



The View From The Park

A Newsletter of Faith & Community

March 2026

1st Presbyterian Church on the Park
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Sundays in March

• **Worship Begins At 10:00 a.m.** •

• **March 1st** •

Communion
Deacons & Food Shelf Offering
Ham Dinner, 11 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.



• **March 8th** •

Ordination of Elders & Deacons
Daylight Saving Time Begins
Canton Goldenaires Sing at Church



• **March 15th** •

Service of Healing & Wholeness
Name Tag Sunday
Noisy Can Offering
No CS



• **March 22nd** •

Annual Women's Worship



• **March 29th** •

Palm Sunday
Potluck Brunch (after worship)
One Great Hour of Sharing Offering



Spring ahead before bed on Saturday, March 7th for the start of DST and be **on time** for church!

Rev. Michael P. Catanzaro..... Pastor
Pastor Donna Doig, CLP..... Associate Pastor
Andrea Montgomery..... Church School Director
Jeanne-Minette Cilliers..... Director of Music
HaEun Yang..... 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

Annual Women's Worship

The "Celebrate The Gifts of Women Sunday" will be held on **Sunday, March 22nd**. The women of the church present the entire worship service on this day, the (Original) Marilyn Rodee will be preaching. If you would like to be part of this special day, contact **Linda Potter** at (315) 229-8886 or nautilus@twcny.rr.com.

Ham Dinner Fundraiser

We will be holding our annual Ham Dinner Fundraiser on **Sunday, March 1st** from 11 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. Dine in or take-out will be available. Cost is **\$12** for adults, **\$5** for kids (age 5 to 10) and those under age 5 and over age 90 are free. The menu includes a generous portion of **ham, macaroni & cheese, coleslaw** and **homemade pie**. **Invite your friends** and come out to enjoy a **great meal**.

OGHS Offering

On **Sunday, March 29th**, Palm Sunday, we will be receiving the **One Great Hour of Sharing** Offering. Started in 1949, OGHS provides **relief** and **reconstruction** for communities in the aftermath of disaster through **three impactful programs**: Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, the Presbyterian Hunger Program, and Self-Development of People.

Envelopes for the OGHS offering will be in bulletins on March 22nd and 29th. You also can **mail** in your offering (payable to First Presbyterian Church with OGHS on the memo line) to 17 Park Street, Canton NY 13617. Thank you for your **support!**

Family News

Thanks to **Dale Grant** for fixing the rear door in the foyer which has not been closing properly, and to **Rob Ewy** who repaired the stop on the kitchen door.

Continued prayers for **Melba Reinke** out in Bozeman, Montana. Her son, Michael, died quite recently and last week she called to let Rev. Mike know that her son Carl was in a serious bicycle accident. Carl lives near to Melba, is her primary support and her last living child. Please keep Melba in your prayers. Cards and phone calls always welcome. 2219 West Oak Street Apt. 306, Bozeman MT 59718.

Prayers for **Cati Gollinger** suffering from and soon to be treated for gallstones.

Continued prayers for **Vicki McLain** on the death of her father, Scott.

Prayers for **Paula Eschmann** as she continues to heal from a serious motor vehicle accident. Cards may be sent to 748 Miner Street, Canton, NY 13617.

Prayers for **Drew & Ela White** and their daughter, **Victoria**, who have been going through a challenging time.

Bob Fraser is now living with his daughter, **Karen McAuliffe**, and her husband, **Joe**, at 49 Bird Street, Canton NY 13617 (Bob & Betty's former home). 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; **Carolyn O'Connor** living at an assisted living facility outside of Boston (216, 276 Whiting Street, Hingham, MA 02043); and **Marilyn Coir** also in a facility outside of Boston (125 Dover Rd, The Residence at Charles Meadow, Millis MA 02054).

Hats off to **Rosalie Dekay** who will be part of the music at the Sugaring Off Party at TAUNY on March 21st.

Family News - cont.

