



THE LITTLE PILGRIM

*A weekly update of church happenings for
Preston City Congregational Church
Week of April 13, 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

(Cell) 860.608.9266

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.

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 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 529 viewers tuned in from 44 states and 5 countries?

NEW DATE: MAY 20TH

Recently, Governor Lamont extended the "Social Distancing" date. All activities and meetings scheduled through the 20th have been canceled. This includes the Yard Sale (16th), and Children's Day (17th). I'm hearing **this date may change**. Stay tuned. Stay safe!

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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:

Jan & Charles "Bud" Rice

32 Woodland Drive

Norwich, CT 06360

Charlotte LePage

% Eliza Huntington Home #18

Norwich, CT 06360

ONLINE GIVING

Again, last week we were so grateful to receive your pledge/offering for the church during this time when we are apart. Your support is needed and appreciated! Our 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. Contact Bob Vescovi with questions: RVesco2010@comcast.net or (401) 583.7840.



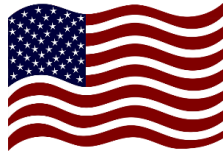
NEED FOOD?

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

are still available from the office. Please call if you would like one sent to you. Remember, the deadline to submit your application is April 30th.



MEMORIAL FLAGS

The American flag waving proudly on the annex lawn is given in honor of all veterans by Shirley & Don Walsh.

The Christian flag waving proudly on the annex lawn is given in memory of church member, Richard Breen.

We thank the Walsh's for always remembering others by donating these beautiful flags. Did you know that the Christian flag is lowered to half staff on the day of a church member's funeral?



WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP NEWS

"I would like to thank all who were a part of the Easter Basket project. Our goal was to make 5 baskets for children we knew could use a special visit from the Easter Bunny this year. Your generosity made it possible to make 7 baskets and 12 treat bags. The baskets were delivered to children, and the treat bags were delivered to some of our shut-ins. The items were very well received. It was a very rewarding experience and we look forward to doing it again next year." – Bridget Park

HOW WELL WERE YOU LISTENING OR WATCHING?

If you were watching the web stream last Sunday morning, there were several different kinds of plants on the altar. Excluding the Forsythia, **name three plants you saw**. The first person to send the correct answer to me (sewhite3022@gmail.com) will win a \$25 gift card to Panera Bread.

Tammy Phillips answered last week's question correctly. *In front of the table was a bowl with water to wash the feet of the disciples.* Those who were in the building last Sunday are ineligible to answer this week. Good Luck!

THE FINAL WORD

This has been a favorite verse of mine for years, but I never realized it was not complete when I learned it. I read it in a daily prayer book, and it has stuck with me when I pray for others: "May our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God our Father, who loved us and by his grace gave us eternal comfort and wonderful hope, comfort and strengthen you" (2 Thessalonians 2:16).

This verse has helped me to pray for people having difficult times. It seems now is the time for everyone to hear it. I just wanted to share it with others. My sister is a cardiac nurse at Rhode Island Hospital. She says, "You are not stuck at home, you are safe at home." Hopefully, this statement helps people put things into perspective.

– Lisa Bettencourt

YOUR TURN

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

HATS OFF!

We have learned that several people in our congregation are making masks (face coverings) for others, including First Responders in the community. We have received homemade masks in the church office; thanks for thinking of us! Thank you to the "Mask-Makers" among us, you know who you are!

Did you complete the church survey?

