

First Presbyterian Church IN VICTOR

**WHOEVER YOU ARE.
HOWEVER YOU HAVE COME.
YOU ARE WELCOME HERE.**

“For through the law I died to the law, so that I might live to God. I have been crucified with Christ; 20 and it is no longer I who live, but it is Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God,[g] who loved me and gave himself for me”

-Galatians 2:19-20

Grace and Peace to you members and friends:

This side of Easter it is always good for us to recall how the early church was formed and see what life and faith development looked like for early Christians. Sometimes I steer away from Paul’s letters because they can be confusing because of the terms he uses, but also because too often Christians take pieces literally when Paul was writing to a vastly different audience than our own. Here above is a scripture that I think is pretty plain and simple even for Paul. I am struck by the words “it is no longer I who live, but it is Christ who lives in me.” In a world full of “me first” as the mentality and personal independence and personal reputation as badges of success; this scripture speaks out in stark contrast to those ideals. Paul is essentially saying here that his reputation does not matter any longer since he became a follower of Christ. For so many of us this probably doesn’t feel right or like something we should do.

Paul sees himself as crucified with Christ, which means that he is linking his identity into the action of the crucifixion. It’s another way for Paul to say that his life, his reputation and his identity need(ed) to die. Paul’s conversion is one of the more popular stories from the New Testament. He was a pharisee, well known, well educated, and respected among his peers. He was asked to find the people who talked about Jesus after Jesus’ death, and get them to stop talking about Jesus. Paul was confronted by Jesus in a vision, struck blind, and told to stop persecuting

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MUSIC

If you have any requests for preludes or postludes, please let the office know. Courtney will pass the information onto Ayn.

Thank you!

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Jesus' followers. Paul is converted and changes to become the biggest promoter of Jesus and what Christianity stands for. Paul truly did give up his reputation, his prestige, and took on a new life.

In a similar way as Christ's followers in the 21st century we are also called to consider our lives and reputations. Ask yourself these questions: am I willing to let my reputation go, or my successes (no matter how large) go? Am I willing to do the same with my status at work? What my friends think? What my church thinks etc...?

I believe that unless we are willing to let ourselves, like Paul, trade away status for knowing Christ we will always think more highly of ourselves and be kept from growth in our faith. Not only that we will miss out on knowing how God's Spirit can move and work through us.

“Say to those who are of a fearful heart, “Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God. He will come with vengeance, with terrible recompense. He will come and save you.” ~Isaiah 35:4

STAY CONNECTED



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This might sound hard, difficult or like more work, but honestly it isn't meant to. Small decisions everyday lead to what our future will be. I used to think giving up my status meant denying who I was as a person; that's not what this is about. It's about what characterizes our lives. Paul was no longer characterized as a persecutor, but a servant of Jesus. Servants of Jesus; now there's a term! I want people to say that about you, and about this church as much as I want people to say that about me.

A fellow servant of the Lord,
Pastor Nick

Pastor Nick's Office Hours

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585-924-2289 Church Office

585-698-9064 Pastoral emergencies

WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Sundays, 10 am
*YouTube Livestream & In-person**
Sunday Service
*Registration is appreciated

APRIL WORSHIP SCHEDULE

April 2nd~ 7 pm Good Friday Worship~ *A joint service of the First Presbyterian Church in Victor and Victor United Methodist Church*

April 4th~ 9 am & 11 am Sunday Worship– Easter

April 11th~ 10am Sunday Worship

April 18th~ 10am Sunday Worship

April 25th~ 10am Sunday Worship



“He answered, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself. ~ Luke 10:27



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Do you have an announcement you would like to share with the congregation and would like to be included in the Sunday morning worship slideshow? Please send to Courtney in the office office@victorpres.org by Wednesday at 10am, even earlier is welcome and appreciated.



Grab your coffee, bible, and gather your family around your computer for Virtual services or register to come worship in-person!



FPCV CHRISTIAN ED. PRESENTS:

Intentional Growth of Your Personal Faith

A new opportunity to intentionally grow your personal faith through independent study, fun audio and video, and group discussions - totally flexible to fit YOUR schedule!

