

**SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE,  
FEBRUARY 27, 2022, 10:30 A.M.**

Our Scripture readings this Sunday (Transfiguration of the Lord Sunday) are: Exodus 34:29-35; and Luke 9:28-35. The title of the sermon is "The Coming of the Second Exodus," and a copy of the Bulletin for this service can be found here: <https://fpcovictoria.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/02/2022-2-27-Bulletin-PDF.pdf>.

Please join us in person (and bring a friend!) to enjoy the incomparable experience of worship in our beautiful Sanctuary when it fills with joyful music from the choir, C.F. Schneider, and Robert Wyatt!



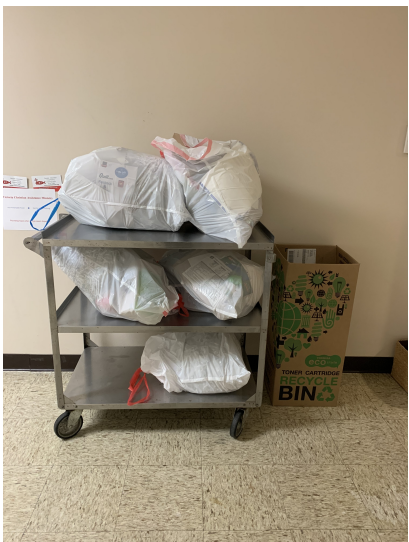
**ASH WEDNESDAY WORSHIP SERVICE,  
MARCH 2, 2022, 7:00 P.M.**

Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of the Lenten Season, a period of 40 days (exclusive of Sundays) preceding Easter when Christians engage in prayerful self-examination and a reflection on their need for forgiveness of their sin. During this “period of penitence,” Christians remember Christ’s suffering and death on the Cross in atonement for their sin and his promise that, thus forgiven, all of us will ultimately be presented before God with exceeding joy.

Please join us (and, yes, bring a friend!) for our powerful Ash Wednesday service on March 2, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. As we once again enter the annual Lenten period of penitence, we will have the opportunity to figuratively nail our sin to Christ’s cross with nails and red ribbons. As we prepare for the solemnity of Lent, in our hearts we can anticipate the promise of Easter morning which awaits us all.

While we want to encourage your presence to participate in this contemplative and solemn worship service, we will also live-stream the service for our members with limited mobility. Visit us on our Facebook page ([www.facebook.com/fpcovictoria](https://www.facebook.com/fpcovictoria)) or our website ([www.fpcovictoria.org](http://www.fpcovictoria.org)).

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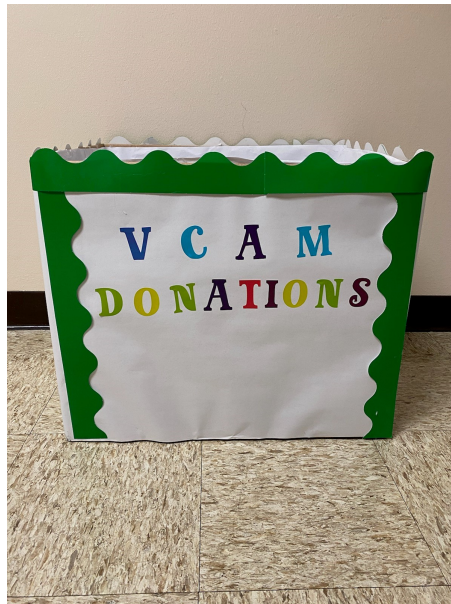
### **FPC WANTS TO SAVE THE PLANET!**

Recycling is nothing less than good stewardship of God's gift of creation, and every little bit helps. In the picture above, you can see the amount of paper and other recyclable material that Erica Colding, our Office Administrator, and I generate approximately every 10 business days.

Erica has volunteered to take this material to her home where she puts it out on the curb for pick-up by the Victoria Department of Waste Management on the days when they collect recyclables. Erica already subscribes to this service, so it costs the church nothing by including FPC's recyclable material with hers. Thank you, Erica!

