



The View From The Park

A Newsletter of Faith & Community

January 2016

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Sundays in January

- **Worship Begins At 10:00 a.m.** •
- **January 3rd** •

No Communion
Deacon & Food Shelf Offering
Epiphany
Rev. Mike Off
Pastor Donna To Preach



- **January 10th** •

8:15 a.m. - BAD Guys Breakfast
Baptism Of The Lord



- **January 17th** •

Name Tag Sunday
Noisy Can Offering for Deacons



- **January 24th** •

Handbell Sunday



- **January 31st** •

Bring A Friend to Church



Welcome 2016!

Rev. Michael P. Catanzaro..... Pastor
Donna Doig, CLP..... Associate Pastor
Claire Babich.....Church Secretary
Lisa Gardner.....Choir Director
Michael Walters.....Handbell Choir Director
Barbara Burdick... Director of Christian Education
Diane Ladison..... Treasurer
Laura Toland.....Organist
Andy Loeffler..... Sexton
Tom Dildine.....Webmaster
Linda Potter..... Newsletter Editor

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

2016 Per Capita

Our **notice of apportionment** from the Presbyterian Church (USA) for 2016 amounts to **\$22.00 per active member** or **\$2,662** total (based on 121 members) to be paid on or before February 1st. This is the money that the church pays for services provided by the church organization (General Assembly, Synod of the Northeast, and the Presbytery of Northern New York).

If you are able to include a Per Capita donation during January, it would SIGNIFICANTLY help our 2016 budget.

Annual Meeting

Mark your calendars! Our **Annual Meeting of the Congregation** will take place on **Sunday, February 7th** following worship in Fellowship Hall. The **deadline to receive annual reports is Thursday, January**

14th. This will give us enough time to assemble the reports and make them available to the congregation.



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Family News

Congratulations to **Nancey Brackett** who was the featured artist in the Winter 2015 edition of the SLC Arts Quarterly (an online edition can be found at <http://slcartscouncil.org>). Featured in the article are photos of a number of her pieces (and they are lovely). Nancey's studio is located at her home on Rt. 310 just outside the village and you can visit her website at <http://www.mycornerstudiosilver.com>. Way to go Nancey!

Prayers of comfort and peace for **Dick Mace** and his family on the death of his mother Ethel. Prayers, also, of healing for Dick as he continues treatment for Hodgkins Lymphoma; and for **Pat** in support of him.

Prayers for Shane Walsh, son of our Choir Director

Lisa Gardner, who suffered serious injury in Arizona. He is currently undergoing intensive medical treatment and he, along with Lisa, are in earnest need of God's healing.

Prayers of healing for **Marilyn Coir** who had surgery to remove a non-cancerous tumor from her abdomen on December 29th in Burlington. She will be convalescing at her daughter's home near Boston for several weeks.

Our entire church family was saddened to learn of the death of **Susan Ward**, wife of **David Hornung**, after a long and courageous battle with cancer. Please hold David in your tender prayers as he grieves and begins to move into a new future without his wife, best friend and companion. Susan will be dearly missed.

Prayers for **Ray Erickson** as he continues to heal from open-heart surgery. It was wonderful to see Ray helping to lead worship at our service of Lessons and Carols; what a triumph.

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Student News

Congratulations to the following students on their involvement in the recent school Holiday Concerts: 7th & 8th Grade Chorus - **Jillian DiSalvo** (Soprano), **Grace Franklin** and **Lindsey Frazer** (Altos), **Patrick Furgison** and **Liam Rodee** (Baritones); Select Choir - **Lucy Jenkins** (Soprano) and **Luke Frazer** (Baritone); Senior High Band - **Alberta Nash** (Clarinet), **Emma Trulock** (Tenor Sax), **Lucy Jenkins** (Trombone), **Tucker Catanzaro** (Euphonium); Senior High Chorus - **Lucy Jenkins** (Soprano), **Kristine Ferguson** and **Alberta Nash** (Altos), **Tucker Catanzaro** and **Luke Frazer** (Basses); 7th & 8th Grade Band - **Blake Bennett** (Trumpet), **Grace Franklin** and **Liam Rodee** (Pad Bass). **Great work from all of you!**

Congratulations to the following students on their involvement in the recent Jazz Night held at Canton High School: **Luke Frazer** (Vocal Jazz), **Emma Trulock** (Jazz Band, Tenor 1) and **Tucker Catanzaro** (Jazz Band, Valve Trombone).

