



The View From The Park

A Newsletter of Faith & Community

June 2023

1st Presbyterian Church on the Park
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Sundays in June

• **Worship Begins At 10:00 a.m.** •

• **June 4th** •


Trinity Sunday; Communion
Ordination of Deacons & Elders
Deacons & Food Shelf Offering



• **June 11th** •

Rev. Mike Off
Chris Remick to Preach
Reception for Jorge & Marcelina (see pg. 4)

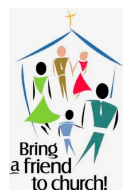


• **June 18th** • 

Father's Day
Fathers & Families Brunch after Worship
Last Day of Sunday School
Name Tag Sunday
Noisy Can Offering

• **June 25th** •

Bring A Friend to Church



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

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

Fathers & Families Brunch

Happy Father's Day to all the dads in our church and to all the men (and boys) who step up to guide and mentor us. To celebrate them, we are holding a **Fathers & Families Brunch** after worship on **Sunday, June 18th** in Fellowship Hall. Make plans to join in the celebration and bring a **dish** to share. **Set-up** for the brunch will take place on **Thursday, June 15th at 5:15 p.m.** If you are able to stop by to set up chairs and tables, it would be appreciated!



Summer Worship

During **June**, our worship service will be held at its **usual time of 10 a.m.** For the months of **July** and **August**, our worship service (in-person and live-stream) will move to **9 a.m.** to give folks an earlier start to their summer Sundays. That means more time in your garden, on the water or to relax on the porch on those lazy summer days. **Please note this on your calendars!**



Memorial Day Service

This year Memorial Day is **Monday, May 29th**. 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.



Family News

We are saddened to share with you the death of long-time church member **Carolyn Leavitt**, who died comfortably in her own home and bed on May 16th. Cards may be sent to her daughters Hilarie Leavitt (33 Riverview Road, Rocky Hill, CT 06067) or/ and WalthaGaye Leavitt (8524 E. Colby Road, Crystal, MI 48818). Carolyn was the long-time organist at our church, and very active for many decades in the life and work of our congregation. She was a “one of a kind” and she will be greatly missed. There will be no funeral or calling hours.

Prayers for the family of **Ellen Janack** who died in the comfort and company of her family and in her own home and bed. A funeral service is planned for Saturday June 2nd at 10 a.m. at the Brick Chapel Church. Cards for the family may be sent to Larry Janack, 1949 State Hwy 68, Canton NY 13617. Prayers for Ellen’s family as they move through the process of grieving and celebrating; even as Ellen has fully been joined to God’s grace.



Prayers for **Lew Shepard** who has been hospitalized these last days in May being treated for infection and, later, COVID. He is doing better and hopes to be discharged soon. Prayers also for his son and caretaker, Mark, who is also recovering from COVID. Cards and notes very welcome and greatly appreciated (39 Meade Road, Canton NY 13617).

Prayers for **Bill Webb** who is recovering from surgery on eye and struggling with loss of sight. Visits and cards greatly appreciated (27 Pine Street, Canton NY 13617).

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 for **Galen Pletcher** who is still a patient at Fletcher-Allen Hospital in Burlington undergoing treatment for a recurrence of Lymphoma and waiting for a Rehab bed to open up in Vermont or NY. Prayers also for his wife, **Helen**, who has been living at Hope Lodge for weeks in order to best support him through these challenges (cards can be sent to their home, 32 Judson Street, Canton NY 13617).

Prayers for **Vern Aldous** recovering well from surgery for Melanoma, cards appreciated (6171 US Hwy 11, Canton NY 13617); **Ellen Grayson** recovering from a second cataract surgery, **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 and currently a patient at CPH; **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; Edgar and Jean Jones, grandparents of **Christy Dekay**, as Edgar contends with health challenges; friend of our church Tim Virgil recovering from a medical procedure; and, **Roger McBath** at the Canton Nursing Home.



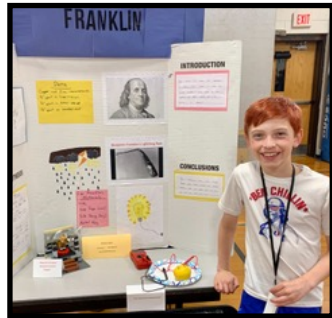
Thanks to **Barry Walch** for fixing the drawer in the kitchen at the manse, and **Brent Bartley** for replacing the water spigot by the garden!

