

First Presbyterian Church IN VICTOR

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FROM PASTOR COLIN

A Congregational Check Up

Once a year people are encouraged to go to their doctor and have what is known as a well visit annual physical. Here we get checked for what is all good and get an honest assessment of what might need to be improved for our health. These visits are so important because they can detect potential problems before they are critical issues, and they help us acknowledge what we are doing well. There can be some anxiety about being honest, and there can be some great blessings in choosing to be so.

The Vital Congregations Initiative our congregation is taking part in serves us much the same way as a good annual physical. We get to take a real look at what is going well, and where we might benefit from some focused care.

Over the course of the next year we will be assessing ourselves on the follow seven marks of Vital Congregations:

- I. Lifelong Discipleship Formation
- II. Intentional Authentic Evangelism
- III. Outward Incarnational Focus
- IV. Empowering Servant Leadership
- V. Spirit-Inspired Worship
- VI. Caring Relationships
- VII. Ecclesial Health

Thank you for being a part of the body of Christ in this place and joining in the journey to being even more vital as a congregation.

**Peace be with you all,
Pastor Colin**



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FROM ALFRED APPIAH– MINISTRY INTERN

What would you say to someone if they aspired to be a leader “just like David”? What are the marks of a great leader? Would you vote for David if he were running for president?

I asked this question in my Old Testament class this week. As I reflect on what to write for the November newsletter, I thought this question is very appropriate and timely for all Americans and Ghanaians who go to the polls to cast their vote. In response to the question, Dr Bill Brown, avers which David do you have in mind? There are many to choose from in the Bible. The murderer who takes what he can get? The David who holds a political grudge and instructs his son to carry out what he would not fulfil? Or the David whose trust in God brings him to constant confession and prayer? The David who knows distress firsthand from being on the run and counts himself among the “poor and needy” (Psalms 70:5; 86:1)?

“For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope.”

~Jeremiah 29:11

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Lukas Mburu, one of my colleagues added, David depicts both desirable and undesirable characters of leadership. On the one hand, David is hard-working (1Sam. 16:11); he does not consider himself as the absolute one, he admits to having sinned (2Sam 12:13); he consults and takes advice (2Sam. 7: 1-12). On the other hand, as revealed in taking Bathsheba and killing Uriah, he is greedy, selfish, and scheming to defeat justice. I wonder how many people die for a king (political figures) to have their ways? I bet they are many.

The mark of a great leader, Dr Brown contended is humility—great leaders never think of themselves as above the law—They have a high view not of themselves but of service to others, the people whom they represent. Such humility relies on the counsel of others (let us include scientists here), those who are not just “yes men.” Lucas concluded; I uphold that earthly kingship is a necessary evil to society. Moreover, a prophetic voice must keep checks on it regardless of who occupies the highest political office. That is, whether that person portrays the character of an angel, without restraints by the prophetic edge, that person will make people pay dearly. Nevertheless, I will vote for David and hope that I will discharge my duty as “Nathan” without fear or favour.

As we go to the polls, we must prayerfully seek to elect a leader who cares for the weak and marginalized in our society, the leader who leads by example, the leader who united his people like David who established an everlasting dynasty and united the people of Israel. May God grant, America, Ghana and all other nations that go through elections this year peace.

FROM THE OFFICE

We began in-person Sunday services again on October 25th! Each Monday I will send out a Google form by email to register yourself if you would like to attend the Sunday service. Please pre-register (by Friday at noon) so that we may know how many people will be attending. You must register each week you wish to attend in-person. The guidelines and restrictions are all outlined in the *Health & Safety Plan*, which was emailed and can also be found on the website.

Your Deacons will be hosting virtual coffee hour via ZOOM each Sunday immediately after worship. Each week will have a different theme. Please email the office if you need the ZOOM info.

In-office hours are now Wednesdays and Thursdays from 10-2. Please don't hesitate to reach out if you are in need of anything, email will also be checked daily.

~Courtney Maltman



“First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone, ²for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity.”

