



The View From The Park

A Newsletter of Faith & Community

December 2022

1st Presbyterian Church on the Park
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Canton, NY 13617

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Sundays in December

• **Worship Begins At 10:00 a.m.** •

• **December 4th** •

2nd Sunday of Advent
Communion
Deacon & Food Shelf Offering
Farm Family Offering



• **December 11th** •

3rd Sunday of Advent
CS Christmas Pageant
Church Potluck Lunch
Deacons To Deliver Poinsettias
& Cookies to Homebound



• **December 18th** •

4th Sunday of Advent
Noisy Can Offering
Service of Lessons & Carols



• **December 25th** •

Christmas Day
No Worship Service



Rev. Michael P. Catanzaro..... Pastor
Donna Doig, CLP..... Associate Pastor
Andrea Montgomery..... Church School Director
Jarrett Larson..... Organist and Choir Director
Bob Duda..... Assistant Choir Director
Emily & Kate Ewy..... Nursery Care Providers
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Christmas On The Park

The Church School Christmas Pageant returns to the Church-On-The-Park this year! On **Saturday, December 10th**, kids meet at **9:30 a.m. for a dress rehearsal** for the children's Christmas performance with a **pizza party to follow. ALL kids are welcome!** After rehearsal, volunteers are needed to set-up tables at **11 a.m.** for the potluck to be held the next day.

Then, **Sunday, December 11th**, the children will present their annual Christmas performance as part of the worship service with a **church potluck lunch** in Fellowship Hall after worship. Bring a dish to share (*note if they include nuts*) and, if convenient, your own table service. Afterward, the Deacons and members of the congregation will be delivering poinsettias and Christmas cookies to the home-bound. (Bakers needed! See pg. 3 for more info.)



Poinsettias will decorate the sanctuary in Advent beginning **Sunday, December 18th**. See pg. 9 to order in memory or honor of a loved one. Order deadline is **December 9th**.

Worship on **Sunday, December 18th** will be a **Service of Lessons & Carols**, using scripture and song to tell the Christmas story.

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service will be **Saturday, December 24th** at **7 p.m.**

There will be no worship service on Christmas Day; rest enjoy time with your family and a day of rest.

Family News

Congratulations to **Mike** and **Edith Frazer** on a well-earned retirement; Hip-Hip-Hoorah! Their new address is 2090 W First Street #708, Ft Myers FL 33901 (they will spend summers at 20 Evergreen Trail, Colton NY 13625). Their new email addresses are: michaeljfrazer@gmail.com and edithfrazer@gmail.com. Enjoy that sunny, southern weather!

Jane Cable sends us greetings from Virginia where she is *very* much enjoying the warmer climes. Moreover, she was able to spend Thanksgiving with ALL of her grandchildren. Pictured with Jane left front and

center are her son Jordan's kids Gavin (6) and McKenzie (11); and, Nani's kids (left to right) Sakura (14), Nikko (18) and Verran (12).



Prayers for baby **Jane Eller**, infant daughter of **James** and **Anna**, who was hospitalized with RSV but is home now and doing well.

Prayers for **Martin Syvertsen** recovering from surgery, and **Vicki McLain** in support of him (6578 CR 27, Canton NY 13617).

Prayers for **Christa Lyon** who is now home following rehabilitation. Prayers, cards and visits appreciated (43 Lincoln Street, Canton NY 13617).

Prayers of comfort for **Mary Rodee** on the death of her father, Dick Casey; as well as Dick's wife, Kathy and the **Casey/Basford/Rodee** family (8 Meade Rd., Canton NY 13617).

Family News - cont.

Prayers for **Bill Parker** at home recovering from surgery, and for Karen facing continued health challenges. Cards appreciated (17 State Street, Canton, NY 13617).

Prayers for **Mark** and **Nancy Brown**, the **Boswell Family** and the **Rodee/Basford** family as they continue to abide loss and move through grief.

Prayers for Marcela Butler, grandmother of **Josh Holbrook**, facing significant health issues as a result of a long-time battle with cancer.

Prayers for **Nick Scelzi** facing continued health challenges; for **Colleen Grant** for healing and wholeness, and husband **Dale** in support of her (55 Bird Street, Canton, NY 13617); **Bill Rodee** facing medical challenges

(and **Marilyn** in support of him) visits welcome and cards welcome (5431A CR 27, Canton NY 13617); for **Rhonda Walch** recovering from a broken bone

in her foot; for Jody Upton, sister of **Susan Akins**, being treated for a recurrence of cancer; and **Roger McBath**, a resident at the Canton Nursing Home.

