



THE LITTLE PILGRIM

*A weekly update of church happenings for
Preston City Congregational Church
Week of December 28, 2020*

Have a question? Need help?

Please call:

The Office

860.887.4647 or 860.886.7200

WORSHIP AND WEB STREAM INFORMATION

Worship services continue to be web streamed *live* on Sunday mornings starting at 9 a.m.

Go to prestoncitycongregational.org. You can also watch the service later in the day via the archive system also on the site. Those who wish to attend a service (9 or 10:30) MUST contact the church office (860.887.4647) no later than THURSDAY (**11 a.m.**), and give their name, as well as the number of people who will be attending, and which service they plan to attend. Masks are required, and temperatures will be checked upon entering the building. Did you know that 69 viewers tuned in last Sunday? Were you one of them? We hope to see you this Sunday.



FROM THE MINISTER

Special Gift Update

God never ceases to amaze me!

You may recall that back on October 5th, it was mentioned in the *Little Pilgrim*, that the church was facing a "short-fall" of approximately \$22,000 due to the cancellation of fundraising events, because of Covid-19. A few weeks later, the short-fall increased to \$28,000. A "Special Gift" appeal was made to the members and friends of our church, asking them to consider giving a monetary gift to help reduce (or eliminate) the short-fall. Over the weeks that followed, envelopes marked "Special Gift" appeared in the offering plate and arrived in the mail. Thanks to your giving, and the remaining unspent monies (line items) in the 2020 budget, it is possible that we will not only meet our budget, but begin 2021 with a small surplus.

That's great news! We won't know the exact numbers for a couple more days, but it looks promising! We appreciate the many people who gave to the appeal, as well as friends in the community, and those viewing the web stream services.

You are a remarkable congregation; one that rises to the occasion, and meets a challenge. You are faithful and loyal to the church, and to God. He continues to bless us for our faithfulness to Him.

"Nothing is impossible with God" (Luke 1:37).

Sincere thanks for what you have done. – Rev. Stan

GIVING TO YOUR CHURCH

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.



WE REMEMBER

We expressed our sympathy to the family of *Bea Coleman* who passed away on December 28th. Please keep her husband, Harry, and her family in your thoughts and prayers at this time.

OFFERING ENVELOPES

If you asked to receive offering envelopes when you filled out your pledge card in November, they are now available for pick-up as you enter the double doors (mid-level). If you did not request envelopes, but would now like a box, contact the office, and we will see that you get them. We remind you to discard any unused 2020 envelopes.

ANNUAL REPORTS

The Annual Meeting of the church is presently scheduled for Sunday, February 14th starting at noon. All reports for the Annual Report are due in the church office by January 17th. The reports need not be typed. Please contact the office if you have questions about needing to submit a report for your committee or board.

NEW PROCEDURE FOR FLOWERS IN CHURCH

To place flowers in church on Sunday morning, please call the office to see if your date is available. Sandy will take your information to be included in the worship folder, and contact a Flower Committee rep. who will ensure your flowers are on the altar for Sunday morning. Floral arrangements are \$35, and payment (cash or check, payable to PCCC) is due in the office as soon as possible after you make your request.



NEED TO CONTACT THE MINISTER?

Cell: 860.303.9622

Address: 22 Parkwoods Drive, Norwich, CT 06360



**Feeding the
Community**

FOOD PANTRY NEWS

For just over a decade, our church pantry, the Toucan (Two can) Pantry has served the needs of people in Preston and surrounding communities. During the pandemic, the pantry was closed; opening only on occasion. We're happy to say that beginning in January, the pantry will be open on the third Wednesday of each month from 10 a.m. to noon. We are grateful to Jewett City Savings Bank for their continued financial support, along with area churches and very generous individuals who faithfully donate food and funds to meet the growing needs of the pantry. Those on the receiving end are so grateful for the kindness of others who make this important ministry possible.

DID YOU PICK UP YOUR CARDS?

Business cards for the church were printed a while ago for outreach purposes. One side includes the church name, address, phone, etc. The other side includes service times and web stream 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.

DOOR MONITORS NEEDED

Can you help us on Sunday mornings in January serving as a door monitor at the double door entrance? Guidelines for door monitors are posted above the sign-up sheet on the mid-level bulletin board for both the 9 & 10:30 service. If you have any questions, please contact Bob Vescovi at RVesco2010@comcast.net or 401.583.7840. *Thanks!*

PLEASE REMEMBER

If you or your group are planning to meet inside the church, please check your meeting date, as well as the start and end time with Sandy in the church office first. We don't want to double book the use of the building. People or groups are asked to wipe down tables and chairs when they are finished. *Thanks!*

THE FINAL WORD

The lighter side of life!



Where Friends Become Family