~ 1 Timothy 2:1-2

TREASURER'S REPORT SEPTEMBER 2020

TREASURER'S REPORT (EXECUTIVE SUMMARY) For Month of September 2020

TOTAL GENERAL FUND:

Beginning Balance	\$37,522.10
Income	16,339.72
Expenses	<u>22,378.33</u>
Ending Balance	<u>\$31,483.49</u>

Offering	Actual	Budget	Difference
	\$13,431.00	\$16,250.00	\$(2,819.00)

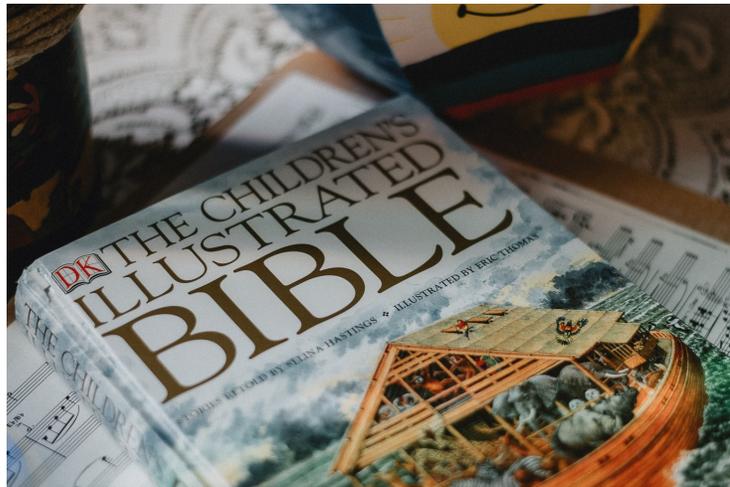
Year-to-Date:	Actual	Budget	Difference
Total Operating Income	\$180,553.92	\$188,188.65	\$(7,634.73)
Total Operating Expenses	<u>172,916.99</u>	<u>190,639.90</u>	<u>\$(17,722.91)</u>
Operating Income (Loss)	<u>\$7,636.93</u>	<u>\$(2,451.25)</u>	<u>\$10,088.18</u>

Adult Pledges Year-to-Date:	Actual	Budget	Difference
Actual	\$145,525.90		
Budget		146,250.00	
Surplus/(Shortfall)	<u>\$(724.10)</u>		
	-0.50%		

Emily Wojcik
Treasurer

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

Sunday school is still on ZOOM. The Meeting ID for both sessions is 437 304 8258 and the password is 735049. If your children would like to join us, please email me at micheleekholm@gmail.com so that I can email you the materials that the children will need for each week's class. Grades 4-6 meet from 8:30 to 9am and grades PreK-3 meet 9:05 to 9:35am
~Michele Ekholm



NOVEMBER

BIRTHDAYS!

Tara Holter.....2nd
 Maximilian Sturm...6th
 Samantha Martz....8th
 Frances VanDerWalle.....9th
 Sue Delmonico.....12th
 Evelyn Kujawski....12th
 Michael Roome.....15th
 Riley Tripp...16th
 Jean Teeple....22nd
 LuAnn Reed.....23rd
 Kathleen Jacobs.....26th

NOVEMBER

ANNIVERSARIES!

Libby & Bill Patterson....4th
 Michele & Eric Ekholm....8th
 Jean & Glen Teeple....11th
 Carol & Val Fowler....18th
 Nancy & Bruce Fisher.....20th

Important Dates

- Sunday, November 1st - Daylight Savings Time
- Tuesday, November 3rd - Election Day
- Wednesday, November 11th - Veteran's Day
- Thursday, November 26th - Thanksgiving

SUNDAY SCHOOL CALENDAR

Date	PreK-3 Topic	4-6 Topic
November 1, 2020	Isaac is Born	God is All Powerful
November 8, 2020	Jacob and Esau	God is Your Friend
November 15, 2020	The Birthright	Does God Have Fun?
November 22, 2020	The Blessing	God is in Charge
November 29, 2020	Jacob's Ladder	Noah's Ark



Grab your coffee, bible, & worship materials and gather your family around your computer for Virtual services, or pre-register for your space in the sanctuary on Sunday

ONLINE GIVING PLATFORMS



Your continued generous financial support over these past few months of closure 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.

We want to let 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!

WORSHIP

OPPORTUNITIES

Sundays, 10 am

**In-person & livestream Sunday Service*

**Please pre-register*

Wednesdays, 7 pm

Livestream Short Prayer Service

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VICTOR-FARMINGTON FOOD CUPBOARD

BLESSING BOXES/ LITTLE FREE PANTRIES LOCATIONS:

Victor Farmington Library 15 W Main Street; Victor, NY

298 South High Street, Victor, NY

St. John's Lutheran; 888 County Road 9; Victor, NY

Calm Lake Drive, Farmington, NY

Martensia Park, 1390 Mertensia Road; Farmington, NY

1790 Opal Drive , Farmington, NY

Gannett Road; Farmington

99 Chapin Street; Canandaigua, NY (Noah's Blessing Box)

Ditton Street; Lyons

"give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap; for the measure you give will be the measure you get back."

