

First Presbyterian *Church* IN **VICTOR**

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

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PASTOR COLIN'S CORNER

Ending Well and Starting Strong

2016 is coming to a close and, as we celebrated on November 20th, we as a community have much to delight in this year. The successful completion of the "Serve Abundantly" Capital Campaign and burning the mortgage on the building addition, the wonderful renovation of Corey Hall, a growing youth program, anticipating the hire of a Sunday School Program Coordinator, new members to the community, and so much more. This month we can end the year well.

In the coming days, it would be most helpful, if you have not already, for us all to make clear our commitments to support the ministry of FPCV in 2017. Please turn in your pledge cards as soon as possible so that the Session may be discerning and responsible while developing the operating budget for next year. Help us end this year well and start next year strong.

The Deacons have been hard at work reaching out to every member to confirm that your contact information is fully correct. This information will be the foundation of our new database and will ensure accuracy and communication going forward. Thank you to all who have helped in this. If you have not yet had a chance to confirm your please do so and help us end this year well and start next year strong.

This Christmas Eve at 7pm there will be a special service specifically designed for families and younger children. If your child would like to participate in any way, music, drama, reading etc., please let me know and I will work to include them all in this lighthearted celebration. The 10pm service will be the full traditional candlelight and communion service. All are welcome to either or both. Please come and help us end this year well and start next year strong.

If you have an email, you will be receiving an invitation from RightNow Media to register as part of our church and to receive access to their extraordinary Christian Education media library. This library has materials for individuals, families, couples, youth and children, small groups and more. The materials are available 24/7 and cover a wide range of topics, as well as extensive options for biblical study. This library is the Session's gift back to all of you as a thank you for your participation in the ministry of FPCV, and in the dear hope that we will all take advantage of the opportunity to grow in our knowledge of The Word. Please sign up and help us end this year well and start next year strong.

This Advent season we look forward to what God is always doing: being born into our lives and bringing hope, peace, joy, and love. Thank you for who you are, and for who God is helping you become.

Blessings and Peace,

Pastor Colin

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Pastor Colin".

WORSHIP COMMITTEE

Worship Schedule

**Sundays, 10 am Worship Service
with Junior Church**

Anyone interested in leading worship (by reading, singing, preaching, etc.), please contact Pastor Colin or Celia Reaves.

If there is a ministry or area of study you'd like to see as a Small Group, please contact Pastor Colin.

SOCIAL MEDIA

You can now listen to Pastor Colin's weekly messages on your devices at

<https://soundcloud.com/firstpresbyterianchurchofvictor>

Please feel free to share this link with others.

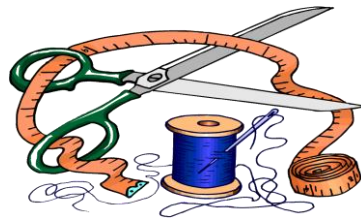
If you are on Facebook, search for us at First Presbyterian Church of Victor and LIKE us! You will receive updates automatically.

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MISSION MATTERS

SEWING SEEDS OF LOVE



Sewing Seeds of Love is going on a temporary hold, until after the first of the year. We will still be collecting knitted and crocheted items, such as hats, mittens and scarves, for those in need. If you would like to donate items, please

drop them at FPCV, or contact Phidelia Cornwell at dcornwell@rochester.rr.com, or Ardyce Lake at rlake5@twcny.rr.com or 585-398-8706.



COMMUNITY DINNER

Exciting News: Now Serving 3 Times a Month!

Join us the second, third and fourth Saturdays of each month, from 5-7 pm, for a FREE dinner
St. Patrick's Church will be hosting the 3rd Saturday of each month.

Everyone is welcome

Contact Heather McAdoo at heathermail@frontiernet.net or 585-944-3217

Upcoming Community Dinners

December 10th hosted by Girl Scout Troop- menu Macaroni and Cheese

December 17th hosted by St. Patrick's -menu Sausage and Peppers

December 24th Lunch hosted by FPCV- menu to be decided. Meal will be served 11am-1pm

Please contact Heather McAdoo at heathermail@frontiernet.net if you can get involved and/or support the dinners on November 26th and December 24th Dinners are served from 5-7pm and all are welcome to attend.

SUGGESTED WEEKLY DONATIONS FOR THE FOOD CUPBOARD

- Dec. 4 Laundry Soap or Detergent
- Dec. 11 Canned Veggies & Fruits
- Dec. 18 Cereal
- Dec. 25 Meal Kits (3-5 ingredients)

Meal kits are intended to give clients an easy-to-prepare meal for their families. All items to create an entrée or casserole for a family of 4 should be placed in a bag, along with the recipe. Remember that clients may not have a supply of spices, so include these if vital to the flavor of the meal. All items must be in their original commercial packaging.

