



The View From The Park

A Newsletter of Faith & Community

May 2023

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Sundays in May

• **Worship Begins At 10:00 a.m.** •

• **May 7th** •

Communion
Deacons & Food Shelf Offering



• **May 14th** •

Mother's Day
Mothers & Others Brunch
After Worship



• **May 21st** •

Rev. Mike Off
Chris Remick to Preach
Name Tag Sunday
Noisy Can Offering



• **May 28th** •

Pentecost Sunday
New Member Sunday II
Ordination of Deacons & Elders



Mothers & Others Brunch

Great thanks and much love to the mothers in our midst for their great love, caring and devotion to their children and family. This year Mother's Day falls on **Sunday, May 14th** (next week; hint! hint!) and we are excited to celebrate all the mothers in our church; as well as those who have cared for us like a mother.

As part of that celebration, we will be re-instituting our pre-COVID tradition of a **"Mothers and Others Brunch"** which will take place *after* the worship. Please bring a dish to share and plan on staying to enjoy a feast to surround with love those who have loved us so well.

Set-up for the brunch will take place on **Friday, May 12th at 3 p.m.** Many hands make light work!

eNewsletter

If you received a hard copy of this newsletter in the mail but have an email address to which it could be sent, please contact RevMike@ChurchOnThePark.org

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

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Celebrating Bill Rodee

On **Saturday, May 13th** the (great many) family and friends of **Bill Rodee** will gather at the "Sap Head Complex" (5355 CR 27, Canton, NY; just past the Rodee Farm on the right) for a service of remembrance and celebration of life beginning at **2 p.m.** (led by Rev. Mike); with a meal to follow. Please keep **Marilyn** and their children Leslee (Steve), Terri (Doug) and Elliott (Mary) and their families in prayer as they remember and say good-bye to their loving husband and father. Bill was a real gentleman with a deep and abiding concern for others, and was a pillar of our church; he will be greatly missed. (See **pg. 10** for food needed.)

Family News

Great thanks to **Barb Brown**, **Pat Mace** and **Ellen Grayson** who have graciously agreed to provide support and care for **Karen Parker** while husband **Bill** is in Burlington that day for a medical appointment. Being there for each other is what it means to be a church!

Prayers for **Vern Aldous** at home and recovering from surgery, cards appreciated (6171 US Hwy 11, Canton NY 13617); **Bill Webb** at home and recovering from surgery (27 Pine Street, Canton NY 13617); **Galen Pletcher** who has had a series of health challenges this spring and is currently a patient at Fletcher-Allen Hospital in Burlington (cards can be sent to his home, 32 Judson Street, Canton NY 13617); **Ellen Janack** recovering from a heart attack at CPH; **Ellen Grayson** having cataract surgery in May, **Holly Miller** facing health challenges; **Rita Ostrander** facing health challenges; **Christa Lyon** facing health challenges; Mary Theisen, mother of **Gordy**, facing medical issues; **Josh Holbrook** facing health challenges; **Mark Erickson** contending with health issues; Janet Favro currently residing at Keene Valley Neighborhood House (Attn Janet Favro, P.O. Box 46, Keene Valley, NY 12943); **Nick Scelzi** facing continued health challenges; **Colleen Grant** for healing and wholeness, and husband **Dale** in support of her (55 Bird Street, Canton, NY 13617); Jody Upton, sister of **Susan Akins**, being treated for a reoccurrence of cancer; **Lew Shepard** facing health challenges; **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

Prayers of healing for Ann Crawford, sister of **Beth Hayes**, who suffered a major cardiac event and is now recovering; and, for Beth's daughter **Whitney Courson** (mother of **Sophia**) on the untimely death of Whitney's sister-in-law, Cindy, from ALS. Please keep this entire family in your prayers in this very difficult time.

We are saddened to learn of the death of former church member, **Phil Bisselle**. Prayers for his wife, **Holly**, and their family. After retirement, Phil and Holly moved to their old stomping ground of Hamilton NY where they enjoyed 20 wonderful years together. Cards of condolences may be sent to Holly at 14 E. Pleasant Street, Hamilton, NY 13346. View the obituary [here](#).

Thanks to **Doug Wingerath** for seeing to the repair of the clock in Fellowship Hall which is now functioning correctly and back on the wall! Way to go Doug!

