

**Preston City  
Congregational Church**



**Week of March 20, 2022 -  
March 27, 2022**

Church Office Hours:  
Monday – Friday, 9AM – Noon

**Have a question?  
Need help?**

Please call: The Office  
860.887.4647 or 860.886.7200

**WORSHIP AND WEB STREAM  
INFORMATION**

Worship services at 9AM & 10:30AM.  
For those who are unable to attend in-  
person, the 9AM service is streamed  
live. Go to  
[prestoncitycongregational.org](http://prestoncitycongregational.org). and  
click the stream button. Previous  
services may be viewed using the  
archive system on the site.  
Live viewings last week: 51; 1 country;  
13 states; 39 cities. Archived viewing: 77

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**Sunday Mar 27 Food Pantry -  
Open after services**

**Tuesday Evening Bible Study 7P**

**AA Wed. 7:30P Dudek Hall**

**Thursday Morning Bible Study  
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**Adult Choir Practice Thursday 7P**

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**Men's Group 4/02**

**Spring Clean-up 4/09**

**Semi-Annual Meeting 4/24**

**Meatloaf Take-out Dinner 4/30**

**Spring Yard Sale 5/07**

**COVID UPDATE 3/16/2022**

The Standing Committee met and  
determined that wearing masks is  
optional.

**COFFEE HOUR and  
FELLOWSHIP** follows Sunday  
services.

**A story about gratitude.**

A blind boy sat on the steps of a building with a hat by his feet. He held up a sign which read, "I am blind, please help."

There were only a few coins in the hat – spare change from folks as they hurried past.

A man was walking by. He took a few coins from his pocket and dropped them into the hat. He then took the sign, turned it around, and wrote some words. Then he put the sign back in the boy's hand so that everyone who walked by would see the new words.

Soon the hat began to fill up. A lot more people were giving money to the blind boy.

That afternoon, the man who had changed the sign returned to see how things were. The boy recognized his footsteps and asked, "Were you the one who changed my sign this morning? What did you write?"

The man said, "I only wrote the truth. I said what you said but in a different way."

I wrote, "*Today is a beautiful day, but I cannot see it.*"

Both signs spoke the truth. But the first sign simply said the boy was blind, while the second sign conveyed to everyone walking by how grateful they should be to see...

Gratitude is a way of looking at the world and all the good things in it with a feeling of thankfulness.

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Gratitude is not usually associated with Lent, but perhaps it should be. Gratitude is a choice; we have much to be thankful for, if we just look with a new perspective.

Sue Brosnan

**DOOR MONITORS**

**Can you help us on Sunday mornings in April** serving as a door monitor at the double door entrance? Guidelines for door monitors are posted above the signup 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](mailto:RVesco2010@comcast.net) or 401.583.7840.

**NEW MEMBERS**

Palm Sunday is one of the two Sundays we traditionally welcome new members into our church. This year Palm Sunday is April 10, 2022. Please call the office if you are considering becoming an "official" member, with voting rights and the ability to serve as a church officer or chair committees. If you have questions please call the minister (860 887-4647).



Registration forms were sent home for the April 15th Good Friday Event. If you didn't receive yours you can pick up one from me in Dudek Hall, the information tables outside the Sanctuary, or send me an email and I can send you one that way! Looking for ways you can be involved even if you can't attend.... we need several dozen hard boiled eggs, help setting up on Thursday April 14th starting @ 5 p.m. and clean up on Friday @ 2:15 p.m. Let me know where you would like to help!

Finally, the Teen Mission Trip to West Virginia will NOT be happening this year. However, look for further information on a MISSION POSSIBLE Weekend here @ the church this summer for all 6th - 12th graders and their friends & family.

Love & Blessings Always,  
Lisa Van Alst D.R.E.

**BAPTISM**

On March 20<sup>th</sup> we welcomed into the Household of Christian Faith, Rayelle Hopkins, the daughter of Robin and Alison Hopkins and Hayden Ouimette, the son of Douglas and Christina (Mott) Ouimette. We ask God's blessing on these little ones.



**ADULT CHOIR**

Choir Rehearsal is on Thursday evenings at 7pm.

New voices are always welcome and experience is not necessary. Please join us as we are preparing for Lent and Easter. -Marie Quinn



**BIBLE STUDY**



**The Tuesday Night Bible Study Group** is meeting at 7pm. We will be studying the book of James using Max Lucado's "*Life Lessons from James*" Study Guide.