In last week's newsletter, I mentioned that we have set a collection box for used printer cartridges in the hallway outside the church office. In the box, we place used cartridges generated in the church office, but we want to invite FPC members to discard their used cartridges here as well.

Presbyterians, along with all their Christian sisters and brothers, recognize that recycling is not a "fad" and that climate change is not a "hoax." Responsibly and prayerfully, we acknowledge our responsibility to protect the only earth that God has given us and to treat creation with love, respect, and care. Compared to the magnitude of the problem of pollution, our efforts may seem puny-- perhaps comparable to the widow's mite. Like the widow's mite, however, God will bless and multiply our efforts to his glory and the sustainability of our planet.



It is always a joy to see our VCAM collection box filled with food and clothing to be distributed by that wonderful organization to underprivileged and underserved members of the Crossroads community.

Please do not let us loose our momentum gained in this new year to replenish our collection box often and generously. "Hunger never takes a holiday," and Jesus' call to us to help those less fortunate than ourselves never ceases.

Every month, VCAM sends its sponsoring members a report on the services it has provided during the prior month. Below is a new, updated letter regarding VCAM's efforts in January 2022. Notice, particularly, VCAM's initiative to help meet the medical needs of its clients (as mentioned in the second paragraph of text below the statistical report). What a marvelous ministry which FPC helps make possible!

If ever you doubt the extent of VCAM's reach, or the number of folks whose lives are directly touched by VCAM's efforts, just glance at the report below. Such efforts would be possible without the generosity of the many Christians, including those who attend our church, who donate time, effort, food, clothing, and money to help the needy. Let us continue, enthusiastically!, to help VCAM help others.



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**MONTHLY UPDATE**  
**February 2022**  
**(January 2022 Services)**

<b>Total Households Served –</b>	<b>1001</b>
<b>Total Number in Households –</b>	<b>2742</b>
<b>Food Boxes –</b>	<b>821</b>
<b>Basic Needs -</b>	<b>2419</b>
<b>Home Delivery -</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>Financial Assistance –</b>	<b>23</b>
<b># Homeless Served –</b>	<b>103</b>
<b># Homeless Visits -</b>	<b>384</b>
<b><i>*1<sup>st</sup> time VCAM Clients Served –</i></b>	<b>66</b>

The beginning of 2022 will bring about change, even if means a change back to what our operation used to be, or close to it. Beginning February 1, VCAM will open its doors for all of its facets of operation. And VCAM will do its due diligence to do it in the safest fashion possible for everyone involved.

VCAM will also increase its financial assistance for past due water & natural gas bills, prescription medications & gasoline vouchers for out of town medical appointments. This is all due to the generosity of our donors, who make this possible. Victoria is a very giving community & VCAM & the other partner agencies are the benefactors to share this generosity.

Not only do the monetary donations make our operation possible, but also the man/women power to navigate the ministry of feeding & clothing our neighbors is just as necessary. Please consider volunteering 3 - 4 hours, one morning a weekday. This is what makes it all work.

I would like to make it a goal to reach out to the community, the congregations, the organizations, to visit your group to make VCAM become a

more visible resource. Please do not hesitate to reach out to me to plan to make this happen. I will be coming out later this week w/ the VCAM Annual Report 2021, a reflection of the numbers serviced in the past year, another year of very trying circumstances for all.

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**CAN YOU BELIEVE IT?**  
**100 DAYS OF SCHOOL HAVE COME AND GONE!**

Our young PDS disciples recently celebrated their 100th day in the 2021-22 school year. At their young age, imagine how much their lives have changed in such a short period of time! In addition to learning their colors and their ABC's, these precious children have been learning about Jesus and how he loves them. We pray that these lessons of love will remain with them throughout their lives.

Enjoy the pictures below, and when you pray, please remember the dedicated teachers at the Presbyterian Day School, their students, and the families of those students. So much can happen in 100 days, let us pray that it has been wonderful and that the joy will continue!



Peace, grace, and mercy,

Pastor Jim

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