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First Presbyterian Church IN VICTOR

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FROM PASTOR COLIN

Eternal Wisdom and a New Normal

Hello Friends,

What an adventure we have been on! Good, bad, hard, hopeful. We have walked together in a strange season and find ourselves, in the now overused term, in a “new normal”. The pandemic has reset our expectations, plans, and models and it can feel like we are constantly reforming in a time of uncertainty. Thank you for your wonderful support and connections throughout this journey.

Before this all began, we had made the commitment as a congregation to participate in the Vital Congregations Initiative through the national PCUSA offices:

www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/theology-formation-and-evangelism/vital-congregations/

We had just started this wonderful process when everything changed. Well, not everything. The reasons for us saying yes to this program, and the potential of it have not changed. It is still good to look at ourselves and our faith community. It is still valuable to deliberately explore our strengths as a church, and the areas we feel called to strengthen. It is still holy to gather as a people and seek the guidance of God. It is still honoring of our calling as followers of the Christ to make decisions that move us closer to him. And so the leadership of your church has decided to start again the VCI program.

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FROM PASTOR COLIN (CONT.)

We will introduce the “7 Marks of Vitality” this fall and reengage the process of assessment starting in 2021. In 2022 then, we get to make choices focusing on growth and vision. In the days ahead, please invest some time and prayer in walking together as together we navigate a new normal guided by an eternal wisdom.

Blessings,

Pastor Colin



*“do not fear, for I am with you, do not be afraid, for I am your God;
I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my victorious right hand.
~Isaiah 41:10*

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VIRTUAL WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Sundays, 10 am

Livestream Sunday Service

Wednesdays, 7 pm

In-Person Livestream Short Prayer Service

**Please pre-register*



FROM THE OFFICE

As a reminder, your session has approved a gradual re-opening for in-person worship, starting with the shorter Wednesday evening prayer service, which began in-person on September 16th. Each Thursday I will send out a Google form by email to register yourself if you would like to attend the following week. Please pre-register (by Wednesday at noon) so that we may know how many people will be attending. Following a successful experience with this mid-week service, and the Victor school district staying open for in-person classes, we will proceed with opening with Sunday services beginning October 18th. More information will come soon on reopening for Sunday services. Sunday worship will continue being virtual until that point. The guidelines and restrictions are all outlined in the *Health & Safety Plan*, which was emailed last month and can also be found on the website.

In-office hours are now Wednesdays and Thursdays from 10-2. Please don't hesitate to reach out if you are in need of anything, email will also be checked daily.

~Courtney Maltman



“I hereby command you: Be strong and courageous; do not be frightened or dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.”
~ Joshua 1:9

TREASURER'S REPORT AUGUST 2020

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

TOTAL GENERAL FUND:

Beginning Balance	\$32,319.68
Income	21,492.54
Expenses	16,290.12
Ending Balance	<u>\$37,522.10</u>

Offering	Actual	Budget	Difference
	\$16,244.70	\$16,250.00	\$(5.30)

Year-to-Date:	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Total Operating Income	\$164,214.20	\$167,322.84	\$(3,108.64)
Total Operating Expenses	150,538.66	164,695.04	\$(14,156.38)
Operating Income (Loss)	<u>\$13,675.54</u>	<u>\$2,627.80</u>	<u>\$11,047.74</u>

Adult Pledges Year-to-Date:

Actual	\$132,094.90
Budget	130,000.00
Surplus/(Shortfall)	<u>\$2,094.90</u>
	1.61%

Emily Wojcik
Treasurer

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BIRTHDAYS!

Olivia Black...2nd
Karen Forbes...4th
Karen Provvidenza....4th
Becky Black.....6th
Jeff Praino.....6th
Emily Pierson....7th
Shirley Gould..7th
Geoffrey Astles...18th
Dave Hunter....18th
Beverly Lounsbury.....19th
Eric Eckholm..21st
Samuel McLaughlin....22nd
Bailey Kem.....24th
Benjamin Gleber....28th
Kerry VanIseghem.....30th
Samuel Edwards.....30th

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ANNIVERSARIES!

Susan & Michael George...**3rd**
Laurie & Phillip Lavery....**4th**
Mary & Brian Wiser....**12th**
Barbara & John Gregory....**15th**
Marti & Steven Mowers.....**25th**
Kim & Clay Girouard...**26th**
Anne & Wayne Hulbert....**26th**
Lois & Gary Ernst....**28th**

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

It is nice to see all of the children back at Sunday school this Fall. The ZOOM code is 437 304 8258 password 735049. All class changes are listed below the schedule.

