



## THE LITTLE PILGRIM

*A weekly update of church happenings for  
Preston City Congregational Church  
Week of May 4, 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!

# kindness

### SEND A CARD OF CHEER

This week, consider sending a card or note to:

**Bob Abrahamson**

661 Route 165  
Preston, CT 06365

**Betty Bassette**

274 Route 165  
Preston, CT 06365  
*(Recovering from surgery) (A wonderful Lady!)*

### 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.** 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?

The pantry **will be open** next Tuesday (5/12), from 9-11 a.m. Please call Stella Dawley if you'd like to stop by for food. You are asked to remain in your vehicle when you arrive.

### HOW WELL WERE YOU LISTENING OR WATCHING?

If you were watching the web stream last Sunday morning, I talked about the Eagle. *How many years did I say an Eagle can live?* 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*. **Riley Stankiewicz, age 8**, answered last week's question correctly: *Emmaus*. 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!*

### TABLETS, CHROMEBOOKS

At a recent Standing Committee meeting, a vote was taken to purchase tablets/chromebooks to be used by shut-ins or anyone without a computer or internet access to view the web stream services. We are currently investigating the cost of these items, as well as the "hot spot" cost to make viewing possible. For now, we plan to purchase three tablets. If there is a need for more, we'll consider an increase. These tablets will be loaned to interested viewers for a two week period. The borrower would be responsible for its safe keeping. Easy to use directions would also accompany each device. Contact the church office if you would be interested in borrowing one. These tablets/chromebooks are made possible thanks to the memorial fund of Anne & Floyd Merriam.

### Scarecrow Festival – Help Needed



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)

### BOOKS AND MORE BOOKS!

The Standing Committee recently voted to close our church library, and repurpose the room as an office for the Director of Religious Education (DRE), Lisa Van Alst. All of the books that were once on the shelves are now on tables at the back of Dudek Hall. The congregation is welcome to look over the books (adult & children's books) and take up to 5 books (for now) home. There will be a money box near the books if you'd like to give a donation for the books you take, however, it is not necessary. We really want the books to go to good homes. If you're interested in looking them over, please call the office and we'll arrange a time to let you in.

### THE FINAL WORD

I will miss seeing the many pink geraniums upon the altar this Mother's Day, honoring, and remembering "Moms." Likewise, I'll miss the Mother's Day brunch that was "in the works" by the Men's Group to celebrate motherhood. Although this Mother's Day will be different from any other, does not mean we will overlook the day. Mothers are too important; they mean so much to us, they're always in our memory. Do something extra special to honor her this year. She deserves it, and more! -- Rev. Stan



*The Pot of Gold*

### YOUR TURN

Got a *brief* and 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*.

*Please remember to pray daily; for your family and friends, for others, for your church!*