



# The View From The Park

A Newsletter of Faith & Community

April 2015

1st Presbyterian Church on the Park  
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## Sundays In April

- **Worship Begins At 10:00 a.m.** •
- **April 5th** •

Easter Sunday  
Communion  
Deacon & Food Shelf Offering  
No Church School



- **April 12th** •

8:15 a.m. - BAD Guys Breakfast



- **April 19th** •

Name Tag Sunday  
Church Band To Play



- **April 26th** •

Handbell Sunday



## Easter Flowers

To purchase a flowering plant for Easter Sunday, we are asking that you **call** or **email** your order to the church office **by Wednesday April 1st**. You can send your payment to the church after placing your order. See **pg. 10** for more info.

## Spring Rummage Sale

Bring your rummage sale donation items to the fellowship hall **beginning after Sunday service on April 26th**. (No electronics like computers, though, please.)

The **Spring Rummage Sale** will be held **Friday, May 1st from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.** and on **Saturday, May 2nd from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.** with a **bag sale starting at noon** on Saturday.

There will be a special **"Sneak Peak" night on April 30th from 6 - 8 p.m.** for the congregation. It's a great time to catch some early bargains. **Mark your calendars now!**

**Rummage Sale set-up** will take place on **Tuesday, April 28th through Thursday the 30th**. We can use your help anytime throughout the entire day. **This is an all-church activity.**

**Sign-up sheets are in the foyer.** We need several **cashiers** and a **strong clean up-crew**. Questions? Contact **Ellen Grayson** at egrayson62@gmail.com or 322-5669 or **Jane Fernandes** at 322-2441 or rjanefernandes@gmail.com.

**Rev. Michael P. Catanzaro**..... Pastor  
**Donna Doig, CLP**..... Associate Pastor  
**Claire Babich**..... Church Secretary  
**Kyle Forehand**..... Choir Director  
**Michael Walters**.....Handbell Choir Director  
**Barbara Burdick**... Director of Christian Education  
**Diane Ladison**..... Treasurer  
**Laura Toland & Debby Nikkari**.....Organists  
**Andy Loeffler**..... Sexton  
**Tom Dildine**.....Web Master  
**Linda Potter**..... Newsletter Editor

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

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## Family News

Thanks to **Rich Grayson** for fixing the sink at the manse, and to Rich and **Barry Walch** for the day they spent in the manse attic "putting it back together" from the re-wire required during the kitchen remodel.

Special thanks to **Anne** and **John Goetze** for facilitating the purchase of additional Personal Listening Devices for the sanctuary; their generosity is greatly appreciated.

Prayers for **Ellen Janack** who is ailing from a stiffness in neck and shoulder; Fritz Reinhardt (**Christa Lyon's** father) who has moved to a nursing home; Suzanne Urban being treated for cancer; Kolbi Lyon (**Christa** and **Marty's** granddaughter) who was bruised in a car accident; **Michelle Roach's** brother Andre Brassard, recovering from surgery; **Dolly & Wayne Miller** going through difficult times; **John Miller** recovering from surgery, and **Tyke Miller** who has been feeling poorly.

Continued prayers for **Nancy Lyon** who suffered a significant stroke; Matthew Lyon (**Christa** and **Marty Lyon's** grandson) recovering from burns to his hands; Michael Pierce (**Kristine Potter's** nephew) recovering from injuries sustained in an accident; and for **Susan Ward** continuing treatment, and **David Hornung** in support of her; **Diane Ladison** and **Cody Ladison**; Clarrisa Pollard, granddaughter of **Fred** and **Sandy**, as she faces health concerns; **Lora Gibson** being treated for a heart condition, and for **David Gibson** recovering from open-heart surgery; and for **Jane** and **Voss Fernandes**.

Prayers of healing & courage for Matt Bonaguide (**Ellen & Larry Compeau's** son-in-law) and his wife Missy as Matt continues treatment for cancer; Dick Dafoe (**Tracy Loeffler's** father) with his continued recovery from a motorcycle accident and related surgeries. Prayers for **Shelly Potter** (**Tom's** mother) recovering from a broken leg and illness.

## Family News - cont.

Prayers for **Patti Cryderman** who is recovering from a fall which resulted in a fractured shoulder bone, sore ribs and much bruising. Prayers for those in the nursing home: **Neil Coir**, **Jack Miller**, **Jack Klemens** and **Nellie Locy**. Prayers for those who don't get out so much: **Dolly** and **Wayne Miller**, **Ed Pierce**, **Mickey Williams & Whitney Irish**.

