

**Preston City
Congregational Church**



The Little Pilgrim

April 2, 2023

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 9A & 10:30A
For those who are unable to attend
in-person, the 9:00A 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 :

3/19 – 45; 1 country; 12 states;
31 cities

3/26 – 33; 1 country; 18 states;
40 cities

4/02 – 38; 1 country; 12 states;
23 cities

UPCOMING EVENTS

AA Wed 7:30P Dudek Hall

Choir Th 4/13 7P

NEXT LITTLE PILGRIM week of
April 16

COVID UPDATE 3/16/2022

The Standing Committee has
determined that wearing masks is
optional.



Coffee Fellowship

**Join us after
services for
coffee,
punch, and
fellowship.**

**FROM THE CHURCH OFFICE
EASTER SCHEDULE**

ECUMENICAL EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE – 6:30 A.M. at Amos Lake,
Hollowell Road, Preston. In case of inclement weather, it will be held in our
Sanctuary.

EASTER WORSHIP SERVICES – 9 & 10:30 A.M. The choir will be singing
at both services. Memorial Easter lilies will adorn the church. Rev. Stan will
be here!

A funeral service for Jean Barrett is scheduled for Wednesday, April 12th at
11A.

**We are traveling again and have started a wait list! Call the office
to add your name.**

BUS TRIP TO LANCASTER PA ~ AUG 21-23

Deposit check made out to PCCC and given to Sandy or sent to the office
(321 Route 164, Preston, CT 06365)

Deposit is \$240

Be sure to read about cancellation insurance offered on the back of the
flyer. Call the office if you have any questions about it.

Rev. Stan is leading the trip assisted by Sandy.

It's sure to be a good time for all.

Please remember, if you turn on lights, or adjust the heat or air
conditioning, to turn them off or reset them when you are finished. If you
remove the Sanctuary railing for an event, please be sure to make
provisions for it to be put back afterwards. Others count on it being there.
Thank you.

INCLEMENT WEATHER CANCELLATIONS

TUNE IN to Television Channel 3 (WFSB) or you may check Facebook, our
website prestoncitycongregational.org or call the office. A message will be
announced on the answering machine. When Sunday School is cancelled,
church is NOT CANCELLED unless specifically announced. We have been
assured that when we post on Channel 3, they notify all the local radio
stations.

**Just a reminder: When the church is closed, there are no activities
at the church.**

Did you hear Rev. Mark's challenge on March 26, 2023 for funds to
purchase a new wireless microphone? Go to our website at
prestoncitycongregational.org to listen. The Live Streaming button will bring
you to the link for our service.

The Donate Now button will bring you to our online donation page where
you may choose **Special Events - New Microphone**. Click on the Donate
Now button, enter your donation, and complete the registration form.

Donations will also be accepted at the church office and may also be placed
in a marked envelope in the collection plate on Sundays.



He is Risen!!! (well in just 2 days) Happy Easter. Just a reminder there is NO SUNDAY SCHOOL this Sunday. Enjoy sitting as a family! The Nursery will NOT be staffed, however, please feel free to use it should your little need a break!

It's hard to believe but Children's Day is just around the corner! May 21, 2023 @ the 10:30 service we will be showcasing your KIDS and just some of the things they have learned @ Sunday School. As a reminder here are some of the day's highlights:

Preschoolers will share their learned Bible verses and how to sing and dance to "The B-I-B-L-E" song! Kindergarteners will be leading the Congregation in the Lord's Prayer (Keep practicing)

1st graders will be receiving their 1st Bible!

3rd & 4th graders are singing a special song!

5th -12th graders will be everywhere LoL! You might spot them as greeters, Ushers, Worship Assistant, cooks.....

AND finally..... A WHOLE CHURCH PICNIC will follow in the Field of Dreams following the service. Please consider attending BOTH events, sign-up sheets will be one the main bulletin board soon!

May you find hope and happiness this beautiful Easter season.

Mrs. Lisa Van Alst D.R.E.