BIRTHDAY CAKE MISSION PROJECT

THANKS TO ALL! 🎂 YOU'VE MADE MANY CHILDREN HAPPY!

Many of the families who are clients of the Victor-Farmington Food Cupboard cannot afford a birthday cake for their children's birthdays. Every child should have one, and let's make sure they do! Please bring in cake mixes, cans of frosting, and boxed birthday candles, which will be donated to the Food Cupboard.

WOMEN'S PRAYER GROUP

Women's Prayer Group meets the second and fourth Mondays of the month at 12:30 pm. Please come join us!!

PRAYER REQUESTS

Do you have a prayer request? Please contact the Church Office, Pastor Colin, or your Deacon.

The Prayer Chain is also available for prayer requests. It is activated upon request.

Want to be a member of the Prayer Chain? Contact the Church Office. Email is not required.

GENERAL BUILDING CONCERNS

If you borrow or move chairs and/or tables, please return them to where you found them.

The lights in the stairwells and in Corey Hall are NOT motion-sensitive. If you are the last to leave, please make sure all the lights are turned off.

USHERS WANTED!

If you are interested in ushering occasionally, please contact Carol Fowler, carolfowler@frontiernet.net or 595-429-0547, or the Church Office at victorpres@frontiernet.net or 585-924-2289.

ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

SUNDAY MORNING ADULT GATHERING

Meets at 8:45 am in the Library. New topics each week.

Stewardship: Giving through Electronic Funds Transfer

Did you know that our church has received **over 29%** of total offering via Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) this year? For the period 1/1/16 through 11/14/16, the church has received Offering Plate contributions of \$126,235 and EFT contributions of \$52,008.

We would like to encourage those of you that do not currently use Electronic Funds Transfer to consider it in the upcoming year.

1. What are the major advantages of electronic giving?

Electronic Funds Transfer (also known as Direct Debit or ACH) is all about convenience for you and consistency for the church. Electronic giving eliminates frequent check writing, saves postage and helps members stay on track with pledges even when they are unable to be at church. The church in turn benefits from much-needed donation consistency and a reduction in the volume of check and cash contributions that must be handled and manually processed. It will also cut stationary costs as dated envelope sets are fairly expensive.

2. How does electronic giving work?

Contributions are transferred automatically from your checking or savings account to the church's bank. You can choose weekly or monthly withdrawals. If you choose monthly, you can choose which week the money is withdrawn. All funds will be transferred on the Friday closest to the frequency you have selected.

3. How will I participate in the offering of gifts during worship?

The physical act of placing our gift to God in the offering plate is, indeed, important. For EFT givers, we are working to provide you with some type of token that you can place in the offering plate.

4. Without a cancelled check, how can I prove I made my contribution?

Your bank statements should include an itemized list of electronic transfers. You will also continue to receive quarterly giving statements from the church.

5. How much does EFT cost?

It costs you nothing.

6. Is giving by EFT risky?

Electronic contribution is less risky than a check contribution. It has an extremely high rate of accuracy. All personal account information is kept secured and confidential.

7. The Church asks for an annual pledge of financial support. Is this the same thing?

No, you'll still make a pledge. Electronic giving is the way that you fulfill your pledge. For those who don't practice pledging, giving electronically is still a great option.

8. What if I try it and don't like it? Or what if I need to change the amount of the withdrawal, or when the withdrawal is occurring or bank accounts?

You can change or cancel your authorization at any time by notifying the church office in writing. We just ask that you provide 10 days notice so we have appropriate time to process the change or cancellation.

9. How can I sign up for electronic giving?

All you need is the DIRECT PAYMENT FOR CONTRIBUTIONS FORM. Complete the form, sign and attach a voided check/savings deposit slip. Return it to the church office or put it in a sealed envelope in the Collection Plate.

If you have additional questions, please contact Brenda Dean, Church Treasurer.

BRIDGES OUT OF POVERTY FOR CHURCHES

Sponsored by Family Promise of Ontario County

WHAT EVERY CHURCH MEMBER SHOULD KNOW ABOUT POVERTY

As churches engage in ministries and invite the poor into their congregations, many issues arise. This session addresses some of the issues that faith-based communities face in dealing with individuals from poverty. The session is also intended to continue the conversation about how your congregation can better serve the poor.

