



# The View From The Park

A Newsletter of Faith & Community

September 2025

1st Presbyterian Church on the Park  
17 Park Street  
Canton, NY 13617

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## Sundays in September

• **Worship Begins At 10:00 a.m.** •

• **September 7th** •

Deacons & Food Shelf Offering  
Church School Resumes  
Cabbage Roll & Pie Sale - 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.  
Rev. Mike On Vacation  
Pastor Mike Terrell To Preach



• **September 14th** •

Deacons' Meeting - 11:15 a.m.  
Rev. Mike On Vacation  
Rev. Mary Woodman To Preach



• **September 21st** •

Baptism - Alistair & Chris Melville  
Noisy Can Offering  
Name Tag Sunday



• **September 28th** •

Rev. Mike on Vacation  
Laurinda Stockwell to Preach



## Church Website

Go to [www.churchonthepark.org](http://www.churchonthepark.org) or scan this QR code to see the latest sermon, church calendar, link to our YouTube Channel and much more!



**Rev. Michael P. Catanzaro**..... Pastor  
**Pastor Donna Doig, CLP**..... Associate Pastor  
**Andrea Montgomery**..... Church School Director  
**TBD**..... Director of Music & Pianist  
**Christy Dekay**..... Office Coordinator  
**Emily & Kate Ewy**..... Nursery Care Providers  
**Patience Boswell**..... Sexton  
**Cameron Boswell**..... Stream Master  
**Linda Potter**..... Congregational Coordinator

**Office Hours: 1:30 - 4:30 p.m. Tues. & Thursday**

## Fall Rummage Sale

The Fall Rummage Sale will be held **Friday, September 26th** from **9 a.m. - 4 p.m.** and **Saturday, September 27th** from **9 a.m. - noon** with a **Congregational Sneak Peek** on **Thursday, September 25th** from **6 - 8 p.m.**

**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. Our Rummage Sale chair, **Christy Dekay**, is looking for those who want to co-chair with her as her schedule is pretty full these days.

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 **12:30 p.m.** on **Saturday, September 20th**. 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 (lunch provided).

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

## Family News

Thanks to **Doug Wingerath** for his good work to get the electrical panel in the manse rewired and updated to a 200 amp service and getting power run to the attic for lights and outlet, and for the installation of the new door to the rear entrance of the sanctuary from the narthex. These are huge, walking-on-the-moon steps forward.

Thanks to **Michelle Theisen** for compiling a list of church kids (and the correct spelling of their names) to receive their own bible with their name engraved on the cover as a gift from our church. This fall (probably in October) we will be giving these to 25 kids in our church.

Prayers for **Bill and Karen Parker**. Recently, at the end of the summer, they closed on the sale of their house and moved to an apartment in Potsdam (thanks to **Mark Brackett** and **Cam Boswell** for helping with the move). However, that first evening Bill fell and broke his femur which required surgery to repair. Currently, Bill is at the Canton nursing home undergoing rehabilitation while Karen resides at Legacy K in North Russell. An *enormous* thank you to **Ellen Grayson** who sat with Karen that first night so she wouldn't be alone after the rescue squad had taken Bill to the hospital and, *then*, packed her things the following morning and took her to Legacy K where she got Karen settled. This was *tremendously* kind of Ellen.

Prayers for **Barry Walch** on the death of his sister Pam who had been under the care of Hospice and nearing the end of her journey through this world. We are thankful God was gentle with her and has now led her home. Prayers for strength and courage as Barry and his family they lean into their faith. Cards may be sent to Barry at 46 Judson St., Canton, NY 13617.

Continued long distance prayers for Jeannie Lewis, a former church member who lives in NH and is the daughter of Elsie

## Family News - cont.

being treated for macular degeneration.

Prayers for **Ella Morter** on death of her companion Ron Sibbitts. Cards may be sent to Ella at 1314 CR 25, Canton NY 13617.

**Bob Fraser** is now living with his daughter, **Karen McAuliffe**, and her husband, **Joe**, at 49 Bird Street, Canton NY 13617. Cards welcome. Call ahead to Bob on his cell phone regarding visiting (315) 323-8416.

