



The View From The Park

A Newsletter of Faith & Community

March 2016

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Sundays in March

• **Worship Begins At 10:00 a.m.** •

• **March 6th** •

4th Sunday of Lent
Deacon & Food Shelf Offering
Communion



Minute for Mission - Kim Hierholzer
Soup & Bread Luncheon After Worship
Church's Founding Day - 1807

• **March 13th** •

5th Sunday of Lent
8:15 a.m. - BAD Guys Breakfast
Daylight Saving Time Begins
Celebrate Gifts of Women Sunday



Celebrate Women

• **March 20th** •

Palm Sunday
8:30 a.m. - Potluck Breakfast
9:40 a.m. - Procession Around The Park
Name Tag Sunday
Noisy Can Offering for Deacons
One Great Hour of Sharing Offering



• **March 27th** •

Handbell Sunday
Easter Sunday



Rev. Michael P. Catanzaro..... Pastor
Donna Doig, CLP..... Associate Pastor
Claire Babich.....Church Secretary
Laura Toland.....Interim Choir Director
Organist
Michael Walters.....Handbell Choir Director
Kim Trombly.....Director of Christian Education
Diane Ladison..... Treasurer
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.

Spaghetti Dinner

On **Thursday, March 10th** from 5 to 7 p.m. our Annual Spaghetti Dinner fund raiser will be held. The menu includes spaghetti with homemade meatballs, tossed salad, fresh bread and assorted desserts. Cost is \$7 for adults/seniors, \$5 for kids ages 4-10. Those under 4 and over 89 are free. **Take outs** will be available. **Volunteers and donations are needed!** You may sign-up on the sheets in the church foyer or by calling **Beth Hayes** at 265-8026. Come and enjoy the fellowship and fun while raising money for the church.

Soup & Bread Luncheon

Join us for the **family homemade soup and bread luncheon** on **Sunday, March 6th** following the worship service. We ask that you **sign up in the foyer** so we know a number to plan for and please note if you can share your favorite soup or bread for the gathering. If convenient, **please bring your own table service.** Dessert and beverages will be provided. We hope you can attend this annual luncheon headed by the CARE Committee for **warmth, fun and conversation.**

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Family News

Prayers for **Carlene Baffaro** who will be moving to her daughter Jan's home in Pennsylvania. Carlene suffered a stroke at the end of January and has, since then, been living at Maplewood Nursing home undergoing rehabilitation (West Beech 120B, 205 State St Rd, Canton, NY 13617). In need of a bit more care since the stroke, Carlene will be heading off on March 16th. Folks wishing to say good-bye to Carlene may do so before then. Carlene's new address at Jan's will be: 765 Coldwatertown Road, Jersey Shore PA 17740; (570) 745-3356.

Prayers also for **Betty Peckham** who will be spending an increasing amount of time with family for the foreseeable future. Betty will be back in Canton March 8th through the 10th if folks would like to catch up with her. We will endeavor to keep the congregation updated as to her contact information.

Prayers for healing and strength for **Dick Mace** who was recently hospitalized (and discharged) for bleeding due to complication to medication he takes. He continues to be treated for Lymphoma. Prayers also for his wife **Pat** in her support of him. Cards may be sent to: P.O. Box 11, Canton, NY 13617.

Prayers for **Lisa Gardner** who has resigned from her position as Choir Director here at the church. We've appreciated Lisa's efforts with the congregation and wish her all the best in her retirement. We continue to pray for her son Shane Walsh, who continues to heal and recover from serious injury suffered in Arizona.

Prayers of healing for and congratulations to **Marilyn Coir** who has fully recovered from successful surgery to remove a non-cancerous tumor from her abdomen. Marilyn returned home to Canton in February, and has been fully discharged from Burlington Hospital requiring no further treatment. It is great to have Marilyn back among us.

Prayers for **Ella Morter** on the death of her husband **Floyd Morter** on February

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20th in Florida; and their daughter **Sue Dean** and the entire Morter family. Plans for a memorial service are unknown at this time (probably in the spring). Cards may be sent to Ella at 15550 Burnt Store Rd., Punta Gorda FL 33955, (941) 655-6977; and to Sue at 922 SH 68, Canton NY 13617.

Prayers for **Nate Walch** who will be undergoing surgery to remove a growth on his ear this spring. Nate grew up in our church, is the son of Barry Walch and is currently living in Philadelphia PA.

Prayers for **Tom Potter** who suffered a significant fracture to his wrist in February which will require surgery; **Ray Toland**, husband of **Laura**, who will be having surgery on his ankle in March.