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## Student News

Congratulations to those involved in this year's High School musical "Cinderella": **Luke Frazer** (Coachmen), **Lucy Jenkins** (Fruitseller), **Grace Franklin** (A Little Girl, Scenery), **Lindsey Frazer** (Dove, Scenery), **Tucker Catanzaro** (Assistant Stage Manager, Scenery), **Mary Chisolm** (Stage Crew), **Andrew Franklin** (Scenery), **Ron Kaiser** (Scenery), **Ros Kaiser** (Scenery), **Sue Dean** (Costumes) and **Lauren Dean** (Costumes). It was a terrific show!

Congratulations to **Amelia Rodee**, selected as a Student of the Quarter at the McKenny Middle School. Nicely done Amelia!

Congratulations to skaters **Daphne Lapierre**, a member of "Snow Plow Sam 1 & 2," **Maria Franklin**, a member of the "Snow Plow Sam 2 & 3," and "Juniors" **Grace Franklin & Emma Trulock** on their efforts at the annual Skating Show.

Congratulations to **Tucker Catanzaro**, name "Best Delegate" at this year's Model U.N. held at Potsdam Central School. Way to go Tucker!

Congratulations to The Canton Bears girls varsity basketball team members **Maggie Smith**, **Natalie DiSalvo** (and Asst. Coach **Jim DiSalvo**) who captured the Section 10 Cals B crown this season. Right on Ladies (and gentleman)!

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# Presbyterian Women

## • Postscript •

Postscript Club will meet on **April 13th** at Fellowship Hall at 7 p.m. Devotions will be by **Lora Gibson, Jan Favro** and **Marilyn Coir** have refreshments. The program for the evening will be Andrea Montgomery from "Office of the Aging". Please join us.

## • 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 **April 8th** at the home of Nancey Brackett, 651 SH 310. Emma Brackett will discuss tapping, a non-invasive technique used to aid in healing, pain reduction, PTSD, addiction, anxiety and stress.

## Student News - cont.

Congratulations to the following McKenny Middle School students named to the Honor Roll or High Honor Roll: **Rebecca Bascom, Patrick Furgison, Haley Irish, Liam Rodee, Blake Bennett, Grace Franklin, Lindsey Frazer, Jillian DiSalvo, Kristine Furgison, Hayden Irish, Ireland Martin, Alberta Nash!** Congratulations to **Tucker Catanzaro, Luke Frazer, Jayden Ladison, Natalie DiSalvo, Morgan Fisher, Lucy Jenkins** and **Emma Trulock** on the Honor Roll or High Honor Roll at Canton High. Keep up the good work!

Congratulations to **Jillian DiSalvo**, a part of the 7th grade Canton Hoopsters basketball team which went undefeated this season and captured their home tournament title!

Kudos to **Pierre Nzuah**, a 2015 recipient of the Chancellor's Award for Student Excellence which honors SUNY students who have best demonstrated and have been recognized for their integration of academic excellence with other aspects of their lives.

## Afternoon Book Group

The next meeting is **April 21st** at 1 p.m. at the home of **Karen Parker**, 17 State Street to discuss "**Small Victories**" by Anne Lamott. Call Karen at 714-2312 for information.

## Evening Book Group

Next meeting will be at 7:30 p.m. on **April 28th** when we meet to discuss "**The Far End of Happy**" by Kathryn Craft with her, in-person, at the home of Nancey Brackett, 651 SH 310.

Our final 2014-2015 book will be on **May 27th** for **The Memory Of Running** by Ron McLarty with host **Ellen Grayson**.

## Extraordinary Effort

Many thanks go out to our March Newsletter Assembling Volunteers! It was a bit of a crazy day to start but we were able to get it done! We had two surprise volunteers this month, a wonderful thing, as we were unexpectedly shorthanded. Thank you to **Betsy Robinson** and **Andy Loeffler**, who upon learning of our situation, offered their assistance. Also, thank you's go out to our dedicated volunteers **Carolyn O'Connor, Bill** and **Karen Parker**.