Prayers for **John and Georgia Vose** (Georgia recently broke her wrist); **Colleen Grant** and **Dale** in support of her; **Wayne Miller** facing health challenges (241 Eddy-Pyrites Rd. Canton NY 13617); **Michelle Theisen** providing care and support for her mother, Shirely Degouf-Brassard; and **Bev Findley** who was hospitalized at the end of August.

Prayers for **Carolyn O'Connor** living at an assisted living facility outside of Boston. Her address is: Carolyn O'Connor 216, 276 Whiting Street, Hingham, MA 02043. Any card or note one cares to send would be *greatly* appreciated.

On-going prayers for **Bill and Karen Parker, Lew Shepard** and, **Marilyn Coir** in their days; **Rich Denison** who continues to face health concerns, **Christa Lyon** and **Josh Holbrook** facing health challenges; Mark Holbrook (father of **Josh**) recovering from open-heart surgery; Janet Favro currently residing at Keene Valley Neighborhood House (Attn Janet Favro, P.O. Box 46, Keene Valley, NY 12943); **Nick Scelzi**, a resident of the Canton Nursing Home (Willow 206, 205 State Street Road, Canton).



**We pray for parents raising children, and children caring for parents.**

## September Lectionary Readings

### September 7

Jeremiah 18:1-11  
Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18  
Philemon 1-21 P  
Luke 14:25-33



### September 14

Jeremiah 4:11-12, 22-28  
Psalm 14  
1 Timothy 1:12-17  
Luke 15:1-10

### September 21

Jeremiah 8:18-9:1  
Psalm 79:1-9  
1 Timothy 2:1-7  
Luke 16:1-13

### September 28

Jeremiah 32:1-3a, 6-15  
Psalm 91:1-6, 14-16  
1 Timothy 6:6-19  
Luke 16:19-31

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## Kudos To The Kids!

Congratulations to the following students who participated in the CCS Spring Jazz Concert on May 7th.

Middle School Band: **Wes Gayle** (Alto Sax), **Gwen Lapierre** (Horn).  
High School Jazz Band: **Maria Franklin** (Saxophone).



**This month we pray for kids returning to school, and their parents. Bless them and keep them O Lord!**

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## Annual Chicken BBQ

The **Scotch Presbyterian Church** will hold their **70th Annual Chicken BBQ** on **Saturday, September 6th**. This "drive-thru takeout" will start at **2 p.m.** until all is sold. A half chicken, salt potatoes, coleslaw, a roll and a slice of pie for \$15 or a half chicken for \$8. The church is located at 35 County Rd 33 in Madrid (look for the **green steeple**)!

## Evening Book Group

The Evening Book Group will meet on **Tuesday, September 23rd** at 7 p.m. in Lorna's Lounge to discuss **Family Tree** by Barbara Delinsky with the discussion led by **Pat Mace**. All are welcome.

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## Women's Circle

Women's Circle will meet on **Wednesday, September 10th** at **7 p.m.** in Lorna's Lounge with the topic of "**Back To School**". All women of the church are welcome!



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## Alzheimer's Assoc. Canton Caregiver Support Group

If you or someone you know is currently caring for a loved one or person with Alzheimer's or Dementia please consider attending the Canton Caregiver Support Group which meets the **first Tuesday** of the month at 6:30 p.m. at the **Canton Free Library**. Call (315) 472-4201 ex. 227 for **pre-registration** and **screening**. You are not in this alone, and not alone in doing this.

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## Cabbage Roll & Pie Sale

We will be holding our annual Cabbage Roll Sale on **Sunday, September 6th** from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. This has been a very profitable fundraiser in the past, but to make this happen **we need your help**. The plan is to make **400 cabbage rolls**.....ugh! We will be looking for donations of ingredients, volunteers on Friday evening (to make the meat centers), volunteers on Saturday afternoon to do the **tedious cabbage rolling** and finally on Sunday morning to cut pies and sell the finished product. We will also need **pies, pies and more pies**. Sign-up sheets for donations and volunteers are in the foyer.

