



The View From The Park

A Newsletter of Faith & Community

April 2026

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Sundays in April

• **Worship Begins At 10:00 a.m.** •

• **April 5th** •

Easter
Deacons & Food Shelf Offering
No Church School
No Coffee Hour



• **April 12th** •

Canton Goldenaires Sing
No Church School



• **April 19th** •

All-Church Read
Name Tag Sunday
Noisy Can Sunday



• **April 26th** •

Bring A Friend To Church



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!



Rev. Michael P. Catanzaro..... Pastor
Pastor Donna Doig, CLP..... Associate Pastor
Andrea Montgomery..... Church School Director
Jean-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

Spring Rummage Sale

The Spring Rummage Sale will be held on **Friday, April 24th** from **9 a.m. to 4 p.m.** and **Saturday, April 25th** from **9 a.m. to Noon**. On Friday, **clothing** is **\$5/bag**. On Saturday, **everything** is **\$1/bag** until 11 a.m. when everything is **free**.

Our church family gets first dibs on all the deals at the **Congregational Sneak Peek** on **Thursday, April 23rd** from **6 - 8 p.m.** (Pizza provided!)

We welcome clean and folded **spring and summer clothing** for ALL ages. We accept any **household goods**, clean and in good condition as well as **children's toys and games**. Also **books** - fiction and non-fiction. **NO TEXTBOOKS PLEASE.**



Electronics end up being thrown out and cost the church money to discard. **Please - no electronics of any kind.**

The set-up of **tables and clothing racks** will take place at **12:30 p.m.** on **Saturday, April 18th**. Sorting takes place **Monday through Thursday**. In addition, we will need volunteers as **cashiers** Friday and Saturday and help with **clean-up** after the sale. There also will be sign-up sheets for volunteers to take the **leftover rummage** to area organizations. To help out, contact our Rummage Sale Chair, **Christy Dekay** at (512) 484-1668.

Family News

Prayers for **Christa Lyon** recovering from, and rehabilitating after knee replacement surgery. Thanks to all those who have provided meals (if you'd like to offer a meal, please contact Linda Potter).

Prayers for **Patti LaRock**, a patient at St. Joe's in Syracuse, recovering from surgery; and for **Jim Durham** in support of her. Prayers also for the family of Patti's brother, Robert Garlough, who died earlier this month.

Prayers for **Doug Wingerath**, a patient at Upstate Medical in Syracuse, recovering from surgery following a fall; **Corrine Duda** recovering from a medical procedure; and **Ellen Grayson** seeking treatment for her shoulder.

Prayers for **Leah** and **Isabelle Sullivan** (and their parents **Olivia** and **Jeremiah**) each of whom is recovering from minor surgery on their (little) ears.

Prayers for Francie Potter, mother of **Linda**, recovering from a hospital stay; and for Megan Kehoe, cousin of Rev. Mike, dealing with complications from childbirth.

Church Membership

We will be having a **New Member Sunday** this **May**. If you have already taken the New Member Class offered last fall and are interested in **joining**, or would like to know more about membership by attending a class which we would schedule asap (1 hour in length, child care can be arranged), please speak to **Rev. Mike**.



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!**

What Is Maundy Thursday?

Maundy Thursday is observed during Holy Week on the Thursday before Easter and commemorates the **Last Supper** when Jesus shared the Passover meal with the disciples on the night before he was crucified. In contrast to joyful Easter celebrations, our Maundy Thursday service is a **solemn** occasion marked by the shadow of Jesus' betrayal.

Two important biblical events are the primary focus of our Maundy Thursday service. Before the Passover meal, Jesus washed the feet of the disciples. Though we do not observe a rite of foot-washing during our Maundy Thursday service, we indeed focus on the the **spirit of servanthood** understood in Christ's *mandatum* (Latin for "commandment," from which we derive the term "Maundy Thursday") to love one another as he has loved us.

Afterward, during the Passover meal, Jesus took **bread** and **wine**, blessed it, and he broke the bread into pieces, giving it to his disciples and said, "This is my body, given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." Then he took the cup of wine, shared it with his disciples and said, "This wine is the token of God's new covenant poured out for you (to save you)."



During our Maundy Thursday service, held in our own "upper room" that is the **Fellowship Hall**, all are seated around a large ring of tables, curtains are drawn with lights down and candles lit, and we follow a shortened order of worship culminating in the celebration of the Lord's Supper administered through **intinction** (dipping bread into the cup) with people then departing the service in **silence**. This is a very special time in the life of our church, and **all are invited** to come and share in this service which will be held at **7 p.m. on Thursday, April 2nd**.

