



The View From The Park

A Newsletter of Faith & Community

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Sundays in March

• **Worship Begins At 10:00 a.m.** •

• **March 4th** •

Communion
Deacon & Food Shelf Offering
Stuffed Rabbit Making For Kids
New Member Class After Worship



• **March 11th** •

All-Church Read - *Edward Tulane*
New Member Sunday
Souper Sunday (*order form on pg. 6*)
Daylight Saving Time Begins



• **March 18th** •

Fifth Sunday of Lent
Celebrate The Gifts of Women Sunday
Name Tag Sunday
Noisy Can Offering



• **March 25th** •

Palm Sunday
8:30 a.m. - Potluck Breakfast
9:40 a.m. - Procession Around The Park
One Great Hour of Sharing Offering
Handbell Sunday



Rev. Michael P. Catanzaro..... Pastor
Donna Doig, CLP..... Associate Pastor
Aimee LaRue..... Church Secretary
Laura Toland..... Music Director
Bob Duda..... Assistant Choir Director
Laura Toland..... Organist
Michael Walters..... Handbell Choir Director
Kim Trombly..... Director of Christian Education
Diane Ladison..... Treasurer
Patience Boswell..... Sexton
Tom Dildine..... Webmaster
Linda Potter..... Newsletter Editor

The Church Office Hours are
Tuesdays & Thursdays, 11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Annual Spaghetti Dinner

Thursday, March 15th from 5 to 7

p.m. is our Annual Spaghetti Dinner Fund Raiser. Menu includes "All You Care To Eat" spaghetti with homemade meatballs, tossed salad, bread, assorted desserts and beverage. **Take-outs & vegetarian sauce** are available. **Cost** is \$7 for **adults**, \$5 for **kids** ages 4-10 and those under 4 and over 90 are free. **Volunteers** and **donations** make this event a success! This is a great time to get acquainted. **Sign-up sheets** will be in the church foyer beginning Sunday, February 25th. Come and **enjoy the fellowship** while **raising money** for the church.



Annual Women's Worship

The "**Gifts of Women Sunday**" will be held on **Sunday, March 18th**. The women of the church present the entire worship service on this day. If you would like to be part of this special service, contact **Linda Potter** at 386-4364 or nautilus@twc-ny.rr.com.



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Family News

Thanks to the following people for having served the congregation so faithfully and effectively: **Janet Stitt**, C&CP Board Representative; **Lew Shepard**, **Sarah Melville**, **Vicki McLain** and **Armond Spencer**, Elders, and Deacons **Ann Spencer** and **Ellen Compeau**.

Prayers for **Arvilla Aldous** on the death of her brother-in-law Ed, and for his surviving spouse and children.

Prayers for **Janet Stitt** on the death of her husband, **Wes**; their children **Jennifer** and **Doug** and their families. Wes was honored at a service held at the church on Saturday, February 24th. Cards may be sent to Janet at 21 Hammond Street, Canton, NY 13617.

Prayers for the **family of Betty Peckham** who returned to Canton, and our church, to celebrate and remember her life at a service held on Sunday, February 25th. Thanks to all who helped with the reception that followed. Cards and notes may be sent % Stephen Peckham, 3303 Stardust Drive, Austin, TX 78757.

Continued prayers for **Barb Brown** continuing and recovering from radiation treatments. Cards may be sent to her at 1 Point Comfort Rd, Morristown, NY 13664.

Continued prayers for **Marty Lyon** facing health challenges (43 Lincoln Street, Canton, NY 13617), **Ray Toland** recovering from surgery on his ankle (501 Old Market Rd, Potsdam NY 13676), **Pastor Donna Doig** who has been suffering with a cold (30 Sullivan Dr. Apt. 110, Canton, NY 13617), **Pat McGuire** recovering from surgery (604 Hall Road, Lisbon, NY 13658) and **Janice Reynolds** battling successive illnesses (P.O. 162, Lisbon, NY 13658).

Prayers for **Ellen Janack** going through a period of transition; **Greg Findley**, son of **Bev** and **Gerry**, facing health issues; **Walden Nelson**, son of **Dave Nelson** and **Rebecca Pickens**, facing health issues.

Family News - cont.

Continued prayers for **David Pierce** (**Kristine Potter's** father) recovering from a minor stroke; **Carol Zeh** recovering from appendicitis; **Sarah Franklin** recovering from pneumonia; **Lorna Webb** who continues to face health challenges; **Katie Smith** confronting health challenges and **Mary Rexford** facing health issues.

