

The View From The Park

A Newsletter of Faith & Community

November 2026

1st Presbyterian Church on the Park
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Sundays in November

• Worship Begins At 10:00 a.m. •

• November 1st •



Pledge Sunday
Communion
Deacons & Food Shelf Offering
Daylight Saving Time Ends
(Turn clocks back Saturday night!)

• November 8th •



Rev. Mike's Birthday
(Wear Tie Dye To Celebrate!)

• November 15th •



Name Tag Sunday
Noisy Can Sunday
Elf Shelf Donations for Lisbon Elementary
Manse Committee Meeting - 11 a.m.

• November 22nd •



Christ The King Sunday
Greening Of The Church

• November 29th •



First Sunday of Advent
Farm Family Offering

Christmas is right around the corner! Order deadline for **poinsettias** is **December 1st**. See page 11.

Rev. Michael P. Catanzaro..... Pastor
Pastor Donna Doig, CLP..... Associate Pastor
Ashley Meade..... Church School Director
Jeanne-Minette Cilliers.....Director of Music
HaEun Yang.....Pianist
Marcia Bradley..... Office Coordinator
Daphne & Gwen LaPierre...Nursery Care Providers
Patience Boswell..... Sexton
Cameron Boswell..... Stream Master
Linda Potter.....Congregational Coordinator

Office Hours: 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. Tuesday & Thursday

Pledge Sunday

Pledge Sunday will take place on **November 1st**. In the mail, you should have received an **appeal letter**, **Stewardship brochure**, and your **pledge card.** A pledge card is also on **page 9** and additional cards will be at the church on November 1st. The Stewardship Committee and Session ask that you **prayerfully consider how our church supports you** and your family, our community and world, and how you, in turn, **can support the work and mission of our church**.



Contact any member of the Session or Rev. Mike with any questions. Please return the pledge cards as quickly as possible so we may begin to plan **our budget and programs for 2027**.

Thanks to everyone (near and far) for their **continued support** of the First Presbyterian Church on the Park!

Holiday Of Lights

On **Friday**, **November 27th,** families can enjoy a **tree lighting**, **caroling**, **wagon rides**, and a **visit** with **Santa** in the park. Our church's Fellowship Hall will once again be the location of the **hot chocolate** and **cookies** served for this Holiday of Lights celebration. **Volunteers are needed** from **5:30 – 7:30 p.m.** to greet families and pass out cookies and hot chocolate. Call or text **Beth Hayes** at (315) 244-7902 if you can help.

Family News

Thanks to **Dale Grant** for the water heater and **Jim Durham** for getting the boiler up to snuff for the coming heating season.

ADDRESS CORRECTION - The correct address for **Kate Ewy** is: University of Rochester, CMC Box 272731, 500 Joseph C. Wilson Blvd., Rochester, NY. 14627.

We ask God for traveling mercies for our snowbirds soon to be flying south for the winter: **Rich** and **Ellen Grayson**, **Ella Morter**, and for **Barb Brown** driving a neighbor to Florida.

Prayers for **Vern Aldous** who was admitted to CPH at the very end of October. Vern continues to undergo treatment in Burlington for a reoccurrence of cancer. Prayers, also, for his wife **Arvilla**.

Prayers for **Dr**. **Michael Tulloch** undergoing medical treatment at a hospital in Buffalo. Cards may be sent to 23 Schoolhouse Road, Canton, NY 13617. Prayers also for his wife, **Gail**, his daughter **Sarah Murphy**, and his entire family in support of him.

Prayers for the father of **Erin Wiggins,** Ford, who is recovering from a stroke, and for her mother, Linda, in support of Ford.

Prayers for **Bob Fraser** who has moved to St. Joseph's Home, Room 225 Bed 1, 950 Linden St., Ogdensburg, NY 13669.

