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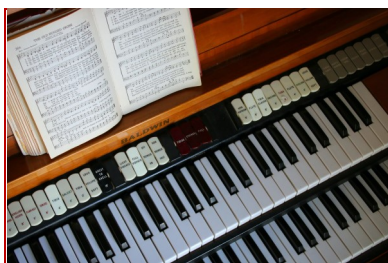
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-JOHN 15:12



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MUSIC

If you have any requests for preludes or postludes, please let the office know. Courtney will pass the information onto Ayn.

Thank you!

CONGREGATIONAL LEARNING DAY

Our Presbytery-wide **Congregational Learning Day (CLD)** for leaders and members, now offered for both the Presbyteries of Genesee Valley and Geneva, will be an **all-virtual event** in 2021. This year's event will be held on **Saturday, March 6th, from 8:30-11:30am** - after an opening worship led by Rev. Dr. Stanley Bhasker from the Bath NY Presbyterian Church, attendees will have a choice to attend one of six virtual classes being offered. As the entire event is virtual, there will be NO fees charged. The deadline for registration is **Monday, March 1st**.

Registration:

<https://pbygenval.org/events-2/congregational-learning-day/>

“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

*YouTube Livestream & In-person**

Sunday Service

**Please pre-register*



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

FEBRUARY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

February 7th~ 10am Sunday Worship,

Annual Meeting immediately after worship

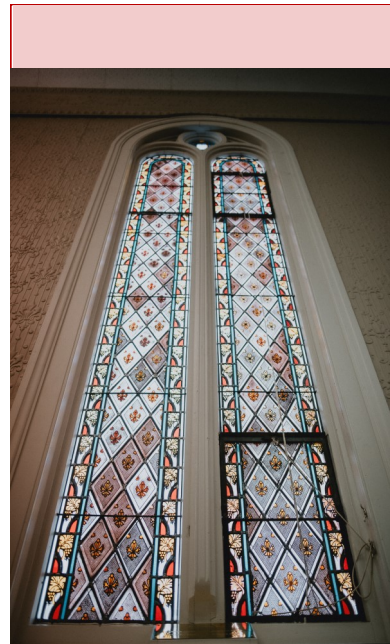
February 14th~ 10am Sunday Worship

February 21st~ 10am Sunday Worship

February 28th~ 10am Sunday Worship

WORSHIP COMMITTEE

The Worship Committee now consists of eleven people attending and contributing regularly to our weekly worship experience and any special services. Each week we are in search of friends and members to sign up to read liturgy, perform special music or just be a music leader for the hymns on Sunday mornings. This can be done in person in the sanctuary during worship or it can be pre-recorded and played during the worship service. If you would be interested in helping with this portion of the worship service please contact any member of the committee or Dean Cornwell at deanc260@gmail.com or call him at 315-871-8126. (continued below)



“We love because he first loved us.” ~ 1 John 4:19

We are also looking for anyone that has a message to share as a worship leader. You could share your faith journey; what scripture brought you to the place that you are now. What defines your faith and got you started on your current path. If you would be interested in leading (there is assistance available with this) worship one Sunday, again please contact any member of the committee or Dean Cornwell at deanc260@gmail.com or call him at 315-871-8126.

Maybe you are better suited to help with the YouTube streaming of our Sunday worship services or would like some experience in producing such a stream. We are looking for interested individuals for that as well. For that, please reach out to Bill Martz at williamlmartz1@gmail.com or call at 585-953-6854.

Committee members:

Dean Cornwell, Chair

Bill Martz

Alfred Appiah

Carol Fowler

Jan Astels

Mary Wiser

Sue Delmonico

Sue Toomey

Becky Black

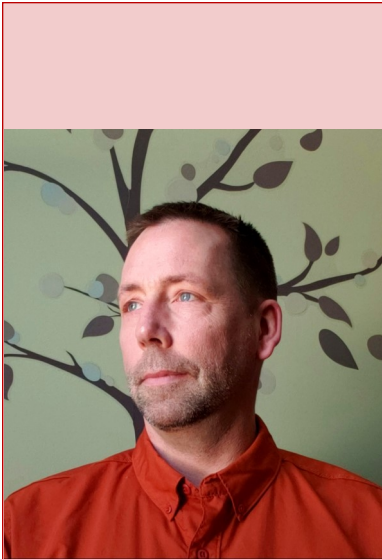
Steve Song

Ayn Patrowicz



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Do you have an announcement you would like to share with the congregation and would like to be included in the Sunday morning worship slideshow? Please send to Courtney in the office office@victorpres.org by Wednesday at 10am, even earlier is welcome and appreciated.



