The View From The Park

A Newsletter of Faith & Community

October 2017

1st Presbyterian Church on the Park
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Sundays in October

• Worship Begins At 10:00 a.m. •

• October 1st •

World Communion
Deacon & Food Shelf Offering
6 p.m. - Silas Wright Club

• October 8th •

8:15 a.m. - B.A.D. Guys Breakfast

• October 15th •

Name Tag Sunday
Noisy Can Offering

• October 22nd •

Rev, Mike Off; Caspar Green to Preach
Handbell Sunday

• October 29th •

Sam Chirwa To Preach,
Rev. Mike To Lead Worship

Rev. Michael P. Catanzaro..... Pastor
Donna Doig, CLP..... Associate Pastor
Aimee LaRue.....Church Secretary
Laura Toland.....Choir Director
Bob Duda.....Assistant Choir Director
Laura Toland.....Organist
Michael Walters.....Handbell Choir Director
Kim Trombly.....Director of Christian Education
Diane Ladison..... Treasurer
Patience Boswell..... Sexton
Tom Dildine.....Webmaster
Linda Potter.....Newsletter Editor

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Annual Church Bazaar

Our Bazaar is scheduled for **Saturday, October 14th** from 9 a.m. – 2 p.m.. This is a busy day with plenty to do for everyone. Now is the time to be thinking about **how you would like to help**.

White Elephant – Attic treasures & elegant junk. Knick-knacks, kitchen ware and collectables.

Hand Crafted – Goods made with yarn or fabric as well as other "crafty" creations.

Baked Goods – Breads, cookies, pies, preserves.....what is your specialty?

Candy – Fudge, peanut brittle, buckeyes, haystacks, caramels, popcorn balls.

Plants & Harvest – Plants, dried flower arrangements and bulbs as well as fall crops.

Books – Best sellers, mysteries, DIY's and children's books as well as CD's & DVDs.

Jewelry – Check through your glitter and bring us watches, chains, pendants, earrings and necklaces.

Luncheon – Kitchen and wait staff needed. Food donations will be needed.

Many hands make light work and it is great fun besides! **Volunteers? Questions?** Call **Marilyn Coir** (386-4361) or **Beth Hayes** (244-7902).

The Church Office Hours are
Tuesdays & Thursdays, 11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Family News

Prayers for **Barb Klemens** who fell and broke her wrist. Cards and visits welcome (call first): 49 Judson Street Apt.2B, Canton, NY 13617; 315.386-3581; **Rebecca Welsch** (married to **Gino Montanaro**) whose son **Luke** was hit by a car (driver texting) while riding a bike fracturing his femur. He had surgery at Canton Potsdam and is now at Upstate Medical in Syracuse. Please keep Luke in your prayers.

Prayers for **Barb King** undergoing and recovering from successive cataract surgeries (22 Pleasant Street, Canton, NY 13617); **Aubrey Boswell**, daughter of **Patience** and **Nicholas**, suffering from asthma attacks; **Cheryl Ostrander**, daughter of **Al** and **Rita Ostrander**, facing health challenges.

Prayers for **Betty Peckam** recovering from a tumble. Cards appreciated: Parsons House 1130 Camino La Costa, Apt. 311, Austin TX 78752; for those in nursing homes: **Mickey Williams**, **Nellie Locey** and **Shirley Seeley.**

Continued prayers for **Pastor Donna Doig** (30 Sullivan Dr. Apt. 110, Canton, NY, 13617) recovering from health issues and undergoing rehabilitation.

It was wonderful to see both **Laura O'Shaughnessy** and **Andy Loeffler** on September 24th at worship. Both are doing well, and pass on their fond regards to all.

Cheers for **Bill** and **Lorna Webb** who have been back in church for several weeks after a long absence due to health issues.