Prayers for **Lynne Pickens** on the death of her sister, Jane. As Lynne said, "*Her work on earth was done; well done good and faithful servant.*"

Prayers for Olive, grandniece of **Jane Cable**, who was recently diagnosed with Li-Fraumeni Syndrome (LFS) a rare, inherited disorder caused by a specific gene mutation. Having LFS means that children and young adults are very susceptible to developing multiple cancers. Olivia is 19 years old.



Cookie Bakers Needed!

This year we will resume the tradition of gifting poinsettias from the church to folks who don't get out much, with **20 poinsettias** to be delivered on **Sunday, December 11th** following the service, pageant and potluck.

This year, however, we also would like to start a **NEW tradition** by including a **dozen Christmas cookies** as well. We are looking for volunteers to bake so we end up with a total of **20 dozen cookies**. With a variety of Christmas cookies donated, we can gift an assorted dozen to each person. Beth Hayes and helpers will be baking cookies at the church on December 10th to get us started but more bakers are needed as well. Extra cookies will be shared at the potluck.

Please contact **Linda Potter** at nautilus@twcny.rr.com if you would like to donate (let her know how many dozen you'll be providing and what kind). Cookies will need to be to the church either on **Saturday, December 10th** (can be left in the kitchen) or Sunday morning before or after worship, the **11th**.

Holiday Of Lights

After a long absence owing to COVID, Canton's Holiday of Lights returned to the Park this year with great fanfare, and to the delight of many young children (and their parents). Santa was on hand as hundreds of people filled the park to sit on his lap (**Porter Brackett** takes his turn in photo) and then gathered in the warmth of our Fellowship Hall to enjoy cookies and cocoa. A wonderful Canton tradition our church is pleased to host.



Farm Family Offering

This is an opportunity for you to share your **mission dollars** with **local farmers**. Because of this mission program which began in 2002, many farm families have been able to buy presents for their children, when they wondered where the money would come from to do so.

In our current economy, producers of our local food are facing larger production costs than they have for many past years. During the month of December, **monetary gifts** will be delivered personally to **local farm families** producing meat, milk, fruit, vegetables, syrup, honey, or nursery plants. Together our dollars will provide a Merrier Christmas for farm children and their parents.



Bring your donation to church on **Sunday, December 4th** where there will be envelopes addressed to **"Farm Family Offering"** in which you can insert your money. For church families who receive a snail-mailed newsletter, an envelope will be attached. You can also mail your donation (check only, no cash) to: First Presbyterian Church, 17 Park Street. Be sure to note for **Farm Families** on check. **Thank you for making a difference!**

Marilyn Rodee
Farm Family Coordinator

Be A Coffee Hour Host!

There is a **sign-up sheet** for Coffee Hour Hosts in the church foyer. You can sign up for any Sunday that works for you. Bring your own treats or use the crackers, cheese and cookies which Beth Hayes provides. Also, Beth (or Linda Potter) can show you how to use the coffee maker. Being host is a fun way to help out!



Church Attendance

	In-Person	Stream	CS
November 6	36	37	9
November 14	53	35	10
November 21	42	37	14
November 27	44	36	No CS

Average In-Person Attendance: 44
Average Live-Stream Attendance: 36
Average CS Attendance: 11

Treasurer's Report

	Operating	Mission
November 13	\$10,5035.00	\$3,345.00

Christmas Giving Program

We will once again be endeavoring to provide a **brighter Christmas** to **kids, families** and **farmers** in our area who could use a little help (but aren't necessarily asking for it). If you are aware of any individuals or families in the area who are in need, **please contact Rev. Mike**. Also, if you are looking to help make a very real and immediate difference to your neighbors at Christmas, please consider making a **donation** to the church specifically for this purpose. This will be the **20th year** of the program, with over **\$123k** being distributed over that span of time; **\$7,500** in **2021**.

Crafty Help Needed

Help is needed for simple costumes for the **CS pageant (sheep, donkey & shepherds)**. If you can assist, text **Andrea Montgomery** at 315-244-7628.

Deacon's Offering

A reminder with worship in-person and 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!**

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 Quinell-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.

Church School Beth Hayes
Responsible for growth, nurturing & learning.

Worship Michelle Quinell-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 & Susan Akins

Personnel Pat Mace, Patrick LaPierre & Michelle Quinell-Gayle

The Pastor's Report

Howdy folks,

And WHOOSH! Just like *that* the season of Advent is upon us as we rush headlong to Christmas!

