



DECEMBER 2020 NEWSLETTER

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First Presbyterian Church IN VICTOR

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

FROM PASTOR COLIN

Walking for a While

The greatest gift we give to one another is our time. Shared smiles. Shared tears. Shared service. Shared prayer. Even if the physical location never changes, time shared is a journey. We have shared a wonderful walk.

Over the past 16 years the community of Victor has significantly grown in population and shifted in culture. Over this time, the First Presbyterian Church in Victor has welcomed a few hundred new members and regular participants. New friends and coworkers in the fields of the Lord. Over this time a few hundred members and regular participants have moved out of the area, transitioned to a new trail to walk their spiritual journey, or passed from this life into eternity. Friends, mentors, saints, and the authors of good memories. Thanks be to God for those who paved the road so far. Thanks be to God for those who are stepping forward in these days. We have shared blessing, born witness to freedom, and at times found ourselves in the undeniable presence of God. There are good stories to tell of this time together.

The journey of God's people has always been just that, a journey. A journey from the familiar to the blessing of the other. An exodus journey from enslavement to freedom. A journey from home to a promised land. A journey from seeing through a veil dimly to the revelation of grace. All who have ever followed the lead of the Holy have walked for a while this road to new life. We are in good company.



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FROM PASTOR COLIN (CONT.)

Hellos and goodbyes are in every story of life and faith. For my part I am so grateful. For your care. For your growth. For your love. For your seeking God. I know that this divine pursuit is profoundly more important than anything I have ever been privileged to offer in this place. I know that all of our journeys must necessarily continue if we are to be known as disciples. I know that I have been blessed by your welcoming of me to walk with you for a while.

May God bless you and keep you. May the peace of Christ be with you always. When we see each other in the days ahead, may we smile and celebrate that the journey continues.

Pastor Colin

“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. ~John 3:16

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WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Sundays, 10 am

Livestream & In-person Sunday Service*
*Please pre-register

Wednesdays, 7 pm

In-Person Livestream Short Prayer Service



DECEMBER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

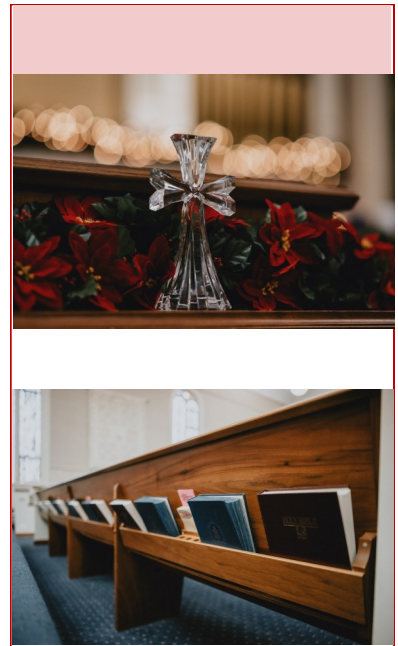
November 29th~ 10am Advent Service- “Hope”
December 6th– 10am Advent Service- “Peace”
December 13th– 10am Advent Service- “Joy”
December 20th– 10am Advent Service- “Love”
December 24th– Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

CALL FOR ELDERS AND DEACONS

Dear Members –

I am sure we are all experiencing a mix of emotions given the recent news of Colin's upcoming departure. While I am sad to see Colin leave, I am also happy for him and grateful for the countless contributions he has made to our church.

As part of the leadership of the church, I ask that we all come together as much as possible during these uncertain times with patience, love, and kindness in our hearts and actions. We will all need to work together over the upcoming weeks and months to put plans in place and make the necessary transitions. (cont. below)



“For a child has been born for us, a son given to us, authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. .” ~ Isaiah 9:6

That being said I would like to put out a call to anyone who may be interested in serving during this time, whether in an official or non-official capacity. We are currently not operating with a full leadership team so if anyone is interested in becoming an Elder or a Deacon please reach out to me at either mrantonitto@yahoo.com or 585-690-3452, or to Dave Henderson at dhenderson@newscaletech.com or 585-261-2106.

I believe that we can use the challenges before us to help strengthen our connections to each other and our community.

We are calling a Special Congregational Meeting (Zoom and in-person) on **December 13th after worship**. At this meeting the congregation will be asked to approve the Dissolution Agreement. Zoom details to follow.

Thank You and God Bless,

Megan Antonitto
Chair of the Administrative Committee
President of the Corporation

COMMUNITY DINNERS

The Community Dinners are put on hold with the closure of the church building due to restrictions because of the COVID-19 pandemic. This mission is important to us and as soon as we are able, we will welcome the community back inside to share a meal together again.



VICTOR-FARMINGTON FOOD CUPBOARD



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

*"Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those
whom he favors!"*
~Luke 2:14

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

The Sunday drive thru distributions have ended. We have started an appointment system for Ontario County residents on Monday and Wednesday mornings 9:30 to 11:45 a.m. as well as Monday and Thursday nights 5:30 to 7:15 pm. If you are an Ontario County resident and would like to try out our no contact appointment system please call 585-471-4379 and leave a message about the day and time of day that would work best for you. Please let us know how many seniors, adults and children are in the home and what town you live in. Someone will call you back to confirm the appointment.

