

## JUNE 2021 NEWSLETTER

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# First Presbyterian Church IN VICTOR

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

*Wild Geese by Mary Oliver:*

“You do not have to be good. You do not have to walk on your knees for a hundred miles through the desert, repenting. You only have to let the soft animal of your body love what it loves. Tell me about despair, yours, and I will tell you mine. Meanwhile the world goes on. Meanwhile the sun and the clear pebbles of the rain are moving across the landscapes, over the prairies and the deep trees, the mountains and the rivers. Meanwhile the wild geese, high in the clean blue air, are heading home again. Whoever you are, no matter how lonely, the world offers itself to your imagination, calls to you like the wild geese, harsh and exciting — over and over announcing your place in the family of things.”

Greeting's members and friends of First Presbyterian Church of Victor,

The poem above reminds me time and again that I am not perfect, and that I am allowed to fail, but also more than anything reminds me that I am to be a person of grace. That is 100% true for all of you as well; you do not have to be perfect, and you are allowed to fail, and you are also a person of grace. You might not know this about me, but for the longest time I was not able to give myself grace when I made mistakes or failed to live up to either my expectations or others' expectations of me. Nowhere was the sting of guilt more pointed and painful than my relationship with God. It all changed when I sat at a meeting of Pastors and Elders from the RCA equivalent to Presbytery called the Classis. At the Rochester Classis meeting in the summer of 2011 as I was about to become a candidate for ordained ministry, I spoke about college, my learning I had done in my Christian Ministry program, and my calling to ministry. I named all the guilt, hang-ups I had, and the desire to live a morally pure and upright life as a Christian. As I mentioned in my sermon on May 16, my early understanding of Christianity was that there were all these steps I had to do to earn God's grace and love. I felt this way at this meeting with the Classis.



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A wonderful and gracious Pastor in the Classis asked me this question: “do you have a hard time giving yourself grace?” The question itself cut through the pretension and guilt I had been feeling. I was alarmed by the question; it was harsh and exciting to think that grace could be something we showed toward ourselves! In the conversation that followed I learned that I had been way too hard on myself. I was trying to be perfect, but as a result was feeling more and more guilty. A cloud lifted that day and I realized what Mary Oliver’s poem says in its opening lines to be true: I didn’t have to be ‘good,’ I didn’t have to shamefully “crawl on my knees through a desert landscape repenting” time and again for all of the things I had ever done wrong. Purity, perfection, guilt, shame, and all the other practices I had been doing to try and tame sin in my life were exhausting attempts of my own doing to try and make myself holy and right with God. Have you ever felt any of those? Have you ever felt like you weren’t living up to your own expectations or of the expectations of those around you?

*“Indeed, the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing until it divides soul from spirit, joints from marrow; it is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart.”*

*Hebrews 4:12*

#### STAY CONNECTED



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I mention this poem, and my experience here, hoping that it will be encouraging as you reflect on your own life and experience of grace. Let me be pastoral and speak into your life: “you can give yourself some grace when you fail and when you make mistakes.” As humans it is bound to happen, and as Christians we are not excluded from trying hard to become better, failing at it, and trying again. We all have things we have despair over; we all have things we have guilt over, but as Christians we also have this altogether wonderful and life changing truth that we are claimed by God’s love and forgiveness. We name in the Lord’s prayer every week a desire for God to forgive us as we forgive one another. Sometimes I think we need to offer forgiveness and grace to ourselves, because all too often we are our own worst critic, are we not? I find that I am often harsher and more unforgiving of my own faults than I am of others.

The invitation today as you read this is to look back and reflect on the past year and a half and offer grace and forgiveness to others, and to situations. All of us have had despair and longing over the time we have spent in the pandemic. We have been let down in one way or another. We have all grieved different losses as well as the ways our expectations and needs have not been met. As a church community there is the tremendous loss of connection, usual habits, fellowship, ministry, and add to that the loss of Pastor Colin at the end of last year as he took another call. Perhaps even in the past few months with my arrival as your Interim there has been continued grief, frustration, and perhaps your expectations of me have left you feeling let down as well. Personally, and corporately as the congregation, we must be willing to offer grace and love. We aren’t flippant about it. We do not do so without also offering accountability for our actions, but we do this knowing that healing for all that has been, can only come through grace and forgiveness.