~Luke 6:38

FAMILY PROMISE UPDATE



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 next scheduled host week is **November 1st - 8th**. In lieu of in-church support, Family Promise is suggesting that any of our members can make a food, gift card, or monetary donation. FPOC now has 3 emergency shelter apartments that are housing three families in need. You can make a food donation by dropping food off at 185 North Main St Canandaigua (contact Jay @ 953-1108 for instructions), mail gift cards to same address, or make a monetary donation on-line at familypromiseontariocounty.org. Appreciate all you do to help homeless children and their families in Ontario County. Rich Cromwell @ 585-370-0839.

FPOC now has 3 emergency shelter apartments that are housing 3 families in need. All apartments are within walking distance of the Day Center. We are providing case management remotely when we can or in person using social distancing when necessary. Our partner congregations are continuing to assist our guests with groceries, virtual tutoring and support.

We plan to return to our regular rotational model some time in 2021 when it is safe to do so.

GENEROSITY CAMPAIGN 2020

On November 1st, our fellowship celebrated the generosity of the community that supports God's ministry here at the First Presbyterian Church in Victor.

By now, you should have received your Generosity Campaign materials. We hope you have had a chance to review them, and that you are excited about the ministry commitments we are making, and the direction we are taking. Participating in Family Promise and diving deep into the Vital Congregations Initiative (VCI) program are both the fulfillment of long-held hopes for our community. Please consider the transformational potential of your participation in these ministries.

If you have not had the opportunity to complete your pledge card, please do so. We value your support of the ministry and witness of FPCV in 2020. Please review the generosity campaign materials, take a moment to pray, imagine the benefits of investing in your faith and study, and then respond as you are led by the Spirit.

Pledge cards can be mailed into the office, emailed into the office or treasurer, called into Pastor Colin, or brought into worship.

Thanks again and together may we be blessed to be a blessing for the world.

Generosity Team & Pastor Colin

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

**FPCV Christian Education presents
Ted Talk Discussion # 3 on:
Haas and Hahn "How Painting Can Transform
Communities"**



Please join us for a Zoom discussion on Haas and Hahn "How Painting Can Transform Communities."

Watch the ~11 minute video here: https://www.ted.com/talks/haas_hahn_how_painting_can_transform_communities?referrer=playlist-street_art&language=en

Please watch the Ted Talk **before** the activity and then join us for a lively conversation!

Date: Tuesday, November 17, 2020 Time: 12:10 - 12:50 pm

Registration: Please email Courtney Maltman by Thursday, November 12 to confirm your participation at office@victorpres.org

*Zoom meeting information and discussion questions will be sent a few days prior to the event to those who register.

Contact Kathleen Wagner kathleenwagner12@gmail.com if you have any questions.



Even a seemingly small act of generosity can grow into something far beyond what we could ever ask or imagine (Ephesians 3:20)-- the creation of a community of love in this world, and beyond this world, because wherever love grows, it is stronger than death (1 Corinthians 13:8). So when we give ourselves to planting and nurturing love here on earth, our efforts will reach out beyond our own chronological existence. Indeed, if we raise funds for the creation of a community of love, we are helping God build the kingdom. We are doing exactly what we are supposed to do as Christians. Paul is clear about this: "Make love your aim "

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November 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 All Saints' Day & Generosity Sunday	2 Race Relations book group, ZOOM, 7pm	3 Election Day	4 Prayer Service Livestream, 7pm	5	6	7
8 Sunday Service 10am Sunday School 8:30-9am (4-6) 9:15-9:45am (K-3) ZOOM	9 Race Relations book group, ZOOM, 7pm	10 Session Meeting- ZOOM, 7pm	11 Prayer Service Livestream, 7pm Veterans Day	12	13	14
15 Sunday Service 10am Sunday School 8:30-9am (4-6) 9:15-9:45am (K-3) ZOOM	16 Race Relations book group, ZOOM, 7pm	17	18 Prayer Service Livestream, 7pm	19	20	21
22 Sunday Service 10am Sunday School, 8:30-9am (4-6) 9:15-9:45am (K-3) ZOOM	23 Race Relations book group, ZOOM, 7pm	24	25 Prayer Service Livestream, 7pm	26 Thanksgiving Day	27	28
29 1st Sunday of Advent Sunday Service 10am Sunday School, 8:30-9am (4-6) 9:15-9:45am (K-3) ZOOM	30 Race Relations book group, ZOOM, 7pm	1	2 Short Service Livestream, 7pm	3	4	5

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