Remembering Riley

Mary Rodee was interviewed on the radio about this month's *Riley Basford Memorial Corn Hole Tournament* to raise money to help support kids, assist parents in navigating social media with their children, and to raise awareness for suicide prevention. Prayers for Mary, and those involved in this important endeavor. Click [here](#) to listen to the interview, click [here](#) to learn more about Riley, the Tournament and these on going efforts.

Memorial Day

This year Memorial Day is **Monday, May 29th**. Following a parade, there will be a service of remembrance held in the Park at **11 a.m.**, with **Rev. Mike** being this year's guest speaker. Let us always remember the sacrifices others have made for our community and this nation.

Student News

Congratulations to **Amelia Rodee**, a student and ROTC Cadet at University Vermont Burlington, who recently earned **The Military Order of the Purple Heart Leadership Award** which is presented to a Cadet who holds a primary leadership position in ROTC, maintains a high academic GPA, and is active in extracurricular and community affairs. WOW!

Congratulations to **Julia Andes** who was selected as a winner for the 2023 Great Adirondack Young People's Poetry Contest! Her poem will be published in the "Woods Poetry Booklet" and she has been invited to Lake Placid on April 22nd to recite her poem:

*Hitting the jumps on the slopes.
In the cozy cabin listening to the animals.
Racing on snowshoes with friends.
Making hot chocolate with my Mom.
On the Mountain Looking at the scenery.*

Congratulations to **Kate Ewy** who recorded her first win as a Goalie on the Potsdam Girl's Varsity Lacrosse Team.

Congratulations to **Gwen LaPierre, Jeremy Potter, Emma Mousaw, Rosalie Dekay, Julia Andes** and **Aubrey Boswell**, part of the cast of the recent theatrical production of "Aladdin" performed in April at the McKenny Middle School by the 5th and 6th grade chorus combined with the newly formed 5th and 6th grade drama club under the direction of Mrs. Barkley and Mrs. Busch. Fun, fun, fun!



More Student News

Congratulations to **Beatrice Mc-Manus** who received the Humility Award and **Simon Mc-Manus** who received the 'Sting with Kindness' Award at the April assembly at Madrid Waddington Elementary School.



Way to go to **Colin Montgomery**! His artwork was featured in the NCATA Regional Art Show at BOCES and he also recently won awards for Student of the Month and Excellence in Physical Education.



Best wishes to **Wes Gayle** as he presents his project "Ben Franklin/Electricity" at the Banford Elementary STEAM Festival on May 18th.



At Home With Home Free

Aubrey Boswell and her mom, Patience, recently attended a performance by the American country a cappella group "Home Free." Aubrey was able to go backstage for a photo with all five members of the group. How cool is THAT!?! Check out one of Aubs' favorites, "[Delta Dawn](#)."



Church Attendance

	In-Person	Stream	CS
April 2	68	28	11
April 9	100	38	No CS
April 16	40	26	No CS
April 30	60	30	No CS

Average In-Person Attendance: 67
 Average Live-Stream Attendance: 31
 Average CS Attendance: 11

Treasurer's Report

	Operating	Mission
April 2	\$3,059.00	\$450.00
April 9	\$1,740.77	\$115.00
April 23	\$1,650.00	\$100.00
Total:	\$6,449.77	\$665.00

Rummage Sale Report

The Rummage Sale was a resounding success, generating **\$1,400** for our church. We'd like to thank the many people who helped organize this years sale:

Georgia Vose, Mary Christopher, Arvilla Aldous, Marilyn Rodee, Linda Potter, Janet Stitt, Lynn Forbes, Christy & Rosalie Dekay, Emily Bolton, Lynne Pickens, Jim Robertson, Doug Wingerath, Susan Akins and grandchildren, **Cati, Bill, Lincoln** and **Audrey Gollinger, Calvin & Olivia Bourdette, Patience, Cameron** and **Aubrey Boswell, Jim** and **Maria Franklin.**

Huge thanks to **Ellen Grayson & Pat Mace**, longtime Rummage Sale co-chairs, who announced this is the last rummage sale they will oversee. Their **hard work, graciousness** and **humor** have made these sales **fun** and **successful** for years. They said they will stay on to advise and support the new leadership. We are **grateful** for all they have done (and continue to do) for the church. **Big**



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 Michelle Quinell-Gayle
 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

The Pastor's Report

Greetings this month, Sisters and Brothers, as we are all swept up and carried along with the greening and flowering of the earth.