Prayers for **Kristine Potter** who is healing after breaking her ankle in a fall on the ice. Prayers for those in nursing homes: **Nellie Locey**, **Shirley Seeley** and **Barb Klemens**.

Service For Mickey Williams

On **Saturday, April 21st at 11 a.m.**, our church will hold a Memorial Service to remember and celebrate the life of **Mickey Williams**. A **luncheon** will follow the service, please see **Pat Mace** or **Ellen Grayson** if you can help. Cards may be sent to her daughter **Elizabeth Williams** at 75 Log Cabin Rd, Nelson NH 03457.

New Deacons & Elders

On **Sunday, April 15th** we will be **ordaining** and **installing** new Elders and Deacons during the worship service. Amazingly, this is the **first open date** we have due to the many activities happening in the life of our congregation until then!

New C&CP Rep Needed

If you are looking to **serve** our **church**, and the **larger community**, please consider serving on the **board** of the Church & Community Program. Questions about the work of the **C&CP**, and responsibilities of the board members, may be addressed to our current representatives **Jane Cable** and **JJ Jockel**. Please see Rev. Mike if you have an interest.

Women's Circle

Women's Circle will be held on Wednesday, **March 14th** at 7 p.m. with host and topic TBA. Contact Linda Potter for more info, 386-4364.

Afternoon Book Group

The Afternoon Book Group will meet on **Tuesday, March 20th** at 1 p.m. to discuss ***Violets of March*** by Sarah Jio at the home of **Karen Parker**, 17 State St. Call Karen at 714-2312 for more info.

Evening Book Group

The **March 27th** book is ***LaRose*** by Louise Erdrich. Discussion will be held at 7 p.m. at the home of **Wanda Renick**, Apt. 114A at Partridge Knoll. For more information, call Linda Potter at 386-4364.

New Member Class

Rev. Mike will be hold a one hour New Member Class following worship on **Sunday, March 4th** for those who have expressed a desire to join the church. Additionally, anyone is welcome to attend the class (there will be extra materials on hand) for informational purposes, to explore membership in our church, or as a step to joining the church. New members will be received during worship on **Sunday March 11th**. To

learn more, contact
Rev. Mike at 386-2570
or revmike@churchon-thepark.org



Hospice Book Discussion

The next Hospice of St. Lawrence Valley book discussion is ***On Living*** by Kerry Egan. The discussion will be on **Wednesday, April 11th** from 5 - 6:30 p.m. in their conference room at 6805 SH 11, Potsdam. Contact **Linda Caamano** at (315) 265-0323 for more info.

Palm Sunday Celebration

The entire community is invited to join in a **Palm Sunday procession** through the Park on **March 25th**. Gather at **8:30 a.m.** in the Fellowship Hall of the First Presbyterian for a **potluck breakfast**, then meet at the fountain at **9:40 a.m.** to process around the Park in **song** and **with palms**. Please join the congregations of the **Grace Episcopal, United Methodist, St. Mary's, Unitarian-Universalist** and **First Presbyterian** churches in this **joyous beginning to Holy week**.

All-Church Read

The sermon based on the **Annual All-Church Read** will be on **Sunday, March 11th**. The book selected this year is ***The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane*** by Kate DiCamillo. This book, recommended for ages 7 and up, follows Edward Tulane, a china rabbit, on "*an extraordinary journey, from the depths of the ocean to the net of a fisherman, from the top of a garbage heap to the fireside of a hobo's camp, from the bedside of an ailing child to the bustling streets of Memphis. And along the way, we are shown a true miracle: even a heart of the most breakable kind can learn to love, to lose, and to love again.*"

We hope that families will read this book together as the **children** will be invited to **stay** for the sermon that day.

Stuffed Rabbits

In conjunction with the All-Church Read, the **Sunday School Children** will be making stuffed rabbits with **Ellen MacMaster** on **Sunday, March 4th**. All children are welcome to join us in the **Conference Room** at the **beginning** of worship that day to work with Ellen and her helpers.

