

MAY 2020 NEWSLETTER

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First Presbyterian Church IN VICTOR

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

FROM PASTOR COLIN

I'm not a huge fan of platitudes of simple catchphrases because they so often bypass context and consequence. Yet, many of clichés are based in something true.

Consider this well known offering: "When God closes a door, somewhere He opens a window."

There are a lot of closed doors right now, including the ones to the sanctuary of your church facility at 70 E Main St. It can be most unhelpful to see this as the choice of God. For to do so means that we have to assume God caused the death of tens of thousands from Covid-19. We would have to believe then that God chose for millions to be unemployed, and brave medical staff to be martyred. I would suggest that this does not align with Holy we know revealed in Jesus our Christ and born witness to in the Gospels.

And yet...there is opportunity in this time of closing. God did not create it, but Christ is with us in it. We can find him in our longing to gather with others in community and communion. We can find him in our compassion for those who are suffering and our desire to help. We can find him in our recognition that all the toys and screens in the world are not better than a laugh, a tear, a hug from a friend.

So there is a window open right now. A path to be the church in a new way is being revealed. We can be the body of Christ, the church if you will, without congregating in a set time and place. How? We worship and study and laugh and cry and pray and serve and choose to seek and speak of Jesus. With those who can hear our voices, we do these things. With those who may be able to see our faces on a computer or phone, we do these things. As the dispersed, and yet unified, people of this church community, we do these things.

While your staff and I are working hard to create openings and offerings for you to do these things, there is also an unprecedented opportunity for you to participate in also leading the ministry here. A window is open. Do you have an idea for hosting fellowship? Do you have a way for people to serve the vulnerable? Do you want to lead a discussion of scripture or other intriguing texts? Can you gather with others (virtually) in prayer?

We will help you coordinate if you are moved in your spirit to lead.

If you are burdened by this season or simply need to be cared for, for a time, know that we are here for you. All that we do is open to you and if you need support accessing these things, simply ask. It is OK to not be OK right now. You are not alone.

Thank you for your participation, faithfulness, service, and generosity. We are the church of open windows, and soon an open door.

Blessings,

Pastor Colin



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FROM THE OFFICE

It's hard to believe that the church building has been closed for 7 weeks! Fortunately, we live in a time of technology and computer access, which allows me to continue my work for the church remotely, and in new and unique ways! As we all wait for the building to be able to reopen, I have been able to maintain a majority of my work from my home, while coordinating distance learning for my 3 kids. Who would have ever thought we would be having ZOOM calls for worship and school?! I am going into the church now once a week to complete some things that can't be done from home and to get ready for when you all can be back together physically! I have been working hard to update our website often, please check in there to find up-to-date information about the happenings from the church. There is a ton of info on the site about worship, news from our local missions, calendar of virtual events, info on our new online giving platform, and so much more! If you need anything from the office, the best way to get in touch is to email me at **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, leave a message if you do not get an answer and the voicemail will also be checked daily. Hope you all are doing well and staying safe!

~ Courtney Maltman

"May my teaching drop as the rain, my speech distill as the dew, like gentle rain upon the tender grass, and like showers upon the herb."
Deuteronomy 32:2

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VIRTUAL WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

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 will be sent to members via email on Mondays. **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!**

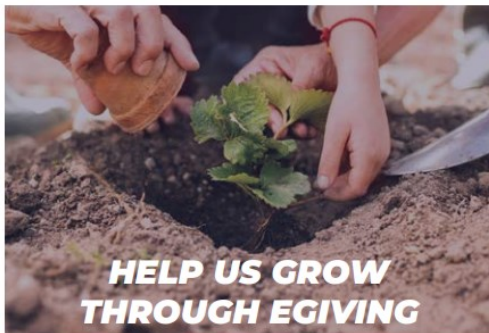
Please note this is a tentative schedule as the building remains closed. All services will be livestreamed on the First Presbyterian Church of Victor's Facebook page at the times indicated. The services will then be available to later watch on our First Presbyterian Church in Victor YouTube channel!



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 few weeks of closure is graciously appreciated. A continued thanks to the many



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/

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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!

