

## JUNE 2020 NEWSLETTER

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### FROM PASTOR COLIN

Peace comes from knowing: that *“I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.”* (Romans 8) Our identity and value is secure.

Wisdom comes from remembering: *“For once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light. Live as children of light—for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true. Try to find out what is pleasing to the Lord. Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. For it is shameful even to mention what such people do secretly; but everything exposed by the light becomes visible, for everything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says, “Sleeper, awake! Rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.” Be careful then how you live, not as unwise people but as wise, making the most of the time...”* (Ephesians 5)

In these days of deep conflict, anxiety, and challenge I invite us all to remember whose we are before all things, and then deal only with what is true in the light. We need not surrender to defending an incomplete identity and we must not participate in acting on untruths. As a people of peace and wisdom we have great power to both overcome the struggles of the day and be used by the Spirit to transform hearts and minds.

Be at peace. Be in community. Reach out as you need. Know that you are loved. We are God’s people here and wherever we connect seeking the Holy, Christ is present indeed.

Paix,  
Pastor Colin



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## FROM THE OFFICE

I continue to update our website often, please check in there to find up-to-date information about the happenings from the church. The “About the Church” tab is a great resource for News, especially for our local missions. There is a ton of info on the rest of the site about worship, calendar of virtual events, info on our new online giving platform, and so much more! I would also like to encourage you to visit [pcusa.org](http://pcusa.org) for information updated from the Presbyterian Church (USA) and also [pbygenval.org](http://pbygenval.org) (Presbytery of Genesee Valley) for other local updates and resources. If you need anything from the office, email me at [office@victorpres.org](mailto:office@victorpres.org). I do check the email each day and will get back to you right away. You can also call the church office at 585-924-2289. I would like to remind you that our member directory is available through your Realm account ([onrealm.org](http://onrealm.org)). I encourage you to set up your account if you haven’t yet, or to log in and make any changes to personal information or privacy. Hope you all are doing well and staying safe!

~ Courtney Maltman

*“Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and do not rely on your own insight.” Proverbs 3:5*

### STAY CONNECTED



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## VIRTUAL WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

### Worship Continues!

#### Sundays, 10 am

*Livestream Facebook Sunday Service*

#### Tuesdays, NOON

*Devotional/Prayer Time  
via ZOOM\**

#### Wednesdays, 7 pm

*Livestream Facebook Service*

#### Thursdays, 7 pm

*Devotional/Prayer Time  
via ZOOM\**

\* ZOOM meeting invites are sent to members via email. **If you know of anyone who is not a member and would like an invite to the ZOOM times, please have them reach out to the office!**

Please note this is a tentative schedule as the building remains closed. All services will be livestreamed on the First Presbyterian Church of Victor’s Facebook page at the times indicated. The services will then be available to later watch on our First Presbyterian Church in Victor YouTube channel!

## WELCOME OUR MINISTRY INTERN: ALFRED APPIAH

Alfred Appiah is my name. I was born on November 23, 1991 at Breman Essiam in the Central Region of Ghana. I am a committed Christian and a Presbyterian. I am the fourth of six siblings graciously given to Mr. Anthony Appiah and Mrs. Sarah Eduamoah. These watered the seed of education in my life and made my childhood days worth remembering.

Currently, I am a student of Columbia Theological Seminary, Decatur in Georgia, undergoing profound biblical tutelage as I carve a path into full-time practical ministry. My desire is to enhance my potentials and broaden my knowledge base in achieving my career objective to pastor, preach, counsel, and shepherd a church. I have always had the penchant to reach the unreached in every nook and cranny of the world with the therapeutic word of God and help contribute to a solemn society of people living in the fear of God



*“I can do all things through him who strengthens me.”*      *Philippians 4:13*

Prior to my studies at the seminary, I served as the National President of the Presbyterian Church of Ghana Youth and a member of the General Assembly Council of the church contemporaneously which has given me the rare opportunity to mature in the Lord. Besides, I got the privilege to represent the youth of my church at international fora such as the General Assembly meeting of the World Communion of Reformed Churches (WCRC) held in Germany in 2017, the Youth Ambassador program 2018 of the Mision 21 of the Basel Mision in Switzerland and the 2019 peace and justice summer school organized by the United Evangelical Mission in Wuppertal, Germany. I love to listen to music and travel.