Church Attendance

	Worship	CS
January 21	61	6
January 28	61	6
February 4	63	8
February 11	51	7

Average Worship Attendance 59

Average CS Attendance 7

Treasurer's Report

	General	Mission
January 21	\$1,567.00	\$103.00
January 28	\$1,492.00	\$ 56.00
February 4	\$6,835.13	\$408.00
February 1	\$1,051.00	\$369.00
Total	\$10,945.13	\$936.00

Church School News

The excitement of the first Sunday in February was evident in the church kitchen as the children, assisted by the **Youth Group**, made **bread** for **communion**! The children and adults had a great time mixing the ingredients and rolling out the dough to make "snakes" for bread sticks. The Sunday before, children learned about **The Last Supper** and why we have communion once a month, to prepare them for Communion Sunday.



Currently, the children are learning about the **Beatitudes**. **Ellen Grayson** introduced the Beatitudes to the children and they will continue to learn about each one throughout the year. The children will have a few different teachers in the upcoming weeks, since I will be vacationing in Florida during February break.

Thank you to those who continue donating **cans** and **bottles** to the Church School children. We already made our donation to the **Heifer Project**, so we will discuss what to do with the rest of the money.

Officers & Committees

Elders

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

Rich Grayson Kristine Potter Martha Cole
Pat Mace Keli Hollis Barry Walch
Beth Hayes Tom Dildine
Sarah Melville Clerk Of Session
Wanda Renick, Assistant Clerk

Deacons

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

Arvilla Aldous Ray Erickson J.J. Jockel
Patience Boswell Faye Bartley Marilyn Coir
Cati Hill Marilyn Rodeo Vicki McLain
Nancy Brown Jane Cable Georgia Vose
Michelle Theisen

Committees

Chairs

Resources Mark Brackett / Jim Franklin
Responsible for managing and dispensing funds to fulfill the mission & ministry of our church.

Facilities Barry Walch & Gordy Theisen
Responsible for the maintenance and use of all church property.

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

FUNdraising Beth Hayes
Responsible for organizing fund & fun raising events.

Education Vicki McLain
Responsible for growth, nurturing & learning.

Worship Kristine Potter
With pastor, responsible for worship.

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

Mission Martha Cole
Helping our church, community & world.

Treasurer Diane Ladison / Phil Elvy

Financial Secretary Barry Walch
Assistant Financial Secretary - Janice Reynolds

Church & Community Jane Cable & JJ Jockel

Communion Vicki McLain & Jane Cable

The Pastor's Report

To the Church at Canton, blessings & peace upon you,

Holy Cow! WOW! Gee Willikers!?!
Sweet Lord! OMGosh! Sakes Alive! No Way!

Way! I find myself in an astounded state of mind sitting here this morning writing these words to you. THERE IS SO MUCH HAPPENING AT THIS CHURCH! I'm having a bit of a hard time wrapping my mind, not to mention arms, around it.

I mean, let's be honest. In this day and age, in a town this size, we should be a sleepy little church content to rouse ourselves from slumber once a week on Sunday morning, then promptly nod back off. Conventional wisdom says we should be engaged in a slow, steady decline, trending toward increasing insignificance. After 20 years of ministry, my job should be getting easier, not harder; certainly not busier. And yet, the evidence is clear. The pace is definitely picking up, there seems to be more that matters most, the ripples in the pond greater, there is less time in the day to get it all done and the tasks at hand are larger, deeper, juicier.

Where to begin? At the beginning, I suppose. From day one, the motif I've most employed and felt comfortable with here in my ministry is that of the journey. So much of that imagery has to do with the start of the journey and the process of the journey. In my mind I once imagined a noble, solitary traveler, but now I look around and I see more of a long traveling circus, a caravan stretching beyond the horizon, an irrepressible Chautauqua (Google it), a pilgrimage being made *en masse*. The garden that is our church once consisted of a few glorious and well tended blooms, now we are a riot of color

consisting of a wide diversity of blossoms oozing of verdant life, flowering at different moments all of the time.

"Whew!" You say. "Take a moment Rev. Mike, get it together." I say, here is what crossed my desk/office/computer this week; i.e., what's happening/in the works: floors stripped and waxed (Fellowship Hall and Foyer, looks terrific), new Elders and Deacons (with several first time Elders), new Members (4 and counting), new Hymnals being dedicated (the third such time since I've been in Canton), monthly newsletter, Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser, Cocktails and Canvas Fundraiser, new baptisms, C&CP, All Church Read, community service worker at the church, Bunny Making Workshop for the Church School kids, Women's Worship, New Member Class, One Great Hour of Sharing, Canton Clergy discussions, Holy Week Planning, Presbytery Trustees Meeting prep (investments, Chapel Island Insurance) Patridge Knoll Service prep, Elder and Deacon Ordination/Installation, pastoral visits, counseling, Session Docket, Deacons meeting and, of course, the most important thing we do as a church...care for one another. This weekend we will hold memorial services for Wes Stitt and Betty Peckham, and endeavor to support the Stitt and Peckham families in both in this time of grief and loss, and as they remember and celebrate their beloved.

