

**Preston City
Congregational Church**



The Little Pilgrim

Week of June 28, 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.
6/27/21 Viewership - 77
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UPCOMING EVENTS

Office Closed

Monday, July 5th

New Members

Join July 11 @ 9AM & 10:30AM

Bingo

Card sellers needed for July

Sunday School

July 4
"Family Sunday"
No class

Vacation Bible School

July 12 – 19 – 9AM-Noon

Women's Fellowship

Saturday, July 10
Assemble Kindness Bags

Pastor's Corner

Here it is, July 2021.

When I announced my plan to retire a while back, that date seemed a long way off. I thought, *there's plenty of time remaining, there's still more to accomplish, no need to be thinking about the "R" word just yet.* And now here it is, July.

This is my final month ministering in Preston. I deeply care about this church, **and you**, the people who are Preston City Congregational Church. You have become like family to me. I was 27 when I arrived in town, fresh out of seminary. You took a chance on a young guy from the city, and it worked out well for both of us! You helped to shape me into the minister I have become. You supported me and encouraged me. Together, we worked to build the kingdom of God. What was to be a 5-to-7-year ministry turned out to be 36 years, with some amazing accomplishments along the way. Together we witnessed the truth of Luke's words, *"Nothing is impossible with God" (1:37).*

In these final weeks, I hope you will be present in worship as we celebrate what God has enabled us to do during our time together. My prayer for the church is that she will continue to be a beacon of hope to all people.

See you in church!
Rev. Stan

NEW MEMBERS

Six people plan to join the church on July 11th, at both services of worship. Be with us as we welcome them into our congregation.

SEARCH FOR ORGANIST/CHOIR DIRECTOR

As many of you have heard, Robin Lyon will be retiring the end of September. We are presently searching for a new Organist/ Choir Director. We have placed ads on several social networking sites as well as contacting several college music departments. If anyone knows of someone who might be interested in this position and would like more information, please have them contact John Marino at marinojohn@sbcglobal.net.

WELCOME SUMMER!

If the heat wave earlier this week did not remind you that summer is here, the return of this tradition may!

Lemonade on the Lawn begins July 4th following services.



Vacation Bible School
July 12th – 16th
Ages 3 and up!

ROCKY RAILWAY PASSENGER AND VOLUNTEER UPDATE...

The Board of Religious Education with the support of the Standing Committee, is implementing the following CDC Health & Safety Guidelines for VBS 2021.

1. ALL children and volunteers will wear masks while INDOORS.
2. Children will be encouraged to maintain social distance: walking in lines using a rope with measurements, the use of their own personal pool noodles to be used to demonstrate spacing, as well as non-contact games!
3. We ask that all Railway passengers bring a labeled water bottle everyday so NO sharing of the water fountain will occur.

Hand sanitizer and soap & water will be abundantly available throughout the week!!!!

ALL volunteers, adults and in-coming 6th graders - High schoolers mark your calendars for **THURSDAY JULY 8th 7pm - 9pm**; "Let's Talk Some S'More about VBS". Let's talk VBS, procedures, answer questions and of course EAT S'Mores!!!! Plan on attending if you are helping the entire week, part of the week, or even 1 day. If you are curious about volunteering, THIS event is also a great opportunity to attend.

Calling all available helpers! It's time for the creative, crafty, handy, preteens and adults to help build the Rocky Railway train!!! **Friday July 9 from 6:30- 8:30!!!** Let's make it happen! Also, Rocky Railway is looking for old suitcases for our station. Contact Lisa so she can schedule a drop off time!!!! As always contact me with any questions (860) 710-1262 or dre.prestoncity@gmail.com.

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" the first Sunday of the month.

DID YOU KNOW that our DRE was recently recognized at Shepard Hill Elementary School as Paraprofessional of the Year for Outstanding Service to Students? Way to go Lisa. We're proud of you!

Sandy Dudek



BAPTISM

On June 27th we welcomed into the Household of Christian Faith, through the sacrament of Baptism,

Easton Thomas Gileau, son of Zachary and Kendall Gileau

Jesse James Burns, Jr., son of Jesse and Angela Burns

We ask God's blessing upon these little ones.

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Members will be collecting travel size personal hygiene items to assemble Kindness Bags to distribute at the Food Pantry and to the homeless. Suggested items include: travel size toothpaste, shampoo and conditioner, soap or body wash, deodorant, shave cream, toothbrush, mouth rinse, floss, razor, brush, comb, any personal or feminine care items. Collection boxes will be at both entrances.



Thank you to the Supper Committee for preparing a delicious chicken barbecue meal. We appreciate your hard work and have missed your tasty dinners. Welcome back!

BINGO

A **BIG THANK YOU** to those who have signed up to assist at bingo at Strawberry Park. We have a few more slots to fill, starting July 9th; please sign-up if you are able to help. Do you have a Personal Identification Number (PIN) necessary to help? The office has the information and forms available to get you started if you don't!



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 LAST WORD

Faith * Freedom * Fellowship

