



THE LITTLE PILGRIM

*A weekly update of church happenings for
Preston City Congregational Church
Week of May 24, 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.

Did you know that 92 viewers from 2 countries, 26 states, and 73 cities tuned in last Sunday? Archive viewership last week was 41. Were you one of them? We hope to see you in person one Sunday soon!



Dear Members and Friends,

We remind you that starting June 6th:

- The wearing of masks will be optional during worship services. If you have **not** been vaccinated, we would encourage (for your safety) you to continue wearing a mask. Parents will decide if their child(ren) will wear masks while in the Sanctuary or during Sunday School.
- You no longer need to call the church office to let us know you will be at worship, and temperatures will **not** be taken upon entering the building.
- In addition to the double doors, you may also enter and exit through the front doors.
- All pew cushions, hymnals, and Bibles will be returned to the Sanctuary.
- Worship folders and the order of worship we once knew will return. You can pick them up by the upper-level elevator and front door entrance. Offering plates will be available at

both locations; communion packets will be there as well on the first Sunday of the month.

- I will be greeting worshipers (shaking hands) on the front lawn with those who feel comfortable doing so.

As was the case when the pandemic began, we may need to make some adjustments moving forward, please be patient.

With the arrival of your new minister (Rev. Rae) at the end of July, we believe it is important for him to observe worship as we have been accustomed to these many years.

The “live” web streaming of the 9 a.m. service will continue to be offered for those unable to attend in person.

This is an exciting time in our church. We have a wonderful story to continue telling, and there are many more people in the communities where we live that need to hear it!

If you’ve been away from the church, it’s time to *come home. You’ve been missed!*

For the boards and committee,
Rev. Stan

MEN’S GROUP TO MEET

Saturday, June 5th, from 8 – 9:30 a.m. in Halls’ Hall. All are welcome to attend.

MEMORIAL FLAG

The Christian flag waving proudly on the annex lawn is given by Debi & Rob Berube in memory of *Norma Bessette Lussier* (Debi’s mom), and *Laurent Charles Berube* (Rob’s dad). We thank the Berube’s for this meaningful memorial.



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

Lorelai Clara Soucier, daughter of Maranda & James Soucier of Griswold, CT (5/23).

Beverly Page Sparks, daughter of Amanda & Brandon Sparks of Buxton, ME (5/23).

We ask God’s blessing upon these little ones.

GIVING TO YOUR CHURCH

It cannot be said enough... We are so very grateful for your ongoing financial support of the church week-after-week. It is because of your commitment to God and the church of Jesus Christ that our church remains vital to the people and the communities we serve and represent. Your giving matters and makes a difference! 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.

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!

INFANT NURSERY

The Nursery is staffed and ready to go! Please let me know by Thursday (in an email or text, see above) IF you plan on using the nursery during the 9 o'clock service. It will NOT be staffed if no one requests to use it for their infant.

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

We are continuing our Sunday School small groups ALL SUMMER -- all ages, every Sunday except Communion Sunday which is "Family Sunday." Sit as a family, sing, hug, pray, and listen together. Then after church, go do something as a family; hike, walk, picnic, swim, or help a neighbor, etc.
– Lisa Van Alst, DRE



BRICK FUNDRAISER

Bricks continue to be ordered for the 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. A 4"x 8" brick costs \$75, and can have up to 3

lines of engraving and up to 18 characters per line. An 8"x 8" brick costs \$125, can have up to six lines of engraving and up to 18 characters per line. Order forms can be found by the upper-level elevator. Speak with Joy or Rich Chalifoux if you have any questions.

FOOD PANTRY NEWS

(Now in its 13th year!)

Please note: *Food Distribution Sunday* will be **this Sunday**, May 30th, following both services of worship. Stop by the annex basement door and pick up a bag of food for someone in need. Stella will be there to assist you.



CHOIR NEWS

We were pleased to hear the news that adult choir rehearsals have started up again. Choir members and new voices wanting to sing are invited to gather in the meeting room on Thursday evenings at 7 p.m. Come and sing some great music, renew old friendships, and make some new ones!

BINGO HELP NEEDED

We thank those who recently submitted application forms to receive a PIN (*Personal Identification Number*) needed to help with Bingo at Strawberry Park campground in Preston this summer. If you would like to help, but do not have a PIN, contact the church office and fill out an application. We'll make sure yours is processed and ready ASAP. Please sign-up to help on the Bingo calendar posted on the mid-level bulletin board just outside the Sunday School hall. **We need bingo card sellers for the month of June.** *Thank you.*

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 sign in a Veterinarian's waiting room:
"Be back in 5 minutes. Sit! Stay!"

(Thanks for sending this one in, *You know who you are!*)