Re-read Mary Oliver's poem now. Join with me as we look to the final couple lines to be a rededication of our lives to one another, God, and this community. "Whoever you are, no matter how lonely, the world offers itself to your imagination, calls to you like the wild geese, harsh and exciting — over and over announcing your place in the family of things..." As we let our bodies 'love what we love,' as the world calls out to us 'harsh and exciting,' might we wonder together about 'our place in the family of things.'

In closing let me say this: "I love you all for who you are and who you are becoming, and I offer you forgiveness, grace, and my commitment to do the good and hard work of being transformed together as a community. My hope is that you would offer the same for me and for each other."

Your fellow servant in Christ,

Pastor Nick

*"Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect."*  
*Romans 12:2*

## WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

### **Sundays, 10 am**

*YouTube Livestream & In-person\**  
Sunday Service

### JUNE WORSHIP SCHEDULE

**June 6th**~ 10am Sunday Worship (Communion)

**June 13th**~ 10am Sunday Worship

**June 20th**~ 10am Sunday Worship (Father's Day)

**June 27th**~ 10am Sunday Worship

### **Pastor Nick's Office Hours**

Tuesday- Fri: 9-4

[pastor@victorpres.org](mailto:pastor@victorpres.org)

585-924-2289 Church Office

585-698-9064 Pastoral emergencies







## VOCAL & BELL CHOIR

Would you be interested in being part of either choir if it were to start back up in the church this Fall? Please email the office responding to these questions:

- Are you interested in vocal choir or handbell choir?
- If the choir were to perform only once or twice per month, would you be more likely to take part?
- Are you available Wednesday evenings for practice, as well as Sunday mornings?

Thank you for considering, and we appreciate your feedback.

*“God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.”*  
*John 4:24*

The Property Committee is looking for help through the Summer with landscaping/flower gardening around the church grounds and also with help on Sundays operating our AV system. Would you be willing to volunteer your time? Contact Bill Martz at [williamlmartz1@gmail.com](mailto:williamlmartz1@gmail.com)



## 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 events, info on our 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.

As a reminder, our member directory is available through your Realm account ([onrealm.org](http://onrealm.org)). **We encourage everyone to create an account with our Realm church management software, if you haven’t already.** Please email the office if you need an invite! An updated directory will be available soon. We will make every effort to catch up with changes and corrections prior to publication of the new directory. However, if there is an error in your information, please send an email to [office@victorpres.org](mailto:office@victorpres.org) or call the church office during regular hours. **If you prefer not to have your contact information included, please let the office know!** If you do not make privacy changes on your Realm account or with the office, your contact information will be included in our directory.



Current Office Hours \*through June

Mon & Tues by email

Wed & Thurs 10-2 in office

[office@victorpres.org](mailto:office@victorpres.org)

