

THE PRESTON PILGRIM



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SUMMER WORSHIP
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News and information for the July newsletter must be received by **June 16th**. You may leave information in the holder located on the wall in the kitchen.

CAN'T MAKE IT TO CHURCH?

Now you can watch the service online, Sundays at 9 A.M., or later in the day. All services are archived so you can watch them any day, any time, from anywhere. However, for optimum viewing, join us in person!



Fathers ARE important! Each of us came into the world because of a father. For good or not, if it were not for fathers, we would not be reading these words.

What memories come to mind when you think of your father? Fond memories? Thoughts not so good because your Dad was absent from your life? Maybe he passed away when you were just a child?

Each of us has another father; *a heavenly Father*. Here are some of His qualities:

- He is loving. He loves us unconditionally!
- He knows each pain and struggle we have experienced, and He cares.
- He promises to never leave us alone. Never!
- He forgives us and helps us to forgive others.
- He gives us the power to let go of bitterness and resentment, to choose what is better, so that we can keep moving forward in life.

No matter what's going on in your life today, or what struggles you might be facing, remember...

*You are loved by an amazing God,
a heavenly Father!*

Stay close to God!
Rev. Stan



DURING THE MONTH OF MAY

WE WELCOMED into the Household of Christian Faith through the Sacrament of Baptism:

5/5 *Cameron Luis Sutherland*, son of Bethany Landa and Jesse Sutherland of Quaker Hill, CT.

WE EXPRESSED our sympathy to the family of *Anne Dame* who passed away on May 17th. Please keep Anne's husband, Charlie, and her family in your prayers.



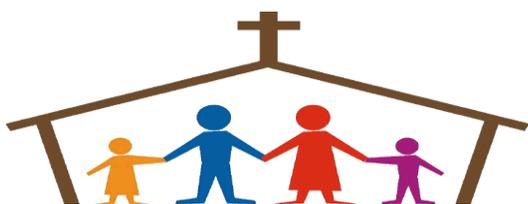
The American flag waving proudly on the annex lawn is given in memory of *Justin Nysten* by Shirley & Don Walsh. The Christian flag flying on the annex lawn is given in memory of *Evey Putman*, also given by Shirley & Don. *Thank you!*

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GOT TICKETS?

Chicken Barbecue
Saturday, June 29th
4- 6:30 P.M.

They're on sale now! You can purchase tickets during the coffee hour on Sunday morning, or from the church office during the week; Adults \$11, Children 12 and under \$6. The menu includes: Fresh grilled chicken breast, potato salad & coleslaw, cranberry sauce, roll, dessert, and beverage. Don't miss this popular summertime meal. Tickets will sell very fast!



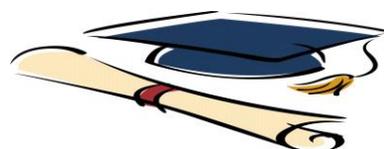
REMEMBER

We are now on our summer worship schedule. There will be one service of worship; 9 A.M. until September 8th. The Sunday School will NOT be in session during this time, families are encouraged to worship together. Each Sunday a message will be presented especially for the children to enjoy. Plan to be at worship regularly this summer.

YARD SALE NEWS

Finally! After many attempts to hold the church yard sale, it happened! What a wonderful day it was weather wise, and the crowds were present throughout the morning and afternoon. We thank the many volunteers who helped with the set-up and clean-up of the sale. We're thrilled to announce that the profit from the sale was \$2,015.50. Special thanks to Stella Dawley for overseeing the sale again this year, and to those who contributed their "treasures" to the sale. So many people in the community look forward to this sale each spring and fall. Our next yard sale will be in October.

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SCHOLARSHIP SUNDAY

June 9th, 9 A.M.

Be with us as we present awards to deserving young people from our congregation who plan to attend colleges and universities this fall.

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CONGRATULATIONS

We applaud all our young people graduating from middle and high school this year. Likewise, hats-off to those graduating from colleges and universities. Your church family is proud of your accomplishment, and wish you well in all your future endeavors.

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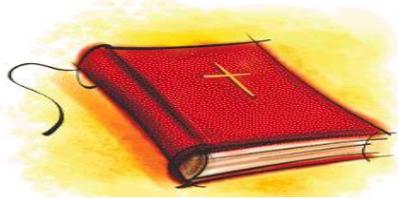
TO KEEP YOU INFORMED

All meeting minutes and financial reports from the monthly Standing Committee meeting which is held on the 3rd Wednesday at 7 P.M. in Halls' Hall are now posted on the hallway bulletin board opposite the Information Center table. Want to know what's happening in your church? Check out the bulletin board. Please know that anyone is welcome to attend this meeting.



YOU ASKED FOR IT!

In the recent church survey, several people asked that large print Bibles be available on Sunday mornings. Very soon, twelve large print NIV Bibles (Red) will be available for worship. Please do not remove them from the building. You can pick up a Bible in the narthex prior to worship on Sunday. Please return them to where you picked them up when finished. *Thanks.*



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LOCK THE DOORS

Any groups or meetings being held at the church are encouraged to lock the doors once their meeting or event begins.

-- *The Safety Committee*

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BINGO NEWS

Another season of recreational Bingo has begun at Strawberry Park Campground in Preston. We are so fortunate to receive any proceeds for the work of the church. We're looking for a few more people to help out at the Bingo sessions. If you'd like to get involved, 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 go! A calendar of Bingo dates can be found on the bulletin board across from the Information Center table (mid-level). Sign up for the days when you're available to help. Those presently involved say it's a lot of fun! Sally Exley is the lead coordinator for Bingo. Please contact her with any questions you may have (860.822.9005).

