

**Preston City
Congregational Church**



**Week of March 27, 2022 -
April 3, 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. and
click the stream button. Previous
services may be viewed using the
archive system on the site.

Live viewings last week: 42; 1 country;
13 states; 33 cities. Archived viewing: 66

UPCOMING EVENTS

Communion Sunday 4/3
Tuesday Evening Bible Study 7P
AA Wed. 7:30P Dudek Hall
Thursday Morning Bible Study
10 A
Adult Choir Practice Thursday 7P

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 has
determined that wearing masks is
optional.

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

Pastor's Corner

Once upon a time, a psychology professor walked around on a stage while teaching stress management principles to an auditorium filled with students. As she raised a glass of water, everyone expected they'd be asked the typical "glass half empty or glass half full" question. Instead, with a smile on her face, the professor asked, "How heavy is this glass of water I'm holding?"

Students shouted out answers ranging from eight ounces to a couple pounds.

She replied, "From my perspective, the absolute weight of this glass doesn't matter. It all depends on how long I hold it. If I hold it for a minute or two, it's fairly light. If I hold it for an hour straight, its weight might make my arm ache a little. If I hold it for a day straight, my arm will likely cramp up and feel completely numb and paralyzed, forcing me to drop the glass to the floor. In each case, the weight of the glass doesn't change, but the longer I hold it, the heavier it feels to me."

As the class shook their heads in agreement, she continued, "Your stresses and worries in life are very much like this glass of water. Think about them for a while, and nothing happens. Think about them a bit longer and you begin to ache a little. Think about them all day long, and you will feel completely numb and paralyzed – incapable of doing anything else until you drop them."
Written by: -MARC CHERNOFF

What a great reminder that it is imperative to let go of stress and worry. It is a burden our God never meant for us to constantly carry. In fact, Psalms 55:22 states it this way, "Cast your burden on the LORD [release it] and He will sustain *and* uphold you; **He will never allow the righteous to be shaken (slip, fall, fail).**" What a promise for those who believe. So, the next time you seem overwhelmed by life, try worship instead of worry. Release it and make room for the better that God has in store.

See you on Sunday,

Rev. Rae

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 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.

TWO-CAN SUNDAY

Communion Sunday is Two-Can Sunday! We encourage everyone to bring two items to help replenish the Food Pantry. Donation boxes are located in the main and lower entries. We are thankful your donations. Many people are being helped because of your generosity.



Dear Church,
 Sunday school has been sooo busy! Mrs. Van Alst had to talk from a box and she couldn't leave it! She tried to grow fruit!? We hiked a mountain and enjoyed a bonfire chat at the top! Confused???? Well, if you are missing Sunday School, then I understand why! Come back and have fun with us, WE MISS YOU!!!!

Upcoming events:

SUNDAY APRIL 10, 2022: All Children start in DUDEK HALL. We will line up for a Parade. You will see us upstairs celebrating the arrival of Jesus!

FRIDAY APRIL 15, 2022: Good Friday Event! Have you signed up for the fun? There are still a few spaces left! We will attend the Good Friday Service upstairs. We will then have lunch together in Halls' Hall and do all sorts of activities related to Easter!

SUNDAY APRIL 17, 2022: EASTER!!! If your child is attending the 9 a.m. service, bring them to Dudek Hall. We will be lining up to dance/parade our banners & ribbon sticks around the Sanctuary! He is Risen!!!!

ALL Families, Older/Younger siblings, & grandparents are welcome.

You don't want to miss a minute!
 You are family here, and we MISS you!
 Love & Blessings,
 Mrs. Lisa Van Alst
 D.R.E.

CHURCH OFFICE UPDATES

Some people have mentioned to me regarding Fall fundraising:
 "Why not have vendors and a food truck on a fall date?"
 "Well, it's not the Scarecrow Festival, but maybe it would be worth a try."
 If you might be interested in coordinating this, please call the office (860.887.4647).

I'm passing along Hayden Bustamante's address in case you might want to send him a line:

SPC Hayden Bustamante
 U. S. Army School of Music
 1420 Gator BLVD JEBLCFS
 Suite B215
 Virginia Beach, VA 23459-2617

Sandy Dudek

HELPING HANDS MINISTRY

No requests this week.
 Check again next week.



interested in attending.

The Men's Group will be meeting on Saturday, April 2nd at 10 am downstairs in the church. We welcome all men who may be

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!

THE SUPPER COMMITTEE presents



MEATLOAF DINNER

SATURDAY, APRIL 30TH

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

VIEW FROM BEHIND THE HANDLEBARS - With Spring rapidly approaching, you will soon hear the familiar rumble of motorcycles filling the air. As much as we love to ride, we know that there are a lot of hazards on the road for motorcyclists. The number one cause of motorcycle accidents is the failure of other motorists on the road to detect and recognize us. Even the most skilled and safety conscious motorcyclists can't avoid an accident if the other vehicles on the road don't see them. So please keep an eye out for all of us and help keep us safe! Thanks. - PCCC Riders

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 April 3rd during coffee hour after both services. Lilies are \$13.00 apiece.

The last day to order is April 4th. 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 9th 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.

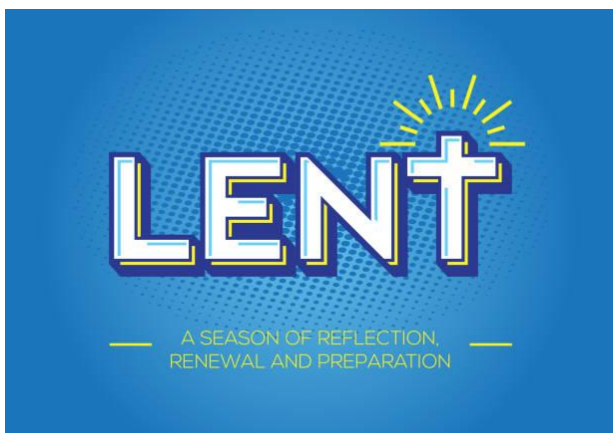
If issuing a check, please add **"Ukraine"** to the memo line.

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



KITCHEN NEWS

After many ideas and much discussion, we are updating the church kitchen to improve the workflow. This week, the trustees will move the freezer and refrigerator from Dudek Hall into the kitchen, making them more accessible. We ask for your patience as the work progresses. Items may not be "where they used to be" but we are hoping that when all work is completed, they will be "where they need to be!"



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 30th. Forms are also available on the table in the mid-level hallway.

YARD SALE

Our **SPRING YARD SALE** is planned for **May 7th from 8A – 2P**. Rain date is May 14th.

Start cleaning those basements and attics!

Please call Stella Dawley to arrange a drop-off time.

Sign-up sheets have been posted for help setting up at 6:30A and 1:30P to clean-up.

Also, please remember:

no computers, tires, air conditioners or clothing.



Two more Fridays! Today and next week!

St. James Episcopal Church
Presents their 57th Annual
Fish Fry

Pricing
\$15.00 per dinner
Cash Only

This is a Drive Thru Take Out Only Event
Your choice of Baked or Fried fish
All dinners include French Fries, Coleslaw & Dessert!

Call in phone orders starting at 1:00 pm or order in person starting at 4:00 pm.
Phone order and in person pick ups from 4:00 to 6:30 pm or until sold out.

- Friday, March 04
- Friday, March 11
- Friday, March 18
- Friday, March 25
- Friday, April 01
- Friday, April 08

To place your order Please Call: 860-889-0150
95 Route 2A, Preston, CT
(To pick up orders, please enter from Route 2A exit onto Route 117)

LAST WORD

Jealousy is the art of counting someone else's blessings instead of your own.