Student News

Congratulations to **William Andes** on a fine track season; especially for an 8th Grader running Varsity! Click [here](#) to watch him run a blistering 400 m. Pictured is William receiving the McKenny Middle School Male Athlete of the Year award. Way to go William!



Go Fly A Kite Wes! Congratulations to **Wes Gayle** for his exhibit on Electricity and Ben Franklin (Get it? Fly a kite?) during the recent Banford Elementary STEAM Fest (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Math). Part of the exhibit was generating electrical current using a lemon! Wes is the son of **Matt Gayle** and **Michelle Quinell-Gayle**. Good for you Wes!



Congratulations to **Gwen LaPierre** and her mates on "The Retro Readers" team who completed in the local Battle of the Books in May. Gwen is the daughter of **Patrick LaPierre** and **Stacie Olney-LaPierre**. Many pages were read and much fun was had.

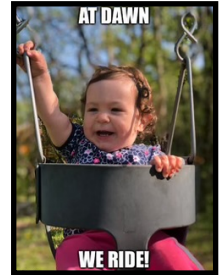


Kudos to **Rosalie Dekay**, daughter of Nick and Christy Dekay, who participated in the recent World Fiddle Day on May 21st at the Potsdam Public Library.



More Student News

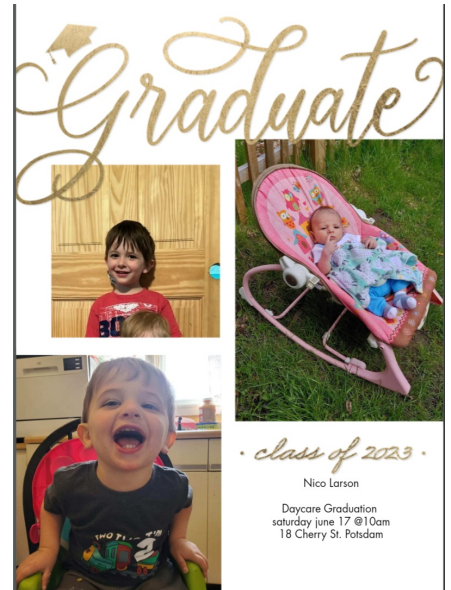
Cati and **Bill Gollinger** send along this photo of daughter **Audrey** taken at the church playground. **Audrey The WILD Child!** Funny Stuff!



Nico Is On His Way!

Congratulations to **Nico Larson** on his graduation from Day Care! My, oh, my how time flies. Parents **Marion** and **Jarrett** are over the moon and excited for the next step in his journey as he begins Pre-K this coming fall.

We wish every child and family well as kids grow, explore and experience the world.



Pencils For Kids

Our church has been asked by our Church and Community Program board representatives, **JJ Jockel**, **Michelle Theisen** and **Sean Boutin** to be responsible for providing **250 12-packs** of Ticonderoga #2 Pencils (this is a brand specific request) for the Back-To-School program. There is a basket on the table in the foyer of the church to receive them, and we would like to have them all collected **by the end of June**. The cost is about \$5 per 12-pack, and can be purchased locally at Walmart, or ordered on-line at Amazon (click [here](#) for link).



Church Attendance

	In-Person	Stream	CS
May 7	53	32	11
May 14	54	27	6

Average In-Person Attendance: 54
 Average Live-Stream Attendance: 30
 Average CS Attendance: 9

Treasurer's Report

	Operating	Mission
April 30	\$3,209.00	\$304.00
May 7	\$3,921.00	\$120.00
May 14	\$2,333.17	\$ 25.00
May 21	\$1,774.19	\$ 50.00
Total:	\$11,237.36	\$499.00

Welcome To Jorge's Mom!

After many years of living in the U.S., our dear friend **Jorge Nsundidi** is thrilled his mother, **Marcelina**, will be visiting him from Angola, Africa. Jorge will be bringing Marcelina to the North Country and visiting his church family **Friday, June 9th through Tuesday, June 13th**. Rev. Mike and Linda have invited them to stay at the manse during their time among us. **Following worship on Sunday June 11th we will be holding a reception for them during coffee hour (cake!) and hope that as many folks as possible will be able to attend.** They already have plans for dinner on Friday with the Bill and Karen Parker, but if others would like to host them for a meal or show them some sights any other time, please contact Jorge directly to make arrangements; Jorge's cell/text is (315) 297-3266.