Prayers for **Missy Bonaguide** who is contending with some health issues, and for their entire family. Missy is the daughter of **Ellen** and **Larry Compeau**.

Prayers for **Kristin McKie** and **Sean Boutin**. Kristin is a visiting scholar at Notre Dame University this year, while Sean has remained in Canton to continue his work teaching Tai Chi. They are doing fine, but it is a long time to be apart.

Prayers for **Joyce Bell** who has difficulty getting out these days. She welcomes visits and cards; 35 Riverside Drive Apt. 5D, Canton NY 13627; (315) 386-8789.

Prayers for **Ray Erickson** as he continues to heal from open-heart surgery and for our previous Choir Director **Krista Easton** seeking tenure with the Dryden School District where she has been teaching for the past two years.

Prayers also for those living in the nursing home or assisted living: **Dolly Miller**, **Neil Coir**, **Jack Klemens**, **Mickey Williams**, **Nellie Locy**, and those facing difficult personal and family situations.

Presbyterian Women

• Postscript •

Postscript resumes 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 **March 9th** at the home of Chris Lyon, 43 Lincoln Street. Topic to be announced. Please join us!

Afternoon Book Group

The Afternoon Book Group will meet **Tuesday, March 15th** at 1 p.m. at the home of **Karen Parker**, 17 State St. for a discussion of **"Strange Fits of Passion"** by Anita Shreve. The April 19th book meeting is **"The Paris Architect"** by Charles Belfore.



Evening Book Group

Our next discussion will be on **March 22nd** at **7:30 p.m.** at the home of **Wanda Renick**, Apt. 114A at Partridge Knoll. The book is **The Alchemist** by Paulo Coelho. This book also is the **All Church Read** for 2016 (changed from the original selection of *A Tree Grows in Brooklyn*). Due to Easter and other March commitments, **Rev. Mike's sermon** based on **The Alchemist** will be on **Sunday, April 10th**.

Daylight Saving Time begins at **2 a.m. on Sunday, March 13th**. So turn your clocks **ahead an hour** before you go to bed on Saturday, March 12th so you can **be at the church on time!**



Student News

Congratulations to the following young people who recently participated in the All County Concert: **Lexi Hebb** (Clarinet) and **Tucker Catanzaro** (Euphonium) - All County Senior High Band; **Grace Franklin** (Soprano) and **Liam Rodee** (Baritone) - All County Junior High Chorus; **Emily Ames** and **Amelia Rodee** - All County Elementary Chorus; and **Luke Frazer** (Bass) - All County A Capella Ensemble. **Way to go!**

Prayers for young **Sarah Rodee** who found herself back in the hospital in Syracuse due to complications from a ruptured appendix. She is home now and doing fine, but will probably require further treatment in time. Cards may be sent to her at: 8 Meade Road, Canton, NY 13617.

New Choir Director

The congregation is thrilled to welcome **Laura Toland** as our Interim Choir Director. Laura has been serving the church magnificently as our organist since September of 2015. She will now assume the role of Interim Choir Director as well. We're very appreciative of Laura's willingness to step up and help in this way, as the choir and the congregation look forward to the expansion of her role and the greater opportunity for her to share her ample talent and gifts.

Can't Do It Without You!

Many thanks to our fantastic volunteers who made the task of assembling the February newsletter and the Annual Report go nice and quick. Without your assistance this would have been a very long and arduous task! Our volunteers were **Wanda Renick, Carolyn O'Connor, Shirley Norton, Janet Stitt, Jane Fernandes, Linda and Nicole Potter**. Thank you!



Church Attendance

	Worship	CS
January 17	75	8
January 24	69	3
January 31	86	9
February 7	58	13
February 14	No Church Service	
February 21	68	7

Average Worship Attendance 71

Average CS Attendance 8

Treasurer's Report

	Operating	Mission
January 17	\$3,204.50	\$242.00
January 24	\$2,083.50	\$141.00
January 31	\$2,101.50	\$ 99.00
February 7	\$1,414.50	\$117.00
February 14	No Church Service	
February 21	\$4,481.00	\$382.00
Total	\$13,285.00	\$981.00

Dinner to Benefit C&CP

The **Canton Rotary Club** is hosting its annual **"Food for Food"** dinner which benefits the **C&CP food pantry**. The **buffet dinner** will be held at **The Club** on **Wednesday, March 9th**. A **cash bar** will be available, and the buffet, from 6 and 7 p.m., will include **roast beef, garlic herb chicken**, and **penne alfredo**. Linger over dessert and coffee for as long as you wish.

