

## JULY 2020 NEWSLETTER

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### FROM PASTOR COLIN

#### Little Resurrections

I've just finished serving as a commissioner from the Presbytery of Genesee Valley to the 224<sup>th</sup> General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church USA. We were supposed to gather in a crowd of thousands for a week of discernment, decision, fellowship, worship, and witness in Baltimore, MD. But Covid-19 changed everything with little notice. After the amazing efforts of the national staff and various committees, we gathered virtually over the course of four days. Everything fell down, and then rose again. A little different but risen. We were rewarded with possibility and purpose.

During the more than 30 hours of meeting and event time, all on ZOOM, we commissioners got tired, bored, frustrated, eye sore. And yet we returned, we rose again, plenary after plenary, to do our work and serve our God. We were rewarded with moments of meaning and moments of joy.

The two pandemics of Covid-19 and racism in America had knocked so many of us down for a while. And then we participated in little resurrections. We elected Elona Street-Stewart and Gregory Bentley as co-moderators of the General Assembly. Elona is an indigenous native American woman synod leader, and Gregory is an African American pastor. We chose to be led by two people of color in such a time as this. We chose to be led by voices so often silenced. We rose for a moment.

We also failed to take bold steps on a number of pressing social and justice issues. We collectively sat down at the limits of our energy and willingness to stretch our capacities and leadership patterns. And then we delighted in what we could and did do well. Then many of us chose to take the experience and challenge of the assembly and grow in our own local ministry witness. We are rising again and will be rewarded with a more fully realized kingdom of God in the days to come.

So often we think of resurrection as the incomparable miracle of Easter. The ultimate victory of God's love and power in a broken and violent world. And friends, and, we are a resurrection people. In simple, small, resilient, daily ways, we can rise again and again empowered by grace, hope, and spirit. (cont. on pg. 2)



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## FROM PASTOR COLIN (CONT.)

The world is in deep need of little resurrections. People who fall down but get up. Folks who fail but try again. Women and men who cry, then smile, then delight. One of my prayers for all of you in this time is that you will be given the strength to answer the invitation to rise. This day and the next.

There is goodness and work to be done. There is forgiveness and the opportunity to change. There is God, the Holy Spirit, and the One for whom the grave was not final. All three are with you in today's resurrection. Rise and rise again for that is who we are, and that is what is required in such a time as this.

Thanks be to God,  
Pastor Colin

*“remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ.”*

*1 Thessalonians 1:3*

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## FROM THE OFFICE

Happy Summer, all! You may or may not be aware, we are working on a new internet provider for the church. Our internet has been notoriously unreliable over the past few months and we do have a new provider in the works. As often happens with technology, there have been a few setbacks along the road, but we anticipate a switch later this Summer and are hopeful for consistency with the switch for our livestreamed services. For now, services are streamed on Facebook Live, but we are hoping to soon transfer over to YouTube live for one simple place to go to watch as it happens and after if you are unable to watch live. This will hopefully solve some of the platform problems we have encountered with Facebook over the past few months.

I continue to be your source of connection as I work partly from home and part in the office at church. I check email often and will respond ASAP. If you need anything, please reach out. Summer continues to be busy with many moving parts, with our Summer Food Mission and connections within the church and community. I am grateful and excited to be a part of it all. Keep looking out for weekly emails with news and updates from the church, and be sure to check the website regularly.