Congratulations to parents **Leah Rohlfsen** & **Patrick McManus** (new to our church family) on the birth of their son **Simon Patrick**, born September 8th at 4:46 am at CPH; 8 lbs 7 oz and 20 inches long. Mom and baby are doing great. Simon joins big sister **Beatrice**, who still isn't quite sure about all of this. We celebrate this wonderful time in life with Leah, Patrick, Beatrice and Simon.

Rummage Sale Report

We would like to thank the following people from our congregation who helped make the Rummage Sale a success: **Edith Frazer**, **KDS Sorority**, **Janet Stitt**, **Jane Cable**, **Martha Cole**, **Wanda Renick**, **Barb King**, **Georgia Vose**, **Nancy Brown**, **Al** & **Rita Ostrander**, **Lorna** & **Bill Webb**, **Jean McGuire**, **Bill Parker**, **Barbara Burdick**, **Nick Scelzi**, **Janice Reynolds**, **Kristin McKie** & **Sean Boutin**, **Vern Aldous**, **Michelle Theisen**, **Faye Bartley**, **Andy Loeffler**, **Patience**, **Nicholas**, **Cameron** & **Aubrey Boswell**, **Stacie**, **Patrick**, **Daphne** & **Gwen LaPierre**, **Benjamin Mace**, **Marilyn Rodee**, **Barry Walch** and **students**, **Kristine Potter**, **Linda Potter**, **Arlo Catanzaro** and **friends**, **Aimee LaRue** who printed many signs for us and **Rev**. **Mike**, who provided the pizza for Family and Friends Night. (If we have forgotten someone, we apologize.)

Without all of you, we could not have had such a successful sale! The sale raised **$1,769** for the church. Thanks to all - donors, workers and buyers!

- Pat Mace & Arvilla Aldous, Co-Chairs

We are pleased to let people know that the **leaking roof** (near the bell tower, a perennial issue for many generations) has been **repaired** (cost **$9,000**). Thanks to **Barry Walch** for making it happen. See photos **page 9**.

Make the Church Bazaar a success!
Donate items for the tables (jewelry, plants, candy, baked goods, hand crafted, books, white elephant).
Sign up to donate food or to work (see sign up sheets in foyer).
Together we are the church!

Women's Circle

Women's Circle will held on Wednesday, **October 11th** at 7 p.m. at the home of **Betsy Robinson**, 69 Riverside Drive. to discuss *"Priorities – How or why do they change?"* Contact **Linda Potter** at nautilus@twcny.rr.com for more info.

Postscript

The Postscript Club will not meet again until **May** of **2018**.

Afternoon Book Group

The Afternoon Book Group will meet at **1 p.m.** on **Tuesday**, **October 17th** at the home of **Karen Parker**,17 State St. The selection is *The Bay at Midnight* by Diane Chamberlain. Call Karen at 714-2312 with any questions.

Evening Book Group

The evening book discussion group meets the **fourth Tuesday of the month** at **7:00 p.m.** The **October 24th** book is *The Shipping News* by Annie Proulx. Discussion will be held at the home of **Linda Potter**, 2 Park Place (the manse). For more information, call Linda Potter at 386-4364.

Thank You Volunteers!

Thanks to everyone who came back from their summer vacations to help out with the September Newsletter: **Janet Stitt, Jane Cable, Melba Reinke, Carolyn O'Connor** and **Shirley Norton**. We couldn't get it done without our wonderful volunteers! **- Aimee**

Silas Wright Club

The Silas Wright Club meets at **6 p.m**. on **Sunday**, **October 1st** in Fellowship Hall. Bring a sandwich to share and join in the conversation. For more information, contact **Barb King - bking001@twcny.rr.com.**

Session Report

Session met on **August 28th**. **Rev**. **Mike** stated that although **Pastor Donna** is feeling much better, she is still not ready to resume her duties. He has enjoyed taking her place at **Brick Chapel** this past summer. In lieu of summer vacation days he missed, he will be off on September 10th and 17th.