Prayers for **Karen Parker** who is now living at Tupper Lake Center Nursing and Rehabilitation, 114 Wawbeek Avenue, Rm. 116, Tupper Lake NY 12986. Cards *greatly* appreciated! Prayers also for **Bill Parker** who continues to face his own health challenges.

Family News - cont.

Prayers for **Al Ostrander** facing health challenges and for wife **Rita** and their daughter **Cheryl** in support of him; for **Betsy Robinson** who has undergone radiation treatment for cancer; for **Paula Eschmann** facing health challenges and undergoing treatment; for **Donna Doig** facing health challenges; **Rich Grayson** who is getting older; **Lew Shepard** under the palliative care of Hospice (and son **Mark**).

Continued prayers for **Bev** and **Jerry Findley**, **Mark** and **Nancy Brown**, **Carolyn O'Connor**, **Marilyn Coir**, **Christa Lyon**, **Rich Denison**, **Colleen Grant**, **Janet Favro**, and all who are ill in hospitals, nursing homes or at home; those serving our nation and their families who support them; parents raising children and children caring for parents.

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**!

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.

November Lectionary Readings

November 1
Joshua 3:7–17
Psalm 107:1–7, 33–37
1 Thessalonians 2:9–13
Matthew 23:1–12

November 8
Joshua 24:1–3a, 14–25
Psalm 78:1–7
1 Thessalonians 4:13–18
Matthew 25:1–13



November 15
Judges 4:1–7
Psalm 123
1 Thessalonians 5:1–11
Matthew 25:14–30

November 22 - Christ the King
Ezekiel 34:11–16, 20–24
Psalm 100 *or* Psalm 95:1–7a
Ephesians 1:15–23
Matthew 25:31–46

November 29 - 1st Sunday of Advent
Isaiah 64:1–9
Psalm 80:1–7, 17–19
1 Corinthians 1:3–9
Mark 13:24–37

Evening Book Group



The Evening Book Group will meet on **Tuesday**, **November 17th at 7 p.m.** in Lorna's Lounge to discuss ***Once There Were Wolves*** by Charlotte McConaghy, with the discussion led by **Christy Dekay**.

All are welcome.

Women's Circle



Women's Circle will meet on **Wednesday**, **November 11th** at **7 p.m.** in Lorna's Lounge. Topic is TBD. All women of the church are welcome!

Farm Family Offering

Our Farm Family Offering is an opportunity for you to share your **mission dollars** with **local farmers**. Because of this mission program, which we began in 2002, many farm families have been able to buy presents for their children when they wondered where the money would come from to do so.

Our local producers have to deal with **whatever weather** that Mother Nature sends along with a difficult economy. Cost of production may be higher than the payment they receive for their product. Despite these challenges, our local farmers will do their best to provide their **foods** and **products** to us.



During the month of December, **monetary gifts** will be delivered personally to **local farm families** producing meat, milk, fruit, vegetables, syrup, honey, or nursery plants. Together our dollars will provide a Merrier Christmas for farm children and their parents. Special thanks to **Jan Baffero Moore** and **Jeannie Lewis** who make generous donations each year to get the ball rolling.

Bring your donation to church on **Sunday**, **November 29th**, where there will be envelopes addressed to ***"Farm Family Offering"*** in which you can insert your money. For church families who receive a snail-mailed newsletter, an envelope will be attached. You can also mail your donation (check only-no cash) to: Canton Presbyterian Church, 17 Park Street. Be sure to note for **Farm Families** on the check. **Thank you for making a difference!**

Marilyn Rodee & Erin Wiggins
Farm Family Coordinators

Church Attendance

	In-Person	Stream	CS
October 4	58	35	3
October 11	56	42	14
October 18	70	42	6
October 25	72	45	15

Average In-Person Attendance: 64
Average Live-Stream Attendance: 41
Average CS Attendance: 10

Treasurer's Report

	Operating	Mission
October 4	$1,210.00	$ 20.00
October 11	$8,298.93	$160.00
October 18	$1,050.00	$ 80.00
October 25	$4,779.50	$ 0.00
Total:	**$15,338.43**	**$260.00**

Giving Tree Program

It's time again to take a **Giving Tree envelope** and help the Church & Community Program make the holidays brighter for a child in need in our community! Just like last year, we're asking for **donations** to purchase vouchers for **clothing**, **toys**/**gifts**, and **food** for families who need our help more than ever. Many folks are facing the potential loss of federal assistance programs as they move into the holiday season. With the Giving Tree program, parents are able to shop for their own children which, since 2020, has proven to be a terrific method.