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

Folks, after 25 years in Canton I have been extended the honor of serving as the guest speaker at this year's Memorial Day service held on Monday May 29th at 11 a.m. in the Park. For this month's Pastor's Report, I would like to share with you my comments from that occasion:

It is my great privilege today to gather with you as a community to honor those from our community who gave their lives in sacrifice to our nation, and to honor *all* the men and women from across this great land, our fellow citizens who, as President Lincoln stated in his Gettysburg Address, "gave their last full measure of devotion that this nation, under God, shall have a new birth of freedom, that government of the people, by the people and for the people, shall not perish from this earth."

On that occasion, President Lincoln also called upon our nation and its citizenry to take from these honored dead an increased devotion to the cause for which their last full measure was given.

While we gather on this Memorial Day so that we shall ever remember those who gave such a sacrifice, we also gather here today to increase *our* devotion to the very same altar on which they laid their very lives.

That we find ourselves here this morning is, in part, owed to Mary Ann Williams from Baldwin County Georgia who, in a simple and courageous act, penned a letter to her local newspaper in March of 1866 suggesting a day be set aside annually to keep alive the debt owed those Civil War soldiers, Union and Confederate, who died in that terrible conflict by at *least* dedicating one day in each year to what she called "the sad, but pleasant duty of embellishing their humble graves with flowers." By 1890 every

state in the Union had established some form of annual observance and, in 1971, Congress standardized the holiday as "Memorial Day" to be held the last Monday in May; an occasion for our entire nation to pause our lives in order to remember *all* those in *every* generation who have died in service to our nation that we might forever remain the land of the free and the home of the brave.



This morning, 157 years after the publication of Mrs. Williams' letter, it becomes *our* sad, but pleasant duty to stand together as one community and as one nation, to honor and remember all those who offered to our country, and to each one of us, her citizens, their last full measure of devotion.

It is my great hope today that we might exhibit the same wisdom and simple courage as Mrs. Williams who stood amid the graves of too many Civil War soldiers and saw buried there, not Northerners or Southerners, but each one a fellow American called to serve their nation; even a nation divided.

It both troubles me greatly and saddens me deeply that we are, once again, becoming such a divided nation; too eager to seize upon those things about which we differ rather than holding sacred all that we share and hold in common as citizens of our one nation.

While those we honor today may have begun their service in devotion to God and country, their *greatest* devotion was reserved for those who served, fought and died along side of them; regardless of color, race, creed or political belief. Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends.

If it is our earnest desire to *truly* honor those who have died for our nation let us use the new birth of freedom they have won us to increase our own devotion to those who labor, love and *live* along side of us; regardless of color, race, creed or political belief. The greatest commandment is to love God with all one's heart and with all one's soul; and to love one's neighbor as oneself. For we are all citizens of the same nation; of the people, by the people and for the people.

More than a responsibility it is our great privilege to live *our* lives at the very same altar on which they laid *their* very lives: that we are *one* nation, under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all. Thank you.



Session Report

The Session met on **Monday, April 24th**. A thank you note from the Dailey Ridge Church was shared for a recent donation from our church.

Greeting Elders and the **Greeting of Our Neighbors** will return as part of the worship service. New members will be welcomed to the church on April 30th and again in June (total of 16). Rev. Meigs Ross filled the pulpit while Rev. Mike was on vacation recently and the response was very positive.

The memorial service for Bill Rodee will be on May 13th and casseroles are needed to feed the **Rodee family** and friends on May 12th. Several session members volunteered to provide food.

Rev. Mike shared that he had met with the Canton Mayor and Chief of Police about the possibility of a **SRO** at Canton Central. All three will be attending the upcoming School Board meeting to discuss this and invite others to be part of the conversation.

There will be an **ordination** for new elders and deacons May 28th. Volunteers stepped forward to be with Karen Parker while Bill has surgery in Burlington on May 8th. **Mother's Day** and **Father's Day** brunches were discussed with plans to hold these after worship. The last day of Sunday School will be **June 18th**.

Joe Montgomery reported he has looked into grants and donations for the AED. **Michelle Theisen** reported that donations, monetary and food items, are needed for Church & Community as the demand is high. **Jim Franklin** reported that \$5,000 was transferred to the treasure on the Faith Line to pay bill. If needed, this amount can be transferred each quarter.

Virtual Worship & Fellowship

For live-streaming, fellowship, bulletins, sermons newsletter and other resources, **begin by bookmarking the church website:** www.ChurchOnThePark.org. "Click" on the relevant link at the top of the page.