It was reported that **$54,268** has been raised to date for the Park Fountain Fund toward the **goal** of $85,000. Rev. Mike is still waiting for the village to complete the plan and hire a contractor. He is hopeful the work will be done soon.

Recommendation for **Patience Boswell** to receive extra compensation for cleaning after church events and funerals was approved. **Barry Walch** reported that **roof repairs** by Bertrand's Construction would start soon. With all funds in place for the **Greener Church**, plans are underway for implementation.

Rev. **Mike** will be off on **October 22**, **November 5th** and **19th**. **Sam Chirwa** from Malawi will preach on 10/29 & Rev. Mike will lead worship.

Fall Rummage Sale will take place September 22nd and 23rd with **Pat Mace** and **Arvilla Aldous** as chairs. With the departure of Armond Spencer, a new **Presbytery representative** needs to be appointed.

The Session would like to remind the congregation that due to budget constraints each of our employees work a very limited number of hours while still being asked to complete all the tasks our congregation requires. A little Christian compassion and understanding should be our guiding rule. If you have any concerns about our staff, please contact Barry Walch, Chair of the Facilities Committee.

Church Attendance

	Worship	CS
August 27	30	No CS
September 3	60	No CS
September 10	69	6
September 17	65	5

Average Worship Attendance 56
Average CS Attendance 6

Treasurer's Report

	General	Mission
August 20	$2,574.00	$110.00
August 27	$ 615.00	$ 72.00
September 3	$2,204.00	$332.00
September 10	$2,350.00	$112.00
Total	**$7,743.00**	**$626.00**

Church School Report

We started the new year off with **"Inspirational Leaders"**! We discussed how **God** and **Jesus** are our **biggest** and **most important** Inspirational leaders and we need to **follow** their **word** and **teachings** from the Bible.

The children learned a **new song** called, **"Jesus Wants Me for a Sunbeam."** The first lesson focused on how Jesus fed **5,000 followers** with just a **loaf** of **bread** and **two fish**. Children realized how miraculous this was when they cut corners off a piece of paper and noticed **more corners** remained. The children also created a project displaying the bread and fish.

Thank you to all who joined our **Fall Picnic** and brought a dish to pass! We all had a **great time** and both young and old enjoyed the bounce house once again!

Keep those **bottles** and **cans coming**! We will put all donations toward the **Heifer Project.**

Officers & Committees

Elders

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

Rich Grayson	Kristine Potter	Martha Cole
Barry Walch	Gordy Theisen	Diane Ladison
Lew Shepard	Vicki McLain	Lyles Trombly
	Bill Parker	

Sarah Melville Clerk Of Session
Wanda Renick, Assistant Clerk

Deacons

Ministering to the sick, those in need, the friendless, and those in distress.

Arvilla Aldous	Ray Erickson	J.J. Jockel
Patience Boswell	Faye Bartley	Marilyn Rodee
Cati Hill	Marcy Bennett	Ellen Compeau
Nancy Brown	Michelle Theisen	

Committees	Chairs
Resources	Mark Brackett

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

Facilities — Barry Walch & Gordy Theisen
Responsible for the maintenance and use of all church property.

Fellowship — Ellen Grayson, Pat Mace, Beth Hayes
Responsible for all fellowship events.

FUNdraising — Beth Hayes
Responsible for organizing fund & fun raising events.

Education — Vicki McLain
Responsible for growth, nurturing & learning.

Worship — Kristine Potter
With pastor, responsible for worship.

Stewardship — Lyles Trombly & Kristine Potter
Responsible for securing resources and energy to fulfill the mission & ministry of our church.

Mission — Martha Cole
Helping our church, community & world.

Treasurer — Diane Ladison

Financial Secretary — Barry Walch
Assistant Financial Secretary - Janice Reynolds

Church & Community — Jane Cable & Janet Stitt

Communion — Vicki McLain & Jane Cable

For you know the generous act of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that by his poverty you might become rich. - 2 Corinthians. 8:9

The Pastor's Report

Our annual Stewardship drive is just around the corner folks. All kinds of things have been churning in my mind about what I could or should say at such an important occasion in the life of our church.