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

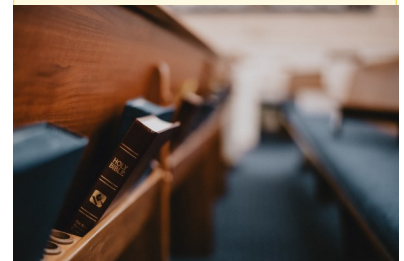
Apr 30, 2020

May 7, 2020

May 14, 2020

May 21, 2020

May 28, 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.

MAY BIRTHDAYS!

Wayne Hulbert...1st
Melissa Whipple...3rd
Cindy Scoda...4th
Larry Jacobs....5th
Steven Mowers.....6th
Doug Reed...11th
Brandon Bellefeuille..16th
George Heuring.....18th
Kathryn Sturn...18th
Lynne Holter....19th
Nancy Olson..23rd
Marjorie Damaske...25th
Scott Furguson....25th
Lindsey Praino.....25th
Kathy Purdie.....25th
Ruth Drete....26th
Lauren Holmes....28th
Joseph Ciroula....29th
Susan George....31st

MAY ANNIVERSARIES!

David & Donna Schake...4th
Marjorie & Edward
Damaske....7th
Dan & Diane Miles....10th
Craig & Kelsey Bright....11th
Joanne & James
Bellefeuille.....13th
Phidelia & Dean
Cornwell...16th
Nancy & Kerry
VanIseghem....23rd
Florence & Larry Cook...27th

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

Hi, First Presbyterian Church in Victor families! For those of you who don't already know, we have been continuing our Sunday school lessons via Zoom conference, since March 29th. The PreK-3 class meets every Sunday from 9-9:30am and the 4-6 class meets every Sunday night from 7-7:30pm. The Meeting ID for both sessions is 437 304 8258.

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 weeks class. The PreK-3 class is using the Deep Blue Kids curriculum and the 4-6 class is using the Submerge curriculum. Here are the upcoming topics for both classes.

~Michele Ekholm



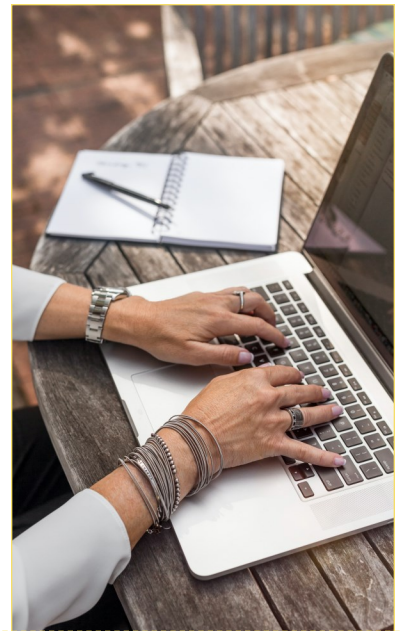
SUNDAY SCHOOL CALENDAR

Date	PreK-3 Topic	4-6 Topic
April 26, 2020	Thomas Believes	Jesus Brings Peace
May 3, 2020	Peter and John	The Holy Spirit Comes
May 10, 2020	Peter in Prison	A New Community
May 17, 2020	Paul is Charged	Peter and John Heal
May 24, 2020	Paul Escapes	Paul and Barnabas Preach
May 31, 2020	Pentecost	Philip Welcomes an Ethiopian

FROM THE TREASURER

Thanks to the support of the congregation and the community, the church is still in a stable financial position. I'm going into the office about twice a week to sort through the mail and pay bills. I'm checking email daily at home, so if you have any questions or concerns, please reach out to me. Thanks to the many families who donate electronically via ACH and those mailing in checks or donating online, we're not only able to pay our bills, but still donate what our mission has allocated to the community - Victor Farmington Food Cupboard, Habitat for Humanity, Family Promise, and Serenity House. 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



“For once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light. Live as children of light-” Ephesians 5:8

TREASURER'S REPORT MARCH 2020

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

TOTAL GENERAL FUND:

Beginning Balance	\$27,396.67
Income	17,988.38
Expenses	23,904.86
Ending Balance	\$21,480.19

