

THE PRESTON PILGRIM



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SUMMER WORSHIP

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News and information for the August newsletter must be received by **July 21st**. 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!



WHAT'S IMPORTANT TO YOU?

I've heard it said more than once, that if you look at someone's check book (or Visa card, or other card statement), you will know what their priorities are. Some say, "Where your money goes, so goes your priorities."

What is important to you?

Where you spend your time says a lot about you. Do you sit in front of a computer screen? Watching TV? Playing golf with friends? Do you play with your kids, enjoy having coffee with your wife, partner, or friends? One study I read said, *people should matter most*. They are the ones who will be there for you when you need them. Invest wisely in relationships.

Where is your money spent?

Do you make big purchases on clothes, re-decorating your home, entertainment? Do you support charities? There is nothing wrong with having fun, but make sure you are investing in things with lasting value.

When you are gone, what legacy will you leave?

Don't let life pass you by. Don't wait until tomorrow to make a difference today! Spend time on the people, places and things that matter most.

When was the last time you were truly happy?

If you can't remember, it's time for something to change! If you have faith, you have the ability to be joyful in all circumstances. Do you want to have a happy life? Make adjustments to the things that are under your control.

Studies have shown that going to church, getting involved, meeting people, making friends, AND helping to improve the quality of life for others brings value and meaning to our lives. This is why the Church (universal) is so important and necessary for the times in which we live. Make church an important part of your life!

Stay close to God!
Rev. Stan

DURING THE MONTH OF JUNE

WE CONGRATULATED the following couples who were united in marriage:

6-1, *Cayla Cecchini to Joseph Pezzolesi, Jr.*
at Geer Tree Farm in Griswold, CT

6-22, *Monique Maynard to Jordan Mahon* at the
Imperial Room, Danielson, CT



JULY 4TH

FLY your flag with pride!
Thank God for FREEDOM!
PRAY for our country and leaders!



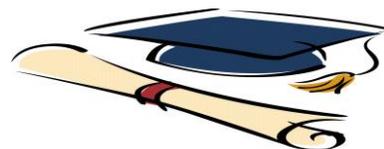
REMEMBER

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.

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BLOOD DRIVE

Have you signed up to give blood on July 3rd, here at the church? The American Red Cross will hold a blood drive in Dudek Hall from 11 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. and it's not too late to register. Call 1.800.733.2767. Your blood donation will take about an hour from start to finish, but the actual donation itself only takes 8-10 minutes. Consider giving the "Gift of life" next week.



SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

Seven scholarships were presented to some wonderful and deserving young people during the worship service on June 9th. Senior Deacon, Keith Harrison presented the scholarships to:

Elizabeth Bartoshevich - Eastern Connecticut State University (Secondary Education and History)

Hannah Crary – Trinity College, Hartford.
(Biochemistry)

Nathaniel Crary – Villanova University, PA
(Business)

Peter Crary – Boston University
(Electrical Engineering)

Nicholas Gileau – Mitchell College, New London
(Sports Management)

Ethan Lehr – Three Rivers Community College
(General Studies)

Michelle Wisniewski – Keene State College, NH
(Elementary Education)

We wish these graduates well as they pursue their degrees. Many thanks to those who contributed to the Scholarship Fund this year. YOU made these awards possible. Your support is appreciated.

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NEWS FROM THE MUSIC DIRECTOR

Summer Choir is back! On July 28 and August 25, we will have a "pick-up choir" sing at each service. If you would like to join with the choir on these Sundays, just show up at 8:30 in the Meeting Room, and we'll warm up and go over parts of a favorite hymn to sing during the Offertory. All are welcome.

Choir Director Needed. We are seeking a new director for our "Kidz Praise Choir." We need someone to rehearse our young singers for 20-30 minutes each Sunday. Kidz Praise is a ministry using songs that teach, encourage, compel, and call to action. Please contact Robin Lyon at lyon.family@comcast.net or 860.705.5943 if you would like to lead our youngest singers. This is a volunteer position.

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.



LOCK THE DOORS

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

New **FIRST AID KITS** have been purchased for the church. They are located in the kitchen, in the back hallway just off the Sanctuary, and the lower level hallway where the majority of classrooms are located; please take note of their locations. If any items need to be re-stocked, please let the office know.

-- The Safety Committee

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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."

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SUMMER GIVING

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 often times decreases considerably over the summer months. We need your continued financial support, and we appreciate your faithful giving. As of June, we are right on budget! Check out the financial statements on the mid-level bulletin board across from the table.

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.

An additional \$25 payment is due by August 20th. 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.

Please note: this trip will be canceled if we do not have 35 travelers by September 8th. This wonderful trip is open to the community, spread the word!

July 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 Scarecrow Festival mtg. 6:30p	3 Red Cross Blood Drive 11a-4:30p St. Jude worship 11a AA 7:30p	4 <u>Independence Day</u>	5 Office closed	6
7 Communion Worship 9a Search Comm. Mtg. following worship	8 Vacation---- 9a-Noon Yoga 6:30p	9 Bible School	10 ----- Finance Comm. Mtg. 7p	11 -----	12 -----	13 Pavilion in use 1-5p
14 Worship 9a Youth Mission trip departs noon	15 Yoga 6:30p	16	17 Trustees' Meeting 6p Standing Comm. Mtg. 7p AA 7:30p	18	19 Youth Mission trip returns 2-3p	20
21 Worship 9a	22 Yoga 6:30p	23	24 AA 7:30p	25	26	27
28 Worship 9a "Pick-up choir" 8:30a Food Distribution Sunday	29 Yoga 6:30p	30	31 AA 7:30p	Please note: Active church members who wish to borrow church property (tables, chairs), call the church Office.		

June 2019

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Notes: To place flowers upon the altar during July, sign the Flower Chart on the mid-level bulletin board, fill out the reservation form and give it to Doris MacLachlan (860) 564.2609 or place in the envelope to the left of the Flower Chart.

August 2019

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IT'S ALMOST TIME for Vacation Bible School to begin! **"ROAR"** begins July 8th and ends July 12th. The time is 9:00 a.m.-noon. We have been working hard to get ready for this fun-filled week of learning. Today, there are 10 spots available to fill. Call the church office to sign up or for more information.