~Michele Ekholm



4-6 Class Information

- Students will meet from 8:30 to 9am via ZOOM
- Students will be using the Be Bold curriculum
- All students who will be attending will receive a student book via USPS. They will also receive a Challenge by mail each week , as well as supplemental materials via email

PreK-3 Class Information

- Students will meet from 9:15 to 9:45am via ZOOM
- Students will be using the Celebrate Wonder curriculum
- All parents of students attending this class will receive the student materials via email prior to class each week.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CALENDAR

Date	Grades PreK-3	Grades 4-6
October 4, 2020	God Creates Helpers	God is at Work Today
October 11, 2020	Abraham and Sarah	God is Always With You
October 18, 2020	God's Promise to Abraham	God Is Your Friend
October 26, 2020	Abraham's Visitor	God is All Powerful

FROM THE BUILDING & PROPERTY COMMITTEE

Church landscaping makeover

A wonderful member of our congregation has provided for a landscaping makeover of our church property. Trees and bushes were trimmed, several old plants were removed and replaced, the flowerbeds were weeded and beautiful new mulch was put down. The entire outside of the church looks fabulous.

To keep things looking that way we would like to form a group that can divide up the maintenance workload. Throughout the year there will be opportunities for planting, pruning, mowing, weeding, and watering. If you think you may be able to help just once a year, please email Bill Martz at williamlmartz1@gmail.com or call 585-953-6854. You will be to be added to the contact list for the next zoom planning session or group work-gathering. Thank you in advance for your support!



“In him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling place for God.”
~Ephesians 2:21-22





"Feeding the Hungry with Dignity and Respect."

VICTOR-FARMINGTON FOOD CUPBOARD

BLESSING BOXES/ LITTLE FREE PANTRIES LOCATIONS:

Victor Farmington Library 15 W Main Street;
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

*"Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action.
~1 John 3:18*



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 Hosting Week??

If you would like to help our families as the week of your rotation comes around, think about making a small donation that represents the time and expense you might have invested with your congregation. You might also consider donating a gift card from Wegmans, Tops or Walmart for our guests to use.
Donations can be mailed to

FPOC
185 N. Main Street
Canandaigua, NY 14424

Make sure to note your congregation in the memo line!
FPCV's next hosting week will be November 1-8!

FPOC now has 3 emergency shelter apartments that are housing 3 families in need. All apartments are within walking distance of the Day Center. We are providing case management remotely when we can or in person using social distancing when necessary. Our partner congregations are continuing to assist our guests with groceries, virtual tutoring and support.

We plan to return to our regular rotational model some time in 2021 when it is safe to do so.



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.

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!

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27	28	29	30 Short Service Livestream, 7pm	1	2	3
4 Sunday Service Livestream , 10am Sunday School 8:30-9am (4-6) 9:15-9:45am (K-3) ZOOM	5	6	7 Kiwanis Blood drive, 1:30-6:30 Short Service Livestream, 7pm	8	9	10
11 Sunday Service Livestream, 10am Sunday School 8:30-9am (4-6) 9:15-9:45am (K-3) ZOOM	12 Indigenous Peoples' Day	13 Session Meeting- ZOOM, 7pm	14 Short Service Livestream, 7pm	15	16	17
18 Sunday Service Livestream Service, 10am Sunday School, 8:30-9am (4-6) 9:15-9:45am (K-3) ZOOM	19	20	21 Short Service Livestream, 7pm	22	23	24
25 Sunday Service Livestream Service, 10am Sunday School, 8:30-9am (4-6) 9:15-9:45am (K-3) ZOOM	26	27	28 Short Service Livestream, 7pm	29	30	31 Halloween

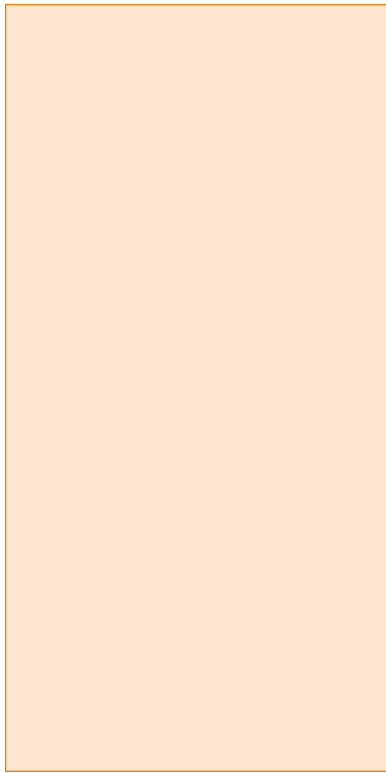
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