Even though there is no snow as of yet to be glistening, and for sleigh bells we must keep listening, nevertheless Christmas has come once more to the Church on the Park; and this year, after lying sleepy and dormant through COVID, we are alive and awake with the Spirit of the Season.

There is a great deal that will be happening over the next few weeks, both at the church and in our lives, and my Christmas wish is for each one of you to have yourself a *Merry Little Christmas*.

Merry in that you remember and discover the wonder and mystery of a baby born in a manger to be Savior of the world. *Merry* in that you would come share in the exuberance, hope and feasting that will spring from the Church School Pageant and Potluck to follow on December 11th. *Merry* in that you would open yourself to marvel at the retelling of the Christmas story at our Service of Lessons and Carols on December 18th. And, *merry* in that you would find you and your

family together at Christmas; and, even, at the 7 p.m. Candlelight Eve service.

Little in that amid the hustle and the bustle you are able to keep a perspective on the real reason for the season. *Little* in recognizing that the best gifts aren't necessarily the biggest or those with the brightest bows, but that it is those small acts of kindness and love which best convey the real meaning of Christmas. *Little* in holding open a space in your heart for the still, small voice of God which comes to us as a whisper in the stillness of Christmas morning.

Have
Yourselves
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Little
Christmas

Christmas, those family traditions which span the years and bind the generations together. *Christmas*, a time of gratitude for the blessings of this world and our life together. *Christmas*, a time of hospitality and hosting, of celebration and feasting, of riotous joy and comforting quiet. *Christmas*, a remembrance of the hope which claims the world and saves the world. *Christmas*, the most wonderful time of the year; with much mistletoeing, hearts that are glowing, and loved ones drawn near. It truly is the happiest time of the year.

Ho! Ho! Ho! - Rev. Mike

Matthew: 22-23: "So all this was done that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the Lord through the prophet, saying: 'Behold, the virgin shall be with child, and bear a Son, and they shall call His name Immanuel'; 'God with us.'"

DECEMBER Birthdays

- 1 Michelle Quinell-Gayle
- 2 Lindsey Frazer
- 3 Jessica Brown, Giselle Kelly
- 9 Ellen Grayson, Brandon Bartley
- 10 Holly Miller, Christa Lyon
- 11 James Colton
- 12 Brandon Rodee; Georgia Vose
- 13 Kenneth Gibson,
Nicole Rae Janack,
Jessica Witherhead
- 14 David Witherhead
- 15 Evan Poole
- 18 Sarah Melville, Pat McGuire
- 19 Kristin McKie
- 20 Dale Grant
- 21 Mark Erickson,
Lance Erickson
- 23 Faye Bartley, Patti Mason
- 24 Ellen Janack
- 26 Rance Davis, David Gordon
- 29 Jane Cable
- 30 Janet Favro,
Kathryn McAuliffe O'Connell
- 31 Michael Witherhead

DECEMBER Anniversaries

- 22 Gerald & Beverly Findley
- 23 Kenneth & Mary Garwood
- 30 Tim & Gail Abplanalp

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

Guest Preacher

Rev. Mike will be on vacation on **Sunday, January 1, 2023**. **Chris Remick** will preach and lead worship that day as we enter the new year.



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

December Lectionary Readings

Second Sunday of Advent - December 4

Isaiah 11:1-10; Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19
Romans 15:4-13; Matthew 3:1-12

Third Sunday of Advent - December 11

Isaiah 35:1-10
Psalm 146:5-10 or Luke 1:46-55
James 5:7-10; Matthew 11:2-11

Fourth Sunday of Advent - December 18

Isaiah 7:10-16; Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19
Romans 1:1-7; Matthew 1:18-25

Christmas Eve - December 24

Isaiah 9:2-7; Psalm 96; Titus 2:11-14
Luke 2:1-14 [15-20]

Christmas Day - December 25

Isaiah 52:7-10
Psalm 98
Hebrews 1:1-4 [5-12]
John 1:1-14



Food For Christa

Following radiation treatment and many weeks of rehabilitation, Christa Lyon is now back at home. *It is a challenge though*, and to help we would like to provide meals on a consistent basis. If you would like to provide a meal (to feed two) or part of a meal, please contact **Arvilla Aldous** who has graciously agreed to organize the effort. The best way to reach Arvilla is to call her landline: **(315) 386-8327**; next best is text (315) 261-0018, or email vernandarvilla@twcny.rr.com

Let us be the church; Thank You!