On my first visit to the First Presbyterian Church in Victor (FPCV), NY, I was enthused by the reception I received from members of the Church during and after service. This gesture from the members of the church confirmed what I had previously read on the church's website before visiting FPCV which reads: **“Whoever you are. However you have come. You are welcome here”**. Again, I was blessed by the ministry of Pastor Colin E. Pritchard. These and many other factors have spurred me on to do my supervised ministry with the church and be a part of this wonderful family. At FPCV, I hope to learn, share my experience, and deepen my understanding of the American culture and get immersed in church life. I have implicit confidence that this opportunity will not only help me meet my course requirement but will also bring a transformation and growth in my life and ministry.

I would want to sign off by specially thanking Rev Pritchard, the Session, and the entire congregation for the opportunity they have given to me to learn and be part of this wonderful family.





### JUNE BIRTHDAYS!

Donna Schake...4th  
Michael George...4th  
Kim Girouard...5th  
Virginia Harford....5th  
Dave Henderson.....6th  
John Quatrano...6th  
Aimee Dickens..8th  
Janet Neff Bush.....9th  
William Lauretti...10th  
Shirley Roets....16th  
Kasey Holmes...18th  
Robert Gerlock...18th  
Kevin Dickens....18th  
Lindsay Lauretti.....21st  
Aidan Haines.....21st  
Julia Holter....26th  
Ava Dussmann....28th  
Ann Aldrich....29th  
James Bellefeuille....30th

### JUNE ANNIVERSARIES!

Jason & Michele Liddle...4th  
Jeff & Megan Antonitto....11th  
Jamie & Anne Rine.....15th  
Steve & Allison Simpson....19th  
Nick & Jackie Castiglia.....21st  
Bill & Cathy Martz....26th  
Michael & Amy Reinhardt..26th  
Larry & Marilyn Teel...27th

## SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

June begins our Summer Sunday school schedule. Beginning on June 7<sup>th</sup>, 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

## Congratulations to our graduating 6<sup>th</sup> Graders

Andrew Rine      Ben Song      Kerrington Ekholm



## SUNDAY SCHOOL CALENDAR

Date	Topic	
June 7, 2020	Communities Living Together	
June 14, 2020	Communities Need Foundations	
June 21, 2020	Who is Our Community	
June 28, 2020	Communities Love	



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

## \*NEW\* ONLINE GIVING PLATFORMS

Your continued generous financial support over these past 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!** Don't forget, we now offer a convenient *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!



## MOM'S GROUP

**\*\*The Mom's group meets every Thursday at 8pm via ZOOM to stay connected and support each other. Come join the conversation. Email Courtney in the office to get an invite.\*\***

## UPCOMING DATES

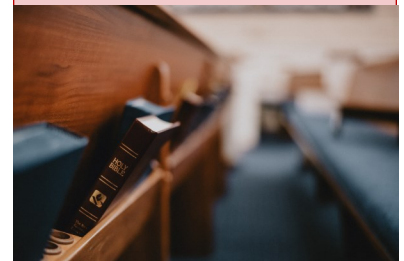
June 4, 2020

June 11, 2020

June 18, 2020

June 25, 2020

July 2, 2020



## 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.



## FROM THE ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE

The Administrative Committee has been working closely with the Treasurer to ensure we are able to cover our expenses during this time. I am happy to report that we have witnessed great generosity during this time. We have been able to stay on track with income through the middle of May. Now more than ever we rely on your real time giving. A special thanks to our Treasurer, Emily Wojcik, who has been doing a phenomenal job!

~ Megan Antonitto

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*“After they prayed, the place where they were meeting was shaken. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke the word of God boldly.” Acts 4:31*



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 CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Thank you to all who responded to our mid-May email to express interest in the upcoming Christian Ed. opportunity called “Faith Reflections”. Thank you to those who volunteered to facilitate discussions based on faith community relevant “Ted Talks” (ted.com), and thank you to Pastor Colin for providing our committee with a list of recommended topics. Participants can watch the assigned video at their own convenience and then join a facilitated ZOOM video conference for a 40-minute discussion. These gatherings will be in smaller groups (10-12 participants) and participants can sign up for one or several of the groups, according to interest in the topics. We believe these gatherings can provide a wonderful way to connect for fellowship and meaningful faith conversations.