We warmly invite you to join us! As we approach Lent and a time of transition for our church, it is more important than ever that we continue our personal faith journeys and maintain our cohesiveness as a congregation. Using the Bible Project*

(read more about it here: <https://bibleproject.com/about/>), bi-monthly we will explore topics relevant to today to help all of us "experience the Bible in a way that is approachable, engaging, and transformative."

"I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death," ~Philippians 3:10

You will explore each topic by listening to a short audio (~6 min), watching a short video (~6 min), doing scripture reading (~10 min) and answering 3-4 discussion questions. Then we will come together for a 1 hour zoom session to discuss our answers to the questions and support each other as we all deepen our understanding of our own faith.

The invitation is open to all, no sign-up is required, and your participation is welcome in one or all of the sessions, or anything in between.

Instructions

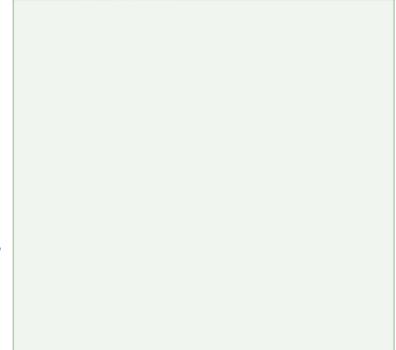
1. Review the list of topics and session dates below so you can plan your participation.
2. Review the TIPS section below so you get the most out of the study.
3. Click on the website link that corresponds to each Session to access the audio commentary, video, and questions for the TOPIC.
4. Listen to the commentary
5. Watch the video
- 5a. If you are now hungry for even more understanding of God's Word, we encourage you to access the additional resources that are located after the questions, however, we will not be discussing these in our zoom session.
6. Read the scripture
7. Answer the questions
8. Attend the session via Zoom to share your responses to the questions and be in fellowship with one another.

Upcoming Sessions

	DATE (All on Monday)	TIME	TOPIC	WEB LINK
Session 5	April 5	7 – 8 pm	Sacrifice and Atonement <i>In this week's study, we reflect on sacrifice and atonement.</i>	BibleProject: Sacrifice and Atonement
Session 6	April 19	7 – 8 pm	Covenants <i>God chooses to partner with humans – but why?</i>	BibleProject: Covenants
Session 7	May 3	7 – 8 pm	Holiness <i>In this week's Bible study, we take a deeper look at God's holiness.</i>	BibleProject: Holiness
Session 8	May 17	7 – 8 pm	Witness <i>For this week's study, we're exploring the word witness.</i>	BibleProject: Witness

Tips

- As you listen to the audio and watch the video, take notes on anything that jumps out at you (a phrase, an interesting graphic, something you didn't know).
- When reading scripture, jot down what portions of the scripture that are speaking into your heart or any questions that you have around meaning.
- Write down the answers to the discussion questions if you are able. Have your Bible handy at the group session so you can refer to scripture.



Don't forget! Panera bread donations are at the church on Wednesdays. Panera Bread graciously donates bread and baked goods for our community to receive at the church. Tables are set up in the back entrance of the First Presbyterian Church in Victor for those to drive up and grab whatever is needed. This is first come, first served. Please come and take whatever you need. There are many loaves of bread, dozens of bagels, and a table full of other baked goods! God is good!! Please reach out to anyone you know that may benefit from this donation, as we do not want any of this to go to waste!



TREASURER'S REPORT, FEBRUARY 2021

TREASURER'S REPORT (EXECUTIVE SUMMARY) For Month of February 2021

TOTAL GENERAL FUND:

Beginning Balance	\$36,032.40
Income	22,023.68
Expenses	<u>16,618.96</u>
Ending Balance	<u><u>\$41,437.12</u></u>

Offering	Actual	Budget	Difference
	\$13,288.00	\$15,000.00	\$(1,712.00)

Year-to-Date:	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Total Operating Income	\$44,459.17	\$37,574.39	\$6,884.78
Total Operating Expenses	<u>34,662.20</u>	<u>34,417.91</u>	<u>\$244.29</u>
Operating Income (Loss)	<u><u>\$9,796.97</u></u>	<u><u>\$3,156.48</u></u>	<u><u>\$6,640.49</u></u>

Adult Pledges Year-to-Date:

Actual	\$33,534.70
Budget	<u>30,000.00</u>
Surplus/(Shortfall)	<u><u>\$3,534.70</u></u>
	11.78%

Emily Wojcik
Treasurer

“Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again.” ~Luke 24:6-7

PER CAPITA 2021

Per capita for 2021 is \$35.14 per member. Per capita is a fixed annual expense of our church to support the work of our Presbytery, Synod and General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church USA. If possible, we ask you to please make a contribution to support these important works. Member support for this cost is greatly appreciated any time in 2021.