Reservations should be made by calling 714-3333. If you call on or before **Monday, March 7th**, each dinner will be **\$30** a person. After that date or at the door, **\$35**. **PLEASE COME!** This is a great opportunity to socialize with friends, have a good dinner, and **support the Church and Community Program!**



Congratulations to the **Church and Community Program** which received the 2015 Canton Chamber of Commerce Recognition Award for its service to the community.

Officers & Committees

Elders

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

Jane Fernandes	Kristine Potter	Georgia Vose
Barry Walch	Gordy Theisen	Diane Ladison
Lew Shepard	Vicki McLain	Lyles Trombly
Bill Parker	Armond Spencer	
Sarah Melville & Wanda Renick, Co-Clerks		

Deacons

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

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

Committees

Resources
Responsible for managing and dispensing funds to fulfill the mission & ministry of our church.

Facilities

Responsible for the maintenance and use of all church property.

Fellowship

Responsible for all fellowship events.

FUNDraising

Responsible for organizing fund & fun raising events.

Education

Responsible for growth, nurturing & learning.

Worship

With pastor, responsible for worship.

C.A.R.E.

Care, Attention, Renewal & Evangelism.

Stewardship

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

Mission

Helping our church, community & world.

Treasurer

Assistant Treasurers - Bill & Lorna Webb

Financial Secretary

Mike Frazer
& Barry Walch

Church & Community

Andy Loeffler,
Jane Fernandes & Janet Stitt

Communion

Vicki McLain & Jane Fernandes

Chairs

Mark Brackett

Lew Shepard

Chair TBD

Beth Hayes

Beth Hayes

Kristine Potter

Arvilla Aldous

Pastor Donna, Liaison

Mark Erickson

Mark Erickson

Diane Ladison

Mike Frazer

Andy Loeffler,

Vicki McLain & Jane Fernandes

The Pastor's Report

Howdy folks!

As we move into March, we also find ourselves smack in the middle of the ecclesiastical season of Lent, or as it also known: The Easter Cycle. This month I thought I'd give a little history on this unique aspect of our faith.

Easter is the oldest and greatest annual festival of the church. Like Passover with the Jews, it originally marked the beginning of the church year. It revolves entirely about the person and the work of Christ, being devoted to the great saving fact of his passion and resurrection.

The Easter festival proper was preceded by a forty days' season of repentance and fasting, called *Quadragesima*. This fast was an imitation of the forty days' fasting of Jesus in the wilderness, which itself was put in typical connection with the forty days' fasting of Moses and Elijah, and the forty years' wandering of Israel through the desert. At first a free-will act, it gradually assumed the character of a fixed custom and ordinance of the church. Pope Gregory I set the Wednesday of the sixth week before Easter, Ash Wednesday as it is called, as the beginning of it. On this day the priests and the people sprinkled themselves with dust and ashes, in token of their perishableness and their repentance, with the words: "*Remember, O man/woman, that dust thou art, and unto dust thou must return; repent, that thou mayest inherit eternal life.*"¹

The English word **Lent** (stems from an Anglo-Saxon word for "spring" and is related to the English word *lengthen*) refers to the penitential period preceding Easter. Early Christians felt that the magnitude of the Easter celebration called for special preparation. In the early centuries, the season before Easter was also the usual period of intense training for new Christians. During this period, the catechumens (those learning what it meant to be Christians) went through the final stages of preparation for Baptism, which usually occurred at dawn on Easter Sunday. As the practice of infant baptism increased, the emphasis on Lent as a training period decreased.²

Here on the Park, we certainly incorporate many of these historical aspects of Lent into our life and worship. However, instead of the notion of "giving something up" for Lent, we've tried to focus on "taking something on" for Lent. And, as Lent falls toward the end of our harsh winters (penance enough if you ask me!) we've also infused the season with moments of unique celebration: our annual "All Church Read," Celebrate The Gifts of Woman Sunday; as well as traditional Maundy Thursday, Palm Sunday and Easter services.