Historically, our church has never embraced the hard sell. We aren't into guilt (thankfully!) and we don't come knocking on doors. But many people, including me, strive very hard to provide the members and friends of this church with the very best spiritual life we can attain: quality, thoughtful and even downright inspirational worship; pastoral care that is johnny-on-the-spot; preaching which is immediate, personal and doesn't shy from the hard questions; opportunities for thoughtful education and meaningful fellowship, ways to reach out in mission to our community as well as the larger world; and perhaps most important, an authentic, dynamic Christian community which maintains integrity over time. Given all of this, the annual stewardship drive is less a campaign and more of a reminder of what we already enjoy.

What is the value though, of this Christian community? Are the bricks and mortar, salaries and utilities costs, program and other operating expenses worth it? What is the significance of continuing to be both an authoritative, and a trustworthy witness to God's grace in the world? These are the questions each of us, as individuals and families, must ask and answer for ourselves. Everything else will follow from our answers.

In terms of straight numbers, this coming year will be the most challenging in my pastorate. The burden of supporting our church financially is increasingly falling upon the shoulders of those new to the church. I know first hand the difficulty of sitting down with Linda at this time of year to make our own pledge; balancing the needs of the church with the reality of raising three children.

At the end of the day though, I know three things. First, that I am so very thankful to all of you for the support you give to the church, and to my family. Second, that all of you are doing the very best that you can. And third, that somehow our church *will* continue to honor the generations which have gone before us, while at the same time strengthening the foundation for those generations yet to be born, live and die in the nurture of this congregation.

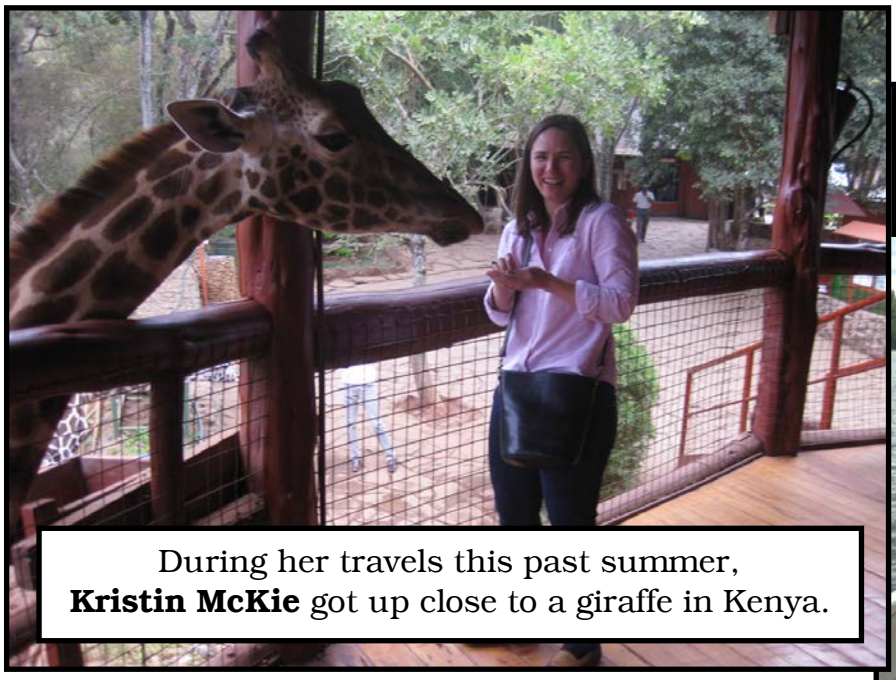
Finally, I will tell you that my commitment to this church is absolute, and is second only to my family. I utterly believe that the hand of God is upon all of us, that we may do a new thing in this world for the sake of Christ.

