

# THE PRESTON PILGRIM

The newsletter of  
The Preston City  
Congregational Church  
Gathered 1698

**JUNE - JULY 2018**



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News and information for the August newsletter is July 15th. You may leave information in the holder located on the wall in the kitchen.

They say that Memorial Day is the "unofficial" start to Summer, and with the arrival of summer comes change in our schedules or routines; special travels, vacations and day trips. It's a season where many people and families look forward to "getting outside and getting away," enjoying various activities they can't do during the year because of school, work, or weather! Everyone enjoys summer and all that it has to offer, and everyone enjoys "breaks" from the routine of life. Me, too!

As you make and enjoy your summer plans, don't forget your church. If you're in town, plan to be at worship. Your spiritual health is important all year long. Did you know that years ago, when we decided to have only one service during the summer, the congregation voted to have the start time be 9 A.M.? They did so to give worshipers more time to enjoy family and activities following the service. Starting your Sunday in church is one routine that should not change. You and your family need what the church has to offer, especially in the unusual and uncertain times we are living in.

As you travel, and if you worship at another church, bring home the worship folder. I enjoy reading and seeing what other churches are doing. You may also discover an idea that would be great for our church.

Whatever you do, wherever you go over these next few months, know that your church is here to welcome you on Sunday mornings. I will be praying for your safe travel. Remember your church family in prayer. You can keep in touch with your church and what is going on by checking the website, it is updated weekly.

I wish you a happy and safe summer. May God be with you in all that you do!



Stay close to God,  
*W. Stan*  
Rev. Stan

**DURING THE MONTH OF MAY**  
**WE WELCOMED** into the Household of Christian Faith, through the Sacrament of Baptism:

5-6, *Delaney Jeanne Duggan*, daughter of Erin Breen and Matthew Duggan of Niantic.

5-27, *Penny Lynn Nemeth*, daughter of Jessica and Andrew Nemeth of Preston.

5-30, *Luciana Lynne Vachon*, daughter of Felicia & Saul "Buddy" Meraz, Jr. of Preston.

**WE CONGRATULATED** *Felicia Kowalski and Saul "Buddy" Meraz, Jr.* who were united in marriage on May 30th.

THE AMERICAN FLAG waving proudly on the Annex lawn is given by Shirley & Don Walsh in honor of all past and present servicemen and women.

THE CHRISTIAN FLAG waving proudly on the Annex lawn is given by Shirley & Don Walsh in memory of Shirley & John White (Rev. Stan's parents).

**GREAT JOB!**

**THANK YOU...**

to everyone who made the spring yard sale a big success. Special thanks to Stella Dawley for serving as the Chairperson for this popular fundraiser, and to Kaye Schlough for assisting and overseeing sales on May 26<sup>th</sup>. A total of \$1,448.25 was raised. Very well-done, volunteers and donors to the sale. We appreciate what you did.

We also thank those who baked home-made apple pies that were enjoyed following the Memorial Day service on May 27<sup>th</sup>. They were delicious! Thank you: Robin Lyon, Mary Ann Coughlin, Kim Lang, Bev Baker, Sharon Mahan, Jane Prokop, Carolyn Shea, Carol Riley, Phyllis Knutson, and Marion Miller. A total of 16 pies were made.

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**BINGO NEWS**

Recreational Bingo has begun at Strawberry Park Campground in Preston. We, as a church, are fortunate to receive any proceeds from the games for the work of the church. To date, we have approximately 12 volunteers to help with Bingo; we are still in need of a few more helpers. All you need to do is stop by the church office and fill out an application form. We'll send it to the Preston Town Hall, and they will send your "PIN" back to our office. Once you receive it, you're ready to get involved. A calendar of Bingo dates can be found on the Information Center bulletin board across from the table. Sign-up for the days or evenings you're available to help with; it's a lot of fun! Sally Exley is the Coordinator for this fundraising event. Please contact her with any questions you may have (860.822.9005).



**PLEASE REMEMBER**

As you will see below, it is critical that you keep your pledge up-to-date when you're away from church this summer. The bills continue to come in but giving to the church decreases considerably over the summer months. Here's where we stand financially at the end of May:

2018 Income (offerings, fundraisers, etc.):  
\$87,680.85  
2018 Expenses: \$110,903.38

We need your continued financial support, and we appreciate your faithful giving. Thanks for keeping your church in your thoughts and prayers!

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**NOTES FROM BEHIND THE HANDLEBARS**

Our next ride is the very patriotic "Reason to Ride" on Sunday, June 10<sup>th</sup>. As we did last year, we will meet in the Fire House parking lot across from the church immediately following the 9 A.M. service and plan on departing by 10 to ride to the Plainfield VFW to register. The registration fee is \$20 per person and \$15 for any passengers. Hope to see you there. *Andy Kuvent.*

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**DOOR MONITORS**

Volunteers are needed. Please lend a hand if you are able. All the details pertaining to door monitors are posted on the Information Center bulletin board. Contact Lowell Calkins if you have any questions (860.887.5939). *Thanks!*

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**STILL LOOKING...** Volunteers are needed to assist with the production of our web stream services on Sunday mornings. It's not as hard to do as you may think. Those presently overseeing the production would be glad to show you what's involved. Stop by the room by the TV in Halls' Hall and see what's involved. Jim & Sandra, along with Sue Brosnan and Patrick Magowan will be glad to answer any questions you have.

