



THE LITTLE PILGRIM

*A weekly update of church happenings for
Preston City Congregational Church
Week of February 1, 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 100 viewers from 3 countries, 21 states, and 60 cities tuned in last Sunday? Were you one of them? We hope to see you this Sunday.



WE EXPRESSED OUR SYMPATHY to the family of *Jeannie Fowler* who passed away from complications associated with Covid-19 on January 31st. Her burial service will take place on June 29th, which would have been her 80th birthday. Please keep her husband Irving, and her family in your thoughts and prayers.

ANNUAL MEETING POSTPONED

As stated in last week's *Little Pilgrim*, the date of the Annual Meeting (February 14th) has been **postponed** to Sunday, April 18th. It is hoped that by then, Covid-19 conditions will have improved in our state.

Even though the date of the meeting has been changed, there are two business items that must be considered now; the **Church Budget** and the **Nominating Committee Report**. Both would have been voted upon

on February 14th, ensuring that our church continues to operate as it should in this new year. Included again in this edition of *The Little Pilgrim* is a copy of both reports.

The membership is asked to look over the Proposed Budget and Nominating Committee Report, and to let Susan Brosnan, our church Clerk, know if you have any questions, or wish to vote "NO" on accepting one or both of the reports. Sue can be reached at: 69 Roosevelt Ave. Ext., Preston, 06365, or Clerk@prestoncitycongregational.org. If you vote "NO" on either of these matters, it must be stated in your email or letter to the Clerk to make it official. Please respond no later than February 14th.

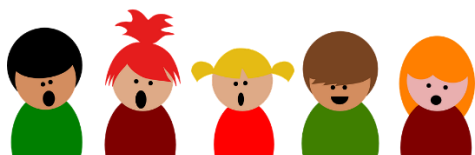
At the February meeting of the Standing Committee (17th), the committee will review the results of your votes. If the Clerk does not hear from you, it will be assumed that you support and accept both reports; the 2021 budget, and the slate of Officers, Boards and Committees.

GIVING TO YOUR CHURCH

We greatly appreciate your financial support of the church during this time. You have been so faithful since the pandemic hit almost a year ago. YOUR giving keeps us moving forward from week-to-week. Thank you! 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.

WEB STREAM SERVICES

We are interested in knowing if there are people who would like to help out with production of our Sunday web stream service? If so, let one the team members know; Jim or Sandra Wright, Patrick Magowan, or Sue Brosnan. They can tell you what's involved and answer any questions you have. You could even watch the recording of a service to see how it's done. It's a very interesting process. Consider getting involved. *Thanks!*



NEWS FROM THE DIRECTOR OF RELIGIOUS ED.

The **Vacation Bible School** planning meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 9, at 6:30 via Zoom. Please let me know if you would like to attend via Zoom. I will send you the link.

Also... This Sunday afternoon (2/7), Jenna Sullivan and I will be hosting a **“Sew A Prayer Bear”** Fun Family Sunday, at 1 P.M. over Zoom. This event is for students in grades 3 through 12. Register TODAY by calling/texting me at 860.710.1262. We only have 10 spots available. You will be given the supplies, and the Zoom link to this fun event as soon as you register. The best part? It's FREE!

NOT GOOD NEWS... GREAT NEWS...

In person Sunday School will be starting February 14th. If your child is in grades one through five, they are invited to attend church on the 14th, and sit with their family. After Mrs. Van Alst 's Children's Message, children will follow her to Dudek Hall for crafts, games, songs and fun! Masks and registration will be required. Parents will pick up their child at the double doors going into Dudek Hall following the service. To avoid congestion in the foyer, children and their families will exit the building via the kitchen door, or down the back stairway to the lower entrance of the building. If you are a student in grade 6 through 12, join us on the 14th from 10:30 – 11 a.m. on Zoom. We'll have games like “Name That Tune,” Scavenger Hunts, we have even been known to cook! Join us:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81238768836> . As always, call, text, or email me with any questions. *Lisa Van Alst*

THE SEASON OF LENT

This 40-day season of the Church begins February 17th (Ash Wednesday). Due to Covid-19, there will be **NO PRAYER VIGIL** this year. There will be a service with Holy Communion offered **IF enough people sign up to attend (at least 10)**. You must contact the office by this Friday, February 12th and let us know if you plan to be present. We understand that many people do not want to be out of their homes any more than absolutely necessary. We will let you know IF the service will take place, or not, on Sunday, February 14th.

