



THE LITTLE PILGRIM

*A weekly update of church happenings for
Preston City Congregational Church
Week of February 22, 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 90 viewers from 2 countries, 18 states, and 53 cities tuned in last Sunday? Were you one of them? We hope to see you this Sunday.

WHAT A SIGHT!

After almost a year, it was a beautiful sight last Sunday morning as little children (9 of them) attended a special Sunday School event planned especially for them by Lisa Van Alst, DRE, along with some teachers and helpers. The kids loved it! GREAT job Lisa, and those who made the morning a joyful experience for our children! One parent emailed me Sunday evening...

Dear Rev. Stan,

I just wanted to share some joy from us tonight. After church, Ryleigh came home and immediately hopped on her mini keyboard to play the piano just like at church! And then every night at bedtime we do "our favorite part of the day" and the thing she shared was going back to church! We certainly have lots of things to be grateful for here, but today we were especially grateful to be back to worshipping in person!

-- Liz and Ryleigh Stammel

Hopefully, more and more children and families will return one day soon. We miss YOU! *-- Rev. Stan*

ANNUAL REPORTS

The Annual Report for 2020 is now available and can be picked up at the church on Sunday mornings. You can also pick up a copy at the annex during the week, however, please call ahead to let Sandy know that you will be stopping by. If neither of these options work for you, call the office and a copy will be mailed to you.



GIVING TO YOUR CHURCH

As I mentioned at worship last Sunday morning, we are surviving these many months of COVID thanks to people like you who continue to financially support the work of the church even though you are not able to attend. Without your ongoing assistance, our financial situation would be much more difficult. We appreciate your faithfulness. Please remember that our 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.

WEB STREAM SERVICES

Still wondering... We are interested to know if there are people who would like to help out with production of our Sunday web stream service? If so, let one of 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. We need you. *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.

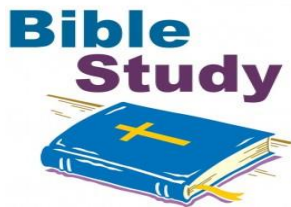


SCHOLARSHIP MONTH

For several years now February has been the month we ask you to consider making a contribution to the church's scholarship fund for people pursuing their first degree. The scholarship fund was established back in the 90's to honor the memory of Helen & Winthrop Benjamin. Over the years, many scholarships have been presented to deserving young people from our church, thanks to your giving. Please consider making a contribution again this year. Here's how it works:

- Write a check for whatever amount you'd like to give. Make it payable to PCCC. In the memo section write: *Scholarship Fund*.
- Place it in an envelope, along with who the donation is in memory of, or in honor of.
- Place it in the offering plate or mail it to the church.
- Contributions will be accepted through the end of May.
- A listing of donors (no amounts) will be printed in the worship folder on Scholarship Sunday (June 13th).

We have many deserving young people who will graduate this June. Let's show them how much we care about them and their future aspirations. Please give as you are able.



BIBLE STUDY

Monday mornings at 10 a.m. in Halls' Hall with Rev. Stan. Tuesday evenings at 7 p.m. in Halls' Hall with Pastor Scott Van Alst. Please be sure to wear a mask.

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 today through March 7th, with contactless pick up on March 20th, just in time for Easter. Go to the church website (or click [here](#)) to see the various cakes that can be ordered, and to order your cake(s). You can also call Lee Ann Fessenden for assistance; 860.334.7382. Proceeds from the sales will help support the church budget.

NEWS FROM THE DIRECTOR OF RELIGIOUS ED.

Have you registered for the **Build a Bear Workshop** this Sunday, February 28th over Zoom, starting at 1pm.? Call me ASAP at 860.710.1262, or email me: dre.prestoncity@gmail.com if you would like to be included.

SNOW SCULPTURE CONTEST ends February 27th. You still have time! Create a sculpture of any kind. Let's spread the *Love, Joy, Hope of Jesus* all through the town. It's easy:

1. Create and build a snow sculpture, take a pic, send it to my email and you are entered to win a gift card of your choosing: dre.prestoncity@gmail.com
2. Your children, family, neighbors, and friends can all enter.
3. All sculptures must include a heart. They can be big, medium, or small. The heart must have an uplifting phrase/Bible verse on it.
4. Extra points if your sculpture is in a public location! (fire station, nursing home, school...) Please ask permission first. Contact me with any questions.

Blessings always, *Mrs. Van Alst*



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).



Where Friends Become Family