



# First Presbyterian Church IN VICTOR

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

## FROM PASTOR COLIN

Recently I was in a small group discussion with colleagues. We ended up talking about sailboat churches and leaky rowboats (referencing a book by Joan Gray). Most of us are struggling with the challenges of church in pandemic times. Honestly, we are grieving the waning security of the structures in which we have housed our professional lives. It was in this context that my friend spoke the following prophetic words:

*“If the boat doesn’t sink, how can we ever truly walk on water?”*

If we are not willing to fully place our hope in Jesus the Christ, then we will desperately cling to boat. The boat, also known as the framework of our community practice and patterns, is not Jesus. The boat is only a means of getting closer to him as he walks towards us on the water.

The Bible speaks often of pruning, realigning, stepping into the unknown. “Go to the land that I will show you...” (Genesis 12) “I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener. He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit...” (John 15) “For we live by faith, not by sight” (2 Corinthians) “It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God” (Hebrews) The people of God are forever on a journey of letting go, reforming, and stepping closer to the Holy.

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## FROM PASTOR COLIN (CONT.)

I do not believe that God has caused the pandemic. I do believe that as the pandemic exposes holes in our boats, we have a wonderful opportunity to let go of those things that do not serve well anymore. New models and opportunities to vibrantly be in a community of faith are here and more are coming. We are not drowning and there is much in our church life that is seaworthy. Yet if we cling to that which is not, in the words of my friend, “how can we ever truly walk on water?”

Thank you for sharing this journey. For your faith, resilience, kindness, and generosity. Friends it is not a ghost on the wave tossed waters, it is Christ beckoning us to come closer (Matthew 14)

Peace,  
Pastor Colin

*“He said, “Come.” So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus.” ~Matthew 14:29*

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## VIRTUAL WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

**Sundays, 10 am**

*Livestream Sunday Service*

**Wednesdays, 7 pm**

*Livestream Short Service*

**Wednesdays, 8 pm**

*Devotional/Prayer Time  
via ZOOM\**

\* ZOOM meeting invites are sent to members through email. **If you know of anyone who is not a member and would like an invite to the ZOOM time, please have them reach out to the office!**

Please note this is a tentative schedule as the building remains closed. All services will be livestreamed on the First Presbyterian Church of Victor’s Facebook page at the times indicated. The services will then be available to later watch on our First Presbyterian Church in Victor YouTube channel!

## FROM ALFRED APPIAH– MINISTRY INTERN

Hello, members of the FPCV, I bring you greetings in our Lord Jesus Christ's name. A new month is here, and God has kept God's faithfulness to us all, and we must rejoice for the gift of life.

I come to you again through this medium with gladness and joy as we celebrate Elicora's birth. Elicora's birth has come as great news, and I understand you all rejoice with us. Let me thank you all for your support — prayers, and gifts. We were overwhelmed by your generosity and kind words. We have been made an integral part of the FPCV family, and we feel much at home.

Today marks the 3rd month of my stay with FPCV; ideally, this would have probably been my last month as my supervised ministry was initially scheduled from June to August.



*“Let all that you do be done in love.” ~ 1 Corinthians 16:14*

However, I can extend my stay until December as my school's fall semester (Columbia Theological Seminary) has now been scheduled online. This will give me enough opportunity to learn more about the church's culture and interact with most of you, as we all know, the virtual services have not provided enough room for such interaction.

These days with FPCV have been very special to me. I have been exposed to the practical side of my ministerial studies. The opportunities I have had to lead service, preach and plan for service have taught me how to prioritize and take a learner's posture. Pastor Colin has done a very great job by ensuring that he exposes me to things outside the church setting, like the Camp Whitman experience, and the Black Lives Matter protest.

As school resumes soon, I want to encourage everyone, especially the students among us, to be resilient and keep trusting in the Lord, let us also not forget to keep all the necessary protocols as we still battle the COVID 19 Pandemic.

In the coming months, I look forward to interacting with you, learn more about your faith journeys and other experience you can share in life, this I believe will give me the platform to build relationships and get to know you well.