April Lectionary Readings

April 1 - Wednesday of Holy Week

Isaiah 50:4-9a
Psalm 70
Hebrews 12:1-3
John 13:21-32

April 2 - Maundy Thursday

Exodus 12:1-4 [5-10] 11-14
Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19
1 Corinthians 11:23-26
John 13:1-17, 31b-35



April 3 - Good Friday

Isaiah 52:13-53:12
Psalm 22
Hebrews 10:16-25 or Hebrews 4:14-16;
5:7-9
John 18:1-19:42

April 4 - Easter Vigil

A minimum of three Old Testament readings should be chosen.

The reading from Exodus 14 should always be used.

Genesis 1:1-2:4a
Psalm 136:1-9, 23-26
Genesis 7:1-5, 11-18; 8:6-18; 9:8-13
Psalm 46
Genesis 22:1-18
Psalm 16
Exodus 14:10-31; 15:20-21
Exodus 15:1b-13, 17-18
Baruch 3:9-15, 32-4:4 or Proverbs 8:1-8, 19-21; 9:4b-6
Psalm 19
Isaiah 55:1-11
Isaiah 12:2-6
Isaiah 61:1-4, 9-11
Deuteronomy 32:1-4, 7, 36a, 43a
Ezekiel 36:24-28
Psalm 42 and 43
Ezekiel 37:1-14
Psalm 143
Daniel 3:1-29
Song of the Three 35-65
Jonah 1:1-2:1 Romans 6:3-11
Jonah 2:2-3 (4-6), 7-9 Psalm 114
Zephaniah 3:14-20 John 20:1-18
Psalm 98

April Lectionary Readings

April 5 - Easter Sunday

Acts 10:34-43 or Jeremiah 31:1-6
Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24
Colossians 3:1-4 or Acts 10:34-43
John 20:1-18 or Matthew 28:1-10

April 12

Acts 2:14a, 22-32
Psalm 16
1 Peter 1:3-9
John 20:19-31

April 19

Acts 2:14a, 36-41
Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19
1 Peter 1:17-23
Luke 24:13-35

April 26

Acts 2:42-47
Psalm 23
1 Peter 2:19-25
John 10:1-10

Women's Circle

Women's Circle will meet on **Wednesday, April 8th** at **7 p.m.** in Lorna's Lounge with the topic of **"Enough"**. All women of the church are welcome!

Evening Book Group

The Evening Book Group will meet on **Tuesday, April 28th** at 7 p.m. in Lorna's Lounge to discuss ***How To Stop Time*** by Matt Haig with the discussion led by **Georgia Vose**.

You're The Best!

Thank you for supporting the Church & Community Program's Little Italy fundraiser with tickets for a delicious Italian dinner. Overall, **181** tickets were sold in the community, with **20** tickets generously purchased from our church folk. A total of **\$1,358** was donated to the **CCP Food Pantry**.

Church Attendance

| | In-Person | Stream | CS |
|----------|-----------|--------|-------|
| March 1 | 73 | 60 | 10 |
| March 8 | 58 | 45 | 4 |
| March 15 | 62 | 45 | No CS |
| March 22 | 58 | 50 | 8 |

Average In-Person Attendance: 63
 Average Live-Stream Attendance: 50
 Average CS Attendance: 7

Treasurer's Report

| | Operating | Mission |
|---------------|--------------------|------------------|
| February 22 | \$ 1,376.00 | \$ 100.00 |
| March 1 | \$ 2,671.00 | \$ 40.00 |
| March 8 | \$ 7,066.00 | \$ 25.00 |
| March 22 | \$ 7,893.92 | \$ 100.00 |
| Total: | \$19,006.92 | \$ 265.00 |

Manse Committee Update

The Manse Committee has been hard at work laying the groundwork for **upcoming renovations** to the property. After touring the house together, we've identified several **priority areas** that will help preserve the home and make it more welcoming and functional for years to come.

Our current **focus** includes:

- Modernizing the **upstairs bathroom**
- Improving **lighting** and updating **flooring** in the **hallway**
- Repairing **windows** throughout the house
- Restoring the **back porch**

As we continue planning, we are gathering names of **reliable contractors** who may be a good fit for this work. If you know of contractors which you would **recommend**, please text **Jim Franklin** at 508-207-7507.