Each session module includes a scenario/story about an incident. An explanation of the issues involved in the scenario follows. Most modules conclude with observations and questions for the session participants to consider.

Since faith-based communities are largely about relationships and beliefs, it is important that this information be tailored and discussed in terms of your particular congregation, as well as your denomination and its doctrinal heritage. This session is not meant to provide answers. It is rather a source of information that can be used to assist with your decision-making. We use the book, *What Every Church Member Should Know about Poverty* (Ehlig, Bill & Payne, Ruby K.; 2005) as the session participant workshop/desk reference/take home resource.

This full-day session focuses on:

- Introduction and Overview of Poverty Today
- Hidden Rules Among the Classes
- Language Patterns and Cognition
- Violence/Conflict Resolution
- Family Structure and Marital Relationships
- Money, Stewardship, and Spending
- Church Participation
- Whom Do We Help and How Much?
- Transitioning the Poor into Membership
- Issues with Integrating the Poor into the Church
- Systemic Issues in Church Organizations
- Assessing Resources
- Best "Next Steps"
- Ontario County Poverty Data

WHEN: Saturday, January 21, 2017, 9:00 am – 4:00 pm

WHERE St. Bridget's Roman Catholic Church
St. Bridget's Hall, 15 Church Street, Bloomfield, NY

COST: \$18

CONTACT: Kathleen Wagner, 585-704-9776 or dwagner2@rochester.rr.com

Register online at www.familypromiseontariocounty.org



POINTSETTIA SIGN-UP

Once again, we will be decorating our sanctuary for the Christmas season with poinsettias. If you wish to participate in this event, please sign up below and return the tear sheet with \$10.00 to the church office or place it in the offering plate. Additional forms in the sanctuary and Welcome Center.
Orders must be place by December 5, 2016

I wish to order #_____ poinsettias, Please dedicate them as follows:

In memory of _____ In honor of

From:_____

_____Yes I will be picking up my flowers after the Service.

_____Please donate my flowers to a shut-in

Neighbors In Ministry to Seniors (NIMS)
Call Mon., Wed., or Fri. 9:00 am to 4:00 pm
585-924-1887

NIMS is a combined effort of the Victor Christian Churches to provide transportation to Victor residents 60 and older on a non-regular basis.

NIMS service is available without charge from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm Monday through Friday.

**VICTOR/FARMINGTON
CLOTHING DRIVE AND GIVEAWAY**



WE CANNOT HAVE TOO MANY HANDS!

CONTACT DINA STRASSER

585-734-8300 or dinaeliz@gmail.com

Set Up: THURSDAY DECEMBER 15th 5-8 PM and

FRIDAY DECEMBER 16th 8AM-9 PM

Victor Town Hall, any amount of time

Clothing Drive Day: SATURDAY DECEMBER 17th, 7:45 AM- 1 PM

Victor Town Hall, any amount of time

OR CONTACT ME RE: ANY OF THE FOLLOWING:

Do you have larger-scale Christmas decorations (tinsel, figures, trees, lights) you could donate to dress up our tables?

Do you have clothing racks for our coats you would be willing to donate?

Would you like to donate candy canes?



**GIVE AROUND VICTOR DAY
CLOTHING DRIVE & GIVEAWAY**

**To benefit clients of the Victor/Farmington
Food Cupboard and all residents of the V/F
Community**

Saturday, December 17th

9:00 am - 12:00 pm

Victor Town Hall

85 East Main Street, Victor

**COLLECTION: Freshly washed items may be
dropped off at:**

- **First Presbyterian Church, 70 E. Main
Street, Victor**
 - **9:30 am - 2:00 pm Monday-Thurs**
 - **9:00 am- 1:00 pm Sundays**
- **Victor Town Hall**
 - **Thursday December 15th from 9:00
am - 7:00 pm.**

**WANTED!!
Blankets
(freshly washed
please)**

**Clothing
all sizes**

Boots

Coats

**SPONSORED BY
THE
V/F FOOD
CUPBOARD AND
AREA CHURCHES**

DEACONS' CARE LISTS

The Deacons' Care Lists have been updated. Check out the bulletin board in the hall across from the (downstairs) elevator! If you are a member of FPCV and not on any list, please contact Lyn in the church office or Pastor Colin. We will be happy to assign you to a Deacon!