Thank you

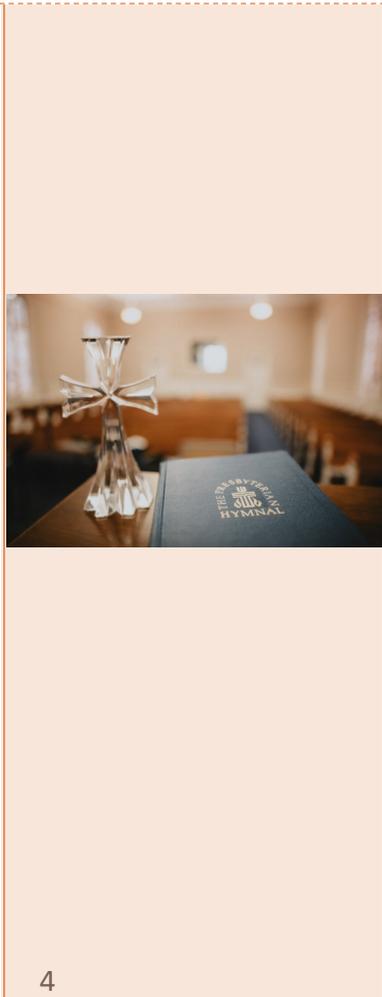


## SUMMER MEAL-KIT MISSION

The Summer Curbside Meal Kit program is wrapping up Labor Day Weekend. With the help of over 30 volunteers from the congregation and many others generously donating behind the scenes, we've served about 20 families each week throughout the summer. Each week, families have picked up a family dinner and additional lunch and snack items for the week. Now that we've found our rhythm, it will be bittersweet to complete this time for fellowship and community connection. With a full season of mission under our belt, we are prepared to grow and improve the program in the future if there is opportunity and motivation to do so.

*“For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another.”*

*~Romans 12: 4-5*



## WORSHIP SUPPORT TEAM INTEREST

We are creating a COVID Worship Support Team to enable our return to in-person services in our sanctuary.

We need lots of help to make this possible and share the work which includes:

- \* Publishing the rules that will keep us safe in accordance with NYS and the CDC.
- \* Training our team.
- \* Preparing our sanctuary and building.
- \* Managing regular cleaning in coordination with our custodian.
- \* Managing pre-registration and on-site registrations.
- \* Serve as ushers on a regular shared schedule.

We need your help! Please contact the church office, David Henderson or Megan Antonitto to volunteer.

## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

After a wonderful small group study of "White Fragility" Pastor Colin will be offering a new study on racial dynamics and anti-racism practices this fall. Please reach out to Pastor Colin or Courtney in the office if you have an interest in participating in this group.

Our pastoral Field Education student Alfred is looking forward to offering a Bible Study small group this fall. Please keep your eyes open for details and the chance to join in this opportunity.

## YOUTH MINISTRY

Alfred and Pastor Colin will be offering Youth Ministry gatherings twice a month starting in September. All who are eligible will be receiving a communication soon so we can set a convenient time to gather.



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*“I hereby command you: Be strong and courageous; do not be frightened or dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.”*  
~Joshua 1:9

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## REOPENING PLANS FROM PASTOR & SESSION

Thanks to all of you who were able to share your thoughts, support, and concerns regarding reopening the church facility for public worship gatherings. Session has met a number of times regarding this issue and is happy to share with you our plans for this fall.

Starting on **Wednesday, September 16 at 7:00 pm** we will be opening the sanctuary to in-person attendance for our mid-week devotional service. This service is shorter in duration, does not include our full music staff, and provides a good format for us to establish and practice our safety protocols.

Following a successful experience with the mid-week service, the installation of our high-speed internet hardware, and the Victor school district remaining open for in-person classes, we will proceed with opening for Sunday services. If all goes well, this will happen following Indigenous Peoples' Day (October 12).

For now, and going forward, all services will continue to be live broadcast on the internet.

**Details about our safety plan, registration, and participant expectations will be shared soon in a separate communication.**

**SEPTEMBER  
BIRTHDAYS!**

Anna Kate McLaughlin...1st  
 Madison Rucker...3rd  
 Russell Ziemann...3rd  
 Diane Miles.....5th  
 Courtney Patterson.....6th  
 Verne Aldrich....7th  
 Abraham Purdie..8th  
 Anna Bright...12th  
 John VanDerWalle....12th  
 Kerrington Eckholm.....15th  
 Elizabeth Ferguson.....17th  
 Ardyce Lake....18th  
 Shelley Ott....18th  
 Brady Dickens....20th  
 Everett Fletcher.....20th  
 Jayne Heuring....20th  
 Dawn Pierson....20th  
 Sue Reh.....24th  
 Joanne Bellefeuille....25th  
 Emily Edwards....25th  
 Sean Rucker.....26th  
 Eric Gerena....28th  
 Erin Whipple....30th