On-going prayers for **Low Shepard; Rich Denison** who continues to face health concerns, **Christa Lyon, Joe Bean** (and wife **Mary**), and **Josh Holbrook** facing health challenges; Janet Favro currently residing at Keene Valley Neighborhood House (Attn Janet Favro, P.O. Box 46, Keene Valley, NY 12943); **Wanda Renick** a resident of the Canton Nursing Home (cards greatly appreciated (United Helpers NH, 205 State Street, Canton, NY 13617).

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.

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

HS Musical

Canton Central will be presenting "**The Music Man**" on March 20 & 21. Hats off to **Natasha Rossiter, Aubrey Boswell, Maria Franklin** and **Gwen LaPierre** who are all part of the show!

Sk8toElimin8 Cancer

Barb Brown recently participated in the **Sk8ToElimin8 Cancer 2026** fundraiser by skating a 5K around the Olympic Oval in Lake Placid. Funds raised support the **Scott Hamilton CARES Foundation** for cancer research. To make a donation in support of Barb, click [HERE](#). Any amount is appreciated though Barb is suggesting **\$25**.

Dress Warmly!

Reminder that when it is **extremely cold** on a Sunday, **dress warmly** for church. We are trying to save on the heating bills and it takes a lot to get rooms up to the usual temps with cinder blocks, concrete and large windows.

Palm Sunday Brunch

A Palm Sunday **Potluck Brunch** will be held on **Sunday, March 29th** after worship in Fellowship Hall. Everyone is invited to join in the fun. If possible, bring a dish to pass. Table service will be provided. (**Set-up** for the brunch will take place on **Thursday, March 26th** at **6:15 p.m.** Your help is appreciated!)

Evening Book Group

The Evening Book Group will meet on **Tuesday, March 24th** at 7 p.m. in Lorna's Lounge to discuss ***The Island of Sea Women*** by Lisa See with the discussion led by **Mary Christopher**.



Women's Circle

Women's Circle will meet on **Wednesday, March 11th** at 7 p.m. in Lorna's Lounge with the topic of "**Lent.**" All women of the church are welcome!



Grill Day Gratitude

Hats off to the **Wrecking Crew** for successfully organizing the **Second Annual Bill Webb Grill Day Potluck**. The Fellowship Hall was bustling with families eating plates filled with summer fare as the weather outside said otherwise. After the meal, everything was washed up and stowed away in no time. Even Jim Franklin was semi-helpful. Thank you to **Rob Ewy, Joe Montgomery** and **Jim Franklin** for organizing!

Church Weather Closings Info

In the event of inhospitable weather, notice of the cancellation of our worship service, or the switch to On-Line only, will be emailed to the congregation and listed on WWNY-TV and NCPR radio.



March Lectionary Readings

March 1 - Second Sunday in Lent

Genesis 12:1-4a
Psalm 121
Romans 4:1-5, 13-17
John 3:1-17 or Matthew 17:1-9

March 8 - Third Sunday in Lent

Exodus 17:1-7
Psalm 95
Romans 5:1-11
John 4:5-42

March 15 - Fourth Sunday in Lent

1 Samuel 16:1-13
Psalm 23
Ephesians 5:8-14
John 9:1-41

March 22 - Fifth Sunday in Lent

Ezekiel 37:1-14
Psalm 130
Romans 8:6-11
John 11:1-45



March 29 - Palm Sunday

Liturgy of the Palms
Matthew 21:1-11
Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29
Liturgy of the Passion
Isaiah 50:4-9a
Psalm 31:9-16
Philippians 2:5-11
Matthew 26:14-27:66 or
Matthew 27:11-54

Spring Rummage Sale

The Spring Rummage Sale will take place **April 24th & 25th**. Set-up will begin on **Saturday, April 18th** from **1-2:30 p.m.** Many hands are needed for this important church fund raiser with volunteers needed to sort rummage, serve as cashiers and clean up. Contact **Christy Dekay**, text or call her at (512) 484-1668.