In addition to the three vouchers, each child will also receive a new pair of **PJs** (thanks to generous donors and the hard work of Janice Poole!). To make this happen, Giving Tree needs your donation by cash, check, or online at ccpcanton.org. Giving Tree envelopes are in our church foyer. Thanks in advance for your generosity. If you have any questions, contact our CCP representatives, **Sean Boutin**, **Michelle Theisen**, and **Faye Bartley**.

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 — Nancy Brown
Colleen Grant — Michelle Theisen
Ray Erickson, Treasurer

Committees — Chairs

Resources — Jim Franklin, JJ Jockel, Pat McGuire and 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 and Pat Mace
Responsible for all fellowship events.

Nominating — B Hayes, JJ Jockel,, B Brown, F. Bartley, and Jean McGuire (Deacons)
Responsible for filling Session, Deacons and Offices.

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

Worship — Rob Ewy
With pastor, responsible for worship.
Communion — Pat Mace and Vicki McLain

Stewardship — Rob Ewy & Barry Walch
Responsible for securing resources and energy to fulfill the mission and 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 and Michelle Theisen

Personnel — Heidi Ames, Dale Grant, and 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

Welcome home and welcome to it!

As ghosts and goblins pave the way for gourds and giblets, Stewardship time is upon us at the Church on the Park.

The first order of business is to offer **a heart-felt thanks to all of you** who have kept us "in business" this past year. Due to your commitment of time, energy, leadership and, yes, financial resources, we have moved our church forward for yet another year. It is amazing and humbling to see what a (relatively) small group of people can accomplish toward the ends of bringing goodness, hope, and compassion to the world and our own lives.

And (SNAP!) just like that a *new* year is upon us and it is time, once more, for us to consider our financial support for our church in 2027. Stewardship letters have already been mailed out (and a pledge card may be found in this month's edition) and this coming Sunday, **November 1st is Pledge Sunday** when we ask folks to return their pledge of support for the coming year. There are Pledge Boxes in the foyer and sanctuary, or they can be mailed to the church at 17 Park St. Canton, NY 13617.

While it is hard, and in many ways unnecessary, to reinvent the wheel when it comes to the idea and practice of stewardship, I will tell you the nature of the vehicle which rides upon those wheels (i.e., the church) has undergone ***significant* change** over the span of the past couple of years following the experience of COVID.

It should come as no surprise that many (if not most) churches are struggling with financial viability, membership, and relevance. Thankfully, our church does *not* number among them. While the size and nature of our physical plant/buildings means we will never have too much, **we always seem to have enough**. This, I have come to realize, is not by accident.

After 33 years in the parish I have arrived at the conclusion that ministry (stewardship included) really comes down to one basic thing: **taking care of people**. Everything else follows from this, or not. While the caring part has not changed much over the course of the past two millennia, the past several years have brought *great* changes in our understanding of just who, exactly, constitutes the people. Owing to the live-stream, our well-read and utilized newsletter, weekly emailing of the sermon, and the nature of our society, a great many more people may (joyously) lay claim to "belonging" to our church in whatever way each person chooses to understand it. This is simply the changing nature of church, both as a concept and as an expression. What I believe makes our church unique, is our ability to embrace the grace of this change.