## Fun, Food & Funds!

Thanks to everyone who helped to make our recent **Spaghetti Dinner** and **Pancake Breakfast** a success! Thanks to those who **donated** food, **prepared** the food (that crazy **Meatball Crew!**), **worked** in the kitchen (flipping all those pancakes!), **set up** and **cleaned up**, **waited** on tables (love the kids!) and everyone who came to **enjoy** the feast. Big tip of the hat to **Beth Hayes** for her energy, planning and great sense of humor as she coordinated each event. The Spaghetti Dinner brought in **\$781** and Pancake Breakfast made **\$455** for the church. **Job well done!**

## Church Attendance

	Worship	CS
February 22	42	4
March 1	78	9
March 8	59	5
March 15	73	8

Average Worship Attendance 63  
Average CS Attendance 7

## Treasurer's Report

	Operating	Mission
February 22	\$3,801.00	\$200.00
March 1	\$2,209.00	\$174.00
March 8	\$1,116.00	\$ 43.00
March 15	\$1,343.00	\$ 77.00
Total	\$8,469.00	\$494.00

## Church School News

We certainly had a great time creating **harps** from **wooden coat hangers** with **Barry Walch!** He improved our design and gave us some scientific knowledge about sound boxes and vibrations and well as observations about how these could serve as examples and parables in our lives. Thank you for **sharing your time and energy**, Barry!

We then used our harps, **sistrums** (shakers) and voices to create a simple video of **Psalm 108**, written by David. We heard the story of the anointing of King David and blew off some pent-up winter energy with some cooperative games. At the end of the month we will explore prayer by making **prayer beads** with **Vicki McLain**. We are very blessed to have volunteers sharing their time, talents and interest with our church school children.



## Welcome!

Our church would like to welcome **Rev. Chuck Smith**, the new pastor at Grace Episcopal Church, and wish him and the congregation all the best in this new era in the life of their church.

## 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
Sarah Melville	Vicki McLain	Beth Hayes
Fred Pollard	Lew Shepard	Armond Spencer
	Wanda Renick, Clerk	

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

# The Pastor's Report

My friends,

As I write these words to you the sun is pouring over my shoulder, warming my heart and casting long shadows over my computer screen. Ah, could it be? Could Spring be upon us? I dare say that in evidence of Spring's arrival I have begun to see birds flying in and out of distant trees and the Park squirrels have emerged from their winter snoozes. As the days grow longer, the memories of Spring-times past fill my mind; the sweet smell of lilac, the sound of fast running streams, and the slight hue of green in the hills.

Spring is a time for new beginnings, a time to shake off the cold and darkness of the past and welcome the increasing warmth and light of each new day. Spring is a time to begin to be excited again about what God has in store for us in our lives. With the warm weather will come changes, and new challenges. Opportunities to grow in ways never before imagined will present themselves to us, and we must decide what we are to do.

The hardest thing about new opportunities, though, is recognizing them. All too often we grow much too comfortable with "Business As Usual." We spend so much time and energy looking at our feet, that we seldom notice all the wonderful things which are happening all around us as we walk down the path of life. More often than not the reason we keep looking at our feet as we walk, is that we are either too bored, or too tired to care what lies ahead. If that is the case, it's best to pull off

the path at the nearest bench and take a breather for a minute or two.

Perhaps if you are reading these words you are doing just that? Maybe you've found your way to your favorite chair, the house is quiet, and you've grabbed a few moments for yourself. Time to take stock of the day, the past week, perhaps even this long, hard winter. How is it going for you? What is right about your life, what is wrong? What are the things you must simply accept, and what are the things that you can change? Oh, and your dreams... Remember them, the hopes, the expectations? Sure some of them may be a little unrealistic, but surely not all of them? That's right, put your feet up. It is so much easier to think that way. Right about now you start to realize that sitting down here for a moment or two wasn't such a bad idea after all. Yea, maybe you should try to do this more often....

Urg...Who's kidding who? Life is much too hectic to take any time out to get rest and gain some perspective. Much too much to be done to just sit around and do nothing! But then again, is it possible that by doing nothing we do the most important thing of all?

Now, I'm caught up in the grind just as much as all of you. But, perhaps, if we only realize that the really hard work has already been accomplished by Christ on the cross, we might be able to enjoy that peace Christ worked so hard to win for us. Happy Easter!

