



THE LITTLE PILGRIM

*A weekly update of church happenings for
Preston City Congregational Church
Week of March 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 103 viewers from 5 countries (Canada, Haiti, Senegal, Turkey, USA), 25 states, and 73 cities tuned in last Sunday? Were you one of them? We hope to see you this Sunday.

Due to illness, Jim Wright's report for the web streaming committee did not make it into the 2020 Annual Report. It is a great report and worth the read. You can find a copy of it on the Information Center table. Here are some highlights:

- Over 4,000 views of our live stream and over 7,400 views of our archived services.
- Services have now been web streamed for 4.5 years!
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His report lists all the cities, states, and countries that tuned in from week-to-week. Very interesting report! Thanks, Jim. We're glad you're on the mend!

ANNUAL REPORTS

The Annual Report for 2020 is now available and can be picked up at the church on Sunday mornings. You can also call the office and a copy will be mailed to you.



GIVING TO YOUR CHURCH

Again this week we thank you for the offerings received for the ongoing work of the church. They are needed and so much appreciated! Please keep in mind 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.



LILY ORDERS

Easter is Sunday, April 4th; it's also Communion Sunday! In observance of this joyful day that celebrates the resurrection of Jesus from the grave, we invite you to place an Easter lily on the chancel in memory of a loved one. To do so, contact Wendy Zajac at: wented982000@yahoo.com (underscore d_9), or Dennis Lund at: dblund72622@gmail.com, or his cell: 860.237.0670 by March 19th, as orders need to be made with the greenhouse. All plants are \$12 each, please make your check payable to: PCCC. When reserving your lily, be sure to include who it's in memory of. You can put your order in the offering plate or mail it to the church: 321 Route 164, Preston, CT 06365. What a sight it will be on Easter morning to see the Sanctuary adorned with these beautiful resurrection flowers. You may take your lily home following the 9 or 10:30 service.



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 FUND

February is over, but giving to the church's scholarship fund continues on. Please consider making a contribution to this important fund which helps many deserving young people from our church. 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).

Let's show our graduates 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!). You can order cakes through March 13th, and the delivery date has been changed to March 27th. 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.

DOOR MONITORS NEEDED

Could you help us on Sunday mornings in March and April 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. At the present time we need 3 monitors in March for the 9 a.m. service. *Thanks!*

NEWS FROM THE DIRECTOR OF RELIGIOUS ED.

We have a winner in the snow sculpture contest! Congratulations to Koren Jopson and family. They built two snowmen in the courtyard at Solstice Senior Living in Groton.

We're sorry to say that the children's Good Friday event can NOT happen as usual this year. However, what I plan to do is some simple, easy, fast projects in kit called "*Easter in a box*" consisting of a simple guide of Bible readings for each day of Holy Week. A craft will follow each reading and all materials will be in the box.

Mark your calendars... The first Sunday of the month is Family Communion Sunday. Come sit as a family upstairs. On the second Sunday, grades 2 - 5 students will attend a portion of the church service, and then leave for a mini-Sunday School experience in Dudek Hall during the 9 a.m. service. All you need to do is RSVP ahead of time. On the third Sunday, Toddlers 3 yrs. of age - grade 1 are welcome to take part in a mini-Sunday School experience during the 9 a.m. service. Again, please RSVP. On the fourth Sunday, grades 6 - 12 will meet in Dudek Hall at 10:30 a.m. Got questions? Contact me: 860.710.1262 or dre.prestoncity@gmail.com. - Blessings, Lisa Van Alst

DON'T FORGET

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 recorded message will also be made on the church answering machine (860.887.4647).



THE FINAL WORD

A man climbs to the top of Mt. Sinai to get close enough to talk to God. Looking up, he asks the Lord, "God what does a million years mean to you?" The Lord replies, "A minute." The man asked, "And what does a million dollars mean to you?" The Lord replies, "A penny." The man asks, "Can I have a penny?" The Lord replies, "In a minute." (Thanks for this one, Dan O'Neil)