The Changing Nature of Church

In essence, we have allowed our church to be "customized" for use and participation to the individual resulting in **a sum which is miraculously greater than our ever-diversifying parts**. It follows, then, that each person consider their own unique role is supporting the church in a way which corresponds to the care they receive, how they receive it, and their own distinctive (and/or quirky) sense of belonging to the Church on the Park. **I am absolutely certain that God has big plans for our church, and that *each* one of us will be part of such a plan unfolding even now.**

For as in one body we have many members, and the members do not all have the same function, so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another. - Romans 12:4-5

NOVEMBER Birthdays

1	Dave MacMaster
2	Tracy Loeffler
4	Amanda Eschman, Duncan Melville
5	Judy Longshore
6	Mary Grace Gordon
8	Rev. Michael Catanzaro, Sam Murphy
12	Amelia Rodee, Sarah Rodee
21	Janice Poole
24	Martha Pierce, Betsy Robinson
25	David Patterson
26	Hunter Montgomery
28	Bob Duda
29	Stuart Jones
30	Olivia Sullivan

NOVEMBER Anniversaries

14 Christy & Nick Dekay

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

Bazaar Report

Our recent Fall Bazaar was a **huge success**…all because of **YOU**. **YOU** carried items up from the basement. **YOU** donated items. **YOU** worked planning, unwrapping and setting up. **YOU** chopped, cooked and tasted. **YOU** baked. **YOU** worked during the bazaar. **YOU** shopped. **YOU** came and ate with us and laughed with us. **YOU** helped clean-up. **YOU** boxed up and put away. **YOU** shared kind words. **YOU** are the church and because of **YOU** we were able to deposit $2,453.50. Thank **YOU**!

*(Special thanks to **Barb Brown** who traveled to Watertown with two rings, a necklace and a brooch from the jewelry table to determine their worth. She came home with $340 which was added to our total! Her **extra effort** is **greatly appreciated**!)*



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 worshiping 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").

Meals Ready For You

When life gets too hectic or full, planning a meal may be the last thing you want to do. That's why we have stocked a **freezer** at the church with **homemade meals**. While many in the church are happy to make fresh meals, sometimes needs arise quickly. When that happens, contact **Beth Hayes** at (315) 244-7902 or the **church office** at office@churchonthepark.org to make arrangements to pick up a meal from the freezer located in the back room of Fellowship Hall.

Jewish Food Festival

On Sunday, **November 15th**, the Beth El Jewish Food Festival will take place from **11 a.m. to 4 p.m.** at 81 Market Street in Potsdam. Breads and pastries from a kosher Montreal bakery, Beth El prepared blintzes, latkes, falafel, soups, hummus, and lots more to eat in or take out. This is an important (and **very delicious**) fundraiser for their congregation. It is also a tangible (and tasty) opportunity to show support (and to slake one's cravings for carbohydrates).

You Can Be An Elf!

Erin Wiggins, a 4th grade teacher at Lisbon Central, is again seeking donations for their **Elf Shelf Holiday Program** which gives elementary school children a fun, independent shopping experience to purchase **budget-friendly gifts** (typically from a quarter to a couple of dollars) for their families. **You can help** by bringing in donations. Suggestions include items that you may already have in your home or could purchase at an affordable price such as: coffee mugs, ornaments, candles, decorative plaques, small toys, art supplies, fun jewelry, bath supplies, small notebooks, magnets, teas, chocolates, socks - you get the idea.



A box to collect items for Erin to take to the school will be in the foyer on **Sunday**, **November 15th**, or you can bring items to the **church office** on **November 10th** and **12th** (office hours are 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Election Day is **Tuesday**, **November 3rd**. Be part of our democratic system and be sure to vote - whether by early voting, absentee, or in-person.

Greening Of The Church

Immediately following worship on **Sunday, November 22**, we will be greening the church in anticipation and preparation of the holiday season. Adults and children alike are invited and encouraged to stay and help. We will be having an expanded coffee hour that morning . If you would like to bring something to share you are welcome to. We look forward to seeing you there!