- From the Easy Chair, Rev. Mike

"For behold, the winter is past; the rain is over and gone. The flowers appear on the earth, the time of singing has come, and the voice of the turtledove is heard in our land." - Song of Solomon 2:11-12

## Session Report

The Session meeting on **February 23rd** was called to order by Rev. Michael Catanzaro and **Elder Jane Fernandes** opened in prayer. Assistant Clerk of Session, **Sarah Melville** presided for Clerk **Wanda Renick**, who was unable to attend due to illness. New (returning) Elders **Armond Spencer** and **Barry Walch** were welcomed to the meeting, as they respectively agreed to open and close in prayer at the next meeting.

Rev. Mike expressed his **deep appreciation** for everyone's flexibility, support and prayers, as his mother's situation continues to be difficult.

Old business on the docket included further discussion of **committee leadership needs and structure**. The **Mission Budget** was revisited, but possible changes were tabled until further input is obtained.

A **membership class** was approved to accommodate people who have expressed interest in joining the church. **Prayers** were offered for **those in need**, with encouragement to send cards and letters. **New folks** coming to church were reviewed and the importance **welcoming** and speaking with them was noted.

The **2015 Ad Hoc Budget Committee**, created during the recent annual meeting, submitted a report that included a number of **cost saving ideas**; they will continue to investigate and expand upon ways to reduce overhead costs.

Session reviewed and approved calling **Katrina Hebb** as a volunteer, unpaid **Associate Lay Pastor**, akin to Donna Doig, whose terms of call were extended, as well. Congratulations to both Donna and Katrina, and perhaps even more so to the Church on the Park, so blessed to have them.

Elder **Mark Erickson**, chair of the Nominating Committee, brought up the need for

## Session Report - cont.

**an additional Deacon**. A Congregational Meeting is required to elect another Deacon; this will be announced two Sundays in a row and the meeting will be held after church, once a willing candidate is confirmed. *Note: **Ann Spencer** graciously agreed to serve as a Deacon and was subsequently elected after church on March 8, 2015.*

Committee highlights included reviewing the busy calendar of fundraising activities (**spaghetti dinner, pancake breakfast and Lenten luncheon**), noting that the **manse furnace** had required repair, planning for Communion to be administered and served by women in honor of **Gifts of Women**, and preparing for the **One Great Hour of Sharing** offering.

Rev. Mike thanked **Fred Pollard**, who has now retired from handling church finances, for his many years of hard work and service. The entire Session gave Fred a round of applause to express **sincere gratitude**, as the meeting was adjourned and closed with prayer.

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## *Saving Grace*

### Easter Song

God speaks in the words  
of comfort, cheer,  
The joys of early Spring,  
The hyacinth and daffodil,  
Hope that robins bring.  
Blue speckled eggs in downy nest,  
The crocus in bloom.  
All God's world, a garden fair,  
And triumph o'er the tomb.

- Norma Woodbridge

## 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 and **Debby Nikkari** 265-2983.

## You Can Help!

The **Facilities Committee** is charged with the responsibility of upkeep and maintenance of our church property. We try to do this with volunteer workers as much as possible. We rely on Jim Durham for our heating and plumbing needs. Anyone interested in this kind of church service is invited to join this committee. **We need all the help we can get.** The current members of this committee are: **Bill Rodee, Armond Spencer, Barry Walsh, Dale Grant, Andy Loeffler** and **Lew Shepard**, chair.



## April Lectionary Readings

### Maundy Thursday - April 2

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 - April 3

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

### Resurrection of the Lord/Easter - April 5

Acts 10:34-43 or Isaiah 25:6-9  
Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24  
1 Corinthians 15:1-11 or Acts 10:34-43  
John 20:1-18 or Mark 16:1-8

### April 12

Acts 4:32-35; Psalm 133  
1 John 1:1-2:2; John 20:19-31

### April 19

Acts 3:12-19  
Psalm 4  
1 John 3:1-7  
Luke 24:36b-48

### April 26

Acts 4:5-12  
Psalm 23  
1 John 3:16-24  
John 10:11-18

## Tenebrae Service

The word *'tenebrae'* is Latin for **shadows**. The purpose of the Tenebrae service is to recreate the **emotional aspects of the passion story**. It starts out with the church in candlelight, with as many candles as there are disciples, plus a white Christ candle. As scripture passages are read, candles are extinguished until only the Christ candle remains. Then someone reads the first part of **Psalm 22**, which Jesus quoted on the cross. Then the Christ candle is put out, leaving the congregation in near **total darkness**—and near total devastation. At this point, the service ends. **There is no benediction and the people leave in silence.**

The service is **left unfinished** because the story isn't over until **Easter**. Our Maundy Thursday Tenebrae Service is **April 2nd** at 7 p.m. in the sanctuary.

