



THE LITTLE PILGRIM

A weekly update of church happenings for
Preston City Congregational Church
Week of July 5, 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. 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 69 viewers tuned in from 17 states, and 41 cities last Sunday? Were you one of them?

WE'RE OPEN

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.

THANK YOU

Dear Friends,

I would like to thank my church family and others for the prayers and care for Mary and myself during her long illness. The concern and care for Mary was a great help to me. The encouragement given to me by so many of you helped me through this difficult time.

Chuck Norris

GIVING TO YOUR CHURCH

Every week we are so grateful to receive your offerings and gifts of financial support for the church. They help with the day-to-day operation of the church, and are making a difference. THANK YOU! Please 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 or (401) 583.7840.



A Yard Sale is scheduled for July 25th, 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 or Rev. Stan: 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!*

REMINDER

When putting clothes in the donation shed located in the lower lot, be sure to tie up the bags. Thank you for your donations.

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! Have you completed the survey? Please submit it by July 24th. 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*



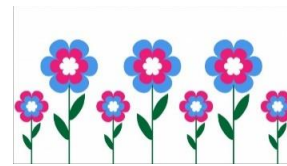
JULY IS “MONDAY MORNING MUFFIN MONTH”

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 by Thursday. Because of time, deliveries will be limited to 6 seniors each Monday. I enjoyed my visits last Monday, and look forward to visits next Monday!

You get to enjoy the muffin(s), and I get to enjoy seeing you! Deliveries will start at 9 A.M. Call *now*, to reserve your “muffin 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.



Officers, Boards, and Committees are reminded to check their mail slot at the church regularly. Mail arriving at the church during the week is placed in slots on Friday morning. If you need to be let in, contact the church office to arrange a day and time. *Thanks!*

THE FINAL WORD

Quarantine

Written by Shari Purcell

Q is for quiet, a time to reflect, meditate, and pray.
U is for universe. God created this amazing, precise, interwoven place. Only He knows its true workings
A is for answers, something only God can give.
R is for rest. Rest is important to our physical and spiritual being. Rest allows our mind, body, and soul to renew and start with even more strength and focus.
A is for almighty. God the almighty can heal us and bless us during our times of fear and distress.
N is for needs. God will provide all that we need, not necessarily what we want.
T is for time. We can not slow or manipulate time. We must manage time wisely for only God can stop our time on this earth.
I is for imagine. Imagine a world of peace and harmony! God can give us that peace and love for one another.
N is for new. God sent His son Jesus to die on a cross so we can confess our sins. He will forgive us giving us a newness through Him.
E is for eternity. God’s love is the only thing that is eternal.

YOUR TURN

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

“Where Friends Become Family”