TREASURER'S REPORT

TREASURER'S REPORT October 2016

TOTAL GENERAL FUND:

| | | |
|---------------------|----|-----------|
| Balance at 9/30/16 | \$ | 5,660.95 |
| Income | | 24,806.70 |
| Expenses | | 24,735.97 |
| Balance at 10/31/16 | \$ | 5,731.68 |

| | | | | |
|--|-----------------|---------------|---------------|-------------------|
| | <u>Offering</u> | <u>Actual</u> | <u>Budget</u> | <u>Difference</u> |
| | \$ | 20,935.00 | \$18,370.64 | \$ 2,564.36 |

Budget

| | | | |
|----------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|-------------------|
| Year-to-Date: | <u>2016 Actual</u> | <u>2016 Budget</u> | <u>Difference</u> |
| Total Operating Income | \$ 193,937.14 | \$ 200,926.71 | \$ (6,989.57) |
| Total Operating Expenses | 200,744.64 | 201,974.54 | \$ (1,229.90) |
| Operating Income (Loss) | \$ (6,807.50) | \$ (1,047.83) | \$ (5,759.67) |
| | | | |
| Total Capital Income | \$ 47,930.15 | \$ 43,334.00 | \$ 4,596.15 |
| Total Capital Expenses | 42,392.77 | 43,334.00 | \$ (941.23) |
| Capital Income (Loss) | \$ 5,537.38 | \$ - | \$ 5,537.38 |
| | | | |
| Combined Net Income (Loss) | \$ (1,270.12) | \$ (1,047.83) | |

Adult Pledges Year-to-Date:

| | | |
|---------------------|----|-------------|
| | | <u>2016</u> |
| Actual | \$ | 166,908.20 |
| Budget | | 171,718.33 |
| Surplus/(Shortfall) | \$ | (4,810.13) |
| | | -2.80% |

We received a private donation for an AED device. Memorial donations were received in memory of Esther Phillips and Francis Carney.

Brenda Dean
Treasurer

CHOIRS AND MUSIC



COME AND SING!

Share the musical gifts God has given you-

Come sing with the choir for Advent & Christmas. Rehearsal of Advent music starts on **Wednesday, November 16th**. We practice from **7:30-8:30 p.m.**, also on **Sundays at 9:00 am**.

We can use sopranos, altos, tenors, and basses. Reading music is helpful but by no means necessary. Don't be afraid to step out of your comfort zone!

ALL ARE WELCOME! JOIN US FOR ADVENT & CHRISTMAS!

The Choir is always looking for new members, so if Advent/Christmas doesn't work for you, join us in the new year! Ask Camila if you have any questions.

CHILDREN'S CHOIR

The Children's Choir will start rehearsals after church, approximately **11:30 am- noon**, on **Sunday, November 27**. All Sunday School children are welcome to participate. The children will sing at the 7:00 p.m. service on Christmas Eve and perhaps during the **Dec. 11th** service as well. See our Choir Director, Camila Ospina Fadul, if you have any questions.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

The Sunday School children had a very busy November! The Trick or Treat for UNICEF project collected over \$95! Wow! These donations will go right to children worldwide who need medicine, nutrition, clean water, emergency relief, and education. The food collection for the 2016 Thanksgiving baskets for the Victor Farmington Food cupboard was a great success as well! Together with the congregation, we collected 63 boxes of stuffing, 31 boxes of mashed potatoes, 43 cans of gravy, 6 cans of French fried onions, 44 cans of yams, and 16 cans of veggies. Awesome job! These helped the community efforts to provide over 600 Thanksgiving baskets to local families in need!

During November, our Deep Blue curriculum dove deeper into the bible stories of Moses. The children learned all about Moses's 40 year wait to see the Promised lands and the Ten Commandments. In December, the children will learn about the stories of Christmas.

| Unit 1: The Stories of Christmas | Topic |
|-----------------------------------------|------------------|
| December 4, 2016 | Mary's Story |
| December 11, 2016 | Joseph's Story |
| December 18, 2016 | Jesus' Story |
| December 25, 2016 | NO Sunday School |

We are so excited for our new nursery care assistant: Rainamei Luna! (Ray-nah-may)! She is in her junior year at Eastman and loves and has experience with children of all ages. Please stop in and welcome her!

Here are some upcoming events:

- 1) Salvation Army Bell Ringing Opportunity: **Saturday, December 3 from 5-7pm** at the Farmington Tops lobby (formerly Wades). The kettle is located indoors. Children (and the parent) can sign up for ½ hour shifts: 5 -5:30; 5:30- 6: 6-6:30; or 6:30-7
There are sign-up sheets in the classrooms and welcome center.

Check out our birthday and news bulletin boards in the Sunday School hallway. We love your feedback and new things! If you have a talent, craft or hobby you would like to share with us, please let us know.