Church Website

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

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

I have a disease where I only get sick during the work week. The doctor says I have a weekend immune system.

The shark went to the vet after eating a clown fish. Claimed the fish tasted funny.

Saving Grace

Our hay is all saved,
our wheat is reaped,
Our corn is garnered,
our barns are heaped.
The harvest is over,
the earth takes its rest,
We thank our Creator;
O, how we are blessed!

Prayer Warriors

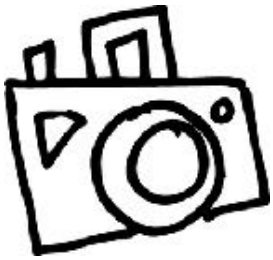
Would you like to help your neighbor, stretch spiritually, and be a part of the mystical movement of the church? We are always looking for new prayer warriors to join **the church Prayer Chain** to offer prayers for folks who are ill, troubled or in need.



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

Partridge Knoll services will resume on **October 7th** 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



If you haven't already, please visit 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 **November 15th.**
Come early to church
and make your own name tag.
Get to know your neighbor.

Pledge Sunday Is November 1st

The chart below is part of the stewardship brochure which was in the mailing which you received. It shows the number of **pledging units** along with **average** pledge amount. Only you (and your family) know what amount is best for you. Together, we are the stewards of this church, giving our **time**, **talent**, and **treasure** to make the Church On The Park a vital, welcoming part of our community. Consider what it means to you and bring or mail your pledge to the church on **Pledge Sunday**, **November 1st**.



Pledges 2022-2026

Amount Pledged	# Of Pledging Units 2022	2023	2024	2025	2026
$0 - $399	2	4	2	2	2
$400 - $999	6	6	8	5	5
$1,000-$1,599	12	10	11	14	2
$1,600-$2,499	9	14	14	12	10
$2,500-$3,999	11	11	11	10	10
$4,000 and up	8	8	9	4	4
Total:	**48**	**53**	**55**	**47**	**33**
Average Pledge	$2,386	$2,117	$2,078	$2,942	$4,098
Weekly	$45.88	$40.72	$39.87	$56.57	$78.80
Membership	95	110	103	89	
Total		**$112,230**		**$138,280**	
	$105,971		**$114,328**		**$135,252**

My Estimate of Giving

Yes! I would like to help support the work of our Church. During the coming year, I plan to give $_____ per week, to be divided as follows:
$_____ for our church and $____ for General Mission.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Please bring to the church on November 1st or mail to 17 Park Street, Canton NY 13617.
Your support of our church is greatly appreciated! Thank you!

A reminder of My Church Pledge:
During the coming year, I plan to give to our church $_____ per week.

In Memory and Honor of Family, Friends & Loved Ones

If you would like to purchase a Poinsettia
through the church **(cost $25)**,
please fill out the **order form** below.

See Stewardship Letter on Page 21

Please return order form and payment to
First Presbyterian Church, 17 Park Street,
Canton NY 13617
by **December 1st at Noon**.
(The deadline to place our order with
White's Flowers.)

You are welcome to provide your own plant;
however, we will still need the information
regarding your memorial for the bulletin insert
by **December 1st** as well.

(Please pick up your Poinsettia following the Christmas Eve Service,
or earlier, so you may enjoy it at home.)

Name:_____

In memory or in honor of (please indicate which):

_____

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Red #: _____ White #: _____

Cash: _____ Check: _____

PLEASE RETURN BY DECEMBER 1st, 2026.