A **live-stream** of the worship service is on the church's YouTube Channel. Go to www.ChurchOnThePark.org and click on "YouTube Channel." You can choose to subscribe to our channel or simply go to this link each week.

Zoom Fellowship calls each Sunday from **11:30 a.m. to Noon** for fellowship only with no format or moderator. If needed, download the ZOOM app ahead of time by clicking on this link (free):

<https://zoom.us/download>. Once you have the Zoom app, go to www.ChurchOnThePark.org and click on "Sunday Zoom Meeting". You will be asked to enter a password which is **3862570** (the phone number of the church). The meeting will automatically begin at 11:30 a.m. & end at 12:45 p.m.

Worship bulletins are posted earlier in the week to the church website for those worshipping virtually through the stream on our YouTube channel. This will allow everyone the opportunity to follow the liturgy, and see the announcements and prayer requests. Go to www.ChurchOnThePark.org and click on "Sunday Bulletin."

Written sermons continue to be emailed, or snail-mailed, on *Tuesday* to everyone each week; as well as being posted to the church website. Go to www.ChurchOnThePark.org and click on "Written Sermons."

The monthly **Newsletter** will continue to be emailed to most, and snail-mailed to a few; as well as being posted to the church website (click on "Newsletter").

Prayer Warriors

Would you like to help your neighbor, stretch spiritually and be a part of the mystical movement of the church? We are always looking for new prayer warriors to join the church

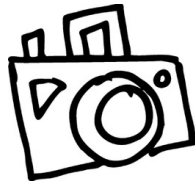
Prayer Chain to offer prayers for folks who are ill, troubled or in need.

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



Photo Directory

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 on hiatus until the fall. We will resume in October, and continue through the winter on the **1st Wednesday** of the month at **11:00 a.m.**



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 **June 18th**.

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



JUNE Birthdays

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



JUNE Anniversaries

- 3 Joseph & Karen McAuliffe,
Galen & Helen Pletcher
- 6 Barry & Rhonda Walch
- 8 Larry & Ellen Compeau
- 9 Charles & Sue Dean
- 10 Lyles & Kim Trombly
- 12 Daniel & Mary Grace Gordon
- 15 Carolyn Zanta & Rob Ewy
- 16 David & Lora Gibson
- 18 James & Kathy Gibson
- 19 Conrad & Dorothy Sharrow
- 22 Al & Rita Ostrander
- 26 Robert & Ruth Leslie
- 27 Nicole & Josh Holbrook
- 28 James & Joanne Danehy
- 29 Barbara & Neal Burdick
- 30 Thomas & Kristine Potter

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

June Lectionary Readings

Trinity Sunday - June 4

Genesis 1:1—2:4a
Psalm 8
2 Corinthians 13:11–13
Matthew 28:16–20

June 11

Genesis 12:1–9
Psalm 33:1–12
Romans 4:13–25
Matthew 9:9–13, 18–26



June 18

Genesis 18:1–15 (21:1–7)
Psalm 116:1–2, 12–19
Romans 5:1–8
Matthew 9:35—10:8 (9–23)

June 25

Genesis 21:8–21
Psalm 86:1–10, 16–17
Romans 6:1b–11
Matthew 10:24–39

Women's Circle

Women's Circle will meet on Wednesday, **May 14th** at 7 p.m. in Lorna's Lounge with the topic of "**Kindness & Gratitude**".

Linda Potter will lead the discussion. All women of the church are welcome. To learn more, contact Linda Potter at nautilus@twcny.rr.com.



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!**

YOUR GIVING MATTERS!

Field Trip to CCP

Our church is planning an after-school children's **field trip** to the Church & Community Program (CCP) food pantry, on **Thursday, June 22nd at 3:30 p.m.** Parents and their children, along with anyone else interested in attending, should arrive at the CCP (30 Court St.) by 3:30 p.m.; entering through the front thrift shop. We will meet with **Connie Jenkins**, CCP Director, who will give us a food pantry tour, explaining the community need for food assistance, and the CCP operation that receives and distributes food to people county-wide.

The children will use a portion of their **Noisy Can** funds collected each month to purchase fresh and non-perishable foods from a list suggested by Connie. Others may also contribute to the food pantry with direct food donations to CCP or bringing donations to the church. We would like to also plan an after-church food purchase day in early June, (June 3rd or 10th), with parents and children, to purchase these food items together for distribution by CCP.