Church Attendance

	In-Person	Stream	CS
February 1	50	46	No CS
February 8	49	70	No CS
February 15	54	48	2

Average In-Person Attendance: 51
 Average Live-Stream Attendance: 55
 Average CS Attendance: 2

Treasurer's Report

	Operating	Mission
February 1	\$ 2,218.00	\$ 46.00
February 15	\$ 4,515.00	\$ 108.00
Total:	\$ 6,733.00	\$ 154.00

Service of Healing & Wholeness

After a five year hiatus (owed mostly to COVID) on **Sunday, March 15th**, the 1st Presbyterian Church on the Park in Canton is pleased to once again offer a very special Lenten **Service of Healing and Wholeness** as part of the morning worship service. Amid a liturgy of **healing words** and **songs** and following a brief homily concerning the idea of healing in a Christian context, people will be invited to sit in the front pews to have **hands** laid upon them by church elders, and to be **anointed with oil** as we seek God's healing through our prayers. Although the notion of coming forward during a worship service to be prayed over and anointed may be a new or a challenging idea to some, everyone should be assured that this will be a **very gentle** and **appropriate** effort to seek God's healing for our neighbors, friends, and ourselves. The miracle we seek on this day will be the **awareness** of God's healing presence in our life, and wholeness of mind, body and spirit.



“Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord.” - James 5:14

Officers & Committees

Elders On Session

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

Dale Grant	Beth Hayes	Rob Ewy
Sarah Melville	Nick Dekay	Pat McGuire
JJ Jockel	Heidi Ames	John Christopher
Barry Walch	Stacie Olney- LaPierre	
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
Jean McGuire	Jane Cable	Mark Brackett
Georgia Vose	Bob Duda	Rita Ostrander
Ray Erickson, Treasurer		

Committees

Chairs

Resources Jim Franklin, JJ Jockel, Pat McGuire & John Christopher

By-Laws & CC Subcommittee-John Christopher
 Responsible for managing and dispensing funds to fulfill the mission & ministry of our church.

Facilities Nick Dekay, Dale Grant & Barry Walch
 Responsible for the maintenance and use of all church property.

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

Nominating B. Hayes, JJ Jockel, B. Brown, F. Bartley
 TBD (Deacons)
 Responsible for filling Session, Deacons & Offices.

Christian Education Stacie Olney-LaPierre
 Responsible for growth, nurturing & learning.

Worship Rob Ewy
 With pastor, responsible for worship.

Communion Pat Mace & Vicki McLain

Stewardship TBD
 Responsible for securing resources and energy to fulfill the mission & ministry of our church.

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

Treasurer Mary McGreevy

Financial Secretary Barry Walch

C&C Program Faye Bartley, Sean Boutin & Michelle Theisen

Personnel Heidi Ames, Dale Grant, John Christopher

Manse Renovation Committee Jim Franklin, Pat Mace, Sarah Melville, Rob Ewy, Joe Montgomery, Beth Hayes, Christy and Nicholas Dekay

The Pastor's Report

To the members and friends of our church, a mid-winter's welcome to you all. Whether these words find you around the block, in the next town, or even in warmer climes **I pray that you are well and that you feel both connected and part of the church on the Park.**

This winter I have given myself over to a great deal of pondering about our church. I cannot help but be struck by the things we are doing, and the wonderful spirit with which we are doing them. Obviously, there is much at work here, many aspects to a healthy, growing and vibrant church. Specifically, though, **what are the component parts, what is the recipe, and what is the most basic element that makes one church thrive while most only manage to survive?** After much consideration I have come to the conclusion that, at least in our case, our vitality as a church is directly proportional to the distance we are traveling on our *individual* spiritual journeys. That is to say, **who we are as a church is a function of our collective efforts to live our own lives of faith.**

I have never really taken to the metaphor of pastor as shepherd as it puts too much emphasis on the pastor and not enough of the congregation. However, one thing I do appreciate, more and more in fact, is the sentiment that **I know my own and my own know me.** It feels to me that we've been at this a long time (our 28th year now!). These have been full, rich years; dense in sub-

stance and experience. Along the way we have watched each other grow and change. I know that most, if not all of you have been **working diligently "on your stuff."** You have been facing your issues, dealing with your challenges, waiting upon God's will, and working very hard on your good works as a response to God's grace. You know what? It shows! Not just in you, but also in our church.