## Church Attendance

	In-Person	Stream
June 29	51	30
July 6	32	25
July 13	55	60
July 20	25	25
July 27	17	21
August 3	23	24
August 10	28	25
August 17	31	28
August 24	26	22

Average In-Person Attendance: 32  
 Average Live-Stream Attendance: 29

## Treasurer's Report

	Operating	Mission
July 6	\$8,479.29	\$ 240.00
July 27	\$4,673.00	\$ 525.00
August 15	\$15,248.00	\$ 125.00
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$28,400.27</b>	<b>\$ 890.00</b>

## Annual Fall Bazaar

As summer comes to an end, fall quickly takes its place. The time for our Fall Bazaar will soon be upon us. This year it will be held on **Saturday, October 18th**. This is a great opportunity to meet with old friends, get to know new friends better, all while raising funds for the church. Mark it on your calendar and **think about how you would like to help** this year. All **new ideas** are welcome. Watch for more information soon about ways you can help make this event a success!



## Deacon's Offering

The Deacon's Offering is the **first Sunday** of the month and a vital component of our church's work and mission. Please remember to send along a contribution to the Deacons along with your pledge or regular offering. **Thank you!**

## Officers & Committees

### Elders On Session

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

Joe Montgomery Patrick LaPierre Rob Ewy  
 Sarah Melville Nick Dekay Jim Franklin  
 JJ Jockel Heidi Ames John Christopher  
 Rich Grayson Michelle Theisen Beth Hayes  
 Patricia Mace - Elder & Clerk Of Session

### Board of Deacons

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

Christy Dekay Ray Erickson Christa Lyon  
 Susan Akins Jane Cable Mark Brackett  
 Georgia Vose Bob Duda Stacie Olney-LaPierre  
 Ray Erickson, Treasurer

### Committees

### Chairs

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

Facilities Nick Dekay & Joe Montgomery  
 Responsible for the maintenance and use of all church property.

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

Nominating TBD  
 Responsible for filling Session, Deacons & Offices.

Christian Education Jim Franklin  
 Responsible for growth, nurturing & learning.

Worship Rob Ewy & Sarah Melville  
 With pastor, responsible for worship.

Communion Pat Mace & Vicki McLain

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

Mission Michelle Theisen & Sarah Melville  
 Helping our church, community and world.

Treasurer Mary McGreevy

Financial Secretary Barry Walch

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

Personnel Heidi Ames & Patrick LaPierre

**Thanks to our Elders & Deacons for their work on behalf of the church!**

# The Pastor's Report

Greetings to the Saints of the Park!

I know, I know, it is never a good sign when the Pastor's Report employs any form of Latin. It was that or David Bowie lyrics (Cha, cha, cha, cha, changes). I figure more people were apt to know the motto of the Reformed Tradition, "The Church Reformed, Always Reforming" than have the album *Hunky Dorky* marked as a favorite on their Spotify profile.

Emerging from the 16th-century Protestant Reformation, the Latin phrase, "Ecclesia Reformata, Semper Reformanda," is meant to express the need for *continuous* church reform, as the church had drifted from apostolic faith and biblical truth. 20th century Swiss Reformed theologian Karl Barth popularized the phrase for our modern generation of the church, though some claim it has ancient roots stretching back to St. Augustine. Regardless of how and when it arose, or who popularized it, these four simple words represent a radical understanding of the body of Christ (i.e., the Church) while also preparing for a world which remains unsettled.

It was not by accident that the Genesis account of creation finds God bringing order out of the midst of chaos. Up until the advent of the Rule of Law, Enlightenment, Scientific and Industrial Revolutions, and enormous technical advancements of recent decades, we humans have been ever aware of how small and helpless we are in the face of natural events and human misadventure. The story of human endeavor is

the story of trying to tame the nature around us, as we all as the nature within us, to yield a more ordered, predictable, and reliable reality. Often this is accomplished through the creation of human systems, institutions, and value all in an effort to mitigate change and the unpleasant uncertainty which often accompanies it.

While the term "reform" is meant to express a change that is planned and intended to bring about positive results, I think such an understanding is a bit unrealistic or, even, pollyannaish. While it may be nice to imagine having everything mapped out in front of us and implemented in neat, logical steps to achieve a clear and discernible end or goal, the truth is changes usually just happens to us, around us, and in spite of our best intentions or heart-felt hopes.