LOOKING AHEAD

Easter Sunday ~ April 9 ~

Services at 6:30A, 9A & 10:30A

(In case of inclement weather, the Sunrise Service will be at Preston City Congregational Church)

National Day of Prayer ~ May 4 ~ 5:30P in the pavilion

Senior Picnic ~ June 28 ~ Rain date June 29

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.



THE GARDENING GROUP is looking for a few helping hands (with gardening gloves!) to tend our gardens.

If you are interested please contact John Marino at 860 887-3359 or marinojohn@sbcglobal.net.

Choir Rehearsals

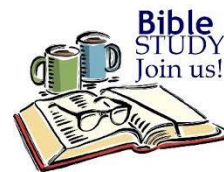
Rehearsals are Thursday nights at 7:00P.

We welcome you to join us when you are able.



Thank you to the Men's Group.

Trivia Night was a great success and a lot of fun! We look forward to the next one!



Monday Morning Bible Study meets at 10am.

Please contact Chris Burden for any questions. **NO study April 10th.**

Tuesday Evening Bible Study continues from April 11 - May 16, Tuesdays at 7P.

We are planning on traveling around the community to places that represent Jesus' appearances after his resurrection. If anyone has any questions, please call Scott VanAlst on his cell phone: 860-237-7964.

THOUGHTS FROM A FRIEND...

"Spring:
A lovely reminder of what change can be."

Mother's Day Geraniums

The Decorating Committee is already looking forward to Mother's Day, on May 14th!

We will be available to take your orders to honor or remember your mothers on April 23rd and April 30th during coffee hours after both services. Geraniums will be \$11.00. Any questions, please see Sharon Breen (860-303-1184) or Wendy Zajac (860-886-1588). Thanks!





We are so excited to be planning for a **2023 Scarecrow Festival**. The date is set for **Saturday September 23, 2023. 10 AM till 4 PM**. This will be our 15th festival.

We need many volunteers and coordinators to make it successful. A list of areas that need coordinators is posted on

the bulletin board outside Dudek Hall. **PLEASE** add your name, phone, and e-mail to the list if you would like to help. Meetings will be via Zoom on the second Tuesday of each month at 6:30 PM.

Questions call Shari Purcell 860-917-9011 or e-mail shariLpurcell@gmail.com or call the church office at 860-887-4647.

YARD SALE

Our **SPRING YARD SALE** is planned for **May 6th** with a rain date of May 13th.

Start clearing those basements and attics! Donations will be accepted starting April 8th by contacting Stella Dawley.

Beginning April 19th, donations will be accepted following church services.

Donations will also be accepted the day of the sale.

Please do not leave anything outside at the church when no one from the committee is able to meet with you.

Just a reminder:

No clothing, paint, computers, outdated electronics, tires, air conditioners or other bulky items.



Friends of the Preston Public Library Book Sale

The Friends of the Library Semi-Annual Book Sale is fast approaching and we'd like your help! We are currently accepting your slightly used books and video media (no VHS tapes, please) in the collection box in front of the Preston Public Library. If you have a large donation, please call 860-887-5828.

MARK THE DATE - The Book Sale will run on Sat. April 29 from 9:00 am -4:00 pm; Sunday, April 30 from 9:00 am – 1:00 pm, and will be held at the Preston Public Library, 389 Route 2, Preston. As in the past, we will have a large number and variety of books and video media. Sunday's sale will feature a special where you will be able to fill a bag for \$10. See you there!



MEN'S GROUP

The Men's Group will be meeting on Saturday, May 6th at 10A.

We welcome all men who may be interested in attending.

On the Third Day

— by Margaret Wideyke

As pale streaks of coral open
The closed, dark, nighttime skies,
Two women trudge the dusty road
That leads to the place where He lies.

Bring burial spices, they enter,
Subdued by all that happened before.
As they near the tomb they remember
The rock that blocks the door.

But when they reach the site,
The rock stands at one side,
And within, an angel dressed in white
Speaks of their Lord who was crucified.

"This is the place where they laid Him,
But He is not here. He is not dead.
Carry the word to His friends:
He has risen as He said."

Joyful, astonished, afraid to believe,
For a moment, they stand paralyzed.
Then they rush to report what the angel said
As the glorious sun is on the rise.

