



THE LITTLE PILGRIM

*A weekly update of church happenings for
Preston City Congregational Church
Week of October 26, 2020*

Have a question? Need help?

Please call:

The Office

860.887.4647 or 860.886.7200

During this unusual time in Connecticut, our country and our world, we want to be available to you should you need something. Call the office between 9 and noon 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

Services continue to be web streamed *live* on Sunday mornings starting at 9, at prestoncitycongregational.org. You can also watch the service later in the day via the archive system also on the site. If you can't join us in person, we hope you'll tune in for the service this Sunday. Why not tell your friends about it? Did you know that 80 viewers tuned in from 16 states, 48 cities, and 4 countries last Sunday? Were you one of them?

WE'RE OPEN

The State of Connecticut (and our Trustees) have determined that we may increase the number of worshippers to **60 per service**. We thank those who attended last Sunday's services and followed the guidelines established for everyone's safety (see the church website above).

IMPORTANT

Those who wish to attend a service (9 & 10:30) **MUST** contact the church office (860.887.4647) no later than **THURSDAY (11 a.m.) each week** and give their name, as well as the number of people who will be attending, and which service. Masks must be worn, and temperatures will be checked upon entering the building. We hope to see you this Sunday. Attendance continues to grow, YEAH!!!



Monday class, 10 A.M., led by Rev. White. Masks must be worn during the class.

Feeling Secure in a Troubled World is the topic for this fall. No matter what hardship you experience, God promises you will emerge stronger in faith, wiser in His ways, more confident in His power.

Why not join us? Please bring your Bible. Don't have one? No problem, we have a Bible we'd like to give you from the Deacons' Fund. Please read 2 Peter, chapter 1 in preparation for our class.

Tuesday class, 7 P.M., led by Pastor Scott Van Alst continues to meet. This class offers Zoom to those who wish to join in remotely. They are studying the book *Twelve Extraordinary Women* by John MacArthur.

GIVING TO YOUR CHURCH

We appreciate the tithes, offerings, and special gifts you faithfully send/give to the church each week. They help to keep us current, up-to-date, with the various operations of our church, and we truly appreciate what you do, especially in these challenging times. **THANK YOU.**

Please know that the Financial Secretary (Sue Creamer) collects all offerings that are mailed to the church on Friday afternoon and deposits them in the bank in a timely manner. Be assured, if you give online, your contribution will be credited to your pledge. Contact Bob Vescovi with any questions you may have: RVesco2010@comcast.net or (401) 583.7840.

A NOTE FROM THE CHURCH CLERK

The Bylaw Committee will be meeting soon to review our church bylaws. Church members are welcome to submit any proposed bylaw change, consideration, or amendment, stated in writing, to a committee member. You can mail it to the church office (ATTN: Clerk), or email it to Clerk@prestoncitycongregational.org by October 31st. Any changes agreed upon by the committee will be presented to the Standing Committee for preliminary review, comments and suggestions before presentation to the membership for final approval at the Annual Meeting in February 2021.

Sue Brosnan, Clerk



Daylight Saving Time ends
November 1st

NEED FOOD?

Do you or someone you know need food from the church's food pantry? If so, please contact Stella Dawley or the church office and arrangements will be made for food to be picked up.



FLOWERS IN CHURCH

To place flowers in church on Sunday mornings during the month of November, please call Carolyn Shea 860.887.8592.



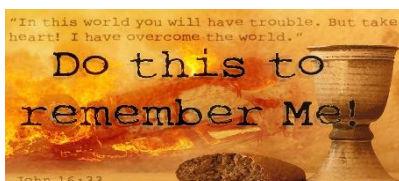
ANNUAL COOKIE SALE POSTPONED

To all our dedicated cookie bakers, cookie buyers and cookie consumers,

The annual Christmas cookie sale has been postponed. It is our hope that by spring, conditions related to the pandemic might improve enough to make a spring/Easter cookie sale possible. Let's stay hopeful in all things. Peace and Light. *Jean Miller, Coordinator*

JOIN US

This Sunday, November 1st, is *Communion Sunday*. If you cannot join us in person for worship, consider watching via the web. Have a small piece of bread and small cup of juice ready to join with those in the congregation as we observe this meaningful Sacrament. It does not matter *where* the meal takes place, what matters is that we *remember what it represents*.



NEW MEMBERS

We're happy to say that new members will be welcomed into the church on Thanksgiving Sunday, November 22nd, during both services of worship. If you're interested in becoming an "official" member of the church, contact the church office and let us know. New members are required to meet with the board of Deacons on November 15th. For safety reasons, this will be a Zoom meeting sometime during the afternoon or evening. This will give us an opportunity to get to know each other, as well as share information about the church and about becoming a member. The deadline to sign up is November 8th. All information regarding church membership will be mailed to you. Please speak with the minister if you have any questions.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE NEWS

This committee will meet soon to prepare a "proposed" slate of Officers, Boards, and Committees for 2021. It takes many people to keep our church running from week-to-week, and especially during this most unusual time. If you're a church member, we hope you will consider getting involved. A list of available positions and descriptions will soon be available for you to look over. *Thanks!*

MEN'S GROUP NEWS

Recently, business cards for the church were printed for outreach purposes. One side includes the church name, address, phone, etc. The other side includes service times and webstream information. The cards are available on the table just inside the double doors. Please take a few with you and share them with anyone who may be interested in attending our church in-person or online.

PLEASE REMEMBER

Everyone is asked to please check their meeting date, or event, as well as the start and end time with Sandy in the church office. We don't want to double book the use of church facilities. *Thanks!*

CONGRATULATIONS

Callie Files was the first to answer last week's question, *What insect is a symbol for the ministry of Thelma Wells? (A: A Bumble Bee)*. She received a \$25 gift card to *Panera Bread*.

This week's question (for a PB gift card): Tell me a fascinating fact about a *Praying Mantis*. For the last three years, while cleaning up the church garden by the double doors, a pair of them greet me. Send your fascinating fact to me: sewhite3022@gmail.com. The most fascinating fact wins the card. *Are they Congregationalists?*