



# The View From The Park

A Newsletter of Faith & Community

October 2025

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

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## Sundays in October

• **Worship Begins At 10:00 a.m.** •

• **October 5th** •

World Communion Sunday  
Deacons & Food Shelf Offering  
Congregational Meeting After Worship  
(Elect Members To Nominating Committee)



• **October 12th** •

Baptism - Harold & Toby Thomas



• **October 19th** •

Welcome Mark Darou  
Blessing Of The Children  
Noisy Can Offering  
Name Tag Sunday  
Mini-Bazaar After Worship  
Deacon's Meeting



• **October 26th** •

Come-In-Costume Sunday  
Seconds for Stewardship  
The "Dreaded" Stewardship Sermon



## 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  
**Mark Darou**..... Choir Director & 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 Bazaar

**It's Back!** Our Bazaar is scheduled for **Saturday, October 18th** from **9 a.m. to 2 p.m.** This is a busy day with plenty to do for everyone. You can help!

**White Elephant** – Attic treasures and elegant junk. Knick-knacks, kitchenware 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 and fall crops.

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

**Luncheon** – Kitchen and wait staff needed. Food donations will be solicited. A list will be in the foyer on **October 5th**.

As well as donations, we are ALWAYS looking for **VOLUNTEERS** to work these tables. Let us know where you would like to help. It really is a lot of fun (**REALLY**). And you don't need to do it all day. This is where you really get to know people....the **Fellowship** really is **fantastic!**

Many hands make light work.....and it is great fun besides! Volunteers? Questions? Contact **Beth Hayes** (244-7902) call or text.

## Family News

Congratulations to **Dr. Kristine Potter** who has been awarded a tenured position as an Assistant Professor of Biology in the Science Department at SUNY Canton beginning in September 2026.

Prayers for **Arvilla Aldous** on the death of her sister, Arlene Perrigo.

Prayers for **Bill Parker** recovering from open-heart surgery on October 2nd (in Syracuse) and for Karen during this time that they are apart.

Thanks to **Doug Wingerath** for his good work to get the old safe removed from the church basement. As he, himself, said, "*Douglas is to the safe as Ahab is to Moby Dock.*" You Go DOUG!



Huge thanks to **Dr. Robert Nordberg** for volunteering to take the church's (many) 5 gallon buckets of old floor wax to the SLC Hazardous Waste Day in Massena last month. A tremendous help!

Continued long distance prayers for Jeannie Lewis, a former church member who lives in NH and is the daughter of Elsie Dana, being treated for macular degeneration.

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

Prayers for **Colleen Grant** and **Dale** in support of her; **Wayne Miller** facing health challenges (241 Eddy-Pyrites Rd. Canton NY 13617); and **Carolyn O'Connor** living at an assisted living facility outside of Boston (Rm. 216, 276 Whiting Street, Hingham, MA 02043).

## Family News - cont.

Prayers for **Martha Cole**, and her family, on the death of her mother Helen Jemison. Cards can be sent to 10548 State Highway (SH) 37, Lisbon, NY 13658.

On-going prayers for **Lew Shepard** and **Marilyn Coir** in their days; **Rich Denison** who continues to face health concerns, **Christa Lyon** and **Josh Holbrook** facing health challenges; Bev & Jerry Findley with health issues; **Nick Scelzi & Wanda Renick** residents of the Nursing Home.

## Student News

Congratulations to **Maria Franklin** on the Canton JV Volleyball Team, **Kristen Holbrook** on the Canton Varsity Volleyball Team, **Emily Ewy** on the Potsdam Varsity Volleyball Team, **Kate Ewy** on the Potsdam Swim Team, and **Harper Elvy** on the Canton Swim Team! Way to go Ladies!

## JJ At The UU Church

Our own **JJ Jockel** will be presenting a talk on Friday, **October 24th** at 6 p.m. at the UU Church entitled "*The Universalist Church, the founding of the St. Lawrence University, and the Theological School.*"

## Welcome Mark!

Welcome to **Mark Darou** who will be joining us as our new pianist on Sunday, **October 19th**. Mark is the father of Abby Darou and **Olivia Sullivan** (husband **Jeremiah**, daughters **Isabelle** and **Leah**) and a member of the Goldenaires barber-shoppers (hence the bow tie in the photo). After he gets settled in his new role as pianist, we will look toward resuming choir practice.