We will begin **fundraising** once we have a firm project scope and cost estimate. Thank you for your continued support as we move this important work forward.



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 | |
| 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

Howdy folks! Without intending any disrespect to T.S. Eliot, I would beg to differ as to the cruelest month. I cannot imagine a worse month than what this March has turned out to be. Wow. From heart-warming highs in the 60s to bone chilling wind temperatures and fierce wind (chills) the very next morning. Soul crushing. It feels as if spring will never arrive. The truth, though, is that the transition to spring has already begun, and in earnest. Moreover, it has been going on unnoticed right under our noses, and for quite a little while now.

As I have done with regularity for almost 40 years, a few weeks back (at the end of February) I was speaking to my horse-logger/woods-hippie/practitioner of the weird friend, Mark Adams. Usually one of us will call the other every few weeks just to catch up and check in. Occasionally we will call with breaking news which requires prayer/energy and a listening ear, or to share some recent sign of the weird into which we may have recently bumped. As is the case with most people who call Minnesota home, each and every conversation (regardless of the time of year) must include a discussion of the weather. Preferably with coffee in hand.

I was grouching about how the winter was dragging on. For Mark, any season without mosquitos is a blessing. I happened to be standing at the dining room window at the cottage which overlooks a couple of birch trees and, since he is a "tree guy," I asked him about these long, thin

things I saw springing up out of the top of every branch. Mark said, "Oh, you are *way* ahead of us (seasonally) you already have catkins emerging."

Turns out that catkins are *the wind-pollinated, cylindrical flowers of the birch tree* (along with willows and hazels) *typically appearing in early spring (March-May) when the tree is otherwise bare as 4-5 cm long yellow-brown male clusters, alongside smaller, erect female catkins* (which is what I was seeing). Who knew?!? Beyond the interesting silvicultural lesson, the broader take-away for me was that the transition from one season to the next necessarily begins *long* before we realize it.

TRANSITION

At last month's Session meeting an Elder asked about the process for calling a new pastor.

Elsewhere in this newsletter you will see a report from the Manse Committee. These are ecclesiastical "catkins" which signal that transition is afoot. Which, like the coming of spring, is a transition to be celebrated.

It is my opinion that we are currently living through a time of congregational stability, prosperity, and harmony as a result of a healthy, long-term pastorate. A so-called, "Golden Age" if you will. Such a season calls us to three tasks. First, to celebrate and truly enjoy the fruits of our labors. Second to "make hay" while the sun is shining. Third, to begin to reimagine what this church will become in the next season, along with what will be required to get there.

With you in the turning of the world,
Rev. Mike



APRIL Birthdays

- 1 Lauren Dean
- 2 Sean Rodee
- 3 Julia Trombly
- 4 Stacie Olney LaPierre, Nico Larson
- 7 Paula Eschmann
- 8 Matthew Holbrook
- 10 Nancey Brackett,
Emma Brackett,
Audrey Gollinger
- 11 Linda Potter
- 12 Kelly Garwood, Barb Brown
- 13 Terry Billings
- 15 Patti Cryderman,
Kathleen Witherhead,
Isabelle Sullivan
- 16 Nicole Potter
- 17 Michael Frazer, Hunter Fiese
- 18 Ruth Leslie, Allison Witherhead,
Sophia Smalling
- 20 Gwen LaPierre
- 21 Jean McGuire, Katie Fiese
- 23 Brent Bartley
- 24 Emily Bolton
- 25 Luke Frazer, Martin Syvertsen
- 27 Katie Dawley
- 28 Tim Cryderman
- 29 James Gibson



APRIL Anniversaries

- 18 Brent & Faye Bartley
- 23 Patrick & Stacie LaPierre
- 25 Martin Syvertsen & Vicki McLain

Wear Your Bonnet!

Let's have fun and show off your bonnet (or hat) on **Easter Sunday, April 5th!** Hop to it!



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").

Bowling Fundraiser

Thanks to our bowlers for the **April 19th CCP Bowling Fundraiser: Ben Bartley, Faye Bartley, Emily Bolton, Rosalie Dekay, Sebastian Dekay, Mark Darou, Daphne LaPierre** and **Heidi Ames**. **Two more bowlers** can still join the fun! The congregation can sponsor these teams with a **specific donation** or **Pennies Per Pin**. Come out to cheer on the teams! Our top bowler will get a **sweet** prize! If any questions please contact **Michelle Theisen** at 315-742-2172. (See pg. 19 for more info.)