Way to go to **Blake Bennett**, named to All-County Band, and **Tucker Catanzaro**, part of the All-State Chorus.

Christmas Giving Report

A **heartfelt thanks** to all who helped support our **annual Christmas Giving Program** through your support of the **Farm Family** and **Deacons Offerings, Mission Pledge, Individual Contributions** and donations to the **Pastor's Discretionary Fund** throughout the year. This Christmas we were able to provide gifts to **55 families** totaling **\$7,100**; supporting farm families, families with young children and hard working folks who have special/temporary needs due to illness or circumstances. **You have helped to touch so many, many lives in the name of our gracious God.**

Presbyterian Women

• Postscript •

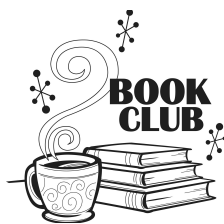
Postscript will not meet during the months of January, February or March. Our **next meeting** will be held on **April 11th**. Enjoy the winter.

• Women's Circle •

Women's Circle meets the 2nd Wednesday of the month at **7:30 p.m.** for connection and conversation. The next circle will be on **January 13th** at the home of Nancy Brackett, 651 SH 310. The topic will be "Intention for the New Year". Please join us!

Afternoon Book Group

The Afternoon Book Group will meet **Tuesday, January 19th** at 1 p.m. at the home of **Karen Parker**, 17 State St. for a discussion of ***The Husband's Secret*** by Liane Moriarty.



Evening Book Group

Our next discussion will be on **January 26th** at **7:30 p.m.**, **Home Before Morning: *The Story of an Army Nurse in Vietnam*** by Lynda Van Devanter with host **Vicki McLain**.

Upcoming Books:

February 23rd- *The Invisible Thread* by Laura Schroff; Host: **Pat Mace**

March 22nd - All Church Read - *A Tree Grows in Brooklyn* by Betty Smith; Host: **Wanda Renick**

April 26th- *Ordinary Grace* by William Kent Krueger; Host: **Donna Doig**

May 24th- *Those Who Save Us* by Jenna Blum; Host: **Ellen Grayson**

Church School Report

Walking on water, raising Lazarus from the dead, healing 10 lepers – **what miracles Jesus performed!** This coming month of January the children in church school will discover just **what God wants us to learn** from these miraculous happenings through some **science experiments**, some **games, art projects** and other **exciting activities**. And the first **Sunday of February** we will continue the **annual tradition** of baking the bread for communion service.

Giving Tree Report

Church and Community ran a rewarding Giving Tree program this year, serving about **155 families**, and over **400 children**, with gifts of clothing, toys, books and stocking stuffers. This is our largest number of families served so far, reflecting the economic hardships that our neighbors face.

Over 40 volunteers from the churches and community participated, and **40** local businesses, schools, and organizations helped by displaying our tags. We received **generous support** from Kiwanis, Sea-Comm, Save-A-Lot, Walmart, NYSARC, Brewer Bookstore, Maria Sergi Foundation, and Knights of Columbus. However, the citizens in our **local community** provide the vast bulk of support through their gifts. **Thank you for your support!**

Super Volunteers

Thank you to our fantastic newsletter assemblers who put the December newsletter together quite quickly! Our volunteers were **Karen Parker, Marilyn Rodee, Joyce Bell, Shirley Norton, Janet Stitt** and **Wanda Renick**. A special thank you goes to **Marilyn Rodee** for providing and stamping the Farm Family envelopes for the mailing and bulletins.