## Cabbage Roll Report

A special thank you to **EVERYONE** who made our recent Cabbage Roll/Pie sale a success. All those that donated ingredients, their time, made pies, purchased cabbage rolls or just prayed for our success: **THANK YOU**. It was amazing how quickly the list filled up. We rolled **50#** of hamburger into **430** rolls from the leaves of **16** HUGE cabbages (**140#**). There were a few take aways from this year's event: My record remains intact – I still have **NEVER** rolled even **ONE** cabbage roll at these events. The process began on Friday evening with **Emily Bolton, Sandy Trimm, Sophia Smalling & Whitney Courson** turning 50# of very cold burger into meat centers (referred to in the business as “meat turds”). On Saturday, the process began with Whitney boiling cabbages and peeling leaves (I did put the water in the pots and started it boiling). **Rob Ewy** arrived to help with the boiling/peeling process. **Christy & Rosalie Dekay** and **Michelle Theisen** started the rolling process followed by **Emily & Kate Ewy** and Emily Bolton. They made very short work of the rolling and moved on to filling sauce cups. **Sebastian Dekay** lended a hand by opening cans with the can opener no one else could figure out how to work.

The Sunday morning was a whirlwind of activity as **Jean McGuire** and **Arvilla Aldous** did a fantastic job of cutting and packaging the pies that had come in as Whitney and Sophia filled the pre-orders. The rush began when church let out: Sophia and **Sarah Melville** ran up and down the stairs bringing orders to waiting customers. **Jim Franklin** was supposed to be manning the cash table...but seemed to do more visiting than he did selling. It was a great day and we sold out before 1:00...TWICE (ask Jim how this could happen).

## Cabbage Report - cont.

All kidding aside, Whitney did a great job as her first year as **HEAD CABBAGE**, we had a great time, were able to deliver meals to some important members of our congregation and add **\$1,853** to our church coffers. A **HUGE Thank You** to **EVERYONE**. - **Beth Hayes**



## October Lectionary Readings

### October 5

Lamentations 1:1–6  
Lamentations 3:19–26 or Psalm 137  
2 Timothy 1:1–14  
Luke 17:5–10

### October 12

Jeremiah 29:1, 4–7  
Psalm 66:1–12  
2 Timothy 2:8–15  
Luke 17:11–19



### October 19

Jeremiah 31:27–34  
Psalm 119:97–104  
2 Tim. 3:14–4:5;  
Luke 18:1–8

### October 26

Joel 2:23–32  
Psalm 65  
2 Tim. 4:6–8, 16–18  
Luke 18:9–14

## Evening Book Group

The Evening Book Group will meet on **Tuesday, October 28th** at 7 p.m. in Lorna's Lounge to discuss **God Of The Woods** by Liz Moore with the discussion led by **Susan Akins**.



## Women's Circle

Women's Circle will meet on **Wednesday, October 8th** at 7 p.m. in Lorna's Lounge with the topic of **“The Sound Of Silence.”** All women of the church are welcome!



## Church Attendance

	In-Person	Stream	CS
August 31	20	25	No CS
September 7	37	31	9
September 14	36	33	5
September 21	74	38	11
September 28	39	32	4

Average In-Person Attendance: 41  
 Average Live-Stream Attendance: 32  
 Average CS Attendance: 7

## Treasurer's Report

	Operating	Mission
August 24	\$6,897.00	\$ 105.00
September 7	\$3,543.61	\$ 125.00
September 21	\$7,387.07	\$ 183.00
September 22	\$6,661.51	\$1,125.00
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$24,489.19</b>	<b>\$1,538.00</b>

## New Member Class

Rev. Mike will be offering a New Member Class (everything you wanted to know about Presbyterianism but were afraid to ask) following worship in the Conference Room on on **Sunday, October 26th**. We'll start at **11:15 a.m.** and finish by Noon.

Everyone and anyone is welcome to attend, and there is no expectation (or pressure) that by attending you wish to join the church (we'll also talk a bit about what membership is and is not). Please see **Rev. Mike** with any questions, or if you would like child care during the class.