~ Courtney Maltman

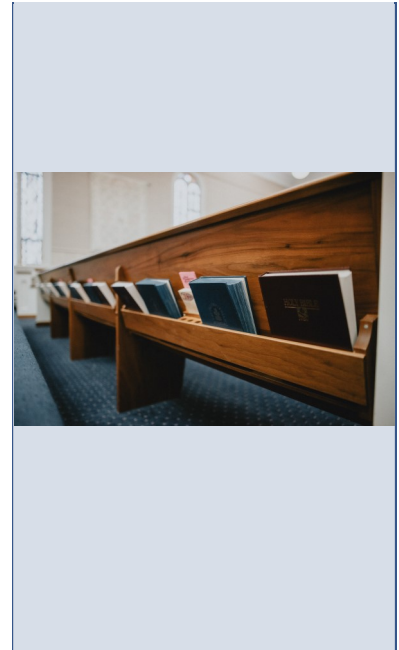
## VIRTUAL WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

**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!**



*“Let your steadfast love, O LORD, be upon us, even as we hope in you.”*  
*Psalm 33:22*

## FROM ALFRED APPIAH– MINISTRY INTERN

### Glory be to God, great things God has done!

I want to thank FPCV for their warm reception. Last month, I started my internship and I was humbled by the good words and welcoming messages from members of this wonderful church. I must say, in these times of uncertainty, you will agree with me that so many things have changed in our way of life and community engagement. We all miss life before the pandemic, the breaking of bread, and the gift of fellowship we shared over the years.

As a seminarian, this has come with challenges and opportunities. Though I haven't been able to spend time (in person) with members of this great family as a result of the COVID 19 Pandemic, I must say I am very excited by the opportunities and exposure my supervisor (Pastor Colin) has given to me to learn.

I am thrilled by the care and love this church has shown to their community through the summer food program. Taking part in this food program on 29th June 2020, I understood that as Christians we all have a role to play in building our community and ensuring that everyone feels important and cared for, and that as much as possible no one would lack basic needs of life, this I believe is a very important part of our calling. Let me end by saying, I am also taking advantage of Pastor Colin's gift by taking guitar lessons, I hope this would be a blessing to my ministry as well. I want to encourage all of us to keep the faith in the Lord, we have and still are going through so much that our mind can comprehend, however, Our God is an expert in times of crisis (Exo. 14)

~ Alfred Appiah





## SUMMER MEAL-KIT MISSION

The Summer Curbside Meal Kits program is off and running! We have been blessed with many generous donations from members and friends totaling \$4,320 so far for this mission. Over 30 families with kids in the Victor school district were served a family meal kit on June 28<sup>th</sup> and continue to register for the 11-week program. The congregation has been eager to help from the start—many volunteers are already in action packing and distributing kits on the weekends. We are working in partnership with the Victor-Farmington Food Cupboard, which is holding a pop-up food drive every Tuesday requesting items for that week's meal kits. All congregation members (especially those with freezer space are welcome to join in the fellowship fun serving the local community!

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For the time being, Panera Bread is donating baked goods for our community to be received at the church on **Monday afternoons** (depending on delivery times, usually around noon-3pm). Tables are set up in the back entrance and this is drive up and grab whatever you need. First come, first served. **Please reach out to anyone you know that might benefit from this!**

## FROM THE GENEROSITY COMMITTEE

As we are going through this time of pandemic and are separated from one another I would like to ask the members and friends of First Presbyterian Church in Victor to consider our giving.

In the coming months you will be seeing more information surrounding the Generosity Committee and what we are charged to do in service to this great community at FPCV.

Please keep watch in the monthly newsletters and in email correspondence for more information and ideas of what it is that each of us individually can do to help move this congregation on to the next level of worship and mission in our local community.

Please count your blessings and share in the love of the world; Be the light.

Dean Cornwell and Bill Patterson, The Generosity Committee

## FAITH REFLECTIONS SERIES

Last month, the Christian Ed. Committee began their “Faith Reflections” Ted Talk Series, with a successful talk on Karen Armstrong’s “Let’s Revive the Golden Rule” Ted Talk. This series includes discussions based on faith community relevant “Ted Talks” ([ted.com](http://ted.com)). Participants can watch the assigned video at their own convenience and join in a facilitated ZOOM video conference once-a-week for a 40-minute discussion. These gatherings will be in smaller groups (10-12 participants) and we believe can provide a wonderful way to connect and enhance our faith together. Stay tuned for an invitation in your email to the next talk in the series.