## B.A.D. Guys

Our **B.A.D. Guys' breakfast** (Breakfast And Devotions) will be on **April 12th**. 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.



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## 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.

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## Presbyterian Worship

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



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## We Need You!

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

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## 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**

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## 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/>

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## 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).

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## 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**

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## Hello, my name is...

Remember - **Name Tag Sunday** is **April 19th**.

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



# Birthdays This Month

## April Birthdays

- 1 Lauren Dean
- 2 Lucy Jenkins
- 3 Mary Colton
- 7 Paula Brady
- 9 Alicia Fisher
- 10 Nancey Brackett
- 11 Linda Potter, Alaina Janack
- 12 Kelly Garwood, Barb Brown
- 13 Terry Billings
- 15 Patti Cryderman,  
Kathleen Witherhead
- 16 Nicole Potter
- 17 Michael Frazer
- 18 Ruth Leslie, Allison Witherhead
- 21 Natalie DiSalvo
- 23 John M. Miller Jr., Eugene Seeley,  
Brent Bartley
- 25 Luke Frazer
- 27 Katie Dawley, Glenn Ames
- 28 Tim Cryderman
- 29 James Gibson

# Anniversaries This Month

## April Anniversaries

- 14 Terry & Martha Billings
- 16 Bill & Marilyn Rodee
- 18 Brent & Faye Bartley
- 24 John & Beverly Oliver III
- 25 Martin Syvertsen & Vicki McLain

# Serving The Presbytery

The nominating committee of the Presbytery is looking to our church to fill a position on the **Commission on Ministry's Administrative Compliance Sub-Committee** for a **two year term** (must be a ruling elder, though he or she need not necessarily be currently serving on the Session). If you have questions or are interested please see **Rev. Mike.**



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

# Holy Week Schedule

## Maundy Thursday

Tenebrae Service  
In Sanctuary, 7 p.m., April 2nd

## Good Friday

Sanctuary open for prayer & meditation  
Noon to 3 p.m., April 3rd

## Easter Sunday

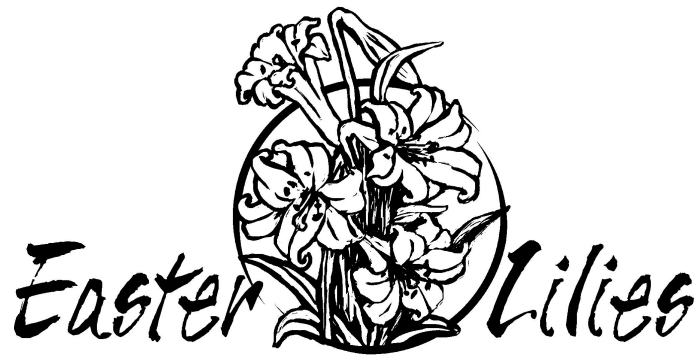
Brick Chapel Sunrise Service  
Pastor Donna To Lead Worship  
7 a.m., April 20th  
Pancake Breakfast to Follow  
  
Canton First Presbyterian Service  
10 a.m., April 5th

# Malawi & Mother's Day

This year for Mother's Day, you can send a heartfelt message to an important woman in your life and to widows in Malawi, Africa, **all with the same card.** For a donation of **any amount** to the **Women Of Grace Widows' Fund**, a Mother's Day card will be sent to your loved one notifying her that a gift has been made in her honor. Gifts made by **May 4th** will be assured delivery by Mother's Day.

To have a Mother's Day card sent, make a donation (in any amount) to the **First Presbyterian Church** and note **"Widows' Fund/Mother's Day"** on the memo line. Include with that the name and address of the person to whom the card should be sent and how you want your name to appear on the card. The amount of your donation does not appear on the card.

The Women Of Grace Widows' Fund is a **joint mission project** of the Canton and Watertown Presbyterian Churches dedicated to alleviating the extreme poverty faced by widows in Malawi. See **pg. 12** for a Mother's Day donation form. For more info, contact **Linda Potter** at 386-4364 or [nautilus@twcnv.rr.com](mailto:nautilus@twcnv.rr.com).