Church Attendance

	Worship	CS
November 22	69	6
November 29	95	No CS
December 6	89	13
December 13	81	7

Average Worship Attendance 84
Average CS Attendance 9

Treasurer's Report

	Operating	Mission
November 22	\$1,001.50	\$ 81.00
November 29	\$1,691.00	\$ 39.00
December 6	\$5,612.00	\$101.00
December 13	\$3,669.00	\$ 95.00
Total	\$11,973.00	\$316.00

Presbyterian Wednesday

The **Thrift Store** run by the **Church & Community Program** in Canton depends upon volunteers. People from various churches and the community lend a hand to **assist shoppers, accept donations and organize clothing**. With the help of our Church & Community representative **Janet Stitt**, we want to make **Wednesday mornings** at the Thrift Store a time for **Presbyterian volunteers** to be part of this.

We are looking to line up **as many people as possible** who are able to volunteer at the Thrift Store on **Wednesdays** from **9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.** If four people sign up, you would have to volunteer once a month. If six say yes, then you are at the Thrift Store every six weeks. **Presbyterian Wednesday mornings at the Thrift Store will start in January 2016.**

The work is **easy and rewarding**. If you are able to volunteer for Wednesday mornings or if you want to learn more about the Church & Community Program, contact **Janet Stitt** at 714-2253 or janstitt@twcny.rr.com.

Officers & Committees

Elders

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

Jane Fernandes	Kristine Potter	Georgia Vose
Barry Walch	Mark Erickson	Diane Ladison
Lew Shepard	Vicki McLain	Beth Hayes
Fred Pollard		Armond Spencer
Sarah Melville & Wanda Renick, Co-Clerks		

Deacons

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

Betsy Robinson	Ray Erickson	J.J. Jockel
Patience Boswell	Faye Bartley	Marilyn Rodee
Barbara Garrett	Marcy Bennett	Ellen Compeau
Ann Spencer	Arvilla Aldous	

Committees

Chairs

Resources Responsible for managing and dispensing funds to fulfill the mission & ministry of our church.	Mark Brackett
Facilities Responsible for the maintenance and use of all church property.	Lew Shepard
Fellowship Responsible for all fellowship events.	Chair TBD
FUNdraising Responsible for organizing fund & fun raising events.	Beth Hayes
Education Responsible for growth, nurturing & learning.	Beth Hayes
Worship With pastor, responsible for worship.	Kristine Potter
C.A.R.E. Care, Attention, Renewal & Evangelism.	Arvilla Aldous Pastor Donna, Liaison
Stewardship Responsible for securing resources and energy to fulfill the mission & ministry of our church.	Mark Erickson
Mission Helping our church, community & world.	Mark Erickson
Treasurer Assistant Treasurers - Bill & Lorna Webb	Diane Ladison
Financial Secretary	Mike Frazer & Barry Walch
Church & Community	Andy Loeffler, Jane Fernandes & Janet Stitt
Communion	Vicki McLain & Jane Fernandes

The Pastor's Report

To the members and friends of our church,

I trust that these words find you and your family well, that you shared a festive Christmas with those you love and that you now turn toward the new year with a renewed vigor and vision of hope for what 2016 may bring for you, our church & the world.

Recently the Session sat down to prepare the 2016 Budget. It was a productive and thoughtful discussion, much of which was conducted between only the Elders and officers; I opened the meeting and returned for the summation. It was the consensus at the meeting that the single most important thing which needs to happen, at this point, is communication. That we clearly articulate to you the financial state of the church and how it may, depending on how the congregation decides to proceed, impact the program (work and staffing; mission is a completely separate budget, and we only spend what we take in) of our church.

Fortunately for me, this is not a complicated situation and is easily explained (the trick will be to have you continue reading). Essentially, over the past five to ten years, our congregation has been experiencing a demographic shift; we are getting younger. The corollary to this, is that though we are maintaining our membership and attendance levels, a not insignificant disparity has arisen between the financial support of the "older" congregation and the current, "new" congregation. So, from 2015 to 2016 our Stewardship Drive realized

a loss of 6 pledges (due to death) totaling \$8,640; this is the bad news. The good news is that we also realized an increase of 6 *new* pledges totaling \$6,380. A difference (or loss) then, of \$2,260

If one considers such a "loss" over a period of ten years, you arrive at the amount of the current budget deficit: about \$20,000. That is, the cost of our current level of programming exceeds what we bring in through our Stewardship Drive (pledges) and weekly open plate offering; the balance is currently being paid through the interest in our endowment.