FROM THE WORSHIP COMMITTEE

The worship committee has been busy working with Pastor Nick in trying to create the best possible worship experience for all who partake either in person or on YouTube. Some of the things that we have been working on is the upcoming Holy Week starting with Palm Sunday, March 28 to Good Friday, April 2 and culminating with Easter on April 4th when there will be 2 services; one at 9:00AM and the other at 11:00AM.

It is the belief of everyone involved that the services are more enriching with the inclusion of different voices throughout the time of worship. For that reason we are looking for people interested or willing to take on the role of **liturgist**. That includes parts of the service such as the Call to Worship, Prayer of Confession and Pardon and reading of the scriptures, but could be a variation of any of these. The person providing the liturgy can do so *in person or through a recording* with either just the audio or with it including yourself on video. For the major services such as Easter we would prefer to have that be in person. Another form of providing additional voices is through **leadership of the hymns** on Sunday mornings. This too can be offered in person or through a recording. We encourage those with little or a lot of vocal talent to offer yourself in leadership, we promise you that judging will not take place.

Along with these opportunities it has been a pleasure seeing various artists offer their gifts in the time of offering during the service. We would like to make this a regular part of the service as long as we have the volunteers willing to **share in their talents either vocally or instrumentally**. On March 21 we were privileged to have a recording of Marilyn Teel on the piano playing Concerto in F by F. Shubert. Her performance was pre-recorded and sounded wonderful. As before, either a *recording or in person performance is welcomed*.

For all of these opportunities to give back and make our worship experience special, we are asking you to follow this link to sign-up:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10CoD4FA8A728ABFBC25-sign>

Here you will be able to sign up to be a liturgist, play special music, or lead hymns during Sunday worship. Right now you can sign up for either Easter service continuing through the end of May. Your participation in any worship service is such a gift! *Please add a comment in the sign-up form if you are signing up to be a liturgist, whether you will be recording parts of the liturgy, or will be reading live in-person during worship. For special music, please comment with the instrument and the song you will be playing, if you have one in mind.

And if it is easier anyone can always contact the Worship Committee directly to volunteer by letting the Chair of the committee know by email at deanc260@gmail.com or by call or text to 315-871-8126, please just be sure to let him know who is reaching out and he will get back to you.





"Feeding the Hungry with Dignity and Respect."

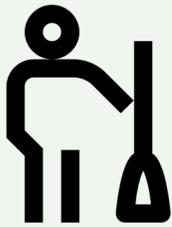
VICTOR-FARMINGTON FOOD CUPBOARD

Food Cupboard Customers: Our drive through is open Wednesday's 2 to 4 pm. You do not have to qualify to come to us, just come and stay in your vehicle. We will ask how many people are in your family and what town you live in, that's it! Our volunteers will put the food in your trunk. Please do wear a mask to protect our volunteers!

If you cannot come to the drive through on Wednesday please call 924-2720 and leave us a message. We will do our best to work it out. If you are quarantined, please do not come to our facility. Simply call (585)924-2720 and we will work out a no-contact option for getting food to you.

We are so grateful for all the donors and local partners we have had over the past year. Without you, the need would have been impossible to meet but with you--nothing is impossible and we will all be stronger.