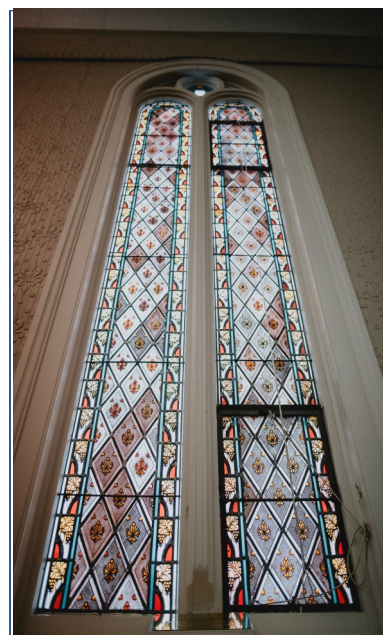




## FROM THE TREASURER

The summer months are upon us, which historically brings a reduction in contributions. We prepare for reduced attendance and reduced contributions and will monitor the bank accounts. We're still in a good financial position and are still able to help the community through our mission works. We were approved for a Payroll Protection Loan/Grant so that will help us keep up with payroll and benefits for the next two months. I've still been going into the office a few times a week to sort through the mail and pay bills. I'm checking email daily at home, please let me know if there is anything you need. Please continue to donate and meet your pledges as best you can. You can also donate to the Deacon's Fund to directly help those in need or to our Summer Food Mission Program, simply note on your check or online donation that you would like the funds to go to the Deacon's Fund or Summer Mission. You can mail in checks directly to the church or use the new online giving portal. If at any time you need to make changes to your ACH, including a new ACH, need to make changes to your pledge, or have any concerns, please reach out to me.

~Emily Wojcik



*“but those who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength,  
they shall mount up with wings like eagles,  
they shall run and not be weary,  
they shall walk and not faint.”* Isaiah 40:31

## TREASURER'S REPORT MAY 2020

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

#### TOTAL GENERAL FUND:

Beginning Balance	\$26,631.57
Income	19,788.41
Expenses	15,960.65
Ending Balance	<u>\$30,459.33</u>

Offering	Actual	Budget	Difference
	\$13,565.11	\$16,250.00	\$(2,684.89)

#### Year-to-Date:

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Total Operating Income	\$105,292.84	\$104,767.12	\$525.72
Total Operating Expenses	<u>98,680.07</u>	<u>104,249.46</u>	<u>\$(5,569.39)</u>
Operating Income (Loss)	<u>\$6,612.77</u>	<u>\$517.66</u>	<u>\$6,095.11</u>

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

Actual	\$83,355.80
Budget	<u>81,250.00</u>
Surplus/(Shortfall)	<u>\$2,105.80</u>
	2.59%

Emily Wojcik  
Treasurer

### JULY BIRTHDAYS!

Bill Patterson...1st  
Rev. Colin Pritchard....2nd  
Eliana Ekholm...5th  
Gary Ernst...8th  
Norma Marthage....9th  
Karen Tripp.....9th  
Burt Kem...12th  
Kris Dussman..14th  
Bill Martz.....16th  
David Schake...16th  
Brendan Fowler....17th  
Sarina Simpson..18th  
Rebecca Martz...19th  
Susan Toomey....20th  
Will Patterson.....23rd  
Cynthia Fisher Heerkens..24th  
Lois Ernst....25th  
Susan Loughnane....25th  
Avery Newstead....25th  
Cory Pierson.....25th  
Carson Rucker.....25th  
Mary Ellen Kahl.....28th  
Nancy Fisher....29th  
Brendan Miles....29th

### JULY ANNIVERSARIES!

Lynne & Reid Holter...7th  
Jayne & George  
Heuring....10th  
Katie & Scott Ferguson....16th  
Cynthia & Gerrit  
Heekens....16th  
Lindsey & Jeff Praino.....23rd  
Ellen & John Quatrano...25th

## SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

July continues our Summer Sunday school schedule. We will be doing one ZOOM class at 9:00am for grades PreK-5. The ZOOM code is 437 304 8258 password 735049. All required materials will be emailed prior to class. Any questions email [micheleekholm@gmail.com](mailto:micheleekholm@gmail.com).