**SEPTEMBER  
ANNIVERSARIES!**

Michael &v Holly Ferrari...**3rd**  
 Dave & Sue Delmonico....**15th**  
 Dave & Sue Henderson....**21st**  
 Rich & Barb Cromwell....**24th**  
 John & Frances  
 VanDerWalle.....**25th**

**SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS**

Our normal Sunday school schedule will resume on September 13th. No Sunday school on the 6th. We will continue using ZOOM. The ZOOM code is 437 304 8258 password 735049. We will also be starting new curriculum this year as Deep Blue was discontinued. All changes are listed below with the schedule.

~Michele Ekholm



4-6 Class Information

- Students will meet from 8:30 to 9am via ZOOM
- Students will be using the Be Bold curriculum
- Students in this class include Maggie, Tyler, Avery, Aspen, Delilah, Jason, Myles, and Samantha
- If your child(ren) will be attending Sunday school this Fall, please contact me at [micheleekholm@gmail.com](mailto:micheleekholm@gmail.com), so that I can order them a student book.
- All students who will be attending will receive a student book

PreK-3 Class Information

- Students will meet from 9:10 to 9:40am via ZOOM
- Students will be using the Celebrate Wonder curriculum
- Students in this class include Thomas, Lucy, Mia, Vinnie, Jay, Charlie, Mikaela, Dahlia, Allison, Landon, Sydney, and Prestyn
- If your child(ren) will be attending Sunday school this Fall, please contact me at [micheleekholm@gmail.com](mailto:micheleekholm@gmail.com), so that I can add you to my email list
- All parents of students attending this class will receive the student materials via email prior to class each week.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL CALENDAR**

Date	Grades PreK-3	Grades 4-6
September 6, 2020	No Sunday School	No Sunday School
September 13, 2020	God Creates the Earth	Jesus Loves You
September 20, 2020	God Creates Living Things	The Bible is True
September 27, 2020	God Creates People	God is in Charge

## FROM THE TREASURER

Thanks to all of your contributions and donations, the church is still in a good financial position. Not only are we able to maintain staffing, utilities, and building maintenance, we're still able to help the community through our mission works. The Victor Farmington Food Cupboard, Family Promise, and Serenity House are very grateful that we've been able to continue our support through this difficult time. We have seen a great response to the summer food program, so thank you to all who have been able to support that. You can also donate to the Deacon's Fund to directly help those in need, simply note on your check or online donation that you would like the funds to go to the Deacon's Fund. You can mail in checks directly to the church or use the new online giving portal.

~Emily Wojcik, Treasurer



*“O come, let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker! For He is our God, and we are the people of His pasture, and the sheep of His hand. O that today you would listen to His voice!” ~Psalm 95: 6-7*

### TREASURER'S REPORT JUNE 2020 TREASURER'S REPORT (EXECUTIVE SUMMARY) For Month of July 2020

#### TOTAL GENERAL FUND:

Beginning Balance	\$29,334.22
Income	21,079.06
Expenses	<u>18,093.60</u>
<b>Ending Balance</b>	<b><u>\$32,319.68</u></b>

Offering Actual	Budget	Difference
\$18,507.70	\$16,250.00	\$2,257.70

Year-to-Date:	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Total Operating Income	\$142,721.66	\$146,379.89	\$(3,658.23)
Total Operating Expenses	<u>134,248.54</u>	<u>144,517.29</u>	<u>\$(10,268.75)</u>
Operating Income (Loss)	<u>\$8,473.12</u>	<u>\$1,862.60</u>	<u>\$6,610.52</u>

Adult Pledges Year-to-Date:	
Actual	\$115,850.20
Budget	<u>113,750.00</u>
Surplus/(Shortfall)	<u>\$2,100.20</u>
	1.85%



