



**IT'S PDS SUNDAY!  
JOIN US DURING OUR WORSHIP SERVICE,  
SUNDAY, APRIL 3, 2022, 10:30 A.M.,  
AS WE CELEBRATE OUR YOUNG DISCIPLES**

We have invited the teachers, students, families, and friends of the Presbyterian Day School to join us, this Sunday, for our annual, joyful celebration of FPC's education ministry to the Crossroads Community. It's PDS Sunday!

The children's artwork will be displayed on the walls of our Sanctuary, and the children will sing their happy songs on the Chancel steps to celebrate their time at PDS. If you have not been with us on PDS Sunday, then you have been missing a heartwarming experience.

This Sunday will be the Fifth Sunday in Lent, and since it is also the first Sunday of the month, we will, as is FPC's custom, celebrate the Lord's Supper. Our Scripture readings this Sunday are: Psalm 23; and Matthew 18:10-14. The title of the sermon is "Surrounded by Shepherds," and a copy of the Bulletin for this service can be found here: <https://fpcofvictoria.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/03/04-02-2022-Bulletin-Communion-PDS-Sunday-PDF-2.pdf>.

Please join us (and bring a friend!) for this happy Springtime celebration in the life of our church.

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### ***OUR FORWARD JOURNEY***

Maintaining our momentum from the energy and inspiration we gathered during our annual retreat last month, members of the Session have organized themselves to carry out an "outreach initiative" to all those individuals who are recorded as members on the rolls of our church.

In the several weeks before our next Session meeting, Ruling Elders who are currently serving on the Session will be reaching out to *you* asking for your help as, together, we consider (and implement!) fresh, innovative ideas for the growth and advancement of our beloved church.

A church that does not move forward risks stagnation, and that is something that those who have preceded us in the 181-year history of our church were unwilling to accept. When a Session member calls you, please share your thoughts,

your dreams about those things we could begin doing *now* as we continue our worship and ministry in the Crossroads area.

What do you believe FPC is doing well these days? What do you think we could do to improve, to attract new members, to attract younger members? We need not be timid about asking or seeking answers to these hard questions, for in our deliberations we shall be doing the work of building God's kingdom on earth--something that never has been, and never will be, an easy thing to do. Every congregation before us has faced and addressed these questions, and we are the beneficiaries of their hard work. It is time now for us to consider the legacy we will leave as we continue our forward journey, doing the work of the Lord!

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# THESE DAYS

*Daily Devotions for Living by Faith*

## **CURRENT COPIES OF "THESE DAYS" HAVE ARRIVED**

The church has received the April/May/June 2022 edition of *These Days: Daily Devotions for Living by Faith*. Upon request, we would be happy to mail a copy to any member desiring one. Also, we will place copies of the *These Days* on the tables in the Narthex and in front of the Church Office for people to pick up on Sunday mornings or whenever they are at the church. The devotionals in this cherished publication are always a wonderful source of inspiration, hope, and comfort.

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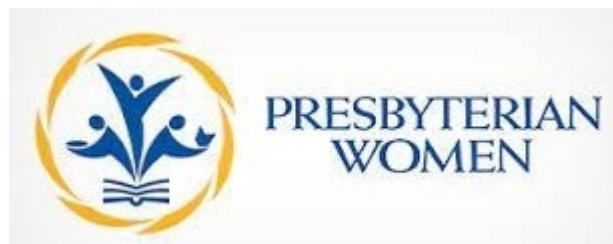


## HAVE YOU VISITED OUR WEBSITE LATELY?

By all accounts, we have a very attractive website ([www.fpcofvictoria.org](http://www.fpcofvictoria.org)). At its February Retreat, one of the issues discussed by the Session was our sense that the church's website is underutilized and underappreciated.

To rekindle interest in our website, our Worship Committee is working with Erica Colding in an effort to “post” more real-time events and announcements. For Lent, we have added a “daily devotional” feature not only to encourage you to use the website but also to enhance your worship experience during the Lenten Season. Look for it under the tab marked “Holy Seasons.”

Our goal is to make our website a handy and habitual place for you (and visitors, we pray!) to follow the weekly activities of what the Session plans to be our increasingly dynamic church!



## PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN MISSION PROJECT FOR APRIL 2022

As their mission project for April, the Presbyterian Women will be supporting the Vine School. Won't you help them help that fine school to serve children affected by autism and other impairments? The Vine School is in need of

- Colored printer paper (variety of traditional colors)

- Construction paper (loose sheets, not tear out pkgs)
- Standard size manila file folders
- Cloth towels -bath size and wash cloths. (hand sized towels not needed)
- Bath / shower wash. Fragrance free, Sensitive skin
- Clorox wipes
- Googly eyes (Large size only)
- Sharpies. All colors, NOT extra fine point
- Hobby Lobby gift cards
- Snacks for children: Goldfish crackers (individual pkgs or large size containers). Individual pkgs of pretzels, chips, chocolate chip cookies

Please bring your donated items to the church and we will make sure they are delivered to the Presbyterian Women.

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## **CURRENT STATISTICAL REPORT FROM THE VICTORIA CHRISTIAN ASSISTANCE MINISTRY**

Victoria Christian Assistance Ministry  
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 Phone 361-572-0048 Fax 361-333-5487  
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Victoria Christian Assistance Ministry  
 Monthly Update  
 March 2022  
*(February 2022 Services)*

Total Households Served –	840
Total Number in Households –	2301
Food Boxes –	730

Basic Needs -	2784
Home Delivery -	24
Financial Assistance –	41
# Homeless Served –	99
# Homeless Visits -	389
<i>*1<sup>st</sup> time VCAM Clients Served – 39</i>	

The current state of our economy, the actions going on abroad, the lingering after-effects of the pandemic; all are factors that we, as a nation, community & more local, as an organization that serves those in need chronically or in times of crisis that requires preparation. Short-range or long-range, VCAM wants to be prepared to continue to offer its services adequately & consistently.

VCAM is the largest food pantry in the surrounding 11-county area serviced by the Food Bank of the Golden Crescent. In times when the Food Bank inventory is short on product, VCAM shops retail, just like you or I would as individuals. Our pantry is open to residents of Victoria County on a weekly basis, Mon. – Fri., 9 a.m. – noon & services range from the food distribution, clothing store, financial assistance for past due water & natural gas utility bills, prescription medications & gasoline vouchers for out-of-town medical appointments. Financial assistance services are performed Mon. – Thurs., while funding is available.

Clients come on a once-a-month basis, while our homeless population is serviced on a daily basis. I mention all of this, as a “heads up” to all as to how/when the operation is run; & operated primarily via volunteers. And of course, *all services are provided free* because of the generosity of others.

Your support is always valued and very much appreciated...*Marc*  
*“Providing hope when things seem hopeless...”*

Peace, grace, and mercy,

Pastor Jim

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