



THE LITTLE PILGRIM

*A weekly update of church happenings for
Preston City Congregational Church
Week of March 29, 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 22 states and 64 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 have increased the number of worshipers at each service to **120 people, (50%)**. *The safety of our congregation is our top priority.* 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.



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



SPECIAL MEETING CALL & AGENDA

April 11, 2021

9:45 a.m. & 11:30 a.m.

A special meeting of the Preston City Congregational Church will be held in the Sanctuary following each service, on Sunday, April 11, 2021 at 9:45A & 11:30A, for the following action:

To consider and vote on the recommendation of the Pastoral Search Committee and the Standing Committee, to extend the Call to Serve as the Settled Pastor of Preston City Congregational Church, to Reverend Raefield Perteet, beginning July 26, 2021.

All are welcome to attend, however, only active church members over the age of 18 (eighteen) may vote.

Susan P. Brosnan
Clerk

GIVING TO YOUR CHURCH

It takes a congregation of members and friends to keep our church financially on course during these days of Covid-19. We appreciate your faithfulness each week. 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.



WE WELCOMED into the Household of Christian Faith through the Sacrament of Baptism:

3.28, *Caleb Russell Hoffman*, son of Alicia & Gregory Hoffman of East Greenwich, RI.

3.28, *Raelyn Mae Govoni*, daughter of Sarah Greiner and Ryan Govoni of Preston, CT.

We ask God's blessing upon these little ones.



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.



TOUCAN (Two-Can) FOOD PANTRY

The pantry is **open to the community** on the third Wednesday of each month from 10 a.m. to Noon. Spread the word! If you need help before then, please call the church office (860.887.4647).

"He Is Risen"

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 tomorrow morning (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.

We continue to meet in our mixed groups in Dudek Hall. This Sunday is Easter, please worship with your family. Don't forget to call the office and let them know you will be attending. The Second Sunday (11th), grades 2 -5 will follow me downstairs after the children's message for stories, songs, and crafts. The third Sunday (18th), Toddlers 3, 4, K and grade 1 will have their Sunday Funday downstairs. Finally, the BIG KIDS (25th), grades 6 – 12 are invited for donuts in Dudek Hall to discuss this crazy year! As always masks, social distancing, and FUN will be provided. Watch those emails for information regarding an Easter Egg Hunt by car!!!

– Blessings always, Lisa Van Alst

VIEW FROM BEHIND THE HANDLEBARS

Spring has arrived, and warmer temperatures are on the way. Soon the familiar rumble of motorcycles will fill the air. As much as we love to ride, we know that there are hazards for our riders out there. The single most dangerous situation for motorcycles occurs when oncoming cars are making left-hand turns in front of us. These types of collisions account for approximately 42% of all accidents involving a motorcycle and a car. Please keep this in mind and keep an eye out for us to help keep us safe. Thanks *-- Andy Kuvent*



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! Call Stella Dawley to arrange a drop off time (860) 887.6452.