## Planting New Seeds

**Marilyn Rodee** is heading up the plant table for the **Fall Bazaar** on Saturday, October 18 and is looking for donations of **house plants, bulbs & tubers** to winter over, **dried flowers** for fall & winter arrangements such as hydrangeas, yarrow, cattails & more! Help make this table **bloom!**. Contact Marilyn with any questions or suggestions at [marilynrodee@gmail.com](mailto:marilynrodee@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  
 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

### Manse Renovation Committee

Jim Franklin, Pat Mace, Sarah Melville, Rob Ewy, Joe Montgomery, Christy and Nicholas Dekay

**Thanks to our Elders & Deacons for their good work!**

# The Pastor's Report

To the People of the Park,

As she has done on any number of occasions over the years, the other day Linda told me that I should write a book about what parish ministry is *really* like. Or, more to the point, how wonderful parish ministry can be (and that, no, the “church” is not dying in spite of the worst efforts of many). My response, however, is always the same: what could I possibly add to the conversation/topic? Figuring it out is fairly straightforward, and there isn't an awful lot that is new under that particular sun. It is the *doing* of church that is the challenge. The only book that illuminates in this regard is the “Good Book.”

That said, over the past few weeks I admit I *have* begun to open myself up to the very real possibility of writing a book; though specific in scope. What excites me is the topic: The Church Fundraiser: How To Get Good At Them While Doing Good (And Why They Matter).

I am, of course, being a little tongue in cheek here but not completely. Over the past 25 years I've witnessed our congregation grapple with a very important question that, quite honestly, should be grappled with a whole lot more than it is in any number of areas of life. That is, **“What are we doing here?!?”**

Not to belabor the obvious, but the stated purpose of the yearly Rummage Sale(s), Cabbage Roll Sale, Bazaar and all the other fundraisers we have (or have ever had) at the church is (you guessed it) to raise funds! But that's not why we do them, is it? We do them

for other reasons. Reasons that are even more important. Fellowship, chief among them. Rolling cabbage and sorting clothes is the opportunity we give ourselves to know and be known by others.

Then there is the mission part of these endeavors; which is to say the good we do. While folks may *like* cabbage rolls, what they like *more* is someone delivering a meal to one's home as a sign of being cared for and remembered. For the the rummage sale, it is getting quality goods, clothes, shoes, and household items into the hands of those who greatly need them at very affordable prices.

I know that every year *vast* numbers of cabbage rolls and pie are given away to the homebound. This year the rummage sale went from a certain cost per item, to a flat fee of \$5/bag on Friday and \$1/bag on Saturday (unless otherwise marked, like big ticket items). Then, in the final hour of the sale after lunch on Saturday everything was *free!* The result? About the very same amount was raised regardless of pricing method.

How can this be, you ask? The answer is, when we approach life with a sense of abundance rather than scarcity we create a sense of abundance in others and this leads to generosity (“All that for \$5!?! Here, take \$10.”). I mean, let's face it, we all have enough of what we need. Why wouldn't we share some with others? For a person to do so is commendable. For a church to do so is a responsibility.

When we have each other, we have all we need...and more,

- Rev. Mike

“Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you.” - Luke 6:38

## **OCTOBER** Birthdays

- 1 Andrew Loeffler
- 2 Patience Boswell
- 3 Lachlan Boutin
- 4 Diane Ladison,  
Tiffany Conn-Soricelli
- 12 Josh Holbrook
- 13 Chuck Dean
- 14 Aggrey Wasike, Maria Franklin,  
Frederick McManus,  
Ellen MacMaster
- 15 Bonnie Russell
- 16 Janice Reynolds
- 17 Jeanne Stone, Maggie Smith
- 18 Emma Mousaw
- 23 Meagan Brady, Al Ostrander
- 25 Darcy Aldous, Cati Gollinger,  
Mary Kelly
- 26 Kelly Davis
- 29 Marcy Bennett

## **OCTOBER** Anniversaries

- 1 Vernon & Arvilla Aldous
- 7 Stephen & Martha Cole,  
Bill & Cati Gollinger
- 8 Scott & Chris Sutherland
- 15 Andrea & Joe Montgomery

### Share Your News

Shout out and share the word about your kids and grandkids with your church family! Tell us about their involvement with **sports, music, theater** as well as **academic achievements** and anything else that you want to shout out!

