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First Presbyterian Church IN VICTOR

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

PASTOR COLIN'S CORNER

Have you ever participated in a survey or evaluation that you knew didn't matter? Would be ignored? I have. The experience makes one not want to participate in a survey or evaluation.

Have you ever been encouraged (forced) to follow a preset program that had only one specific expected outcome? One where there was no real room for creativity, honesty, or adaptation? I have. The experience makes one wary of preset programs.

Your Session and I have some honestly great news for you. The Vital Congregations Initiative (VCI) is neither an ineffectual survey nor a narrow model. The input of the members of the community is the basis for decisions and priorities going forward, and the path is a "choose your own adventure" based on what is true and passionate here. You are the experts and the inspiration. The VCI program is simply a helpful guide.

This is a rare opportunity to play an immediate and important role in helping to directly shape the nature and focus of our shared ministry here at FPCV. Please take advantage of this invitation to step up, speak up, and rise up.

Worship, reflection materials, and Lenten Supper Bible Studies are all happening right now...come and share.

Thanks so much for choosing to be a part of God's witness in this place.

Pastor Colin



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FOOD CUPBOARD

The Victor-Farmington Food Cupboard is requesting the following **‘Items of the Month’** for donation in March:

- ◇ Shelf stable proteins
- ◇ Meal Kits

WORSHIP

Worship Schedule: Sundays, at 10 am with Sunday School

Anyone interested in leading worship by reading, singing or preaching, please contact Pastor Colin

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

Website: You can now listen to Pastor Colin’s weekly messages on your devices at:

<https://soundcloud.com/firstpresbyterianchurchofvictor>

*I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert.
—Isaiah 43:19*

HOLY WEEK WORSHIP SCHEDULE:

Sunday, April 5-

Palm Sunday:

9:15 a.m. Breakfast

hosted by Sunday
School

10 a.m. Worship
Service

Friday, April 10–

Good Friday:

7 p.m. Worship
Service

Sunday, April 12–

Easter Sunday:

9 a.m. & 11 a.m.
Worship Services

USHERS

*Dear Brothers and
Sisters in Christ,*

Starting the day with a fresh burst of sunshine, getting to know the congregation on a deeper level and

making a small, short term commitment to serve the Lord are ways we can let Jesus's love shape our lives on Sunday morning.

A goal of FPCV is to be a strong, connected, faithful community where everyone knows they are welcome. One way you can help achieve that goal is to be involved--with others-- in serving the church as a short term ushers or as a receivers of tithes and offerings. These are simple tasks requiring little effort. Yet they will do much to ensure that all are welcomed and that worship takes place in community. I plan to secure the same two ushers and four offering receivers for one month's time then call for a new set of volunteers each of the following months. I will provide written instructions and verbal instruction if desired to make you confidently successful.

Since children and young adults are very adept at showing God's love, we hope many families participate together in this new venture.

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GOOD NEWS CELEBRATIONS

Did you know?!

- ◆ Your donations to the Deacon's Fund allowed a woman who was in a terrible car accident to secure temporary housing in a single-story apartment that gave her a space to safely heal.
- ◆ Your donations to the Deacon's Fund made possible Gas cards for 2 people needing a little support to get to work and medical appointments in this new year.
- ◆ We hosted another successful week of Family Promise in February. During our week, the number of residents dozens of volunteers rallied to make space and offer hospitality. Well done, friends!

Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time. — 1 Peter 5:6



- ◆ Pastor Colin and Val Fowler offered a Fundraising concert on 2/22 that was attended by over 50 people and raised more than \$400 to be split between the church, the Food Pantry, and the Mission Grants program of PGV. Thank you for your support.
- ◆ The church hosted nursing students who participated in putting together food bags to be used as a blessing for students in need at FLCC and elsewhere.
- ◆ A new 2 piece sectional has been donated to the church by Bayles Furniture as they are going out of business. We will happily find a new and comfy place for it and are grateful for the gift.
- ◆ In addition to the Revelation Bible Study taught by Pastor Colin which has more than a dozen participants, there are two new small group studies being offered. A Lenten study on Sunday mornings (Dave Henderson), and a Mom's Group Bible Study (Cathy Martz) following worship on Sundays. Details are in the newsletter. Thanks to Dave and Cathy for leading these opportunities.
- ◆ Special thanks to the Cromwell's who coordinated the production of the VCI banners which will decorate the Sanctuary during Lent. The banners were given to the church as a donation from the printing company. A lovely donation.
- ◆ More than 50 people have expressed some interest in our summer mission trip!

