

**Preston City
Congregational Church**



The Little Pilgrim

**Week of April 10, 2022 -
April 17, 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; 2
countries; 14 states; 32 cities. Archived
viewing: 28

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

Semi-Annual Meeting 4/24
Meatloaf Take-out Dinner 4/30
Sunday School Bake Sale 5/01
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

A Cruciform Life

This week, the Lenten season comes to a glorious conclusion. As we consider the journey we have been on, it is a time for us to reflect upon the glory of the cross; our Savior's death, burial, and resurrection. Although it is often difficult to think about Christ's crucifixion without thinking about His command for each of us to "take up our cross and follow Him." (Luke 9:23) One must imagine that at times in this process (just as it was not easy for the Savior to carry out this act of ultimate salvation for the world), we also are sometimes wearied when taking up our individual crosses and sacrifices for the gospel. Although listen to what Paul reminds us of in Romans: he says, "For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us." (Romans 8:18) This Holy Week, while we take time to meditate on the heroic act of our savior on Calvary's hill, let us also remember that although it is not always easy to fulfill our individual destinies with Christ, if we maintain and we suffer through it with Christ, then we shall also be able to partake in the glorious resurrection he desires to reveal in each of our lives. I am not sure what form this glory will take in your own life; perhaps you will experience the favor of God's concern and special project or decision. Maybe it will take the form of spiritual renewal or breakthrough in a career after showing faithfulness to God in your current job? What about the removal of weights that have held you down emotionally for years? Whatever it may be, I encourage you to hold on and not give up so that you may see God's glory revealed in your own life, so that "the God of all grace, who hath called you unto his eternal glory in Christ, after you have suffered a little while, will himself restore you and make you strong, firm, and steadfast." (1 Peter 5:10 NIV). My prayer is that this week, as we examine the sacrifice of our savior, that God's resounding resurrection power will be practically and pervasively felt in all of our lives.

See you Easter 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



Today, 21 young children will be attending and participating in Good Friday activities; 15 more will be assisting!! Next year I encourage you, as an adult, to consider volunteering/participating in this event also! Come see the Christian faith through the eyes of true believers, our children! Come share your Faith journey with all of us! What a great way to celebrate Lent & Easter, by sharing Jesus with others and developing impressionable relationships with the youth of our church!

Happy Birthday to our sponsor child, Abraham, on April 15th!!! We need to continue his sponsorship through the summer. Did you know your Children's Birthday pennies and offerings pay a monthly \$35 fee? We will be hosting a Bake sale on **Sunday, MAY 1ST**, after both services. We need bakers and buyers, lol!
Contact Lisa if you can help.

Love & blessings always,
Lisa Van Alst D.R.E.



HELPING HANDS MINISTRY

No requests this week.
Check again next week.

BAPTISM

On April 10 we welcomed into the Household of Christian Faith, through the sacrament of Baptism, Emerson Paul, the daughter of Alexis (Luft) and Daniel Paul. We ask God's blessing on this little one.



NEW MEMBERS John Cyrus and Debra LaBree are our newest members, joining the church on Palm Sunday. Welcome!



ADULT CHOIR

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



CHURCH OFFICE UPDATES

Seniors, mark your calendars for a Senior Picnic on June 14th at noon in the pavilion; you may drive right down on the Field of Dreams. Wednesday, June 15th is the rain date.

Eric who provided the wonderful nostalgic music last year is on deck again this year. Rick is planning to grill with the help of a few others. The first hamburgers and hot dogs of the season always taste so good! Sandy will be baking the beans and recruiting potato salad and coleslaw makers. And the desserts are always the BEST, so plan to spend a little carefree time with us that day.

We are hopefully planning for our Senior Lunches next fall and winter. These lunches have made many a dark day brighter for our seniors, and we are anticipating continuing the tradition. Stay tuned; more information will be coming!

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

THANK YOU to those who helped with the spring clean-up. Our church grounds are beautiful!

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!*



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



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.



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 **\$10.00**

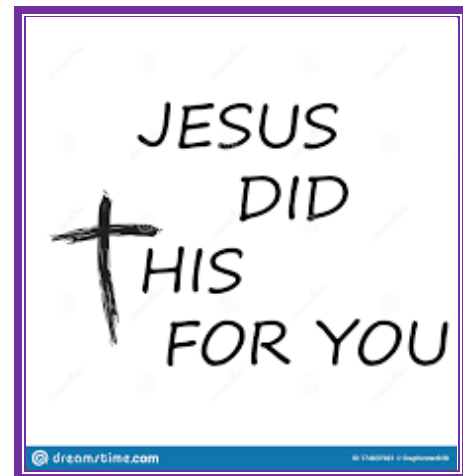
apiece. Any questions, please see Sharon Breen (860-303-1184) or Wendy Zajac (860-886-1588). Thanks!



THOUGHTS FROM A FRIEND...

"Tis better by far
at the rainbow's end
To find not gold,
but the heart of a friend."

LAST WORD



LITTLE PILGRIM COORDINATOR

Please send information to be included in the newsletter no later than Tuesday at noon each week:

Susan.brosnan@gmail.com or
860 889-0768.