Sometimes possibility is a hard notion to entertain, especially when you go beyond everything that has been done before. Although a bit audacious, I have to admit that much of what our church will do from here on out is **"cutting edge stuff."** Meaning, you don't see very many churches out *there* running the kind of experiment we are attempting to pull off *here*.

Think about it, we are attempting to change the very *notion* of what "church" is from the inside out. Basically, we are a pretty orthodox bunch theologically. The way we *manifest* that theology, however, is often amazingly *unorthodox* (or unusual at the very least). We are inclusive, yet we have maintained our center. We look within as much as we gaze outside. We are working without a net. Which, I think, **is exactly what a church (every church) should be doing.**

So, don't be afraid this month to take **some small measure of pride** in what our church is accomplishing because of the things you *yourself* are accomplishing in your *own* life.

With thanks for you, - Rev. Mike

Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen. - Ephesians 3:18-19

MARCH Birthdays

- 3 Mark Brackett, Sally Street,
Ali Smith, Porter Repicky
- 4 Talis Mackey
- 7 Jeannette Cole, Deborah Nikkari
- 9 Mary Rodee
- 12 Phillip "Tibbs" Tibberts
- 13 Ricky Athanasakis
- 14 Jeremiah Sullivan, Marshall Fiese
- 15 Ben Brackett, Mark Brown
- 18 Dave Smith, Rob Soricelli
- 20 Patricia Mace
- 21 John Goetze, Barb King,
Noah Trombly
- 22 Lorien Kelly
- 24 Ray Erickson
- 25 Sebastian Dekay
- 29 Ayden Mousaw
- 30 Liam Rodee, Kristen Holbrook,
Kaitlyn Holbrook,
John Christopher
- 31 Master Sean Boutin

MARCH Anniversaries

- 15 Michael Catanzaro & Linda Potter
- 30 Matt Gayle & Michelle Quinell-Gayle

Saving Grace

Christ in the wilderness -
five thousand fed:
Two small fishes
and five loaves of bread.
May the blessing of him
who made that division,
Rest upon us,
and upon our provision.

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

Virtual Worship & Fellowship

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

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

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

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

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

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 Theisen** at (315) 742-2172 or **Rob Ewy** at (315) 212-9425 to schedule a time.



Session Report

Session met on **January 26th**. Thank you notes from **Dailey Ridge**, the **Clint McCoy Feeding Center** and **GardenShare** on behalf of the **Canton Farmers' Market** were shared. Also shared were thank you notes for those from the church who had visited **Nick Scelzi** along with notes from recipients of the **Farm Family Offering**.

Rev. Mike thanked **Jim Franklin**, **Patrick LaPierre**, **Joe Montgomery**, and **Michelle Theisen** for their time and dedication to the Session. Rev. Mike gave an update on his health. Prayers were given for our congregation and families. Rev. Mike related we need people to fill the pulpit on September 23, and 27, November 22, 2026, and January 3, 2027.

A copy of the **budget** was given to the Session members. **Background checks** will be done for Rev. Mike and Andrea Montgomery. **Mark Darou** is an AED instructor.

It was voted and approved to install **plexiglas storms** on windows in Fellowship Hall and to have the **doors** painted and installed in the pantry at the manse. Payment will be made from the churches reserve funds.

Mary McGreevy will take on the Mission account. The Blink subscription will be paid to record video. It was agreed that in the event there is a group email, **Heidi Ames** will chair. **Patrick LaPierre** will represent the church on the Canton Village's Economic Development Steering Committee which is serving as an advisory group for the Park project.

It was voted and approved that **Linda Potter** will be ordained as an Elder for pastoral purposes but will not be a member of the Session. The Baptism of **Susanna White**, born January 9, 2026, child of **Ela and Drew White** was voted, approved, and recorded.

Session Report - cont.

A Zoom meeting on the **financial policy** of the church with **Tiffany Soricelli** will be on February 9th from 7 to 8 p.m. The church made **\$607** on the "Where Have You Bean" sale. **Fifty-seven** people received **communion** on December 7th. There are two applicants for the Pianist and Director of Music positions.

