



THE LITTLE PILGRIM

*A weekly update of church happenings for
Preston City Congregational Church
Week of March 15, 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 101 viewers from 2 countries, 25 states, and 72 cities tuned in last Sunday? Were you one of them? We hope to see you in person one Sunday soon!



While the Governor of Connecticut has stated that churches may return to 100% capacity, the Trustees are considering increasing the number of worshipers at each service. *The safety of our congregation is our top priority.* When the new number is determined, we will let you know. Temperatures will continue to be checked, and the wearing of masks will be required during worship. Those planning to attend a service must continue to inform the office each week that they plan to be present. Stay tuned...



WE WELCOMED into the Household of Christian Faith through the Sacrament of Baptism on March 14th, *Grayson Kyle Linevitch*, son of Megan & Kyle Linevitch of Canterbury, CT. The event was even more meaningful that morning as the dad, *Kyle Linevitch, Jr.* was also baptized. We ask God's blessing upon both of them!

GIVING TO YOUR CHURCH

It can never be said too many times, *Thank you.* Your ongoing financial support and prayers for the church enable us to continue the daily work of the church. Without your commitment, there would be many challenging days. Again, *Thank you!* 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.



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.



HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

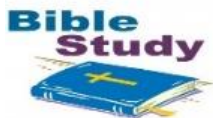
Palm Sunday, (3/28) join us for two services of worship at 9 & 10:30.

Mauddy Thursday, (4/1) at 7 p.m. in the Sanctuary as we solemnly remember the night before Christ's crucifixion. The Sacrament of Holy Communion will be offered.

Good Friday, (4/2) at noon in the Sanctuary. This service remembers the day Christ died. Children and families are encouraged to attend. **Please note:** there will be no Good Friday children's event following the service this year.



Easter, (4/4) Because Easter falls on the first Sunday of the month, the Sacrament of Holy Communion will be observed. We hope you will be present to celebrate His resurrection from the grave, and remember His death on the cross at one of the two services; 9 or 10:30 a.m. Both historic events changed the world and must be remembered. The chancel area will be adorned with Easter lilies given in memory of loved ones.



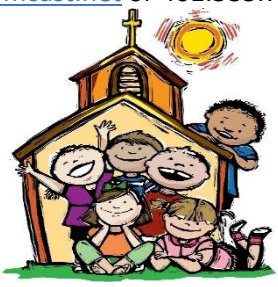
Monday mornings at 10 a.m. in Halls' Hall with Rev. Stan. Tuesday evenings at 7 p.m. in Halls' Hall with Pastor Scott Van Alst. Please be sure to wear a mask.

CAKE FUNDRAISER RESULTS

Thank you to the many people who ordered cakes online these last few weeks. A profit of \$1,251 was realized, which will support the church budget! We thank the Supper Committee and Lee Ann Fessenden for overseeing this fundraiser, and you cake lovers also! You can pick up your cake(s) on March 27th, from 1-2 p.m. in the lower parking lot. Please let Lee Ann know if you need to make other arrangements (860.334.7382).

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. *Thanks!*



NEWS FROM THE DIRECTOR OF RELIGIOUS ED.

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, (THIS 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



SPRING YARD SALE

Save the date, Saturday, May 15, from 8 – 2 p.m. in the lower parking lot (Rain date: May 29). Start cleaning out those attics and basements! This very popular community event is a sure sign that Spring has sprung! Again this year, Stella Dawley will oversee the sale. She is beginning to accept re-sellable donations at the annex. Please let her know that you would like to drop items off (860.887.6452). Please do not leave donations outside the annex. If you are able to help with the set-up of the sale (6 a.m.), or clean-up (1:30), please let Stella or the office know. Please keep in mind that we do not take: tires, computers, TV's, or clothing. As the sale approaches and the annex basement reaches its treasure capacity, we ask you to consider bringing your items on the morning of the sale. All proceeds will go toward the church budget. *Thanks!*



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).

FOOD PANTRY NEWS

Open on the third Wednesday of the month from 10 – Noon. Food distribution Sunday is the fourth Sunday of the month, after the first and second service. Spread the word!

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