

## JANUARY 2021 NEWSLETTER

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FROM ALFRED APPIAH, MINISTRY INTERN 2020

"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 NRSV)

We must be sincerely grateful to God this year than we have ever been. To be alive to see this glorious day of our Lord is a real blessing!

I don't have to remind you about how terrible this year has been to many who have lost their family, friends, and loved ones. But in all these, we must remain steadfast knowing that, Christ's birth is a gift that liberates and redeems us. My supervised ministry program with the church officially came to an end on Christmas eve. I want to thank the session and the entire church for the warm reception, prayer, and support throughout my six-month stay of practical ministry with the church. I have had the rare opportunity to be involved in worship planning, leading services, and preaching. Also, I am eternally grateful to God that I found Pastor Colin Pritchard as my supervisor in my intension program. He was more than a supervisor to me; he became my friend, brother, and mentor. Under his mentorship, I have had a different perspective about ministry and my calling. He always gave me a reason to trust in the Lord and push myself to the highest limit. This gave me the confidence to lead services and grow in my ministerial formation.

As we celebrate this year's Christmas to reflect on the advent of our LORD and Savior Jesus Christ in whose Kingdom we abide, I want you to remain confident in our LORD Jesus Christ as He lords over the entire universe. Since we associate with the Prince of Peace, we have no reason to be terrified by any power, principality, or Kingdom, for unto us a King is born. We are confident that our King will keep us secured until the day of His second coming, where we will be glorified with Him.

In your celebration, I urge you to find an opportunity to share your joy with others. Be full of grace, gratitude, and generosity. Please continue to adhere to the COVID-19 protocols to keep you safe.



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## BIBLE STUDY

Clay Girouard's Zoom Bible study based on the book of Hebrews (exploring how God provided something better for us in the person of Jesus Christ) will be starting on **Thursday, January 14th at 6:30pm**. The study will be centered around the book "Better" by Jen Wilkin. There is still room for 4-5 more people. Anyone interested or if you need more info, please call or text Clay at 585-727-6848 or email [clay@rochester.rr.com](mailto:clay@rochester.rr.com). Members would also need to purchase the book (it is \$14 on Amazon).



*"So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!" ~2 Corinthians 5:17*

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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*

### JANUARY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

**January 3rd~ 10am Sunday Worship**

**January 10th~ 10am Sunday Worship**

**January 17th~ 10am Sunday Worship**

**January 24th~ 10am Sunday Worship**

**January 31st~ 10am Sunday Worship**

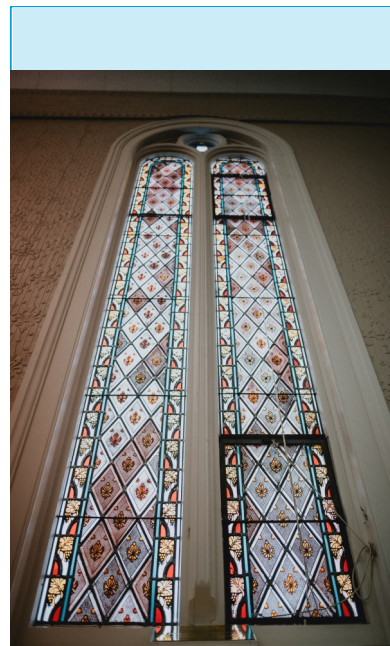
## CALL FOR AV SYSTEM HELP

Would you like to volunteer to learn how to use the camera and the AV system to stream the services? Bill Martz will be doing some training soon for anyone that is interested. There may also be opportunities to provide pre-recorded music and other content for the service. Anyone interested can contact Bill for further details, [williamlmartz1@gmail.com](mailto:williamlmartz1@gmail.com) or 585-953-6854.

## NEW ADDRESS

Friends: Please note the new address for Pearl Straight, if you would like to send her some mail:

Pearl Straight  
Parkwood Heights in Macedon  
1340 Parkwood Dr., Apt 233  
Macedon, NY 14502



*“O sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done marvelous things.  
His right hand and his holy arm have gotten him victory. ~ Psalm 98:1*

## SESSION MODERATOR

During our transition to an Interim Pastor we are fortunate to have a Moderator from the Presbytery of Genesee Valley.

Rev. Bruce Boak will be moderating our Session and Congregational Meetings and shared this short bio.

