



## THE LITTLE PILGRIM

*A weekly update of church happenings for  
Preston City Congregational Church  
Week of April 6, 2020*

### Have a question? Need help?

Please call:

The Office

860.887.4647 or 860.886.7200

*(At the present time the offices are closed)*

Sandy Dudek

(H) 860.376.4388

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Rev. Stan

(H) 860.376.2488

(Cell) 860.303.9622

Sr. Deacon Tim Bowles

(H) 860.889.9936

(Cell) 860.705.5613

*During this unusual time in Connecticut, our country and our world, we want to be available to you should you need something. Call one of the numbers above and we'll do our best to help you. Numerous people in the congregation have graciously volunteered to pick up items at the store and deliver them to those who are not able to help themselves.*

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### WEB STREAM SERVICES

Until church life returns to "normal," and we can resume worship in our Sanctuary, services may be viewed *live* on the church website: [prestoncitycongregational.org](http://prestoncitycongregational.org) at 9 AM, or later in the day via the archive system also on the site. We hope you'll tune in for the service this Sunday. Why not tell your friends about it? Did you know that last Sunday 200+ households tuned in from around the US and world?

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### NEW DATE: April 30<sup>th</sup>

It was recently made known that the "Social Distancing" requirement has been extended to April 30<sup>th</sup>. All activities and meetings scheduled for April have been canceled, including the semi-annual meeting (19<sup>th</sup>), and the meatloaf supper (25<sup>th</sup>).

### An Easter Message...

*"When you choose HOPE, anything's possible!"  
--- Christopher Reeve*

I hope you are staying safe, happy, and well during this most unusual time in our country and world. Can you remember a time like the present, when the world was impacted by an event that claimed the lives of so many people, of all ages? If you can, then you're a survivor! You lived through the storm, and you are here to tell about it!

When I speak to people about "life-defining moments," events that changed and shaped their lives, the recurring word I often hear is HOPE!

They *hoped* that the war would end soon.  
They *hoped* that the sick would get well.  
They *hoped* that life would one day return to the way it was.

I like the words of Superman, Christopher Reeve. They are inspiring and encouraging words to the reader; great words for our present times.

*Hope* keeps us going.  
*Hope* sees beyond the present.  
*Hope* believes in the future.  
*Hope* believes in tomorrow!

*"When you choose hope, anything's possible!"*

Another "super man" spoke similar words a couple thousand years ago. Jesus said it this way, "Nothing is impossible with God" (Luke 1:37).

In these days of uncertainty, don't lose hope. Pray for others, yourself, and pray for our world.

Nothing is impossible with God, not even the resurrection!

I *hope* to see you one day soon!

*Rev. Stan*



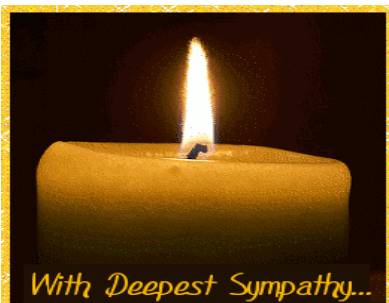
### SEND A CARD OF CHEER

There are some in our church family who could benefit from a card of cheer or encouragement. This week, consider sending a note to:

**Beverlee Cholewa**  
16 Fairview Ave.  
Griswold, CT 06351  
(Covid-19)

**Geri Dupont**  
P.O. Box173  
Voluntown, CT 06351  
(Home from Villa Maria rehab.)

**WE REMEMBER** the family of *Maria Alletto*, 34, who passed away on April 4<sup>th</sup>, after a brief illness at Backus hospital (not Covid-19 related). Her sudden passing brings tremendous sadness to her father, Rick, and children, Caleb, Lexi, and Rocco. Please keep the family in your prayers during this difficult time.



### ONLINE GIVING

We continue to be blessed and inspired by those who are giving their pledge/offering to the church each week. Your support is needed and appreciated! The Financial Secretary (Sue Creamer) collects all offerings on Friday and deposits them in the bank in a timely manner. Be assured, if you give online, your contribution will be credited to your pledge. Thank you for remembering your church during this challenging time! Contact Bob Vescovi with questions: [RVesco2010@comcast.net](mailto:RVesco2010@comcast.net) or (401) 583.7840.

### IN NEED OF FOOD?

Please call the church office (860.887.4647) and leave a message, your name and phone number. We will call you and make arrangements for you to come and pick up food at the pantry.

### SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FORMS

Application forms for church scholarship awards are now available to students pursuing their first college or university degree. Call the office and leave your name and phone number and we'll mail you the paperwork which needs to be completed and returned to the church office by April 30<sup>th</sup>.

### HOW WELL WERE YOU LISTENING?

If you were watching the web stream last Sunday morning, Sandy held up a sculpture of the Last Supper. **What did she say was in front of the table on the floor?** The first person to send the correct answer to me ([sewhite3022@gmail.com](mailto:sewhite3022@gmail.com)) will win a \$25 gift card to *Panera Bread*.

Those who were in the building last Sunday are ineligible to answer. Congrats to *Elizabeth Scannell*, she was the first to email me the correct answer (3/22): "*God gave us a spirit of power, love, and self-control.*" Good Luck!

### THE FINAL WORD

We may be physically apart from each other during this unprecedented time in our country's history. However, be assured, you are in my thoughts daily! I recall the smiles of the children and youth in the Sunday School. I picture the Sanctuary in my mind, where you sit on Sundays, and remember conversations we've shared. I pray for our church family -- that one day soon we will be back together again. Until that day, be safe! --

*Rev. Stan*

### YOUR TURN

Got a *brief* encouraging message to share with your church family? Send it to me: [SEWhite3022@gmail.com](mailto:SEWhite3022@gmail.com) and you may see your message in next week's *Little Pilgrim*.



**HAPPY EASTER**

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DID YOU COMPLETE THE SURVEY?