I'm not sure, exactly, how one measures "success" in a church. Busyness is not a virtue, but vitality certainly is; particularly as it relates to lives engaged, sustain, and changed.

Let's keep the journey vital,
- Rev. Mike

But the path of the righteous is like the light of dawn,
that shines brighter and brighter until the full day. - Proverbs 4:18

C&CP Update

Thanks to **Connie Jenkins**, C&CP Director for attending worship in **February** to share with the congregation the good work being done by this program. In **January**, C&CP's **food pantry** served **160** families, **503** individuals. This includes **12** new families and **3** emergency food distributions and represents **7,545** meals.

Reminder that our church is asked to supply **canned peas** and **corn**. Please leave those and all other C&CP donations in the wooden box in the foyer.

A Few Good Men Needed

We are looking for a few men of the church to assume the **leadership** of our traditional **Mother's Day brunch** (Sunday, **May 13th**). Many hands always make light work of this yearly meal to honor the women in our lives, but we need a few gentlemen to assume mantle of organizational leaders. Please see **Rev. Mike** if you are feeling the spirit call you to this important, but limited, role.



Saving Grace

For our quiet sleep all night,
Watched by stars above us bright,
For the gladness of the morn
And the laugh of earth reborn.
For the tones and faces dear,
Making homes of joy and cheer,
For Thy world of creatures fed
By the gift of daily bread.
Praise and thanks to Thee we give,
Father in whose love we live!

-William Channing Gannett (1840-1923)

Souper Sunday

A **Souper Sunday** fund raiser to benefit the **Women of Grace Widows' Fund** will be held on **Sunday, March 11th**. After worship, take home a **quart** or **pint** container of **homemade soup** with a loaf of **bread**. **Cookies** also available! **Suggested donations** for this fund raiser are **\$5/qt** or **\$3/pt** of **soup**, **\$2/bread** and **\$2/dozen cookies**. Feel free to give whatever amount you'd like.

Place your order ahead of time! Contact **Ellen Grayson** at 323-0950 or egrayson62@gmail.com or use the **order form** below. Thanks for your support!



Souper Sunday Fund Raiser
Sunday, March 11th
to benefit
the Women of Grace Widows' Fund

Name:

Yes! I want soup for a cold winter's day!
My order is for:

- ___ Quarts of Homemade Corn Chowder
- ___ Pints of Homemade Corn Chowder
- ___ Quarts of Homemade Carrot Soup
- ___ Pints of Homemade Carrot Soup
- ___ Loaves of Homemade Bread
- ___ Dozen Homemade Oatmeal Chocolate Chip cookies

Please return order form
to Ellen Grayson or
to the Church office
by Friday, March 9th.
Thank you for your support!

March Lectionary Readings

March 4

Exodus 20:1-17
Psalm 19
1 Corinthians 1:18-25
John 2:13-22

March 11

Numbers 21:4-9
Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22
Ephesians 2:1-10
John 3:14-21

March 18

Jeremiah 31:31-34
Psalm 51:1-12 or Psalm 119:9-16
Hebrews 5:5-10
John 12:20-33

Passion/Palm Sunday - March 25

Liturgy of the Palms
Mark 11:1-11 or John 12:12-16
Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29
Liturgy of the Passion
Isaiah 50:4-9a
Psalm 31:9-16
Philippians 2:5-11
Mark 14:1-15:47
or Mark 15:1-39 (40-47)

Maundy Thursday - March 29

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

Good Friday - March 30

Isaiah 52:13-53:12 Psalm 22:1-31
Hebrews 10:16-25
or Hebrews 4:14-16, 5:7-9
John 18:1-19:42

Daylight Saving Time

Daylight Saving Time begins at 2 a.m. on **Sunday, March 11th**. So turn your clocks ahead an hour before you go to bed on Saturday, March 10th so you can be at the church on time!