Blessings to you this season of Lent,
Rev. Mike

¹ History Of The Christian Church

² Holman Bible Dictionary

A voice cries out: "In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD,
make straight in the desert a highway for our God. - Isaiah 40:3

Birthdays This Month

March Birthdays

- 1 Dolly Miller Sandy Pollard
- 3 Mark Brackett, Robert Brown,
Sally Street
- 7 Jeannette Cole, Deborah Nikkari
- 8 Clairra Heller
- 9 Mary Rodee
- 14 Allan Drew, Neil Coir
- 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
- 25 Don Hubbard
- 26 Jayden & Camden Ladison
- 30 Liam Rodee

Anniversaries This Month

March Anniversaries

- 15 Michael Catanzaro & Linda Potter

Youth Group News

The Foos Ball Table has arrived! Not only will we be able to have **Presbyterian Ping Pong**, we will be able to have **foos during Fellowship!** A huge thank you to the **Boutin Boys (Sean and his brother)** for loaning this to us. How neat is this!

The youth group will be lending a hand and strutting their **expert wait skills** at the upcoming Spaghetti Dinner on March 10th as well as helping at the **Palm Sunday Community Brunch.**

The next Youth Group **meeting** will be on **Sunday, March 13th** immediately following the worship hour announcements. We will be trying to put into motion our ideas from the February meeting (tadpole races?). Youth group is open to **anyone 7th grade** and above (so invite your friends). If you have questions, please contact **Arlo Catanzaro** or **Beth Hayes.**

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

March Lectionary Readings

Fourth Sunday in Lent - March 6

- Joshua 5:9-12
- Psalm 32
- 2 Corinthians 5:16-21
- Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

Fifth Sunday in Lent - March 13

- Isaiah 43:16-21
- Psalm 126
- Philippians 3:4b-14
- John 12:1-8

Palm Sunday - March 20

- Liturgy of the Palms
- Luke 19:28-40
- Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29



Liturgy of the Passion

- Isaiah 50:4-9a
- Psalm 31:9-16
- Philippians 2:5-11
- Luke 22:14-23:56 or Luke 23:1-49

Maundy Thursday - March 24

- 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 25

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

Easter Sunday - March 27

- Acts 10:34-43 or Isaiah 65:17-25
- Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24
- 1 Corinthians 15:19-26 or Acts 10:34-43
- John 20:1-18 or Luke 24:1-12

Minute For Mission

Kimberly Hierholzer, Recruitment & Training Specialist from the Children's Home of Jefferson County, will be speaking in worship on **Sunday, March 6th** as a "Minute For Mission" to share information about **foster parenting.**



Foster Care

Ghosts From The Past by Tyke Miller

As many of you know **I love history**. I find as I read and reread two of the books written about our **Church-On-The Park** I discover more information I either missed or don't remember.

Our church was founded on **March 6, 1807**. That means we are **214 years old** this month. WOW!! If only the walls could talk! Of course this is not the age of our current building.

Until **1816**, worship was held in members' homes until a schoolhouse was built on **Hodskin Street** which became the church's meeting place. The congregation continued to meet in the schoolhouse until **1831** when a church building was constructed on the location of the **present sanctuary**.

In **1826**, a decision was made to build the **first church**. The members *"felt that they had spent sufficient time in wanderings, like the Israelites of old, and wanted a permanent place wherein God's honor might dwell"*.

It was not until **1830** that work was begun by members to actually start to build the first church where our present building now stands. Some time during 1831, the old church building was dedicated. You may see the old cornerstone on the wall of the hallway leading into the sanctuary.

"Members did not take lightly the vows and obligations of the Presbyterian Church in Canton. Joining the church was something more than a casual commitment. Duties were imposed by the minister and members of the Session, and church members were expected to 'embrace the Christian Life'.

Absence from the services was not

Ghosts From the Past - cont.

*tolerated, and discipline, sometimes in the form of **excommunication**, was used to keep the church from criticism by the unbelieving world."*

My, aren't we lucky times have changed?

Refrigerator Needed

Our extra refrigerator has given up the ghost and needs to be replaced. While we don't use it all the time, it is a **necessary fixture** when we host fundraising dinners and various receptions and events. If anyone has one that you are willing to donate, please contact **Beth Hayes** or **Rev. Mike**. Thank you in advance.

Prayer Warriors

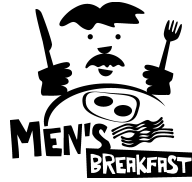
Would you like to help your neighbor, stretch spiritually and be a part of the mystical movement of the church? We are always looking for new prayer warriors to join **the church Prayer Chain** to offer prayers for folks who are ill, troubled or in need. If you want to learn more about the prayer chain, 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** 323-0950, **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 **March 13th**. 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 **March 20th**.

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

Church School News

Winter Greetings from the crew below deck! My name is **Kim Trombly** and I am the **new Christian Education Director**. I live in Canton with my husband, **Lyles**, and two young children, **Noah and Julia**. Lyles and I became members of the church the same day our daughter, Julia, was baptized.