HONORING REV. COLIN PRITCHARD

Honoring Pastor Colin Pritchard's service to The First Presbyterian Church in Victor, NY: Presented to the Presbytery of the Genesee Valley on 1/26/2021.

Good evening, members of Presbytery. I am Carol Fowler, a member of the First Presbyterian Church in Victor and currently serve on its Session. It is truly a privilege to present my report on Rev. Colin Pritchard's 16 years of pastoral leadership to the Victor Church. After much thought, I concluded the most effective way of giving this report is through an offer of prayer to God in honor of Colin's ministry to our church.

Please join me as I offer this prayer of thanksgiving for Colin's call in 2004 and for his steadfast commitment and ability to answer that call.

Dear Lord, I offer you this prayer to thank and praise You for the blessings we have received from Colin's sixteen years of ministry here. With devoted, faithful leadership, Colin challenged and encouraged us to be participants in this call. He generously shared with us his many gifts...his love...and the vision you bestowed on him. Tirelessly, he modeled his faith in all aspects of service and personal life while calling each of us to join his efforts to serve You. He provided us with many opportunities to increase our Biblical knowledge and educated us on many levels to participate and grow in our faith. He made us aware of needs in our local and larger community. Through his support, we increased our support to many mission projects. These include mission offerings to local residents and individuals in need in other parts of the world. The various mission projects he participated in and encouraged the congregation to engage in is a lengthy list that made positive differences in a vast number of lives.

With great success, to increase his knowledge and effectiveness of leadership here and in the wider church, he took advantage of opportunities to continue his formal education and devoted much time to personal study and reflection. He cared for each of us by providing personal support and needed guidance. Frequently he shared our tears in times of crisis and need, then joined our celebrations of joy. Individually and corporately our faith in Christ deepened in a dimension that will outlive his call here. We are deeply grateful for the opportunity to share this ministry and receive its benefits.

The additional services he provided to the wider community are signs of your grace. The musical ministry he provided to the Serenity house residents and their families comforted and soothed many as they faced fear and confronted death. As chaplain of the Ontario County Sheriff's Office, he served in a myriad of crisis situations. We celebrate that he will be able to continue that ministry. We are proud of his efforts and ability to serve The Genesee Valley Presbytery in positions of leadership.

Loving God, this prayer would not be complete without expressing our deep thanks and appreciation for your gift of the Pritchard family... for their participation and support of Colin and the Victor church. On many occasions, Dina shared her beautiful musical gifts in worship. These offerings were a gift to support Colin's call, and they enhanced the worship experiences of the congregation. On several occasions, Dina led and supported local mission efforts. The participation of Rebecca and Ian in Confirmation, Youth Group and regular involvement with Camp Whitman attest to their fine example to youth in our church. It was always a delight to have Dina, Rebecca and Ian present Sunday mornings. We grew to love the entire family, including their beloved dog, Channah. We will miss their presence among us.

We can say goodbye to them with hearts of gratitude. Let no one in this family think that their service here was anything but a God filled blessing to us. May they have no doubts or concern of unfinished business. We freely release each of them and we pray that you offer them the bliss of joyful anticipation of Colin's call to Geneva. May the adventures each await be filled with blessings!

We extend our prayers to the Geneva Presbyterian Church as they receive Colin and his family. Grant them strength, wisdom and joy as they enter this new chapter in their church's life... Let their hearts be open and engaged to receive all of Colin's gifts. And give them the grace to allow Colin respite when he needs it. We trust that our ministry here has helped Geneva to have exactly the pastor they need in this time.

We thank and praise You for your continued care of the Victor church. Help us to build on the foundation Colin's ministry provided to us. Guide and empower us to move forward and reaffirm our Christian faith. Give us a new vision. We ask for the blessing of unbounded energy and resources needed to answer your new call to us. Embolden us with hope and confidence for our future.

Finally, I offer my personal gratitude for bringing me to the Victor Presbyterian Church and for the permanent influence Colin's ministry has had on me. His compassionate care and support of my personal life and that of my family has expanded my faith and given me purpose in life. He encouraged and empowered me to serve the church that I love in many ways. I rejoice to have known him and am deeply grateful for the life-long blessings I have received from his care.

