SUMMER 2021 NEWSLETTER



"I believe that I shall see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living. Wait for the Lord; be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait for the Lord!"

Psalm 27:13-14

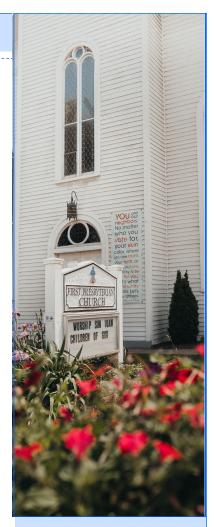
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Dear Members and Friends of the Victor Presbyterian Church,

This summer is a unique time of planning and preparation. In one sense that is true for every church each summer, but with the lifting of mandates following the COVID-19 pandemic this is especially true this summer. Behind the scenes work this summer you may or may not know about includes: Session and Deacons taking a needed break in July, Sunday School and Christian Education assessing and determining curriculum for the Fall, a search for a Director of Choirs and Nursery Attendant, Vital Congregations getting a fresh look and start, the resuming of Coffee hour thanks to our Deacons, and a couple of outdoor worship opportunities as well as joint worship with the Victor United Methodist church, plus more. These are the good things we should be doing as a church, and these allow us to plan a trajectory for the future in line with who we want to be as a church community. This discussion of our direction as a church community is ongoing, and especially as we lean more into the Vital Congregations Initiative this Fall, we will start the good work of learning and discerning who we are and who we are called to be. This also means a lot of patience, waiting, and wondering about what is to come. I encourage you with the Psalmists words, "wait for the Lord; be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait for the Lord." Certainly, the Psalmist wasn't talking about communal discernment, but instead deliverance from adversaries, however I believe it still applies. It will take courage, patience, and inner fortitude to do the hard work of communal discernment!

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FROM PASTOR NICK (CONT.)

A personal update about my own calling and wondering what God has for my future includes my going back to school for more training. The Session and Deacons know this and probably a few others that I have told in conversation, but for the rest of you this is news you probably haven't heard yet. I applied, was accepted, and will be starting a part time master's level program at St. John Fisher College in September. I have long felt that many of my giftings and skills align with Mental Health Counseling, and I will be taking coursework towards a M.S. in Mental Health Counseling. This is a 3-year program part time, which means 6 credit hours per semester of coursework. This will only minimally affect my work/time as Pastor as classes are held Tuesday afternoon/ vour Session, Deacons, and Worship Committee have all nights. agreed to move the day and time of meetings to accommodate this for me.

"From the rising of the sun to its setting, the name of the Lord is to be praised." Psalm 113:3

STAY CONNECTED







WATCH VIDEOS ON YOUTUBE First Presbyterian Church in Victor



OFFICE- office@victorpres.org PASTOR- pastor@victorpres.org 585.924.2289 This is not yet a change of job or career for me; I will still be your Interim Pastor and remain committed to my work here.

This is another part of my calling, vocation, and personal goals, and I am eager to begin learning and applying what I learn to my work here. I have talked about and been a supporter for so many in Pastoral Counseling as well as in Mental health awareness and treatment. I personally feel called to help combat the stigma around Mental Health especially as it relates to Christian faith and the Church.

Please ask any questions you may have, join me in prayer, and be patient with me as this is a new, exciting, and somewhat nervewracking adventure. I already feel the love and support of this congregation for who I am and for the ministry I can and do provide, and I know I will continue to feel support from you in this endeavor as well. Our health as Christians and humans is holistically intertwined; that means only when we are healthy in body and mind are we able to grow spiritually. I pray for all of you that you may feel comfortable as well as courageous to seek health in all areas of your life, and I would love to be here on that journey with you when you feel ready to meet and/or speak with me.

May God's peace be with you all this Summer,

Pastor Nick

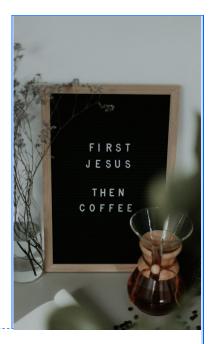
Pastor Nick's Office Hours

Tuesday- Fri: 9am-4pm

pastor@victorpres.org

585-924-2289 Church Office

585-698-9064 Pastoral emergencies



"Praise him, sun and moon; praise him, all you shining stars!" Psalm 148:3

WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

<u>Sundays, 10 am</u> YouTube Livestream & In-person* Sunday Service

SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

July 4th~ 10am Sunday Worship (Communion) July 11th~ 10am Sunday Worship July 18th~ 10am Sunday Worship July 25th~ 10am Sunday Worship

August 1st~ 10am Sunday Worship (Outdoor service) August 8th~ 10am Sunday Worship (Communion) August 15th~ 10am Sunday Worship August 22nd~ 10am Sunday Worship August 29th~ 10am Sunday Worship *The Deacons serve coffee in Corey Hall after worship service each Sunday. Please stop down, have a cup of coffee, and join us for fellowship time!