This year 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, we are asking that you **call** or **email** your flower order to the church office as Easter falls on the first Sunday of April. Due to this tight schedule, please send your payment to the church after placing your order.

\* Call Claire at 315-386-2570 on Tuesday/Thursday from 11 a.m. - 4 p.m. or leave a clear and detailed message.

\* Email Claire at [office@churchonthepark.org](mailto:office@churchonthepark.org)

*All messages/emails will be confirmed by April 2, 2015.*

**Please place all orders by Wednesday April 1, 2015.**

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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**



# Rummage Sale

*Great Clothes  
at  
Great Prices*

**Friday**

**May 1st**

**9 AM to 5 PM**

**Saturday**

**May 2nd**

**9 AM to 2 PM**

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

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

**Bag Sale Begins 12 PM on Saturday**

Mother's Day is a day to honor mothers all over the world who tirelessly and selflessly care for children and others in need. We give thanks for the mothers, grandmothers and others who have filled those roles in our own lives.

This Mother's Day you can send your love by making a gift to the Women Of Grace Widows' Fund. The Women Of Grace Widows' Fund is a joint mission project of the Canton and Watertown Presbyterian Churches dedicated to alleviating the extreme poverty faced by widows in Malawi, Africa. The fund seeks to meet acute needs of the widows, such as blankets, clothing, fertilizer, roofing, school and medical fees, and provide opportunity for a brighter future through micro-loans for new businesses. Learn more at [www.WomenOfGraceWidowsFund.org](http://www.WomenOfGraceWidowsFund.org)



Make a gift to The Women Of Grace Widows' Fund this Mother's Day in honor or in memory of an important woman in your life and you will be touching the lives of women in Malawi. If your gift is received by **May 4th**, a gift card will be sent informing the recipient of the gift.

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Enclosed is a donation of \$\_\_\_\_\_ to The Women Of Grace Widows' Fund which is made in honor/in memory (please circle) of:\_\_\_\_\_.  
(amount of donation is not disclosed on the gift card.)

Please send a Mother's Day gift card to: (note: gift must be made by **May 4th** for card to be sent)

Name:

Address:

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This gift is from: (names to appear on card)

Your name(s):

Address:

City/State/Zip

Phone Number:

Make checks payable to: Canton First Presbyterian Church and note Widows' Fund/Mother's Day on the memo line. Please mail to the Canton First Presbyterian Church, Attn: Mother's Day, 17 Park Street, Canton NY 13617. Thank you!

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29 Palm Sunday ■ 8:30 AM Potluck Break-fast ■ 9:40 AM Procession In Park	30 ■ 7:00 PM Session	31	1 April Fools Day Easter Flower Deadline	2 ■ 7:00 PM Tenebrae Service	3 Good Friday	4 ■ 9:00 AM Handbell Choir Practice
5 Communion Deacon & Food Offering Easter No Church School ■ 7:00 AM BC Sunrise Service	6	7 ■ 7:30 PM Women's Circle	8	9 ■ 7:00 PM Choir Practice	10	11 ■ 9:00 AM Handbell Choir Practice
12 ■ 8:15 AM BAD Guys B-Fast	13 ■ 7:00 PM Postscript	14 ■ 1:00 PM Afternoon Book Group	15 Newsletter Deadline Tax Day	16 ■ 7:00 PM Choir Practice	17	18 ■ 9:00 AM Handbell Choir Practice
19 Church Band To Play Name Tag Sunday	20	21 ■ 1:00 PM Afternoon Book Group	22 Earth Day	23 ■ 6:30 PM Deacons ■ 7:00 PM Choir Practice	24	25 ■ 9:00 AM Handbell Choir Practice
26 Handbell Sunday	27 ■ 7:00 PM Session	28 Rummage Sale Set-Up ■ 7:30 PM Evening Book Group	29	30 ■ 6:00 PM RS Sneak Preview ■ 7:00 PM Choir Practice	1 ■ 9:00 AM Rummage Sale	2 ■ 9:00 AM Rummage Sale ■ 9:00 AM Handbell Choir Practice

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**Spring Rummage Sale May 1 & 2**  
**Order Easter Flowers by April 1st!**  
**Malawi & Mother's Day**  
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