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**FALL BUS TRIP PLANNED  
"Amishlands Pennsylvania"**

November 28 - 30  
\$359 per person  
\$50 deposit due with reservation  
(Make your check payable to PCCC)

Flyers for this trip can be found on the Information Center table. Feel free to share the details with other interested travelers. Please note: there is now a *waiting list* for this trip. Please contact the church office if you are interested.

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**LOOKING AHEAD...**

American Red Cross Blood Drive - July 3<sup>rd</sup>  
1 - 6 P.M. (Dudek Hall).  
Vacation Bible School - July 9 - 13<sup>th</sup>

# The Preston Junior Pilgrim



## Preston City Congregational Church Sunday School Newsletter

A WORD FROM THE DIRECTOR OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION...



**CHILDREN'S DAY** is now but a memory, but I wanted to recognize some achievements from the day. There was one perfect attendance student, **JENNA SULLIVAN**, who led the classes in. I'm sure she didn't always feel like getting up to come to Sunday School, but she did it and I am so proud of her!

**THOSE WHO RECEIVED THE BIBLE MEMORY VERSES AWARD** recited the Bible verses month by month while Sunday School was in session. They are: **Ella Arpin, Zoe Arpin, Carter Barrows, Brent Fessenden, Austin Judy, Noah Klewin, Seth Klewin, Carter Pappas, Owen Pappas, Ryan Rowe, Aleah Toland, and Carter Toland.**

We do not have a lot of awards in Sunday School. As the D.R.E. I want the kids to want to come to Sunday School and learn about God without worrying about being the "smartest" or the "fastest".

**SPECIAL THANKS** to Scott Van Alst for handling the sound system and Jerry Giuliano who oversaw the "inside" picnic. Both did such an excellent job.

**MAY THE SUMMER** be a time of rest and refreshment for you. As you look at the blue sky or your children playing in the water, remember to thank God for the blessings you have.

May the **SON**shine through me



WEL\*  
\*done  
\*you\*  
\*Did\*  
\*IT!

**CONGRATULATIONS...WE ARE PROUD OF YOU...IS IN ORDER FOR ALL OF YOU...**

**Dr. Denise Dole-Braley** - *At awards day at Mitchell College, what a surprise to Denise to be set apart as Instructor of the year! Not a surprise to us who have witnessed first hand her many talents and abilities!*

**Janet Keffer** - *The Griswold School district's new teacher of the year. She is an eighth grade special education teacher who is changing kids' lives (be sure to check out the newspaper article posted on the mid-level bulletin board).*

**Lauren Hodkinson** - *Graduated Ithaca College in New York with a Bachelor of Science degree in Biochemistry and a Bachelor of Arts degree in Anthropology. As a graduate student, she is studying genetics.*



**Kellen Strader** - *Graduate of St. Leo University (Homeland Security)*

**Christian Allyn** - *Three Rivers Community College*

**Gabriella Farinha & Emma Price** - *Norwich Free Academy*

**Kaegan Willard** - *Griswold High School*

**Hannah Daniewicz** - *Preston Plains School*

**WHO ARE OUR OTHER GRADUATES?** Please call the office and let us know so we may send them a congratulatory letter.

**ONE SPOT** remains available for the Youth Mission Trip to Rutland/Green Mountains, Vermont. If you are High School age (includes those who will compete 8<sup>th</sup> grade this year) and have an interest in going, contact the Van Alsts or Cheryl Giuliano.

**PLEASE RETURN THIS REGISTRATION FORM AS SOON AS POSSIBLE FOR PLANNING PURPOSES, WE MUST ORDER SUPPLIES FOR ALL REGISTRANTS.**

**SHIPWRECKED**  
 By Group  
 "Rescued by Jesus"  
 July 9-13<sup>th</sup>, 9-11:30 a.m.

COME JOIN THE FUN this summer at Vacation Bible School directed by Sandy Dudek and Shari Purcell. Volunteers are needed...all materials will be provided and will be available to review at the meeting scheduled for Monday, June 4th at 6:30 p.m. in Halls' Fellowship Hall. Many adults have enjoyed the week as much as the children so why not come and join the fun! A daily offering will be taken during the opening worship service.

Children in our church and community who have turned 4 by August 1, 2018, through those completing Grade 7 are invited to attend (Exception: those who have attended our Toddler 3 Sunday School may also sign up to attend). Those who have completed grades 8-12 could assist us in so many ways. The cost for this program is \$12.00 per child with a family maximum of \$30.00. Checks should be made payable to the Preston City Congregational Church. Scholarships are available; speak to Sandy Dudek for more information.

CHILDREN NEED TO BE REGISTERED BY JULY 1<sup>ST</sup>. The form below can be mailed to the church at 321 Route 164, Preston, CT 06365.