Now, the entire group of individuals referred to in this prayer are affected by Colin's new call. Please bless each of us and clarify our purpose and role in this transition. Increase our faith and ability to serve you. I pray this prayer in the name of our loving Jesus. Amen.





FPCV CHRISTIAN ED. PRESENTS:

Intentional Growth of Your Personal Faith

A new opportunity to intentionally grow your personal faith through independent study, fun audio and video, and group discussions - totally flexible to fit YOUR schedule!

We warmly invite you to join us! As we approach Lent and a time of transition for our church, it is more important than ever that we continue our personal faith journeys and maintain our cohesiveness as a congregation. Using the Bible Project*

(read more about it here: <https://bibleproject.com/about/>), bi-monthly we will explore topics relevant to today to help all of us "experience the Bible in a way that is approachable, engaging, and transformative."

"Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not rely on your own insight. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths."

~Proverbs 3:5-6

You will explore each topic by listening to a short audio (~6 min), watching a short video (~6 min), doing scripture reading (~10 min) and answering 3-4 discussion questions. Then we will come together for a 1 hour zoom session to discuss our answers to the questions and support each other as we all deepen our understanding of our own faith.

The invitation is open to all, no sign-up is required, and your participation is welcome in one or all of the sessions, or anything in between.

Tips

- As you listen to the audio and watch the video, take notes on anything that jumps out at you (a phrase, an interesting graphic, something you didn't know).
- When reading scripture, jot down what portions of the scripture that are speaking into your heart or any questions that you have around meaning.
- Write down the answers to the discussion questions if you are able.

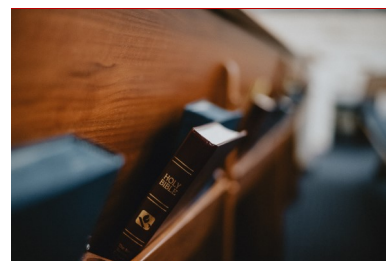
Have your Bible handy at the group session so you can refer to scripture.

Instructions

1. Review the list of topics and session dates below so you can plan your participation.
2. Review the TIPS section below so you get the most out of the study.
3. Click on the website link that corresponds to each Session to access the audio commentary, video, and questions for the TOPIC.
4. Listen to the commentary
5. Watch the video
- 5a. If you are now hungry for even more understanding of God's Word, we encourage you to access the additional resources that are located after the questions, however, we will not be discussing these in our zoom session.
6. Read the scripture
7. Answer the questions
8. Attend the session via Zoom to share your responses to the questions and be in fellowship with one another.

Sessions

	DATE (All on Monday)	TIME	TOPIC
Session 1	February 1	7 – 8 pm	Holy Spirit <i>Let's explore how God's Spirit is at work in the world.</i>
Session 2	February 15	7 – 8 pm	Generosity <i>God's generosity is modeled for us in the way of Jesus.</i>
Session 3	March 1	7 – 8 pm	Gospel of the Kingdom <i>Even the most tragic events cannot thwart God's plan to restore our world.</i>
Session 4	March 15	7 – 8 pm	Good Friday <i>Good Friday remembers the depth of Jesus' love at his crucifixion.</i>
			AND
			Easter Sunday <i>Two thousand years ago, Jesus claimed victory over sin and death.</i>
Session 5	April 5	7 – 8 pm	Sacrifice and Atonement <i>In this week's study, we reflect on sacrifice and atonement.</i>
Session 6	April 19	7 – 8 pm	Covenants <i>God chooses to partner with humans – but why?</i>
Session 7	May 3	7 – 8 pm	Holiness <i>In this week's Bible study, we take a deeper look at God's holiness.</i>
Session 8	May 17	7 – 8 pm	Witness <i>For this week's study, we're exploring the word witness.</i>





INTERIM PASTOR SEARCH PROCESS

WHO: The Session is responsible for the search; it may delegate to a committee. The Session of the First Presbyterian Church of Victor has delegated the search to the Interim Search Committee which is comprised of Megan Antonitto, Jan Astles, Kelsey Bright, Carol Fowler, Steve Mowers, and Rich Cromwell. The committee will recommend a candidate for approval by Session. The Session makes a contract with an interim pastor subject to Committee on Ministry approval. The congregation does not call an interim.

WHAT: Interim pastors are called by God to serve in transition times.