Thankfully, we *have* an endowment upon which to draw (and I would mention, at this point, the importance of remembering the church in one's estate planning). However, the Session and I feel is it vitally important to our church, and the church of the future, that we use only that portion of the interest on the endowment we absolutely must so there will be sufficient resources for those generations to come who will call our church their home as well. In short, we can lean on the endowment, but we cannot become reliant on it.

The plan, is to abide in God and all of you. That over time, as we lose fewer older members (because there are fewer to lose) and gain new members, this financial imbalance will self-correct. Until then, we need to tighten our belts and celebrate our blessings.

With joy & hope, and courage,
Rev. Mike

Birthdays This Month

January Birthdays

- 7 Carlene Baffaro, Karen McAuliffe,
Maria Peacock
- 8 Beth Ann Russell, Emily Ames
- 9 Amanda Peacock
- 12 Floyd Morter
- 13 Kimberly Dildine, Lauren Smith
- 15 Rance Bell
- 17 Nathan Gibson, Lorna Webb
- 20 Gerard & Michaela Powers
- 21 Daniel Gordon
- 26 Betty Peckham
- 27 Allyson Janack
- 28 Charles Alexander
- 30 Eleanor Aldous, Ryan McAuliffe

January Anniversaries

- 4 Rance & Kelly Davis,
Jack & Margaret Wylie

Youth Group News

The **newly formed** youth group has hit the ground running. In **October** we were a huge presence at the Church Bazaar luncheon and then in **November** we created ornaments which we used to decorate a "Pioneer Tree" at the Community Bank on Main Street as part of Canton's Festival of Lights. We were hosts for the Church Potluck on **December** 13th following the Church School Christmas program.

Looking ahead to January: **Ping Pong and Foosball tournaments** (Woo Hoo!) to get through the less warm north country weather. Youth will be teaming up with adult members of the congregation to battle to the top.

Youth group is open to **all youth 7th grade** and above. Meetings begin with a time of devotion followed by **non-traditional snacks** and activities. If you would like more information call **Beth Hayes** at 244-7902 or speak to any youth group member.

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

January Lectionary Readings

January 3

- Jeremiah 31:7-14
- Psalm 147:12-20
- Ephesians 1:3-14
- John 1:(1-9) 10-18

Epiphany of the Lord - January 6

- Isaiah 60:1-6
- Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14
- Ephesians 3:1-12
- Matthew 2:1-12

Baptism of the Lord - January 10

- Isaiah 43:1-7
- Psalm 29
- Acts 8:14-17
- Luke 3:15-17, 21-22



January 17

- Isaiah 62:1-5
- Psalm 36:5-10
- 1 Corinthians 12:1-11
- John 2:1-11

January 24

- Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10
- Psalm 19
- 1 Corinthians 12:12-31a
- Luke 4:14-21

January 31

- Jeremiah 1:4-10
- Psalm 71:1-6
- 1 Corinthians 13:1-13
- Luke 4:21-30

Silas Wright Club Return

The Silas Wright Club is planning a return. (See **pg.7** for some history of this group). The group is **open to everyone** and will meet **once a month** to socialize and hear a brief talk about the interesting things people do in the community. Bring a **sandwich** (keep half and share the rest) and make a **free will "dues" donation**.

More information will be forthcoming, If you have questions or would like to express your interest in being part of the Silas Wright Club, contact **Barb King** (386-8304) or **Mark Erickson** (379-9235).

Ghosts From The Past by Tyke Miller

It's BAAACK! Yes, after several years of not having the **Silas Wright Couples Club** on our church calendar it is returning in the New Year. But times have changed so it will now be **The Silas Wright Club**.

I have been asked as **church historian** (am I really that?) to do some research to try to determine when the former club started. I have had some luck in my search but will need or will like to do more digging in the past records of the church.

After spending some hours with the booklet of the **200th Anniversary** of the First Presbyterian Church of Canton, N.Y. and my copies of the first church newsletters that were started with the February 1955 issue. The newsletters were written by the then new minister, **Rev. Jack Wells**.

