



THE LITTLE PILGRIM

*A weekly update of church happenings for
Preston City Congregational Church
Week of April 19, 2021*

Have a question? Need help?

Please call:

The Office

860.887.4647 or 860.886.7200

WORSHIP AND WEB STREAM INFORMATION

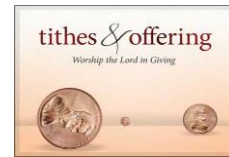
Worship services continue to be web streamed *live* on Sunday mornings starting at 9 a.m. Go to prestoncitycongregational.org. You can also watch the service later in the day via the archive system also on the site. Those who wish to attend a service (9 or 10:30) MUST contact the church office (860.887.4647) no later than THURSDAY (**11 a.m.**), and give their name, as well as the number of people who will be attending, and which service they plan to attend. Masks are required, and temperatures will be checked upon entering the building. Did you know that 83 viewers from 2 countries, 17 states, and 52 cities tuned in last Sunday? Archive viewership last week was 226. Were you one of them? We hope to see you in person one Sunday soon!



While the Governor of Connecticut has stated that churches may return to 100% capacity, the Trustees have increased the number of worshipers at each service to **75 people**. *The safety of our congregation is our top priority.* Temperatures will continue to be checked, and the wearing of masks will be required during worship. Those planning to attend a service must continue to inform the office each week that they plan to be present.



HAPPY SPRING



GIVING TO YOUR CHURCH

At the Annual Meeting last Sunday (4/18), it was said that giving to the church (offerings) continues to be going very well. The congregation is so faithful in supporting the work of the church. Thank you!! Please keep in mind that the Financial Secretary, Sue Creamer, picks up the offerings received via the mail, on Friday 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.

BINGO TO BEGIN AGAIN!

We're happy to say that there will be 39 Bingo sessions at Strawberry Park this Year! The coordinators will be Sally Exley, Lee Ann Fessenden, Sue Riley and Lisa Fessenden. The calendar for Bingo sessions (dates and times) will be posted on the mid-level bulletin board; we hope you will sign-up to lend a hand at the Park. This year, Bingo cards have been replaced with throw away paper cards. We will be behind plexiglass while selling the cards. Gloves and sanitizer will be provided by the park. Masks and social distancing will also be required. Workers need to be at the park 30 minutes before each session to sell cards. Anyone wanting to help can do so by filling out a "Personal Identification Number" (PIN) form at the church office. It will be submitted to the town of Preston for approval. Please contact Sally Exley with any questions: 860.822.9005.



A WORD FROM THE ORGANIST & CHOIR DIRECTOR

It is with mixed emotions that I announce my plan to retire September 26, 2021. James and I plan to become Florida residents this fall. The decision was made last August, but the church was already involved with ONE search, so I decided to wait until the pastoral search was over before I made this announcement.

I have loved my time here in Preston, and you all know that already. Thank you all for your support of the music program. I hope your search for a new music director is an interesting one. I pray you are able to find not just a musician, but a true church musician. – Robin Lyon

QUILTS OF VALOR PRESENTATIONS

Quilts of Valor is a wonderful organization started by Blue Star mom, Catherine Roberts, to honor service men and women who were welcomed home with the love and gratitude they deserved. We awarded five quilts this year in our church that came from the "Stitch Chicks Quilts of Valor Group" that meets in Franklin and Niantic, CT.

February 14th – Matthew Schroeder – Coast Guard

March 21st – Deb & Rob Berube – Army

April 18th – Rick Alletto and Phil Whitworth – Navy

These quilts awarded are absolutely beautiful and well deserved. We are so proud of the men and women who have served our country well.

– Sandy Dudek



REMINDER

Completed church scholarship application forms are due in the church office by noon Friday, April 30th. Call the church office if you'd like us to mail out an application. Awards will be presented on June 13th to young people pursuing their first college degree. Please consider giving a monetary gift to the church scholarship fund in memory or celebration of a loved one. Be sure to indicate that your gift is for the fund. Donations made (no amounts) will be listed in the worship folder on the 13th.



MOTHER'S DAY GERANIUMS

Again this year, the Decorating Committee will be placing these beautiful plants in church in honor of, or in memory of mothers. To order a plant for this special day (May 9th), please contact Wendy Zajac at 860.886.1588, or email Dennis Lund at: dblind72622@gmail.com. Be sure to let them know who your plant is in memory/celebration of so it may be included in the Mother's Day worship folder. The cost is \$8.50 per plant. Please make your check payable to PCCC. Orders may be placed through May 2nd.



NEWS FROM THE DIRECTOR OF RELIGIOUS ED.

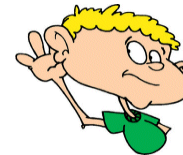
We continue to meet in our mixed groups in Dudek Hall. Don't forget to call the office and let them know you will be attending. The Second Sunday (11th), grades 2 -5 will follow me downstairs after the children's message for stories, songs, and crafts. The third Sunday, (18th), Toddlers 3, 4, K and grade 1 will have their Sunday Funday downstairs. Finally, the BIG KIDS (25th), **THIS SUNDAY** grades 6 – 12 are invited for donuts in Dudek Hall. As always masks, social distancing, and FUN will be provided.

– Blessings always, Lisa Van Alst



SPRING YARD SALE

Save the date, Saturday, May 15, from 8 – 2 p.m. in the lower parking lot (Rain date: May 29). Start cleaning out those attics and basements! Call Stella Dawley to arrange a drop off time (860) 887.6452. The annex basement is packed! Stella is now filling Sunday School classrooms! Be sure to call her before dropping off your treasures!



WERE YOU LISTENING?

Answers for April 11th questions: Parakeets, and "Let us Pray" and "Let us kiss."

This week's question... Name one of the two hymns sung at last Sunday's service. The first person to email me: sewhite3022@gmail.com the correct answer will win a \$25 gift card to *Dunkin' Donuts*.

Where Friends Become Family

Preston City Congregational Church

Preston City Congregational Church is creating a memorial brick garden where everyone who visits the church can see the names of people who have meant so much to us over the years.

It is a chance to honor our loved ones in a lasting place.

Preston City Congregational Church has been an anchor in Preston for over 323 years and now you have an opportunity to have someone special to you memorialized alongside others so everyone who visits the church will see the impact a garden like this can have.

We have limited space in the garden, so do not miss out.

Questions, Call Joy Chalifoux at 860-234-1011 or email at Prestoncccbrickfundraiser@gmail.com

Yes, we would like to reserve a permanent brick. Please engrave our brick as follows:

ANY SYMBOL IS CONSIDERED ONE SPACE (PERIOD, COMMA, DASH)

ALL TEXT IS CENTERED UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED.

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8X8 Brick is 6 lines 18 characters \$125.00.

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