- a guide in transition
- a comfort to the congregation during unsettled times
- a source of freedom for the search process for the next installed pastor to take as long as it needs

“Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony.” ~Colossians 3:14



WHY: Interim pastors help congregations grieve the loss of the former pastor, understand ministry in today's context, look towards the future, and prepare to welcome new installed leadership. The interim pastor may not become the next installed pastor.

HOW: Here is our pathway to and progress towards an interim pastor (a check mark indicates that the task has been completed):

- ✓ The Committee on Ministry (COM) liaison meets with Session to introduce the process.
- ✓ The Session decides who (what group/committee) will conduct the search and whether and how far to search beyond the presbytery.
- ✓ The Presbytery Leader and COM provide names of possible local interims.
- ✓ The Interim Search Committee reviews the ministry information form focused on transition.
- ✓ The Interim Search Committee creates a job description for the interim pastor.
- ✓ The Session approves the job description for the interim pastor.
- ✓ The Interim Search Committee conducts interviews with candidates.
- ✓ The Interim Search Committee conducts reference checks on finalist(s).
- ✓ The Interim Search Committee recommends a final candidate to Session.
- The Presbytery Leader does reference checks on any interim who is being seriously considered.
- COM conducts a clearance interview.
- The Session approves the candidate, Covenant Agreement, and Terms of Call.
- The signed Covenant Agreement and Terms of Call then go to the COM for their approval.
- Interim is introduced to congregation and begins work.





"Feeding the Hungry with Dignity and Respect."

VICTOR-FARMINGTON FOOD CUPBOARD

Food Cupboard Customers: Our drive through is open Wednesday's 2 to 4 pm. You do not have to qualify to come to us, just come and stay in your vehicle. We will ask how many people are in your family and what town you live in, that's it! Our volunteers will put the food in your trunk. Please do wear a mask to protect our volunteers!

If you cannot come to the drive through on Wednesday please call 924-2720 and leave us a message. We will do our best to work it out. If you are quarantined, please do not come to our facility. Simply call (585) 924-2720 and we will work out a no-contact option for getting food to you.

We are so incredibly grateful for all the wonderful donors who have taken the time to bring food and funds to us this month. It is so energizing and heart-warming to have both corporate and individual support...and the children, oh the children --they have frank questions, loving hearts and boundless energy!

"do not fear, for I am with you, do not be afraid, for I am your God, I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my victorious right hand." ~Isaiah 41:10

ONLINE GIVING PLATFORMS



Your continued generous financial support over this past year 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.

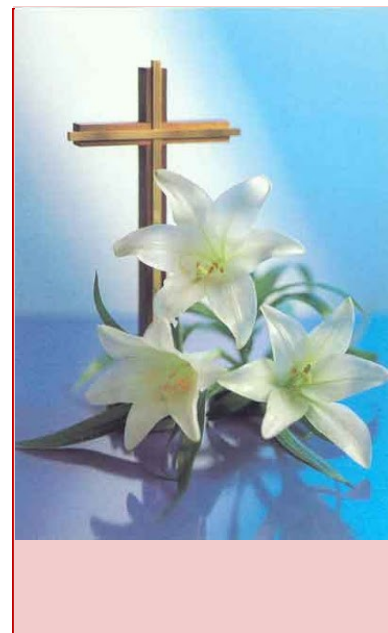
Did you know that we now offer an *online giving platform*?! Head over to the website and look through the [Giving page](#) for instructions on how to give from your computer via Vanco Payment Solutions or your smartphone with the **GivePlus** mobile app!

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EASTER LILIES

Due to COVID-19, the worship committee is planning on a large floral arrangement for Easter in the sanctuary this year instead of individual potted lilies. Floral arrangement will stay in the sanctuary and there will be no option to pick up flowers.

We would like to offer the opportunity to the congregation to contribute to the purchase of the arrangement in honor of or in memory of loved ones. Be on the lookout in your email soon for donation form.



