News and information for the August newsletter is due in the church office by July 16th. You may leave information in the holder located on the wall in the kitchen.

FROM THE PASTOR’S DESK

Today, June 11th, the adult choir sung one last time before taking a well-deserved break for the summer. Faithfully, these dedicated singers, under the leadership of our music director Robin Lyon, met on Thursday evenings (week-after-week) to prepare a choral piece for us to enjoy during worship; that’s dedication, that’s commitment. Many of them have been singing in the choir for years (too many to count!). Why do they do it? They must love to sing. They enjoy the camaraderie of singing with others and the friendships that are made. But I’d like to think that they enjoy presenting the “Good News” of the faith in song. Each time the choir shares their music they’re offering a musical sermon — not just a melody but a message. There were Sundays during the year, where after hearing their message in song that I thought, We can go home now. Their words were that powerful!

Music enhances worship, the organ prelude, the hymns we sing, and the music of our faithful choir. I can’t imagine a service without it, but I know of some churches where music is not heard. There is no organist, there are no singers. How fortunate and blessed we are to hear fine music on Sunday morning from all of our choirs, handbells, too!

Be present next Sunday (June 11th) for “Choir Appreciation Sunday” as the adult choir sings some of their favorite pieces. A special coffee hour will follow the service to honor these loyal men and women. I will miss them in the choir loft, but I know I’ll hear many of their voices singing joyfully from the congregation. I’ll await their return in September. Until then, Robin and choirs, know how much we appreciate your music in worship. I’m sure, God does, too!

Stay close to God!

Rev. Stan

+++ WE EXPRESSED OUR SYMPATHY to the family of Bernard G. O’Brien who passed away on May 16th. Please keep Bernie’s wife and family in your thoughts and prayers. He was a member of our church, and a brother of Paula Toland.

+++ WATCH IT!
If you’re not able to be present at worship, join us for worship on the web; from your computer, iPad, or Smartphone. You can watch the service live at 9 A.M. or later in the day, any day or night, at any convenient time, from anywhere in the U.S or around the world! Did you know you can now give to the church online? Several people have already done so, and we are grateful for their financial support. Tell a friend about our services on the web.

+++ FINANCIAL REPORT
May church expenses $18,518.17
May income (pledges/offering) $14,303.82
Other income received in May
  Supper Committee $2,500.00
  Yard Sale $1,260.15

Please help us stay financially strong this summer.
NEWS FROM THE PCC BIKERS

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continued support of the church. As always, we thank you for your faithful and generous support. We extend our appreciation to the 30th Birthday Club, which has sponsored our summer newsletter.  

If you have any questions or if you would like to make a donation, please contact the church office. 

Yours sincerely in Christ,  
Rev. Tom Flynn

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THE SEARCH COMMITTEE

30 May 2017  

Dear Sir and Committee,  

I write this letter to express my deep appreciation for the opportunity to serve as the chairman of the Search Committee at this critical time in the history of our church. I have been impressed by the dedication and commitment of the members of the committee to the task of finding a new minister for our congregation. 

I would like to express my gratitude to the Search Committee for the time and effort that they have put into this process. Their hard work and dedication have been a great source of inspiration and encouragement for me. I am grateful for the support and encouragement that I have received from the members of the committee. 

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Yours sincerely,

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THE ASSOCIATE MINISTER'S MESSAGE

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THANKS

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Rev. Tom Flynn  

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THE SEARCH COMMITTEE
YAY!
Congratulations to Shirley & Jeffrey Hodkinson. The pharmacy they own and operate; Uncas Pharmacy was voted best pharmacy in Norwich this year; it was also selected in 2014 and 2015.

FLOWER & DECORATING COMMITTEE
Our Flower Committee members have now become the “Decorating Committee” for special Sundays during the year (i.e. Christmas, Easter, Thanksgiving, etc.) This means we are looking for volunteers to serve on the Flower Committee. The FC’s basic responsibility is to insure that there are flowers on the altar on Sunday morning. To place flowers upon the altar, the congregation is asked to sign up on the flower chart, which is now located on the mid-level bulletin board. You can offer them in memory of a loved one, a special anniversary or birthday, or other appropriate occasion. If you would like to be part of this committee, please sign the sheet on the bulletin board and you will be contacted. Until this new committee is in place, people wishing to place flowers on the altar should not only sign up on the chart, but also contact the church office by Tuesday so that appropriate wording may be included in the worship folder. Please do not bring flowers to church on Sunday morning without first notifying the office during the week. Thanks.

+++ COMING THIS SUMMER
Jesus often spoke to his followers in parables. These parables were a means to teach us, even today, what the Kingdom of God is like. I invite you to come and explore the words of Jesus in a unique and amazing way. Starting Tuesday, June 13th and ending August 22nd, we will meet every other week from 6-7 P.M. Each session will be scheduled to take place at locations around our community. Bring a Bible, lawn chair, and a friend! Pick up a bookmark from the hallway bulletin board that has the readings and location of the first class. Got questions? Let’s talk. Scott Van Alst

+++ SCARECROW FESTIVAL NEWS
Please put September 23rd on your calendar, and remember to volunteer for this year’s Scarecrow Festival! Did you know it takes over 200 volunteers to make the festival a success?