Contact **Michelle Theisen** (315-742-2172) or **Jim Franklin** (508-207-7507), for field trip, and/or to the food purchase day.n. **Together we can help others!**

CCP Report

In April, the Church & Community Program served **180** households with **88** children, **206** adults and **99** seniors. Of these, **10** households were new, and they served **1** 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. To learn more about the Program, or ways to get involved, please speak with our representatives to the board, **J.J. Jockel, Sean Boutin** or **Michelle Theisen**.

Be The Church! Send a Card!

There are many folks in our church who don't get out much these days and would *greatly* appreciate receiving a card or note from their church family.



If you have a few minutes, even if you haven't met a person, letting them know they are thought of, prayed for and loved would be a welcomed gift indeed.

Margaret Alexander, Legacy K Adult Home, 595 West Road, Hermon NY 13652

Marilyn Coir, 5 East Drive Canton, NY 13617

Pastor Donna Doig, 30 Sullivan Dr. Apt. 110, Canton, NY 13617

Bob and Betty Fraser, 30 Sullivan Dr. Unit 114, Canton, NY 13617

Colleen Grant, 55 Bird Street, Canton, NY 13617

Christa Lyon, 43 Lincoln Street, Canton NY 13617

Roger McBath, 130 Ash, Maplewood Nursing Home, 205 State St. Rd. Canton, NY 13617

Wayne Miller, 241 Eddy-Pyrites Rd. Canton, NY 13617

Shirley Norton, 30 Sullivan Dr. Apt. 228 Canton, NY 13617

Carolyn O'Connor, 3 Hillside Circle, Canton NY 13617

Bill and Karen Parker, 17 State Street, Canton NY 13617

Melba Reinke, 2219 West Oak Street Apt. 218 Bozman, MT 59718

Wanda Renick, 30 Sullivan Dr. Apt. 114A, Canton, NY 13617

Betsy Robinson, 69 Riverside Drive, Canton, NY 13617

Nick Scelzi, 72 Church Street, Apt. 3A, Lisbon, NY 13658

Nancy Tuttle, Legacy K Adult Home, 581 West Road, Hermon NY 13652

Bill Webb, 27 Pine Street, Canton NY 13617

Community Conversation

Rev. Mike, in cooperation with the **Canton Mayor Michael Dalton** and **Police Chief James Santimaw** and with the Session's unanimous support, will be inviting anyone from the Canton School District who is concerned about the **health, safety and well-being** of the children in our schools to attend a **Community Conversation on Tuesday, June 13th at 7 p.m.** to be held in the sanctuary of our church in order to gauge support, or the absence thereof, for possibly **re-instituting the School Resource Officer (SRO)** position at the Canton Central School. There will be no agenda, and a "light touch" is intended. The goal is to simply give people the opportunity to respectfully speak not only their minds, but also their hearts; and to listen to others who wish to do the same. Rev. Mike would ask for prayers for this important, and somewhat daring, venture.



Pentecost Offering

Giving to the Pentecost Offering makes it possible for the church to encourage, develop, and support its young people. **40%** of this offering is retained by our church to make an impact on lives within our own community.



Pentecost Sunday is **May 28th** and an offering envelope will be included in the bulletin that day. We will be accepting Pentecost offerings throughout June. Your Pentecost offering can be dropped off at the church or mailed to the church office at 17 Park Street, Canton. Thank you in advance for your **generosity** and **support** of young people in our own community.

Heartfelt Thanks

I have to share with you that Rev. Mike thinks Marilyn Rodee is "**Old Fashioned!**" When we were planning Bill's celebration of life, I was concerned about planning meals for out-of-town family and friends. Rev. Mike quickly told me I was old fashioned, that people didn't expect home cooked meals anymore at a certain time in the evening or morning. Well, I knew that on a weekend with two college graduations in Canton with too few restaurants, that my tired and hungry guests would be waiting in long lines for food!

That's when Rev Mike volunteered **casseroles** to be made by our Church On the Park cooks! I am indebted to **Linda Potter** and **Tucker Catanzaro** for bringing the food out to our SapHead Complex for Friday night dinner for 30 people. A special thank you to the following cooks: **Pat Mace, Michelle Theisen, Christy Dekay, Ellen Grayson, Jim Franklin, Lynne Pickens, Nancy Fletcher, Rita Ostrander, Nancy Brown** and from Brick Chapel church- Shirley Aldous. We enjoyed a delicious marinated fresh veggie salad which had no name, but we are grateful for it.



