



THE LITTLE PILGRIM

*A weekly update of church happenings for
Preston City Congregational Church
Week of July 27, 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 75 viewers tuned in from 2 countries, 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, **BUT REMEMBER...**

Starting THIS Sunday, August 2nd,

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

GIVING TO YOUR CHURCH

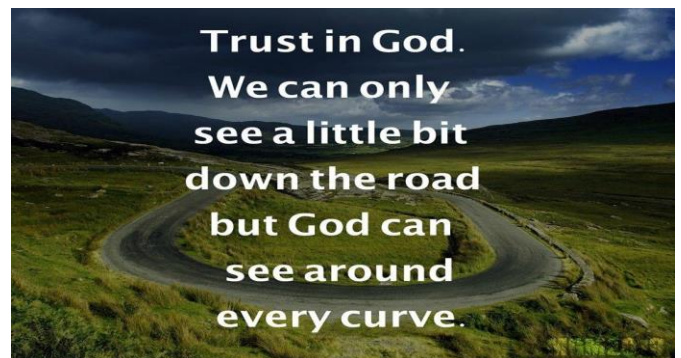
As the Coronavirus presses on, keeping us (for now) from gathering together as we once did, we are grateful to you for remembering your church with your tithes and offerings each week. In good times, and now in these challenging times, you have not forgotten the ongoing needs of your church. We continue to be a *Beacon of Light*, offering hope, help, and encouragement to others. This phrase, "A Beacon of Light For 300 Years" was our theme back in 1998, when we celebrated the anniversary of this great church. Who knew then how relevant these words would be 22 years later? The church is still shining bright, offering *The Light* to a world that desperately needs him, Jesus Christ. Your prayers and giving keep his message alive! Without your support, both prayerful and financial, the mission of your church would be difficult to accomplish.

THANK YOU!

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. Contact Bob Vescovi with any questions you may have: RVesco2010@comcast.net or (401) 583.7840.

YARD SALE RESULTS

Thanks to the efforts of many volunteers, and under the leadership of Stella Dawley and Kaye Schlough, last Saturday's Yard Sale realized a profit of \$1,248.80. This amount will go toward the church budget and the day-to-day operating expenses of the church. Well done, church!



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. The food pantry will be open **Wednesday, August 19, from 10 – noon**. Do you know someone who might benefit from the pantry? Let them know. *Thanks.*



FLOWERS IN CHURCH

To place flowers in church on Sunday mornings during the month of August, call *Laura Jackson* at 860.710.5688.

COMMUNION SUNDAY

This Sunday, August 2nd the Sacrament of Holy Communion will be offered during both services of worship. During the pandemic, we've been using a pre-packaged bread and wafer that worshippers pick up on the table outside the Sanctuary before the service begins.

If you're not able to be present this Sunday, why not be ready to join us for Communion by using bread and juice from your home? It is very important for us to remember what Christ did for us the night before he died. If you have children, why not plan to include them as well?

At the end of August, we will bring to you a prepackaged communion packet in time for the September observance on the 6th. Please call the office no later than August 28th, and let us know how many packets you would like delivered to your home. I hope you will join us at the Table of our Lord.



A packet similar to this one will be brought to you.

*"Do this in remembrance of me."
(1 Corinthians 11:24)*

IMPORTANT, PLEASE READ

Due to issues related to the Coronavirus, **the clothing shed in the lower parking lot is temporarily closed.** St. Pauly Textile, who oversees the shed and clothing pick-up hopes to re-open it one day. In the meantime, no donations are being accepted. We apologize for any inconvenience.

FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY

What have you heard about Financial Peace University (FPU)?

When we asked our congregation's FPU graduates to share their experiences, we received comments like this:

"I was terrified to take any kind of financial or budgeting class, thinking that it would be stressful, preachy, and possibly boring. It was the opposite in all regards."

Here are some of the topics we cover in FPU, could you benefit from additional knowledge and understanding in any of these areas?

Relating With Money, Cash Flow Planning, Dumping Debt, Buyer Beware, The Role of Insurance, Retirement and College Planning, Real Estate and Mortgages

FPU is now a virtual class! Here's what that means: You can watch the lessons at financialpeace.com and complete the class preparation before our scheduled online meetings. Then we would all join a Zoom video chat to discuss the lessons together for about 40 minutes. There are nine classes over nine weeks, we would meet each Tuesday evening beginning September 15th at 6:30 p.m.

The cost for the program is \$99 and includes a workbook and access to all online materials. If you're interested in attending a class starting in September or would like to learn more about FPU, please e-mail Bob Vescovi at RVesco2010@comcast.net or call him at (401)583-7840.

"Where Friends Become Family"

