

**Preston City
Congregational Church**



Week of June 7, 2021

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

**Have a question?
Need help?**

Please call: The Office
860.887.4647 or 860.886.7200

**WORSHIP AND WEB STREAM
INFORMATION**

Summer worship services are at
9AM and 10:30AM.

For those who are unable to
attend in-person, the 9AM service
is streamed live. Go to
prestoncitycongregational.org. and
click the stream button. Previous
services may be viewed using the
archive system on the site.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Scholarship Sunday
June 13 - 9AM Service

Chicken BBQ Dinner
Takeout only
Saturday, June 26th
4 – 5:30PM

Women's Fellowship
Saturday, June 19 & July 10
9AM in Halls' Hall

New Members
Meeting June 27 11:30AM
Join July 11 @ 9AM & 10:30AM

Bingo
Card sellers needed for June

Brick Memorial Garden
June 20th- Last day to order

Pastor's Corner

Last Sunday was a "powerful moment" for our church, as we returned to worship the way we knew it before the pandemic impacted our lives last year. While it is not over completely, I believe we are moving forward in a positive direction. It was good to see so many people return to church, and to hear them conversing with each other before the service began. As the hymn sings, *"There's a sweet, sweet spirit in this place."*

We've enjoyed many wonderful and exciting moments over our years together. Moments I will remember, moments when God reminded us that, in deed, *"All things are possible"* when we don't limit His power in the church, or in our lives.

Can you recall some powerful moments in your life where God stepped in and did something truly amazing for you? I can, and I thank Him (and you) for 36 years of powerful moments!

See you in church!
Rev. Stan

NEW MEMBERS

We will welcome new members into the church on 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 11:30AM. 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

"Great is thy Faithfulness", what an appropriate opening hymn last Sunday! **You** have been here for your church, doing what you could to keep us moving forward with your offerings and monetary gifts to supplement the budget.

We are thankful 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 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**



**July 12th – 16th
Ages 3 and up!**

The Vacation Bible School Team is currently looking for a Director for the Preschoolers and Kindergarteners! If you enjoy working with 3-, 4-, & 5-year-olds, this opportunity is perfect for you! All materials are provided. Please contact me if you have any questions: dre.prestoncity@gmail.com or 860.710.1262. Thanks!

Remember this SUNDAY we will be honoring our Highschool seniors as well as conducting a VBS preview! It's a great day to be a kid at Preston City Congregational Church.

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

Sunday School small groups continue ALL SUMMER for all ages, every Sunday except Communion Sunday which is "Family Sunday."

Lisa Van Alst, DRE



BRICK FUNDRAISER

Brick orders are being taken 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. We hope to have the bricks in place by mid-July. **Last day to order is June 20th.**



SCHOLARSHIP SUNDAY

On Sunday, June 13th, during the 9AM service, be with us as awards are presented to some very deserving young people from our congregation.

FOOD PANTRY NEWS

Open June 16 - 10AM – Noon



cereal•cans of soup
baked beans•vegetables
peanut butter•jelly•spaghetti sauce•tuna
canned fruit•pasta, noodles & rice



**CHICKEN BARBECUE
(Take-out ONLY)**

Saturday, June 26th, 4 – 5:30PM

Adults: \$12 Children: \$6

Available for sale after services & through the church office

All **tickets must be prepaid** and will NOT be available for purchase that night
Menu - Grilled chicken, potato salad, coleslaw, roll, cranberry sauce & dessert



RENEWAL OF VOWS

We celebrate with Katie and Jeff Gates as they reaffirmed their commitment to each other for their 10th wedding anniversary.

BINGO

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. Please sign-up to help on the Bingo calendar just outside the Sunday School hall. **We need bingo card sellers for the month of June.**

CLOTHING SHED

The Clothing Shed is open!

Please place donations in bags and tie them. We accept clothing, shoes, blankets, curtains, towels, etc. Thank you



BAPTISM

On June 7th we welcomed into the Household of Christian Faith :

Frances Joy Nemeth and Mabel Grace Nemeth, daughters of Jessica and Andrew Nemeth of Preston

Eleanor Rose Suprin, daughter of Sierra and Alexander Suprin of Stafford Springs, CT

We ask God's blessing upon these little ones.

LITTLE PILGRIM COORDINATOR

Please send information to be included in the newsletter no later than Tuesday at noon each week:

susan.brosnan@gmail.com. Thank you.

THE FINAL WORD

The will of God will never take you to a place where the grace of God will not protect you.