585-924-2289

\*\* Please note\*\*

**Summer office hours** run through July and August:

Tuesdays & Thursdays 9-2



*"I can do all things through him who strengthens me."*

*Philippians 4:13*

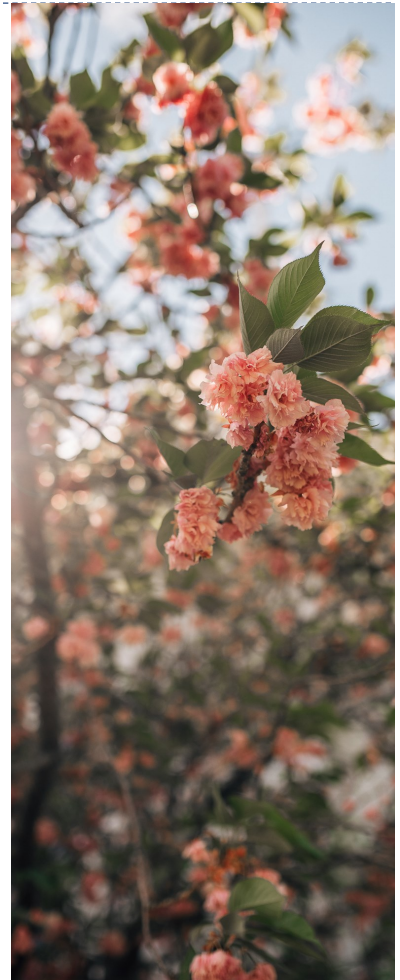
Have you seen our new weekly **eNews** in your email?! We have begun to use the *Mailchimp* platform to send out a weekly email on Thursdays, that keeps you up-to-date with everything that is happening in the church community that week. Included each week is the materials for Sunday worship, sign-up link for worship volunteers through *SignUp Genius* (greeters, liturgists, hymn leaders, special music, floral arrangements for communion Sundays, etc.), upcoming events calendar, and other important information. Please check your spam/promotions/other folders in your email if you are not receiving the eNews in your inbox. You can also find Sunday worship materials and the eNews right on the website under the News tab, "Weekly Bulletins & eNews", if that is easier for you.



**mailchimp**

As always, 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 during regular office hours or leave a message.

~Courtney Maltman, Office Admin.



### 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  
Kevin Dickens....18th  
Lindsay Lauretti.....21st  
Julia Holter....26th  
Ava Dussmann....28th  
Nicholas Dorland...29th  
Ann Aldrich....29th  
James Bellefeuille....30th

### JUNE ANNIVERSARIES!

Jeff & Megan Antonitto....11th  
Jamie & Anne Rine....15th  
Steve & Allison Simpson....19th  
Bill & Cathy Martz....26th  
Michael & Amy Reinhardt..26th  
Larry & Marilyn Teel...27th

## SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

June 6<sup>th</sup> is the last day of regular Sunday school. We will begin Summer Sunday school, for children in grades PreK-5, on June 13<sup>th</sup>. The summer class will meet in the Activity Room. As always, the children will be dismissed for class following the “Moment for All Ages” time from worship and should be picked up by 1 parent, in the Activity Room, following service.



## SUNDAY SCHOOL CALENDAR

Date	PreK-3 Topic	4-6 Topic
June 6, 2021	Love in Action	God is Always with You

### Important Dates

- June 6<sup>th</sup>- Last Day of Regular Sunday school
- June 13<sup>th</sup>- First Day of Summer Sunday school
- June 14<sup>th</sup>- Flag Day
- June 20<sup>th</sup>- Father's Day
- July 4<sup>th</sup>- Independence Day (No Sunday School)





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

## TREASURER'S REPORT

### **TREASURER'S REPORT (EXECUTIVE SUMMARY)** **For Month of April 2021**

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

Beginning Balance	\$36,759.85
Income	16,627.14
Expenses	15,546.05
<b>Ending Balance</b>	<b>\$37,840.94</b>

Offering Actual	Budget	Difference
\$14,654.00	\$15,000.00	\$(346.00)

Year-to-Date:	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Total Operating Income	\$76,045.01	\$75,368.58	\$676.43
Total Operating Expenses	69,844.22	70,673.93	\$(829.71)
Operating Income (Loss)	<u>\$6,200.79</u>	<u>\$4,694.65</u>	<u>\$1,506.14</u>

Adult Pledges Year-to-Date:	
Actual	\$61,615.70
Budget	60,000.00
Surplus/(Shortfall)	<u>\$1,615.70</u>
	2.69%

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

# Congrats Class of 2021

## 2021 GRADUATES– CONGRATULATIONS!!!

### HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES:

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**Karina Ekholm** is graduating from Honeoye Falls Lima High School and she will be attending Rollins College in Winter Park FL. Proud parents Eric and Michele Ekholm.