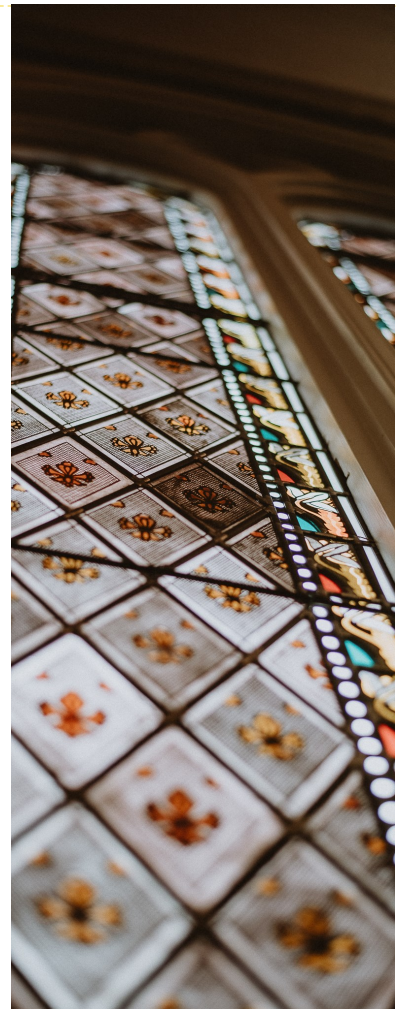
Offering Actual	Budget	Difference
\$13,645.34	\$16,250.00	\$(2,604.66)

Year-to-Date:	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Total Operating Income	\$60,269.37	\$62,675.05	\$(2,405.68)
Total Operating Expenses	62,635.74	61,734.23	\$901.51
Operating Income (Loss)	<u>\$(2,366.37)</u>	<u>\$940.82</u>	<u>\$(3,307.19)</u>

Adult Pledges Year-to-Date:

Actual	\$50,098.35
Budget	48,750.00
Surplus/(Shortfall)	<u>\$1,348.35</u>
	2.77%

Emily Wojcik
Treasurer





FAMILY ACTIVITIES DURING QUARANTINE

- ☐ Write cards for family and friends and send snail mail!
- ☐ Pray with and for people (one-on-one or in an online group)
- ☐ Put up pictures or words of encouragement in your windows
- ☐ Clean up a neighbor's yard, or offer to help with other non-contact chores
- ☐ Donate to a "Blessings Box"
- ☐ Go on a nature scavenger hunt
- ☐ Have a picnic outside
- ☐ Parents with littles: Watch the Veggie Tales YouTube Channel together!
- ☐ Play bible games on adventurebible.com
- ☐ Download the 'Deep Blue Adventure' app!

"The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?" Psalm 27:1

BECOME A COMPEER CALLING E-BUDDY

I have the true pleasure of serving as a volunteer and on the board of Compeer Rochester, and Compeer's "calling/ e-buddies" program was recently featured in the D&C's article on ways to help others and the response from many in the community to participate has been a hopeful sign of Spring! ~Steve Simpson

www.compeerrochester.org/compeer-calling-e-buddies

WAYS TO SERVE OUR COMMUNITY IN THE MIDST OF COVID-19

- ☐ Become a Compeer calling e-buddy (see left)
- ☐ Make meals and deliver to people shut-in or isolated
- ☐ Run errands/grocery shop for others
- ☐ Call and check-in regularly with a senior or someone who is isolated/in a facility
- ☐ Sew masks
- ☐ Purchase a gift card to a local business to be used when they are able to re-open
- ☐ Donate blood
- ☐ Donate to a food pantry, such as the Victor-Farmington Food Cupboard
- ☐ Offer to pick-up medicines or help with online ordering
- ☐ Support local restaurants by ordering "to-go"
- ☐ Donate to ministries and non-profits helping to respond to COVID-19
- ☐ Drop off food or essentials to elderly living alone or in a facility
- ☐ Consider offering your skills, remotely
- ☐ Check-in with parents who are working from home and trying to guide their children through distance learning
- ☐ Pray with and for people (one-on-one or in an online group)
- ☐ More ideas here! <https://www.democratandchronicle.com/story/news/2020/04/03/coronavirus-ways-help-and-volunteer-rochester-ny/5090920002/>



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

These are trying times for everyone, more so for those most vulnerable in our community. FPOC wants to take a moment and thank all of you, our volunteers and community partners for the immense outpouring of love in action! We have been blessed with abundance in all things. We have been able to support and care for our guests and graduates BECAUSE you have given so much. Thank you!