Ask The Doctor At OFA

Dr. Gary Berk will be providing a **free medical consultation service** to patients and their families/friends to help them understand their medical conditions and help them make decisions regarding the risks and benefits of treatment. Dr. Berk is a family physician who practiced in Hermon for 35 years and is now retired. People can make appointments to be seen at the **Office for the Aging** and have an **hour** to review medical records, review portal information and ask questions. The visit is **not** a substitute for medical care; it is effort to improve that medical care through better understanding and knowledge by the patient. Dr. Berk will be seeing people one day a month, by appointment only.

Please note, this service is a **free medical consultation only**; no on-site hands-on medical care, treatment and/or prescriptions will be provided.

Please make an **appointment** by calling the Office for the Aging at (315) 386-4730. Clients are asked to bring along medical records, your portal sign-in information or just be prepared to tell your story. Former patients of Dr. Berk's are welcome to participate.

*Saving
Grace*

O God, who clothes the lilies,
Who feeds the birds of the sky,
Who leads the lambs to pasture,
and to the waterside,
Who brought forth quail and manna
in the desert did provide -
O come now to our table,
As guest and giver, to dine.

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

A minister is walking through the woods when he realizes a bear is following him. He decides to run (not a good idea) and the bear is quickly on his heels. The minister asks the Lord to make the bear a Christian. The bear comes to an immediate stop, falls to his knees and puts his front paws together. The bear says: "Thank you Lord for the meal I am about to receive."

Two friends are talking and one of the women says to the other "I hear you recently got married." "Yup" is the reply. The first gal asks if the new husband is handsome? She answers, "no he is rather homely." Is he a good provider? "No he can barely hold down a job." Is he nice to you? "No, he is often grumpy." Then why did you marry him? "Because he can drive at night."

HUGE Thanks From Barb

Thank you SO VERY much for your HUGE support of Scott Hamilton's CARES Cancer Research Foundation. In 2020, when I began participating in this Frozen 5K, I did not imagine that I would ever report back to you this astounding account of generosity - we raised **FOUR THOUSAND DOLLARS!! YOU. ARE. AMAZING!!!!**

As I have stated before, this **Frozen 5K** represents the confluence of three of the most impactful touchstones in my life; training in Lake Placid, attaining my dream of skating in Ice Capades, and hearing a diagnosis of cancer. Navigating through each of these, full of tests, trials and tribulations on the way to triumph, has developed and deepened my sense of **gratitude** and **respect** for our human community. You supported me then, and/or you're supporting me now. I seriously cannot convey the extent of my wonder and appreciation. **\$4,000!?!**



Prayer Warriors

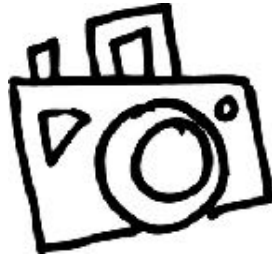
Would you like to help your neighbor, stretch spiritually and be a part of the mystical movement of the church? We are always looking for new prayer warriors to join **the church Prayer Chain** to offer prayers for folks who are ill, troubled or in need.

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 **April 1st**. 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 **April 19th**.

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

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

Canton HS Spring Musical

"The Music Man"

This Friday & Saturday

7:30 p.m. @ The HS

Come Out And Support The Kids

Worship & Church School

Begin at 10:00 a.m.

**Service of Healing
and Wholeness**

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MAR 10 9:57 AM 58° 315.386.2570

Worship & Church School

Begin at 10:00 a.m.

**Sunday's
Sermon**

**In-Person and On-line
Nursery Care Provided**

"SUFFERING"

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MAR 8 9:22 AM 58° 315.386.2570

**Welcome
Sled(ge)
Hockey
Players**

Friends of Bend in the River

**Meeting & Fundraiser Kickoff
At the Canton Free Library**

Tuesday March 24th @ 6 p.m.

To Establish a New

"Canton Community Center"

All are Welcome!!!

Remembering & Celebrating

The Life Of Coach

Dave Bradman

The Real Deal

"I do not like Maple Syrup,"

said NO

rational person

EVER.

Time to tap the sap...Wahoo!

**Life Shrinks
or Expands
in Proportion to
One's Courage.**

- Anais Nin

Celebrating the Gifts Of Women 2026



Worship Leaders



Stella & Heather



Marilyn



Michelle



Sarah



Barb



Barb



Erin (Utterly Fabulous)



Thanks To Marilyn For Preaching & Kid's Sermon



The Choir Inspires



Bea Was Boffo
On The Bench



Prayer With The Kids



Vicki & Our Worship Leaders Give The Benediction

Ham Dinner FUNdraiser!



