



## THE LITTLE PILGRIM

*A weekly update of church happenings for  
Preston City Congregational Church  
Week of April 20, 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](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 181 viewers tuned in from 26 states and 3 countries last Sunday?

### NEW DATE: MAY 20<sup>TH</sup>

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

# kindness

### 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:

**Elva Bray**

80 Sheldon Rd., Lot 2  
Griswold, CT 06351

**Frances Coughlin**

14 Coughlin Drive  
Jewett City, CT 06351

### ONLINE GIVING

You never cease to amaze us with your giving to the church, even though we are apart. Each day that passes, your support is needed more and more, and it is greatly 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](mailto: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

Remember, the deadline to submit your application to the church office is April 30<sup>th</sup> (next Thursday).

## HOW WELL WERE YOU LISTENING OR WATCHING?

If you were watching the web stream last Sunday morning, Robin's organ prelude was based on a well-known, often sung hymn in our church. Name that hymn. 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*.

**Barbara Lowden** answered last week's question correctly: *Azalea, Lily, Palm, Hydrangea*. Those who were in the building last Sunday are ineligible to answer this week's question Good Luck!

## Time to Clean Out Your Closet?



Good news...you can use those items to create a scarecrow for the PCCC Scarecrow Festival!

It is never too early to start planning your scarecrow.

If you would like some ideas or a T-stake for the base while you are staying home, reach out to

Joy Chalifoux 860-234-1011 [joychalifoux@yahoo.com](mailto:joychalifoux@yahoo.com) or Leigh Pappas 860-885-9584 or at [leighpappas722@gmail.com](mailto:leighpappas722@gmail.com)



We appreciate the kind words and thoughts we receive from you each week, whether on the web stream page, an email, or phone call. We enjoy hearing from you and knowing you are doing well.

Some people say, "I don't need to go to church to believe in God." They are right. But when life gets a bit overwhelming, isn't it nice to know that you belong to a church where people care about each other?

*"Where Friends Become Family!"*

## Scarecrow Festival – Help Needed

# CHILI & CHOWDER



Now is the time to practice those chili & chowder recipes! We need **YOUR** help to lead this important area at the Scarecrow Festival this year.

Why not take this opportunity to get involved? Great way to meet others from our church family. You won't be alone...other volunteers will work in this area with you.

For more information, contact Leigh Pappas at 860-885-9584 or at [leighpappas722@gmail.com](mailto:leighpappas722@gmail.com)



**Last chance...**

### **DID YOU SUBMIT THE CHURCH SURVEY?**

The link to do so is on the front page of this mailing.

Deadline: April 30<sup>th</sup>.

Your input matters!

### **THE FINAL WORD**

*"Norman Vincent Peale was not always an optimist, but he always had HOPE. We can do that too! We can practice hope no matter what our circumstances are and no matter what life is like for us at this very moment. Hebrews 11:1 reminds us that faith gives us confident assurance that what we hope for is going to happen. It is the evidence of things we cannot see. With the rising of each morning sun, may your spirit be lifted high, carried along on the wings of hope."*

**Deacon Bunny Perry**

### **YOUR TURN**

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