



## THE LITTLE PILGRIM

*A weekly update of church happenings for  
Preston City Congregational Church  
Week of September 14, 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 120 viewers tuned in from 24 states, 79 cities, and 4 countries 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 continues to grow, YEAH!!!



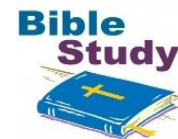
**WE WERE HAPPY** to welcome into the Household of Christian Faith through the Sacrament of Baptism:

September 12, *Kennidy Marie Sirois*, daughter of Bobbi & Gregory Sirois of Uncasville, CT.

*We ask God's blessing upon this little one.*



**WE CONGRATULATED** *Eliza Hopkins* and *Mark Day* who were united in marriage on September 12<sup>th</sup>, on "The Field of Dreams." This was the first wedding ever to be held on the field; it was beautiful. A reception followed under the pavilion.



We are planning to begin the Tuesday evening group **this week, (9/22)**. Those planning to attend must call the office, or Pastor Scott to let us know EACH WEEK. Please do so before Friday as space will be limited.

**Monday class**, 10 A.M., led by Rev. Stan; *Feeling Secure in a Troubled World*. No matter what hardship you experience, God promises you will emerge stronger in faith, wiser in His ways, more confident in His power. Our first class will address Faith and Fear. Join us, and bring your Bible. Don't have one? No problem, we have a Bible we'd like to give you from the Deacons' Fund of our church. *Our first meeting will be October 5<sup>th</sup>.*

**Tuesday class**, 7 P.M., led by Pastor Scott Van Alst. This class will offer Zoom to those who want to join in remotely. We will be studying the book *Twelve Extraordinary Women* by John MacArthur. The books can be ordered on either ChristianBooks.com or Amazon.com. The pricing is similar (\$10.50).

Please contact Scott ([scotty916@gmail.com](mailto:scotty916@gmail.com)) or 860.237.7964 to RSVP or to request assistance ordering the book. Please read through the introduction and chapter 1 prior to the first class.

### GIVING TO YOUR CHURCH

Week-after-week, your offerings continue to arrive at the church, and we appreciate you taking the time to think of your church in this way, especially during this unprecedented time in history, and the history of our church! Your continued, faithful support, keeps us going, and we are so grateful. Thank you!

Please know 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](mailto:RVesco2010@comcast.net) or (401) 583.7840.

### NEWS FROM THE DRE

Attention grades 1, 2, and 3 students and their families: It's time to go on a trip to the JUNGLE! Friday night, October 2<sup>nd</sup>. Come spend an hour from 6:30-7:30 on the Field of Dreams, as we grab our gear and hunt for wild animals, laugh, sing, and have a great time, because kids are WILD about Jesus! There will be about 8 different stations, socially distanced, where you can make crafts. There will be plenty of hand sanitizer, and plenty of space outside to run and dance around. All you need is a mask, and a reservation. Text 860.710.1262, or email Mrs. Van Alst at: [dre.prestoncity@gmail.com](mailto:dre.prestoncity@gmail.com).

I'm excited to invite my school-age friends to be my special helper on Sunday mornings during the 9 a.m. service. Let me (and the office) know that you will be attending so we can reserve a seat for you and your family. If you can't be present, tune in to the live web stream.

Parents, be on the lookout for an email from me asking you to consider helping your child learn to love Jesus. In it, you'll find ideas for crafts, snacks, and family activities to go along with the Sunday morning Bible lesson on the web.

I miss seeing all the smiling faces, but with God by our side, we can do this!!

Our God is STILL great!  
Mrs. Van Alst, DRE



### SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING CANCELED

For the safety of our church family, this meeting has been canceled for September 20<sup>th</sup> at noon. The Standing Committee will meet via ZOOM on September 23<sup>rd</sup>, and the congregation will be updated in the *Little Pilgrim* on where things stand going into the final quarter of the church year.

### YARD SALE

Saturday, September 26<sup>th</sup>, 8 – 2 P.M.

Thank you for the many donations already received. All proceeds will go to the budget and the day-to-day expenses of the church. Please call Stella Dawley to make arrangements for dropping off items. Please DO NOT leave anything outside the annex basement. Consider helping us with set-up (6a) or clean-up (1:30p) if you can.

### 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 Pantry will be open NEXT SUNDAY, September 27<sup>th</sup>, following both services of worship.**

### FLOWERS IN CHURCH

To place flowers in church on Sunday mornings during the month of September, call Carolyn Shea (860.887.8592).



### ANNUAL CHURCH BAZAAR

It's official... due to Covid-19, this year's bazaar has been canceled. This holiday tradition, enjoyed by so many in the community, will hopefully return next year.

### PLEASE NOTE

Everyone is asked to please check their meeting date, or event, as well as the start and end time with Sandy in the church office. We don't want to double book the use of church facilities. *Thanks!*

*"Where Friends Become Family"*