



THE LITTLE PILGRIM

*A weekly update of church happenings for
Preston City Congregational Church
Week of May 10, 2021*

Have a question? Need help?

Please call:

The Office

860.887.4647 or 860.886.7200

Church Office Hours: Monday – Friday, 9 – Noon.

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 73 viewers from 3 countries, 18 states, and 56 cities tuned in last Sunday? Archive viewership last week was 141. Were you one of them? We hope to see you in person one Sunday soon!



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.

MEN'S and WOMEN'S GROUP TO MEET

The women of the church will meet on Saturday, May 22nd, from 9 – 10:30 a.m. in Halls' Hall. All are welcome to attend.

The men of the church will meet on Saturday, June 5th, from 8 – 9:30 a.m. in Halls' Hall. All are welcome to attend.

GIVING TO YOUR CHURCH

"Give, and it shall be given to you" (Luke 6:38). When we give to God, from a grateful heart, He gives even more back to us in the way of *blessings!* We cannot outgive Him. He blesses us for our faithfulness. Members and Friends, you have been so financially faithful to the work of our much-loved church through the years. God knows it, sees it, and that's why wonderful things continue to happen all around us. Thank you for giving. Please remember 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.

Children's Sunday School



NEWS FROM THE DIRECTOR OF RELIGIOUS ED.

Vacation Bible School

"ROCKY RAILROAD"

July 12th – 16th

Ages 3 and up!

Can't attend? Then could you... help paint background scenes? Help us find appliance boxes? Help build a train? Donate an item from our wish list? Or maybe you are a tie-dye wizard! There are many ways you can help. Any train enthusiasts? Let me know if you can help me out, or have questions: dre.prestoncity@gmail.com or 860.710.1262. Thanks!
-- Lisa Van Alst, DRE



INFANT NURSERY

The church Nursery is reopening for the 9 a.m. service! When you call to register yourself for worship, let the office know you have a little one who'll be going into the Nursery. Toys will be washed and staff will wear masks. The number of children allowed in the room will be limited. As always, the Nursery is available to use during the 10:30 service, however it will **not** be staffed.

– Lisa Van Alst



SPRING YARD SALE

THIS Saturday, May 15th, 8 – 2 p.m.

(Rain date: May 29th)

Lots of help is still needed at 6 a.m. to set-up for the sale, and again at 1:30 for clean-up. Please let Stella know if you are able to lend a hand especially in the afternoon.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

We will continue offering two services of worship throughout the summer months; 9 & 10:30 a.m. The same guidelines for attending worship will remain in place. We hope to see you!

DOOR MONITORS

Thank you to those who signed up last Sunday. A few more volunteers are still needed. Can you help us on Sunday mornings in June serving as a door monitor at the double door entrance? Guidelines for door monitors are posted above the sign-up sheet on the mid-level bulletin board for both the 9 & 10:30 service. If you have any questions, please contact Bob Vescovi at RVesco2010@comcast.net or 401.583.7840.

Thanks, Bob

BRICKS FOR PURCHASE UPDATE

To date, 24 bricks have been ordered for an area located in the lower parking lot beside the walkway. You can purchase a brick in honor of, in celebration of, or in memory of someone. Bricks (4" x 8", \$75), can have up to 3 lines of engraving and up to 18 characters per line. Bricks (8" x 8", \$125), can have up to six lines of engraving and up to 18 characters per line. Forms can be found by the upper-level elevator. Speak with Joy or Rich Chalifoux if you have any questions.



FOOD PANTRY NEWS

Open to the community Wednesday, May 19th, from 10 a.m. – Noon in the annex basement.



We expressed our sympathy to the family of *Shirley Butler* who passed away on November 1, 2020 and was laid to rest in Chaplin, CT on May 8, 2021.

MEMORIAL SERVICES PLANNED

Bill Coughlin, Jr.

Sunday, May 16th, at 2 p.m. under the pavilion on the "Field of Dreams."

Stephen George

Saturday, May 22nd, at 1 p.m. at Preston City Cemetery, with military honors, then back at the church pavilion.

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BINGO HELP NEEDED

We are in desperate need of volunteers (people with a PIN - *Personal Identification Number*) to help with Bingo at Strawberry Park campground in Preston. **PLEASE** sign-up to help on the Bingo calendar posted on the mid-level bulletin board. If you'd like to help out, but don't have a PIN, contact the church office and fill out an application. We'll make sure yours is processed and ready ASAP. We need 3 card sellers in order to run successfully. Please contact Sally Exley (Bingo Coordinator, 860.822.9005) if you have any questions.

LITTLE PILGRIM COORDINATOR

Beginning the week of June 7th, Sue Brosnan will oversee the weekly writing and publication of this newsletter. When possible, the *Little Pilgrim* will return to its original form; *The Preston Pilgrim* which will be a monthly newsletter. Please send information to be included in the newsletter to Sue no later than Tuesday at noon each week: susan.brosnan@gmail.com. We appreciate Sue's willingness to oversee this important line of communication.

THE FINAL WORD

A friend of the church sent this in...

A sign in a shoe shop window:

We will heel you.

We will save your sole.

We will even dye for you.

"Where Friends Become Family"