



## THE LITTLE PILGRIM

*A weekly update of church happenings for  
Preston City Congregational Church  
Week of June 29, 2020*

### Have a question? Need help?

Please call:

The Office

860.887.4647 or 860.886.7200

*During this unusual time in Connecticut, our country and our world, we want to be available to you should you need something. Call the office between 9 and noon and we'll do our best to help you. Numerous people in the congregation have graciously volunteered to pick up items at the store and deliver them to those who are not able to help themselves.*

### WEB STREAM SERVICES

Services continue to be web streamed *live* on Sunday mornings starting at 9, at [prestoncitycongregational.org](http://prestoncitycongregational.org). You can also watch the service later in the day via the archive system also on the site. If you can't join us in person, we hope you'll tune in for the service this Sunday. Why not tell your friends about it? Did you know that 78 viewers tuned in from 16 states and 43 cities last Sunday? Were you one of them?

### WE'RE OPEN AGAIN

The Trustees have determined that for now the maximum number of attendees is 50 per service. We thank those who attended last Sunday's service and followed the guidelines established for everyone's safety (see the church website above).

### IMPORTANT:

Those who wish to attend a service **MUST** contact the church office (860.887.4647) no later than Friday noontime each week and give their name, as well as the number of people who will be attending, and which service. Masks must be worn, and temperatures will be checked upon entering the building. We hope to see you this Sunday.

At the present time, services are at 9 & 11 a.m.

### DURING THE MONTH OF JUNE

We expressed our sympathy to the family of *Mary Norris* who passed away on June 25<sup>th</sup>. Please keep *Mary's* husband, *Chuck*, and family in your prayers.

### GIVING TO YOUR CHURCH

Your financial support of the church from week-to-week is very important during this time, and we appreciate your faithful giving! Keep in mind that the Financial Secretary (Sue Creamer) collects all offerings that are mailed to the church on Friday and deposits them in the bank in a timely manner. Be assured, if you give online, your contribution will be credited to your pledge. Thank you for remembering your church.

Contact Bob Vescovi with questions:

[RVesco2010@comcast.net](mailto:RVesco2010@comcast.net) or (401) 583.7840.



### A Yard Sale is scheduled for July 25<sup>th</sup>, from 8 -2 p.m.

Because the annex basement is full of treasures, we ask that donations be dropped off on the day of the sale if possible. Remember, we also plan to have other sales in August and September. Maybe your items could be donated to one of those sales? We hope many of you will be able to help us with the sale? Volunteers will be needed for set up and clean up. Please let us know if you are able to lend a hand. Email the church: [pccc@snet.net](mailto:pccc@snet.net) or Rev. Stan: [sewhite3022@gmail.com](mailto:sewhite3022@gmail.com).

### NEED FOOD?

Do you or someone you know need food? If so, please contact Stella Dawley or the church office and arrangements will be made for food to be picked up. We appreciate the many financial contributions and donations of food that have been dropped off at the pantry since the pandemic first began. *Thank you!*

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### BOOKS AND MORE BOOKS!

Many people have looked over the books that are available for "free" in the back of Dudek Hall. If you're interested in looking them over, please call the office and we'll arrange a time to let you in the building. At the end of July, any remaining books will be offered to Congregational churches in our Fellowship of churches. There are many wonderful and inspirational books, children's books also. Check them out.

## NEWS FROM THE DRE

Happy July! As the summer quickly speeds along, the church Board of Religious Ed. are trying to plan for the fall Sunday School year 2020/21! We are so excited about trying new things, but as you can imagine all planning has an extra learning curve with health and safety also being a component. We have put together a 5-minute survey to ask for your input and to hear your concerns! Please take the time to complete it by July 24<sup>th</sup>. You can find it on the website. One was also emailed to all 2020 families. If you did not receive one via email, please let me know, I mustn't have your correct email address.

– Lisa Van Alst, DRE



### JULY IS "MONDAY MORNING MUFFIN MONTH"

That's right! It's official! I declare every Monday in July "Muffin Monday." What does that mean? On Monday mornings in July, I will deliver a muffin(s) to seniors in our congregation.

I *really miss* seeing you during this time. So, delivering muffins is my way to see you and say a brief hello. You greet me at your front door while I remain outside and give you your "Monday Morning Muffin(s)."

If you're a senior who would enjoy a muffin (from BJ's), and a brief visit, please call the church office and let me know. Because of time, deliveries will be limited to 6 seniors each Monday.

You get to enjoy the muffins, and I get to enjoy seeing you! "Muffin Month" starts this Monday, July 6<sup>th</sup>. Deliveries will start at 9 A.M. Call *now*, to reserve your muffin(s) and visit.

-- Rev. Stan



### FLOWERS IN CHURCH

Please call Doris MacLachlan (860.564.2609) to place flowers in church on Sunday mornings during the month of July.

## THE FINAL WORD

### LOVE ONE ANOTHER

**Love one another** when it hurts, when nothing is given in return.

**Love one another** when you're victimized, when all is dark and gloomy.

**Love one another** when you want to run and hide, when you're numb and beaten.

**Love one another** when you figure it won't even matter, when the battle seems lost and over.

**Love one another** when your first instinct is to lash out, when you feel justified to stop trying.

**Love one another** when your desire is to just pretend things are okay, when you feel all are at fault but yourself...

**Love one another...** because Christ forgave you, and continues to do so despite the pain and hurt that we cause Him. Love is the answer. Not hatred. Not bitterness. Not avoidance. Love is the extension of God's grace and mercy to us. And we must extend that to each other. **LOVE ONE ANOTHER.**

– Trevor Gi

(Submitted by Joyce Costner)

### YOUR TURN

Got a *brief* and encouraging message to share with your church family during this time? Send it to me: [sewhite3022@gmail.com](mailto:sewhite3022@gmail.com) and you may see your message in next week's *Little Pilgrim*.