~Michele Ekholm



## SUNDAY SCHOOL CALENDAR

Date	Topic
July 5, 2020	Communities Are Families
July 12, 2020	Communities Remember
July 19, 2020	Communities Transition
July 26, 2020	Communities Grow



*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

Family Promise of Ontario County is alive and well, but the model of our program has changed. Instead of hosting families in our churches, we are supporting our families in apartments, and doing tele case management and training. We are currently assisting 4 families.

Thanks to a grant from the United Way, we are poised to open two apartments to serve as emergency shelter for NEW families. The first new apartment will house a new family on July 1st. FPOC will furnish and stock these apartments. They will stay with us for approx. 2 months. and then move on to permanent housing making way for another family in need.

We could use your help in furnishing these apartments. Below is a list of needs on [signup.com](https://signup.com). There are small and large items requested, so all can help. We will need help to coordinate the moving of furniture, but small items can be delivered to the Day Center.

Once these apartments are filled, we will be looking for food donations during your regular rotational host week. When we return to regular church family hosting, these apartments will be used as an intermediate step for families, a place for more independence until a rental property becomes available.

### Furnishings

Living room: <https://signup.com/go/Ehzpitw>

Kitchen: <https://signup.com/go/yfPEjsn>

Cleaning supplies: <http://signup.com/go/pOBMrwY>

Bedrooms: <http://signup.com/go/RqowRNX>

Bathrooms: <http://signup.com/go/nyrqgNq>

Our church recently had a work crew at the Day Center. Bruce Fisher, John Toomey and I installed window air conditioners, built and installed closet shelves, repaired window glass and a book shelve and loose door hinge.

Our church has been receiving baked goods donations from Panera Bread every Monday, and offering these to the community on a first come basis. I've taken some of these baked goods over to two Family Promise families in the Farmington area each week as well.

The annual Bed Race will still take place this year, but will be virtual! This is FPOC's main fund raiser and will be held this summer via computer. I will be emailing out details as soon as they become available. Thanks for your support.

God bless, stay healthy, and look out for each other.

Rich Cromwell [richcromwell94@gamil.com](mailto:richcromwell94@gamil.com) 585-370-0839





## VICTOR-FARMINGTON FOOD CUPBOARD



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

*"Now if you are unwilling to serve the Lord, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord."*

*Joshua 24:15*

### Food/Items Needed:

- Rice, pasta and pasta sauce
- Paper products (paper towels, toilet paper, napkins, plastic cutlery—we give these to homeless people)
- Peanut butter (especially small sizes or packs for student lunch boxes)
- small jars of jelly or jam
- Pop-top soup or canned pasta such as Beefaroni
- Canned proteins (chicken, tuna, etc.)
- Condiments – ketchup, mustard, relish, cooking oil, mayonnaise, steak sauce, salad dressing, etc.
- Canned fruit of any type
- Juice or juice boxes
- Cereal
- Easy-to-prepare, nutritious, after school snacks: granola bars, Easy Mac, microwave popcorn, crackers and cheese, peanut butter crackers, Go-Gurt (yogurt in tubes)

## DRIVE-THRU AND POP-UP SERVICES

Food donations are vital to the support of the Food Cupboard and you have the power to help those who are hungry in our community. We service all of Ontario County and on average over 600 families per month. Your food donation makes an instant impact to those who rely on the Food Cupboard for support. We thank you for your consideration and your support.

During this pandemic we are not accepting food donations at the Food Cupboard location but would be thrilled to have your donation dropped off during one of our drive thru popup food drives! We are happy to accept hunted meat, but only if it has been processed and has a label on it. Fresh fruits and vegetables even from your garden are always welcome! We are NOT allowed to offer or accept any items that are considered medical, including vitamins. Masks are the exception to this rule.