Ordination Of Elders & Deacons

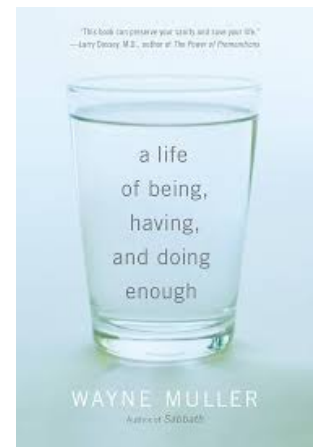


Linda & Stacie

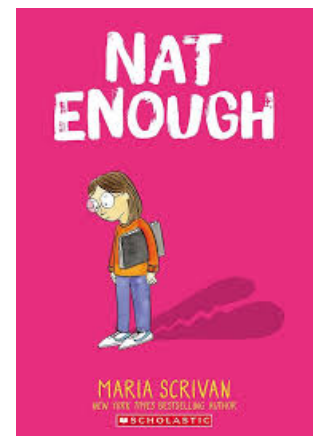


All-Church Read

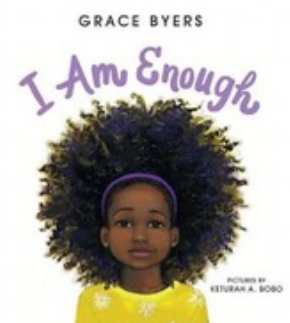
This year the All—Church read will take place on Sunday **April 19th**. We have selected **A Life of Being, Having, and Doing Enough** by therapist and ordained UCC minister Wayne Muller. The central message of the book is that "authentic happiness" comes from recognizing that we already are, have, and do enough exactly as we are. Muller's interest in this topic was deeply influenced by a heart attack, which forced him to reshape his life to a smaller, simpler scale characterized by deep listening and gratitude. He emphasizes that while action is necessary, the problem is an "imbalance"—working so hard without rest that we forget our limits and essential wholeness. Copies will be available at the church for people to borrow and there are several available through the North Country Library System. This book also is appropriate for the high schoolers in our congregation.



For the middle schoolers, **Nat Enough** is a middle-grade graphic novel series by Maria Scrivan about a girl named Natalie who feels she isn't athletic, stylish, or talented enough, especially after her best friend starts to drift away in middle school, forcing her to discover her own self-worth.



Our youngest members will enjoy **I Am Enough** by Grace Byers. A #1 NYT bestselling children's picture book that promotes self-acceptance and kindness. The book, inspired by Byers' own childhood bullying, is a lyrical ode to self-worth, emphasizing that every child is unique, capable, and deserving of respect, regardless of their appearance or abilities.



The church will be gifting a copy of one of these books to each of the 30 families in the congregation with school-aged children.

Sunday April 19th

Life In A Small Church



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

We invite and greatly welcome all photo submissions for the "Life In A Small Church" section of the monthly newsletter.



Click [HERE](#) To Send Photos



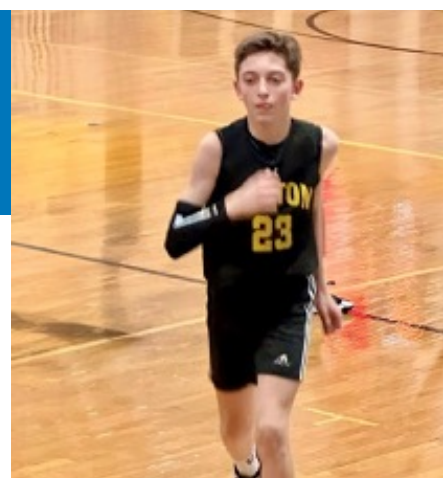
Like Taking Candy From A Baby

Rev. Mike Puts One Over on the Kids by Holding His Breath Longer than any of Them (albeit in a balloon) in Order to Teach Them That Everyone Suffers and that Life Simply isn't Fair Sometimes (It is Lent, after all!).



Wes Is Big Into Hoops Again This Winter

Two Professors Walk Into A Church...





Congratulations to Kate Ewy who skated in her final Ice Show. For Kate's senior solo routine sister Emily came onto the ice to provide musical accompaniment to the Beatle's "Black Bird." On top of it all, this was a surprise for their parents, Carolyn and Rob! Well played (and skated) ladies!