Send your news to the church office (315) 386-2570 or [office@ChurchOnThePark.org](mailto:office@ChurchOnThePark.org)

Also, let Rev. Mike know when the kids have a game, recital, performance or award ceremony. Text him at (716) 857-0111 or email him at [RevMike@churchonthepark.org](mailto:RevMike@churchonthepark.org).

### 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 September 29th. The **AED** has arrived. Plans for the database are on hold for now. **Bibles** for the children have arrived. Background checks will be done for employees who have direct contact with children. A revised agreement with the Village was attached to the docket for review regarding our correct address and listing the names of signatories of all accounts. **Baptisms** of Christopher McLaren Melville and Alistair Lyon Melville were held. Insurance costs have been reduced per last month's decision (we raised the deductible).

Names of new people attending church was shared. An **interview** is upcoming for the Music Director position. The lift going up to Fellowship Hall has been repaired. The cabbage roll sale was a success. Rummage sale profit is \$2,145.

It was voted and approved that the church will create a checking account at Community Bank named "Canton Veteran Banner" to receive/disperse payments for banner project (joint with Village and Community Group). The church would collect checks only. The Veteran Banner committee will deposit, administer, and disperse funds. The term of this account would be for a term of three years, after which the account would be closed.

It was voted that a **new stove** will be purchased for the manse. **Nick Dekay** reported light bulbs have been replaced in the sanctuary. The hazard waste disposal has been done. The roof in the steeple has been leaking. He has contacted Bertrand's. The wasp nest has been sprayed. Barkleys is coming to fix the lock in the steeple room. The cost to upload the security feeds to the cloud needs to be researched. The windows in Fellowship Hall are being painted. It was approved to spend \$500 to fix the sills near the gas meter.

## Session Report - cont.

A **congregational meeting** will be held Sunday, October 5th to elect two people from the congregation for the nominating committee. For **communion**, it was decided to serve regular bread in the trays with a smaller container on the plate that is gluten, nut, dairy and egg free.



### Resources Committee

reported that \$10,000 has been withdrawn to cover the budget deficit. **Jim Franklin** and **Patrick LaPierre** agreed to be co-chairs for the upcoming Stewardship Drive.

The members of the Manse Renovation Committee are: **Jim Franklin, Pat Mace, Sarah Melville, Rob Ewy, Christy** and **Nicholas Dekay**, and **Joe Montgomery**. Jim Franklin reported a walk through has been done of the manse. A report will be circulated to the members of the committee.

**Next Session Meeting is October 27th.**

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## 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!**

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## Presbytery Town Hall Meeting

**THIS Saturday October 4th** from 10 a.m. to Noon in our sanctuary there will be a meeting for all churches in our region to discuss the future of our Presbytery. Rev. Mike, Clerk Pat Mace, and members of the Session will be in attendance, but *everyone* is invited to attend. If there was one Presbytery meeting in your lifetime to attend, this would be it.



## Prayer Warriors

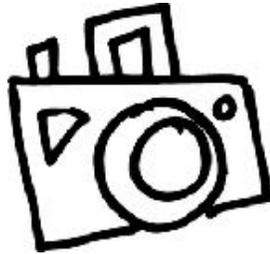
Would you like to help your neighbor, stretch spiritually and be a part of the mystical movement of the church? We are always looking for new prayer warriors to join **the church Prayer Chain** to offer prayers for folks who are ill, troubled or in need.

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 on **October 1st** and will continue through the winter (except January) 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 **October 19th**.

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

## 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.

## Holiday Gift Card Drive

The **Office for the Aging** is sponsoring the **12th Annual Holiday Gift Card Drive** for older adults in the home delivered meal program. This year, gift cards will be delivered for the **Thanksgiving** holiday which is the perfect time to let older adults in our lives know how much they mean to us and how grateful we are for them.

From now until **November 10th**, OFA is collecting **gift cards and/or financial contributions** to purchase gift cards/gift baskets. Please consider making a contribution by the November 10th deadline by mailing it to: St. Lawrence County Office for the Aging, Attn: Thanksgiving Holiday Gift Drive, 80 State Highway 310, Suite 7, Canton NY 13617. For more info, contact 315-386-4730 or email [info@nyconnects.gov](mailto:info@nyconnects.gov).

## 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.



## Pantry Donations

Suggested **donations** for the food pantry at C&CP include: Potatoes, Apples, Oatmeal, Cereal, Granola Bars, Crackers, Canned Soup, Peanut Butter, Pasta, Spaghetti Sauce, Tuna, Mayonnaise, Baked Beans, Canned Beans, Canned Fruit, Canned Vegetables. Thank you!