That's not to say that the world is spinning out of control, though it may seem like it some days. The simple truth is that change is inevitable and, given enough time and perspective, very often just the right thing at just the right time (there's that mystical reality again).

I tell you all this because one of the things I've realized over the course of the past 33 years of ministry is that while God might be a constant, the body of Christ is not. The church is *always* moving and grooving to become something new. The trick is to enjoy it.

Many blessings upon you,  
Rev. Mike



Ecclesia  
Reformata,  
Semper  
Reformanda

"We know that in all things God works for the good of those who love God and are called according to God's purpose." - Romans 8:28

# SEPTEMBER

## Birthdays

- 1 Heather Cole,  
Matthew Compeau
- 2 Mary Garwood
- 3 Nick Scelzi
- 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
- 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
- 12 Leah Rohlfen & Patrick McManus
- 13 Jean and Pat McGuire
- 15 Douglas & Terri Knuth
- 28 Tim & Patti Cryderman

## Holy Rollers

Have a bowl full of pennies? Did you discover a lot of coins in the cushions? If you have too much **loose change** to bring to church for **Noisy Can** Sundays, call the Holy Rollers. We will come to your house to sort, roll, count your change, and make sure it gets deposited so that you can donate to the Noisy Can Youth Mission. Contact **Michelle Thiesen**, RIC, at 315-742-2172 or **Rob Ewy** at 315-212-9425 to schedule a time.

## Virtual Worship & Fellowship

For live-streaming, fellowship, bulletins, sermons, newsletters, and other resources, **begin by bookmarking the church website:** [www.ChurchOnThePark.org](http://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](http://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 happen each Sunday (except July & August) 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](http://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](http://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](http://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").

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

## Session Report

Session met on **June 30th**. Rev. Mike reported that this summer that he will be preaching **five** Sundays at Brick Chapel Church and **two** at Dailey Ridge Church. He reported, with regret, that our pianist and choir director has accepted a position at another school out of this area. Her last day at the church is August 15th. The position will be advertised.

The **roof** at the **manse** will be replaced this summer and the skylights will be removed. Atwood Electric will install **electricity** in the manse attic. Rob Ewy mentioned that **tables** in Fellowship Hall need to be replaced and he will research the cost.

Facilities Committee reported that the **leaking sink** in the Sexton closet has been fixed. **Storm windows** in Fellowship Hall need to be fixed. Rev. Mike will call the company that installed the **lift** to come repair it so it works correctly.

**Jim Franklin** from the Resources Committee reported that we have received **donations** from the William and Lorna Webb and Betty Fraser families. The **flower fund** has been moved to a higher paying account.

**Michelle Theisen**, Mission Committee, reported \$150 from Noisy Can Offering will be spent to purchase food for Church & Community Food Pantry. **Christa Lyon** has change to donate to the Noisy Can fund. Also, C&CP is holding a **raffle** with drawings on August 1st.

After Rev. Mike left the meeting, Session discussed how to make his time off from the church easier. There were many ideas which were discussed. An email with ideas will be sent to him.

Next meeting is **August 25th**.



## Church School Resumes

Church School resumes on **September 7th**. All school age children are welcome to attend. Classes will be held each Sunday, September to December, except for **October 12th**, **November 30th** and **December 28th**. The kids' Christmas presentations will be on **December 7th**.

A new registration form will be required for all students (see page 9). Please contact **Andrea Montgomery** at 315-244-7628 or [amq20@yahoo.com](mailto:amq20@yahoo.com) with questions.

## Doxa Deo T-Shirts!

The ever impish **Richard Cassara** recently surprised **Rev. Mike** with the gift of a "**Doxa Deo**" (Greek for The Glory of God) T-Shirt. This was driven from **sermon** of the same title which was delivered on June 1st of this year (click [here](#) to read the sermon).

There was, however, a minimum order of 12 T-shirts. Rev. Mike received one, Richard has one, which means there are **10** remaining (**2 small, 2 medium, 2 large, 2 XL, 2 2XL**). They are in Rev. Mike's office and Richard would like to give them away free to anyone in the church who would like one (though Mike says we could accept whatever donation people wanted to give to be used for mission). These are high quality 100% cotton T-Shirts.