**Mallory Alexandra Schake** is graduating from Vestal High School. She will be attending St John Fisher College, studying Media and Communications with a minor in Spanish. Donna & Dave Schake, very proud grandparents.



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**Alexis Worrall** is graduating Magna Cum Laude from Victor High School. She will be attending Xavier University in the fall and will be on the swim team. Proud parents Jennifer and Dale Worrall.



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**Katie McAdoo** is graduating from Victor High School. She is going to study Occupational Therapy at D'Youville College in the Fall. Proud parent Heather McAdoo.





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**Peyton Tripp** is graduating from Victor High School (Summa Cum Laude, National Honor Society, Tri-M Honor Society, Spanish Honor Society). She will be attending Nazareth College for Communication Disorders/ Speech Pathology and will be on the Cross Country and Track teams. Proud parent Karen Tripp.



**Rebecca Pritchard** is graduating from Victor High School (National Honor Society & Magna Cum Laude) Regents Degree with Honors (Mastery in Science and Math). Rebecca will be attending Binghamton University, Harpur College of Arts and Sciences (Biology Major). Rebecca will be participating in Seneca Park Zoo Explorers and hoping to find a job this summer! Proud Parents Colin Pritchard & Dina Strasser and Grandparents Beth Jelsma, Craig Epperson, and Theresa Strasser.



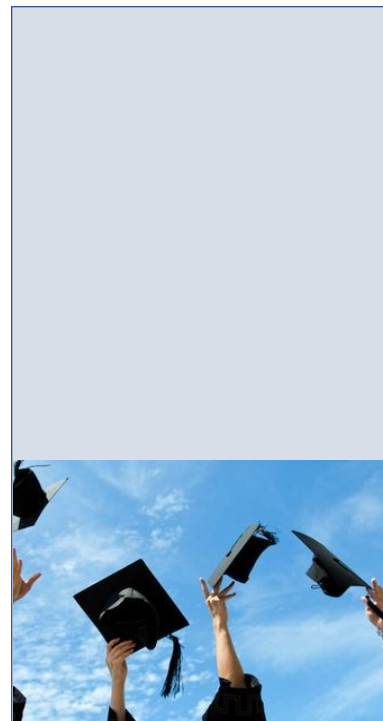
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**Lindsay Lauretti** is graduating from Victor Senior High. She will be attending RIT and studying Illustration. Proud parents Bill and Stacey Lauretti.



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**Lauren Holmes** is graduating from Victor High School (Spanish Honors and Music Honors). Lauren will be attending Niagara University to study Political Science. Proud Parents Kacey and Bill Holmes.



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### COLLEGE GRADUATES:

**CoeDee Mowers** is graduating with multiple undergraduate degrees in History, Accounting and Finance from University of Maryland. He will be interning at Ernst and Young this summer and pursuing a 1 year Masters in Accountancy degree from the University of Maryland next year. Proud parents Steve and Marti Mowers.



**Kyle Bensink** is graduating from Dartmouth with a major in Computer Science. He will be working for Appian Software in Virginia. Proud Godparents Kathie and Larry Jacobs.



## Congratulations Graduates!

**Maggie Henderson** received her PhD in Computational Neurosciences from University of California at San Diego. She is moving to Pittsburgh this summer to be a Post Doctoral Researcher at Carnegie Mellon University. Proud Parents David and Sue Henderson.





## VICTOR-FARMINGTON FOOD CUPBOARD



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

If you plan to garden this year, would you consider growing an extra plant for us? We love, love, love fresh produce donations!! And if you don't plan to garden this summer, would you consider donating a gift card or plant to the St. Patrick's Garden project in Victor? This garden grows fresh food for the VF Food Cupboard!

The coordinators are looking for:

- \*gift cards to Bristol's or Home Depot to purchase plants and materials.
- \*zucchini plants
- \*acorn squash plants
- \*spaghetti squash plants
- \*butternut squash plants
- \*summer squash plants

Our van will be at the Victor Farm Market (Wednesdays 3-6) and the Farmington Farm Market (Friday 3-6) to accept donations starting this week.