## Saving Grace

Creator God, from the moment your spirit  
hovered over the waters of this earth  
we were part of a vision  
held lovingly within your heart.

From the moment you spoke  
and separated darkness from light  
you created space  
where we might one day walk.

From the moment your joy spilled out  
into green and living things  
your beauty was revealed  
for us to taste and see.

Creator God, for this world,  
beauty and majesty, passion and artistry,  
a green and pleasant place,  
we praise your mighty name.

## Making Bread To Break

Owing to food allergies, we have made the effort to provide bread for communion that is gluten, dairy, egg and nut free. Initially, we purchased this bread and decided that it decidedly lacked flavor (thank you Hunter Fiese for *emphatically* pointing this out). The bread we now use is baked by Linda Potter each month. Though she is happy to continue with this task, it would be wonderful to share this with other bakers in the church. Any recipe which meets the requirements is welcome; [HERE](#) is the King Arthur recipe Linda uses. The church will supply the GF flour. If you would like to make a loaf of communion bread, please contact Linda at 315-229-8886 or [nautilus@twcnny.rr.com](mailto:nautilus@twcnny.rr.com).

## SIGN(S) OF THE TIMES

### Cabbage Roll Sale

This Sunday

**September 7th**  
**11 a.m. to 1 p.m.**

Rolls \$3.50 each or 2 for \$6  
Homemade Pie \$2 a slice

### Rummage Sale!

**This Friday 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.**  
\$5/Bag All Items Unless Otherwise Marked  
& **Saturday 9 a.m. to Noon**  
\$1/Bag All Items

**Closed Noon for Lunch,**  
**Open 12:30 to 1:30 p.m**  
All Items FREE! (Yes...FREE!!!)

### Worship & Church School

Begin at 10:00 a.m.

Sunday's Sermon In-Person and On-line  
Nursery Care Provided

**"Purpose & Grace"**

[www.ChurchOnThePark.org](http://www.ChurchOnThePark.org)

SEP 29 6:41 AM 47° 315.386.2570

With Remembrance & Respect  
We Honor

**First Sgt. Michael Snell**

**Trooper Bret Martin**

of the NYS Police

Who Gave The Full Measure  
of Duty & Service

Commemorating the signing  
of the U.S. Constitution  
on September 17, 1787.

In the hope and promise  
of a more perfect union.

**Welcome Students**

(How much fun is this!?!)

**and Parents**

(It will be ok Mom & Dad!)

**Go**  
**Bills!**

Honoring Those Who Labor  
for Family, Community,  
and Country  
**Thank You!**

# Fall Rummage Sale Sneak Peek!



Good To See Lynn



Whitney & Sophia



Christa



Frederick! You seem perplexed !?! Think delight and contentment rather than dazed and confused.



Leah and Beatrice  
(Ask Bea about the great skis she got at the sale!)



Sam and Sully (Sullivan)



Bailey and Micah survey the toys.



Kristin



Did we mention the pizza?



Dinner and a show. Dr. Leah, Master Sean, and Marilyn the Matriarch



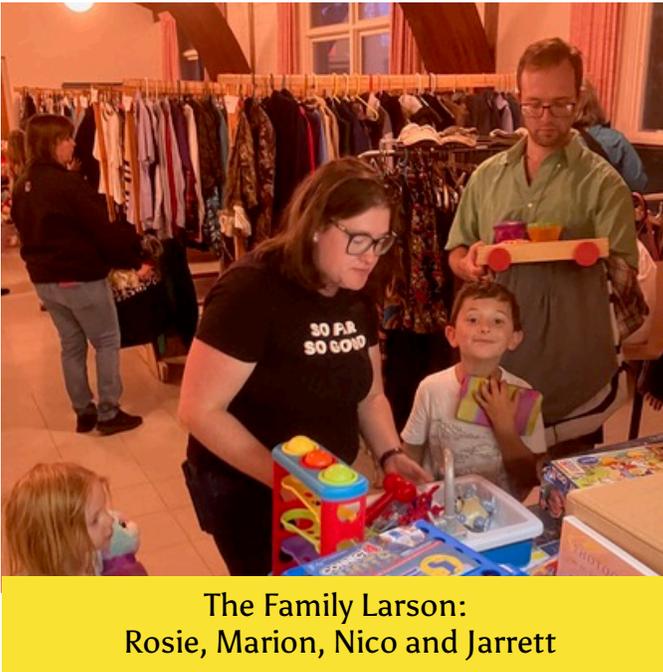
Happy Shopper!



