

September



The View From The Park

A Newsletter of Faith & Community

September 2023

1st Presbyterian Church on the Park
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Canton, NY 13617

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Sundays in September

• **Worship Begins At 10:00 a.m.** •

• **September 3rd** •

WORSHIP AT 10 a.m.

Communion

Deacons & Food Shelf Offering



• **September 10th** •

Rev. Mike Off

Chris Remick to Preach

Church School & Choir Resumes

Cabbage Roll & Pie Sale



• **September 17th**

Rev. Mike Off

Chris Remick to Preach

Name Tag Sunday

Noisy Can Offering



• **September 24th** •

Rev. Mike Off Chris Remick to Preach



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
Kathleen Crecco	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

Fall Rummage Sale

The Fall Rummage Sale will be held **Friday, September 22nd** from **9 a.m. - 4 p.m.** and **Saturday, September 23rd** from **9 a.m. - noon** with a **Congregational Sneak Peek** on **Thursday, September 21st** from **6 - 8 p.m.**

This is the first rummage sale for our new chair **Christy Dekay**. While she has the support and guidance of former chairs, **Ellen Grayson** and **Pat Mace**, this is a huge change for the church. **Your help is needed!** Along with donating items for the sale, please consider **volunteering** for the set-up, at the sale or during clean-up.

We welcome clean and folded **fall and winter 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 only. **NO TEXTBOOKS PLEASE**. Also, electronics end up being thrown out and cost the church money to discard. Please **DO NOT DONATE ELECTRONICS OF ANY KIND**.

Help is needed! Setting up of tables & bringing up rummage will take place at **1 p.m.** on **Saturday, September 16th**. Sorting and set-up takes place **Monday through Thursday**. In addition, we will need volunteers as **cashiers** Friday and Saturday and, *in particular*, help with **clean-up** after the sale.

**Thank you in advance
for making this sale a success!**

Family News

Army PFC **Hunter Montgomery** was deployed at the end of July and will be serving in Iraq until late next spring as part of the 2nd Battalion, 15th Field Artillery Regiment. Hunter is the son of **Joe & Andrea Montgomery** and big brother to **Colin**.



Congratulations to **Mary Kelly** who was the first female finisher in the Hammond Kilt 5K Run/Walk (part of the Hammond Scottish Festival) with a time of 25:15.

Congratulations to **Jean McGuire** on receiving the terrific news regarding the continued effectiveness of surgery and treatment she received over two years ago! We are delighted to share in such a bountiful blessing.

Prayers for **Bill Webb** struggling with loss of sight. Visits and cards greatly appreciated (27 Pine Street, Canton NY 13617).

The **Eller family has moved** to 213 Morgan Road, Potsdam NY 13636. Special thanks to **James** and **Anna Eller** for their help with cost estimates for the repair of the steeple needed for a grant application. Also **Jane** celebrated her first birthday in June!



Prayers for **Anne Goetze** who is recovering from a fractured hip, and her husband **John** (living in FL). Cards may be send in care of John to 405 Central Mariner Dr., Edgewater FL 32141.

Prayers for **Judy Gibson** recovering from surgery and awaiting further treatment. Cards may be sent to 35 Riverside Dr., Apt. 3G, Canton, NY 13617.

More Family News

Prayers for **Nick Scelzi**, a resident of the Canton Nursing home. Cards may be sent care of Nick to Maple Wood Nursing Home, Beech 118, 205 State Street Road, Canton NY 13617.

Prayers for **Galen Pletcher** facing significant health challenges and currently a patient at Canton-Potsdam Hospital, and his wife **Helen** in support of him. Cards may be sent to their home, 32 Judson Street, Canton NY 13617.



Prayers for **Rich Denison**, currently a patient at Rochester General, recovering from significant surgery; and his wife **Jeannie** in support of him. Rich and Jeannie are regular participants in virtual worship most Sundays (health concerns make in-person worship problematic). Cards may be sent to 10 Brookview Drive, Waddington, NY 13694.

Prayers for **Marilyn Coir** recovering from a fracture in her arm and now living at 125 Dover Road, Mills MA 02054, which will be a permanent change for her. Marilyn would be *delighted* to receive cards and notes!

Prayers for the family of Tom DeCourcy family, friends of **Jane Cable** from Hawaii, on Tom's death this summer.