Walking over to the church on this spring day, I was quite taken by how exuberant, green and verdant is the Park. Then, as I made the turn up the sidewalk to the foyer, I realized that our church is so much the same these days. There is a newness to our life together. Our congregation feels to me as a green canopy spreading out with lushness and a heft without heaviness; and, sprinkled throughout, buds bursting forth into flower all supple, fragrant and fertile.

Clearly, the Spirit of God is upon this place. Frankly, it is humbling. But, as my pony-tail gives me ample license, I am always prone to a tinge of paranoia; or, at the least, a wariness. Not about any bad thing which might be waiting to befall but, rather, that the “other shoe” which will surely drop is God calling us to some vast task; almost certainly some form of mission endeavor which probably isn't even yet on our radar.

Whatever that might be, though, is a matter for another day. For this day, I would like to address and affirm what I believe are the three characteristics which have brought us to the very blessed place: permeability, expansiveness and essentiality.

Permeability is the ability to allow for things, people and ideas to flow both inward (hospitality, access and belonging) and outward (mission, leadership/ action beyond ourselves); while, at the same time, in no way compromising structural integrity.

Expansiveness is resisting (or revolting/ rebelling against) the limitation others, the culture and our society may place on us or, more formidably, the limits we might place on ourselves. That is, making real-life decisions about our time, talent and treasure based not on our own sensibilities (or those of others) but on that which God has deemed possible (doubtful though we may sometimes be). Expansiveness is about boldness, courage and determination.

Essentiality is focusing on what *really* matters, and actively dismissing or, at the very least, unburdening ourselves from that which does not. This requires a level of astuteness in recognizing what *is* most important, an intentionality about staying on task, and an honesty filled with self-forgiveness about the (very) many things we must either forgo, or distance ourselves from, or an acceptance of how much is simply too much. None of us can do it all. Mercifully, we don't have to. So, let us be *gentle* with ourselves.

- Rev. Mike

“What does the Lord require of you, but to do justly, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with your God?” .” - Micah 6:8



MAY Birthdays

- 1 Mary Rexford
- 2 Rachel Syvertsen
- 4 Matthew Gibson,
Beverly Findley,
Janet Stitt
- 8 Melba Reinke, Mary Christopher
Bill Parker, Edith Frazer,
- 10 Sue Dean; Mike Athanasakis,
Katie Smith
- 11 Barry Walch
- 12 Claire Casey
- 13 Andrew Clearwater Johnson
- 14 Nikko Sheats
- 15 Martha Cole
- 16 Wesley Gayle
- 17 Tucker Catanzaro,
Katelyn Grant, Anna Eller
- 19 Chris Sutherland, Katie Bennett
- 20 Erica Cole
- 21 Rebecca Alexander
- 22 Alina Kuzmicki
- 23 Colleen Grant
- 24 Nicole Holbrook
- 26 Ashley Elliott
- 27 Olivia Bourdette, John Smith



MAY Anniversaries

- 21 Bill & Karen Parker
- 27 Michael & Edith Frazer
- 30 Sean Boutin & Kristin McKie

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!**

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

May Lectionary Readings

May 7

Acts 7:55-60
Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16
1 Peter 2:2-10
John 14:1-14



May 14

Acts 17:22-31; Psalm 66:8-20
1 Peter 3:13-22; John 14:15-21

Ascension of the Lord - May 18

Acts 1:1-11
Psalm 47 or Psalm 93
Ephesians 1:15-23
Luke 24:44-53

May 21

Acts 1:6-14
Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35
1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11
John 17:1-11

Day of Pentecost - May 28

Acts 2:1-21 or Numbers 11:24-30
Psalm 104:24-34, 35b
1 Corinthians 12:3b-13 or Acts 2:1-21
John 20:19-23 or John 7:37-39

Women's Circle

Women's Circle will meet on Wednesday, **May 10th** at 7 p.m. in Lorna's Lounge with the topic of "**Nature.**" **Linda Potter** will lead the discussion. All women of the church are welcome. To learn more, contact Linda Potter at nautilus@twcnj.rr.com.

Evening Book Group

The Evening Book Group will meet on **Tuesday, May 23rd** at 7 p.m. in Lorna's Lounge to discuss **This Time Tomorrow** by Emma Straub with the discussion led by **Ellen Grayson**. Books for the 2023-2024 season will be selected as well. All are welcome.



