



## THE LITTLE PILGRIM

*A weekly update of church happenings for  
Preston City Congregational Church  
Week of April 27, 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 154 viewers tuned in from 28 states and 7 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>). We're hearing **this date may change**. Stay tuned. Stay safe!

### MAY 3, COMMUNION SUNDAY

Join us wherever you are this Sunday morning, as we gather around the communion table for this Sacrament. Have your bread (the body of Christ), and a small cup of juice, any kind, (the blood of Christ) ready for that part of the web stream service. Follow along with us as if you were present in the Sanctuary. The Sacrament is too important to miss. Why not plan to observe it with your family? See you at the Table.

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### SEND A CARD OF CHEER

This week, consider sending a note to:

<b>Mr. &amp; Mrs. Soon-Yong Park</b>	<b>Cliff &amp; Mary Allyn</b>
87 Strawberry Street	169 Ross Road
Lisbon, CT 06351	Preston, CT 06365
	<i>(Welcome home!)</i>

### YOUR OFFERINGS and ONLINE GIVING

Your giving to the church during this unsettling time in our country is appreciated more than words can say. Each day that passes, your support is needed more and more! The church's finances are in good shape at this time. All bills have been paid to date. As time goes on, however, the financial health of our church may begin to decline. Please do what you are able to keep the church going strong in the months ahead. We certainly understand that for some people, finances are extremely limited. **Please take care of your needs, and those of your family first.** As we've said before, 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.

### DID YOU KNOW?

The Standing Committee approved the recommendation of Rev. Stan and the Employee Relations Committee to hire *Lisa Van Alst* as Director of Religious Education (DRE), effective May 1<sup>st</sup>?

Lisa will work with our current DRE of 29 years, Sandy Dudek until May 17<sup>th</sup>, learning all the “ins-and-outs,” and administrative parts of the position. Lisa’s office will be the former library at the back of Dudek Hall. At the present time, the room is being prepared for her.

Lisa is an educator in the Plainfield school system. She has been involved with our Sunday School and youth programs for many years, and has an enthusiasm for Christian education and Jesus Christ.

Lisa and her husband Scott live in Plainfield and have three adult children.

Sandy will administer the Sacrament of Holy Communion monthly to the children and youth beginning in September, keeping her connected to the children she has loved for many years. Sandy will also continue in her position as the church’s Administrative Assistant.

We welcome you Lisa, and we thank you Sandy for your unending commitment to the church and Jesus Christ!

### HOW WELL WERE YOU LISTENING OR WATCHING?

If you were watching the web stream last Sunday morning, Sandy mentioned two travelers walking along a road... *Name the town/village the travelers were walking to.* 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*.

**Cindy Lowe** answered last week’s question correctly: *All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name.* Those who were in the building last Sunday are ineligible to answer this week’s question. Good Luck!

### NEED A MASK?

Barbara Lowden has already made over 100 masks! She’s willing to make them for you if you need them. There is no charge. Please call the office or Barbara directly (860.376.6414). She is happy to do this for you. *Thanks, Barbara!*

### 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)



*Dear church family, I would like to thank you for your prayers, cards, and phone calls. I am looking forward to going back to church and seeing everyone. God bless you all! – Lowell Calkins*

### 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)