



The View From The Park

A Newsletter of Faith & Community

March 2023

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Sundays in March

• **Worship Begins At 10:00 a.m.** •

• **March 5th** •

Communion
Deacons & Food Shelf Offering



• **March 12th** •

Daylight Saving Time Begins
New Member Class after Worship



• **March 19th** •

Name Tag Sunday
Noisy Can Offering
Annual Women's Worship



• **March 26th** •

All-Church Read
Ham Dinner Fundraiser



Daylight Saving Time begins at 2 a.m. on **Sunday, March 12th**. So turn your clocks ahead an hour before you go to bed on Saturday, March 11th so you can be at the church on time!



Rev. Michael P. Catanzaro..... Pastor
Donna Doig, CLP..... Associate Pastor
Andrea Montgomery..... Church School Director
Dr. Anthony Eversole..... Director of Music
Bob Duda..... Assistant Director
Jarrett Larson..... Pianist
Emily & Kate Ewy..... Nursery Care Providers
Lynne HunterBeach..... Office Coordinator
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Linda Potter..... Newsletter Editor

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Ham Dinner Fundraiser

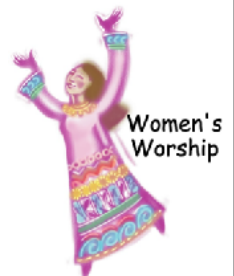
We will be holding a Ham Dinner on **Sunday, March 26th** from **11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.** This fundraiser will have **dine-in** and **take-out** options with a menu of **ham, coleslaw, macaroni** and **cheese**, assorted **pies** and **beverage**. The cost is **\$12** for adults and **\$5** for children age 5-10. Those under 5 and over 90 are free.

To make this a successful church **FUN**draiser, we will be looking for **food/monetary donations** as well as **volunteers** to set up and prepare food on Saturday, March 25th and work in the kitchen, serve and clean up on Sunday. This year we are going to enlist "**servicing teams**" for the dining room, with a team consisting of a **youth** and an **adult**. This will be a great opportunity to begin cultivating the kids to be our church of the future (and makes less work for the adults). **Sign-up sheets** will be posted in the foyer beginning **Sunday, March 5th**.



Annual Women's Worship

The "**Gifts of Women Sunday**" will be held on **Sunday, March 19th**. The women of the church present the entire worship service on this day. If you would like to be part of this special day, contact **Linda Potter** at 315-386-8886 or nautilus@twcny.rr.com.



Family News

Congratulations to **Matthew Gayle** who was named to the most recent "20 Under 40" by NNY Business Magazine for his work the past 14 years as a music teacher; first at Hermon-Dekalb School and, for the past 6 years, at A. A. Kingston Middle School in Potsdam. A graduate of the Crane School of Music for his Bachelor's degree he then received his Master's in Musicology from the University of Hawaii. Matt first fell in love with music in high school, when he realized how many activities he was involved in that revolved around it--like All-County, NYSSMA, and school musicals. "These were all fun experiences that made me see how much I valued music and how enjoyable it could be to do as a career." **Music to our ears, Matt, well done.**



Prayers for **Marilyn Rodee** (and her family) on the death of her husband, **Bill**, following a long illness throughout which he was lovingly cared for by his family and Hospice. Marilyn would like to thank the congregation for the meals and very many cards, note and prayers. A Service of Remembrance will be held on Saturday May 13th at 2 p.m. at the "Saphead Complex" located just past the Rodee home on the right. Additional prayers and cards welcome: 5431A CR 27, Canton NY 13617.

Nathan Gibson, son of **Carolyn** and **Kenneth Gibson** and grandson of **Lora** and **David Gibson**, has returned to the North Country and is employed as a crane operator with the Michels Corp. replacing electrical lines.

Prayers for **Jodi Falardeau**, and her brother Jeff, on the unexpected death of their father, Greg. Cards may be sent to Jodi at: 600 Lisbon St., Ogdensburg, NY 13669.

