



THE LITTLE PILGRIM

*A weekly update of church happenings for
Preston City Congregational Church
Week of April 5, 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 142 viewers from 2 countries, 31 states, and 99 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 **75 people**. *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.

CHURCH SCHOLARSHIP FORMS

Application forms for the church scholarship awards are now available to students pursuing their first college or university degree. Call the office and leave your name and phone number and we'll mail you the paperwork which needs to be completed and returned to the church office by April 30th.



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, AND VOTE THIS SUNDAY

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**



DRIVE THROUGH VOTING

Church members wanting to vote on April 11th, but who wish to refrain from in-person worship that morning, may drive up to the front steps of the church between 10:30 and 11:30 a.m. You will be given a ballot to fill out, and your vote will be collected by Sr. Deacon Lee Ann Fessenden and Deacon Keith Harrison. Please remember that your name MUST be on your ballot to be counted.

2021 ANNUAL MEETING CALL & AGENDA

The Annual Meeting of the Preston City

Congregational church will be held on Sunday, April 18, 2021, at noon in the Sanctuary for the following actions:

1. To accept the reports of Officers, Boards, Committees, and other church organizations.
2. To vote on the proposed Bylaw revisions.
3. To transact any other business that may be brought before the congregation.

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GIVING TO YOUR CHURCH

We truly appreciate your ongoing financial support of the church. Every gift received helps to keep the operation of the church on track. Without your generosity, the daily operation of our church would be tough. 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.

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).



HAPPY SPRING!



NEWS FROM THE DIRECTOR OF RELIGIOUS ED.

We continue to meet in our mixed groups in Dudek Hall. Don't forget to call the office and let them know you will be attending. The Second Sunday (11th), **THIS SUNDAY**, 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.

– 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.

HOW WELL WERE YOU LISTENING?

On Easter, I told the story about Mrs. Roberts. What was the nickname given to Mrs. Roberts by the cemetery-goers? The first person to email me: sewhite3022@gmail.com the correct answer will win a \$25 Panera Gift Card.

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