The Facilities Committee reported that the condition of the **steeple roof** is getting worse. We need contractors and bids.

The Nominating Committee has met. **New Elders** nominated are **Barry Walch**, **Patrick McGuire**, **Dale Grant** and **Stacie Olney-LaPierre**.

For Stewardship, **Barry Walch** reported we had **44 pledge units** for 2025. Seventy-seven statements were printed which means 33 entities contributed beyond the anticipated income. An extra **\$3,000** was given in **gratitude** at Christmas. It was voted and approved to add an additional line to the budget (# 4400) to add \$20,000 as "Faith Line."

Next meeting is February 23rd.

Dr. Dave's Joke(s) of the Month

A guy, walking along a beach in southern California spots a shiny object in the sand; when he retrieves the object a genie appears. The guy is told he gets one wish. Since he is afraid to fly and does not like boats, he wishes for a bridge so he could drive from LA to Hawaii. The genie complains about the work required to build such a bridge and asks for a different wish. The guy thinks for a few seconds and wishes is to understand women. The genie asks if the guy wants the bridge to be two or four lanes.

Lots of people pick their noses but I was born with mine.

Prayer Warriors

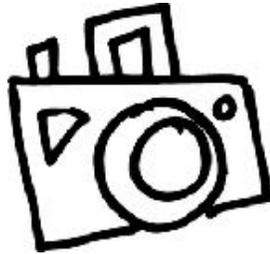
Would you like to help your neighbor, stretch spiritually and be a part of the mystical movement of the church? We are always looking for new prayer warriors to join **the church Prayer Chain** to offer prayers for folks who are ill, troubled or in need.

If you want to learn more about the prayer chain, call **Rev. Mike** at (315) 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

The next **Partridge Knoll service** is on **March 4th**. We will continue with services through the month of May, and are held on the **1st Wednesday** of the month at **11:00 a.m.** All are welcome.



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

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

Sermons & Services

Written Sermons in PDF format are now available for viewing or downloading on Monday at www.ChurchOnThePark.org then click on "Written Sermons."

If you'd like to have a copy of the weekly sermon emailed or snail-mailed to you directly, please contact RevMike@ChurchOnThePark.Org.

To view recordings of previous worship services, please subscribe to our [YouTube channel](#).

Newsletter Deadline Is The 15th Of The Month

We are still sending out the monthly newsletter! Please submit articles (emailed preferably) to the church office, or directly to the Newsletter Editor, Linda Potter, at:

nautilus@twcny.rr.com

Hello, my name is...

Remember - **Name Tag Sunday** is **March 15th**.

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

Endowment Gifts

For generations, members and friends of our church have shown **extraordinary generosity** by establishing **Named Endowment Funds—lasting gifts** that continue to strengthen our congregation year after year. These families and donors shared a common vision: to create a stable, **long-term** source of **financial support** that would help sustain the ministries, mission, and future of our church well beyond their own lifetimes.

Each Named Fund represents an act of **faith** and **hope**. By contributing to our endowment, these donors ensured that their **legacy** would continue to **nurture worship, outreach, fellowship, and care** for the community. Their gifts are professionally managed under our **Investment Policy**, and only the interest generated is used to support the life of the church—**preserving the principal** so their impact endures for generations to come.

We are **deeply grateful** for the **foresight** and **commitment** of these families. Their generosity continues to empower our church's **long-term stability, growth, and mission** in the world. Here is a full list of **Named Endowment Funds** and we honor each one with heartfelt appreciation: **Bassett Family, Beckstead Family, Brown Family, Chaney Family, Eastman Family, Farmer Family, Jamieson Family, Kitay Family, Peckham Family, Piskor Family, Presbyterian Women, Sackrider Family, Scott Family, Spears Family, Warner Family**, and the **Robinson Family** for providing the lifts in the foyer. Soon to join this list will be the **Miller Family** (Wayne & Dolly).

