



THE LITTLE PILGRIM

*A weekly update of church happenings for
Preston City Congregational Church
Week of January 18, 2021*

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 99 viewers from 24 states, 66 cities, and 2 countries tuned in last Sunday? Were you one of them? We hope to see you this Sunday.

FROM THE MINISTER

To know you are being thought about during this unusual time we live in, or following an illness, or a difficult time, means a lot to others. The Bible tells us to encourage each other, and pray for one another. This week, consider sending a card or note of cheer to:

Betty Bassette

274 Route 165
Preston, CT 06365
(She's a special lady!)

Edith Choti

17 Lakeview Drive
Preston, CT 06365
(She's a special lady, too!)

Hearing from you will mean so much to them. Thanks!



We offer our sympathies to the family of *Alan Rosiene* who passed away from complications related to Covid-19 on January 16th. Remember his mother, Harriet, and sister, Tracy at this time.

GIVING TO YOUR CHURCH

Thank you for what you do for the church every week. Keep in mind 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. Did you know your year-end statement of giving is now available for pick-up as you enter the double doors? Any that remain at the end of January will be mailed.

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 do not pick up your envelopes by January 31st, they will be mailed to you. Please remember to throw away any remaining 2020 envelopes.



NEWS FROM THE DIRECTOR OF RELIGIOUS ED.

3 reasons Vacation Bible School is a MUST this year!

- VBS introduces more kids to Jesus than any other event.
- VBS gets the whole church involved and creates a common purpose.
- VBS opens the doors of our church to a larger community.

Planning for VBS this summer will be a little different as we adjust to guidelines in our area, but I guarantee it will be worth it. If you would like to help jumpstart planning, and be a part of our team, please contact me so I can include you on the planning committee. Do you like decorating, donating supplies, organizing, publicizing, snacking, acting, crafting, supervising???

Then we can find a spot for you. Middle Schoolers through adults are welcome to join. The first meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 9, at 6:30 via Zoom.

– Lisa Van Alst

OPEN FOR BUSINESS!

We're happy to let you know that the clothing shed in the lower parking lot is NOW OPEN. You may place your donations in the shed any time, any day! Please remember that bags need to be tied, no household items are allowed, blankets and curtains are permitted. Tell your friends and neighbors. We thank Laurie Bowers and Rich Thiffeault for their oversight of the shed during the year. Did you know that even after the shed was closed because of Covid-19 that the church received a check for \$683.69 for clothing donations?

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

The Annual Meeting of the church is presently scheduled for Sunday, February 14th, starting at noon. All reports for the Annual Report are NOW due in the church office. 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.



YOU ARE NEEDED

We are looking for a couple more people to serve the church in 2021. We are looking for one more **auditor** to serve a 3-year term. This person, along with the other auditor, reviews the financial records of church boards and committees at the end of the year, and prepares a report for the Annual Report. The auditors typically meet 2-3 times in January each year. You must be a member of the church to serve in this position.

We're also looking for a couple more people to be on the **Flower Committee**. You will join five others to ensure that flowers are on the altar on Sunday morning. At the present time, people from the congregation order the flower arrangements through the office. You would be responsible to pick up the arrangement at Jewett City Greenhouses on Friday morning and place it on the altar the same day. You do NOT need to be a member of the church to serve on this committee.

If you are interested in serving in one of these positions, or have questions, please contact the Nominating Committee Chair, Lee Ann Fessenden at 860.886.2348.

WANTED

The Flower Committee could use large flower vases. They can be left at the church office. Thanks!

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.

MONDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

Our first meeting will be on Monday, February 1st, at 10 A.M. in Halls' Hall. We will read and reflect on 1 & 2 Thessalonians. Please bring your Bible and wear a mask.

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 February 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!*



Where Friends Become Family