Sign(s) Of The Times – The Month's Messages

















HALLOWEEN ON THE PARK





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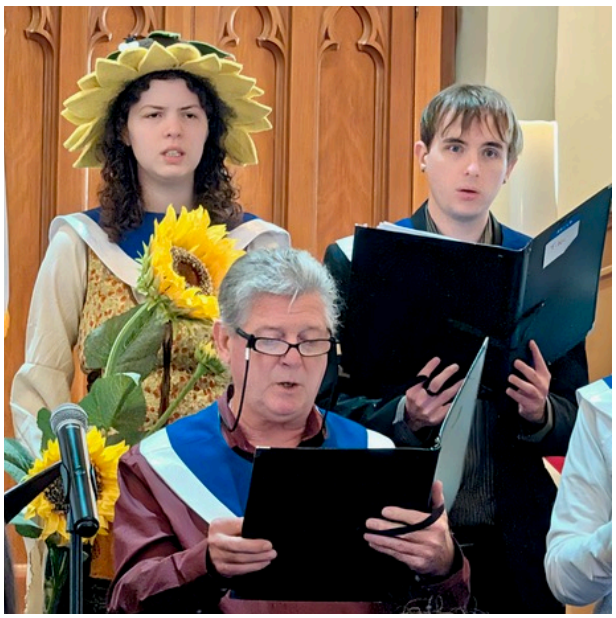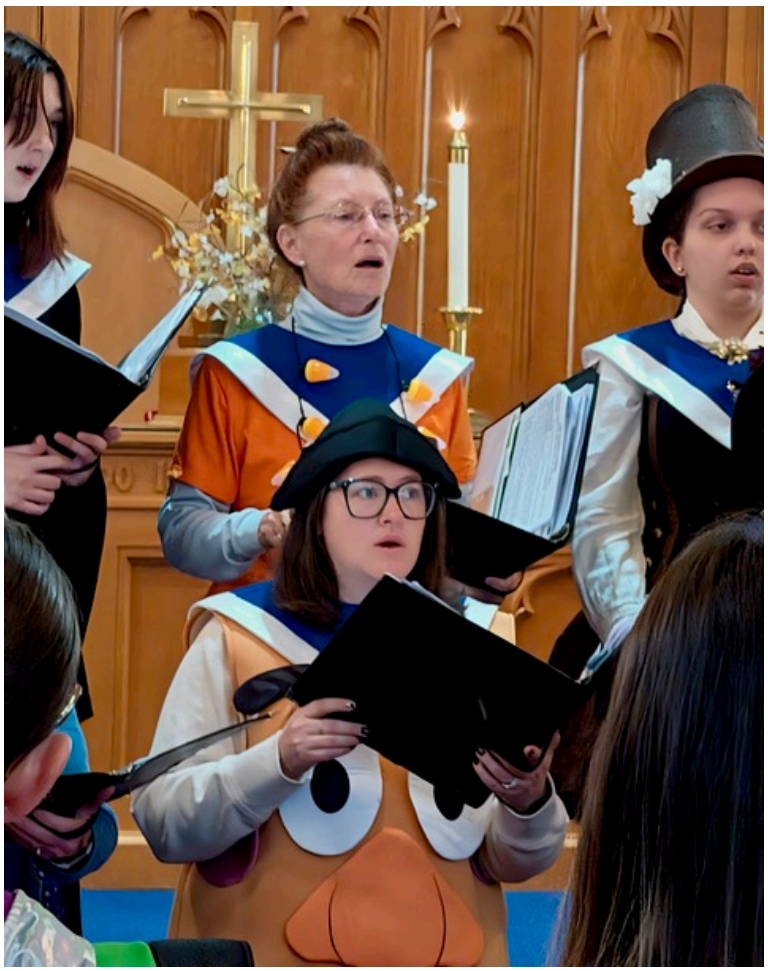












WITCHING YOU A HAPPY HALLOWEEN



(Pretty Incredible Mr. Incredible's Suit Didn't Rip)



GHOULS JUST WANT TO HAVE FUN (AND SING)



Life In Small Church



Cluck Cluck or Cuckoo?



Marshall & Katie
Go Take A hike



Blessing On Our Snowbirds



PULPIT EXCHANGE!

We Welcomed
Rev. Shea Zellweger
(Hammond)



Pastor Appreciation Day!

On the Same Day as Stella's Birthday!!!

In Other News...