Christy RS Queen



Maria with "Big Daddy" Jim



The Family Larson: Rosie, Marion, Nico and Jarrett



Sully



Rosie



Porter leads onward to the Toy Section!  
(Always a big hit with the Church Kids.)



"Coolest Find of the Fall" goes to Aubrey  
for her fringed suede jacket!



Mary Anne and Edith plumb the piles



Fellowship Hall BEFORE the start of the Fall Rummage Sale

## Fellowship Hall AFTER the Fall Rummage Sale



The Fall and Spring Rummage Sales are “All Hands On Deck” events for our church...it literally takes a village (that is to say, a congregation) to pull off these sales. Thanks to everyone who helped out to make our Fall Rummage Sale a huge success! From beginning to end, 37 volunteers showed up to set up tables and clothing racks, bring up boxes of rummage from the basement, sort and fold donated items, work as cashiers and greeters, clean it all up at the end, and take our leftover rummage to area thrift stores:

**Jim Robertson, Lynne Pickens, Georgia & John Vose, Patience, Aubrey and Cameron Boswell, Mary Christopher, Pat Mace, Christy, Nick, Sebastian & Rosalie Dekay, Emily Bolton, Faye Bartley, Nicole and Linda Potter, Vern & Arvilla Aldous, Emma Brackett, Porter & Penelope Brackett, Sean Boutin, Gail Tulloch, Barb King, Sarah and Derby Murphy, Marilyn Rodee, Barb Brown, Rita Ostrander, Heidi Ames, Jim Franklin, Keli Hollis, Michelle Theisen, Christa Lyon, Martha Cole, and Sarah Melville.**

Whew! It’s a big effort that gets clothing, shoes and household items into the hands of those who need them and at great prices. **We raised \$2,146.79 for the church** while having a great time. Hats off to Christy Dekay for her leadership as Rummage Sale!



# Church and Community News

## CCP Pantry: With your support, we can meet increasing needs

<u>You keep the food flowing</u>	<u>AUGUST 2025</u>	<u>Our service area</u>
As a private not-for-profit, we don't receive tax funding. Your financial and food contributions help fill shelves and bellies. Every cent and can is much appreciated!	216 households/457 people 101 children 207 adults 149 seniors	The Towns of Canton, Clare, DeKalb, Hermon, Lisbon, Russell and the Village of Heuvelton. People can receive groceries twice a month.

Can't get to us? No problem. We go the extra mile, literally.

Twice each month, our Senior Squad delivers groceries to seniors and other residents of Law Lane and Riverside Drive in Canton.

*Thank You!*

Our pantry numbers keep rising and we know they will continue to do so. In June alone, 18 new families came to us.

Outreach? We drive to Lisbon twice a month to offer an easy pick-up for our pantry families who live there. Thank you, Hepburn Library, for allowing us to meet in your parking lot.

## We need your help!

We're very nice people — you'd fit right in with us

CHURCH & COMMUNITY PROGRAM, 30 COURT ST., CANTON

### In the pantry:

**In half an hour**, you can help unload a delivery from the Food Bank on Wednesday mornings. Deliveries are usually twice a month.

**In less than one hour on two Monday mornings a month**, you can be on the Senior Squad, delivering food to local seniors.

**In less than half an hour on Tuesday mornings**, you can pick up donated food from Price Chopper in Canton.

**If you have 2 or 3 hours free on Tuesday or Wednesday afternoons**, you can serve on the pantry's front line, distributing food to neighbors in need.

### Second Chance clothes shop:

**Sign up for morning or afternoon shifts**, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. or 1 to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday. If you don't have a steady schedule of free time, you can be a substitute for someone who can't make it.

Got a friend who has free time? It's fun to work together!

We offer a clean, healthy environment, and the shop is fun. Both men and women volunteers are welcome. We'll train you!

### Special events & fund raisers:

You can make a long-term improvement in a short amount of time by helping with our **Giving Tree** or **Back to School** Programs. We need all hands on deck for these endeavors, and there's a wide variety of help you can offer.