Session Report

The Session met on Monday, March 27th. It was agreed that we will have **Greeting Elders** at the beginning of the worship service.

With so many new faces in church, it was noted that new photos, especially of the **children**, are needed for a kid's directory. The new pianist and director of music are working out very well. People also were pleased with the Women's Worship and the recent Ham Dinner. So far, **eight people** have indicated that they would like to join the church.

Plans were made for Palm Sunday and Holy Week. A card and thank you gift were discussed for Jarrett Larson.

Michelle Guinnell-Gayle reported ARC was very pleased that the church provided the building and shared in their service.

It was agreed to spend \$1,600 for a defibrillator. First aid kits and fire extinguishers will be placed where people know where they are. **Heidi Ames, Joe Montgomery** and **Beth Hayes** have AED training. Currently, grants are being pursued.

It was voted that \$2,000 be granted for the purchase of a new Apple computer for the church office.

Jim Franklin will be in charge of background checks to be performed for people hired by the church to include the minister, newsletter editor, church secretary, director of music, pianist, Sunday school teacher, and sexton.

Michelle Theisen reported there will be a Church and Community Program bowling tournament fundraiser on Sunday, April 23rd from 1-4 PM at the Ogdensburg Bowl. We need five people from our church to participate. The church will pay the \$100 entry fee.

Next meeting will be April 24th.

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

The final Partridge Knoll service for the season will be held on **Wednesday, May 3rd** at **11:00 a.m.** with **lunch to follow**. Everyone is welcome!



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 **May 21st**.

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

C&CP March Report

In March, the **Church & Community Program** served **201** households with **122** children, **343** adults and **89** seniors. Of these, **15** households were new, and they served **8** emergency food/displaced people cases. Thanks to everyone for their continued support of the program, which is a significant part of our church's local mission. If you would like to learn more about the Program, or ways you can get involved, please speak with our representatives to the board, **J.J. Jockel**, **Sean Boutin** or **Michelle Theisen**.

Kudos To The Kids!

It is extremely important to us, as a congregation (and, *especially*, to Rev. Mike) that we avail ourselves of every opportunity to support, encourage and acknowledge the kids of our church.

Please, please, please send student news to Linda as soon as you can and as often as you can, so we can get the word out and applaud their very many wonderful, artistic, athletic and academic efforts and accomplishments.

Kudos to **Olivia Bourdette**, **Daphne LaPierre** and **Hannah Ames** participating in Canton Modified Track; **William Andes** and **Natasha Rossiter** Canton Varsity Track, **Emily Ewy** Potsdam Varsity Track, **Aubrey Boswell** playing Pee Wee Softball, **Calvin Bourdette** Pee Wee Baseball, **Colin Montgomery** Pee Wee Baseball, **Kaitlyn** and **Kristen Holbrook** Modified Softball, **Matt Holbrook** Modified Baseball, **Cameron Boswell** Canton E-Sports team, **Kate Ewy** Potsdam Varsity Lacrosse, **Olivia Bourdette** Percussion NYSSMA soloist, **Maria Franklin** Modified Softball, Jazz Ensemble and Saxophone NYSSMA soloist (sax), **Harper Elvy** Pee Wee Softball, **Luke Elvy** Pee Wee Baseball, **MORE?**

College Graduates (Whew!)

Congratulations to **Julia Basford**, daughter of Darren Basford and **Mary** and **Elliott Rodee**, who graduated from the Culinary Institute of America and will be heading to St. Louis, MO to begin a new life in the food and restaurant industry.

Congratulations to **Blake Bennett**, son of **Brian** and **Marcy Bennett**, who is graduating from Clarkson University where he majored in Global Supply Chain Management, with a minor in Project Management. He says, *"I got a shiny new job as a Project Manager Associate at Northline Utilities in Fishkill, NY, that I am absolutely thrilled to get. I also have the privilege of going on a trip abroad to Southeast Asia to see the other side of the world after college. I could never have become who I am if it wasn't for my amazing friends and family who have been there for me every step of the way."*



And, congratulations to **Arlo Catanzaro**, son of **Rev. Mike** and **Linda Potter**, who is graduating from Ithaca College's Park School of Communications majoring in Television, Video and Radio, with an emphasis on Sound Design. During his collegiate experience Arlo studied in Hawaii and London, and was the student manager of "PPECS" (Park Portable Equipment Center and Services). Arlo is currently looking for job opportunities in Acoustic Engineering/Sound Design (until then, he may be "WWOOFing" at an organic farm in Vermont...though all this may change by the time this NL is published!).