Family News - cont.

Prayers for **Ann Spencer** on the death of her husband, **Armond**. After moving from Canton to Rochester several years ago, the Spencers moved again to Black Mountain NC where they have lived for the past three years. Ann is receiving a great deal of support from their children Peter, Michael, Andy and Sarah and their families. A memorial service is planned for the end of March down in North Carolina. Cards may be sent to her at: 7 Nature's Bend, Black Mountain NC 28711.

Prayers for **Lew Shepard** on the death of his sister, Harriett who died this past month.

Prayers for the following people: **Bill & Karen Parker** facing continued health challenges (cards appreciated: 17 State Street, Canton, NY 13617); **Josh Holbrook** facing health challenges; Karen Jagger, sister of **Ellen Grayson**, recovering from a stroke; **Stacie Olney-LaPierre** on the unexpected death of her Aunt Janet; **Janet Favro**, our sister from the Brick Chapel Church, currently residing in Keene Valley after health issues (cards would be greatly appreciated: Keene Valley Neighborhood House, Attn Janet Favro, P.O. Box 46, Keene Valley, NY 12943); **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** facing health challenges (58 W. Main Street, Canton NY 13617); Jane Cable facing health challenges; and, **Roger McBath**, a resident at the Canton Nursing Home.



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.

More Family News

Betsy Robinson appeared in a recent addition of *The Plaindealer* enjoying the new wooden walkway this fall, which she instigated and helped to fund at Heritage Park in Canton.



Prayers for the children & families of our church as they continue to balance work, home and school amid the various snow days, illness & general pace of life.

Congratulations to **Barb Brown** who raised over \$2,000 for Scott Hamilton's CARES Cancer Research Foundation with the Sk8 To Eliminate Cancer event held recently in Lake Placid. Pictured is Barb with her friend, Scott Hamilton.



Women's Circle

Women's Circle will meet on Wednesday, **March 8th** at 7 p.m. in Lorna's Lounge with the topic of "**Gifts of Women.**" **Linda Potter** 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, March 28th** at 7 p.m. in Lorna's Lounge to discuss *Daisy Jones & The Six* by Taylor Jenkins Reid with the discussion led by **Cati Gollinger**. All are welcome.

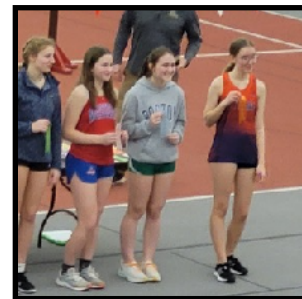


eNewsletter

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

Student News

Congratulations to **Emily Ewy** who placed 8th in the 10,000m, getting a ribbon and a point for the team which helped the Potsdam Girls' Varsity Indoor Track Team earn 1st place at Sectionals earlier this month.



Run, Emily, Run!

Congratulations to **Kate Ewy** who participated in the recent "Skate For A Cause" hosted by the Potsdam



Figure Skating Club. Kate skated in honor of her uncle, Art Zanta, who died from esophageal cancer last summer. Pictured are father Rob, sister Emily, mother Carolyn, Ellen Grayson, Kate, Rich Grayson, Linda Potter and Rev. Mike.

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!**

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

Church Attendance

	In-Person	Stream	CS
February 5	42	34	8
February 12	50	38	8
February 19	45	31	6
February 26	36	29	No CS

Average In-Person Attendance: 43
 Average Live-Stream Attendance: 33
 Average CS Attendance: 7

Treasurer's Report

	Operating	Mission
January 29	\$3,033.00	\$127.00
February 5	\$2,209.12	\$ 50.00
February 19	<u>\$4,295.70</u>	<u>\$145.00</u>
Total:	\$9,537.82	\$322.00

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 on **Sunday, March 12th** (covering the **same** subject matter from the February 12th class, *not* a continuation or in addition). We'll start at **11:15 a.m.** and finish by Noon. We have (at least) **nine people** joining the church later this spring, but this "class" is also intended to deepen one's understanding of who we are and why we do what we do.



