 David & Lora Gibson
- 18 James & Kathy Gibson
- 19 Conrad & Dorothy Sharrow
- 22 Al & Rita Ostrander
- 26 Robert & Ruth Leslie
- 27 Nicole & Josh Holbrook
- 28 James & Joanne Danehy
- 29 Barbara & Neal Burdick
- 30 Thomas & Kristine Potter

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

Hot Dogs for C&CP

Thanks to our Church and Community Representatives **J.J. Jockel** and **Sean Boutin**, along with **Kristin McKie**, for helping with the recent Hot Dog Fundraiser held last month at Coakley's Hardware (and thanks to the good folks at Coakley's for once again hosting the event).



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

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>. Once you have the Zoom app, go to 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 and click on "Sunday Bulletin."

Written sermons continue to be emailed, or snail-mailed, on *Tuesday* 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.

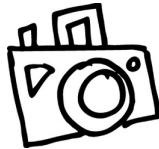
If you want to learn more about the prayer chain, call **Rev. Mike** at 386-2570 or **Wanda Renick** at 386-3474.



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

Partridge Knoll services are on hiatus until the fall. We will resume in October, and continue through the winter on the **1st Wednesday** of the month at **11:00 a.m.** Stay tuned and we'll see if COVID restrictions are still in place at that time or if community members can join in this worship.



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 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@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

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!**

Railing Installation!



Thanks to Ray and Mark Erickson, Barry Walch, Jim and Maria Franklin, Master Sean, Patience, Cam and Aubrey Boswell, Joe Montgomery, Rich Grayson and Gordy Theisen for their efforts on behalf of our church!



Kids wrote their initials in the cement (note Rev. Mike's bald spot!)

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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.