



## SHE'S A LADY (Proverbs 8:1-2)

### THE LITTLE PILGRIM

*A weekly update of church happenings for  
Preston City Congregational Church  
Week of July 13, 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 76 viewers tuned in from 2 countries, 13 states, and 42 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.

**NEW SERVICE TIMES; 9 & 10:30 a.m.**

Starting August 2<sup>nd</sup>

I read this the other day, and thought it was worth passing along.

*Wisdom. The very term sounds outdated, a concept hiding in the musty, dusty caverns of the past. Has it anything to do with real life?*

*Many answer, "No, especially in a new millennium!"*

*But biblical wisdom, crafted by God before the earth existed, remains as fresh and powerful as its Creator. In the book of Proverbs, God personifies wisdom as a godly woman who does not hesitate to let her voice be heard. She stands atop a high hill "where the paths meet," at busy intersections, trying to help travelers find their way. But they rush past Wisdom, most talking on their cell phones glued to their ears. Business meetings must start on time. Carpools must follow schedules. Bills must be paid. The travelers hardly notice Wisdom as they scurry past her. Focused on themselves, they make their deadlines and achieve their goals. Most do not realize they are completely lost.* -- Rev. Stan

*Wisdom longs to make a difference in their stressful existence that leads to destruction. She never stops sharing her vital message: **Whoever heeds God's instruction gains more than silver, gold, or rubies. His truth, His directions lead listeners to life.***

#### GIVING TO YOUR CHURCH

It's been 17 weeks since we last worshiped together (4 months)! Although the web stream has kept us connected during our time apart, it's not the same as being together in the Sanctuary on Sunday morning. That's what people are telling me. Throughout this difficult time, you have kept your church afloat with your tithes and offerings. We thank you for your ongoing financial support week after week. Please keep in mind that the Financial Secretary (Sue Creamer) collects all offerings that are mailed to the church on Friday afternoon 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 any questions you may have: [RVesco2010@comcast.net](mailto:RVesco2010@comcast.net) or (401) 583.7840.



**NEXT SATURDAY** is the church Yard sale; July 25, from 8 – 2 p.m. We hope many of you will be able to help us with the sale? Volunteers will be needed for set-up at 6 a.m., and clean-up at 1:30 p.m. Thanks!

**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 your bags. Thank you for your donations.

**BOOKS AND MORE BOOKS**

**Time is running out!**

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. You can also look them over after Sunday services. 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.



**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!*



**JULY IS “MONDAY MORNING MUFFIN MONTH”**

I’ve had a great time delivering muffins on Monday mornings this month. I deliver them to seniors in our congregation and enjoy some conversation at the same time!

Seniors greet me at their front door while I remain outside. I give them a muffin, and we talk for a while. Then, it’s off to my next stop. My first delivery is at 9, and I usually finish around 1 p.m.

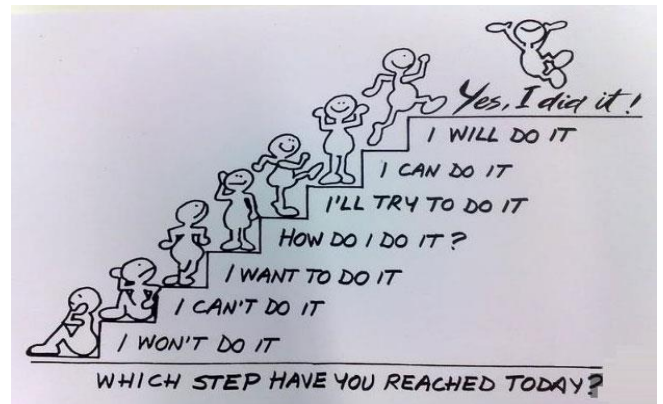
If you’re a senior who would enjoy a muffin (from BJ’s), and a brief visit, please call the church office and let me know by Thursday. Because of time, deliveries will be limited to 6 seniors each Monday. Only two Mondays remain in July. I’d welcome the opportunity to see you and chat a few minutes. Call *now*, to reserve your “Monday Morning Muffin Visit.” -- Rev. Stan

**THE FINAL WORD**

This week’s Final Word was sent to me from Carol Onderdonk. Go to YouTube and search for: **Paul Harvey, Letter from God.** As you listen, keep in mind that it first aired in 1962. It’s worth listening to more than once!

**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*.



*“Where Friends Become Family”*