



THE LITTLE PILGRIM

A weekly update of church happenings for
Preston City Congregational Church
Week of February 8, 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 119 viewers from 2 countries, 23 states, and 81 cities tuned in last Sunday? Were you one of them? We hope to see you this Sunday.

ANNUAL MEETING POSTPONED

As stated in last week's *Little Pilgrim*, the date of the Annual Meeting 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.

The membership is asked to contact Susan Brosnan, our church Clerk, 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, **this Sunday**.

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.

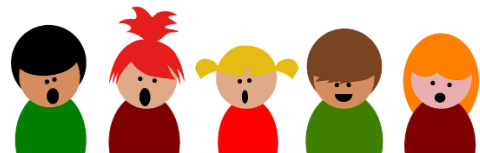


GIVING TO YOUR CHURCH

Continued thanks for your financial support of the church! Your ongoing commitment ensures that the work of the church continues moving forward. May God continue to bless us for our faithfulness to Him! 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. In case you did not make to church to pick up your year-end giving receipt, don't worry, it's in the mail!

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.

Sunday fun day small group "Jesus Loves Me" activity time! For ages 3 – Kindergarten. Come play with Mrs. Van Alst February 21st. Come with your family. Sit upstairs, listen to Mrs. Van Alst's Children's message, then follow her down to Dudek Hall. We will have music, movement, games, and crafts! Please register ahead of time so we can ensure health and safety procedures! Masks, hand sanitizer, social distancing will all be included free of charge LOL! At the conclusion of the 9 am service, your family can pick you up outside

the double doors of Dudek Hall. Let's have a fun time learning all about God's love! Don't forget if you are in the 6th – 12th grade you are welcome to join us over Zoom this Sunday morning, for fun and games and fellowship. We meet from 10:30 – 11:30 am. One final thing... the **Build a Bear Workshop** is being held Sunday, February 28th over Zoom, starting at 1pm. We only have 3 spots left. Call me at 860.710.1262, or email me: dre.prestoncity@gmail.com if you would like to be included.



THE SEASON OF LENT

This 40-day season of the Church year begins February 17th, and **there will be** a service to observe this special day. The Sacrament of Holy Communion will be offered during the service which begins at 7 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Please let the office know by this Friday, February 12th if you plan to be present.

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 beginning next Sunday through March 7th, with contactless pick up on March 20th, just in time for Easter.



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. in Halls' Hall with Pastor Scott Van Alst. They are studying the book, "Twelve Ordinary Men" by John MacArthur. Please be sure to wear a mask.



HOSPITAL BED

A member of the congregation has a hospital bed they are willing to give to someone who could use it. Please contact the church office for more information.

CANCELLATIONS

In case of inclement weather and the need to cancel a service(s) or scheduled event at the church, it will be posted on TV Channel 3, WICH 1310, and when possible on the church's website. A message will also be recorded on the church answering machine (860.887.4647).

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.



THE CHURCH OFFICES

Will be closed on Presidents Day, February 15th.

Where Friends Become Family

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

