

**Preston City
Congregational Church**



The Little Pilgrim

**Week of May 8, 2022 -
May 15, 2022**

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**

Worship services at 9AM & 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.

Live viewings last week: 34; 2
countries; 12 states; 25 cities. Archived
viewing: 108

UPCOMING EVENTS

Tuesday Evening Bible Study 7P

AA Wed. 7:30P Dudek Hall

Adult Choir Practice Thursday 7P

Spring Yard Sale 5/14

**Children's Day Service & Picnic
5/15**

**Fellowship Gathering of the
Northeast Congregational
Churches 5/15**

Standing Committee 5/18

Summer Service 5/22 at 9:30A

**Thursday Morning Bible Study
starts 5/26 at 11A**

COFFEE HOUR and FELLOWSHIP

follows Sunday services.

COVID UPDATE 3/16/2022

The Standing Committee has
determined that wearing masks is
optional.

MAY 22 – SEPTEMBER 4
Summer Schedule with one
service on Sundays at 9:30A.

Pastor's Corner

In Honor of Children's Day

Nativity

In the dark, a child might ask, *What is the world?*
just to hear his sister
promise, *An unfinished wing of heaven,*
just to hear his brother say,
A house inside a house,
but most of all to hear his mother answer,
One more song, then you go to sleep.

How could anyone in that bed guess
the question finds its beginning
in the answer long growing
inside the one who asked, that restless boy,
the night's darling?

Later, a man lying awake,
he might ask it again,
just to hear the silence
charge him, *This night*
arching over your sleepless wondering,

this night, the near ground
every reaching-out-to overreaches,

just to remind himself
out of what little earth and duration,
out of what immense good-bye,

each must make a safe place of his heart,
before so strange and wild a guest
as God approaches.

Li-Young Lee

Rev. Rae



REMEMBERING OUR CHILDREN... a special service where
we remember children who are no longer with us, will be held
Sunday, May 15th at 9:00 A. Requested names will be
included in the worship folder and memorial marigolds will be
placed on the altar.

Those who donated towards the flowers may take a pack home after the
service.

SPRING YARD SALE Saturday, May 14th from 8A – 2P.
The town-wide yard sale is happening as well, starting at 9A.



This Sunday, May 15th, the Sunday School will be hosting an all-church celebration. All Families, Friends, and Children will be honored at the 10:30 a.m. service! Immediately following the service, we will gather in the "Field of Dreams" for an all-church picnic. See you there!

The week of July 11th-15th, **Vacation Bible School (VBS) "Hay Day"** will be moo-ving into Preston City Congregational Church. Sign-ups and info at the church picnic!

ALL 6TH-12TH GRADERS' **MISSION imPOSSIBLE** (should you accept) is a go! All agents & their friends who are interested in helping others are invited to attend a weekend Mission Experience here at church. Food, service projects, and fun activities are all part of the schedule. Come pick up your packet of info and get signed up.
WOW, we are an active church! Come join the fun. Come ask questions, get more info, volunteer to be part of the crew!
LOVE & BLESSINGS always,
Lisa Van Alst D.R.E.

CHURCH OFFICE UPDATES

Please do not schedule an event or program without checking in at the office. We need to make sure it makes it on the calendar. This courtesy will keep our church running smoothly!

SENIOR PICNIC June 14th at noon in the pavilion
Sign-up sheet is on the hallway bulletin board or call the office to register. Ages 62 and older are invited.

HELPING HANDS MINISTRY

No requests this week.
Check again next week.
We are here if you need us!



ADULT CHOIR

Choir Rehearsal is on Thursday evenings at 7pm.



BIBLE STUDY



The Tuesday Evening Bible Study Group continues @7pm. Our new study will be "Why Easter Matters" from Andy Stanley. It is video based and

comes with a study guide that is available on Amazon for ~\$10 or a Kindle version for around \$5. The class is available in person in Hall's Hall or on Zoom by clicking on the link below:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/9038488535?pwd=SHFJbVZVS2JWOGVGaUMxTllmWXdkdz09>

For more information, please contact Scott Van Alst by phone (860-237-7964).

Thursday Morning Bible Study will be returning May 26th @ 11am with a DVD study entitled "Kingdom Heroes" by Rev. Dr. Tony Evans.



MEN'S GROUP

THE MEN'S GROUP would like to invite all men who might be interested to the next men's group meeting on

Saturday, June 4th at 10:00 AM. Please feel free to contact me with any questions or suggestions you may have. Tim Bowles

tbowles117@comcast.net

860-705-5613 (cell)



BINGO at Strawberry Park began Saturday, May 7th.

We are one of the non-profit organizations that assist at the

games selling cards and receive funds which are used to offset our budget. Please sign-up if you are able to help; we need three workers to sell cards at each session. Sign-up to help on the Bingo calendars posted on the mid-level bulletin board just outside Dudek (Sunday School) Hall. Lee Ann Fessenden, Lisa Fessenden, Shirley Hodkinson and Sue Riley are the co-chairmen this session.

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! You must be a church member to receive a PIN.

Thank you to those who sign up to assist and continue to make this a successful mission for our church.

MEMORIAL BRICK GARDEN



We are again offering the opportunity for you to purchase a brick to be placed in our Memorial Garden 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 on the table in the mid-level hallway. Speak with Joy or Rich Chalifoux if you have any questions.



THE FELLOWSHIP GATHERING OF THE NORTHEAST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCHES

is being held here at our church on **Sunday, May 15th** from 3:00- 6:30

p.m. This is the first in-person meeting since the beginning of the pandemic! All are invited to attend. The FNCCC is made up of 34 churches in Connecticut, Massachusetts, New Jersey, New York, and Rhode Island. Participants are church members (like you and me) and Pastors of these churches, who offer support, nurture, and care to one another, while also sharing resources to further the building of God's kingdom on earth. If you've never been to one before, why not come and check it out? Among us this year will be The National Association's Executive Director, Rev. Dr. Ashley Cleere; how special!

Here is the agenda for the day:

3:00 p.m. Gathering and Missionary Tea (and coffee)

3:30 p.m. Executive Director of NA, Rev. Dr. Ashley Cleere – words of greeting and vision

4:15 p.m. Cofounders of Bombyx Center for Arts and Equity – sharing the ideas and vision for the Florence Congregational Church space

5:00 p.m. FNCCC Annual Meeting agenda (short and sweet)

5:30 p.m. Preston City Congregational Church sponsored barbeque dinner

6:15-6:30 p.m. Depart for home

The May 15th meeting agenda is simple. We need to vote on the 2022-2023 budget recommended by the Executive Committee and presented by Treasurer Doug Loux and hopefully approve a few proposals from the committee.

Rev. Gammon is the Moderator of the Fellowship.

LAST WORD

Attitude is contagious...
is yours worth catching?

YOUR TURN

Do you have a *brief* and encouraging message to share with your church family ?

Send it to the office or:

Susan.brosnan@gmail.com and you may see your message in next week's *Little Pilgrim*.

LITTLE PILGRIM COORDINATOR

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

Susan.brosnan@gmail.com or 860 889-0768.