New Member Class

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 the class.

Officers & Committees

Elders On Session

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

Joe Montgomery Patrick LaPierre Rob Ewy
 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
 Susan Akins Jane Cable Stacie Olney-LaPierre
 Jean McGuire Ellen Grayson
 Secretary Moderator
 Ray Erickson, Treasurer *Ex Officio*

Committees

Chairs

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

Facilities Barry Walch, Joe Montgomery & 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 Jim Franklin, Deacon TBD, Beth Hayes - Chair
 Responsible for filling Session, Deacons & Offices.

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

Worship Michelle Quinell-Gayle & Rob Ewy
 With pastor, responsible for worship.

Communion Pat Mace & Vicki McLain

Stewardship Heidi Ames & Patrick LaPierre
 Responsible for securing resources and energy to fulfill the mission & ministry of our church.

Mission Michelle Theisen
 Helping our church, community and world.

Treasurer Mary McGreevy

Financial Secretary Barry Walch

Asst. Financial Secretary Anna Eller

C&C Program JJ Jockel, Sean Boutin & Michelle Theisen

Personnel Pat Mace, Michelle Quinell-Gayle & Patrick LaPierre

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The Pastor's Report

Oh goody, goody, goody it is March! Which means...*Spring* is only three weeks away. We've got a full slate of church activities planned straight through Easter with which we can enjoy and engage ourselves (Women's Worship, All-Church Read, Ham Dinner, Palm Sunday Potluck and Procession and Easter week). We are also transitioning to a new Director for the Choir and (hopefully) new pianist. The game, and the Spirit, are both afoot here on the Park.

This month I would like to talk a little bit about membership, as we have quite a few people who are at a point in their own faith journey where they are interested in, and exploring what it means to "officially" join the church.

Of course, even getting to such a point necessarily means one has *already* "joined" the church in almost every way that matters: fellowship, worship, mission and the offering of time, talent and treasure. None of these require one's name to be written in some book. That said, membership that is "official" does matter. It certainly matters to our church, particularly with regard to folks being able to serve in direct leadership posi-

tions as a Deacon or Elder. It matters most, though, to those individuals who might become members. As a pastor, it is a fine line to walk and one I do not push because what is meant to be an act of inclusion can sometimes be the very thing that creates feelings of exclusion. Which, of course, is exactly the opposite of the intended goal and purpose.



Amid these considerations I cannot help but bring to mind the old Groucho Marx quote, "I don't care to belong to any club that will accept me as a member." Funny, and cleverly insightful, right? However, with regard to this particular club (that is, the church) it is more a matter if the person will have *themselves* as a member of the club.

After great thought over a span of many years, I've come to realize that becoming an "official" member of the church is mostly about belief and responsibility: do we believe enough in this particular group of people as the body of Christ that we would claim responsibility for it, just as it claims responsibility for us?

- Rev. Mike

"I, not events, have the power to make me happy or unhappy today. I can choose which it shall be. Yesterday is dead, tomorrow hasn't arrived yet. I have just one day, today, and I'm going to be happy in it."
- Groucho Marx



MARCH Birthdays

- 1 Sandy Pollard
- 3 Mark Brackett, Robert Brown,
Sally Street, Ali Smith,
Porter Repicky
- 4 Talis Mackey
- 7 Jeannette Cole, Deborah Nikkari
- 9 Mary Rodee
- 13 Ricky Athanasakis
- 15 Ben Brackett, Mark Brown
- 18 Dave Smith
- 20 Patricia Mace
- 21 John Goetze, Barb King,
Noah Trombly
- 22 Lorien Kelly, Kane Smith,
- 24 Wayne Miller, Ray Erikson
- 29 Ayden Mousaw
- 30 Liam Rodee, Kristen Holbrook,
Kaitlyn Holbrook
- 31 Sean Boutin

