

The View From The Park

A Newsletter of Faith & Community

February 2023

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

Sundays in February

· Worship Begins At 10:00 a.m. ·

• February 5th •

Annual Children's Communion Deacons & Food Shelf Offering Annual Congregational Meeting



• February 12th •

New Member Class after Worship Bring A Friend To Church



• February 19th •

Name Tag Sunday
Noisy Can Offering
Transfiguration of the Lord
Rev. Mike on Vacation
Chris Remick to Preach & Les



Chris Remick to Preach & Lead Worship

• February 25th •

First Sunday of Lent No Church School



In the event of inhospitable weather, notice of the **cancellation** of our **worship service** will be emailed to the congregation and listed on WWNY-TV and NCPR radio.

Rev. Michael P. Catan	zaro 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
Lynne HunterBeach	Office Coordinator
Patience Boswell	Sexton
Cameron Boswell	Stream Master
Linda Potter	Newsletter Editor
Mary McGreevy	Treasurer

Office Hours: 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. Tues. & Thursday

Annual Meeting

The members and friends of the First Presbyterian Church are hereby called to the annual congregational meeting on **Sunday, February 5th** following worship. We will receive the budget and annual reports, elect officers, and approve the Pastor's terms of call. You also can participate **via Zoom** (see pg. 7 for church's Zoom info). **Your presence at this meeting is very important!!!**

Annual Reports Available

As part of our Annual Meeting of the Congregation to be held on Sunday, February 5th, the **2022 Annual Report** has been completed and will be emailed the week prior, with hard copies available that Sunday as well.

This report includes all church activity from the past year, a proposed 2023 budget, Pastor's Terms of Call and financials. If you did not receive a copy and would like one, either as an emailed PDF or a snail-mailed hard copy, please contact the church office and we'll get one right out to you.

Still Time For Per Capita

If you haven't yet paid your **per capita for 2023**, you still have time. Per capita is the amount that the church pays per member to the Presbytery, Synod and General Assembly for services provided. For 2023, this is **\$31 per Active Member.** Your donation is **greatly appreciated!**

Family News

Prayers for **Susan Akins** on the unexpected death of her Sister-in-law, Jean Backus, and for her husband John and their family in Memphis TN. Susan and Jean were very close and her death is a profound loss.

Prayers for **Bev** and **Gerry Findley** on the death of son and youngest child, Greg, who died on New Year's Eve. Greg had been living in a nursing home for the past few/too many years as a result of MS. This is both a terrible heart-ache and a great relief. Cards would be greatly appreciated (2026 CR 21, Hermon NY 13652). Prayers for the Findleys, and for Greg's children. A spring memorial service is planned.

Prayers for **Bill Rodee** now under the care of Hospice, and for **Marilyn Rodee** and their family as they care for Bill and each other. Meals, cards and visits greatly appreciated and welcomed; 5431A CR 27, Canton NY 13617.

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); for Jody Upton, sister of Susan **Akins**, being treated for a reoccurrence of cancer; Carolyn Leavitt hospital in January (now back at home, 58 W. Main Street, Canton NY 13617); Roger McBath, a resident at the Canton Nursing Home; for Wayne Miller as he recovers; for Stacie Olney LaPierre and her family as they mourn the death of her Aunt Janet; and for Ellen Grayson's sister, Karen jagger, recovering from a recent stroke; and for Janet Favro facing health challenges and now living at Keene Valley Neighborhood House, Room 201, 1782 Route 73, Keene Valley, NY 12943

Prayers of comfort for **Mark** and **Nancy Brown** and their family, the **Boswell** family and **Casey/Basford/Rodee** family as they continue to mourn loved ones.

Family News - cont.

Prayers for **Bill** & **Karen Parker** facing continued health challenges. Cards appreciated (17 State St. Canton, NY 13617).

It was wonderful to see **Kim**, **Lyles**, **Noah** and **Julia Trombly** back in church this past New Year's Day during their visit with family. Holy Cow, the kids have grown! **Bob Duda**, the



Church Elf, was on hand to greet them. Blest be the tie that binds!

Student News

Kudos to **Olivia Bourdette** who was selected to play percussion in the All-County Band performance in January.

Winter Track: **Hannah Ames** had a personal best of 4'1" in the high jump; **Daphne LaPierre** runs the 400 and 4x200 relay; **Tasha Rossiter** runs the 600; **Emily Ewy** runs the 600 and 1000 (and shaved 10 seconds off her personal best!).