If interested, contact **Rev. Mike** or see him this Sunday before he goes on vacation. After that, **Christy** will have them in the church office.

## Prayer Warriors

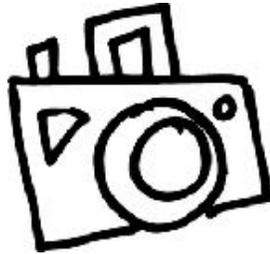
Would you like to help your neighbor, stretch spiritually and be a part of the mystical movement of the church? We are always looking for new prayer warriors to join **the church Prayer Chain** to offer prayers for folks who are ill, troubled or in need.

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



## 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 to 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**. Updates easily done.



## Presbyterian Worship

**Partridge Knoll services** 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>

## New Church Website Live



Christy and Rev. Mike have finished the NEW Church Website which is brighter and easier to use. We have switched to a different platform which will allow us to keep the site updated weekly (i.e. calendar)

The Church's email address:  
[Office@ChurchOnThePark.org](mailto:Office@ChurchOnThePark.org)

Reverend Mike's email address:  
[RevMike@ChurchOnThePark.org](mailto:RevMike@ChurchOnThePark.org)

## Sermons & Services

**Written Sermons** in PDF format are now available for viewing or downloading on Monday at [www.ChurchOnThePark.org](http://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](mailto: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 Newsletter Editor, Linda Potter, at:

[nautilus@twcny.rr.com](mailto:nautilus@twcny.rr.com)

## Hello, my name is...

Remember - **Name Tag Sunday** is **September 21st**.

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

***First Presbyterian Church on the Park***

**Church School Registration 2024-2025**

Student Name \_\_\_\_\_

Age \_\_\_\_\_ DOB \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_

School Name \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address \_\_\_\_\_

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Allergies \_\_\_\_\_

Medical Condition(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Parent(s) Name \_\_\_\_\_

Parents(s) Contact Number \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Other Comments \_\_\_\_\_

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**Please Return To:**

**Andrea Montgomery, Church School Director**

**4476 County Route 17, Rensselaer Falls, NY 13680**

**Email: [amq20@yahoo.com](mailto:amq20@yahoo.com) / Phone: 315-244-7628**

**(Or return to Andrea's church mailbox)**

## A Cappella!?!

Given that we still haven't found a **new pianist** (not to mention a **Choir Director**), we are going to have to "**rough it**" until further notice; i.e., we'll be singing hymns without accompaniment in worship. We are looking for **anyone** to play piano (or any instrument they wish) for the short term, long haul, or even for one Sunday (**contact Rev. Mike**). This would be a paying gig. Rather than getting in a kerfuffle about this, we are going to just go with it and try to have a little **fun** (why should this be any different than anything else we do at the Church on the Park?).

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## Peace Officer's Memorial Rededication

On **Saturday, September 20th**, Rev. Mike will be leading a **brief rededication service** at **10 a.m.** at the Peace Officers's Memorial in the park. The names of two State Troopers who worked and made their home in St. Lawrence County are being added to the memorial: **Trooper Brent W. Martin** and **First Sergeant Michael E. Snell**. Both of these men were deployed to NYC following 9/11 and later died from cancers associated with such service.



**All are invited** to come and remember these brave men, to honor their service to our community, state, and nation, and to support their families in this difficult time.

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## DME Available

A reminder that the church keeps a stock of **Durable Medical Equipment** (DME) for use and loan to those in the congregation with need. We have **walkers**, **shower chair** with back and without, and a travel **wheelchair** available. Contact the church office.

## You Can Make A Difference!

The **St. Lawrence County Office for the Aging** is in **critical** need of **volunteer meal drivers** to assist staff at any of the 5 Nutrition Centers located throughout the County. Volunteers are needed in **Brasher Falls, Canton, Gouverneur, Morristown** and **Potsdam**. Home delivered meal drivers deliver lunchtime meals to homebound seniors, Monday - Friday. Volunteers can choose their own schedule; volunteering a few hours a week or a month. Home delivered meals drivers receive mileage reimbursement of 70 cents per mile for their routes. Please consider helping out this **vital program** for seniors in our area.

To find out how you can help, please contact the office (315) 386-4730.