*"And God raised the Lord and will also raise us by his power."
~1 Corinthians 6:14*



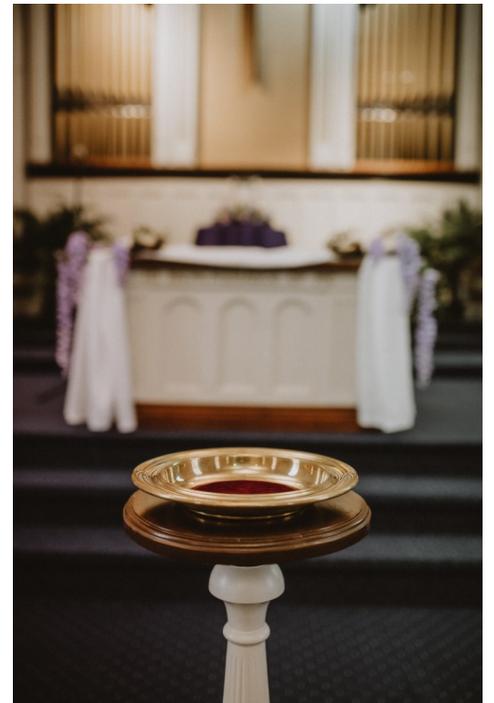
This month our church welcomed our new custodian , Jerry Tusch! Jerry has a mailbox outside the office if you ever need to get in touch.

Welcome Jerry to our community!

ONLINE GIVING PLATFORMS

Your continued generous financial support over this past year of closure and re-opening is graciously appreciated. A continued thanks to the many families that continue to give by ACH and send in checks, with your support we have been able to continue to serve our community and God's ministry here.

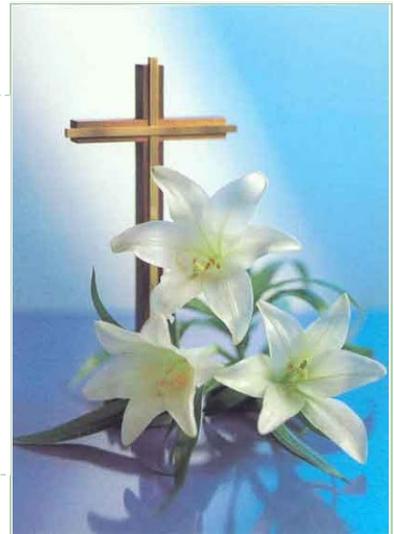
Did you know that we now offer an *online giving platform*?! Head over to the website and look through the [Giving page](#) for instructions on how to give from your computer via Vanco Payment Solutions or your smartphone with the **GivePlus** mobile app!



EASTER LILIES

“But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. The death he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.”

~Romans 6:8-11



Thank you to our sponsors for contributing in memory and honor of loved ones for our Easy lily arrangement:

Sponsor:	In memory of:
Larry & Marilyn Teel	<i>George & Freida Zeitner</i>
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	<i>Wesley Kujawski</i>
Sue Reh	<i>David Reh</i>
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Donna & Dave Schake	<i>Our Parents: Laurence & Doris Bown</i>
	<i>John & Marian Schake</i>
The Dreeste Family	<i>Robert Dreeste</i>
Shirley Roets	<i>Ardean Roets, David Roets, & Marc Loan</i>
Carol Fowler	<i>Sharon Farnand</i>
	<i>William Miller</i>
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Sponsor:	In honor of:
Carol Fowler	<i>Erin Farnand</i>
	<i>Kevin Miller</i>

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

Happy spring! We will begin in person Sunday School on Sunday, April 11th. There will be three classes to promote social distancing. The classes will be PreK-1, 2-3, and 4-6. All children will be seated at least 3ft apart in assigned seats. In addition, proper mask wearing will be required by students and teachers. Classrooms and shared items will be sanitized before and after every class. Children should go to their assigned classrooms when dismissed from church. One parent should pick up all children from Sunday school at the conclusion of service.



APRIL

BIRTHDAYS!

- 1st Garrett Simpson
- 2nd Tessa Lavery
- 2nd Jason Liddle
- 3rd Reid Holter
- 7th Julia Bellefeuille
- 8th Justin Miles
- 9th Lawrence Teel
- 12th Karina Ekholm
- 13th Stacey Lauretti
- 17th Larry Cook
- 18th Megan Antonitto
- 22nd Diane Hall
- 26th Pearl Straight
- 27th Bruce Fisher
- 27th Jane Fletcher
- 27th Allison Kem
- 28th Alexander Song
- 28th Peyton Tripp
- 29th Kelsey Bright

APRIL

ANNIVERSARIES!