Gwen LaPierre is participating in this year's Battle Of The Books (which will take place April 29th here at our church).

Kate Ewy is skating in the Empire State Games this first weekend in February in Lake Placid.

Below - **Luke Elvy** is playing basketball , and **Harper Elvy** is playing hockey.





Please send news & photos of what kids (and you) are doing! You aren't bragging; you are helping us get to know one another!

New Member Class

Rev. Mike will be offering a New Member Class (everything you wanted to know about Presbyterianism but were afraid to ask) following worship in the Conference Room on Sunday, **February 12th** and, again, on Sunday, **March 12th**. **This will be the same class being offered on two different days** in the hope of accommodating the schedule of those who may be interested.

We'll start at 11:15 a.m. and finish by Noon. We have (at least) five people ioining the church this spring, but this "class" is also intended to deepen one's understanding of who we are and why we do what we do. Everyone and anyone is welcome to attend, and there is no expectation (or pressure) that by attending you wish to join the church (we'll also talk a bit about what membership is and is not). Further, even if you have been here on the Park for many years, you will learn something new. Please see Rev. Mike with any questions, or would like child care during a class.

Snow Much Fun!

Rev. Mike was out driving with Cameron recently and happened to see **Kathryn O'Connell** and her daughter,

Kenna, building a snowman in their front yard...so he leapt out of the car and snapped a photo. What a wonderful slice of life/expression of parental love/joyous childhood moment kind of thing (and, it was a world class snowman)!



Thank You!

A hearty and heart-warming thank you to everyone who helped with the Potluck Celebration of Lorna Webb. Thanks to everyone who contributed food and made donations. It was a splendid feast! Thanks also to the very many who organized, set up, served and cleaned up (apologies if any have been omitted, it was quite a flurry of activity): Pat Mace, Ellen & Rich Grayson, Barb Brown, Jim Franklin, Linda Potter, Jean McGuire, Patience, Aubry & Cameron Boswell, Susan Akins, Keli Hollis, Doug

Wingerath, Sean
Boutin, Vern &
Arvilla Aldous,
Rob Ewy, Erin
Casey, Keli Hollis, Mary Kelly
with Ana, Giselle
& Lorien, Georgia Vose, Barb
King, Faye Bartley, Christy and
Rosalie Dekay,
Emily Bolton,



Jacki Kelly and **Jodi Falardeau**. Photo: Giselle, Rosalie, Jacki and Jodie at work in the kitchen.

Visit The Shop

Congratulations to **Jorge Nsundidi** who launched his Etsy shop, Benicia Boutique. He invites you to take a look - https://www.etsy.com/shop/BeniciaBoutique

Lorna's Lounge

Lorna's Lounge, the new comfortable, cozy room in our church, is available for **all** to use. If you want to schedule a meeting or use it to meet with a friend or invite a group to relax as you gather, contact the church office to place your date on the calendar. **It is your church!**

Church Attendance

	In-Person	Stream	CS
January 8	45	36	10
January 15	49	34	10
January 22	60	35	10
January 29	44	42	7

Average In-Person Attendance: 50 Average Live-Stream Attendance: 37 Average CS Attendance: 9

Treasurer's Report

	Operating	Mission
January 8	\$10,856.94	\$320.00
January 22	\$4,156.00	\$205.00
Total:	\$15,012.94	\$525.00

Guest Preacher

Rev. Mike will be on vacation on Sunday, February 19. Chris Remick will preach and lead worship that day.



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

Name Tag Sunday Returns

Name Tag Sunday returns the **third**

Sunday of every month! **Name tags** and **markers**will be on the table in the foyer when you arrive.

Put one on and get to know one another!



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 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 Haves

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

The warmest of greetings to all of you in these very frigid days!.

This first Sunday in February following worship we will be holding our Annual Meeting of the Congregation which, in the business world, might be understood as a meeting of the shareholders and investors. Though a church is first and foremost a spiritual abode and community founded on faith, we are also an entity composed of stone and mortar held together by financial realities and concrete concerns. The Annual Meeting is the intersection of these two aspects of our lives together into one common and shared reality or truth.

I had intended to use this month's Pastor's Report to articulate a "State of the Church" address which would recap where we have been as an organization in the past year and, having done so, look forward to the new year and the direction we will hope to travel. Upon further reflection, however, I have decided this is either an oversimplification of a very complex reality or, conversely, an effort to over complicate that which is in actuality a fairly simple situation. On this I waver.