Church Website

Go to www.churchonthepark.org or scan this QR code to see the latest sermon, church calendar, link to our YouTube Channel and much more!



CCP Bowling Fundraiser

The **Church & Community Program's Annual Bowling Fundraiser** will be held on **Sunday, April 19th** from 1 - 4 p.m. at Ogdensburg Bowl. We are hoping to again send a **team** of four to five people from our church to compete and raise money for CCP. A **sign-up sheet** will be in foyer on **March 1st**. If this is right up your **alley**, please **spare** some time for a good cause!

Buon Appetito!

The Church & Community Program is holding a "**Canton Little Italy**" fundraiser with tickets sold for **\$15** which can be redeemed at **Canton's Little Italy** until May 17th for dine-in or take-out of **spaghetti** with marinara sauce, salad and bread or one medium cheese **pizza**. Support a local business and the CCP Food Pantry by purchasing a ticket by **March 11th** at CCP or from one of our CCP representatives, **Michelle Theisen, Sean Boutin** or **Faye Bartley**.

Maple Weekends

Tis the season of sap! Maple syrup producers will be out in the woods this month throughout St. Lawrence County. During the last two weekends of **March (21-22 & 28-29)** the **Rodee family** will be serving **pancake breakfasts** at **Saphead** at the White Silo, 8 a.m. - 12 noon. You are invited to join in for pancakes with fresh maple syrup, scrambled eggs, sausage, juice, and coffee. Also available for sale are maple sugar, maple cream and maple popcorn.



Saphead is located four miles out of Canton past SLU at 5355 County Route 27, Canton, one half mile beyond Brick Chapel Church on the right! Feel free to call or text **Marilyn Rodee** (315) 854-4962 with questions.



We will be ordering memorial **Lilies**, **Tulips**, and **Hyacinths** (\$20 each), **Azaleas** (\$35) or **Hydrangeas** (\$40) to adorn our sanctuary on **Easter Sunday** (which donors are encouraged to take home after the service).

If you would like to purchase a flowering plant in memory or honor of a loved one, please fill out this form and return it to the church by mail, placing it in the offering plate, or dropping it off at the church office. You can also email or call Christy at office@churchonthepark.org or (315) 386-2570. If calling, please leave a clear, detailed message on the machine if no one picks up. *All emails/phone message will be confirmed by March 26, 2026.*

Please place all orders by Thursday, March 26, 2026.

In memory/honor of (please circle one): _____

Given by: _____

Type and number of flowering plant(s) you would like:

___ Lily (\$20) ___ Tulip (\$20) ___ Hyacinth (\$20)

___ Azalea (\$35) ___ Hydrangea (\$40)

Please drop off or mail a check in the appropriate amount to:

**First Presbyterian Church, Attn: Christy,
17 Park Street, Canton NY 13617**

SIGN(S) OF THE TIMES – THE MONTH'S MESSAGES

Brrrrr!
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Ham Dinner
Dine-In or Take Out
Sunday March 1st
11 a.m to 1:30 p.m.
Baked Ham, Mac & Cheese,
Coleslaw, Homemade Pie
\$12 Adults \$5 Kids Under 5/Over 90 Free

Groundhog's Day Is Monday
We Are Taking A Collection
To Bribe
Punxsutawney Phil
(Enough Is Enough Already!!!)

Thank You
Olympians
Just What
We Needed

Really, Phil !?!
Six MORE Weeks
Of Winter ???
That's The Best
You Can Do !!!

Good Luck
Kate
At Empire
State Games

Bill Webb Grill Day
and "Summer" Picnic Potluck
This Sunday
Worship With Us At 10 a.m.
Fun and Feasting to Follow
Please Join Us!

All You Need Is Love!
(But a little chocolate
now and then
doesn't hurt.)
- Charles M. Schulz
Happy Valentine's Day!