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## *Saving Grace*

And can we forbear,  
When tasting our food,  
The grace to declare,  
The goodness of God?

Our Father in heaven,  
With joy we partake  
The gifts Thou has given  
for Jesus's sake.

By Thee do we live,  
Thy hand does supply  
Like manna received  
Dropped down from the skies;  
Through words we endeavor  
Thy gifts to restore,  
Our praise ceasing never,  
With thanks evermore.

## SIGN(S) OF THE TIMES

Let music swell the breeze,  
and ring from all the trees  
sweet freedom's song.  
**Happy 4th of July!!!**

"May we think of freedom,  
not as the right  
to do as we please,  
but as the opportunity  
to do what is right."

- Peter Marshall

**Freedom  
Is Nothing Else  
But A Chance  
To Be Better**

- Albert Camus

**Summer Worship  
Begins at 9:00 a.m.**

In-Person and On-line

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**Canton Farmers' Market  
Tuesdays and Fridays  
In The Park  
9 a.m. to 2 p.m.  
Support Local Farms & Families!**

Let music swell the breeze,  
and ring from all the trees  
sweet freedom's song.  
**Happy 4th of July!!!**

**Dear Summer,  
Stop Showing Off.  
We Get It,  
You Are **HOT!****

**Thank goodness  
it's finally hot enough  
to justify one's laziness.**

# What We Did This Summer!



Colin caught a fish



Wes toured the Thames

Keep those photos coming, we will include in the October Newsletter!

Let's celebrate our children, families, and church!



The Boswells went to the lake  
(Love the dress!)



Leah & Isabelle went...



... to the ocean



Emily & Kate painted their parking spot...



...and (almost) hugged a tree



Pat and Faye kept the church garden growing all summer, with spectacular result.

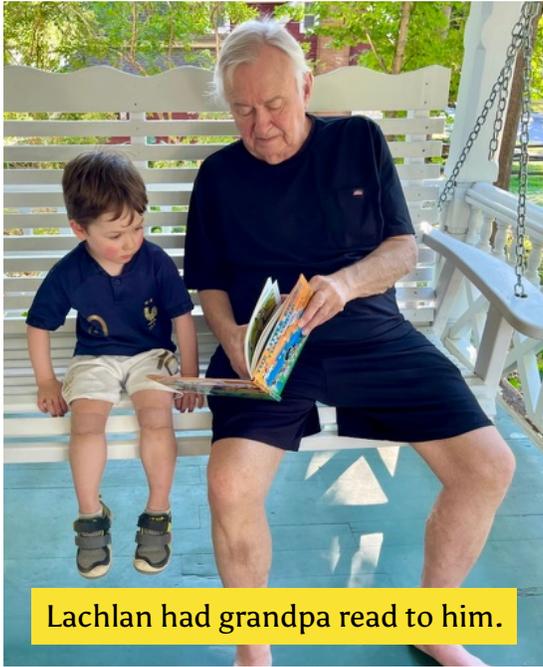
Special thanks to Ben who provided the bulk of the brawn required for such an endeavor.

The talk of the town, it a gorgeous way to welcome folks to our church.

“The earth sings the glory of God!”



The Dekays went to Texas to visit family and go to the beach.



Lachlan had grandpa read to him.



Nico went camping and fishing.

# A Blessing and Reception for Meg



Thanks to Ellen and Barb for putting on the spread.



With the choir.



Blessings for the family...



...James & Meg, Findley & Heidi

# Church and Community News

## Food Pantry Usage

MAY: 204 HH, 445 individuals. This includes 10 new households and 3 emergency food/homeless cases. There were 101 children, 210 adults and 134 seniors. Compare to: 222 HH/470 individuals last May, and 211 HH/426 individuals a month ago.

JUNE: 216 HH, 457 individuals. This includes 18 new households and one emergency/homeless case. There were 96 children, 214 adults and 147 seniors. Compare this to: 221 HH/459 individuals last June, and 204 HH/445 individuals a month ago.

## Pencil Drive An Enormous Success!!! THANKS TO ALL WHO HELPED

We are pleased to report we *surpassed* our goal and we were able to collect **1,508 (!)** pencils this summer for the CCP Back To School program for local school children. An enormous thank you to all who purchased, dropped off, and shipped pencils from near & far. A tremendous effort!!!