Prayers for the uncle of **Jorge Nsundidi**, Monteiro Kapunga, who died unexpectedly in Portugal. Uncle Monteiro was a father figure to Jorge and sponsored his education allowing him to come to the Untied States (and to all of us). Prayers, also, his family and for the many people whose lives Mr. Kapunga has touched.

Prayers for **Bob Fraser** rehabbing from a broken hip at the Canton Nursing Home, and for his wife **Betty** in support of him. Cards may be sent to 30 Sullivan Dr. Apt. 114, Canton NY.

And More Family News!

Prayers for **Vern Aldous** who continues to recover from surgery. Cards appreciated (6171 US Hwy 11, Canton NY 13617); **Rita Ostrander** facing health challenges; **Christa Lyon** facing health challenges; **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); **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; and, **Roger McBath**, a resident at the Canton Nursing Home.

We Got The Lead Out!

Thanks to everyone who held with contributed to the summer endeavor of collecting pencils for the Church and Community Back To School community project to help local students and teachers in the coming school year; greatly needed and much appreciated! **Together, our congregation donated over 2,000 pencils!** Great job on the part of our church in working together to help others! Thank you to everyone who generously contributed to this important mission effort.



Way To Go!

Special thanks to Master **Sean Boutin** and his North Country Tai Chi and students who recently donated WeatherTech vehicle protection mats for the new Church and Community Program van.



Cabbage Roll & Pie Sale

We will be holding our **Third Annual Cabbage Roll and Pie Sale** on Sunday, **September 10th** from 11 a.m. – 2 p.m. The prep work for the cabbage rolls will be on Friday, September 8th and Saturday, September 9th. We are looking for donations of **INGREDIENTS** (ground beef, onions, tomato sauce, diced tomatoes) and **PIES** as well as **VOLUNTEERS** to prepare cabbage rolls. A complete list of what is needed is in the foyer at church. To make a donation, volunteer or place your pre-order, contact **Beth Hayes** at hayebe27@gmail.com or (315) 244-7902.

Choir Resumes!

This fall we are *excited* to welcome **Kathleen Crecco** as our new Choir Director; in addition to serving as pianist.



Weekly **rehearsals begin Thursday, September 7th** at 7 p.m. in the choir room. We'll sing every Sunday starting on **September 10th**, with a 9 a.m. rehearsal, and a 10 a.m. service. If you have questions, email **Kathleen** at creccomusic@gmail.com

“What I Did This Summer...”

We'd love to see what you did this past summer and include a photo of it in the October newsletter. Please send your photo and short description to Linda Potter at nautilus@twcnny.rr.com or 315-229-8886.

CCP Report

In July, the Church and Community Program served **201** households with **128** children, **241** adults and **105** seniors. Of these, **18** households were new, and they served **1** emergency food/displaced people case. To learn more about the Program, or to get involved, please speak with our representatives to the board, **J.J. Jockel**, **Sean Boutin** or **Michelle Theisen**.

Church Attendance

	In-Person	Live Stream
July 2	22	24
July 9	24	23
July 16	31	20
July 23	30	18
August 13	24	24
August 20	45	18
August 27	29	18

Average In-Person Attendance: 29
 Average Live-Stream Attendance: 20

Treasurer's Report

	Operating	Mission
July 9	\$3,288.00	\$167.00
July 16	\$1,026.00	\$ 40.00
July 30	\$3,155.76	\$ 0.00
August 6	\$1,845.00	\$100.00
August 13	\$5,385.00	\$ 40.00
August 27	\$2,079.00	\$ 65.00
Total:	\$16,778.76	\$412.00

Garden Help Needed

All of us, and many in the community, have enjoyed the bountiful beauty of the garden which graces the entrance of the church. This profusion of flowers is due to the hard work of **Faye Bartley** and **Pat Mace**. They are looking for a few fellow gardeners to join them in this effort. Even if you are unsure of what it is a weed and what is a flower, you would be welcome! A few hours a month from a few individuals would make a **huge** difference. You can help in the coming month as they prepare the flower beds for fall. If interested, please text **Faye Bartley** at (315) 854-5043 or email her at fbartley54@gmail.com.



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

Friends and fellow travelers,

Though I am sure it is in no way news to you, here we go again! September is upon us and we are all endeavoring to get in the swing of things. There is much happening at the church as we begin a new school year and season together.

New Choir Director. Choir resumes Sunday September 10th and we are delighted to welcome Kathleen Crecco as our new director. Come and sing!