The Christian Ed. committee is currently coordinating dates/times & topics/facilitators. Watch for “Faith Reflections” information to be emailed from the church office soon.

~Sue Grabowski and Jan Astles



## FROM THE TREASURER

Thanks to the support of the congregation and the community, the church is still in a stable financial position. I am checking email daily at home, please let me know if there is anything you need. Thanks to the generous pledges and donations, we are fortunate to still be able to donate what our mission has allocated to the community each month - Victor Farmington Food Cupboard, Habitat for Humanity, Family Promise, and Serenity House. We also made our annual donation to the Immanuel Children's Home in Uganda recently and Pastor Sam asked me to extend their vote of thanks to the church family and let everyone know that they appreciate our continued support of their ministry. Pastor Sam said that schools & churches have been closed for 12 weeks now, but they are doing well in their lockdown and they are safe. I'm keeping a close eye on where we are and how we're doing. 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, simply note on your check or online donation that you would like the funds to go to the Deacon's Fund. 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, or pledge, or have any concerns, please reach out to me.

~Emily Wojcik



*"Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep."*

*Romans 12:15*

## TREASURER'S REPORT APRIL 2020

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

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

Beginning Balance	\$21,480.19
Income	25,235.06
Expenses	20,083.68
<b>Ending Balance</b>	<b>\$26,631.57</b>

Offering Actual	Budget	Difference
\$19,692.34	\$16,250.00	\$3,442.34

Year-to-Date:	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Total Operating Income	\$85,504.43	\$83,821.08	\$1,683.35
Total Operating Expenses	82,719.42	83,359.37	\$(639.95)
Operating Income (Loss)	<u>\$2,785.01</u>	<u>\$461.71</u>	<u>\$2,323.30</u>

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

Actual	\$69,790.69
Budget	65,000.00
Surplus/(Shortfall)	<u>\$4,790.69</u>
	7.37%

Emily Wojcik  
Treasurer



## 2020 GRADUATES– CONGRATULATIONS!!!

### HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES:

#### ***Benji Abreu*** from Victor Central Schools

Proud Parent: Arlene Abreu & brother Joe

Future plans: Benji will be attending Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University majoring in Aeronautics and joining the Air Force ROTC.

#### ***Georgia Mowers*** from Victor Central Schools

Proud Parents: Marti and Steve Mowers, brothers: Austin & Coedee

Will be attending Villanova University, majoring in Political Science with a future in Law.

What excited her about Villanova : size, location, dedication to mission work  
Ready to be away from home but have mom as a frequent house guest ??

#### ***Noah Fancher*** from Millikan High School in Long Beach, CA

Proud Parents: Kelly Fisher & Mark Fancher

Will be attending Long Beach City College, majoring in Business



### COLLEGE GRADUATES:

#### ***Kyle Girouard*** from University of Kentucky J. David Rosenberg College of Law,

*Degree: Juris Doctor*

Proud Parents: Kim & Clay Girouard

Future plans: Bar Exam at the end of July. Attorney (hopefully) afterwards.

Now working at the firm of Casey, Bailey & Maines, where I did my internship.

#### ***Zach Wiser*** from RIT Saunders School of Business,

*Degree: MS in Finance cum laude*

Proud Parents: Brian & Mary Wiser

Future plans are to work as a financial analyst “Anywhere, Anytime, hopefully soon!”





## **COLLEGE GRADUATES, cont.:**

### ***Anna Bright* from The College at Brockport,**

*Degree: BS in Communications*

Proud Parents: Craig & Kelsey Bright

Future plans: Hopefully to be employed at some point

Anna would like to thank the FPCV community for all of their support!!

### ***Melissa Page* from Cornell,**

*Degree: Food Science with minors in Nutrition & Business*

Proud Parents: Bill & Stephanie Page

We are happy to relay that she received 3 academic awards at her dept's virtual graduation last weekend, one of which was highest GPA in the graduating class of undergrads.

She has accepted a job at Motif Foodworks in Boston starting the week of June 6

### ***Liz Toomey* from UB,**

*Degree: Masters of Science in Mental Health Counseling and Certificate of Advanced Study in Mindful Counseling for Wellness and Engagement*

Proud Parents: John & Sue Toomey

Future plans: Pursue a career within the mental health field in order to become a licensed practitioner to someday have a private practice



## VICTOR-FARMINGTON FOOD CUPBOARD



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

The Victor Farmington Food Cupboard will continue to be open **Wednesdays and Sundays 2-4 pm** for drive thru service. This is a stay in your car service. Just let us know how many people are in the family and pop your trunk. We realize many people need food support now that have never needed this before. Please do not hesitate to come, this is why we exist!