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



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

Fall Bazaar!!!









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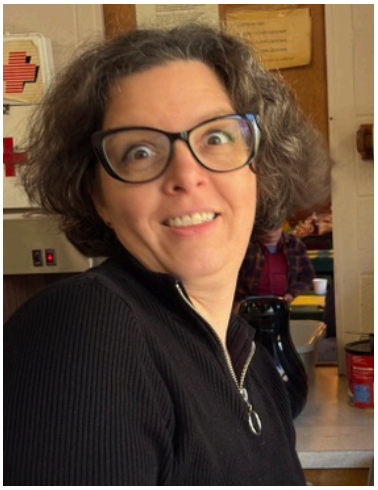





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Priceless









The Church on the Park in Autumn

THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
17 Park Street Canton, NY 13617 315.386.2570
Office@ChurchOnThePark.org www.ChurchOnThePark.org
on the Park

Friends,

There are many ways to give to the church, and the church gives back to us in many ways. Luke 6:38 gives us this passage: *"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."*

It is that time of the year, time to reflect on our church, what it does for us and what we can do for the church. Our church has a positive effect on our community, through our work with the Church and Community Program, Farm Families offering, other churches in our Presbytery, our rummage sales, Bazaar, and cabbage roll sales. We are also a warm and welcoming community who has built a culture of caring for each other. Just a few years ago you welcomed us (Ewy-Zanta family) with open arms. Little did Carolyn and I know that the Church on the Park would have such a positive effect on our daughters Emily and Kate. They truly are better people because of the love and support from the people in this church. I'm sure that you can think of something the church has given to you.

As we receive, we should also give. We have a building that is an architectural gem, a landmark in the community, and a challenge to take care of. We have many mission projects that provide services to those in our community and beyond. We have church employees who do the day-in and day-out work that allow us to have a church. The stewardship drive is concerned with the reality that we need to raise enough money so that we can have various mission projects, take care of the church itself, the facilities, the heat, the lights, and most importantly, our staff.

The Session is well aware of the financial challenges we all face. And just like our finances at home, we strive to make best use of the Church's financial resources. We have conducted energy and building audits to look for efficiencies. Older buildings make this especially challenging. Another challenge is that we had just 44 pledges last year. This puts the burden of financing all that we do at The Church on the Park onto relatively few people. The Session realizes the financial situation of each person in our congregation is unique. Some can weather the economic storm more easily than others. The Session asks for your prayerful consideration of pledging if you have not in the past, or increasing you pledge if you are able.

Sincerely your Stewardship Co-Chairs

Barry Walch Robert Ewy

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Deacon & Food Offering DST Ends Pledge Sunday	2 Day Of The Dead	3 Election Day	4 10:00AM Office Open 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. 11:00AM PK Service	5 7:00PM Choir Rehearsal	6 10:00AM Office Open 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.	7
8 Rev. Mike's Birthday	9	10 10:00AM Office Open 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.	11 Veterans Day 7:00PM Women's Circle	12 10:00AM Office Open to 3 p.m. 4:15PM C&CP Board Meeting 7:00PM Choir Rehearsal	13	14
15 Elf Shelf Donations Name Tag Sunday Newsletter Deadline Noisy Can Offering 11:00AM Manse Committee Meeting	16	17 10:00AM Office Open 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. 7:00PM Evening Book Group	18 7:00PM Deacon's Meeting (CR)	19 10:00AM Office Open to 3 p.m. 7:00PM Choir Rehearsal	20	21
22 Christ The King Sunday 11:00AM Greening Of The Church	23	24 10:00AM Office Open 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.	25	26 Thanksgiving	27 6:00PM Holiday of Lights	28
29 1st Sunday of Advent Farm Family Offering	30 7:00PM Session	1 Poinsettia Order Deadline 10:00AM Office Open 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.	2 11:00AM PK Service	3 10:00AM Office Open to 3 p.m. 7:00PM Choir Rehearsal	4	5