



THE LITTLE PILGRIM

*A weekly update of church happenings for
Preston City Congregational Church
Week of August 10, 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 63 viewers tuned in from 3 countries, 18 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.

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

BAPTISM

DURING THE MONTH OF AUGUST

We welcomed into the Household of Christian Faith, through the Sacrament of Baptism:

8/9 *Hope Rose-Elizabeth Manley*. She is the daughter of Angella Ciccotti and Anthony Manley of Jewett City, CT.

We ask God's blessing upon this little one!

We congratulated the following couples who were recently united in marriage:

8/8 *Alexis Luft* to *Daniel Paul* in Hanover, CT
8/9 *Lisa Griffith* to *Michael Castillo* in Mystic, CT

We wish these couples a happy life together!

NEWS ABOUT SUNDAY SCHOOL

It's that time of year! Sunday School Registration time! Can you believe how quickly summer has flown by? This year, more than any year in the past, the number of children attending Sunday School is very important for health, safety, and faith reasons. Please take a few minutes to fill out the registration form that was sent to you via email, or pick one up this Sunday while you're at church. If you didn't receive a form please email me at dre.prestoncity@gmail.com and I will be more than happy to get one to you a.s.a.p. This year, I have also included a *Parent Interest Form* to see where we can use your talents and gifts here at the church! *Patience* or (*Pat*), the pineapple, was not spotted at last Sunday's service, so she will be back in view this Sunday. Look for her during the service. If you spot her, let me know, Email or call me and you'll win a prize!!

In His Name,
Lisa Van Alst, D.R.E.

WE APPRECIATE IT!

Thank you to those who helped with the clean-up of the church grounds following the recent weather "event." Thanks to you, we were able to get the church looking good again in just a couple of hours. Your help was greatly appreciated!





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*

~ 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.

GIVING TO YOUR CHURCH

Thank you for taking the time each week to bring or mail your offering to the church. Your faithful giving helps us tremendously in maintaining the operation of our church. We appreciate what you are doing, especially in these most difficult times.

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 NEWS

The date for the next sale is **September 26th**. Donations are now being accepted. Please call Stella Dawley (860.887.6452) to arrange a day and time to drop off your items. If you are able to assist with the set-up of the sale (6 a.m.), or the clean-up (1:30), please let Stella or the office know. When you gather your donations together, keep in mind that we do not take: tires, computers, TV's, or clothing. If it's any easier for you, consider bringing your items early on the morning of the sale. We ask that no items be left outside the annex basement. Pray for another successful sale, and good weather! All proceeds will go toward the church budget.

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

CLOTHING SHED CLOSED

Due to concerns related to the Coronavirus, **the clothing shed in the lower parking lot is temporarily closed.** We apologize for any inconvenience.

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.