Of course, our perspective on any issue, object or idea correlates to one's current context. That is to say, our understanding of the world around us is a function of where we find ourselves standing within it at any particular moment.

Though not necessarily atypical, the days leading up to the composition of these words were particularly "multi-fold." In plain speak, the context within which I found myself saw an awful lot of a great variety of things all going on at pretty much the same time. Tuesday morning, for example, I helped Jim Durham bleed air from the lines and replace a circulating pump in the church's heating system, met with the Chief of Police and Mayor about the possibility of returning a Resource Officer to the school, helped Rich Grayson get the water situation squared away at Christa's shop ahead of the predicted sub-zero temperatures, completed and emailed the Annual Reports, gathered student news and emerging pastoral concerns for the newsletter, undertook any number of administrative tasks, employed every medium available to communicate with people regarding illness, death and woe, prepared to ship a return of LED lightbulbs for the lights in Fellowship Hall; and, then. I had lunch.

The "State" of our church isn't any one thing which can be easily or wholly articulated; it is a fluid flow of life's unfolding in each new day. It is only and ever all things at once, made richly manifest in our ordinary moments. As it should be.

- Rev. Mike

"This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it." - Psalm 118:24



1 Jonathan Witherhead

3 Debra St. Hilaire.

Andrew Sutherland

5 Heidi Ames. Patrick LaPierre

6 Gail Abplanalp

7 Natasha Rossiter;

Mikey Athanasakis

Scott Smalling 8

Johnny Mousaw 10

11 Michelle Theisen

12 Clifford Rossiter

13 Marilyn Coir

14 Hannah Powers,

Andrea Montgomery

Terisa Billings 15

Patrick Dean 16

Elliott Rodee, Matt Gayle 17

Arvilla Aldous: Vanessa Mousaw 19

Contact the church office with vour birthday so we can keep our list current! 20 Isabelle Powers, Thomas Potter, Jr.

Emily Dawley, Sarah Franklin 21

John Miller III, Bill Gollinger 22

Hope Irene Bethel, Lora Gibson 23

Luke Hollis Elvy, Corinne Duda 24

Margaret Alexander, 25

Nancy O'Shaughnessy,

Rob Ewy, Kevin O' Connell

Isaiah Davis 26

Come & See The Show!

Barbara Burdick, our former CS director, has written (both script and music) a family musical, "The Mitten", which is suitable for ages 2 and up. Based on a Ukrainian folktale, it will

be presented by Grasse River Players during the Canton Winterfest on

February 11 & 12, 18 &

19 with matinees at 1 p.m. and 4 p.m. each day. Barbara invites all to attend to share in its joyful message.



February Lectionary Readings

Sunday, February 5

Isaiah 58:1-9a [9b-12] Psalm 112:1-9 [10]

1 Corinthians 2:1–12 [13–16]

Matthew 5:13-20

Sunday, February 12

Deuteronomy 30:15-20 or Sirach 15:15-20 Psalm 119:1-8 1 Corinthians 3:1-9 Matthew 5:21-37

Transfiguration of the Lord - February 19

Exodus 24:12-18

Psalm 2 or Psalm 99

2 Peter 1:16-21

Matthew 17:1-9

Ash Wednesday - February 22

Joel 2:1-2, 12-17 or Isaiah 58:1-12

Psalm 51:1-17

2 Corinthians 5:20b—6:10

Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

First Sunday in Lent - February 26

Genesis 2:15-17: 3:1-7

Psalm 32

Romans 5:12-19

Matthew 4:1-11

Women's Circle

Women's Circle will meet on Wednesday, February 8th at 7 p.m. in Lorna's Lounge with the topic of "I Can't Die Yet! I Haven't Written My Obituary!." Ellen Grayson will lead the discussion. All women of the church are welcome. To learn more, contact Linda Potter at nautilus@twcny.rr.com.

Evening Book Group

The Evening Book Group will meet on Tuesday, February 28th at 7 p.m. in Lorna's Lounge to discuss Where The Forest Meets The Stars by Glendy Vanderah with the discussion led by Georgia Vose. All are welcome.

Photos & Updates

As a **growing congregation**, one of the significant challenges we face as a congregation is simply getting to know each other, especially all of the **kids** we have in the church. Come the new year, we will be taking, and updating, **photos** for the **Pho**-

to Directory and Picture House located in Fellowship Hall. We would also like to take individual photos of the kids, and give them their own photo directory and photo space so everyone can learn their names



and become more involved in their lives. Given how fast kids grow, this will need to stay a "work in progress" but we'd like to make a big push in January as one of this year's winter project.