Church School and Nursery Care Resumes. Director Andrea Montgomery has an exciting year planned for the kids in Church School, and Emily and Kate Ewy are "super psyched" to welcome babies and toddlers back to the nursery!

Cabbage Roll and Rummage Sales. Folks, we really need all hands on deck to pull off these annual fundraisers. If you've never helped before, now is your opportunity. Be sure to attend the Sneak Peek on Thursday the 21st at 6 p.m.; great deals and lots of fun.

Update On Sign. We are currently in the process of requesting a "Use Variance" to erect a new sign to replace the existing sign. The matter will be reviewed by the Zoning Board of Appeals at their September 14th meeting (hands clasped and fingers crossed).

Update On Selleck Land/ Youth Group Room. Though we had a buyer lined up for the Selleck land (the proceeds of which are earmarked to pay for the remodeling of the new Youth Group room) we were unable to move ahead with the sale this summer as the appraised value is significantly higher than the agreed upon price (which we believe to be fair). The issue is, any sale of church owned property must be approved by the NYS Supreme Court. Hence we must list the property if only to prove it will not sell for appraised value.

Rev. Mike Away In September. Though not an ideal time (as if one existed) in the life of the church for such an extended leave, this year I will again attempt to embark on a much needed break September 4th through the 24th. Stalwart Chris Remick will be preaching and leading worship in my absence. I will confess that I am "full up" and, to a degree, lost a sense of myself beyond my role as minister. I don't necessarily have any major travel plans. Instead, I hope to catch up on little things around the cottage and, primarily, do a lot of nothing to the degree that is possible. I appreciate your understanding and support.

And...away we go! - Rev. Mike

“.And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to God's purpose.” - Romans 8:28

Beware Of Scams!

Apparently church folk, given our gracious nature, are particularly attractive targets for scammers. Whenever you encounter an email, text or phone call requesting money, gift cards or financial assistance, please remember the following rule: **Stop, Consider and Confirm.** **Stop:** *Never be in a rush to respond or act.* **Consider:** *does this request seem credible? If you have the slightest doubt or hesitation it is probably a scam.* **Confirm:** *use an alternative means of communication to contact the purported source of the request and double check.* And finally, remember this rule of thumb: **Rev. Mike has NEVER has, and WOULD NEVER, make a direct request for money, gift cards or any financial help from a member of the congregation.** Often times an email or text may say it is from Rev. Mike, but if you take a moment to look at the email address or text number it will be different than what you have in your address book. *"I am sending you out like sheep among wolves. Therefore be as shrewd as snakes and as innocent as doves."* - Matthew 10:16

Evening Book Group

The Evening Book Group will meet on **Tuesday, September 26th** at 7 p.m. in Lorna's Lounge to discuss ***Jane Eyre*** by Charlotte Brontë and ***Wide Sargasso Sea*** by Jean Rhys with host Vicki McLain. All are welcome.

Women's Circle

Women's Circle will meet on **Wednesday, September 13th** at **7 p.m.** in Lorna's Lounge with the topic of "***Nostalgia***". All women of the church are welcome. If you are able to attend, contact **Linda Potter** at nautilus@twcny.rr.com.



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").

SEPTEMBER Birthdays

- 1 Heather Cole,
Matthew Compeau
- 2 Mary Garwood
- 4 Sharon Poole
- 6 Andrew Franklin
- 7 Susan Johnson
- 8 Lara Syvertsen,
Simon McManus
- 9 Ellen Compeau
- 10 Cheryl Ostrander
- 12 Chris Melville,
- 13 Erin Casey
- 14 Betty Fraser
- 15 Alice Poole
- 16 Ben Bartley
- 21 Britt Gordon, Carolyn Zanta
- 22 Carl Colton
- 24 Erik Johnson
- 25 Jake Cole
- 26 Philip Elvy
- 28 Matt Peacock, Aubrey Boswell,
Darren Potter
- 30 Molly Ames

SEPTEMBER Anniversaries

- 3 Dave and Mary Pierce
- 5 Anna and James Eller
- 9 John & Anne Goetze
- 12 Leah Rohlfen & Patrick McManus
- 13 Jean and Pat McGuire
- 15 Douglas & Terri Knuth
- 28 Tim & Patti Cryderman

Community Events

The Canton Unitarian-Universalist Church will be host a series of events in September to cultivate environmental justice. Please [click here](#) for more information.