- Reverend Mike

We give Thee but Thine own
Whatever the gift may be
All that we have is Thine alone
A trust, O Lord, from Thee

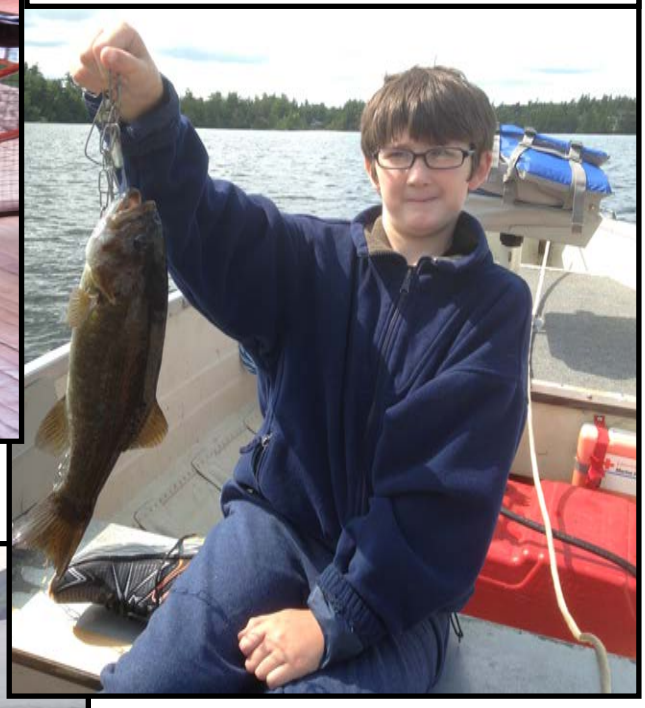
Those who are generous are blessed, for they share their bread with the poor. - Proverbs 22:9

Summer Fun Church Photos

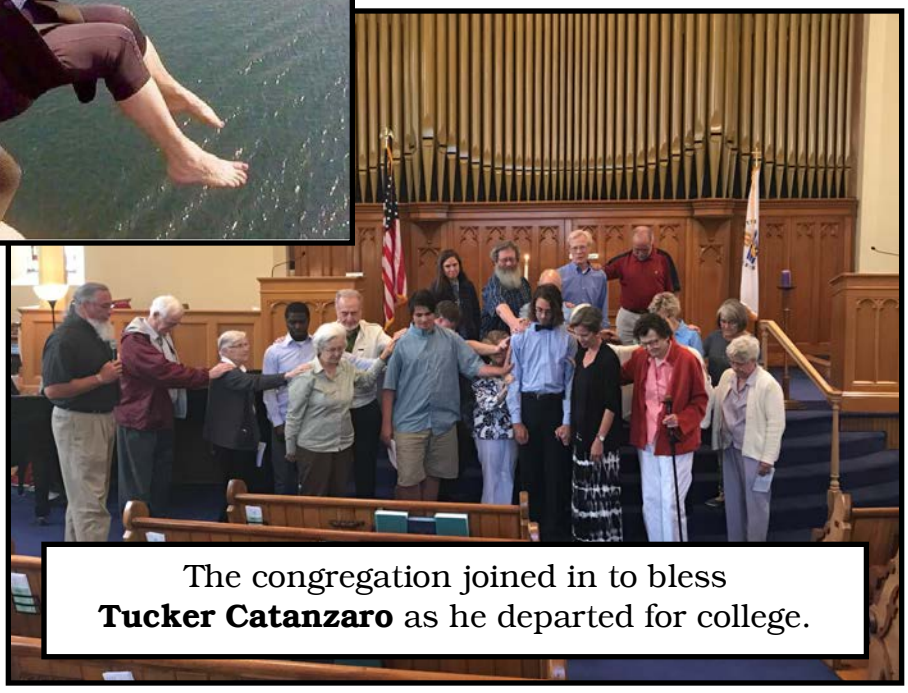


During her travels this past summer, **Kristin McKie** got up close to a giraffe in Kenya.