Saving Frace

Dear Lord, as we rise to meet each new day, please let us be filled with Your spirit. Wherever we go, let us spread love, joy, peace, goodness, and faithfulness. Let us desire to become more like you and to worship you in all we do. Help us desire these things so much more than the sin that entices us. Thank you for always going before us. In Iesus' Name.

Amen.

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 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

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 **February 1st.** 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 **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> <u>channel</u>.

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...

Remember - Name Tag Sunday is February 19th.

Come early to church and make your own name tag. **Get to know your neighbor.**

Zoom Fellowship Group

Pursuant to Pastor Mike's sermon of January 15th, that it is important for our church family **"to get to know each other,"** I want to invite you to join our fellowship group on Zoom on Sundays at 11:30 a.m. To do this, first you go to churchonthepark.org and then click on Sunday Zoom Meeting. Your Passcode is 3862570.

This group is primarily for members of our Church that find it difficult to attend church services and fellowship afterward. It is also an opportunity for former members of our church to renew **friendships** with our church members.

We hope to see you next Sunday!
- Carolyn O'Connor

Annual Women's Worship

The Annual "Gifts of Women" Sunday will be on **Sunday, March 19th**. The women of the church present the entire worship service on this day. To be part of this special service, contact **Linda Potter** at 315-229-8886 or nautilus@tweny.rr.com.



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 a host is a **fun** way to help out!

Prayer for Dedication

Below is the prayer used by Rev. Mike on January 22nd for the dedication of the newly renovated "Lorna's Lounge" which is in memory of Lorna Webb.

Blessed and glorious Lord God Almighty, by whose power, wisdom, and love all things are sanctified, enlightened, and made perfect: Be merciful unto us and bless us, we beseech Thee, and cause Thy face to shine upon us, that what we now do may please Thee, and show forth the honor of Thy name.

We thank you that you have put it into the hearts of the Webb Family, and thy servants in this congregation, to provide thy church with this new lounge to your glory and for the enjoyment of thy people. We also thank you for the generosity of spirit, the leadership of the heart, the sweat of the brow, and the skill of many hands in creating this room.

God of hearth and home, maker of love and laughter, establish this lounge as a place for reflection and restoration, rest and renewal, contentment and conversation; may it be a room of their own where the women of our congregation and the people of Thy church will find relationships deepened, hurts healed, minds opened, failures forgiven, strength renewed and spirits made to soar.

Almighty God, accept the gift of these hearts and hands given in service of thy church in honor of Lorna Webb as we set it apart from all common and unhallowed uses, ever to be devoted to the spirit of fellowship which lies at the heart of this Thy Church. And now eternal Spirit, enfold this room with love; indwell it with joy, and in peace keep it forevermore. Amen.

Remembering and Celebrating Lorna Webb

















February 2023

Saturday	4	11	18	2.5	4	Page 1/1
Friday	м	10	17	24	m	
Thursday	Croundhog Day 7:00 PM Choir Practice	9 7:00 PM Choir Practice	16 – 7:00 PM Choir Practice	23 6:00 PM Deacons Meeting 7:00 PM Choir Practice	7:00 PM Choir Practice	
Wednesday	1 = 11:00 AM PK Service	8 = 7:00 PM Women's Circle	Newsletter Deadline	Ash Wednesday	1 = 11:00 AM PK Service	
Tuesday	I.		Valentine's Day	21	28 - 7:00 PM Evening Book Group	
Monday	30 = 7:00 PM Session	o	13	20 Presidents' Day	27 = 7:00 PM Session	
Sunday	= 10:00 AM Church School = 11:15 AM Church Fellow- ship Zoom Meeting	Communion Deacon & Food Offering Annual Meeting = 10:00 AM Church School = 11:15 AM Church Fellow- ship Zoom Meeting	Bring A Friend To Church New Member Class = 10:00 AM Church School = 11:15 AM Church Fellow- ship Zoom Meeting	Chris Remick To Preach Name Tag Sunday Noisy Can Offering Rev. Mike On Vacation Transfiguration Sunday	1st Sunday of Lent 10:00 AM No Church School – Feb. Break 11:15 AM Church Fellow- ship Zoom Meeting	Eastern Time Time Zone

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Annual Meeting - Feb. 5th Still Time for Per Capita New Member Class - Feb. 12th

Evening Book Group
Family News
Women's Circle



Remembering & Celebrating Lorna - Photos

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.