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



MARCH Anniversaries

- 15 Michael Catanzaro & Linda Potter
- 30 Matt Gayle & Michelle Quinell Gayle

March Lectionary Readings

Second Sunday in Lent - March 5

Genesis 12:1-4a Psalm 121
Romans 4:1-5, 13-17
John 3:1-17 or Matthew 17:1-9

Third Sunday in Lent - March 12

Exodus 17:1-7 Psalm 95
Romans 5:1-11 John 4:5-42

Fourth Sunday in Lent - March 19

1 Samuel 16:1-13 Psalm 23
Ephesians 5:8-14 John 9:1-41

Fifth Sunday in Lent - March 26

Ezekiel 37:1-14 Psalm 130
Romans 8:6-11 John 11:1-45

Celebration of Life for Bill Rodee

A Celebration of Life is planned for **Saturday, May 13th** at Saphead Complex, our **new sugar house** at 5355 County Route 27, next building on right beyond our farm in Brick Chapel. A **service** led by Rev. Mike will begin at 2:00 p.m., followed by a **meal** (catered by a friend) about 4:00 p.m., all held at our sugar house. All of our **Church-On-The-Park family are invited** to attend with our family, more friends and neighbors. The building is designed for 250-300 people. Please mark your calendars!

ONE LAST REQUEST: We find that the May 13th weekend is Clarkson and SUNY Canton's graduations. If anyone has a **free bedroom** not being occupied by the colleges, Rodees or their friends would sleep there. Please call **Marilyn** at (315) 854-4962 or [email:marilynrodee@gmail.com](mailto:marilynrodee@gmail.com). Thank you!

Thanks from Marilyn

We are so **grateful** for all the care we have received from our **church family** during the months, and last weeks of Bill's life. I feel strong, but I know it's because of our personal family care, exceptional day and night caregivers and thoughtful care of our church family led by Rev. Mike. Your **delicious food, meaningful notes** and **special visits** have been enjoyed by both Bill and me. Visits were especially good for Bill to keep him awake and having a break from TV! He liked to visit and tell jokes.

Bowlers Needed!

Church & Community is holding a **Bowling Fundraiser** on Sunday, **April 23rd** from 1-4 p.m. at Ogdensburg Bowl with "no tap" rules which means **9** pins is a strike. A five person team from our church is needed. If interested, contact **Michelle Theisen** at (315) 742-2172.

Children's Photo Directory

In an effort to help the adults in our congregation get to know the very many kids at our church, a Children's Photo Directory has been proposed. This would be a simple **"in-house"** production with the child's **photo, name** and **familial relationship** and, perhaps, birthday (no contact information, though). This would **not** be something that would be posted on the church website or widely distributed; instead, a simple display located somewhere in the church (akin to, or along with the Picture House in Fellowship Hall; not in the more public spaces like the Foyer). Additionally, a limited number of hard copies would be placed around the church for people to reference (kitchen, sanctuary, office, Church School room).

Rather than try to take a picture of each child, **we'd like to ask parents to forward one digital photo of their child/children from their school's "Picture Day."** They can be emailed to Rev. Mike at RevMike@ChurchOnThePark.org. Please know we are **extremely sensitive** to matters of **child privacy** and **safety**, and are trying to balance those concerns with the positives that come from being a church family who know each other. Please speak to Rev. Mike with any concerns or ideas you may have. Thank you!

*Saving
Grace*

We thank You for the food we eat,
for bread and cheese and milk and meat;
But, Lord, we thank You most of all,
For warmth of friends who come to call.
To share our bread,
our cup of cheer,
For friendship's always welcomed here.

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

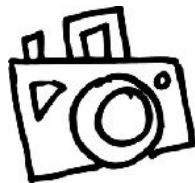
Prayer Chain to offer prayers for folks who are ill, troubled or in need.