Birthdays This Month

March Birthdays

- 1 Sandy Pollard
- 3 Mark Brackett, Robert Brown,
Sally Street
- 7 Jeannette Cole, Deborah Nikkari
- 9 Mary Rodee
- 13 Ricky Athanasakis
- 15 Ben Brackett, Mark Brown
- 16 Mark Brown Jr.
- 18 Dave Smith
- 20 Patricia Mace
- 21 John Goetze, Barb King,
Noah Trombly
- 24 Wayne Miller
- 26 Jayden & Camden Ladison
- 30 Liam Rodee
- 31 Sean Boutin

March Anniversaries

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

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

OGHS Offering

The One Great Hour of Sharing Offering will be received on **Palm Sunday, March 25th**. **Envelopes** are attached to the cover of this month's newsletter.

Prayer Warriors

Would you like to help your neighbor, stretch spiritually and be a part of the mystical movement of the church? We are always looking for new prayer warriors to join **the church Prayer Chain** to offer prayers for folks who are ill, troubled or in need. If you want to learn more about the prayer chain, call **Rev. Mike** at 386-2570 or **Wanda Renick** at 386-3474.



We Need You!

There are many **wonderful, easy** and **fun** ways to serve the church.

Sign up to be a greeter! Arrive a bit early for worship and greet each person. It's a great way to meet new friends, learn names and start your day off in a friendly way.

Sign up to host coffee hour! **Beth Hayes** can help you with the process. You can bring in your own treats or use what we have on hand. Make the coffee, serve the juice and enjoy the socializing.



Sign-up sheets in the foyer. Thank you!

Congregational Resources

Monthly copies of **"These Days"** are available to you on the table outside of sanctuary in the Narthex. Feel free to pick up a copy for yourself or family. Copies of the **Revised Common Lectionary**, on which we base our Liturgy, are in the monthly newsletter. Also, the latest editions of **"Horizons"** and **"Presbyterian Today"** are in the Narthex. Please return them when you are done so others may enjoy them.

The monthly **Lectionary** readings are also available on the church website at: <http://www.churchonthepark.org/lectionary-readings/>

Presbyterian Worship

Partridge Knoll services are held 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 - <http://www.facebook.com/TheFirstPresbyterianChurchonthePark>

Church Website



Our Website is updated each month and is a great way to stay a part of the life of the church. If you have questions about, or contributions for the website please email our Webmaster Tom Dildine: **dildine@stlawu.edu**

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

Sermon Podcasts

The weekly sermon is posted by Thursday and is available for down load or listening. An archive of past sermons is also available.

<http://churchonthepark.org/sermons/>

Deacon's CD Ministry

The Deacons CD ministry **provides our homebound friends & members with a CD of each week's worship service.** CDs are then delivered to homes the following week, and CD players are provided if necessary.

Newsletter Deadline Is The 15th Of The Month

Please submit articles (emailed preferably) to the church office, or directly to the Newsletter Editor, Linda Potter, at:

Nautilus@twcnv.rr.com



Hello, my name is...

Remember - **Name Tag Sunday** is **March 18th.**

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

Session Report

Session met on **Monday, January 29th**. A replacement will be needed for **Janet Still** who is stepping down as a representative to the **Church & Community Board**. **Rev. David Bennett** will fill in when Rev. Mike is away on February 11th. A **New Member Class** will be held soon. **Four** people have expressed interest in joining the church. A **confirmation class** also will be held soon.

It was reported that **\$104,000** has been raised for the restoration of the **park fountain** and, if funds allow, work on the **trees**. Elders **JJ Jockel** and **Lyles Trombly** will be working together on the improvements at the church funded by the **Greener Church** initiative. Church Treasurer **Diane Ladison** has scheduled a meeting with **Phil Elvy** to begin transfer of her responsibilities over to him.

120 new hymnals have arrived. Aimee is adding the **dedicatory plates**. It was agreed to use **\$1,000** from the memorial fund to buy **60** more, including spiral bound ones for the piano and organ if funds have not been donated already.

The **Stewardship Drive** has good results with **eight** new pledges which puts us ahead of last year. New folks coming to the church were noted along with those in need of prayer.

Elder **Bill Parker** said that, according to the computer, we own over 6,000 books in the **Church Library**. It was agreed that Bill will cull the collection, put unwanted books in the rummage sale, and put the rest in the church library.

Elder **Bill Parker** asked whether our church **Food Pantry** is still running. Rev. Mike said that with the C&CP doing so well, we have not needed the food pantry

Session Report - cont.

as much, but agreed that it was important to have some **basic supplies** on hand for the needy. There is money available. Bill said he would take care of restocking and organizing.