Cameron Boswell had a day of fishing with Rev. Mike on Trout Lake. Caught 30 fish including this beauty.



Chris Lyon was flying high while parasailing with a friend.



The congregation joined in to bless **Tucker Catanzaro** as he departed for college.

Thanks to all for **sharing photos** and **news**. We love seeing and hearing it all. Keep them coming and send info for **Student News** and **Family News** to the church office, office@churchonthepark.org.

October Lectionary Readings

October 1
Exodus 17:1–7
Psalm 78:1–4, 12–16
Philippians 2:1–13
Matthew 21:23–32

October 8
Exodus 20:1–4, 7–9, 12–20
Psalm 19
Philippians 3:4b–14
Matthew 21:33–46

October 15
Exodus 32:1–14
Psalm 106:1–6, 19–23
Philippians 4:1–9
Matthew 22:1–14

October 22
Exodus 33:12–23
Psalm 99
1 Thessalonians 1:1–10
Matthew 22:15–22

October 29
Deuteronomy 34:1–12
Psalm 90:1–6, 13–17
1 Thessalonians 2:1–8
Matthew 22:34–46

Saving Grace

Dearest Lord,
teach me to be generous.
Teach me to serve
Thee as Thou deservest;
To give and not to count the cost;
To fight and not to heed the wounds;
To toil and not to seek reward.
Save that of knowing that
I do Thy will, O God.

-St. Ignatius Loyola

Birthdays This Month

October Birthdays

1	Fred Rexford, Andrew Loeffler, Armond Spencer
2	Mark St. Hilaire, Patience Boswell
4	Diane Ladison, Tiffany Conn-Soricelli
8	Beverly Oliver
13	Charles Dean, Barbara Klemens
14	Aggrey Wasike; Maria Franklin
15	Bonnie Russell, Steven DeSantis
17	Jeanne Stone, Maggie Smith
19	Barbara Garrett
23	Meagan Brady, Al Ostrander
24	Philip Royce
25	Darcy Aldous, Cati Hill
26	Kelly Davis
30	Judy DeSantis

October Anniversaries

1	Vernon & Arvilla Aldous
7	Stephen & Martha Cole, Glenn & Martha Pierce
8	Scott & Chris Sutherland
9	Patrick & Heidi Ames
19	Fred & Sandra Pollard
24	Richard & Jeanne Stone

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

Wanted

A family in our church is looking for a **child-size wooden desk**. If you have one that you would like to donate or sell, contact **Linda** at nautilus@twcny.rr.com.

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.

B.A.D. Guys

Our **B.A.D. Guys' breakfast** (Breakfast And Devotions) will resume **October 8th**. The Breakfast is held on the **2nd Sunday of the month** at **8:15 am** in Fellowship Hall. All the men & boys of the church are invited to come share a devotion, enjoy the spirited fellowship, and a savory morning meal. If you would like to volunteer to help coordinate one (or more) of these meals, see Rev. Mike.

Congregational Resources

Monthly copies of ***"These Days"*** are available to you on the table outside of sanctuary in the Narthex. Feel free to pick up a copy for yourself or family. Copies of the **Revised Common Lectionary**, on which we base our Liturgy, are in the monthly newsletter. Also, the latest editions of **"Horizons"** and **"Presbyterian Today"** are in the Narthex. Please return them when you are done so others may enjoy them.

The monthly **Lectionary** readings are also available on the church website at: http://www.churchonthepark.org/lectionary-readings/

Presbyterian Worship

Partridge Knoll services will resume on **November 1st** and will continue through the winter (except January) on the **1st Wednesday** of the month at **11:00 a.m.**

We Need You!