We offer congratulations to Julia, Blake and Arlo (as well as their parents!) for all of their accomplishments, and **we wish them ALL the best in their future endeavors!**

Road Maps Presentation

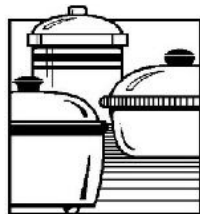
The Canton First Presbyterian Church is hosting a **public presentation** of **Road Maps for the Journey's End**, a workbook for advance planning being distributed by Hospice of St. Lawrence Valley, on **Tuesday, May 16th at 6:30 p.m.** St. Lawrence County Office for the Aging is partnering with Hospice of SLV to provide this workbook and presentation to the community. Topics include: Advance Directives & Health Care Proxy, Legal Documents, Financial Information, Funeral Planning, Managing Your Online Presence, Legacy & What You Leave Behind and Checklists to Create Your Personal Road Maps.

Copies of Road Maps for the Journey's End will be available at this and other presentations in St. Lawrence County, while supplies last. Additional copies can be purchased and a free ebook is available for download at www.hospiceslv.org.

All are welcome. Contact **Linda Potter** at 315-229-8886 with any questions.

Casseroles Needed!

Our church will be providing a variety of casseroles **for the Rodee family** the **Friday** before Bill's celebration of life as they host many out-of-town friends and family at a dinner that evening (it is a college graduation weekend, so restaurants are booked). If you would like to provide a casserole or dish, please let Rev. Mike know and **have it to the kitchen of our church by Noon on Friday May 12th** (Rev. Mike will transport; please include instructions for warming, baking or serving). Over the years, there are few who have not received the gift of food from Marilyn; this is our opportunity to be similarly gracious.



Way You Skate Mark!

Kudos to **Mark Brackett** who drove 800 miles from Nashville, TN to Canton in one day to suit-up for the 2023 edition of the annual "**Colonel's Cup**" which was held at the end of March.

The Colonel's Cup is a yearly end-of-the-hockey-season matchup between a group of Sunday night pickup hockey guys (The Flames) and high school-aged players (The All-Stars) which raises money for charity and community improvements. Begun in 1987, Mark's grandfather, Col. A.T.W. Moore had acquired a large silver cup during his time in the Army. That cup was repurposed with new engraving, a wooden base and a brass plaque to commemorate each year's winner. This year's game featured back to back action with the scored tied at 4-4 before the veteran Canton Flames dominated the Canton All-Star down the stretch to record an 8-4 victory. After the game, the Flames sprung for pizza and wings for players, family and fans at Sergi's Banquet Room.



Attention!

Because of the Memorial Day holiday, the **Session** meeting has been moved to **May 22nd**. Mark it on your calendars!

Thank You Bob!

We want to express our deep appreciation to **Bob Duda** for always being willing to step in and place his musical hands to the piano for worship; both at the church and Partridge Knoll. His graciousness, ability and great sense of humor are appreciated!



Notes of **THANKS**

Help from United Helpers

Great thanks to an enthusiastic crew of **volunteers** from **United Helpers** who recently donated their time and a great deal of energy to rake the Park (and area around the playground between the church and the manse) as part of their outreach efforts in the community on the occasion of their **100 year** anniversary. We are extremely grateful to these volunteers, and the United Helpers organization for their graciousness. The Park looks *fantastic*.



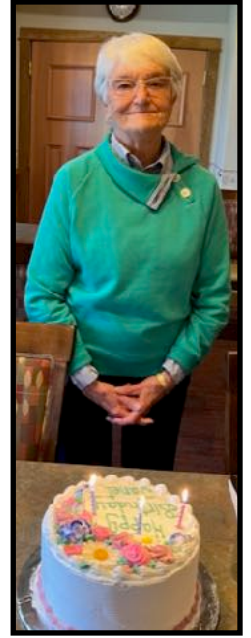
Congratulations To Rich!