Women's Circle

Women's Circle will meet on Wednesday, **December 14th** at 7 p.m. in Lorna's Lounge with the topic of **Year-End Review**. All women of the church are welcome. To learn more, contact Linda Potter at nautilus@twcny.rr.com.



Stewardship Update

At this time, the commitment to the operating fund is **\$104,740** which is on track with last year's levels. If pledging/giving continue in this direction we should be able to reach last year's total which was **\$105,971**. All the pledges are still not in so these will tell the tale. This year's Mission pledges total **\$7,310** (\$8,584 last year).

Great thanks to those who have already made a pledge to our church for 2023! If you haven't already done so, there is still time to prayerfully consider supporting the work & mission of our church. **Pledge forms** are in the church foyer or can be obtained by contacting the church office. Thank you for your generosity!

- **Barry Walch**, Financial Secretary

Volunteers Needed

The St. Lawrence County Office for the Aging provides hot, nutritious meals for **homebound** older adults, many with multiple health conditions, Monday through Friday. Some who are food insecure also receive a weekend meal.

Since COVID began, there has been a **50%** increase in demand for these meals which keeps on growing. This means there is a **critical need** for home delivered meal drivers to all areas of the county. For many clients, the meal delivery driver is the only social contact they will have all day. This program is a vital life-line to help them age in place in the comfort of their own homes.

Home delivered meal drivers receive mileage reimbursement and can pick their own schedule. If you are looking for a way to make a meaningful impact in our community and help improve the quality of life for vulnerable senior citizens, please contact **Andrea Montgomery** (OFA Director and our CS Director) or the Nutrition Manager, **Danielle Durant** at (315) 386-4730.

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.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

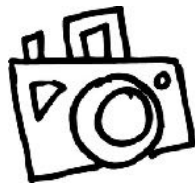
Prayer Chain to offer prayers for folks who are ill, troubled or in need.

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



Photo Directory

Our Photo Directory is no longer available 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 held through the winter (except January) on the **1st Wednesday** of the month at **11:00 a.m.** Next service is **December 7th**. You are welcome to join the worship as long as you wear a mask.



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 family.

Use the **church Photo Directory** and send a note to say **hello!**

(Contact the Church Office if you'd like a digital or hard copy directly sent to you.)



In Memory and Honor of Family, Friends & Loved Ones

If you would like to purchase a Poinsettia through the church (**cost \$20**), please fill out the **order form** below.

Please return order form and payment to
First Presbyterian Church, 17 Park Street, Canton NY 13617
by **December 9th at Noon**.
(The deadline to place our order with White's Flowers.)

You are welcome to provide your own plant; however, we will still need the information regarding your memorial for the bulletin insert by **December 9th** as well.

(Please pick up your Poinsettia following the Christmas Eve Service, or earlier, so you may enjoy it at home.)

You may also email your order to office@churchonthepark.org and send payment after.

Name: _____

In memory of:

Red #: _____ White #: _____

Cash: _____ Check: _____



PLEASE RETURN BY DECEMBER 9, 2022.

Lorna's Lounge

Emerging for COVID, and with an eye to the changing demographics of our congregation (kids!) and evolving congregational needs, we took a hard look this fall at repurposing under-utilized space(s) in our church building. Recognizing that there has never been a particularly comfortable (or cozy) place to gather (especially for groups such as Women's Circle and Book Group) the idea was born to transform the seldom used Arts and Crafts CS Room (and before that, the old church office) into a lounge. After speaking with Bill Webb, who graciously offered to allow us to utilize funds given in memory of Lorna, **we have been busily at work the past month to make "Lorna's Lounge" a reality.**

The walls, ceiling and trim has been painted, new furniture purchased, new dimmable LED ceiling lights have been installed, new carpet is being laid Friday, December 4th with furniture being delivered Wednesday, December 7th. In the week leading up to the 4th, additional electrical outlets will be installed and painted. **"Lorna's Lounge" will be (mostly) completed by mid-December**, with some decorating and details left to do as use and need dictate. (See photos on **pg. 11**)

Following worship on **Sunday, January 22nd**, at a potluck in Fellowship Hall, Bill Webb and members of his family will join us for a short celebration of Lorna's life with feasting, singing and a time of remembering and celebrating Lorna. We will officially dedicate "Lorna's Lounge" that day, and the room will be available for folks to take a look at the transformation.