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 **March 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 **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...

Remember - **Name Tag Sunday** is **March 19th**.

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

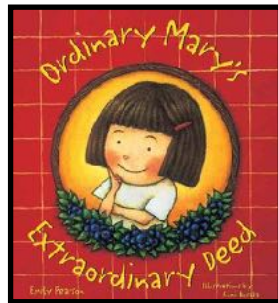
Read All About It - The All-Church Read

Amazingly, 2023 marks the **20th Anniversary** of our annual All-Church Read! This year, owing to both the number of kids in our church and the age range they encompass, two books have been selected: **Ordinary Mary's Extraordinary Deed** for the younger kids, and **Foster** for the older kids (and adults). Each family in the church will receive a copy of the appropriate book, or one of each book where applicable. Rev. Mike will speak to the young kids about "Ordinary Mary" in the Children's sermon, and use the sermon to speak to the older kids and adults about the issues raised in *Foster*. The church will also purchase extra copies of *Foster* to share among ourselves, and there are copies available through the Canton Free Library and other area libraries (reserve a copy soon). If you would like to purchase your own, there is the link to do so at [Amazon](#) for \$18 (click on hyperlink to take you to appropriate page). Or, there are less expensive paperback copies available through other sellers if you do a web search.

Ordinary Mary's Extraordinary Deed

by Emily Pearson

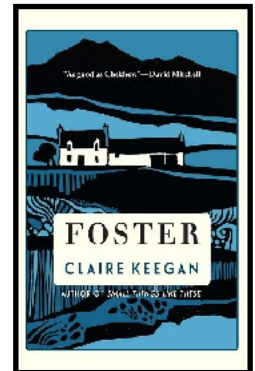
One ordinary day, Ordinary Mary stumbles upon some ordinary blueberries. When she decides to pick them for her neighbor, Mrs. Bishop, her thoughtful act starts a chain reaction that multiplies around the world. Mrs. Bishop makes blueberry muffins and gives them to her paperboy and four others—one of whom is Mr. Stevens, who then helps five different people with their luggage—one of whom is Maria, who then helps five other people—and so on, until the deed comes back to Mary.



Foster

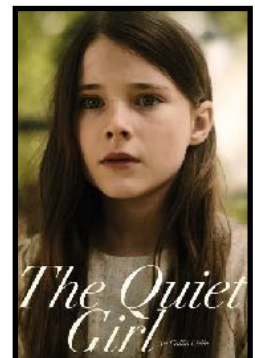
by Claire Keegan

A small girl is sent to live with foster parents on a farm in rural Ireland, without knowing when she will return home. In the strangers' house, she finds a warmth and affection she has not known before and slowly begins to blossom in their care. And then a secret is revealed and suddenly, she realizes how fragile her idyll is. More than most books four times its size, *Foster* does several of the things we ask of great literature: It expands our world, diverting our attention outward, and it opens up our hearts and minds. This is a small book with a miraculously outsized impact.



Movie Night!

A 2023 Academy Awards Nominee for Best International Feature Film, "**The Quiet Girl**," is based on the book **Foster** by Claire Keegan. The church has obtained a copy of the film and we will be showing it in **Lorna's Lounge** on **Tuesday, March 21st** with a matinee showing at **3 p.m.** (96 min. movie) and again in the evening at **6:30 p.m.** RSVPs appreciated, but not required (contact Linda Potter at nautilus@twcny.rr.com or 315-229-8886). Yes, **popcorn will be served**. Hope you can join us!



Sincere Thanks

So many thoughts we have of just how beautiful and special the 22nd of January was for our family! COVID was such a cruel time for those first few years. When Mom passed in May of 2020, her wishes had always been to have a wake and funeral service at the church where friends could gather and share in the memory of her life. We were unfortunately unable to fulfill those wishes, but the small and quaint service we did have along with the gathering of our immediate family made the day fitting for our grief. As a family, it has been difficult to know we were not able to grant those final wishes for her.

