



THE LITTLE PILGRIM

*A weekly update of church happenings for
Preston City Congregational Church
Week of August 3, 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 3 countries, 17 states, and 39 cities last Sunday? Were you one of them?

WE'RE OPEN

The State of Connecticut (and our 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. Remember...

WORSHIP SERVICES ARE AT 9 & 10:30 a.m.

WITH SYMPATHY

We express our sympathy to the family of *Jean Bookout* who passed away on August 3rd. Jean loved her church and supported it in many different ways through the years. She always had a smile on her face!

A WORD FROM THE D.R.E.

It's time to think Fall!!! I know these 90-degree days don't make it easy, but time keeps moving. In these crazy days of uncertainty please know the Board of Ed, Rev. Stan, Trustees, and myself are doing everything we can think of to have a safe and fun Sunday School experience here at PCCC, **but we need your help.** We are starting a [Children's Ministry Web-streaming Team!!](#)

Do you want to help the kids but are afraid you can't handle kids? Then this is the position for you! We would like to web-stream our Christmas Pageant, worship time, Children's Choir, well anything we can think of really, just in case we can't meet in person, and so we can reach an even bigger viewing audience. Our great web streaming team can train you and you can even help them out once in a while with the Sunday morning service. Think about it! High school age and older are welcome. Call or send me an email by August 15th at: dre.prestoncity@gmail.com or 860.710.1262.

Look for Sunday School registration forms in your email this weekend, and also included will be a parent *gifts and talents* section, where you can see where you can best serve at PCCC. Think about it, better yet, pray about it.

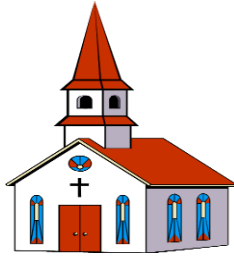
Finally, keep your eyes open for Patience and Pineapple! She has made her way to the church and is hiding somewhere in the Sanctuary. If you spot her on Sunday, let Mrs. Van Alst know and you will get to keep her!

Lisa Van Alst, DRE



DOOR MONITORS NEEDED

Can you help us on Sunday mornings in August or September serving as a door monitor at the double door entrance? Guidelines for door monitors are posted above the sign-up sheet posted on the mid-level bulletin board for both the 9:00 and 10:30 service. If you have any questions, please contact Bob Vescovi at RVesco2010@comcast.net or 401.583.7840. *Thanks*



AUGUST MEETINGS

Finance Committee: August 12, 7 p.m., via ZOOM
Standing Committee: August 19, 7 p.m., via ZOOM

~~ SPECIAL MEETING CALL & AGENDA ~~
AUGUST 23, 2020
11:30A

A special Meeting of the Preston City Congregational Church will be held in the pavilion on the Field of Dreams, on Sunday, August 23, 2020 at 11:30A for the following action:

To consider and vote on the recommendation of the Finance Committee, the Pastoral Search Committee and the Standing Committee, that the new pastor (tentatively starting August 1, 2021) be offered a total financial package of \$85,000.

Susan P. Brosnan
Clerk

All are welcome to attend, however, only active church members may vote.

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GIVING TO YOUR CHURCH

Your commitment to the church during this time of Covid-19 continues to be seen in the number of tithes and offerings received in the mail from week-to-week. Your faithful support means a lot, and every contribution you make helps! 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

Another sale will take place in September. The date has not yet been determined. Save your donations for this important fund raiser. We had hoped to have one in August, however, Town guidelines state that only two may be held per year. We're hoping for another very successful sale. Stay tuned.

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.

SEPTEMBER COMMUNION

If you request it, 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. We hope you will join us at the Table of our Lord.



CLOTHING SHED CLOSED

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.

"Where Friends Become Family"