We still have a few chairperson positions available. We’re looking for two people to assist with the Crow’s Nest, which is the food area under the lower level pavilion. One person will coordinate the ordering and delivery of the food and the supplies. A second person will be responsible for the assignment and oversight of the Crow’s Nest volunteers on festival day. This is a change from prior years, when one chairperson was responsible for all Crow’s Nest areas.

Also, we need someone to coordinate the Chili/Chowder area, and someone with technical experience to assist with the sound system from 1-4 P.M. on festival day.

If you are interested, or would like more information on any of these areas, please speak with Bob (401) 583.7840 or Joy (860) 234.1011. You can also send an email to: Scarecrowfestival2017@gmail.com. Thanks for all you do to support the festival!

+++ BUS TRIP PLANNED
Join Rev. Stan on a bus trip to NYC, November 30th - December 1st. We’ll leave the church parking lot at 8 A.M. and travel to the “Big Apple” where we’ll have time for lunch (on our own) and some shopping before going to see the Christmas Show at Radio City Music Hall. After the show we’ll head to our motel in N.J. After breakfast (included) the next day, we’ll do some sightseeing via our motor coach before having some free time to explore on our own. We’ll head back to Preston in the afternoon, arriving back to the church by 8 P.M. The cost for the trip is $325 per person, based on 40 travelers ($418 single supplement) which includes: transportation, overnight accommodation, a ticket to the Christmas show, breakfast, sightseeing and gratuity for the driver. A deposit of $25 is due by September 1st. Final payment is due October 16th. Please make your check payable to: Preston City Congregational Church. Brochures for this trip are available on the Information Center table. Friends and neighbors are welcome to join you! Speak with Rev. Stan if you have any questions. A sign-up sheet is posted on the mid-level bulletin board, and 16 people have already signed up.

+++ WEBSTREAMING NEWS
Many people have been enjoying our worship services streamed on the internet week after week. People have tuned in from around the United States and the world: Australia, Malaysia, Puerto Rico, Singapore, and the United Kingdom to name a few!

Volunteers are needed to assist in webstreaming the services on Sunday mornings at 9 A.M. Please contact Jim Wright (860.535.2709) if you are interested in helping out. You can stop by on Sunday morning and watch them at work; it’s fascinating! The present team of ”streamers” does an excellent job, but they want and need more help. Consider getting involved!

+++ CAN YOU HELP?
From time-to-time, people/families in our congregation are in need of a home-cooked meal. Maybe it’s following a hospital stay, or when a baby is born, or upon the passing of a loved one, etc. If you’re interested in helping out with this important outreach, please call meal coordinator Lois Woodmansee at 860.889.2128. Thank you.
Our Summer Youth Mission Trip
Participants depart July 15-17 to Lynbrook, IL

Know
Are there other graduates? Please call the church office and let us

Graduates
Grace Quigley, Valparaiso College
Rachel Factor, University of Dayton
Rachel Columbus - Clark University

Ecumenical Convocation & Hispanic Mission
Bartholomew School District

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A WORD FROM THE DIRECTOR OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Pihason City Congregational Thusday Sunday School Newsletter
The Pihason Senior Pilgrim
### June 2017

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  Adult choir sings 9a  
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  Halls’ Hall in use 1-4:30p |
| 5    | Yoga 6:30p  
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  Vacation Bible School  
  meeting 6:30p (Annie)  
  Yoga 6:30p |
| 6    | Please check with  
  Rev. Stan or Sandy  
  before using our  
  names as references.  
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  Vacation Bible School  
  meeting 6:30p (Annie)  
  Yoga 6:30p |
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  Board of Rel. Ed. 6p  
  LET’S GO Bible study (Pavilion) 6p |
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**Did you know?**

DID YOU KNOW that our Faith Community Nurse, Sandra Wright is available on the First Sunday of each month, between services in Room 18. You can drop in for a quick blood pressure check or bring your “health & wellness” questions along, too. Her email address is: SandraLMWright@gmail.com

Did you know we have a “Prayer Path” located on the Field of Dreams? Feel free to sit and meditate on the words posted near each bench.

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### Happy Father's Day

To all the men who have been a caring father to their children or been a “father” figure to someone who could benefit by the interaction. And grateful thanks to our heavenly Father who looks over all of us!
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Prayer for the 4th of July

On this Independence Day, I am reminded of all those who have sacrificed for my freedom, following the example of your Son, Jesus Christ. Let me not take my freedom, both physical and spiritual, for granted. May I always remember that this freedom was purchased with a very high price. Lord, today, bless those who have served and continue to give their lives for our country's freedom. Help me to live my life in a way that glorifies you, Lord. Give me the strength to be a blessing to someone else's life today, and grant me the opportunity to lead others into the freedom that can be found in knowing Christ. Amen.

+++ THE SCRIP PROGRAM is an ongoing fundraiser that greatly benefits the youth missions trips program. Scrip (debit) cards are available to purchase for hundreds of stores, gas stations, donut shops, bookstores, grocery stores, etc. where you do business. You do not pay any extra amount to purchase these cards; however, the youth missions will receive a percentage back that varies according to the business. For example...if you purchase a Macy's card for $100.00, youth missions will be rewarded 10% for the sale...no charge to you, but profit to the program; WalMart is 2%, Stop & Shop 4%, etc. Cards can be purchased for varying amounts. Checks to purchase these cards should be made out to "PCCC Youth Missions". If you have questions, call coordinators Jerry & Cheryl Giuliano (850-376-9301).