“And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love.”
~1 Corinthians 13:13

TREASURER’S REPORT, DECEMBER 2020

Treasurer's Report			
For Month of December 2020			
Total General Fund:			
Beginning Balance	\$ 32,844.38		
Income	\$ 21,063.60		
Expenses	\$ 22,267.83		
Ending Balance	\$ 31,640.15		
Offering	Actual	Budget	Difference
	\$ 14,486.70	\$ 16,083.33	\$ (1,596.63)
Year-to-Date	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Total Operating Income	\$ 247,661.00	\$ 249,500.00	\$ (1,839.00)
Total Operating Expenses	\$ 239,867.41	\$ 249,667.61	\$ (9,800.20)
Operating Income (Loss)	\$ 7,793.59	\$ (167.61)	\$ 7,961.20
Adult Pledges Year-to-Date:			
Actual	\$ 198,011.00		
Budget	\$ 193,000.00		
Surplus/(Shortfall)	\$ 5,011.00		
	2.60%		

PER CAPITA 2021

Per capita for 2021 is \$35.14 per member. 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. If possible, we ask you to please make a contribution to support these important works. Member support for this cost is greatly appreciated any time in 2021.

FEBRUARY

BIRTHDAYS!

1st	Austin Mowers
3rd	Mary Wiser
7th	Rebecca Pritchard
9th	Ed Hall
11th	Michele Ekholm
12th	Dean Cornwell
12th	Joshua Miles
12th	Anne Rine
12th	Glen Teeple
15th	Jamie Rine
16th	Kathryn McAdoo
18th	Libby Patterson
20th	Julie Rucker
21st	Stacie Kem
22nd	Nancy Krueger
23rd	Cathy Martz
28th	Steven Boorum

FEBRUARY

ANNIVERSARIES

17th	Jan & Geoff Astles
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SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

Happy New Year!! 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



SUNDAY SCHOOL CALENDAR

Date	PreK-3 Topic	4-6 Topic
February 7	The Lord's Prayer	God Helps Us Get Along
February 14	Jesus Calms the Storm	God is Your Friend
February 21	Mary and Martha	God is at Work Today
February 28	Zacchaeus	God Helps Us Get Along II

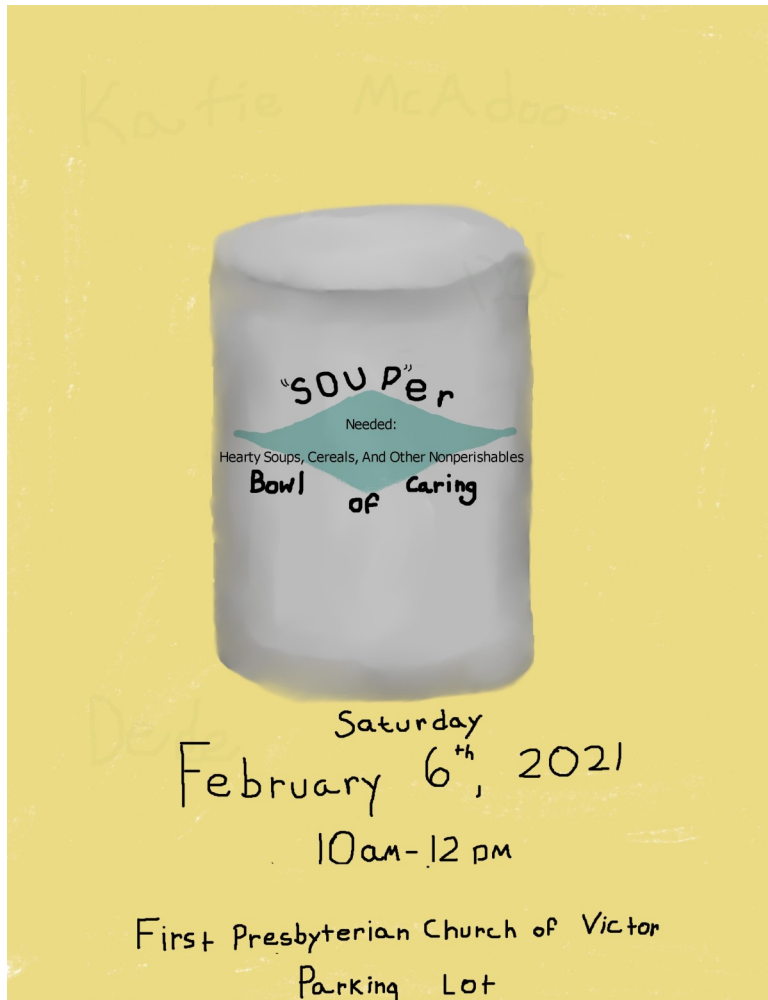
Important Dates

- February 1st – Black History Month Begins
- February 2nd – Ground Hog Day
- February 12th – Chinese New Year
- February 14th – Valentine's Day
- February 15th – President's Day

Youth Activity

- February 26th – Grades 6-12 Movie Night 7pm in Corey Hall
We will watch *Soul*

'SOUP'ER BOWL OF CARING



Food Collection Saturday Feb 6th from 10 am- 12 pm at Church

Needed: Hearty Soups, cereal, non-perishable food items

All food will be donated to the Victor-Farmington Food Cupboard

Can't make it to church on 2/6/21? Drop off food at church on Sunday morning or during office hours? Monetary donations will also be accepted. They can be dropped off during the collection or mailed to the church and will be sent to the Food Cupboard.