Rev. Bruce Boak is a retired pastor in the Presbytery of Genesee Valley. During his ministry he served four congregations:

Bessemer Presbyterian Church, Bessemer, PA,  
Central Presbyterian Church, Downingtown, PA,  
Christ Presbyterian Church, Canton, OH, and  
First Presbyterian Church, Pittsford, NY.

For 46 summers he has been a summer pastor at Wells Memorial Presbyterian Church on the island of Avalon, NJ.

Bruce is a graduate of Grove City College and Princeton Theological Seminary. He is a cyclist, sings in a jazz quartet and has an inflatable kayak which he has successfully capsized. Bruce and his wife, Martha are parents to two grown children, Josh and Meredith, and they enjoy their three granddaughters, Haley, Elena, and Elaine. They live in Pittsford, NY.

**Welcome Rev. Boak!**

## 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.





## 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

*“Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.”*  
~Philippians 4:6



**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!

*"And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." ~Revelation 21:5*

### BLESSING BOXES/ LITTLE FREE PANTRIES LOCATIONS:

**Victor Farmington  
Library** 15 W MainStreet;  
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

## 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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Powered By Vanco Payment Solutions



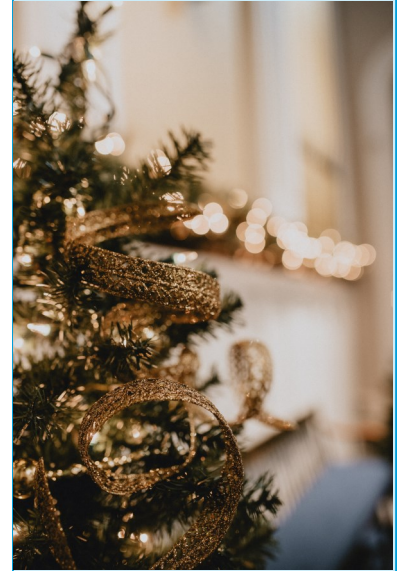
## CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS



We are in need of help to retire the Christmas decorations for the season. It will be the week of Jan 10th-16th. The 10th is Epiphany Sunday and traditional the end of the season. I am looking for anyone who has time that week to give me a call, text

or email and let me know their availability that week so we can set a day and time.

Mary Wiser 949-413-5954 or [ma.wiser85@gmail.com](mailto:ma.wiser85@gmail.com)



*“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*

## TREASURER’S REPORT, NOVEMBER 2020

### **TREASURER'S REPORT (EXECUTIVE SUMMARY)** For Month of November 2020

#### **TOTAL GENERAL FUND:**

Beginning Balance	\$26,946.28
Income	26,378.06
Expenses	<u>20,479.96</u>
Ending Balance	<u><u>\$32,844.38</u></u>

Offering	Actual	Budget	Difference
	\$17,061.70	\$16,083.33	\$978.37

#### Year-to-Date:

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Total Operating Income	\$226,597.40	\$228,244.46	\$(1,647.06)
Total Operating Expenses	<u>217,599.58</u>	<u>228,105.50</u>	<u>\$(10,505.92)</u>
Operating Income (Loss)	<u><u>\$8,997.82</u></u>	<u><u>\$138.96</u></u>	<u><u>\$8,858.86</u></u>

#### Adult Pledges Year-to-Date:

Actual	\$183,524.30
Budget	<u>176,916.63</u>
Surplus/(Shortfall)	<u><u>\$6,607.67</u></u>
	3.73%

Emily Wojcik  
Treasurer

### 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.

## 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](mailto: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
January 3, 2021	The Magi	Jesus Loves You
January 10, 2021	Jesus' Baptism	God Helps You Make Good Choices
January 17, 2021	No Sunday School	No Sunday School
January 24, 2021	Showing Love	God is Your Friend
January 31, 2021	God's Kingdom	God is at Work Today



### JANUARY

#### BIRTHDAYS!

Jeff Edwards.....1st  
 Julie Dickens.....3rd  
 Holly Ferrari.....7th  
 Arlene Abreu.....7th  
 Phillip Lavery.....8th  
 Nicole Lavery.....10th  
 Marilyn Teel.....10th  
 Peter Krueger.....16th  
 Clay Girouard.....15th  
 Bill Rockefeller.....19th  
 Linda Smith.....22nd  
 Florence Cook.....24th  
 Marti Mowers.....26th  
 Anne Johnston.....27th  
 Barbara Gregory.....28th  
 Brian Pierson.....28th  
 Catherine Chenot.....28th  
 Sue Grabowski.....28th  
 Liam McAdoo.....29th





## CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS

Poinsettias adorn our sanctuary this Christmas season.  
We would like to acknowledge those who donated and  
those to whom they are dedicated.