I grew up in Canton and have always had a **love of learning and teaching**. I taught 3rd and 4th grades at Norwood-Norfolk Elementary School from 2007 - 2011. I am grateful for this teaching opportunity within the Christian faith of the First Presbyterian Church-On-The-Park.

My first day in Sunday School was spent getting to know the children and playing ice breaker games. We went on an **imaginary picnic**, answered some questions on a **beach ball**, tossed **bean bags** to learn names, and we ended with drawing illustrations of what makes us **winners!** Our focus is going to be themed around a Christian cassette, **State of the Heart**, I used to listen to often in my childhood titled "**You Can be a Winner!**"

Children and teens need the reminder and reinforcement that **God is love** and that **everyone is a winner**. The first Sunday in February, the children traditionally made and baked the **bread** for Holy Communion. We had **9** young children and **4** older children getting their hands ooey gooey in the kitchen preparing the bread. It's a **wonderful tradition!**

The second Sunday in February was cancelled due to the extreme cold, therefore, we were not able to create Valentine's for the seniors in the nursing home. We will **replace** that with an **Easter gift** instead for this year!

I am looking forward to getting to know the children within the church community and sharing my gifts and talents.

Sewing Trip To Malawi

This June, **Margot McGorman** from Watertown and **Ellen Grayson** from our church will travel to **Malawi, Africa** with the express purpose of teaching **sewing**.

Sam Chirwa and **Grace Chiumia**, our coordinators in Malawi of the Women of Grace Widows' Fund, have selected **five women** to receive training in **creating school uniforms**. The women will be instructed in **cutting, snap application, hand sewing** and **basic treadle machine operations**. The women will also be instructed in repairing existing clothing. School uniforms will be sold at market with **profits** to support widows and children in Mbowe in addition to re-supplying the sewing room. In turn, women trained on the machines will then **teach others** to sew and eventually branch out into other sewing endeavors.

New **Singer treadle machines** cost approximately **\$200** each including oil and one bobbin. Each school uniform costs about **\$8** figuring the cost of material, thread and snaps. Machines and material will be **purchased in Mzuzu** and **transported to Mbowe**.

Supplies needed are **snaps and snap tools, thread, new and not so new, straight pins, clear acrylic rulers, cloth tape measures**. In addition, **band-aids** and **reading eye-glasses** are requested. There is a trunk set up in the foyer of the church for donations of these supplies.



The fund raising goal for this mission is **\$10,000**, which includes the cost of transportation and lodging, purchase of machines along with material and teaching tools. **\$4,473** is still needed to meet the goal. **Donations are gratefully accepted**. Checks should be made payable to "First Presbyterian Church" with "Sewing Trip" on the memo line and sent to the church.

Spaghetti Dinner

Thursday March 10, 2016

*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 89**

**Take Outs And
Vegetarian Sauce
Available**



**First Presbyterian Church
on the Park**

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

Annual Women's Worship

The "Gifts of Women Sunday" will be held on **Sunday, March 13th**. The women of 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@twcnv.rr.com.

Holy Week Schedule

Maundy Thursday

Communion Service

In Fellowship Hall, 7 p.m., March 24th

Good Friday

Sanctuary open for prayer & meditation
Noon to 3 p.m., March 25th

Easter Sunday

Brick Chapel Sunrise Service
Pastor Donna To Lead Worship
7 a.m., March 27th
Pancake Breakfast to Follow

Canton First Presbyterian Service
10 a.m., March 27th

Elders & Deacons

Thanks to **Mark Erickson, Beth Hayes** and **Fred Pollard** (outgoing Elders) and **Betsy Robinson** (outgoing Deacon) for all of the time and energy they have offered the church in their respective roles. We greatly appreciate all they have done for our church! We are further thankful to **J.J. Jockel, Ellen Compeau** and **Michelle Theisen** (incoming Deacons) and **Gordy Theisen, Lyles Trombly, Diane Ladison** and **Bill Parker** who have agreed to serve the church, respectively, on the Board of Deacons and Session.

Noisy Can Offering

The Noisy Can Offering is taken on the **third Sunday** of the month and supports the work of **deacons** in our community. Bring your **coins** for the cans! It has been very successful with **\$45.29** raised last month alone!