The Victor Farmington Food Cupboard is open **Wednesdays from 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!

Ontario County residents: Next week we will add Thursday evenings to our available appointment times. Please call any time this week if you would like to come in next week Monday or Friday morning, or Wednesday or Thursday evening. If you would like an appointment, please call (585)924-2720 and leave contact information. Also, let us know what day and time you'd prefer. We will call back to confirm as soon as we can. *Our drive through will be ending sometime this summer* so please consider setting up an appointment so you can try it out now. This is still a safe option as you will stay in your vehicle and talk to your personal shopper on the phone. If you do not have a cell phone we can still serve you, just let us know when you make the appointment.

(\*If you do not live in Ontario County and need food please call us and we will work with you to find a food cupboard close to you.)



Panera Bread continues to donate baked goods for our community to be received at the church on **Wednesday mornings** (depending on delivery times, usually around 10am-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!**





## FAMILY PROMISE

We hear it all too frequently –

### WHERE HAS THE TIME GONE?

Thanks to our partnership with *you, our volunteers*, here are some exciting numbers!

#### From January - April 2021 our team has served:

33 Families  
152 People  
4893 Meals  
491 Volunteer Hours  
38 Food Link Boxes  
6 Families in Apartments

**And the best news of all:** We have had 3 Families Graduate from our Program in just under 4 months!

*Our next Host Week for Family Promise is June 6-13th. In lieu of in-church activities, FP is requesting food gift cards from Tops, Wegmans, or Wal-Mart be dropped off or mailed to Family Promise, 185 North Main St., Canandaigua 14424, attn Jay.*



**THIS is what we have been doing while time is flying! This is what *your partnership supports.***



### Hosting Week with Family Promise coming up?

Hosting looks different in the pandemic.

Social Distancing with a two-year-old is not easy. But our families still need our support!

Here are some ways you can help.

- ✓ Can you be a "Shopping Angel" and get groceries for families without transportation?
- ✓ Can you read to preschool age children on Zoom?
- ✓ Can you contribute to an "Acorn Fund" that will provide small cost items like sports equipment for the season or a new pair of glasses?
- ✓ Can you help us at the Day Center with various tasks to support the agency and our guests?

Connect with your congregation's coordinators or reach out to

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



**The 5th Annual FPOC's Amazing virtual Bedrace**  
 You and your friends can create  
 your own virtual bed at our GIVEGAB online page.

Log onto  
[www.givegab.com/campaigns/amazingbedrace](http://www.givegab.com/campaigns/amazingbedrace)

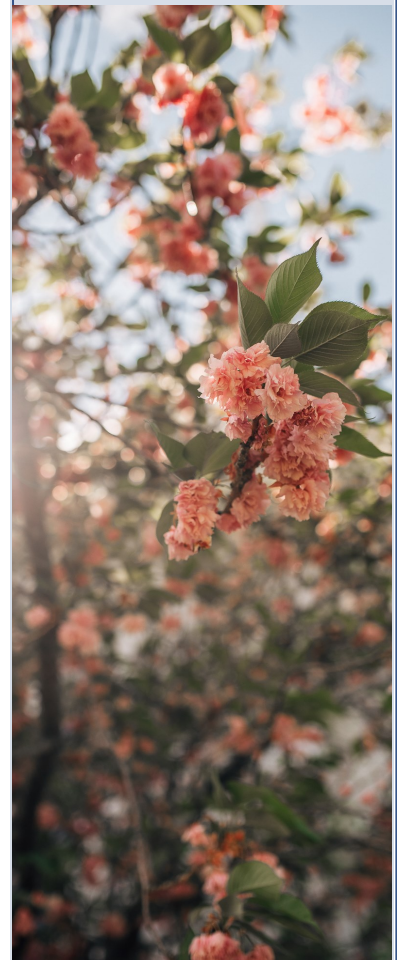
All event proceeds will fund FPOC to provide housing, case management and support families attain sustainable, safe housing.