Bill Webb Grill Day & "Summer" Potluck







Bill Webb and his wife, Lorna, were beloved members of our church family. Following Lorna's death Bill directed memorial gifts toward the creation of "Lorna's Lounge" and was on-hand for the dedication of the room for the women of the church. Following Bill's death at the end of February 2024 the family directed memorial gifts toward the purchase of a Weber Grill for the church. Last year we began a tradition of celebrating "Bill Webb Grill Day and 'Summer' Potluck" as a way to remember and celebrate Bill's life and the way he loved and cared for this church all of his life...and beyond. Thank you Bill!



Life In A Small Church



The Canton Goldenaires Have Been Singing in Worship On The Second Sunday of The Month! What a Gift!

Yes, we are a diverse "Big Tent" of a congregation. SO much so we even have a Patriots fan or two in the mix! Talk about a liberal congregation which is welcoming of all!!!



Sully & Sam Make The Bread for "Kid's Communion" Held the Each Year in February.



Bob Joins Rev. Mike in Leading "This Little Light of Mine"



Sophia's 12U Girls Hockey Team, Ice Storm, Won the Silver Medal at the Hockey Tournament in Lake Placid. (Yes, She is Pretty Proud... Rightfully So!) Congratulations Sophia!!!



Our Music Staff: HaEun Yang, Pianist; Bob Duda, Hymnologist and Liturgical Advisor; and Jeanne-Minette Cilliers, Director of Music



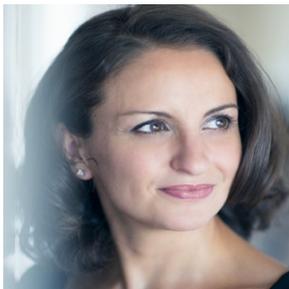
Rev. Mike Busted Out the Guitar in February!!!



HaEun Has Been Wowing on the Piano



Nice to Have Laurinda Back in the Pulpit



Jeanne-Minette is Assistant Professor of Vocal Coaching/Accompanying at the Crane School of Music. Born in South Africa she has been hailed as "a pianistic poet," garnering rave reviews for her color-rich and imaginative performances. She and her husband, Andrew Richards, own Kudu Production, a production company and creativity incubator designed to bring ideas to life with clarity and artistry. They make their home in Canton. (Click [HERE](#) for a more complete bio, and [HERE](#) for Kudu Production.)



HaEun Yang is a pianist, collaborative pianist, and educator whose work integrates performance, teaching, and research, focused on artistic excellence and inclusive repertoire. She has appeared at major venues including Carnegie Hall and has performed as a soloist and chamber musician across the United States and South Korea. Her artistry has been recognized at numerous national and international competitions. She is a Doctor of Musical Arts candidate in Piano Performance and Literature with a minor in Piano Pedagogy at the Eastman School of Music. She currently serves on the Crane faculty as a full-time collaborative pianist. (Click [HERE](#) for a more complete bio.)

March 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Comunion Deacon & Food Offering 11:00AM Ham Dinner Fundraiser	2	3 1:30PM Church Office Open	4 11:00AM PK Service	5 1:30PM Church Office Open 7:00PM Choir Practice	6	7 1807 Church Founding
8 DST Begins Goldemaires Sing Ordain Elders & Deacons	9	10 1:30PM Church Office Open	11 7:00PM Women's Circle	12 1:30PM Church Office Open 4:15PM C&CP Board Meeting 7:00PM Choir Practice	13	14
15 Healing & Wholeness Name Tag Sunday Newsletter Deadline Noisy Can Offering 11:00AM Manse Committee Meeting	16	17 St. Patrick's Day 1:30PM Church Office Open	18 7:00PM Deacon's Meeting	19 1:30PM Church Office Open 7:00PM Choir Practice	20	21
22 Celebrate The...its Of Women	23	24 1:30PM Church Office Open 7:00PM Evening Book Group	25	26 Easter Flower Deadline 1:30PM Church Office Open 6:15PM Potluck Set-Up 7:00PM Choir Practice	27	28
29 Brunch After Worship OGHS Offering Palm Sunday	30	31 1:30PM Church Office Open	1 April Fool's Day 11:00AM PK Service	2 1:30PM Church Office Open 7:00PM Choir Practice 7:00PM Maundy Thursday Service	3 Good Friday	4