## VICTOR-FARMINGTON FOOD CUPBOARD



*"Feeding the Hungry with Dignity and Respect."*

*"As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience."*

*~Colossians 3:12*

### 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

### DONATING & DRIVE-THRU PICK-UP

- Would you be willing to share your brain? We would LOVE LOVE LOVE to hear ideas for marking Hunger Action Month in September and Hunger Action Day specifically on September 10th. We'll need to do this safely, of course, so think ingenuity and share away--we can't wait to see your ideas and we love ideas from kids too!!
- Drive thru pick-up service of food is available **Wednesday and Sunday afternoons from 2-4 p.m.**, 6548 Anthony Drive, Victor. No requirements to qualify for food.
- We do have our deck box ready to accept donations at 6548 Anthony Drive in Victor any time, or you can stop by on **Mondays and Wednesdays 9 am to 3 pm** to do a direct handoff. We are always thankful for your extra fresh produce from your gardens!
- Remember there are Little Free Pantries, also called Blessing Boxes all over the county that you can visit 24 hours a day. See list to the left.
- Please note that the van will no longer be parked behind the church on Tuesdays because we need the van for other tasks now. Thank you!



*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.*

## FAMILY PROMISE UPDATE



**FPOC - WE DID IT!  
\$26,000 RAISED  
IN THE AMAZING BED RACE  
TO END FAMILY HOMELESSNESS**

A special note of thanks to all the congregations and volunteers who made this year's FPOC Virtual event a big success. Your generosity continues to be a blessing to our guests. We had 14 teams and a good dose of competitive fun racing to the finish line.

Our Event Winning Team was Leonard's Express!

A drive through awards ceremony is being scheduled for the week of August 18<sup>th</sup>, to pick up trophies, medals and prizes for daily winning teams, Matching Challenge winners and Bed Race Champions. Our Board President Melanie McGuire will be providing details.

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### **Generosity vs. Germs**

Guess who's winning?!!??

At FPOC

Germs Won't Stop The Generosity!

Covid 19 didn't stop FPOC from supporting and housing homeless families.  
The Pandemic didn't stop washers and dryers from being payed forward.  
Corona did not prevent friends with trucks and trailers from pitching in.

Wearing masks and social distancing meant we could repair, paint, clean and set furniture into 3 new apartments. More than 50 volunteers and donors from all over the county, from every congregation, gave more than 150 hours of their time, their expertise, and their heart so families could have meals and a place to call home.

**Germs vs. Generosity?  
FPOC says families win every time  
in this community!**



*Grab your coffee, bible, and gather your family around your computer for Virtual services*

## 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. So many have also been generous to support our Summer meal-kit mission program, that is coming to a close on 9/6!

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!

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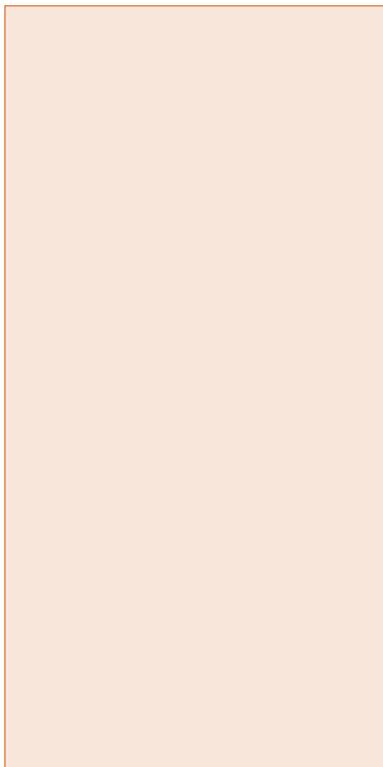
## September 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30	31	1	2 Short Service Livestream, 7pm Prayer Time 8pm- ZOOM	3	4	5
6 Sunday Service Livestream, 10am Summer food mission 1-3pm No Sunday School	7	8	9 Short Service Livestream, 7pm Prayer Time 8pm- ZOOM	10	11	12
13 Sunday Service Livestream, 10am **Sunday School kick-off** 8:30-9am (4-6) 9:10-9:40am (K-3) ZOOM	14	15	16 Short Service Livestream, 7pm Prayer Time 8pm- ZOOM	17	18	19
20 Sunday Service Livestream Service, 10am Sunday School, 8:30-9am (4-6) 9:10-9:40am (K-3) ZOOM	21	22 Session meeting, 7pm ZOOM	23 Short Service Livestream, 7pm Prayer Time 8pm- ZOOM	24	25	26
27 Sunday Service Livestream Service, 10am Sunday School, 8:30-9am (4-6) 9:10-9:40am (K-3) ZOOM	28	29	30 Short Service Livestream, 7pm Prayer Time 8pm- ZOOM	1	2	3

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