*Please bring in a tee shirt, tank top or muscle undershirt for each of your children involved in VBS on MONDAY, JULY 9<sup>TH</sup>, the opening day of VBS.*

If you would like to volunteer in any capacity or need any further information, please speak to Sandy or Rev. Stan or call the church office at 860-887-4647.

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL REGISTRATION - 2018**

Child's Name	Date of Birth	Grade Completed
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Are there any medical conditions of which we should be made aware? (Please explain on back of form)

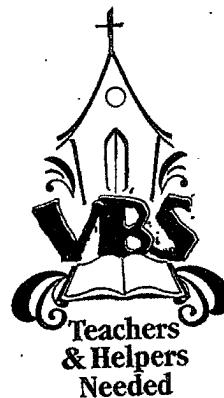
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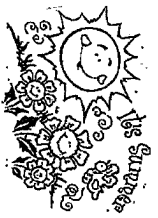
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In my absence, emergency medical treatment may be authorized by the directors of VBS if deemed necessary.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Fee Paid \_\_\_\_\_



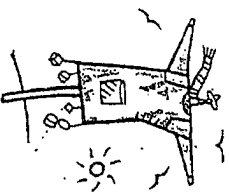


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To place flowers in church during June, sign the Flower Chart, fill out the Reservation form, and call Carolyn	Shae (860.887.8582)	<b>LOST OR FOUND</b> Something at church? There is a basket in the Information Center next to the table.	Please check with Rev. Stan or Sandy before using our names as references. This courtesy would be very much appreciated		1	2
3 Communion worship 9a Two-can Sunday	4 VBS meeting (Annex) Yoga 6:30p	5 Scarecrow Festival meeting 6:30p Bible study 6:30p	6 AA 7:30p	7 Adult choir 7p	8	9
10 Worship 9a Scholarship & Choir Appreciation Sunday	11 Yoga 6:30p	12 Board of Religious Ed. Meeting 6:30p Bible study 7p	13 St. Jude worship 11a AA 7:30p	14	15	16
17 Worship 9a Happy Father's Day to all our Dads and those men who are positive role models to our youth	18 Yoga 6:30p	19 Bible study 6:30p	20 Trustees' meeting 9p Standing Committee meeting 7p AA 7:30p	21 Summer begins Enjoy your summer and travel safe	22	23. Chicken barbeque 4-6:30p
24 Worship 9a Food Distribution Sunday (following service)	25 Yoga 6:30p	26 Bible study 6:30p	27 Creamery Brook worship 3p AA 7:30p	28 Adult choir 7p	29	30
				<b>PLEASE NOTE:</b> Active church members who wish to borrow church property, (tables, chairs, etc.) call the church office	Did you know...the newsletter is posted on our website: <a href="http://Presoncitycongregational.org">Presoncitycongregational.org</a>	



**Happy Father's Day**

Blessed  
 Is the Father  
 who lets the  
 Lord be his  
 guiding hand,  
 whose faith  
 brings his  
 family courage,  
 whose wisdom  
 comes from God,  
 and whose  
 children  
 stand and honor  
 him.



**SAVE THE DATE..SCARECROW FESTIVAL, SEPTEMBER 22<sup>ND</sup> 10 A.M. - 4 P.M.**, Crafters and Vendors can download registration forms on our website, [presoncitycongregational.org](http://presoncitycongregational.org) It's a great way to get involved in your church and meet a lot of great people.

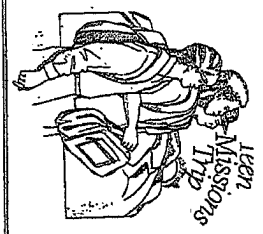
**AS YOU** go to farmers markets and festivals this summer, please take note of any ideas that you feel would enhance the SCARECROW FESTIVAL. Please contact Joy Chailfoux or Bob Vescevi.



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22 Worship 9a Baptism Halls' Hall in use 1-5p Youth Mission trip participants depart	23 Yoga 6:30p	24 Bible study 6:30p	25 Creamery Brook 3p AA 7:30p	26 To place flowers in church during July, sign the Flower Chart, fill out the reservation form and call Doris MacLachlan 860.564.2609	27 LOST OR FOUND Something at church? There is a basket in the Information Center.	28 PLEASE NOTE: Active church members who wish to borrow church property (tables, chairs), call the church office.
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**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: [SandraLAWright@gmail.com](mailto:SandraLAWright@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.

**CHECK IT OUT!**  
 Did you know we have a church library, filled with lots of interesting books? It's located at the back of Dudek Hall.

**Prayer During the Summer**

*Great God, you dress  
 the world in summertime  
 and paint the sky with stars.  
 You write your story on our  
 lives  
 and guide the ways of all,  
 Give us a wider sense of  
 wonder,  
 that we may unwrap  
 the world like a gift.  
 Always thanking you  
 for your goodness  
 And living in love  
 with our neighbors,  
 in Jesus Christ Our Lord.  
 Amen.*