UPCOMING CHURCH FUNDRAISER

The Supper Committee will again host a fundraiser for the *Butter Braids* as well as a *frozen cake roll* (already baked!). Orders will be taken from February 21st – March 7th, with contactless pick up on March 20th. Just in time for Easter. Information for ordering will be available soon.



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.



BIBLE STUDY

Monday morning at 10 a.m. in Hall's Hall. We will read and reflect on 1 & 2 Thessalonians. Please bring your Bible and wear a mask. Rev. Stan will lead the group.

The Tuesday evening study group meets at 7 p.m. on Zoom with Pastor Scott Van Alst. They are studying the book, “Twelve Ordinary Men” by John MacArthur. The book can be ordered from ChristianBook.com or Amazon (\$12). Contact Scott if you need assistance.

NEWS FROM THE VFW

Starting Friday, February 19th, hot and cold lobster rolls and pan-seared scallop rolls will be available each Friday during Lent, from 5 – 7 p.m. for take out at the Preston VFW, 28 Spicer Rd. Lobster rolls and scallop rolls are \$18, and include chips. Pre-orders are recommended (860) 237.2777. Orders can be picked up in the upper lot. We thank you for your support.

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NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT
Proposed Slate for 2021

The following officers have agreed to serve for three years; their term expiring the second Sunday in February 2022, except as noted below. All are eligible for re-election.

Clerk – SUSAN BROSANAN
Church Treasurer – SHIRLEY HODKINSON
Assistant Church Treasurer - PATRICIA MARINO
Financial Secretary – SUSAN CREAMER
Assistant Financial Secretary – KAREN TALBOT (three-year term 2021 – 2024)
Moderator – LYNWOOD CRARY
Historian – ROBERT VESCOVI (three-year term 2021-2024)

Diaconate: (Elected for six years) (selected by the Pastor)

Lee Ann Fessenden	1 year
Wendy Zajac	2 years
Andrew Kuvent	3 years
Kimberly Lang	4 years
Robert Vescovi	5 years
STEVEN ORLOMOSKI	6 years

Diaconate Fund Treasurer – Patricia Marino

Memorial Fund Treasurer – DEBI BERUBE (Three-year term 2021 – 2024)

Trustees: (Elected for three years)

Felix Prokop	1 year
Matthew Schroeder	1 year
Rob Berube	2 years
Glenn Heavens & Mary Anne LaJoie	2 years
JOHN RYAN	3 years
RICHARD CHALIFOUX	3 years

Board of Religious Education: (Elected for three years)

Wendy Abrahamson	1 year
Marisa Stankiewicz*	1 year
Joan Racicot	2 years
Jonathan Rowe	2 years
ANNE KLEWIN	3 years
HUNTER BUSTAMANTE	3 years

Finance Committee: (Three elected members hold a one-year term, eligible for re-election)
Pastor, Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer, Financial Secretary, Assistant
Financial Secretary, **BOB VESCOVI, CAROLYN SHEA,**
CHUCK NORRIS

Members-at-Large: (One-year term) REBECCA HALE and RICHARD BUSTAMANTE

Auditors: (Three-year term) LOIS WOODMANSEE - willing to serve for one year of the 3-year term
(2021 – 2024)
Vacancy

Stewardship Committee: (One-year term) Pastor, KIMBERLY LANG, CAROLYN SHEA,
SALLY EXLEY, ROB BERUBE

Missions Committee: (One-year term) **PATRICK MAGOWAN, MERRIE HEDLER, BEKAH LITTLE**

Delegates: (One-year term) **JIM & SANDRA WRIGHT**

Northeast Fellowship Rep: (formerly the CT Fellowship): (One-year term) **JOAN RACICOT**

Bylaws Committee: (One-year term) Pastor, Clerk, **JIM WRIGHT, JENNIFER CRARY, NANCY MUSA (SAVINO)**

Head Usher: (One-year term) **BENICIA PERRY**

Only the Committee Chair or Representative needs to be a church member for the following:

Music Committee: (One-year term) **STELLA DAWLEY, LYDIA LAVOIE, ROBIN LYON, JOHN MARINO, BEKAH LITTLE, BONNIE RAUE**