- 11th Kris & Rob Dussmann
- 14th Karen & Tom Guidarelli
- 17th Becky & Jason Black
- 21st Diane & Ed Hall

SUNDAY SCHOOL CALENDAR

Date	PreK-3 Topic	4-6 Topic
April 4	No Sunday School	Happy Easter
April 11	Resurrection	Jesus is always with you
April 18	The Great Commission	Jesus Loves You
April 25	Peter and John	Jesus Loves You

Important Dates

- ◇ April 1st- Holy Thursday/April Fool's Day
- ◇ April 2nd-Good Friday
- ◇ April 4th- Easter Sunday
- ◇ April 5th- Easter Monday
- ◇ April 22nd - Earth Day/Take Our Kids to Work Day
- ◇ April 30th- Arbor Day

FAMILY PROMISE



Gather your teams, rev your engines,
THE 5TH ANNUAL
FAMILY PROMISE OF ONTARIO COUNTY
BED RACE
is coming

July 24 - 31

Don't be caught flatfooted,
get your team ready NOW!



Mission: Unite the faith community, volunteer organizations and existing agencies in Ontario County to provide a pathway for homeless children and their families to secure reliable housing and self-sufficiency.

*Our host week was last week in March. Gift cards can still be mailed to FPOC :

FPOC, Attn: Jay, 185 N. Main Street Canandaigua 14424



Family Promise Hosting Week??

During the Pandemic our hosting weeks look very different.
We cannot co-mingle, social distancing is tough with a two-year-old.
But our families still need our help!

FPOC now has 3 emergency shelter apartments that are housing 3 families in need. As a partner congregation, you can assist our guests with groceries and gift cards during hosting week.

AND

At any time you can volunteer with virtual tutoring or office support.

Contact Lauren Lamb
at fpocliainson@fpochny.org
or reach out to your coordinator for more information.

FPOC NEW VOLUNTEER TRAINING

"PUTTING THE PIECES TOGETHER
IN THE TIME OF COVID"

Thursday, April 29th

6:00-8:00

On ZOOM!

RSVP to Lauren Lamb at
FPOCLiaison@fpochny.org

Or

(585) 943-0205

to get an email link to join the fun!



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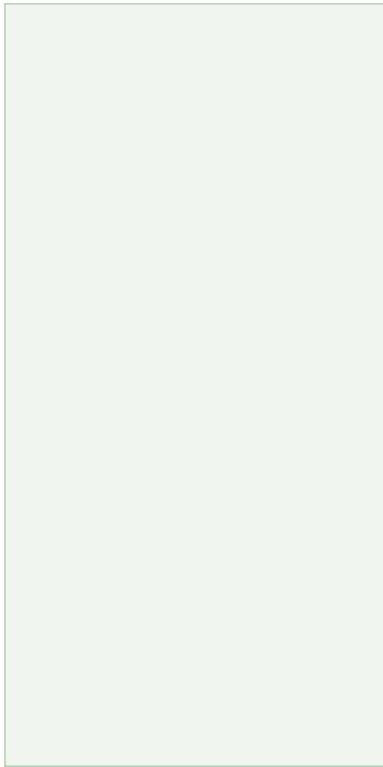


Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28 Palm Sunday Worship 10am Sunday School, 8:30-9:35am Coffee Hour-ZOOM 11:10	29 Holy Week Family Promise "Host week"	30	31 Panera	1 Bible Study- ZOOM 6:30	2 Good Friday Good Friday service with Victor United Methodist Church, 7 pm	3
4 Easter Worship 9 & 11 am Fellowship time- between service outside of church	5 Christian Ed. Study group 7pm-ZOOM	6	7 Panera	8	9	10
11 Worship 10am Sunday School Coffee Hour-ZOOM 11:10 Mom's Group 11:10	12	13 Session Meeting- ZOOM 7pm	14 Panera	15	16	17
18 Worship 10am Sunday School, Coffee Hour-ZOOM 11:10 Mom's Group 11:10	19 Christian Ed. Study group 7pm-ZOOM	20 Deacon Meeting- ZOOM 6pm Worship Committee meeting- 7pm	21 Panera	22 Earth Day	23	24
25 Worship 10am Sunday School Coffee Hour-ZOOM 11:10 Mom's Group 11:10	26	27	28 Panera	29 FPOC Volunteer training 6-8pm	30 Arbor Day	1

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