In this first issue the following is written: *"The Silas Wright Club will meet with the Al French's on the last Sunday evening of February, after a standing room only crowd of couples met with the Bartletts last Sunday evening. The motto of the club must be "the more, the merrier," for everyone seemed to have a good time.*

In the 200th Anniversary booklet on **page 67**, the church organizations at the time of Rev. Wells arrival in **1955** include the Silas Wright Club for married couples which meet once a month on Sunday evenings.

On page 99 of the same booklet with the list of organizations active in the church when **Rev. Mike** came to us in **August 1998** we read *"The Silas Wright Club, a monthly fellowship group of men*

Ghosts From the Past - cont.

and women that met for many years during winter months to share a meal and hear presentations of interest to the group, no longer exists."

I now know that the club was already meeting in 1955 when Jack Wells came but was no longer meeting when Rev. Mike came in 1998. I need to spend many more hours at church with old records and pray I will be able to **solve the "Mystery of the Silas Wright Club"**.

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.

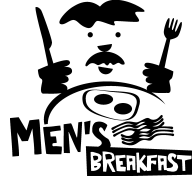
To put yourself or anyone on the chain for prayers, contact **Rev. Mike** or any member: **Wanda Renick** 386-3474, **Arvilla Aldous** 386-8327, **Ellen Grayson** 322-5669, **Janet Stitt** 714-2253, **Nona Fisher** 386-3247, **Marilyn Rodee** 386-8447 (January Snowbird), **Joyce Bell** 386-8789, **Georgia Vose** 386-8687, **Ellen Compeau** 386-8369, **Bev Findley** 323-2064, **Jane Fernandes** 322-2441, **Sandy Pollard** 386-3916, **Barb King** 386-8304, **Ellen Janack** 386-3124, **Toni Roller**, **Karen Parker** 714-2312, **Beth Hayes** 265-8026, **Betsy Robinson** 386-2904, **Pat Mace** 585-350-9529, **Donna Doig** 386-3785 and **Debby Nikkari** 265-2983.



B.A.D. Guys

Our **B.A.D. Guys' breakfast** (Breakfast And Devotions) will be on **January 10th**. The Breakfast is held on the **2nd Sunday of the month** at **8:15 am**

in Fellowship Hall. All the men & boys of the church are invited to come share a devotion, enjoy the spirited fellowship, and a savory morning meal. For more information, contact **Andy Loeffler**, "chief BAD Guy", at the church office.



Congregational Resources

Please remember that the monthly copies of "**These Days**" and "**Alive**" are available to you on the table outside of sanctuary in the Narthex. Please 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**" can at times be found in the Narthex. Please take a look and return them when you are done so others may enjoy them.

Presbyterian Worship

Partridge Knoll services are held throughout the winter on the **1st Wednesday** of the month at **11:00 a.m.** Everyone is welcome to join in!



We Need You!

To sign up as a **greeter** or to **host coffee hour** for any Sunday, contact the church office at 386-2570.

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.

If you'd like to receive a CD of the service, or help deliver CDs, please call the church office (386-2570).

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@twcny.rr.com

Hello, my name is...

Remember - **Name Tag Sunday** is **January 17th**.

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

Family News - continued

Great thanks to **Bob Duda** for his leadership, energy and efforts to plan and implement our annual service of Lessons and Carol. Thanks also to **Laura Toland** for her great musicality, and to **Michael Walters** and the Handbell Choir for their fine contributions.

Thanks to **J.J. Jockel** for his efforts to undertake and complete an energy audit of the church. Hard copies are available in the church office, or online at https://www.dropbox.com/s/epc52c18soixnmv/2-250-698_FirstPresbyterianChurchOnThePark.pdf?dl=0 Thanks J.J.!

Prayers for **Tom** and **Kristine Potter** and their kids as they've all experienced quite a bit of illness this past month.

Congratulations to **Rich** and **Ellen Grayson** on the birth of their grand-daughter Ellie Mae (daughter of Courtney and Rick).