Thespians In Our Midst



Wes and Cousin Colin



(L) Natasha



Aubrey



Gwen and Proud Mom Stacie

Congratulations to the cast and crew of “The Music Man,” the Canton HS Spring musical: **Keegan Larsen** (daughter of Heather Russ), **Wesley Gayle** (son of Matt Gayle and Michelle Quinelle), **Luke Elvy** (son of Phil Elvy and Dr. Keli Hollis), **Gwen LaPierre** (daughter of Patrick LaPierre and Stacie Olney-LaPierre), **Aubrey Boswell** (daughter of Patience Boswell), **Natasha Rossiter** (daughter of Cliff and April Rossiter), **Maria Franklin** (daughter of Jim Franklin & Sarah Franklin) in the Production Team, along with musical guest **Mark Darou** of the Goldenaires (father of Abbey Darou and Olivia Sullivan), and **Matt Gayle** (father of Wes) on the Scenery Construction Team. It was a FABULOUS show and you all should be extremely proud of yourselves.

Congratulations to **Emily Ewy** and **Kate Ewy** (daughters of Carolyn Zanta & Rob Ewy) who were integral to the Potsdam HS Spring production of “Little Shop of Horrors.” Emily was the puppeteer in the play who worked the carnivorous plant “Audrey II,” coordinating the plant’s movements with the actor doing the voice (she also got to eat people, so that was a nice bonus). Kate was the Stage Manager

4th Annual Church & Community Program Bowling Tournament Fundraiser

Sunday April 19, 2026

At Ogdensburg Bowl

1121 Paterson St., Ogdensburg, NY

1:00 - to 4:00 p.m. (approx. end)



Team Sign-Up sheets are located in the church foyer.

Team members: 5 people per Team plus a couple of alternate players to take turns during the 3 games.

We will be “fielding” TWO teams again this year!

*There is **no cost to the participants.*** The church has paid the entry fees.

Time to arrive: Bowlers should arrive at bowling alley before 1 p.m, to get lanes assigned and get shoes and select bowling balls.

We will try to carpool to the bowling alley, and will meet at church at 12:25 p.m.

Bowling Shoes & Balls: The church will pay the \$2 per pair shoe rental fee. .

Food: Personal pizzas are available at the bowling alley.

Beverages: You can certainly bring water, and there will be beverages (soda and otherwise) available at the lanes.

Pennies for Pins: Pledge Forms are available on the table in church lobby; *each team bowler to get donations pledges from others to raise funding for the Church and Community Program.*

Questions? Contact Michelle Theisen, CCP Board Member, at (315) 742-2172

Thank you for your participation and support!



Photos from last year's tournament.

Rummage Sale



*Great Clothes
at
Great Prices*

**Friday
April 24th
9 AM to 4 PM**

**Saturday
April 25th
9 AM to Noon**

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

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

**Friday: Clothing \$5/Bag
Saturday: Everything \$1/Bag
Last Hour Free**

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| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| 29 Brunch After Worship OGHS Offering Palm Sunday | 30 7:00PM Session | 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 |
| 5 Deacon & Food Offering Easter No Church School No Coffee Hour | 6 | 7 1:30PM Church Office Open | 8 7:00PM Women's Circle | 9 1:30PM Church Office Open 4:15 PM C&CP Board Meeting 7:00PM Choir Practice | 10 | 11 |
| 12 Goldenaires Sing No Church School | 13 | 14 1:30PM Church Office Open | 15 Newsletter Deadline 7:00PM Deacon's Meeting | 16 1:30PM Church Office Open 7:00PM Choir Practice | 17 | 18 12:30PM RS Set-Up Begins |
| 19 All Church Read Name Tag Sunday Noisy Can Offering 11:00AM Manse Committee Meeting 1:00PM CCP Bowling Fundraiser | 20 Rummage Sale – Set-up & Sorting | 21 1:30PM Church Office Open | 22 | 23 1:30PM Church Office Open 6:00PM RS Sneak Peek 7:00PM Choir Practice | 24 9:00AM Rummage Sale | 25 9:00AM Rummage Sale 12:00PM RS Clean-Up |
| 26 Bring A Friend To Church | 27 7:00PM Session | 28 1:30PM Church Office Open 7:00PM Evening Book Group | 29 | 30 1:30PM Church Office Open 7:00PM Choir Practice | 1 | 2 |