### **Donated by:**

Nancy Olson

Brian & Mary Wiser

Lewis & Phyllis Stewart

Sue Reh

Shirley Roets

John & Sue Toomey

Tom & Jean Hassett

### **In Memory Of:**

Robert (Steve) Olson

Raymond & Patricia O'Connor  
Raymond & Patricia Wiser  
Brian Francis O'Connor Jr.  
Raymond O'Connor Jr.

Robert L. Stewart

David Reh

Ardean L. Roets  
David A. Roets  
Marc Loan  
Welsey Kujawski  
John, William & Lillian Toomey  
& Betty

### **In Honor Of:**

Micah Paul  
Emmie Grace





*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.*

*Love the LORD, all you his saints. The LORD preserves the faithful, but abundantly repays the one who acts haughtily. Be strong, and let your heart take courage, all you who wait for the LORD. ~Psalm 31: 23-24*



#### Family Promise Hosting Week??

During the Pandemic our hosting weeks look very different.  
We cannot co-mingle, social distancing is tough with a two-year-old.  
But our families still need our help!

FPOC now has 3 emergency shelter apartments that are housing 3 families in need. As a partner congregation, you can assist our guests with groceries and gift cards during hosting week.

AND

At any time you can volunteer with virtual tutoring or office support.

Contact Lauren Lamb  
at [fpocliaison@fpocny.org](mailto:fpocliaison@fpocny.org)  
or reach out to your coordinator for more information.

# Office Angels needed!

Help us put the pieces together...

Many talents are needed, lots of ways to help!



Want to work with computers or process mailings?  
What about organizing space for better efficiency  
or creating a reading program for our kids?  
Work from home, come in or some of both.

Together we can better serve our families

Many hands make light work!

Contact Lauren Lamb for details and scheduling  
[fpocliaison@fpocny.org](mailto:fpocliaison@fpocny.org) 585-943-0205



## FPOC NEW VOLUNTEER TRAINING

**"PUTTING THE PIECES TOGETHER  
IN THE TIME OF COVID"**

**Tuesday, January 26, 2021**

**6:00-8:00**

On ZOOM!

RSVP to Lauren Lamb at  
[FPOCLiaison@fpocny.org](mailto:FPOCLiaison@fpocny.org)

Or

(585) 943-0205

to get an email link to join the fun!





# First Presbyterian Church IN VICTOR

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

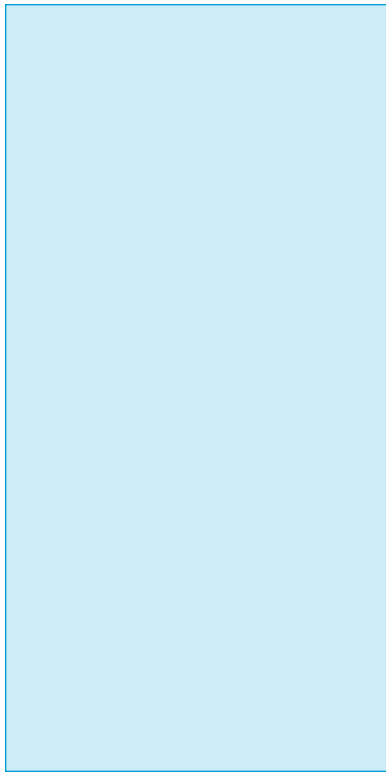
## January 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27	28	29	30	31	1 New Year's Day Church Office Closed	2
3 Sunday Service Livestream , 10am Sunday School, 8:30-9am (4-6) 9:05-9:35am (K-3) ZOOM	4	5 Session Meeting- ZOOM 7pm	6	7	8	9
10 Sunday Service Livestream, 10am Sunday School, 8:30-9am (4-6) 9:05-9:35am (K-3) ZOOM	11	12	13	14 Bible Study- ZOOM 6:30	15	16
17 Sunday Service Livestream , 10am Sunday School, 8:30-9am (4-6) 9:05-9:35am (K-3) ZOOM	18	19	20	21 Bible Study- ZOOM 6:30	22	23
24 Sunday Service Livestream , 10am Sunday School, 8:30-9am (4-6) 9:05-9:35am (K-3) ZOOM	25 Joint Session/ Deacon's Meeting ZOOM 6pm	26 Presbytery Meeting- ZOOM 6pm	37	28 Bible Study- ZOOM 6:30	29	30

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