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

September Lectionary Readings

Sunday, September 3

Exodus 3:1-15
Psalm 105:1-6, 23-26, 45b
Romans 12:9-21
Matthew 16:21-28

Sunday, September 10

Exodus 12:1-14
Psalm 149
Romans 13:8-14
Matthew 18:15-20



Sunday, September 17

Exodus 14:19-31
Psalm 114 or Exodus 15:1b-11, 20-21
Romans 14:1-12
Matthew 18:21-35

Sunday, September 24

Exodus 16:2-15
Psalm 105:1-6, 37-45
Philippians 1:21-30
Matthew 20:1-16

Deacon's Offering

The Deacon's Offering is 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!**

Saving Grace

I have clothes to wear
and food to eat,
Roof over my head
and shoes on my feet;
So let me be thankful
for all God has sent;
Our God will provide,
my heart is content.

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

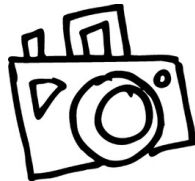
Prayer Chain to offer prayers for folks who are ill, troubled or in need.

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 **September 17th**.

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

First Presbyterian Church on the Park

Church School Registration 2023-2024

Student Name _____

Age _____ DOB _____ Grade _____

School Name _____

Home Address _____

Allergies _____

Medical Condition(s) _____

Parent(s) Name _____

Parents(s) Contact Number _____

Email _____

Other Comments _____

Please Return To:

**Andrea Montgomery, Church School Director
4476 County Route 17, Rensselaer Falls, NY 13680
Email: amq20@yahoo.com / Phone: 315-244-7628**

(or return to church mailbox)

First Presbyterian Church on the Park

Church School Program Schedule Fall 2023

September

9/10: First Class

9/17: Class

9/24: Class

October

10/1: Class

10/8: Class

10/15: No Class

10/22: Class

10/29: Class – Halloween Costumes welcome!

November:

11/5: Class

11/12: Class

11/19: Class

11/26: No Class – Thanksgiving Break

December:

12/3: Class

12/10: Pageant (TBD)

12/17: No Class

****Church School will resume on Sunday, January 7th.**

Cabbage Roll Sale

**Sunday September 10th
11 a.m to 2:00 p.m.**

Cost

Cabbage Rolls

\$3.50 each or 2 for \$6

Homemade Pie

\$2 per slice

Pre-Orders Available

(Prior to Noon. September 9th,
but not necessary.)

Call : (315) 244-7902

Email: hayesbe27@gmail.com



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Rummage Sale

*Great Clothes
at
Great Prices*

**Friday
September
22nd**

**Saturday
September
23th**

9 AM to 4 PM

9 AM to Noon

Winter clothes, kid's clothes, household items, all good stuff!

**First Presbyterian Church
on the Park in Canton, NY**

\$1 Bag Sale All Day On Saturday

September 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27 11:15 AM Church Fellowship Zoom Meeting	28 7:00 PM Session	29	30	31	1	2
3 Communion Deacon & Food Offering 11:15 AM Church Fellowship Zoom Meeting	4 Labor Day	5	6 7:00 PM Choir Practice	7	8 Cabbage Roll Prep	9 Cabbage Roll Prep
10 Choir Resumes Church School Resumes Rev. Mike Off 11:00 AM Cabbage Roll Sale 11:15 AM Church Fellowship Zoom Meeting	11	12 7:00 PM Women's Circle	13	14 7:00 PM Choir Practice	15 Newsletter Deadline	16 1:00 PM RS Set-Up
17 Chris Remick To Preach Name Tag Sunday Noisy Can Offering Rev. Mike Off 11:15 AM Church Fellowship Zoom Meeting	18 Rummage Sale Set-Up	19	20	21 6:00 PM RS Sneak Peek 7:00 PM Choir Practice	22 9:00 AM Rummage Sale	23 9:00 AM Rummage Sale
24 Chris Remick To Preach Rev. Mike Off 11:15 AM Church Fellowship Zoom Meeting	25 7:00 PM Session	26 7:00 PM Evening Book Group	27	28 6:00 PM Deacons Meeting 7:00 PM Choir Practice	29	30

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Address Service Requested

The Church is charged for every returned Newsletter. If you have moved, or changed a seasonal address, please notify the church office. Thank you.



Cabbage Roll Sale - September 10
Fall Rummage Sale - Sept. 22 & 23
Choir Welcomes Kathleen!



Family News

We Got The Lead Out for CCP!
Church School Registration Forms & Schedule
Share What You Did This Summer!

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.