Cathy Martz 585-662-9427 cemartz33@gmail.com

Jan Astles 585-398-3834 janastles@rochester.rr.com

YOUTH PROGRAM

Dear Friends,

I hope everyone had a blessed Thanksgiving and that you were able to take the time to reflect on the things you are most thankful for. As we transition into the Christmas Season it is a time of great hope; a reminder of God's light that came into the world to show us the way. In the first chapter of the Gospel of Matthew Jesus is referred to as Emmanuel, which you probably know means God is with us. May we all come to fully realize that God is truly always with us, and may that take on a new meaning for you this Christmas Season ☺

Here's a look at what's been going on with the youth program and what's ahead:

Halloween Moonlight Corn Maze Trip (Saturday October 29th)

The Youth and Heather and I had a great time at the Moonlight Corn Maze at Long Acre Farms. Utilizing clues we found in the maze we were able to complete a map that showed us the way through the maze

November

Thanksgiving Community Dinner (Saturday November 12th)

The youth assisted the congregation in the Thanksgiving Community Dinner once again this year. It was really cool to see so many people help out with this.

Celebration Sunday (Sunday November 20th)

I put together a slide show of the different activities and events the youth have been involved in since I started in August of 2015 and showed it during worship. What a great time of sharing this was. I am so proud of the youth and all they've accomplished! Big thanks to the parents and congregation for all of your great support and encouragement ☺

Upcoming Events

December

-Youth Sunday Worship Service (Sunday December 11th)

Youth led worship service!

-Clothing Drive (Saturday December 17th)

The Youth will be assisting with the clothing drive at Victor Town Hall on December 17th from 10:00am-12:30pm.

Youth Group: December 4th

No Sunday School this month (Dec 11th Youth Sunday & Dec 25th Christmas)

January

-Atomic Bowling (Friday January 20th)

9-11pm at Roseland in Canandaigua

Winter Schedule 2017

Youth Group: 1st & 3rd Sundays of the Month (6:00-7:30pm) *Unless Otherwise Noted on Calendar

Sunday School: 2nd & 4th Sundays (During Worship 10:15-11:15am) *Unless Otherwise Noted on Calendar

Matt Brooks

Youth Ministry Director

OUR PEOPLE

We apologize if we are missing your special day. We are always updating our database. Please call the church office (585-924-2289), and we will update your information.

DEC. ANNIVERSARIES

- 5 Nancy & Peter Krueger
Debbie & Paul Moore
31 Marge & Bob Hall
Dawn & Bill Rockefeller

EARLY JAN. ANNIVERSARIES

- 7 Phyllis & Lew Stewart

DEC. BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Helen Moore
4 Edward Damaske
Celia Reaves
5 Jennifer Edwards
Paul Moore
6 Chase Dickens
8 Steve Henderson
9 Joey Reinhardt
Harry Wells
11 Craig Bright
Nick Castiglia
12 Anneliese Ekholm
16 Elizabeth Henderson
18 Paige Wickham
19 Jackie Castiglia
21 Bill Hoffman
23 Benjamin Abreu
CoeDee Mowers
Taylor Wood

- Andrew Purdie
25 Carol Fowler
Sue Henderson
Janet Rector
26 Sharyl DiGiovanni
27 Joseph Abreu
Oksana Kahl
Dawn Rockefeller
28 Heather McAdoo
29 Robert Dussman
Katie Ferguson
30 Sam Edwards
Muriel Nado

EARLY JAN. BIRTHDAYS

- 3 Julie Dickens
4 Shannon Doyle
Peter Krueger
5 Adam McLaughlin
6 Robert Hodder
John Oderkirk
7 Arlene Abreu
Holly Ferrari
8 Phil Lavery

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IMPORTANT DEC. DATES

| | |
|---------|------------------------------------------------------|
| Sundays | 8:45 am Adult Bible Study |
| 4, | 6:00 pm Youth Group; NO YOUTH GROUP ON 18 |
| 11 | 10:00 AM Youth Sunday Worship Service |
| 10, 17 | 5:00 pm Community Dinner |
| 11, 25 | 10:15 am Youth Sunday School; NO SUNDAY SCHOOL ON 25 |
| 12, 26 | 12:30 pm Women's Prayer Group |
| 17 | DAY OF GIVING |
| 20 | NEWSLETTER DEADLINE |
| 24 | 11 am Community Luncheon |
| 24 | 7:00 pm Family & Children's Worship Service |
| 24 | 10:00 pm Candlelight Communion Worship service |