*Good things are happening here
as good people are living out the Good News!*



VITAL CONGREGATIONS INITIATIVE & LENTEN SUPPERS

For many months now you have been hearing about our church's opportunity to participate in the PCUSA's program known as the VITAL COGREGATIONS INITIATIVE. This is a two-year adventure in study, discernment, and action. We will collectively assess the 7 Marks of Vitality* and then prioritize our mission and ministry going forward.

1. Lifelong Discipleship Formation
2. Intentional Authentic Evangelism
3. Outward Incarnational Focus
4. Empowering Servant Leadership
5. Spirit Inspired Worship
6. Caring Relationships
7. Ecclesial Health

It is now 2020 and the time has come. Our first steps are to gather as a whole community for Bible Study and reflection. We will do this during the Lenten season in two ways:

1. Worship will introduce each of the 7 Marks and reflection materials will be available in the sanctuary and distributed each Monday. You can send to the office an email/post mail including your thoughts related to our church and its ministry as it ties into each week's theme. OR BETTER YET...
2. Lenten Suppers will be held each **Wednesday from 6:00-7:00pm in Corey Hall**. We will gather to feast, fellowship, and reflect together. Pastor Colin will lead the study times. At the end of each meal we will gather the critical input of our most important collaborators...YOU.

LENTEN SUPPERS

Wednesdays from 6-7 pm
in Corey Hall

- ◇ **Feb 26-** Deacons host– Pizza and Salad menu
- ◇ **Mar 4-** Deacons host– Soup and Salad menu
- ◇ **Mar 11-** Session hosts- menu TBD
- ◇ **Mar 18-** Deacons host– Baked potato bar menu
- ◇ **Mar 25-** choirs host – Pasta Dinner menu
- ◇ **Apr 1-** Deacons host – Breakfast menu
- ◇ **Apr 8-** Session hosts - menu TBD

Please mark your calendars and choose to prioritize your participation in this helpful, hopeful, and holy opportunity. This is not a leadership task and it is not a private moment for reflection. This is an invitation for the whole people of God here at FPCV to tell the truth, seek the Spirit, and grow together in our calling. Thank you so much. It is good to journey with you.

Rev. Colin Pritchard (VCI
Pastor Representative)

Mary Wiser & Sue
Grabowski (VCI
Congregational
Representatives)

Community Dinner

Sit down with a stranger and leave with a friend

Join us the 2nd, 3rd and 4th
Saturdays of each month,
from 5pm – 7pm for a FREE dinner!

Everyone is welcome...invite your neighbor! We also welcome volunteers to join us for set-up, food prep, serving, or clean up or simply come and spend time sharing a meal in conversation with our neighbors. Can you help?

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

March 14th ~
Hosted by Girl Scouts,
Menu: Soup Dinner

March 21st ~
Hosted by St. Patrick's,
Menu: Breakfast for Dinner

March 28th~
Hosted by Girl Scouts
Menu: TBD

*"By the sweat of
your face
you shall eat
bread
until you return to
the ground,
for out of it you
were taken;
you are dust,
and to dust you
shall return."
— Genesis 3:19*



MEN'S DEVOTIONAL BREAKFASTS

Join Pastor Colin on the **1st and 3rd
Thursday's** of each month for break-
fast, fellowship and prayer.

Where: Food at Fishers Station

Time: 7am





MOM'S GROUP BIBLE STUDY

Join us for a six-session video bible study. We will be doing Mom Core with Karen Stubbs from Birds on a Wire. Description: Moms play many roles. They have to be experts in just about everything. It's a lot of pressure. Join Karen Stubbs for a six-session adventure that will inspire and encourage you as a mom.