Congratulations to **Rich Grayson** whose woodworking skills are now on display (and for sale) at TAUNY's Folkstore Gallery. You can see Rich's work [here](#). Join Rich (and **Ellen!**) on **Saturday, May 20th** from **1 - 3 p.m.** for a reception at TAUNY to discuss his work and techniques.



Happy Birthday Janet!

Happy birthday to **Janet Stitt** who celebrated a day early when her fellow Presbyterians surprised her with a cake at the luncheon that followed the last Partridge Knoll service for the season. Janet's daughter was consulted to get the inside scoop on the kind of cake she likes (lemon!) and brought candles to make it a party. She was surprised and pleased (we think) and all agreed the cake was delicious!



Touching Moment

Sometimes what captures the essence of our church best are the small moments. Thanks to **Patience Boswell** for capturing this one. During the Easter service, **Ben Bartley** reached over and rested his hand, gently and comfortably, on **Linda Potter's** shoulder for much of the sermon. A wonderful expression of the friendship and bonds that we have built, and continue to build, at the Church On The Park.



Saving Grace

Thank you, God, for rain and sun,
and all the plants that grow.
Thank you for our daily food,
and friends who love us so.



Welcome New Members

On Sunday April 30th we were delighted to welcome **12 new members** into the congregation of the First Presbyterian Church on the Park! Pictured above: (front row, left to right) **Judy Gibson, Julie Casey, Christy Dekay, Carolyn Ewy, Emily Bolton, Anna Eller** (with kids **Alina, Walter** and baby **Jane**); (back row, left to right) **Doug Wingerath, Rob Ewy, Nick Dekay** and **James Eller**. Not pictured are **Mary Grace** and **Dan Gordon**, who were received *in absentia* (they are in Florida). On May 28th we will observe a “New Member Sunday II” as additional people will be received, but could not attend the service on this date. Together, these are a remarkable group of funny, bright, kind, committed and involved folks; we are extremely excited to discover what new joys and opportunities they will bring to our church and their own lives.



*How good
and pleasant it is
when sisters
and brothers
dwell together
in unity.*

- Psalm 133:1





C&CP Board Representatives
JJ Jockel & Michelle

“The Presbyteers” Bowling Team
 C&CP Bowling Fundraiser, April 23rd, at Ogdensburg Bowl
 Our amazing Church Bowlers were:
 At desk, **Joe Montgomery** - Elder & co-score keeper,
 L-R: **Cameron Boswell, Maria Franklin, Aubrey Boswell, Julia Andes, William Andes.** Back row L-R: **Patience Boswell** - co-scorer & team wrangler, and **Peggy Andes.**
 Thanks to our caring congregation we raised \$228.00, plus our church bowling entry fee of \$100.00. We had a lot of fun and were glad to participate for the support of the CCP Food Pantry. An overall total from the bowling fundraiser is yet to be determined. Thank you to everyone who contributed with funds and bowling skills! Special



May 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30 New Member Sunday 11:15 AM Church Fellowship Zoom Meeting	1	2	3 11:00 AM PK Service	4 7:00 PM Choir Practice	5 Cinco de Mayo	6
7 Communion Deacon & Food Offering 11:15 AM Church Fellowship Zoom Meeting	8	9	10 7:00 PM Women's Circle	11 7:00 PM Choir Practice	12 Casseroles by Noon 3:00 PM Set-Up For Brunch	13 2:00 PM Service for Bill Rodee
14 Brunch to Follow Worship Mother's Day 11:15 AM Church Fellowship Zoom Meeting	15 Newsletter Deadline	16 6:30 PM Road Maps Presentation	17	18 7:00 PM Choir Practice	19	20
21 Chris Remick To Preach Name Tag Sunday Noisy Can Offering Rev. Mike Off 11:15 AM Church Fellowship Zoom Meeting	22 7:00 PM Session	23 7:00 PM Evening Book Group	24	25 6:00 PM Deacons Meeting 7:00 PM Choir Practice	26	27
28 New Member Sunday II Ordination of Deacons Ordination of Elders Pentecost 11:15 AM Church Fellowship Zoom Meeting	29 Memorial Day 11:00 AM Service in Park	30	31	1 7:00 PM Choir Practice	2	3

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Mothers & Others Brunch - May 14th
Service for Bill Rodee - May 13th
New Member Sunday II - May 28th
Student News
Road Maps Presentation - May 16th
Rich Grayson At TAUNY
Church 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.**