

**Preston City  
Congregational Church**



**The Little Pilgrim**

**Week of April 17, 2022 -  
April 24, 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.

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**Tuesday Evening Bible Study 7P**

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

**Adult Choir Practice Thursday 7P**

**Semi-Annual Meeting 4/24**

**Food Pantry open 4/24**

**Sunday School Bake Sale 5/01**

**Spring Yard Sale 5/07**

**COFFEE HOUR and**

**FELLOWSHIP** follows Sunday  
services.

**COVID UPDATE 3/16/2022**

The Standing Committee has  
determined that wearing masks is  
optional.

**Pastor's Corner**

**The Grace of God**

*"For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith-and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God" (Ephesians 2:8).*

What is the Easter story all about? It is a depiction of the Grace of God. I am fond of the Easter season, perhaps partly because I am fond of a good love story... And Easter, in some measure, is the end of a chapter in the greatest love story ever told: that God, once separated from the object of His affection (you and I), decided that this was a relationship worth keeping, and He devised a plan to do so. Listen to the Psalmist describe it.

*"Listen! My beloved! Look! Here he comes, leaping across the mountains, bounding over the hills. My beloved is like a gazelle or a young stag. Look! There he stands behind our wall, gazing through the windows, peering through the lattice. My beloved spoke and said to me, "Arise, my darling, my beautiful one, come with me." (Song of Solomon 2:8-10)*

This is an image of Christ leaping across the mountainous barriers of sin, peering through the lattice of time, down through 42 generations, showing himself only in a measure, waiting until the perfect time to reveal his plan... And then, in the fullness of time, a God who sits high decides to stoop low in order to redeem broken souls. Now that's Grace! That's also the Easter message we continue to celebrate this week!

See You Sunday,

Rev. Rae

**DOOR MONITORS**

**Can you help us on Sunday mornings in 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](mailto: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



**Children's Day 2022** is quickly approaching! Mark those calendars for **SUNDAY, MAY 15** from 10:30 to 12:30, for a day of worshipping, fellowshiping, and eating.

We encourage ALL families to attend and honor our hard-working Sunday school children and **BRING A FRIEND!** We are planning a church-wide cookout of hamburgers and hotdogs following the 10:30 service. Join us for Kids versus the Grown-ups games, sidewalk chalk, bubbles, and fun in the sun! Invite aunts, uncles, cousins, friends, & neighbors. Just sign up on the main church bulletin board with your family's name and # attending, by May 8th, so we have enough supplies!

Do you like to bake, make candy, cook with your kids? We need items for Abraham's Birthday Bash Bake Sale Sunday, May 8th! Don't bake? That's ok, you can buy or volunteer to work the table!!! We need to keep the sponsorship of our Sunday School mission child going over the summer, so Abraham has clean water, food, medicine and access to school. Talk to your children about helping with this ministry.

As always, come see me!!!!  
Lisa Van Alst D.R.E.

### CHURCH OFFICE UPDATES

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

### HELPING HANDS MINISTRY

No requests this week.  
Check again next week.  
**We are here if you need us!**



**THE FOOD PANTRY** is open after services Sunday, April 24, for church-goers to pick up a bag for someone they know or for themselves.



Food Pantry Ministry

### ADULT CHOIR

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



### BIBLE STUDY

**The Tuesday Evening Bible Study Group** will continue @7pm for the next 4-5 weeks. Our new study will be "Why Easter Matters" from Andy Stanley. It is video based and comes with a study guide that is available on Amazon for ~\$10 or a Kindle version for around \$5. The class is available in person in Hall's Hall or on Zoom by clicking on the link below:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/9038488535?pwd=SHFJbVZVS2JWOGVGaUMxTllmWXdkdz09>

For more information, please contact Scott Van Alst by phone (860-237-7964).

## POSTPONED UNTIL THE FALL

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

### 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!*

## THOUGHTS FROM A FRIEND...

"Nothing is impossible.  
The word itself says, I'm possible."  
-Audrey Hepburn

## 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 7<sup>th</sup> from 8A – 2P**. Rain date is May 14<sup>th</sup>.

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.



## LITTLE PILGRIM COORDINATOR

Please send information to be included in the newsletter no later than Tuesday at noon each week:  
[Susan.brosnan@gmail.com](mailto:Susan.brosnan@gmail.com) or  
860 889-0768.



## MOTHER'S DAY GERANIUMS

The Decorating Committee is looking forward to Mother's Day. We will be available to take your orders to honor or remember your mothers on April 24<sup>th</sup> and May 1<sup>st</sup> 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!

## SEND A CARD OF CHEER

There are some in our church family who could benefit from a card of cheer or encouragement. This week, consider sending a note to someone you may not have seen in a while or are on the prayer list.



One thing no one ever talks about when it comes to being an adult, is how much time we debate keeping a cardboard box because it's, you know..... a really good box.

## LAST WORD

