

**Preston City
Congregational Church**



**Week of April 3, 2022 -
April 10, 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: 54; 1 country;
16 states; 33 cities. Archived viewing: 27

UPCOMING EVENTS

Tuesday Evening Bible Study 7P
AA Wed. 7:30P Dudek Hall
Adult Choir Practice Thursday 7P

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

The Color of Life

I love many of the traditions during this time of year. In fact, at a previous parish in Eastern Massachusetts, I can remember the youth having the pleasure of decorating Easter eggs during this season. I enjoyed watching these young ones engage in this beloved action, and it tugged on my heart with a sense of nostalgia. Decorating Easter eggs was a favorite activity growing up in the Pertee home. There was just something about those decorative sleeves that would shrink perfectly to the contours of the egg when boiled; it was like magic. What started off as plain was now colorful and vibrant. Although the tradition of decorating eggs during the spring season is often celebrated in Christian circles, it is not native to the church and, in fact, predates Christianity altogether. Although perhaps there is still some symbolic virtue in the activity.

Perhaps like the egg before decoration, before we encounter the Savior, our lives too are often plain and uninspired. The best of humanity exists as a reminder that there is a Creator. The purest beauty we find in one another is nothing we could create or maintain on our own, but it is often a mere reflection of the splash of beauty that has come in our lives from above. As Mahatma Gandhi put it, "When I admire the wonders of a sunset or the beauty of the moon, my soul expands in the worship of the creator." Without acknowledging the splash of beauty the Creator has placed in our life via friends, family, nature, and Christ himself, our lives at best are rather dull lacking the potential vividness and fullness of meaning or purpose that only comes with knowing and encountering the expressed love of God.

I pray this Easter season that you have an encounter with the God of love that will illuminate the colors of your life, that renews and vibrantly refreshes the plain, unadorned areas in your world.

See you on Sunday,

Rev. Rae

DOOR MONITORS

Can you help us on Sunday mornings in April and May 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 or 401.583.7840.

SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING CALL & AGENDA

April 24, 2022 at 12 PM

The April Semi-Annual Meeting of the Preston City Congregational Church will be held in the sanctuary on Sunday, **April 24, 2022** at noon for the following actions:

1. To hear the reports of Officers, Boards, Committees, and other church organizations
 2. To transact any other business that may be brought before the congregation
- Susan P. Brosnan, Clerk



THIS Sunday please drop all Sunday School children off in Dudek Hall! We will be lining up for our Palm Sunday Parade. We really could use any older kids this Sunday to partner up with the little ones.

Easter Sunday there will be NO SUNDAY SCHOOL, however, all Children who are attending the 9a.m. service are asked to meet Mrs. Van Alst in Dudek Hall to help her carry in some Easter Banners, older & younger students are needed!

Save the dates

- May 1st Bake Sale for Abraham
- May 15th Children's Day Service @ 10:30 & CookOut
- July 11th - 15th Vacation Bible School "HayDay"
- July 15th - 17th Teen Mission Possible Weekend

Come find me for more info, and how you can help!



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.

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



CHURCH OFFICE UPDATES

The American flag flies proudly in memory of my dad, Philip Belliveau, Jr.; given by The Barry Family.

HELPING HANDS MINISTRY

No requests this week.
Check again next week.



ADULT CHOIR

Choir Rehearsal is on Thursday evenings at 7pm. -Marie Quinn

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.

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





YARD SALE

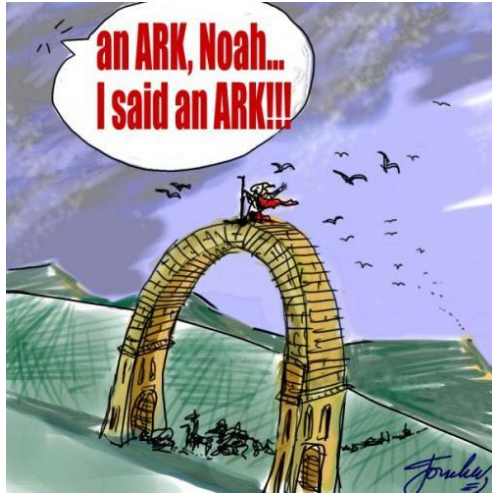
Our **SPRING YARD SALE** is planned for **May 7th from 8A – 2P**. Rain date is May 14th. Start cleaning those basements and attics! Please call Stella Dawley to arrange a drop-off time. Sign-up sheets have been posted for help setting up at 6:30A and 1:30P to clean-up. Also, please remember: no computers, tires, air conditioners or clothing.



**9 & 10:30A
APR 14 MAUNDY THURSDAY
7P**

**APR 15 GOOD FRIDAY
NOON**

**APR 17 EASTER SUNDAY
SUNRISE 6:30A AMOS LAKE
Beach Club Hollowell Rd.
(if too wet, in our sanctuary)
EASTER SERVICES AT 9A & 10:30A**



**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

MOTHER'S DAY GERANIUMS

The Decorating Committee is already looking forward to Mother's Day, which is only 3 weeks after Easter this year! We will be available to take your orders to honor or remember your mothers on April 24th and May 1st during coffee hours after both services. Geraniums will be \$12.00 apiece. Any questions, please see Sharon Breen (860-303-1184) or Wendy Zajac (860-886-1588). Thanks!



APR 10 PALM SUNDAY

