



THE LITTLE PILGRIM

*A weekly update of church happenings for
Preston City Congregational Church
Week of March 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 118 viewers from 5 countries, 28 states, and 83 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...

CAKE ORDERS

Remember to pick up the cakes you recently ordered this Saturday (3/27) between 1-2 p.m. in the lower parking lot. Please let Lee Ann Fessenden know if you need to make other arrangements (860.334.7382).

EXCITING SEARCH COMMITTEE NEWS

The Search Committee proposed our selected candidate to the Standing Committee on March 17th. **The Rev. Raefield Perteet** is a 38-year-old Congregational Minister who currently lives in West Hartford with his wife Kimberly. We are excited for everyone to hear him. Please plan to attend church on April 11th where Rev. Rae will participate in both services, with a church vote following both services.

Sharon Breen, Search Committee, Chair

GIVING TO YOUR CHURCH

Your faithful giving to the church continues to be seen week-after-week. Your offerings, whether given on Sunday mornings or via the mail, are truly appreciated, and we 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.



FOOD DISTRIBUTION

is this Sunday (3/28). Stop by the annex basement and pick up a bag of food for someone who could use it. We thank you for your assistance in helping others. The Food Pantry is **open to the community** on the third Wednesday of each month from 10 a.m. to Noon. Spread the word!



HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

(Everyone planning to attend the services below MUST call the office and let us know. MASKS are required.)

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

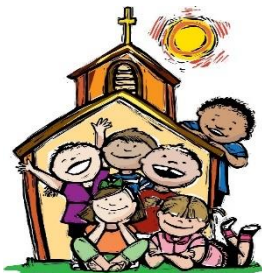
Maundy Thursday, (4/1) at 7 p.m. in the Sanctuary as we solemnly remember the night before Christ's crucifixion. The Sacrament of Holy Communion will be offered.

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.

MEN'S GROUP NEWS

Join us on April 3rd from 8 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. either in Hall's Hall or under the pavilion. It's been a while since we last met, and we hope to see many of you on this day.
– Tim Bowles, Coordinator



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, 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, (THIS Sunday) grades 6 - 12 will meet with Mrs. Woodmansee and myself in Dudek Hall at 9 a.m. Please remember to wear your mask. After checking in upstairs, head to the 7th & 8th grade Sunday School room. RSVP to Mrs. Dudek/Mrs. Van Alst by Thursday morning. As always, your friends are welcome to join you.

4 "Prayer Bears" are looking for homes! These bears were lovingly hand sewn by the High School class and are stuffed with love, hope and smiles! If you know anyone who could use some cheering up, please let me know. 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!*

THE FINAL WORD



"It may be more 'green,' but I prefer the older steeple."