The Wednesday drive thru option is still available for anyone in emergency food need every Wednesday from 2 to 4 p.m.

Some folks are still not aware that we have moved so if you are able to help us get the word out that would be very helpful! We are at 6548 Anthony Drive in Victor (off 96, across the street from Auction Direct and sharing a building with Mozzeroni's Pizza).

ZOOM BIBLE STUDY

Clay Girouard would like to start a new Zoom Bible study based on the book of Hebrews, exploring how God provided something better for us in the person of Jesus Christ. The study will be centered around the book "Better" by Jen Wilkin. Clay would like to limit the group size, so the first 12 people to respond will get the available spots. No day or time has been established yet, but he is thinking about one evening, Sunday through Thursday. It could be a weekly study or every other week. Once the group is set that will be determined. Anyone interested or if you need more info, please call or text Clay at 585-727-6848 or email clay@rochester.rr.com. Members would also need to purchase the book (it is \$14 on Amazon)



"When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh." ~Matthew 2:10-11

TREASURER'S REPORT, OCTOBER 2020

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

TOTAL GENERAL FUND:

Beginning Balance	\$31,483.49
Income	19,665.42
Expenses	24,202.63
Ending Balance	<u>\$26,946.28</u>

Offering Actual	Budget	Difference
\$17,061.70	\$16,250.00	\$811.70

Year-to-Date:	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Total Operating Income	\$200,219.34	\$209,054.88	\$(8,835.54)
Total Operating Expenses	<u>197,119.62</u>	<u>211,381.49</u>	<u>\$(14,261.87)</u>
Operating Income (Loss)	<u>\$3,099.72</u>	<u>\$(2,326.61)</u>	<u>\$5,426.33</u>

Adult Pledges Year-to-Date:

Actual	\$162,587.60
Budget	<u>162,500.00</u>
Surplus/(Shortfall)	<u>\$87.60</u>
	0.05%

Emily Wojcik
Treasurer

GENEROSITY

CAMPAIGN 2020

If you have not already done so, please consider your pledge for the 2021 year. With the support of new pledges and a slight increase in existing commitments we will be well positioned to continue to resource our ministry and strive for deeper relationships with God, our community and each other.

DECEMBER

BIRTHDAYS!

Jeff Antonitto.....2nd
Edward Damaske.....4th
Jen Edwards.....5th
Chase Dickens.....6th
Steve Simpson.....7th
Craig Bright.....11th
Anneliese Ekholm....12th
Elizabeth Henderson..16th
Jackie Castiglia.....19th
Benjamin Abreu.....23rd
CoeDee Mowers.....23rd
Andrew Purdie.....23rd
Alison Simpson.....24th
Carol Fowler.....25th
Susan Henderson...25th
Janet Rector.....25th
Joseph Abreu.....27th
Dawn Rockefeller....27th
Heather McAdoo....28th
Mandy McKenna....28th
Rob Dussmann.....29th
Katie Furguson.....29th

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ANNIVERSARIES!

Nancy & Peter Krueger.....5th
Jane & Everett Fletcher....29th
Dawn & Bill Rockefeller....31st

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



SUNDAY SCHOOL CALENDAR

Date	PreK-3 Topic	4-6 Topic
December 6, 2020	Mary's Joy	Jesus Loves You
December 13, 2020	Joseph's Joy	God is at Work Today
December 20, 2020	Jesus Brings Joy	God is in Charge
December 27, 2020	Joyous News	God Helps Us Get Along

Important Dates

- Sunday, November 30th - 1st Day of Advent
- Friday, December 11th - Hanukkah Begins
- Sunday, December 20th - No Sunday school
- Friday, December 25th - Christmas Day
- Friday, January 1st - New Year's Day



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

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS

We will be decorating our sanctuary for the Christmas season with poinsettias. The poinsettias will be used to decorate for the celebration of Christ's birth! If you wish to order, please fill in the form and return with \$11 for each poinsettia to the church office at 70 East Main Street, Victor, NY 14564, or drop in Courtney's mailbox across from the office. Please make checks payable to First Presbyterian Church in Victor. Order must be received by **December 3rd, 2020**

ANGEL TREE



As is our tradition here at FPCV, we have found a new way to participate in the Angel Tree for families who are struggling in our community. For Angel Tree gifts this year, here is the sign up link:
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10cod4bafac29abffc61-victorfarmington>

Gifts can be delivered or shipped to 6909 Dorsett Trail, Victor, NY 14564. Please deliver gifts by Saturday, December 12th.





Family Promise of Ontario County

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.

“Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, “You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.”

~Mark 10:21

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When you shop at [smile.Amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com), Amazon donates. While shopping this season, consider masking online purchases with Amazon Smiles and make FPOC your charity of choice. To date, FPOC has received approximately \$200 per year from your Amazon Smiles purchases. Let's see if we can raise that a little more this holiday season!



FAMILY PROMISE UPDATE



Family Promise wanted to let you know the good work your congregation is supporting and say thank you.

Since we opened our three emergency shelter apartments:

A baby boy was born into secure housing.

