



# The Preston Senior Pilgrim

Preston City Congregational Church Sunday School Newsletter

FROM THE DIRECTOR OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:

My dear friends in Christ,

'TIS THE SEASON of giving and receiving:

TODAY you have received the GIFT of a brand new day...a day full of promise with no mistakes in it...yet:

"Forget the former thing; do not dwell on the past. See I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it?" *Isaiah 43:18-19a*

**BUT, I WOKE** up tired...worries, bills, so many things to do... **OPEN THE GIFT:**

"**BUT** those who hope in the LORD will renew their strength. They will soar like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not faint." *Isaiah 40:31*

**WOW**, I'm looking around and everyone received the same gift. My brother and my cousin had a "falling out" five years ago, but look...they are receptive today of the GIFT:

"For if you forgive men when they sin against you, your heavenly Father will also forgive you." *Matthew 6:15*

**WOW**, I never thought I'd live to see the day they'd be laughing and joking like they did when they were kids:

"He has made everything beautiful in its time, He has also set eternity in the hearts of men; yet they cannot fathom what God has done from beginning to end." *Ecclesiastes 3:11*

**MY FRAIL** and elderly grandmother looks so peaceful today. She's relishing the GIFT:

"Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me, your rod and your staff, they comfort me." *Psalms 23:4*

**THIS HAS BEEN** just the BEST day and the BEST PRESENCE. But then, there's the day after Christmas... 😊

"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." *Jeremiah 29:11* 😊 😊 😊

**THANK YOU GOD** for all your PRESENCE. It's the BEST!

Have a wonderful Christmas...enjoy His PRESENCE on that day and every day!

May the **SON**shine through me,

*Sandy Dudek* ✍️



**INCLEMENT WEATHER CANCELLATIONS:** Tune in to WICH, WCTY, WNLC, WKNL, or Television Channel 3 or you may check Facebook or our website: [prestoncitycongregational.org](http://prestoncitycongregational.org). When Sunday School is cancelled, church is **NOT CANCELLED** unless specifically announced.

"The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not be in want." (Psalms 23:1) (N3-Grade 2)



"And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, according to his purpose." Romans 8:28 (Grades 3-12)

**PLEASE ENCOURAGE** students to learn these verses. To qualify for an award at the end of the year, verses must be correctly recited by the end of each month to a Bible Memory Verse Coordinator assigned by Mrs. Dudek. **The May verse needs to be recited by May 4<sup>th</sup> to allow time for those receiving a Bible Memory Verses award.** Nursery 3 & 4 students say their verse to the teacher and she will mark them off.

**PLEASE NOTE:** students who have recited the Bible verses will be posted on the Sunday School bulletin board in the SS Hall.

**KALID**, the High School class's mission child, is sent \$35.00 monthly. There is a large jar in front of the altar in the Sunday School for the children to put offerings and anyone else who would like to contribute to the cause. This young man from Ethiopia has high hopes of becoming a doctor!