We will meet for about an hour right after church in the Youth Room. Child Care will be available. Our first meeting will be Sunday, March 1. (We will decide future meeting dates at our first meeting.) Please let Cathy Martz (cemartz33@gmail.com) know if you are interested in attending. This is a relaxed, no preparation bible study- you just come, watch the video, and discuss with fellow moms. Hope you can join us!

Do you not know that you are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in you?

—1 Corinthians 3:16

THIS SIX SESSION STUDY INCLUDES:

- ♦ Purpose
- ♦ Boundaries
- ♦ Time Management
- ♦ Being a student of your child
- ♦ Discipline
- ♦ Contentment

About Birds on a Wire

Birds on a Wire is a ministry that provides Godly, practical advice so you'll feel celebrated, encouraged and equipped to parent with confidence.

Karen Stubbs, a mother of four grown children, is an advocate for moms because she knows first-hand how difficult it is to raise children. What started as a group of eight moms meeting in Karen's basement has grown into an international ministry with hundreds of moms all over the world. Birds on a Wire supports moms with events, Bible studies, books, a weekly email newsletter, and podcast.

Birds on a Wire is for all moms. Moms who work out of the house or in the house. Moms who have a newborn to moms who are empty nesters. No matter where you are in the journey of motherhood, Birds on a Wire is here to encourage and equip you.

SUNDAY MORNING CLASS, LENTEN STUDY

We have had a nice break since finishing “The Story” in December. I would like to restart our Sunday Morning Class with a Lenten Study by Max Lucado, “He Chose the Nails”. We will meet for 5 weeks, at **8:30 am:**

March 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th

Please let me know if you would like to attend so I can order enough study guides.

~Dave Henderson,

Every gift from God reveals his love, but no gift reveals his love more than the gifts of the cross. These gifts came not wrapped in paper but in passion. They were not placed around a tree but around a cross. They were not covered with ribbons but sprinkled with the blood that Christ shed on our behalf.

In this five-session video Bible study, Max Lucado explores the many gifts that Christ provided to us at his crucifixion. These include not only the gift of the cross, but also the gift of the thorns that pierced his brow. The nails that tore his flesh. The seamless robe that he removed for us. The empty tomb where he forever defeated sin and death.

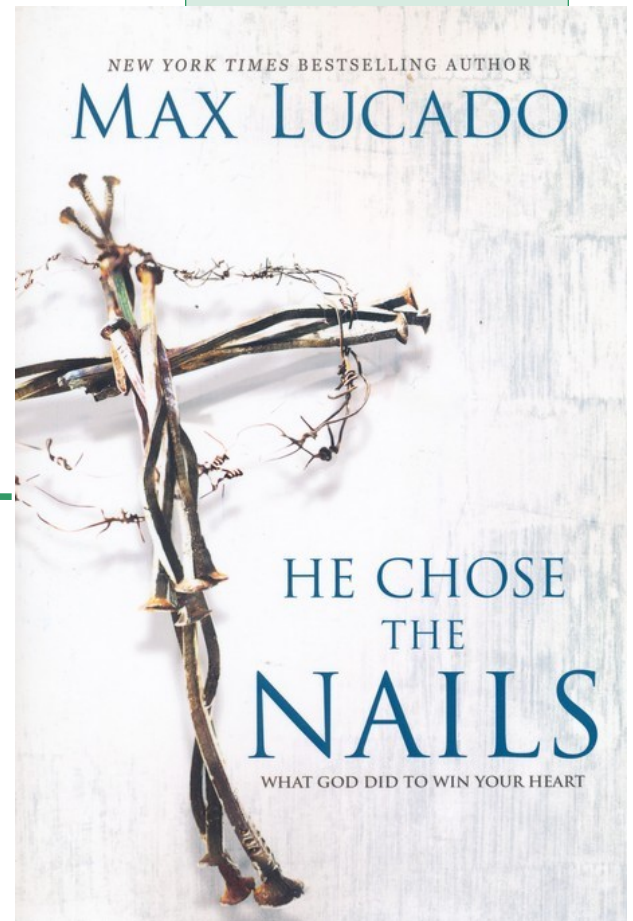
The hill of the cross is rich with the gifts of God’s grace. These were gifts he didn’t have to give. The only required act for our salvation was the shedding of blood, yet God did so much more. So, as we unwrap these gifts, we need to pause and listen for his voice. As we do, perhaps we will hear him whisper, “I did it just for you.”