**Thursday Morning Bible Study Group meets at 10am**

with a guided study on the life of Queen Esther by Max Lucado entitled "You Were Made for this Moment." Come participate in a study that inspires us to step up and stand out for God!

**CHURCH OFFICE UPDATES**

**The Christian flag** flying over the Annex lawn is given in memory of Art Dawley by his wife, Stella. Thank you for this meaningful memorial.

**CHURCH CANCELLATIONS**

When the decision is made that church or Sunday School must be cancelled, usually due to inclement weather, please tune into television Channel 3, call the church office (860 887-4647) for a recorded message, check our Facebook page or the website: [prestoncitycongregational.org](http://prestoncitycongregational.org).



**HELPING HANDS MINISTRY**

No requests this week.  
Check again next week.

**CONDOLENCES**

We offer our sympathies to the family of Jean Tedeschi.

**THE SUPPER COMMITTEE presents**

**MEATLOAF DINNER**

**SATURDAY, APRIL 30<sup>TH</sup>**

**4:30P -5:30P**

**TAKE-OUT ONLY**

Meatloaf \* Mashed Potatoes \* Green Beans  
Harvard Beets \* Roll \* Dessert

\$13.00 - All dinners must be pre-purchased  
No tickets will be available at the door

Tickets go on sale, Sunday March 27th after both services, or you can call the office to hold tickets until payment is received: 860-887-4647



**MEN'S GROUP**

The Men's Group will be meeting on Saturday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> at 10 am downstairs in the church.

We welcome all men who may be interested in attending.

**DECORATING COMMITTEE  
Memorial Lilies**



The Decorating Committee will be adorning the Sanctuary with memorial lilies on Easter Sunday. We will be available to take orders on March 27<sup>th</sup> and April 3<sup>rd</sup> during coffee hour after both services. Lilies are \$13.00 apiece.

The last day to order is April 4<sup>th</sup>. Any questions, please see Sharon Breen (860-303-1184) or Wendy Zajac (860-886-1588).



**SPRING CLEAN-UP**

The Trustees have scheduled a clean-up day on Saturday, April 9<sup>th</sup> beginning at 9A. Please bring your own tools: rakes, shovels, brooms, etc.

**SPECIAL GIVING for UKRAINE**

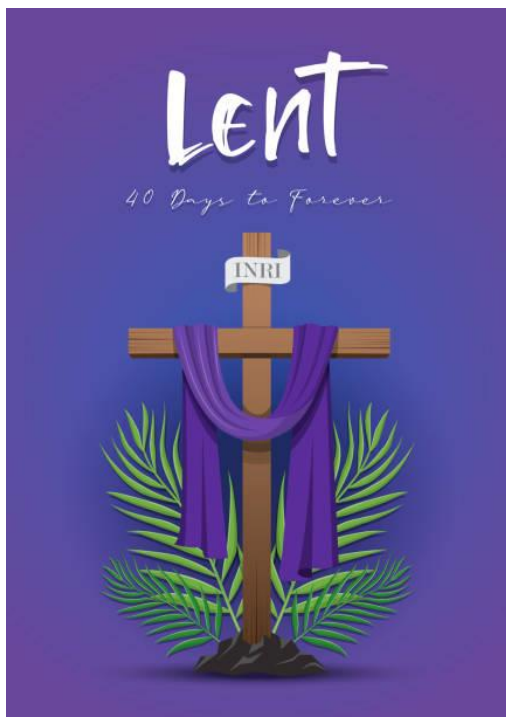
We will be accepting monetary donations to support Ukraine throughout the month of April.



If you wish to give to this appeal, please put your gift in an envelope marked "Ukraine", then mail it, drop it off to the church office, or place it in the offering plate on Sunday morning.

If issuing a check, please add "Ukraine" to the memo line.

We will be donating through the National Association of Congregational Christian Churches (NACCC). *Thank you!*



**SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION 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 30<sup>th</sup>.



**YARD SALE**

Our **SPRING YARD SALE** is planned for **May 7<sup>th</sup>**. Start cleaning those basements and attics! We will let you know when we are able to collect items.

Please remember: no computers, tires, air conditioners or clothing.

**THOUGHTS FROM A FRIEND...**

Spring: a lovely reminder of how beautiful change can truly be

**LAST WORD**