We are currently scheduling monthly popup food drives using our van. Upcoming dates and details will be on our FB page: <https://www.facebook.com/VictorFarmingtonFoodCupboard/>

The Food Cupboard is operating with drive-thru pick-up service on Sundays and Wednesdays from 2-4pm.

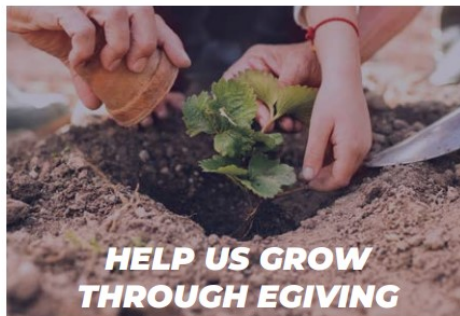




*Grab your coffee, bible, and gather your family around your computer for Virtual services*

## 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. **Thank you, thank you!** 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!



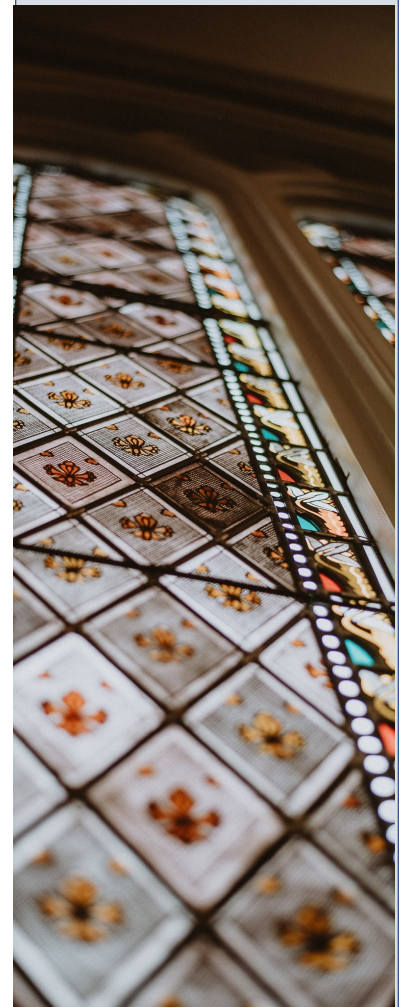
Electronic giving is a convenient, easy solution when you don't have cash or a checkbook. In just seconds, you can make a weekly offering, respond to an appeal or set up recurring payments.

- Give in the moment with a fast, one-time donation.
- Give anywhere, anytime from your computer, smartphone or tablet.
- Donate directly to your favorite funds.

To learn more about giving online or through our GivePlus mobile app, contact our church office or visit [victorpres.org/giving/](http://victorpres.org/giving/)

## 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.



# First Presbyterian Church IN VICTOR

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

## July 2020

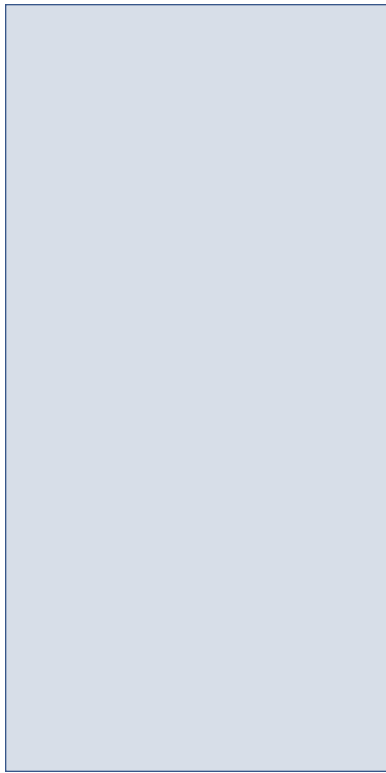
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