PROPERTY & AV

The Property Committee is continually 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



"Shower, O heavens, from above, and let the skies rain down righteousness; let the earth open, that salvation may spring up, and let it cause righteousness to sprout up also; I the Lord have created it." Isaiah 45:8



VOCAL & BELL CHOIR & NURSERY

The Session is currently considering filling two positions; *Choir Director and Nursery Attendant*, to start in September. If you know of someone that may be interested or if you are interested in either position, please reach out to Pastor Nick for additional information.

Are you interested in being part of either choir this Fall? A survey is included in the weekly eNews, or you can email the office responding to these questions:

- Are you interested in vocal choir or handbell choir? Or both?
- 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.

MAGGIE'S KIDS

A big thank you to all those who helped support Maggie's kids this week with food/money contributions and those who put together the lunch and snack packs. We had a beautiful day at Ononda Park in Canandaigua and the kids thoroughly enjoyed the park and the water. The kids and volunteers really appreciated all sandwiches and snack options. We made 80 sandwiches and they were all *gone* by the time the kids went home on the bus. I was so glad that we had extra to give those who wanted another sandwich. They loved all the snacks and juice boxes and Dottie was able to take the extras to use throughout the week. Thank you for your generosity!



"I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another."

John 13:34

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*, 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, "<u>Weekly Bulletins & eNews</u>", if that is easier for you.

As always, if you need anything from the office, 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 during regular office hours or leave a message.



Summer Office Hours Tues & Thurs 9am-2pm office@victorpres.org 585-924-2289

~Courtney Maltman, Office Admin.

JULY BIRTHDAYS!

Bill Patterson...1st 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

JULY ANNIVERSARIES!

Lynne & Reid Holter...**7th**

Jayne & George Heuring....**10th**

Cynthia & Gerrit

Katie & Scott Ferguson....16th

Heerkens...**16th** Lindsey & Jeff Praino.....**23rd** Ellen & John Quatrano...**25th**

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

This Summer the children are on a mission to collect old, broken, and leftover crayons for The Crayon Initiative. These crayons will be sorted by color and shipped off to be recycled into brand new crayons for children who are hospitalized. There are crayon donation boxes on the welcome table and on the table in the back of the sanctuary. More information on The Crayon Initiative can be found here:

https://thecrayoninitiative.org/

~Michele Ekholm



SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL TOPICS

- June-July: We will learn about Joseph
- August: We will learn about Moses

Important Dates

- July 4th- Independence Day (no Sunday School)
- August 29th- Last Day of Sunday School
- September 5th- Labor Day (No Sunday School)
- September 12th- Fall Sunday School Kickoff



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 June 2021

TOTAL GENERAL FUND:				A
Beginning Balance	\$42,971.75			
Income	13,815.62			
Expenses	14,364.86			
Ending Balance	\$42,422.51			St
Offering Actual		Budget	Difference	
	\$12,238.00	\$15,000.00	\$(2,762.00)]
Year-to-Date:	Actual	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Difference</u>	
Total Operating Income	\$109,745.17	\$113,005.71	\$(3,260.54)	
Total Operating Expenses	98,962.81	105,842.54	\$(6,879.73)	
Operating Income (Loss)	\$10,782.36	\$7,163.17	\$3,619.19	
Adult Pledges Year-to-Date:				
Actual	\$89,903.70			
Budget	90,000.00			
Surplus/(Shortfall)	\$(96.30)			
	-0.11%			

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS!

Erica Ekholm...5th Dahlia Liddle...5th Mikaela Antonitto....7th David Delmonico.....10th Delilah Liddle.....16th Stephanie Hastings....17th Anne Hulbert...19th Laurie Lavery 19th Amy Reinhardt.....20th Dan Miles..21st Aspen Newstead 23rd Erich Sturm 24th Jason Rine....25th Riley Wilbur.....26th Phidelia Cornwell....29th Ellen Quatrano....29th

AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES!

Kathryn & Erich Sturm...**1st** Bill & Kacey Holmes....**6th** Sue & Jeffery Grabowski....**6th** Stacie & Burt Kem....**14th** Brian & Dawn Pierson...**16th** Ann & Verne Aldrich....**19th** Sue & John Toomey....**22nd** Jen & Jeff Edwards...**29th** Stacey & Bill Lauretti.....**31st**

VICTOR-FARMINGTON FOOD CUPBOARD



"Feeding the Hungry with Dignity and Respect."