*New This year...*



**Sleep any where *but* your bed!**  
**Take photos - win prizes!**

Family Promise of Ontario County Inc. is a 501c3 Federal tax-exempt charity. Donations are deductible as allowed by law. NYS Charity number is EIN# 81-4353748. NYS Charities Bureau #46-21-43: a copy of the most recent financial report can be requested from the Charities Bureau Registry on the NY Attorney General's ([www.charitiesnys.com](http://www.charitiesnys.com)) or by contacting them at 212-416-8401. NYS Attorney General's Office, 28 Liberty Street, New York, NY 10005





## BANNER SPONSORSHIP

**Have you noticed the praise banners on each side of the pulpit?**

Liturgical colors signify a time or event in the life of the church. The worship committee has been displaying these colors regularly and would like to express there meaning more formally with banners. We are hoping that YOU, members of the congregation would like to sponsor one banner or a set of banners. Call a friend and you can each buy one to make a set. Right now we are looking to fulfill the yearly Liturgical calendar.

\*The banners are \$39.00 each and right now the company is offering 20% discount and free shipping. \* **Please contact the church office** for exact pricing before sending payment, to see which banners are still available for purchase or if you have any questions!

*“Where you go, I will go; where you lodge, I will lodge;  
your people shall be my people, and your God my God.”  
~Ruth 1:16*



Thank you to **Brian and Many Wiser** for sponsoring the Lenten banner set and the Ordinary time banner set.

Thank you to **Jeff and Jan Astles** for sponsoring the Pentecost banner set.

Thank you to **Dean and Phidelia Cornwell** for sponsoring the Communion banner.

Thank you to **Kathleen and Dan Wagner** for sponsoring the Easter set.

Thank you to **Ardyce Lake** for sponsoring the Advent banners.



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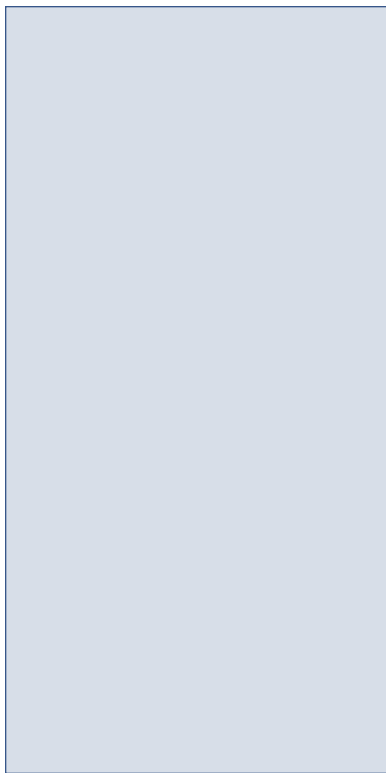
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## June 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30 Worship 10am.w/ Sunday School, 11:10 Coffee Hour- ZOOM (no book study) 7 pm AA meeting	31 <b>Memorial Day</b> Office Closed	1	2 10am Panera	3 (no book study)	4	5
6 <b>Communion</b> Worship 10am w/ Sunday School 11:10 Coffee Hour , Book Study Group 7 pm AA meeting & Al-Anon	7	8 7pm Session Meeting	9 10am Panera	10 6:30 pm "Love Does" book study- ZOOM	11	12
13 Worship 10am w/ Sunday School 11:10 Coffee Hour , Book Study Group 7 pm AA meeting & Al-Anon	14	15 6pm Deacons Meeting 7pm Worship Committee Meeting	16 10am Panera	17 6:30 pm "Love Does" book study- ZOOM	18	19
20 <b>Summer!</b> <b>Father's Day</b> Worship 10am w/ Sunday School 11:10 Coffee Hour 7 pm AA meeting & Al-Anon	21	22	23 10am Panera	24	25	26
27 Worship 10am w/ Sunday School 11:10 Coffee Hour 7 pm AA meeting & Al-Anon	28	29	30 10am Panera	1	2	3

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