



THE LITTLE PILGRIM

*A weekly update of church happenings for
Preston City Congregational Church
Week of May 31, 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 76 viewers from 2 countries, 22 states, and 51 cities tuned in last Sunday? Archive viewership last week was 23. 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 (**This Sunday**):

- The wearing of masks will be optional during worship services. If you have **not** been vaccinated, we encourage you (for your safety) 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.

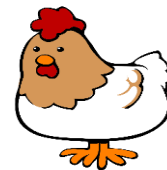
This is an exciting time in our church. We have a wonderful story to continue telling, and there are many more people in the communities where we live that need to hear it!

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

LITTLE PILGRIM NEWS

Beginning this week, Susan Brosnan will compile information for this newsletter, and prepare it for print in the future. We thank Sue for taking on this important means of communication with the members and friends of our church. Please send any church related information to be included in the newsletter to Sue **by Tuesday each week** at: susan.brosnan@gmail.com



CHICKEN BARBECUE PLANNED

(Take-out ONLY)

Saturday, June 26th, 4 – 5:30 P.M.

Adults: \$12 Children: \$6

All tickets must be prepaid and will NOT be available for purchase that night.

Tickets go on sale June 6th.



NEW MEMBERS

Several people have expressed interest in joining the church. The date has been set for July 11th, at both services of worship. If you would like to become a member of the church (*and we’d love to have you*), please sign the sheet on the mid-level bulletin board and we will mail you the information to do so. Those planning to join the church must attend a new member meeting on June 27th at 11:30 a.m. If you wish to have dual membership status (membership in this church while retaining membership with another Protestant church), please speak with the Minister before the 27th.

GIVING TO YOUR CHURCH

God has certainly been with us during the pandemic, and we give thanks to Him for continuing to lead us out of it! But you were also there for your church, doing what you could to keep us moving forward and afloat with your offerings and special monetary gifts to supplement the budget. 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 it 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 RAILWAY"

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

SCHOLARSHIP SUNDAY

Next Sunday, June 13th, during the 9 a.m. service.

Be with us as awards are presented to some very deserving young people from our congregation.



BRICK FUNDRAISER

There's still some room for you to purchase a brick 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.

BINGO HELP NEEDED

If you would like to help, but do not have a PIN, (*Personal Identification Number*) 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 are in need of bingo card sellers for the month of June.**

TOUCAN (Two-Can) FOOD PANTRY NEWS

(Now in its 13th year!)

The pantry will be open to the public on June 16, from 10 a.m. to noon. Please spread the word. Thank you to those who bring items for the pantry to church on Sundays. Donation boxes are at the double door and front door entrances.



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!

THE FINAL WORD