Or how about pitching in on a **fund-raiser** like selling tickets, grilling hot dogs or dishing up ice cream?

We're always adding new outreach and welcome a hand.

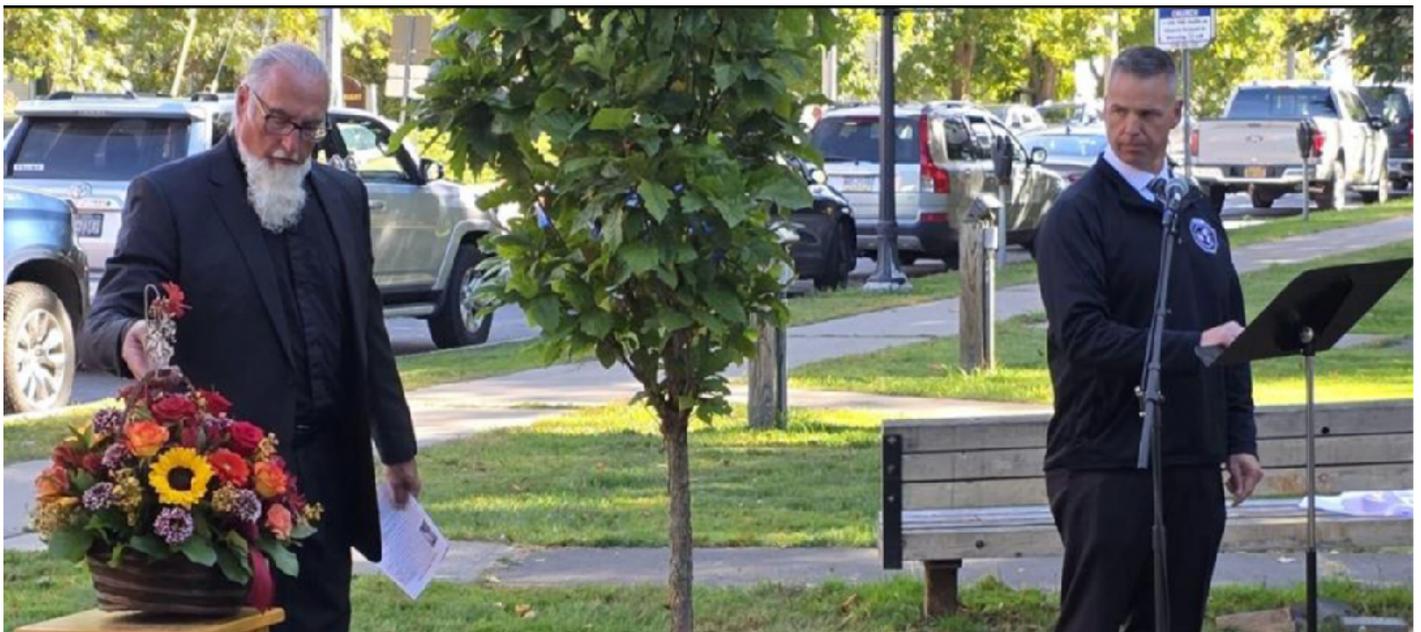
Please join us!

Interested? Let's talk! Call CCP Director  
Connie Jenkins at 315/386-3534

# Peace Officer's Memorial



On Saturday September 20th, Rev. Mike led a service of rededication in the Park to honor two NY State Troopers from St. Lawrence County, Bret W. Martin of Macomb, NY and Michael E. Snell of Parishville, NY. Each died as a result of their assignment to the World Trade Center site following the terrorist attacks on September 11, 2001. These brave men gave the full measure of sacrifice on behalf of their community, St. Lawrence County, the State of New York, and our nation. Special thanks to the members and Auxiliary of the Edward C. Seymour Post of the Veterans Of Foreign Wars for their leadership and support of this event and this memorial, and to Faye Bartley for her energy and expertise in providing flowers for the service and around the memorial.



# Life In A Small Church



After preaching at our church on September 7th, Pastor Michael Terrell was “Bageled and Babied” by old friends made during his many years at the Canton UMC, as well as through Scouting.