Flower Committee: (One-year term) **CAROLYN SHEA, LAURA JACKSON, SHARON MAHAN, NANCY OBREITER, DORIS MACLACHLAN, VACANCY**

Decorating Committee: (One-year term) **WENDY ZAJAC, SHARON BREEN, DENNIS LUND**

Preston City Cemetery Association: (One-year term) **JOYCE BREWSTER**

Coffee Hour Committee: (One-year term) **DAN BOLLES, BARBARA HELLMERS, STELLA DAWLEY, MERRIE HEDLER, KAYE SCHLOUGH, NORMA SCHLOUGH, BEA & HARRY COLEMAN, JOY & RICHARD CHALIFOUX**

Hospitality Representative: (One-year term) **MERRIE HEDLER**

Event Coordinating Committee: (Three-year term, 2021 – 2024, eligible for re-election) **SANDY DUDEK, KEITH HARRISON, LINDA KENT-FARINHA, CHUCK NORRIS**

Standing Committee Members: (17) Pastor, Clerk, Church Treasurer, Financial Secretary, Moderator, Historian, Administrative Assistant, Senior Deacon (or designee), Head Trustee (or designee), Finance Committee Chairperson (or designated alternate), Director of Religious Education, Board of Religious Education Chairperson (or designated alternate), 2 Members-at-Large, Missions Committee Chairperson (or designated alternate), Music Committee Chairperson (or designated alternate), Flower Committee Chairperson (or designated alternate)

An (*) indicates the person is filling an unexpired term and will be eligible for re-election.

Respectfully submitted,

The Nominating Committee (One-year term, not to exceed 3 years)

Lee Ann Fessenden	1 year
Robert Vescovi	2 years
Sharon Breen	3 years
Rev Stan White	

2021 Church Budget Proposed	2020	2021	
DESCRIPTION	Budget	Proposed	Changes
Pastor's Salary-Rev Stan 1/1-7/31	\$ 31,155.00	\$ 18,174.00	
Pastor's Retirement (Reliastar)	\$ 25,200.00	\$ 14,700.00	
Pastor's Life Insurance	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 1,750.00	
Housing Allowance	\$ 32,861.00	\$ 19,169.00	
Car Allowance	\$ 2,851.00	\$ 1,663.00	
Health Insurance (Healthplan & BC/BS)	\$ 16,561.00	\$ 9,434.00	
Health Reimbursement Account	\$ 6,600.00	\$ 4,077.00	
Telephone - Pastor	\$ 240.00	\$ 140.00	
Conf Education - Pastor	\$ 200.00	\$ 117.00	
Total		\$ 69,224.00	
Pulpit Coverage/Guest Minister	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00	
New Minister-8/1-12/31-Salary		\$ 24,017.00	
Housing Allowance		\$ 10,417.00	
Auto Expense		\$ 1,250.00	
Professional Exp		\$ 208.00	
Continuing Education Exp		\$ 417.00	
Travel to Conferences		\$ 208.00	
Total:		\$ 36,517.00	
Moving Expenses New Minister		5,000.00	
Dir Religious Education	\$ 17,483.00	\$ 12,000.00	
Conf Education - DRE	\$ 150.00	\$ 150.00	
DRE support	\$ 400.00	\$ -	Remove
Pastor's Admin Ass't	\$ 21,306.00	\$ 21,306.00	
Office supplies, services, maint/repair office	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	
PAA Office Sub	\$ 500.00	\$ -	Remove
Payroll Expenses: Intuit Renewal Charges	\$ 600.00	\$ 600.00	
Copier Usage(contract 5/16-5/21)	\$ 1,400.00	\$ 1,400.00	
Organist/Choir Director	\$ 19,123.00	\$ 14,342.00	9 mos
Interim Organist	\$ -	\$ -	Remove
Guest Organist	\$ 600.00	\$ 3,200.00	Inc 3 mos
Instrument Maintenance	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	
Music Copyright	\$ -	\$ 225.00	fr Office Supplies
Music	\$ 600.00	\$ 600.00	
Custodian	\$ 17,757.00	\$ 17,757.00	
Custodian Sub	\$ 640.00	\$ 598.00	Keep under \$600
Supplies	\$ 500.00	\$ -	Remove
Parish Nurse	\$ 100.00	\$ -	Remove
Fica/Med	\$ 5,789.00	\$ 5,005.00	Reflect new DRE