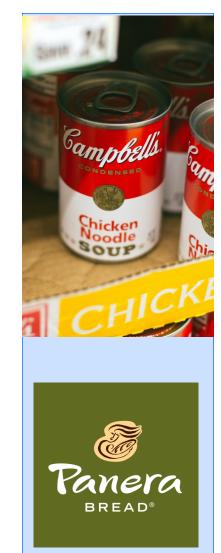
Can you contribute a school supply kit (or kits) for the Victor-Farmington Food Cupboard? We will be donating 50 kits for grades K-1. Sign up <u>here</u>: https://www.signupgenius.com/ go/10c0d4fa8a728abfbc25-school

Grades K-1 - School Supplies

Please gather these supplies for One kit:

Pencil box/pouch 1 pkg. colored markers – fine tip 1 pkg. colored markers – broad tip 1 pkg. dry erase colored markers – fine tip 1 pkg. highlighters 1/2 inch Avery clear view binder – white 1-inch Avery clear view binder – white 2 fine tip black Sharpie markers 24 count Crayola crayons 3 pack jumbo glue sticks 2 blue plastic pocket folders 1 composition notebook (not spiral)

*Monetary donations also accepted and appreciated. Please note on your check "For VFFC school supplies" and send to FPCV, 70 E. Main Street, Victor, NY 14564



Panera Bread continues to donate baked goods for our community to be received at the church on *Tuesday 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

PLEASE JOIN US FOR A BICYCLE RIDE ON SATURDAY, JULY 24TH AT 10 AM.



We are riding for fun and to promote **Family Promise of Ontario County** thru the *Amazing Bed Race*. (Watch for a bed and poster in front of our church.)

If you are able, please donate to Family Promise by going to <u>www.givegab.com/campaigns/amazingbedrace</u>.

Don't forget to select our team!

We will gather behind our church at 9:45 AM.

Our bicycle route will follow the Auburn Trail to Cobblestone Art Center in Farmington and back to our church at a leisurely pace.

We will finish with ice cream at Papa Jacks and/or take-out from Mac's Philly Steaks Diner.

Please contact David Henderson for questions. <u>DHenderson@newscaletech.com</u>; 585-261-2106



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

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





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 form the Charities Bureau Registry on the NY Attorney General's (www.charitiesnys.com) or by contacting them at 212-416-8401. NYS Attorney General's Office, 28 Liberty Street, New York, NY 10005





July 2021

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

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
27 Worship 10am.w/ Sunday School, 11:10 Coffee Hour- ZOOM (no book study) 7 pm AA meeting	28	29 10am Panera *New day*	30	1	2 7 pm AA meeting	3	
4 Independence Day Worship 10am w/ Communion 11:10 Coffee Hour 7 pm AA meeting & Al-Anon	5 7pm Maggie's Kids lunch assembly (Corey Hall)	6 9am Maggie's Kids Camp Day – Onanda Park 10am Panera	7	8	9 7 pm AA meeting	10	
11 Worship 10am 11:10 Coffee Hour, 7 pm AA meeting & Al-Anon	12	13 10am Panera	14	15	16 7 pm AA meeting	17	
18 Worship 10am 11:10 Coffee Hour 7 pm AA meeting & Al-Anon	19	20 10am Panera	21	22	23 7 pm AA meeting	24 9:45am- FPOC Amazing Bed Race Bike Ride	
25 Worship 10am 11:10 Coffee Hour 7 pm AA meeting & Al-Anon Family Promise Amazing Bed Race Fundraiser	26 Family Promise Amazing Bed Race Fundraiser	27 10am Panera Family Promise Amazing Bed Race Fundraiser	28 Family Promise Amazing Bed Race Fundraiser	29 Family Promise Amazing Bed Race Fundraiser	30 7 pm AA meeting Family Promise Amazing Bed Race Fundraiser	31 Family Promise Amazing Bed Race Fundraiser	
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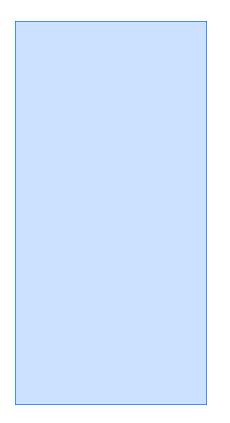
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August 2021

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
l Outdoor service Worship 10am. 11:10 Coffee Hour- 7 pm AA meeting	2	3 10am Panera *New day*	4	5	6	7
					7 pm AA meeting	
8 Communion	9	10	11	12	13	14
Worship 10am w/ Communion 11:10 Coffee Hour		10am Panera				
7 pm AA meeting & Al-Anon		7 pm Session Meeting			7 pm AA meeting	
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
Worship 10am 11:10 Coffee Hour		10am Panera 6 pm Deacon's Meeting				
7 pm AA meeting & Al-Anon		7 pm Worship Committee			7 pm AA meeting	
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
Worship 10am 11:10 Coffee Hour		10am Panera				
7 pm AA meeting & Al-Anon					7 pm AA meeting	
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