Through the past few years, Rev. Mike has spoken to my Dad about the church family wanting to celebrate those members who had passed during COVID. At the time, it never seemed to be the right reason or another. When Rev. Mike approached my Dad this year about the idea of the church wanting to create a warm and inviting lounge and wanted to dedicate it to my mother's memory, he was speechless. As a family we discussed this and felt it was a very fitting tribute to our mother. To say we were overwhelmed by the outpouring of fellowship from the church family is not giving the day enough justice. From the lovely church service, to the potluck lunch and then the dedication service, all was more than expected! There are so many people to thank. For all those who organized and prepared such delicious food for us to share, we thank you! To those who setup, cleaned up and did dishes, we thank you! For those who worked on the vision and creation of Lorna's Lounge, we thank you! Our family is honored to be recognized in this way and I know my mother would have loved the fellowship of the day. Potluck dinners were always her favorite!



During the dedication ceremony, Rev. Mike sang my mother's favorite song. "In The Garden" was a song she sang as a solo in the Flackville Presbyterian Church at the age of 13. Each and every time that song came on the radio, she would tell the story of how she sang the song and how much she loved it. Thank you Rev. Mike for making this song part of the dedication ceremony and for singing it beautifully! She would have loved to sing it with you. As the afternoon festivities went along, kind words and stories about mom were shared with us verifying what we already knew. The First Presbyterian Church is a place of family and fellowship! My mother always felt that each person there was a member of her family and welcomed anytime. We value and treasure your friendship and kindness to both my parents and to us. It means so very much to us.

As a family member from out of town, I wanted to thank all of those church friends that called my Dad and provided support to him after my mother passed away. He truly appreciated the meals and cards along with the phone calls. It sure helped to make a very difficult time a little brighter. Our family appreciates all that each of you did for us!

A very special thank you to Rev. Mike for making this day so special for us and for your part in the prep and organization of the day. We are so very appreciative! Your support and check-ins at the house have been very much appreciated too. We loved your Sunday service on the 22nd and the dedication service. Thank you for all that you do in the community and for all you did for our family! Thanks again to all!

- The Webb Family



Balloon Bounce In Church School

**Kids at Church
are Kids Playing,
and Working, and Thinking
and GROWING in Spirit!**



Puzzling Kid's Sermon



Baking Bread For Communion

Spring Rummage Sale! April 21st and 22nd

The Spring Rummage Sale will be held **Friday, April 21st** from **9 a.m. – 4 p.m.** and **Saturday, April 22nd** from **9 a.m. - Noon** with a **Congregational Sneak Peek** on **Thursday, April 20th** from **6 - 8 p.m.** (Pizza provided!)

We welcome clean and folded **spring and summer clothing** for ALL ages. We accept any **household goods**, clean and in good condition as well as **children's toys** and **games**. Also **books** - novels and non-fiction books. NO TEXTBOOKS PLEASE.

Help is needed! Sorting, folding and set-up begins the week prior and is labor intensive. We welcome anyone **Monday through Thursday**, April 17-20 to volunteer. In addition, we will need volunteers as **cashiers** Friday and Saturday and help with **clean-up** on Saturday, April 22nd.

Ellen Grayson & Pat Mace, Co-Chairs.

One Great Hour Of Sharing

On **Sunday April 2nd**, Palm Sunday, we will be receiving the One Great Hour of Sharing Offering: started in 1949, OGHs is a long-standing **ecumenical effort** aimed at raising the funds necessary to provide **relief** and **reconstruction** for communities in the aftermath of disaster. What started as an hour-long radio appeal has evolved over the years, growing to over **30** participating denominations, and has become the most participated-in Offering in the PC(USA). Each gift serves to help change the lives of people in these challenging situations and provides us a way to share God's love with **our neighbors** in need through **three impactful programs**: Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, the Presbyterian Hunger Program, and Self-Development of People.