The He Chose the Nails Study Guide includes video discussion questions, Bible exploration, personal study and reflection materials for in-between sessions, and an additional session for churches and small groups using this study as part of Lent.

Sessions include:

He Chose to Be One of Us
He Chose to Forgive Us
He Chose to Invite Us into His Presence
He Chose to Love Us Forever
He Chose to Give Us Victory

Designed for use with the He Chose the Nails DVD (sold separately). This is a two-disc set that can be used for Christmas and Easter.





Family Promise Volunteer Training: **Monday March 7th at 6:00pm** at Zion Fellowship Church in Canandaigua. If you considered volunteering for the FP host week, but have not been formally trained, here is your chance.

The training will run from 6 - 8pm and will include videos, hands-on activities, and volunteer interaction. Light refreshments will be served.

Please consider making meals, evening child activities, and staying overnight. Contact Rich Cromwell if interested; richcromwell94@gmail.com or 585-370-0839.

We just finished our 6th host week and feedback was very positive! The week started with 2 families (6 people) and grew to 4 families (14 people)! We used all of our space on the second floor of the Christian Ed building and our guests said it was a very comforting environment! Our evening volunteers played games with the children, guests ate some delicious food, and adult guests we offered good conversation and fellowship. We even got to enjoy Clay's famous gumbo and treated to a concert by Colin and Val Fowler on Sat. night! Much appreciation for the outpouring of fellowship and hospitality from our congregation to homeless children and their families!

ANNUAL COMFORT FOOD COOKOFF

**March 7th (Sat.)
from 3 - 5pm** at
Willowbrook Church
Victor.

It's a really fun time to show off that favorite comfort food (mac & cheese, meatballs, chili, etc.) It's a great chance to sample food from others in our community, meet new people, and raise money for Family Promise. Prizes will be given out for outstanding dishes. Please consider entering a dish or just come by and sample some great food. Suggested donation, \$10, ages 12 and under are free. More information and entry forms are available on our welcome table and at familypromiseofontariocounty.org or email FPOCweb@fpocny.org

TREASURER'S REPORT

TREASURER'S REPORT (EXECUTIVE SUMMARY)					
For Month of January 2020					
TOTAL GENERAL FUND:					
Beginning Balance	\$23,846.56				
Income	22,372.58				
Expenses	21,086.20				
Ending Balance	\$25,132.94				
Offering	Actual		Budget		Difference
	\$20,649.00		\$16,250.00		\$4,399.00
Year-to-Date:	<u>Actual</u>		<u>Budget</u>		<u>Difference</u>
Total Operating Income	\$22,372.58		\$20,859.66		\$1,512.92
Total Operating Expenses	21,086.20		20,952.48		\$133.72
Operating Income (Loss)	\$1,286.38		\$(92.82)		\$1,379.20
Adult Pledges Year-to-Date:	<u>2019</u>		-		
Actual	\$20,649.00				
Budget	16,250.00				
Surplus/(Shortfall)	\$4,399.00				Emily Wojcik
	27.07%				Treasurer

*Whoever is kind to the poor lends to the LORD,
and will be repaid in full. — Proverbs 19:17*

PER CAPITA FUND

Please consider making a special contribution to the

Per Capita Fund

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. We ask you to please make a special contribution to cover this expense. This is a fixed denominational administrative expense of our church and your contribution is GREATLY appreciated anytime in 2020.