## Raffle Fundraiser Results

Thanks to the generous support of so many people in the community, this summer's first ever Raffle Fundraiser was able to raise **\$2,478 (!!!)** for the work of the Church and Community Program



Thanks to Christa Lyon who donated her and her son's collection of loose change to Noisy Can Youth Mission. A modest pile of coins became \$274! This will cover almost two months of our children's donation of food to the C&CP food pantry. Way to go Christa & Mark!



## Noisy Can Collection Grows

# Work Begins On The Manse



A new roof has been installed...



...as well as a 200 amp electrical service.

## Join the Manse Renovation Committee Help Us Repair and Upgrade Our Manse!

We are assembling a **Manse Renovation Committee** to lead the charge in repairing and upgrading the Manse, and we need your help! If you have experience in:

- Fundraising for significant funds
- Home repairs or maintenance
- Redesigning or remodeling any part of a home (whether you did the work or not)
- Estimating costs and materials
- Working with contractors or coordinating projects

...we'd love to have you on the team.

This is a hands-on opportunity to make a real difference in the upkeep and improvement of an important part of our church property. The committee will begin meeting soon to assess needs and start planning, so we're asking for volunteers to step forward as soon as possible to join current members Jim Franklin, Sarah Melville, Pat Mace, and Rob Ewy..

**Please text Jim Franklin at 508.207.7507** to express interest or ask questions.

Your skills and service can help ensure the Manse is safe, functional, and ready to support our ministry for years to come.

**Let's work together to make these upgrades a success!**

## Thanks To All Who Helped With The Norton Funeral Lunch

Our entire congregation was saddened by the recent death of beloved pillar of the church, **Shirley Norton** (cards may be sent % Bonnie Norton, 707 2nd Street, Athens PA 18810). A kind, gracious, and generous woman who had been ever helpful in so many ways since she first joined the church in 1955.

Correspondingly, and to honor her legacy, we wanted to put on a special luncheon for her family following her funeral. **Special Thanks** to those who offered food, time, and financial contributions for the luncheon for the Norton family following the funeral for Shirely. It was a terrific meal, and the family felt a great deal of support (along with very full bellies).

We are grateful to **Cameron, Patience and Aubry Boswell, Sean Boutin, Rita Ostrander, Christa Lyon, Mary Christopher, Heidi Ames, Edith Frazer, Linda Potter, Georgia Vose, Christy Dekay, Barb Brown, Bob Duda, Jean McGuire, Janet Stitt, Michelle and Gordon Theisen, Faye and Brent Bartley, Barb King, Marilyn Rodee, Jim Franklin, Patrick and Gwen LaPierre, Ellen Grayson, and Patricia Mace!** Special thanks to **Pat** and **Ellen** for their leadership in organizing and pulling this off (yet again)!

Christa, Pat & Ellen  
create centerpieces  
for the lunch.



"Who can  
find a  
woman of  
such noble  
character."

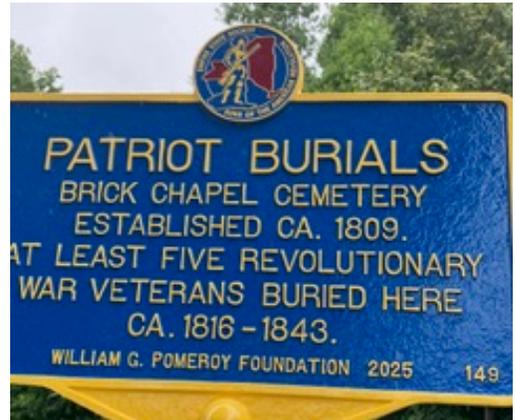
Bonnie,  
Bruce,  
Shirley &  
Brian Norton



# Brick Chapel News

It has been a strong summer season of worship, fellowship, and service this summer at Brick Chapel; our sister Presbyterian Church located just south of the village. There has been a flurry of activity in the small but hearty group of dedicated parishioners. Along with well-attended and vibrant worship, big strides have been made in the maintenance and upkeep of the building and grounds including: removal of the cedar trees in front of the church, installing working light bulbs in all sockets in the sanctuary, acquiring new fans, and having the ramp power washed and stained. This winter the focus will be on further addressing maintenance, updates, and goals. (See below).