Barry Walch and the personnel committee will do the **yearly evaluation** of staff. **Pastor Donna's** terms of call were approved for another year. The Sexual Harassment Policy was endorsed. **Sarah Melville** was appointed as Clerk of the Session with **Wanda Renick** as Assistant Clerk. Rev. Mike was authorized to give **communion** to the homebound every month with the aid of a Deacon.



The **floors** in Fellowship Hall, the kitchen, upstairs hallway, bathroom, and foyer will be **stripped, cleaned and waxed** at the cost of \$1,500. **Rich Grayson** replaced two of the floodlights in the sanctuary with **LED bulbs**, and would like to replace the rest. It was agreed that some of the "Greener Church" money would be used to buy the bulbs, which cost \$35 each. The **mission budget** was approved with minor adjustments. It was noted that Barry Walch is still owed for his work for the **manse kitchen**. Motion approved to pay him.

Copies of the **All-Church Read, The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane**, will be purchased by the church and distributed to families with young children. Along with that, the church is covering the cost for **Ellen MacMaster** to make stuffed rabbits for the Sunday School children.

Session will next meet on **February 26th**.

Spaghetti Dinner

Thursday March 15, 2018

*All You
Can Eat*

5:00 to 7:00 p.m.

Menu

**Spaghetti, Tossed Salad,
Homemade Meatballs
Bread, Assorted Desserts
Coffee/Tea/Milk**

Cost

\$7 Adults

\$5 Kids 4-10 years old

Free Under 4 & Over 90

**Take Outs And
Vegetarian Sauce
Available**



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**17 Park Street Canton, New York
(315) 386-2570**



We will be ordering memorial **Lilies, Tulips, Daffodils** (\$15 each) or **Azaleas** (\$30) to display on **Easter Sunday** in the sanctuary (for you to take home after the service).

If you would like to purchase a flowering plant in memory 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 Aimee 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 22, 2018.*

Please place all orders by Thursday, March 22, 2018.

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In memory of: _____

Given by: _____

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

___ Lily (\$15) ___ Tulip (\$15) ___ Daffodil (\$15) ___ Azalea (\$30)

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

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

Death Cafe

A Death Cafe will be held on **Thursday, April 12th** from **7 to 9 p.m.** in Fellowship Hall. Death Cafes are a global movement to gather people to enjoy snacks and refreshments and have a **group directed discussion** of death with **no agenda, objectives or themes**. It is a discussion group rather than a grief support or counseling sessions. **The objective is to increase our awareness of death to help us make the most of our (finite) lives.**

The evening is free and open to the public. **RSVPs are appreciated.** Contact the host, **Linda Potter**, at 386-4364 or nautilus@twcny.rr.com. You can learn more at DeathCafe.com.

Save The Date (For Fun!)

The **"Cocktails" & Canvases** fund raiser will take place on **Tuesday, April 3rd** from 6 - 8 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. This **church fund raiser** is a painting class led by Jade Reynolds. Cost is **\$40** which includes one painting, snacks and non-alcoholic punch. **No prior painting experience necessary!** The class is step-by-step and you will walk away with a painting that you will be proud to show off.

Share the word and bring your friends! To reserve your spot, contact **Keli Hollis** at keli.r.hollis@gmail.com.

Student News

Congratulations to students who participated in the Banford Elementary production of "The Bear Went over the Mountain," performed in February: **Kaitlyn Holbrook, Kirsten Holbrook, Olivia Bourdette, Daphne LaPierre, Hanna Ames** and **Sarah Ames**. **Bravo!!!**

Spring Rummage Sale

The Spring Rummage will be held **Friday, May 4th** from **9 a.m. - 4 p.m.** and **Saturday, May 5th** from **9 a.m. - 2 p.m.** with a **Congregational Sneak Peek** on **Thursday, May 3rd** from **6 -8 p.m.**

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** - novels and non-fiction books. **NO TEXTBOOKS PLEASE.**

Electronics end up being thrown out and cost the church money to discard. Please **DO NOT DONATE ELECTRONICS OF ANY KIND.**

Help is needed! Sorting, folding and set-up begins the week prior and is labor intensive. Cashiers are needed as well! Look for sign-up sheets in the foyer in April!

Super!

Thanks to **Janet Stitt, Carolyn O'Connor, Melba Reinke, Wanda Renick & Shirley Norton** for getting the February newsletter together and ready to be mailed!