Thank You Jarrett! Welcome Anthony!

The Session, pastor and congregation wish to offer our profound gratitude to Jarrett Larson who will soon be leaving our church to assume a newly created position to provide music to the combined Canton, Potsdam and Colton Catholic churches. This a tremendous opportunity for Jarrett, and his family; we offer him our complete support as he, and our church, makes this transition.

Beginning this month we welcome Dr. Anthony Eversole to the role of Director of Music. Anthony is a very accomplished professional vocalist and academic and we are thrilled to have him leading the choir (a fuller biography in the April NL).

In that we are still searching to hire a pianist, Jarrett has agreed to stay on through Easter as accompanist while Anthony assumes responsibility for directing the Choir. We appreciate the cooperative and collaborative spirit of both Jarrett and Anthony during this time of change and renewal.

Palm Sunday Brunch

Renewing a favorite tradition, we will once again enjoy a potluck brunch on Sunday April 2nd to be held cooperatively with Grace Episcopal Church. We will gather at 8:30 a.m. in our Fellowship Hall to share a meal which we will host, then at 9:40 a.m. the folks from Grace will lead us in a procession around the Park in song and with palms. We will also invite other churches and member from our community to join us in this joyous beginning to Holy week.

Happy Anniversary!

March 7th marks the **216th anniversary** of the founding of our church!



Ham Dinner

Dine-In or Take-Out

Sunday March 26th
11 a.m to 1:30 p.m.

Baked Ham (Generous Portion)
Macaroni & Cheese
Coleslaw
Homemade Pie

Cost: \$12 Adults
\$5 Kids (ages 5 to 10)
Under 5/Over 90 Free

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



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March 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>26</p> <p>1st Sunday of Lent</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10:00 AM No Church School - Feb. Break 11:15 AM Church Fellowship Zoom Meeting 	<p>27</p> <p>7:00 PM Session</p>	<p>28</p> <p>7:00 PM Evening Book Group</p>	<p>1</p> <p>11:00 AM PK Service</p>	<p>2</p> <p>7:00 PM Choir Practice</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4</p>
<p>5</p> <p>Communion</p> <p>Deacon & Food Offering</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10:00 AM Church School 11:15 AM Church Fellowship Zoom Meeting 	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p> <p>1807 Church Founding</p>	<p>8</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11</p>
<p>12</p> <p>New Member Class</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10:00 AM Church School 11:15 AM Church Fellowship Zoom Meeting 	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p>	<p>15</p> <p>Newsletter Deadline</p>	<p>16</p> <p>7:00 PM Choir Practice</p>	<p>17</p> <p>St. Patrick's Day</p>	<p>18</p>
<p>19</p> <p>Annual Women's Worship</p> <p>Name Tag Sunday</p> <p>Noisy Can Offering</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10:00 AM Church School 11:15 AM Church Fellowship Zoom Meeting 	<p>20</p>	<p>21</p> <p>3:00 PM Movie/The Quiet Girl</p> <p>6:30 PM Movie/The Quiet Girl</p>	<p>22</p>	<p>23</p> <p>6:00 PM Deacons Meeting</p> <p>7:00 PM Choir Practice</p>	<p>24</p> <p>Ham Dinner Prep</p>	<p>25</p>
<p>26</p> <p>All-Church Read</p> <p>Ham Dinner Fundraiser</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10:00 AM Church School 11:15 AM Church Fellowship Zoom Meeting 	<p>27</p> <p>7:00 PM Session</p>	<p>28</p> <p>7:00 PM Evening Book Group</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30</p> <p>7:00 PM Choir Practice</p>	<p>31</p> <p>April Fools Day</p>	<p>1</p>

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Ham Dinner Fundraiser - March 26th



Annual Women's Worship

All-Church Read

Movie Night!

Family News



Thanks from the Webb Family

New Member Class - March 12th

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.