The church family is awesome. We have benefitted from Rev Mike's frequent visits to boost our morale and his leadership. We thank everyone for **cards, calls, food** during Bill's illness and **visits** which made Bill so happy. We are so grateful to all of you. - **Marilyn Rodee**

Party For Hospice

Hospice of St. Lawrence Valley is celebrating **40 years** of compassionate care for patients and families with a party on **Thursday, June 22nd** from **4:30 - 6 p.m.** RSVPs appreciated, 315-265-3105. **All are welcome!**

Stop & Drop for Grace House

The **Canton United Methodist Church** is sponsoring a "Stop & Drop" for **Grace House**, a transitional home for women overcoming addiction, on **Friday, June 2nd** from **3 - 7**

p.m. Stop by - you don't even have to get out of your car - with donations of **paper towels, paper plates, napkins, toilet paper, Kleenex, clear plastic wrap, aluminum foil or dryer sheets.** Help them as they strive to build a brighter future.



Making Joyful Noise!

Congratulations to the kids in our church who are involved in band and chorus at the Canton Middle School:

6th Grade Band: **Calvin Bourdette** (Trumpet), **Jeremy Potter** (Trumpet).

5th Grade Chorus: **Julia Andes, Aubrey Boswell, Gwen LaPierre.**



5th Grade Band: **Aubrey Boswell** (Clarinet), **Darren Potter** (Trombone), **Julia Andes** (Horn), **Gwen LaPierre** (Horn).

6th Grade Chorus: **Rosalie Dekay, Emma Mousaw, Jeremy Potter.**

If we missed your child or if he or she is involved with the music program - or any extracurricular activity - at his or her school, please let **Rev. Mike** know. It is wonderful to have so many kids at church but it is a lot to keep track of all their activities. Share the news with Rev. Mike so it can be shared with your **church family.**



Saving Grace

Thank you God for blue skies above
green grass below,
good friends beside,
fine food in front,
and peace wherever it is found.

Thanks To Our Choir!

Sunday May 28th was the last Sunday our choir will be singing in worship before embarking on the usual summer hiatus. We would like to thank all the dedicated choir members for sharing their time and talents, Dr. Anthony Eversole for his leadership and vision for the choir, and for Kathleen Crecco for her spirited playing and gracious efforts (especially in consideration of Anthony and Kathleen beginning mid-year). We have been richly blessed by all, and look forward to what the Fall will bring.

What Is Trinity Sunday?

Unlike other festivals in the church's liturgical calendar, Trinity Sunday centers on a **doctrine** of the church, rather than an event. It celebrates the **unfathomable mystery** of God's being as Holy Trinity. It is a day of adoration and praise of the one, eternal, incomprehensible God.



TRINITY
Sunday

Trinity Sunday, in a sense, synthesizes all we have celebrated over the past months which have centered on God's **mighty acts**: Christmas-Epiphany, Easter and Pentecost. It is, therefore, a fitting transition to that part of the year when Sunday by Sunday the work of God among us is unfolded in a more general way.



Welcome New Members!

On Sunday May 28th we were delighted to welcome Andrea Montgomery, Joe Montgomery, Mary Christopher and John Christopher into the membership of the church.

Andrea, Joe, Mary and John



Heidi Ames, Michelle Theisen, Michelle Quinelle-Gayle, Jim Franklin and Joe Montgomery Ordained as Elders.

June 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28 Elder & Deacon Ordination New Member Sunday II 11:15 AM Church Fellowship Zoom Meeting	29 Memorial Day 11:00 AM Service in Park	30	31	1	2	3
4 Communion Deacon & Food Offering Elder & Deacon Ordination Trinity Sunday 11:15 AM Church Fellowship Zoom Meeting	5	6	7	8	9	10
11 Chris Remick to Preach Reception for Jorge & Mom Rev. Mike Off 11:15 AM Church Fellowship Zoom Meeting	12	13 7:00 PM Community Conversation	14 Flag Day 7:00 PM Women's Circle	15 Newsletter Deadline 5:15 PM Set-Up For Brunch	16	17
18 Brunch After Worship Name Tag Sunday Noisy Can Offering Father's Day 10:00 AM Last Church School b/f Break	19 Juneteenth	20	21	22 6:00 PM Deacons Mtg / Zoom	23	24
25 Bring A Friend To Church 11:15 AM Church Fellowship Zoom Meeting	26	27	28	29 Eid al-Adha	30	31

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Fathers & Families Brunch - June 18th
Pencils For Kids
Welcome to Jorge's Mom!
Student News
Field Trip to CCP
Be The Church! Send A Card!
Community Conversation - June 13th



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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.