

**Preston City  
Congregational Church**



**Week of July 5, 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](http://prestoncitycongregational.org). and  
click the stream button. Previous  
services may be viewed using the  
archive system on the site.  
7/04/21 Live Viewings – 55;  
US & Canada; 15 states; 43 cities;  
Archive viewings 6/27 - 140

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**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**Women's Fellowship**  
Saturday, July 10  
Assemble Kindness Bags

**New Members**  
Join July 11 @ 9AM & 10:30AM

**Bingo**  
Card sellers needed for July

**Sunday School**  
July 11  
All ages

**Vacation Bible School**  
July 12 – 19 – 9AM-Noon

**WELCOME SUMMER - PART 2!**  
Another rainy weekend dampened  
our plans so, we will try again.  
**Lemonade on the Lawn** begins  
July 11<sup>th</sup> following services.

**Pastor's Corner**

Over the years, I have enjoyed reading the works of many great poets. I've referenced their writings from time-to-time in many sermons – even funerals. I especially appreciate the writings of the New England poet Robert Frost. In my home hangs a beautiful cross-stich of an old grass-covered road in the woods which leads to a fork in the road inviting the traveler to choose the road he will continue on. The words beneath this image read:

*"Two roads diverged in a wood, and I --- I took the one less traveled by, and that has made all the difference." (The Road Not Taken, R. Frost)*

This poem and these words in particular, sum up my life, my ministry, my time in Preston.

When starting out in ministry, there were some people who thought there were other roads I should consider traveling; better roads, more profitable roads, roads that would lead to greater accomplishments, more than a small country church could offer me. I was told, "Don't expect much! They're set in their ways. You won't stay there long" (Boy, were they wrong!). I had the opportunity to remain in the church I served for seven years following my Ordination. It was an established, high energy congregation, a leader in the community. But I felt a nudge to travel another road, a new road, an unknown road. I thought about Abraham in the Old Testament. He didn't know where he was going when God spoke to him about traveling to a new land. But with faith and trust in God, Abraham walked a road "less traveled," and so did I.

I have no regrets about the road I traveled in life – the road that led me here to Preston 36 years ago. I took *the road less traveled, and that has made all the difference* in my life. Thank you for walking the road with me, and thank you, God, for nudging me many times along the way.

He has great things instore for each of us when we invite Him to travel with us through life.

See you in church!  
*Rev. Stan*

**NEW MEMBERS**

Six people plan to join the church on Sunday, July 11<sup>th</sup>, three at each service 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](mailto:marinojohn@sbcglobal.net).



Vacation Bible School  
July 12<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup>  
Ages 3 and up!

### Rocky Railway is set to open Monday @ 9am!!

You can sign up at the door at 8:45am if you still haven't.

There is still time to help! **TONIGHT at 6:30pm** we will be building a train and decorating, **anyone is welcome** to come join us. Can't come tonight that's fine join us next **FRIDAY the 16th @ noon for VBS tear down!!!**

Rocky Railway passengers don't forget your masks, labeled white t-shirt, & pool noodle!! Sunscreen also would be a good idea.

#### All Passengers and Families remember:

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!!!!

As always contact me with any questions (860) 710-1262 or [dre.prestoncity@gmail.com](mailto: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.



#### 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.

Members will be assembling the Kindness Bags on Saturday, July 10<sup>th</sup> @ 10 AM in the Meeting Room if anyone has last minute donations. Thank you

#### GARDENING ANYONE?

We are looking for a few helping hands (with gardening gloves!) to tend our gardens. Rev. Stan keeps the gardens weed-free and flowers deadheaded and trimmed, and would like some assistance going forward. Please call the office if you are interested in being part of this new group.

#### READY TO STIR SOMETHING UP?

We are in need of volunteers to make lemonade on Fridays in July & August, place it in the insulated cooler and into the refrigerator so it will be cold for Sunday mornings. Please call the church office if you are able to help.

#### CALLING ALL BARBECUE ENTHUSIASTS!

Are you a grill master or would like to be one? We are looking for some assistance with the Chicken BBQ Team. Please call the office if you have any questions or would like to help. We will get your information to the BBQ Team.

#### BINGO

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 9<sup>th</sup>**; 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](mailto:susan.brosnan@gmail.com). Thank you

#### THE LAST WORD



**"Where Friends Become Family"**