To sign up as a **greeter**
or to **host coffee hour** for any Sunday,
contact the church office at 386-2570.

Like Us On Facebook!

The Church On The Park has a **Facebook page** which changes regularly - http://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 our Webmaster Tom Dildine:
dildine@stlawu.edu

The Church's email address:
Office@ChurchOnThePark.org

Reverend Mike's email address:
RevMike@ChurchOnThePark.org

Sermon Podcasts

The weekly sermon is posted by Thursday and is available for down load or listening. An archive of past sermons is also available.

http://churchonthepark.org/sermons/

Deacon's CD Ministry

The Deacons CD ministry **provides our homebound friends & members with a CD of each week's worship service**. CDs are then delivered to homes the following week, and CD players are provided if necessary.

Newsletter Deadline Is The 15th Of The Month

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 **October 15th.**
Come early to church
and make your own name tag.
Get to know your neighbor.

More Church Photos

Great fun, food (and weather!) at the **Annual Church Picnic**. Special thanks to **Karen** & **Bill Parker** for organizing it.

Julia Trombly shared her joy with all the at the picnic.

Bounce House was a **big hit!**

Bertrand's Construction **repaired the roof** near the bell tower in September.

Thanks to **Barry Walch** (seen here talking with workers from Bertrand's Construction) for overseeing the roof repair.

FALL BAZAAR
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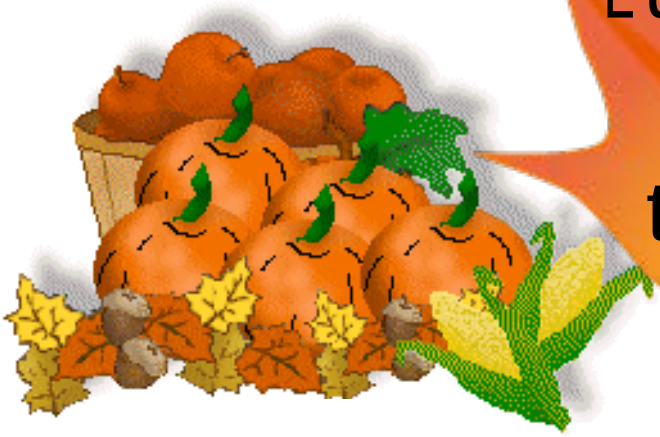
9:00 a.m
Until
2:00 p.m.

Lunch Served
11:00 a.m.
to 1:00 p.m.



Handmade Gifts, Jewelry, Candy, Baked Goods, Plants,
Fall Harvest Items, Elegant Junk, Books/Videos

October 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Deacon & Food Offering World Communion 11:15 AM Handbell Choir Practice 6:00 PM Silas Wright Club	2	3	4	5	6	7
8 8:15 AM BAD Guys B-Fast 11:15 AM Handbell Choir Practice	9 Columbus Day	10	11 7:00 PM Circle	12	13	14 9:00 AM Bazaar
15 Noisy Can Offering Newsletter Deadline Name Tag Sunday Second for Stewardship 11:15 AM Handbell Choir Practice	16	17 1:00 PM Afternoon Book Group	18	19	20	21
22 Handbell Sunday Caspar Green to Preach Rev. Mike Off Second for Stewardship 11:15 AM Handbell Choir Practice	23	24 7:00 PM Evening Book Group	25	26 5:45 PM Deacons	27	28
29 Reformation Sunday Sam Chirwa To Preach Rev. Mike Lead Worship Second for Stewardship 11:15 AM Handbell Choir Practice	30 7:00 PM Session	31 Halloween	1	2	3	4

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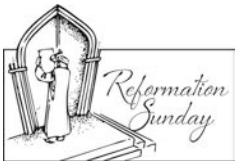

Annual Church Bazaar - October 14th
Church School Report
Student News
Afternoon & Evening Book Groups
Silas Wright Club Resumes
World Communion Sunday - October 1st

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.