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READING MATERIALS

Copies of *The Upper Room* and *Our Daily Bread* are available on the Information Center table. These are great daily devotional booklets, written to encourage you in your faith journey. Please pick up a copy, they're "FREE."

PLEASE REMEMBER

to 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. We need your continued financial support, and we appreciate your faithful giving.

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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 sign the sheet posted on the mid-level bulletin board, or call meal coordinator Lois Woodmansee at 860.889.2128. *Thank you.*



JOIN US

We're heading back to beautiful Lancaster, PA from November 18th – 20th. The itinerary is a little different this time:

2 nights lodging

2 breakfasts, 2 dinners (family style dinner & Smorgasbord)

3 hour guided tour of the Amish countryside with various stops along the way.

We'll visit the Lil' Country Store and Miniature Horse Farm

We'll attend the "Miracle of Christmas" at Sight & Sound Theater, as well as "Joy to the World" at the American Music Theater, and enjoy a visit to Kitchen Kettle Village.

The cost is \$415 per person/double occupancy which includes: Motorcoach transportation, guides, a ticket to each show, all meals, and bus driver's gratuity. *Cancellation insurance is available upon request.* A \$50 deposit per person is due at sign up. If you're interested in going on this trip with Rev. Stan, please sign your name to the sheet posted on the hallway bulletin board, or call the church office (860.887.4647). Flyers with all the trip information can be picked up on the Information Center table.

The Preston Junior Pilgrim

A WORD FROM THE DIRECTOR OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION...



“For the mountains shall depart, and the hills be removed; but my kindness shall not depart from thee, neither shall the covenant of my peace be removed, saith the Lord that hath mercy on thee.”

Isaiah 54:10

MANY OF YOU may have heard that I had the misfortune to miss a bottom stair and shattered my left elbow! When I was sitting on the floor processing what had just happened, I was thanking God it was not my right elbow, that my left shoulder was intact and that the fingers on my left hand were moving. I thought of the Bible verse I'd been working on with the little kids "When I am afraid, I will trust in you." (Psalm 56:3)

WHEN I SAW THE KIDS following this unexpected happening in my life, I told them about it and just how important it is to have **faith**, to believe in God, when unexpected things happen. It is so very important that our children (and adults, too) know that God will take care of them when things happen that are accidents or things that defy explanation.

GOD WILL BRING GOOD out of all these things if we keep our faith strong! This accident happened two weeks before Children's Day. When I was low I was brought high by all your caring. I especially was moved by the members of the Board of Religious Education **Lisa Fessenden, Cheryl Giuliano, Sarah Noiseux, Wendy Abrahamson, Randy Gallogly, and Sean O'Brien** as well as **Rick Alletto, Jerry Giuliano, Patrick Magowan and Sue Brosnan**, and of course my guardian angels **Stella Dawley and Rev. Stan**. They covered everything so I did not have excessive worry. You showed me the face of God! I will always will be grateful to you for what you did.

WHATEVER YOUR unexpected things are, **keep believing and keep trusting** and God will see you through. He is full of mercy and compassion.

May the **SON**shine through me, Sandy *Dudek*



Tienna Deroy who graduated from Oswego State University of New York on May 18th. She will be attending the University of Delaware for her PhD in Inorganic Chemistry starting in August.

IN ADDITION to your parents, your church family is oh, so proud!

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THANK YOU to everyone who supported the High School Bake Sale to support our mission Child, Abraham Solomon of Ethiopia. Over \$300 was raised which will take us through the summer months when Sunday School is not in session.

FROM THE MUSIC DIRECTOR: If you would like to provide offertory music this summer, please sign the list on the bulletin board or speak to Robin Lyon (860) 705-5943.



DON'T FORGET to register your kids today for Vacation Bible School July 8-12 from 9:00 a.m.-noon. The curriculum is **“ROAR”...Life is wild- God is Good** put out by Group Publishing. It will be an unforgettable week for them. Call the office if you need a registration form and I will email it to you.

The cost is \$12 per child with a family maximum of \$30. Checks should be made payable to Preston City Congregational Church and can be mailed to the church.

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DID YOU KNOW that you are invited to attend the Standing Committee (Administrative body of the the church) on the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 7 p.m. in Halls' Hall.

June 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 Memorial Service – Helen Rocheleau
2 Communion Worship 9a Two-can Sunday	3 Yoga 6:30p	4 Board of Religious Ed. 6p Bible study 6:30p Financial Peace Univ. 6:30p	5 Vacation Bible School Meeting 6:30p AA 7:30p	6 Adult choir 7p	7	8 Men's Group 8-9:30a
9 Worship 9a Scholarship & Choir Recognition Sunday	10 Yoga 6:30p	11 Bible study 6:30p	12 AA 7:30p	13	14	15
16 Worship 9a Happy Father's Day to all our Dads and those who are positive role models to our youth	17 Yoga 6:30p	18 Bible study 6:30p	19 Trustees' Meeting 6p Standing Comm. Mtg. 7p AA 7:30p	20	21	22 Celebration of Life for Justin Nylen 11a
23 Worship 9a	24 Yoga 6:30p	25 Bible study 6:30p	26 AA 7:30p	27	28	29 Chicken barbecue 4-6:30p
30 Food Distribution Sunday						

TO PLACE FLOWERS on the altar during June, sign the Flower Chart on the mid-level bulletin board, fill out the reservation form and give it to Merrie Hedler (860) 886-0466 or place in the envelope to the left of the Flower Chart.