While Lorna's memorial funds have paid for half of the total anticipated costs, we will still need to pay for the carpet, lights and ancillary items (about \$2,500). **We greatly welcome any donation to the endeavor in memory of Lorna Webb**, with an acknowledgement being sent to Bill and the Webb family on your behalf. Donations may be sent to the church office, 17 Park

Lorna's Lounge - cont.

Street Canton, NY 13617. Thank to everyone who is contributing with time, energy and funding! **A wonderful celebration of Lorna's life, her lasting impact on our congregation, and our fondness for her, Bill and their family. An exciting time in the life of our Church!**

Lorna's Lounge Helpers

Thanks to those who are bringing "Lorna's Lounge" to fruition: **Joe Montgomery** for his leadership, hard work and time in spear-heading the project to move out furniture, pull up carpet, patch and sand walls and paint the walls and ceiling; **Rich Grayson** for painting the heat registers as well as the window and door trim; **Andrea Montgomery** for helping paint the walls and ceiling; and **Pat Mace** and **Ellen Grayson** for selecting furniture, as well as paint colors and carpet (along with **Linda Potter**). Special thanks to **Bill Webb** and the **Webb family** for allowing us to utilize funds given in memory of **Lorna**; which has paid for about half of the estimated total expense.

Greening of the Church

Big thanks to all those who stayed after worship on November 27th to put up the greens in the church for the Advent season. Thanks to **Rob, Kate & Emily Ewy, Rich & Ellen Grayson, Jacki Kelly, Mary Kelly** and her "grands" - **Ana, Giselle & Lorien, Michelle & Gordy Theisen, Pat Mace, Linda Potter** and **Nick, Christy, Rosalie & Sebastian Dekay**. In the photo, new friends Sebastian and Lorien admire the Nativity scene.



"Lorna's Lounge" Takes Shape



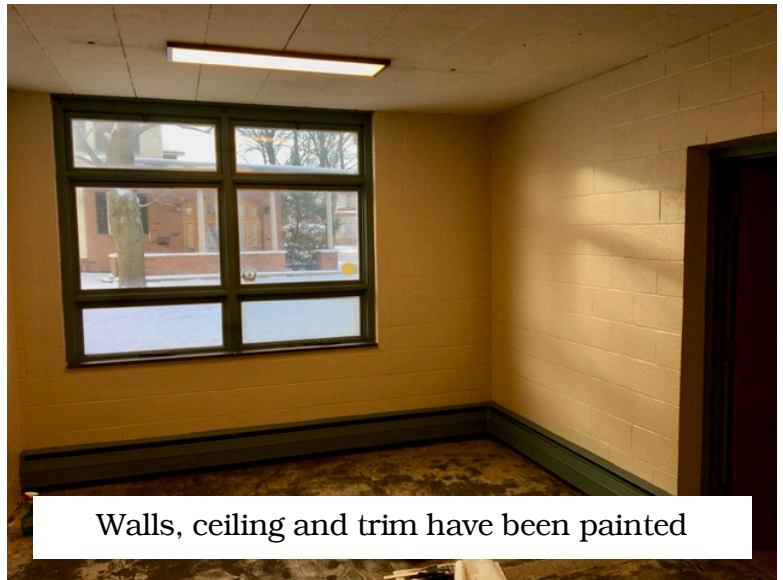
Joe, Rich & Rev. Mike
await a SIGN from ABOVE
....er, discuss new lighting.



Joe preps the walls for new paint.



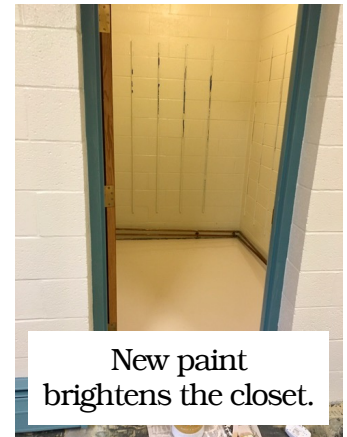
New dimmable LED panel
lights in a warm color.



Walls, ceiling and trim have been painted

Carpet to be installed
Friday December 3rd,
New furniture on the 7th.

**We greatly welcome any
donation to the endeavor;
there is still much to do/pay for.
Contributions may be sent
to the church office, 17 Park
Street Canton, NY 13617.
Thank You!**



New paint
brightens the closet.



Mary gets busy.



Michelle and Wes stock shelves in the new food pantry.