\$ 34.68
per member

Information on the Per Capita Fund and what makes it an integral part of the church can be found on the church website News page,

**[http://
victorpres.org/
news/](http://victorpres.org/news/)**



And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "See the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; —Revelation 21:3

SERENITY HOUSE GALA

The Serenity House of Victor, a comfort care home for the terminally ill, will be holding its annual Gala at Locust Hill Country Club on **Saturday March 7th at 6:00 pm.**

There will be silent and live auctions, dinner, dancing, and an inspiring presentation. Serenity House does not charge its residents and their families for this 24-hour care, and receives funding primarily through fundraisers and memorial donations. Please contact Serenity House at 585-924-5840 or serenityhousegala@gmail.com for ticket information or questions. Thank you for your kind consideration.



SUNDAY SCHOOL

March begins the spring session of our Sunday school curriculum. We will continue with our theme of communities as we journey through the Lenten season. We will, once again, be providing the congregation with a Palm Sunday breakfast. Please see the sign-up sheet, if you would like to help.

Date	Topics PreK-3	Topics 4-6
March 1, 2020	Jesus Teaches	How to be Happy
March 7, 2020	Mary Anoints Jesus	Jesus Enters Jerusalem
March 14, 2020	Jesus Washes Feet	Jesus Cleanses the Temple
March 21, 2020	Jesus Breaks the Bread	Jesus Sets an Example
March 28, 2020	Jesus Prays	The Last Supper

Important Dates

March 18th – Daylight Savings Time (Spring Ahead!)

March 17th – Saint Patrick's Day

April 15th – Palm Sunday Breakfast

April 10th – Good Friday

April 12th – Easter

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Cathy Agnello March 1st

John Toomey March 4th

Nancy VanIseghem March 3rd

Nicholas Rine March 9th

Munda Colyer March 8th

Brian Wiser March 17th

Michele Liddle March 18th

Gerrit Heerkens March 19th

Kyle Holter March 19th

Jason Black March 20th

Georgia Mowers March 22nd

Michael Reinhardt March 22nd

Barbara Cromwell March 25th

John Gregory March 29th

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

Julie & Kevin Dickens
March 3rd



WEBSITE PICTURES

Do you have any pictures that you are willing to share for our FPCV website?!! We would love to update our website with current members participating in church activities. Please send them to Courtney in the Church Office at office@victorpres.org.

INFORMATION CONSENT SHARING/ ONLINE DIRECTORY

In an effort to update our database and to be able to share your information with other members, such as address, phone number, and email, we ask that you fill out an *Information Sharing Consent Form*. Extra copies are available in the sanctuary and on the Welcome Center counter. Forms can be placed in Courtney Maltman's (Office) mailbox. Thank you!

If you have not yet done so, please take a moment to create your on-line Realm account. Be sure to follow the user guide that was emailed to you, to update your privacy settings, to indicate if you wish to have your information viewed by other members of FPCV.

<https://onrealm.org/VictorPresbyterian/SignIn>

*Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth.
— John 17:17*



EASTER LILIES

We will be offering lilies at \$12 each to decorate our sanctuary for Easter worship. Proceeds from lily sales will be used for our church mission activities. Lilies may be taken home after the service on Easter Sunday or they may be donated to a shut-in.

Orders forms must be received no later than March 29th.

**Forms are available in the Sunday
worship bulletins
and in the church “Welcome” center.**



March 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Pastor- Study leave 8:30am- Adult Study 9am- Music 10am- Worship 7:30pm- AA & Al-Anon	2 Pastor – Study leave	3 Pastor – Study leave	4 Pastor – Study leave 6-7pm- Lenten Supper/VCI Study 6:30 Bells Rehearsal 7:30 Choir Rehearsal	5 Pastor – Study leave 7am- Men's Devotional Breakfast *No Bible Study	6 Pastor – Study leave	7 Pastor – Study leave 10am- Reynolds Battery L Meeting
8 Daylight Savings 8:30am- Adult Study 9am- Music 10am- Worship 3:30- Girl Scouts 7:30pm- AA & Al-Anon	9	10	11 6-7pm- Lenten Supper/VCI Study 6:30 Bells Rehearsal 7:30 Choir Rehearsal	12 12pm- Bible Study	13 7pm- AA	14 9am-1pm- Joint Leadership Retreat 5pm- Community Dinner
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Office Hours: Monday-Friday 9am-1pm

Pastor Study Leave- March 1-7

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