Two families have had a safe place to land, taken time to reorganize, and then moved into secure stable housing.

Five families have been housed that would otherwise be on the streets. That means nine children have a warm, secure, and stable place to be.

All of this has happened because YOU gave from your heart. Time, creativity, and financial support from YOU has made this all possible.

Thank you, simply, thank YOU!



Family Promise is participating in
ROctheDay

Again this year!
Tuesday, December 1st

Support us in this 24-hour online event raising funds for our Family Assistance Program.

<https://roctheday.org/Causes-to-Support/Family-Promise-of-Ontario-County>

Watch our Facebook page, Instagram, and your email for a chance to support FPOC!



REVERSE ADVENT CELENDAR

This is the REVERSE of a traditional advent calendar – rather than enjoying a piece of chocolate or a toy each day, this clever tradition is filled with items you have collected or purchased each day in December to donate at the end of the month.

By the end of your “Reverse Advent Calendar” countdown, you’ll have a box filled with meaningful necessities for the Victor-Farmington Food Cupboard or wherever you decide to make your donation!





Faithful Families Advent Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Hope. Today, light one candle for hope.	2 Who in your community is in special need of a note, call, or visit? Make an effort to check up on that person.	3 Today's prayer word is HOPE. What does it mean to have hope? Draw a picture of something hopeful or pray for a hope you have.	4 Silence. How long can you sit in silence? Try one minute, two minutes or even five minutes!	5 Write a note of appreciation to someone in a helping or serving profession to tell them how much you value their work.
6 Peace. Light two candles today. One for hope and one for peace.	7 Imagination. Look at the clouds or the grass or snow outside. What do you see there?	8 Donate food or other needed items to an organization that serves those in need.	9 Peace, continued. What gives you peace? Thank God for peaceful things.	10 Gratitude Practice gratitude today by listing the things for which you are thankful.	11 Make a special effort to offer a smile or kind gesture (such as opening the door) for a stranger today	12 Waiting. Practice waiting today by taking a few extra moments to rest between activities today.
13 Joy, continued. Light three candles. One for hope, one for peace, and one for joy.	14 Pick up trash around your neighborhood or other public place.	15 Pray for others today. Who do you know who needs an extra word of prayer to God? Write their name down.	16 Beauty. Take a walk outside and notice three beautiful things.	17 Do something kind for a neighbor. Shovel their walk, leave a plant, or write a kind note.	18 Today's prayer word is joy. What brings you joy? Draw a picture of it or say a prayer.	19 Listening. It is a spiritual discipline to listen well. Ask someone in your family three questions. Listen closely to their answers.
20 Love, continued. Light four candles today. One for hope, one for peace, one for joy, and one for love.	21 Play! Play a game together as a family. Did you know play can be a spiritual practice? It can!	22 Compliment a stranger today.	23 Give a gift to someone who really needs it today.	24 Love. Today's prayer word is love. Draw a picture of someone you love.	25 Pray for Peace.	

This calendar adapted from Traci Smith, author of Faithful Families: Creating Sacred Moments at Home. It's a book full of simple and easy to implement faith practices for your family.



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ONLINE GIVING PLATFORMS

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

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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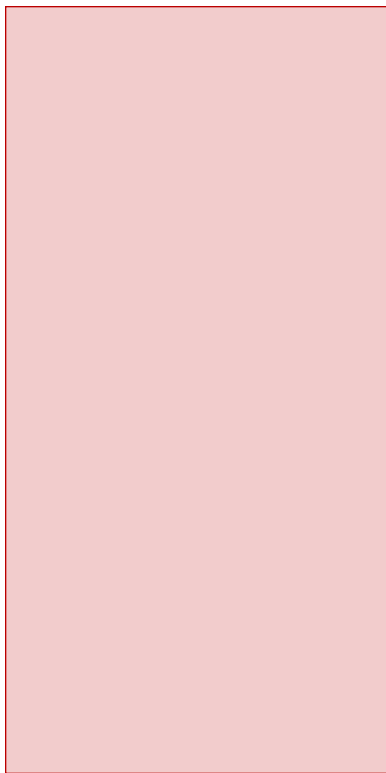
December 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29	30	1	2 Short Service Livestream, 7pm	3	4	5
6 Sunday Service Livestream , 10am Sunday School, 8:30-9am (4-6) 9:05-9:35am (K-3) ZOOM	7 Red Cross Blood Drive 1-7pm	8 Session Meeting- ZOOM 7pm	9 Short Service Livestream, 7pm	10	11	12
13 Sunday Service Livestream, 10am Sunday School, 8:30-9am (4-6) 9:05-9:35am (K-3) ZOOM	14	15 Deacon's meeting- ZOOM 6pm	16 Short Service Livestream, 7pm	17	18	19
20 Sunday Service Livestream Service, 10am No Sunday School	21	22	23 Short Service Livestream, 7pm	24 Christmas Eve Service 	25 Christmas Day 	26
27 Sunday Service Livestream , 10am Sunday School, 8:30-9am (4-6) 9:05-9:35am (K-3) ZOOM	28	29	30	31	1 New Year's Day Church Office Closed	2

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