Don't forget! Panera bread donations are at the church on Wednesdays. Panera Bread graciously donates bread and baked goods for our community to receive at the church. Tables are set up in the back entrance of the First Presbyterian Church in Victor for those to drive up and grab whatever is needed. This is first come, first served Please come and take whatever you need. There are many loaves of bread, dozens of bagels, and a table full of other baked goods! God is good!! Please reach out to anyone you know that may benefit from this donation, as we do not want any of this to go to waste!



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.



Interested in a FPOC long sleeve tee or a hoodie sweatshirt? Contact Brenda Calabria for an order form or check out our FaceBook page.

To contact Brenda,
fpocweb@fpocny.org or
315-719-4096

Since there will never cease to be some in need on the earth, I therefore command you, "Open your hand to the poor and needy neighbor in your land." ~Deuteronomy 15:11

In 2020 You and Family Promise:



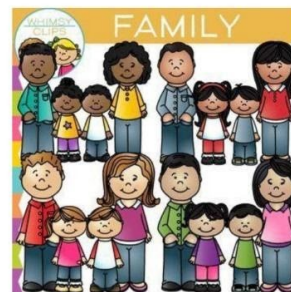
Provided 6473 meals



Gave 2191 secure nights of sleep



Brought 70 people out of homelessness!



Moved 16 people into new homes

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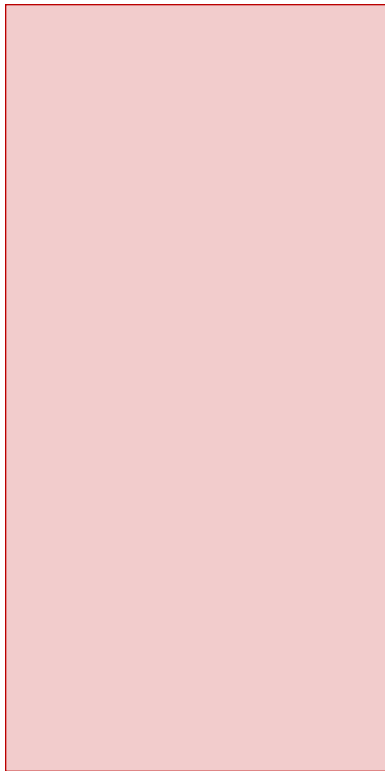


Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31 Sunday Service Livestream , 10am Sunday School, 8:30-9:35am ZOOM Coffee Hour-ZOOM 11:10	1 First day of Black History Month Christian Ed. Study group 7pm—ZOOM	2	3 Panera	4 Bible Study— ZOOM 6:30	5	6 'Soup"er Bowl of Caring 10am-noon
7 Communion Sunday Service Livestream , 10am Sunday School, 8:30-9:35am 11am Annual Meeting	8	9 Session Meeting- ZOOM 7pm	10 Panera	11 Bible Study— ZOOM 6:30	12	13
14 Sunday Service Livestream , 10am Sunday School, 8:30-9:35am ZOOM Coffee Hour-ZOOM 11:10	15 Presidents' Day Christian Ed. Study group 7pm—ZOOM	16 Deacon Meeting- ZOOM 6pm	17 Ash Wednesday Panera	18 Bible Study— ZOOM 6:30	19	20
21 1st Sunday Lent Sunday Service Livestream , 10am Sunday School, 8:30-9:35am ZOOM Coffee Hour-ZOOM 11:10	22	23	24 Panera	25 Bible Study— ZOOM 6:30	26 Youth Group movie night- "Soul" 7pm	27
28 2nd Sunday Lent Sunday Service Livestream , 10am Sunday School, 8:30-9:35am ZOOM Coffee Hour-ZOOM 11:10	1 First day of Women's History Month Christian Ed. Study group 7pm—ZOOM	2	3 Panera	4 Bible Study— ZOOM 6:30	5	6 Congregational Learning Day— Virtual 8:30- 11:30am

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