Cabin Fever Is Back!

The **Women Of Grace Widows's Fund** is hosting a **Cabin Fever Coffee & Dessert Night** on **Saturday, February 6th** from **7 - 9 p.m.** in Fellowship Hall. Enjoy coffee (or tea) and a variety of sweet (and savory) treats while listening to **live music** - all for a **\$5** admission. You also can purchase a chance to go home with a **delectable dessert** or a **divine gift basket**. Raffle tickets will be sold at the event for **\$1 for one, \$5 for 6 or \$10 for 12**. You must be present to win.

Proceeds will benefit a planned **2016 trip to Malawi** to train widows in **sewing**. **Ellen Grayson** will be part of this venture.

If you would like to **donate** a dessert or an item for a **Food Lovers** or **Chocolate Lovers** gift basket, please contact **Linda Potter** at 386-4364 or **Ellen Grayson** at 322-5669. **Hope to see you!**

Against All Odds

Many of you know **Pierre Nzuah** who has been part of the church for over four years. Pierre came to SUNY Canton from **Cameroon** with the hopes of degree in electrical engineering. After struggling to maintain funding for his dream and with the help of many, including our church, Pierre graduated at the **top of his class** with many honors. He is now continuing his education at **Clarkson University** in the graduate engineering program.

With the help of **Ellen Rocco**, Pierre has started a non-profit organization, **Against All Odds: Outreach for Learning** to expand **educational resources** for the children in **Baligham, Cameroon** which is Pierre's home village. Currently they are raising money for scholarships and creating a fund to purchase school supplies. **You can learn much more about their efforts and make a donation at:** <http://againstalloddslearning.org>.

*Saving
Grace*

As the new year dawns upon us
We seek your forgiveness for the sins of the past.

May our one resolution for this coming year
Be to walk with you from the first day to the last.

Fill each day with a new awareness
of your presence
And make us a blessing to those around us.

Noisy Can Offering

We are starting a **new tradition** in the church. On the **third Sunday of the month**, the kids of the church will go around the sanctuary prior to worship with **cans** to accept your offerings of **loose change**. These donations will support the **work of the deacons** to help others in our community. **Help us make a joyful noise of coins!**

Church Photos



Super Kids! L- Youth Group members gather with **Arvilla Aldous & Mary Rodee** around the Christmas Tree they decorated at Community Bank. **Below - Children's Annual Christmas** Performance at the church.



Thanks to the Trombly Family - Lyles, Kim, Noah and Julia - for being part of our Advent Wreath lighting team.

The Annual Church Christmas Potluck was a big hit! Great food and conversation!



Rev. Mike shares the gift of music.

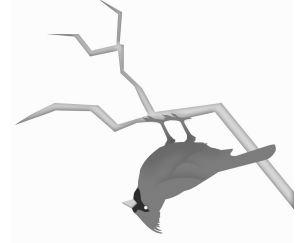


January 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27 Handbell Sunday No CS	28	29	30	31	1	2 9:00 AM Handbell Choir Practice
3 Epiphany No Communion Pastor Donna To Preach Deacon & Food Offering Rev. Mike Off	4	5 11:00 AM Partridge Knoll Service	6 7:00 PM Choir Practice	7	8 9:00 AM Handbell Choir Practice	9
10 Baptism Of The Lord 8:15 AM BAD Guys B-Fast	11	12 7:30 PM Women's Circle	13 7:00 PM Choir Practice	14 Newsletter Deadline	15	16 9:00 AM Handbell Choir Practice
17 Name Tag Sunday Noisy Can Offering	18 1:00 PM Afternoon Book Group	19	20 7:00 PM Choir Practice	21	22 9:00 AM Handbell Choir Practice	23
24 Handbell Sunday	25 7:00 PM Session	26 7:30 PM Evening Book Group	27 5:45 PM Deacons	28 7:00 PM Choir Practice	29 9:00 AM Handbell Choir Practice	30
31 Bring A Friend To Church	1	2	3 7:00 PM Choir Practice	4	5 9:00 AM Handbell Choir Practice	6

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.

**Per Capita for 2015
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