Holy Week Schedule

Maundy Thursday

Communion Service
In Fellowship Hall, 7 p.m., March 29th

Good Friday

Sanctuary open for prayer & meditation
Noon to 3 p.m., March 30th

Easter Sunday

Brick Chapel Sunrise Service
Pastor Donna To Lead Worship
7 a.m., April 1st

Canton First Presbyterian Service
10 a.m., April 1st



PALM SUNDAY CELEBRATION

SUNDAY, MARCH 25TH



8:30 A.M. POTLUCK BREAKFAST

IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

PLEASE BRING A LARGE & HEARTY DISH TO PASS (EGG BAKE, FRUIT, BREAD)

TABLE SERVICE WILL BE PROVIDED

9:40 A.M. GATHER IN FOYER

TO PROCESS AROUND THE PARK IN SONG AND WITH PALMS

AFTER CIRCLING THE PARK, EACH WILL CONTINUE TO THEIR OWN CHURCH FOR MORNING SERVICES.

THIS ECUMENICAL & COMMUNITY EVENT IS SPONSORED BY THE GRACE EPISCOPAL, UNITED METHODIST, ST. MARY'S R.C., UNITARIAN-UNIVERSALIST AND FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCHES.

THE ENTIRE CANTON COMMUNITY IS INVITED TO THIS VERY SPECIAL CELEBRATION.



One Great Hour of Sharing Offering

Around the world, people lack access to **food, clean water, sanitation, education, and opportunity**. Each gift to **One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS)** serves to help **change the lives** of people in these challenging situations. **The Offering provides us a way to share God's love with our neighbors in need.**

Started in **1949**, One Great Hour of Sharing is a long-standing ecumenical effort aimed at raising the funds necessary to provide **relief and reconstruction** for communities in the aftermath of disaster. What started as an hour-long radio appeal has evolved over the years, varying from eight to 29 participating denominations, and has become the **most participated-in Offering in the PC(USA)**.

One Great Hour of Sharing, received during the season of Lent, makes a difference in the world through three impactful programs: **Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, the Presbyterian Hunger Program, and Self-Development of People.**



Your OGHS offering envelope is attached to this newsletter.

The OGHS Offering will be received at our church on Palm Sunday, March 25th.

Thank you in advance for your generous support.

Hymnal Donations. Thanks To All!

In Memory/Honor of	Given By
Our Parents & Grandparents	Jim Robertson & Lynne Pickens
Sandy Robertson	Jim Robertson & Lynne Pickens
Paul Pickens	Jim Robertson & Lynne Pickens
The Robertson Family	Jim Robertson & Lynne Pickens
he Pickens/Nelson Family	Jim Robertson & Lynne Pickens
The Santosuosso Family	Jim Robertson & Lynne Pickens
Lynne Pickens	Jim Robertson
Jim Robertson	Lynne Pickens
Daniel Wm. O'Connor	Carolyn O'Connor
Duane & Doug Dittman	Ginny Dittman
Scott Dittman	Ginny Dittman
Sharon Dittman	Ginny Dittman
Donna Dittman Hale	Ginny Dittman
Mickey Williams	Donna Doig (x4)
Mrs. Clisson (Barbara) Brown & Mrs. John (Shirley) Wells	Lora & David Gibson (x5)
Rev. Dr. James Gardner	The Herzer Family (x2)
Rev. John H. Gardner	The Herzer Family (x2)
Rev. Murray H. Gardner	The Herzer Family (x2)
Rev. John H. Gardner, Jr.	The Herzer Family (x2)
Dr. Thomas E. O'Shaughnessy	Laura N. O'Shaughnessy
Clelia Capodiferro Belfrom	Laura N. O'Shaughnessy
Albert T. Hundley	Al, Rita & Cheryl Ostrander
Betty J. Hundley	Al, Rita & Cheryl Ostrander
Courtland W. Ostrander	Al, Rita & Cheryl Ostrander
Geraldine A. Ostrander	Al, Rita & Cheryl Ostrander
Adele Lyon	The Potter/Catanzaro Family
Bob Potter	The Potter/Catanzaro Family
Robert H Quinell	Michelle Quinell-Gayle
Sally Pike Quinell	Michelle Quinell-Gayle
Eunice Urban	Bill & Lorna Webb
Dr. Frank and Anne Piskor	Bill & Lorna Webb
Jim Franklin Sr.	His Grandkids
Richard Mace	Patricia, David, Scott, Christopher Mace & Their Families
Mickey Williams	Wanda Renick (x4)
Fritz Renick	Wanda Renick (x4)
Willie & Harry King	Barb King
Carlene & Nick Baffaro	Barb King
Miriam & Larry Pries	Barb King
Grace & Lewis Paddock	Barb King
Joyce Bell	Barb King
John & Jean Bevan	Nancey & Mark Brackett
Eleanor C. Erickson	Mark Erickson
J. Raymond Erickson	Mark Erickson