Work Day at the Church

A fun day of fellowship to clean and spiff up our church, and move the food pantry to the new location to make way for "Lorna's Lounge." Great thanks to all who helped: Joe, Andrea and Colin Montgomery, Michelle Quinell-Gayle, Wes Gayle, Mary Kelly, Ellen & Rich Grayson, JJ Jockel, Susan Akins, Pat McGuire, Linda Potter, Rev. Mike, Aubry & Patience Boswell



J.J. "Hoovers" the sanctuary.



Pat battles pesky cobwebs.



Susan can't believe how clean she got the stairs.



Andrea cleans out 50 years of...stuff!



Hi- Ho, Hi-Ho, Off To The Dump We Go!



Kids' Painting Class

Fellowship Hall was filled with almost 40 kids getting "Arty" and having fun! Thanks to Keli for her leadership in organizing, Erin & Katie who helped Keli provide food, and Mary, Jacki, Erin, Nick and Rob for assisting in the clean-up.



Beatrice brushes boldly while Leah lovingly looks.



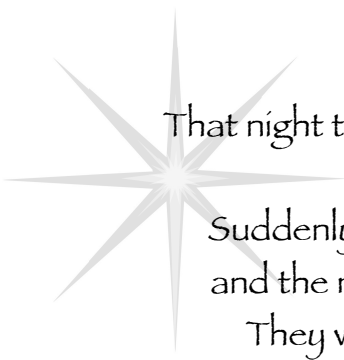
"Claire Squared" painting Erin & Katie goofing.



Vivian has her own unique perspective.



Luke 2:8 - 20



That night there were shepherds staying in the fields nearby,
guarding their flocks of sheep.

Suddenly, an angel of the Lord appeared among them,
and the radiance of the Lord's glory surrounded them.

They were terrified, but the angel reassured them.

"Don't be afraid!" he said.

"I bring you good news that will bring great joy to all people.

The Savior - yes, the Messiah, the Lord - has been born today
in Bethlehem, the city of David!

And you will recognize him by this sign:

You will find a baby wrapped snugly in strips of cloth, lying in a manger."

Suddenly, the angel was joined by a vast host of others

- the armies of heaven - praising God and saying,

"Glory to God in highest heaven,

and peace on earth to those with whom God is pleased."

When the angels had returned to heaven,

the shepherds said to each other, "Let's go to Bethlehem!

Let's see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about."

They hurried to the village and found Mary and Joseph.

And there was the baby, lying in the manger.

After seeing him, the shepherds told everyone what had happened
and what the angel had said to them about this child.

All who heard the shepherds' story were astonished,
but Mary kept all these things in her heart and thought about them often.

The shepherds went back to their flocks,
glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen.

It was just as the angel had told them.



December 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27 1st Sunday Of Advent Greening of The Church 11:15 AM Church Fellowship Zoom Meeting 1:00 PM Kids Painting Class	28 7:00 PM Session	29	30	1 5:45 PM Deacons Mtg 7:00 PM Choir Practice	2	3
4 Communion Deacon & Food Offering Farm Family Offering 11:15 AM Church Fellowship Zoom Meeting	5	6 11:00 AM PK Service	7	8 7:00 PM Choir Practice	9 Poinsettia Deadline	10 9:30 AM Pageant Rehearsal 1:00 PM Potluck Set-Up
11 CS Pageant 9:00 AM Church Potluck 9:00 AM Poinsettias & Cookies Delivered 11:15 AM Church Fellowship Zoom Meeting	12 7:00 PM Session Budget Mtg	13	14 7:00 PM Women's Circle	15 Newsletter Deadline 7:00 PM Choir Practice	16	17
18 Lessons & Carols Noisy Can Offering 11:15 AM Church Fellowship Zoom Meeting	19 Hanukkah (1st day)	20	21	22 7:00 PM Choir Practice	23	24 Christmas Eve 7:00 PM Candlelight Service
25 No Worship Service Christmas Day	26 Christmas Day (observed) Kwanzaa 7:00 PM Session	27	28	29 7:00 PM Choir Practice	30	31 New Year's Eve

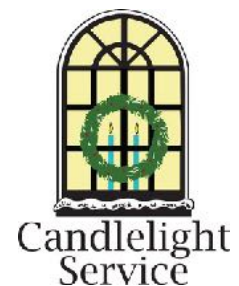
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**Christmas On The Park
Cookie Bakers Needed
Pageant & Potluck - Dec. 11th
Lorna's Lounge
Crafty Helpers Needed**



**Service of Lessons & Carols - Dec. 18th
Christmas Eve Candlelight Service - 7 p.m.**

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.