

**Preston City
Congregational Church**



The Little Pilgrim

Week of July 12, 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.

7/11/21 Live Viewings – 67;
US;20 states;50 cities; Archive
viewings 7/04 - 83

UPCOMING EVENTS

Celebration Set-up

Friday, July 16 @ 6 PM

Retirement Celebration

Saturday, July 17 1 – 4 PM

Standing Committee

Wednesday, July 21 @ 7 PM

Bingo

Card sellers needed for August

NO Sunday School

July 18

WELCOME SUMMER!

July 11 was another cloudy
Sunday, but were able to enjoy
Lemonade on the Lawn. See
you on Sunday, following services.

Pastor's Corner

Ken Medema is a fairly well-known, award-winning singer/songwriter who happens to be blind. He has written hundreds of songs through the years (some I enjoy more than others). More than the melody, I am impressed with the lyrics he writes. A few years back, he wrote the song, *If This Is Not a Place*. In it, he asks several important questions about the church. Here are some of the words:

If this is not a place where tears are understood,

Where can I go to cry?

If this is not a place where questions can be asked,

Where can I go to seek?

If this is not a place where you accept me just as I am

Where can I go to be free?

If this is not a place where I can try, and grow, and love,

Where do I go just to be me?

Over the years, I have learned many important life-lessons from you, like what it means to be a church – the body of Christ. The church is more than just a place to worship. It's a "Sanctuary," a sacred place, unlike any other place. It's a refuge, a place to go to; sometimes by yourself – to reflect, pray, cry, ask questions, figure out life, and how to develop a living faith that will endure whatever comes your way. If the church is not the place where answers are found, where can we go? Where IS that place?

Our purpose is to worship God. He is holy and deserving of our worship and praise. At the same time, however, the church is a place for discovering new things about Him, ourselves, and each other. It's a place where meaningful relationships are formed – both temporal and eternal. It's what I have loved about our church. It continues to answer my many questions about God and the meaning of life – life with a purpose!

What have you discovered about yourself and God in this place?

See you in church!

Rev. Stan

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.



POSTPONED

**Rocky Railway has been delayed!
We will advise you of the
next schedule soon.
Stay tuned!**

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.

INFANT NURSERY

The Nursery will be available for families to use during both services on Sunday.

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

No Sunday School July 18th, but there will be a Children's Message during the 9 AM service.

NEW MEMBERS

We welcomed six new members on July 11, 2021; Jessica & Joshua Canfield; Juliette Dombkowski, Merrill Gerber, Jean Miller, and Zachary Rousseau.

BAPTISM



Isla Jeanne Amado,
daughter of Meghan and Tyler Amado,
was baptized on July 11, 2021.

We ask God's blessing on this little one.

CONDOLENCES

We express our sympathy to the families of
Bea Coleman and Elva Bray.

GARDENING GROUP

Thank you to those who have shown an interest in tending our gardens. Rev. Stan will meet with the group Wednesday, July 28 @ 6 PM.

LEMONADE ANYONE?

We are in need of a few more 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. The more help we have, the more often we can alternate weeks! Please call the church office if you are able to help.

BINGO

Thank you to those who have signed up to assist at bingo at Strawberry Park. **We have a 10-day bingo coming at the beginning of August;** 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