Host Week - our next host week is scheduled for May 10 -17. At this juncture, we most likely will NOT be hosting any families, due to the Shelter in Place order. FPOC is alternatively housing all guests, working hard to support both our current families and graduates.

Relief Fund - because of the current pandemic, there has been a significant reduction of gifts to FPOC, as well as a significant increase in monetary needs by our families. Please consider making a donation today. You can donate at FPOC website: www.familypromiseontariocounty.org or mail gift to FPOC 185 North Main St, Canandaigua NY 14424.

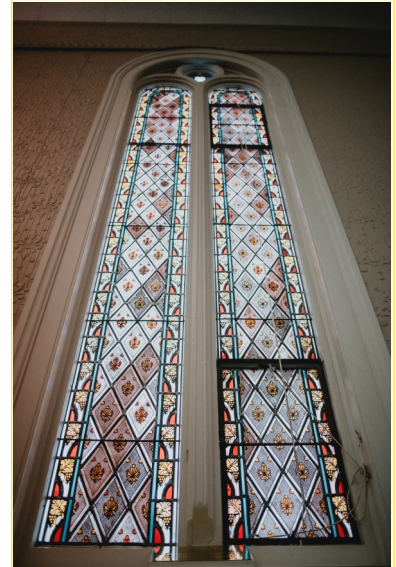
Know A Landlord - FPOC is looking for permanent housing for our guests. FPOC is looking to build relationships with landlords and establish solid business partnerships in our community. If you have any leads, please contact Brenda Spratt at 585-410-4654.

Virtual House Warming & Baby Shower Party - please join us for showers for two families, on-line, at the links below. Please order on-line and ship to Day Center (185 N Main St Cdga 14424) or leave new or gently used items on the south porch at the Day Center. Thank you, as always, for your generosity in helping homeless children and their families.

<https://signup.com/go/bhuqSzH>
<https://signup.com/go/cfkUmA0>

Children & Adult Covid19 Masks - because of the current NY State requirement to wear masks in public places, the FPOC is requesting purchased or home made masks be dropped off at the Day Center, Monday - Friday from 9 -4. If no one is there, a plastic tote Blessing Box is located on the south front porch.

Please stay healthy and safe during these trying times, keep in touch with your neighbors, family and friends, and those more vulnerable. May peace and hopefulness be with you always. If you need clarification on any of the above, or would like to talk to someone other than your housemates or pets, please call or email me at richcromwell94@gmail.com or 585-370-0839.





VICTOR-FARMINGTON FOOD CUPBOARD



"Feeding the Hungry with Dignity and Respect."

"In reply he said to them, "Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise."

Luke 3:11

DRIVE-THRU AND POP-UP SERVICES

The Victor Farmington Food Cupboard will 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 (if you cannot open your trunk or it is full of other items, we will put your box out for you to load and we will back away). 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!

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.

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.

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

Visit our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/firstvictorpres/ for all Livestream services. Give us a like!

Livestream services can be watched at a later time on our [YouTube Channel](#): Search "First Presbyterian Church in Victor" and Subscribe!

****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!****

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WE WANT TO
HEAR FROM
YOU !!

DAY OF PENTECOST

On the **Day of Pentecost** we celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit descending in a mighty rush of wind and flame to inspire the church's proclamation of Christ's rising and to empower its mission and ministry to the world. (See Acts 2:1-13; see also Joel 2:28-32.) What better occasion than the Day of Pentecost to celebrate the gifts of joy and creativity in the community of faith? What better time to give thanks and praise to God, the author of creation and the source of all beauty, goodness, and truth? How? Through a congregational activity: We need images from YOU in your **brightest RED**, the liturgical color of Pentecost. Feel free to get creative with tongues of flames and fire imagery. This activity is meant to be fun for your family and your images will be shared in the next newsletter! Send your pictures to Courtney in the office at office@victorpres.org. Can't wait to see what you come up with!

GRADUATING SENIORS

With the cancellation of graduation ceremonies and closing of schools, we would like to recognize the class of 2020 and those making other major life milestones this Spring, that are being interrupted by this pandemic. **Please let the office know** if someone in your family/friends falls into this category that are possibly going to need to celebrate these milestones in a different way. FPCV would like to help them celebrate!

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