Cabin Fever Report

Thanks to all who **attended or donated goodies** for the recent Cabin Fever Coffee & Dessert Night. We raised **\$1,075** for the **Women Of Grace Widows' Fund**, our joint mission project with the Watertown First Presbyterian Church to assist widows in Malawi, Africa. **Your generous and enthusiastic support is greatly appreciated!**

Palm Sunday Celebration

The entire community is invited to join in a **Palm Sunday procession** through the Park on **March 20th**. 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**.



Saving Grace

A Breakfast Grace:

I thank You, God, for this good day.
With time for work, and time for play.
I thank You for the morning light
And all that makes the world so bright.

Help me to live this lovely day
In such a kind and friendly way,
You will be glad that I am here
To help You fill this world with cheer.

- Frances McKinnon Morton



We will be ordering memorial Lilies, Tulips, Daffodils (\$12 each) or Azaleas (\$25) to display on Easter Sunday in the sanctuary (for you to take home following 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 drop it off at the church office. You can also email or call Claire 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 messages will be confirmed by March 22, 2016.

Please place all orders by Tuesday March 22, 2016.

In memory of: _____

Given by: _____

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

_____ Lily _____ Tulip _____ Daffodil _____ Azalea

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

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

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.**



Presbyterian Disaster Assistance works within communities as they recover and find hope after the devastation of natural or human-caused disasters.

- **Receives 32% of funds raised**

Presbyterian Hunger Program takes action to alleviate hunger and its systemic causes, and helps create access to healthy food for entire communities

- **Receives 36% of funds raised**

Self-Development of People partners with people and communities with tools for development and education to alleviate poverty, oppression, and injustice

- **Receives 32% of funds raised**

A Few Examples of the Impact of Your Gifts:

- 220,000 people received food, water, shelter, and medical care in the aftermath of the Nepal earthquakes.

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance

- Over 308,000 people in over 30 countries now have increased food security and livelihoods through international development work.

Presbyterian Hunger Program

- More than 10,000 children and their families in five bateyes in the Dominican Republic have access to clean water, helping to prevent water-related diseases.

Self-Development of People

Today, projects supported by One Great Hour of Sharing are underway in more than **100 countries**. Presbyterians have a history of working to build a **more just, resilient, and sustainable future**. When you give to One Great Hour of Sharing, you are supporting the **gifts and talents** of people and communities **all over the world**.

Your OGHS offering envelope is attached to this newsletter.

The OGHS Offering will be received at our church on Palm Sunday, March 20th.

Thank you in advance for your generous support.





PALM SUNDAY CELEBRATION

SUNDAY MARCH 20TH

8:30 A.M. POTLUCK BREAKFAST

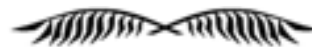
IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

*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 CHURCHES
FOR MORNING SERVICES.*



*THIS ECUMENICAL & COMMUNITY EVENT
IS SPONSORED BY THE GRACE EPISCOPAL,
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AND FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCHES*



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

March 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28 Handbell Sunday Miss Barbara Reception Youth Group 9:00 AM 3rd Sunday of Lent 6:00 PM Silas Wright Club	29 7:00 PM Session	1	2	3 7:00 PM Choir Practice	4	5
6 Communion Soup & Bread Minute for Mission Deacon & Food Offering 11:15 AM Handbell Choir Practice	7 1807 Church Founding	8 7:30 PM Women's Circle	9	10 5:00 PM Spaghetti Dinner 7:00 PM Choir Practice	11	12
13 Daylight Saving Begins Women's Worship 5th of Lent 8:15 AM BAD Guys B-Fast 11:15 AM Handbell Choir Practice	14 Newsletter Deadline 1:00 PM Afternoon Book Group	15	16	17 7:00 PM Choir Practice	18	19
20 Name Tag Sunday Noisy Can Offering Palm Sunday 8:30 AM Potluck Break-fast 9:40 AM Procession In Park 11:15 AM Handbell Choir Practice	21 Easter Flower Deadline 7:30 PM Evening Book Group	22	23 5:45 PM Deacons	24 7:00 PM Maundy Thurs-day 7:30 PM Choir Practice	25 Good Friday	26
27 Handbell Sunday Easter 11:15 AM Handbell Choir Practice	28 7:00 PM Session	29	30	31 7:00 PM Choir Practice	1	2

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.

Soup & Bread Luncheon - March 6th
Spaghetti Dinner Fund Raiser - March 10th
Women's Worship - March 13th
Sewing Trip Donations
Easter Flowers
Holy Week Schedule
Palm Sunday - Brunch & Processional
Welcome Kim Trombly - New Christian Ed Director!



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