*"Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty."*

*John 6:35*

### 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

### DRIVE-THRU AND POP-UP SERVICES

\*Emergency food boxes are also available at the church, please just email or call the office or Pastor Colin to pick-up curbside at the church.

#### COMMUNITY-WIDE "DRIVE THRU" FOOD DISTRIBUTION ONTARIO COUNTY RESIDENTS ONLY - PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED

Each household will receive three boxes of groceries containing dairy, cooked meat and produce: Milk, yogurt, cheese, chicken, ham, sausage, carrots, apples, etc.

##### **Monday, June 8th**

- Geneva 2:00 – 5:00 pm, Call 585-396-4522 to register  
Geneva Enterprise Development Center (GEDC) 122 N. Genesee St.  
Geneva NY 14456

##### **Monday, June 15th**

– Canandaigua 12:00 -3:00 pm, Call 585-396-4596 to register  
Zion Fellowship 5188 Bristol Rd, Canandaigua, NY 14424

The Victor Howard Hanna office in **Mead Square** will be hosting a popup drive thru food drive on **June 13th 10 am to 2 pm.**

Please call us if you do not live close to the Food Cupboard and we will be able to tell you if we have emergency food boxes closer to your home. If you are unable to leave your home or know someone in this category, please call us for alternative arrangements: (585)924-2720.

The V-F Food Cupboard is also hosting Pop-up food drives at various locations each week. Check on their Facebook page or on our News Blog page for updates with dates and locations.

# First Presbyterian Church IN VICTOR

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HOWEVER YOU HAVE COME.  
YOU ARE WELCOME HERE.

## June 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31 Day of Pentecost Sunday Service Facebook Live Service, 10am	1	2 Devotional/ Prayer Time via ZOOM, noon	3 Virtual Service Facebook Live, 7pm	4 Devotional/Prayer Time 7pm– ZOOM Mom's Group 8pm – ZOOM	5	6
7 Sunday Service Facebook Live Service, 10am	8	9 Devotional/ Prayer Time via ZOOM, noon	10 Virtual Service Facebook Live, 7pm	11 Devotional/Prayer Time 7pm– ZOOM Mom's Group 8pm – ZOOM	12	13
14 Sunday Service Facebook Live Service, 10am	15	16 Devotional/ Prayer Time via ZOOM, noon	17 Virtual Service Facebook Live, 7pm	18 Devotional/Prayer Time 7pm– ZOOM Mom's Group 8pm – ZOOM	19	20 Summer!
21 Father's Day Sunday Service Facebook Live Service, 10am	22	23 Devotional/ Prayer Time via ZOOM, noon	24 Virtual Service Facebook Live, 7pm	25 Devotional/Prayer Time 7pm– ZOOM Mom's Group 8pm – ZOOM	26	27
28 Sunday Service Facebook Live Service, 10am	29	30 Devotional/ Prayer Time via ZOOM, noon	1 Virtual Service Facebook Live, 7pm	2 Devotional/Prayer Time 7pm– ZOOM Mom's Group 8pm – ZOOM Devotional/Prayer	3	4

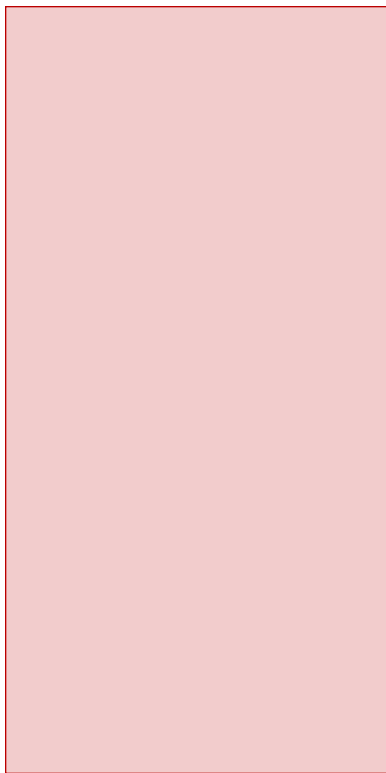
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