



THE LITTLE PILGRIM

*A weekly update of church happenings for
Preston City Congregational Church
Week of August 24, 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 15 states, and 41 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 (9 & 10:30) **MUST** contact the church office (860.887.4647) no later than **THURSDAY (11 a.m.)** 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. Attendance is growing; YEAH!!!

WE CELEBRATE

the arrival of *Daisy Elizabeth Strader* born on August 22nd to Chrissy & Kellen Strader. She entered the world weighing 6 lbs. 11 oz, 21 inches long. Congratulations to grandparents, Susan and Stephen Strader.

WE REMEMBER

We expressed our sympathy to the family of: *George Tedeschi* who passed away on August 19. Please keep his wife, Wenona, and family in your prayers. A service for George will be held on September 6th, at 2 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Please remember, masks must be worn.

NEWS ABOUT SUNDAY SCHOOL

Attention all 3,4 and Kindergarten children!

I will be taking reservations for a **FUN SAFARI NIGHT!** Join us outside, FRIDAY September 11th from 6-7 p.m. We will make safari hats, binoculars, have an elephant stomp parade, and go home with our own homemade jungle snake! Bring mom, dad, or grandparents and a mask! One family per station. Meet the new DRE, Mrs. Van Alst and Toddler 3 & 4 teachers: Mrs. Klewin and Mrs. Jurczyk. Make new friends and see old ones! Haven't registered yet for Sunday School, that's ok! I'll have forms that evening and you can register there! RAIN DATE: September 19, 6-7 p.m.

Don't have a child that age, that's ok, your turn is coming! Want to help out? We need:
Potted plants, animal prints, rugs, fabric, curtain panels
Toilet paper/paper towel tubes, stuffed jungle animals (the bigger the better), tiki torches, mosquito netting, brown/tan sheets, blankets (to make giant birds nest), foam packing peanuts (to feed the elephant)

Call me and leave a message with how you can help. I can collect all these items any Sunday from 8 – 11:30 a.m., or we can schedule a time to meet.

It takes a village!
Lisa Van Alst, DRE
860.710.1262

BIBLE STUDY NEWS

We are hoping to begin both the Monday morning and Tuesday evening groups the week of September 22nd. Right now, we are determining the safest way to meet and the arrangement of tables in Halls' Hall. Stay tuned, we'll keep you updated on meeting times and class topics. Rev. Stan will lead the morning group, and Pastor Scott Van Alst will lead the evening session.



VOLUNTEER(S) NEEDED

There are many wonderful, inspirational books that remain in Dudek hall; they are “free” for the taking. Is there someone willing to be outside with the books some Saturday morning, from 9-11, in the upper lot so those driving by can stop in, look them over, and take what they want? If you’re able to do this, please contact the office to arrange a Saturday that works best for you.

THE RESULTS ARE IN

The meeting last Sunday to vote on the incoming Pastor’s salary (August ‘21) of \$85,000 PASSED, 114 to 9. Thank you to everyone who took the time to vote.



FROM THE MINISTER

We are surviving during these days of Covid-19, thanks to your continued financial support of the church, your prayers, as well as God’s faithfulness and watchful eye!

You may not realize it, but the Church of Jesus Christ is a symbol of HOPE in the communities where they stand. His Church reminds passers-by that:

- 1) We’re still here.
- 2) We have something positive to offer – *Good News, an encouraging word, support!*
- 3) We care about the communities we represent, and the needs of people.

It is extremely important that we remain connected to each other, and to Jesus Christ; through worship and prayer. While so much seems to be changing around us, we must continue to be a symbol that reminds people that *not everything is changing!*

“He is the same yesterday, today, and forever.”
(Hebrews 13:8).

As He continues to watch over us, like an earthly parent protecting a child, may His faithfulness to us inspire us to be faithful to Him – *today and forever!*

See you in church (or on the web)!
Rev. Stan

GIVING TO YOUR CHURCH

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 **this Sunday, August 30, following both services**. 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 September, call Carolyn Shea (860.887.8592).