Thanks to the efforts of County Historian Nancy La Faver, a new historic marker has been erected at the entrance of the cemetery commemorating the burial of at least *five* Revolutionary War veterans and their wives. A big, well attended dedication ceremony at the end of August, and a reception afterward hosted by the congregation. It was a good day for Brick Chapel.



Brick Chapel Church 5501 CR 27 Canton established 1815	JULY 2025
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Recent repairs: electrical entrance needed to be replaced, trees were removed from the front of the church and the end of the ramp to prepare for staining and sealing, rodent issues led to replacing some of the wood and carpet on the stairs as well as cieling and floor repairs in the basement.	
	steeple needs refacing roof needs to be replaced
	fascia and soffit are broken and need replacing
	foundation and brick church need repointing
Bids/donations/questions: Brick Chapel Church Maintenance c/o Elliott Rodee 8 Meade Road Canton, NY 13617 315.323.6859 or Jim Matthews 250 CR 29 Canton, NY 13617 315.379.5253	

# Cabbage Roll Sale

**Sunday September 7th  
11 a.m to 1:00 p.m.**

## Cost

### **Cabbage Rolls**

\$3.50 each or 2 for \$6

### **Homemade Pie**

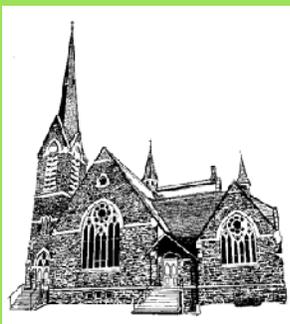
\$2 per slice

## Pre-Orders Available

(Prior to Noon. September 6th,  
but not necessary.)

Call : (315) 244-7902

Email: hayesbe27@gmail.com



## **First Presbyterian Church on the Park**

**17 Park Street Canton, New York**

**(315) 386-2570**



# Rummage Sale

*Great Clothes  
at  
Great Prices*

**Friday  
September  
26th**

**Saturday  
September  
27th**

**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 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31 11:15AM Church Fellowship Zoom Meeting	1 Rev. Mike on Vacation; Pastor Michael Terrell To Preach 9/7/25 Labor Day	2 1:30PM Church Office Open	3	4 1:30PM Church Office Open	5 6:00PM Cabbage Roll Prep	6 10:00AM Cabbage Roll Prep
7 Rev. Mike on Vacation; Pastor Michael Terrell To Preach 9/14/25 CS Resumes Deacon & Food Offering 11:00AM Cabbage Roll Sale 11:15AM Church Fellowship Zoom Meeting	8 Rev. Mike on Vacation; Pastor Michael Terrell To Preach 9/14/25 1:30PM Church Office Open	9 Mary Woodman To Preach 9/14/25 1:30PM Church Office Open	10 7:00PM Women's Circle	11 1:30PM Church Office Open 4:15PM C&CP Board Meeting	12	13
14 Rev. Mike on Vacation; Rev. Mary Woodman To Preach 9/14/25 11:15AM Church Fellowship Zoom Meeting 11:15AM Deacons Meeting	15 Mary Woodman To Preach 9/14/25 1:30PM Church Office Open	16 1:30PM Church Office Open	17	18 1:30PM Church Office Open	19 10:00AM Peace Officers Memorial 12:30PM RS Set-Up Begins	20
21 Baptisms - Melville Name Tag Sunday Noisy Can Offering 11:15AM Church Fellowship Zoom Meeting	22 Rev. Mike on Vacation; Laurinda Stockwell To Preach 9/28/25 Rummage Sale Set-Up	23 1:30PM Church Office Open 7:00PM Evening Book Group	24	25 1:30PM Church Office Open 6:00PM RS Sneak Peek	26 9:00AM Rummage Sale	27
28 Rev. Mike on Vacation; Laurinda Stockwell To Preach 9/28/25 11:15AM Church Fellowship Zoom Meeting	29 Laurinda Stockwell To Preach 9/28/25	30 1:30PM Church Office Open	1 11:00AM PK Service	2 1:30PM Church Office Open	3	4