In Memory/Honor of	Given By
Helen Randi	Cynthia Randi (x2)
Joseph Randi, Jr.	Cynthia Randi
Margaret Maybee	Cynthia Randi
Duane and Virginia Dittman	Sharon Dittman
Doug Dittman	Sharon Dittman
Donna Dittman Hale	Sharon Dittman
Scott Dittman	Sharon Dittman
For the Glory of God	Melba Reinke (x8)
Jean S. Shepard	Lewis M. Shepard (x3)
Noah Landen Lyles Trombly	Mom & Dad (x2)
Julia Marie Kelsey Trombly	Mom & Dad (x2)
Robert Ames	Patrick & Heidi Ames
Mikey Athanasakis	The Athanasakis Family
Max Athanasakis	The Athanasakis Family
Ricky Athanasakis	The Athanasakis Family
Andi Athanasakis	The Athanasakis Family
David John Witherhead Jr.	The Witherhead Family (x14)
Frank & Alice Van Iderstyne	The Witherhead Family (x14)
John & Virginia Witherhead	The Witherhead Family (x14)
Doris Morrison	Janice Poole
Beloved Family Members	Jerry & Beverly Findley (x8)
Jack & Tyke Miller	Holly Miller
Sean Boutin's grandparents	Sean Boutin and Kristin McKie
Agnes & Lawrence and Armand & Rose Helen	
Kristin McKie's grandparents	
Naomi & Fred and Edna & Ken Kristin McKie and Sean Boutin	
Don & Betty Peckham	The Peckham Family (x50)

**Every effort has been made to insure correct spelling.
However, if there is an inadvertent error
please accept our apology
and make the Church Office aware
so we can redo the plate.**



March 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
25 Handbell Sunday Hymnal Dedication 2nd Sunday Of Lent 11:15 AM Handbell Choir Practice	26 7:00 PM Session	27 7:00 PM Evening Book Group	28	1 7:00 PM Choir Practice	2	3
4 Deacon & Food Offering Communion New Member Class Make Stuffed Rabbits 11:15 AM Handbell Choir Practice	5	6 1807 Church Founding 11:00 AM PK Service	7 1807 Church Founding 11:00 AM PK Service	8 7:00 PM Choir Practice	9	10
11 Daylight Saving Time Begins All-Church Read New Member Sunday Souper Sunday 11:15 AM Handbell Choir Practice	12	13	14 7:00 PM Circle	15 Newsletter Deadline 5:00 PM Spaghetti Dinner 7:00 PM Choir Practice	16 St Patrick's Day	17
18 Noisy Can Offering Name Tag Sunday Gifts of Women Sunday 11:15 AM Handbell Choir Practice	19	20 1:00 PM Afternoon Book Group	21	22 Easter Flower Deadline 5:45 PM Deacons 7:00 PM Choir Practice	23	24
25 Handbell Sunday Palm Sunday OGHs Offering 8:30 AM Potluck Break-fast 11:15 AM Handbell Choir Practice	26 7:00 PM Session	27 7:00 PM Evening Book Group	28	29 7:00 PM Choir Practice 7:00 PM Maundy Thurs-day Service	30 Good Friday	31

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The Church is charged for every returned Newsletter. If you have moved, or changed a seasonal address, please notify the church office. Thank you.

Annual Spaghetti Dinner - March 15th
All-Church Read
New Member Class
Order Easter Flowers
Palm Sunday Potluck & Procession
Gifts of Women Sunday - March 18th

The Mission of the First Presbyterian Church of Canton to reach out to all people
and welcome them in celebrating truly the joys, freedoms and responsibilities
that come with our faith in God, Christ's unconditional love for us,
and the power of the Holy Spirit to transform our world.
Through this nurturing Christian Community
we will fully recognize the value of each believer,
humbly forgive ourselves and others, and lovingly embrace God's Grace.