Congratulations to Bonnie Norton and Donald Phykitt on the birth of their grandson Cody Shanth Goonewardene 20” 7lb. 15oz. Born 7:42am 8/3/25



The Franklin and Boswell Families (and Friends) went to see “Hamilton” as a birthday celebration for Aubrey. Tons of Fun!!!



Luke (Mr. BM) went to camp!



Colin began 7th grade  
(Sorry Ace, no dogs allowed  
at school.)



Nico is Off to 1st grade!  
(GO BILLS!)

The View from the Park  
“staff” is pleased to include  
ANY photos parents and  
folks wish to submit.  
Please send to  
[RevMike@ChurchOnThePark  
.org](mailto:RevMike@ChurchOnThePark.org) in full or high rez.  
Let’s toot some horns and  
have some fun.



The Family that Golfs together stays together!  
(Harper, Phil, Keli and Luke)



(B) Micah and Sarah (F) Bailey, Sam, Sully & Derby  
Following Micah’s recent retirement from the Navy, the Murphy  
family moved from San Diego to sunny Canton (Sarah grew up here)!  
Welcome back, and welcome home to the Church on the Park!

*At The First Presbyterian Church On The Park In Canton*



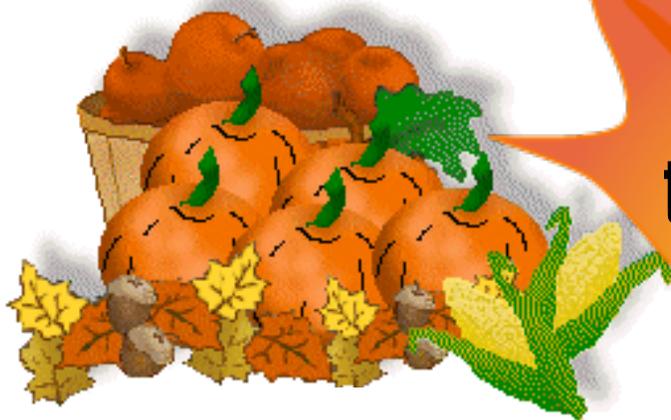
# **FALL BAZAAR**

## **October 18, 2025**

**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**

North Country  
**DEATH  
CAFE**

Sponsored by  
The First Presbyterian  
Church on the Park

All warmly welcomed!

Tuesday, October 21st  
7:00 - 8:30 p.m.

First Presbyterian Church  
17 Park Street, Canton

A free evening  
to talk about life and death  
to help us make the most  
of our (finite) lives.

**Cake will be served!**

Space is Limited - To RSVP  
Contact Linda Potter  
at 315-229-8886 or  
[nautilus@twcny.rr.com](mailto:nautilus@twcny.rr.com)

*Welcome to the conversation you've been dying to have!*



# October 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28 Rev. Mike on Vacation; Laurinda - 5:00PM Fellowship Zoom Meeting 11:15AM Church Fellowship Zoom Meeting	29 Luther League - 9/28/25 1:30PM Church Office Open	30 1:30PM Church Office Open	1 11:00AM PK Service	2 1:30PM Church Office Open	3	4 10:00AM Presbytery Town Hall
5 Communion Deacon & Food Offering 11:00AM Congregational Meeting 11:15AM Church Fellowship Zoom Meeting	6 1:30PM Church Office Open	7 1:30PM Church Office Open	8 7:00PM Women's Circle	9 1:30PM Church Office Opening 4:15PM C&CP Board Meeting	10	11
12 Baptism 11:15AM Church Fellowship Zoom Meeting 11:15AM Deacons Meeting	13 Fall Bazaar Set-Up Columbus Day Indigenous Peoples' Day Set Up for Fall Bazaar	14 1:30PM Church Office Open	15 Newsletter Deadline	16 1:30PM Church Office Open	17	18 9:00AM Fall Bazaar
19 Blessing Of The Children Deacon's Meeting Mini Bazaar Name Tag Sunday Noisy Can Offering	20	21 1:30PM Church Office Open 7:00PM Death Cafe	22	23 1:30PM Church Office Open	24 6:00PM JJ at UU	25
26 Costume Sunday New Member Class Seconds for Stewardship Stewardship Sermon 11:15AM Church Fellowship Zoom Meeting	27 7:00PM Session	28 1:30PM Church Office Open 7:00PM Evening Book Group	29	30 1:30PM Church Office Open	31 Halloween	