

Preston City Congregational Church



**Week of May 22, 2022 -
May 29, 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

Summer Worship service at 9:30AM.

For those who are unable to attend in-person, the 9:30AM 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: 35; 1 country; 8 states; 22 cities. Archived viewing: 20

UPCOMING EVENTS

**Tuesday Evening Bible Study 7P
AA Wed. 7:30P Dudek Hall
Adult Choir Practice Thursday 7P**

**Men's Group 6/04 10A
Chicken BBQ Dinner 6/25**

COVID UPDATE 3/16/2022

The Standing Committee has determined that wearing masks is optional.

MAY 22 – SEPTEMBER 4



**Join us for
LEMONADE ON THE
LAWN following our
Sunday service.**

The Butterfly

A man found the cocoon of a butterfly.

One day a small opening appeared. He sat and watched the butterfly for several hours as it struggled to force its body through that little hole.

Until it suddenly stopped making any progress and looked like it was stuck.

So, the man decided to help the butterfly. He took a pair of scissors and snipped off the remaining bit of the cocoon. The butterfly then emerged easily, although it had a swollen body and small, shriveled wings.

The man didn't think anything of it and sat there waiting for the wings to enlarge to support the butterfly. But that didn't happen. The butterfly spent the rest of its life unable to fly, crawling around with tiny wings and a swollen body.

Despite the kind heart of the man, he didn't understand that the restricting cocoon and the struggle needed by the butterfly to get itself through the small opening, were God's way of forcing fluid from the body of the butterfly into its wings, to prepare itself for flying once it was out of the cocoon.

Our struggles in life develop our strengths. Without struggles, we never grow and never get stronger. God is with you as you work through whatever challenges you're dealing with. Continuing to endure through the tough times is what allows you to develop into a fuller, more complete person.

"And you must allow this strength to finish its work. Then you will be all you should be. You will have everything you need." — James 1:4

Susan Brosnan



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)



**to all who supported the special giving for Ukraine.
\$3765 will be sent to the National Association to help
support refugee relief efforts.**



Hay Day Vacation Bible School Registration is HAPPENING!!!!

3-year-olds are welcome with an adult accompanying them! Preschool thru 5th grade are welcome. 6th - 12th graders we NEED YOU! Contact Lisa about how you can help. Church Family we need you too! Supplies, snacks, crew leaders, help at the Friday Family Cookout, grillers, servers set-up, clean-up, or just as an audience to cheer the kids on! Contact me with how you can help!

1st How to Help Idea:

Anyone have Farm equipment/vehicles we can borrow during the week? Friday July 11th only? Think touch-a-truck country style! Any farming families want to come share their work with the kids? Anyone have farm animals??? I know you are out there. There is a sign-up sheet on the main bulletin board outside Dudek Hall or call me.

MISSION imPOSSIBLE WEEKEND starts July 16th. DO YOU KNOW A 6TH-12TH GRADER? We will be serving in the Community and here at church! Swimming Friday night, Escape room Saturday night, service sites Friday & Saturday day. If you register by June 29th, it's FREE! Late registrations will be taken until July 5th, but will cost \$50.00! Friends are welcome, so let's go PCCC!

Finally, is there anyone who would like to help our children by joining the crew of teachers, children's choir director, Christmas Pageant directors, skit team, story teller??? Let me know your ideas

It takes a village, or even better a FAMILY!
LOVE & BLESSINGS,
Lisa Van Alst D.R.E.

CHURCH OFFICE UPDATES

The Senior Picnic is June 14th at noon at the pavilion; the rain date is Wednesday, June 15th.

If you regularly attend this church and are 62 or older, you are invited to come.

We have started a wait list; you can call the office to be added.

HELPING HANDS MINISTRY

No requests this week.

Check again next week.

We are here if you need us!



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=SHFJbVZS2JWOGVGaUMxTllmWXdkdz09>

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



ADULT CHOIR

Choir Rehearsal is on Thursday evenings at 7pm.

THE SUPPER COMMITTEE

is planning a

CHICKEN BARBECUE DINNER

on June 25th.

Adults - \$15 and Children - \$8

Tickets will be available soon.



Food
Pantry
Needs

COMMUNION SUNDAY IS TWO-CAN SUNDAY:

Time to replenish the Toucan Food Pantry on June 5th.

Always needed: cereal, peanut butter, jelly, canned vegetables, canned fruit, canned soup, rice, macaroni and cheese, pasta, and spaghetti sauce.

Donation boxes are located at both entry doors.

Thank you for your continuing support for this vital ministry.

THOUGHTS FROM A FRIEND...

**When it rains, look for rainbows;
when it is dark, look for stars.**



BINGO at Strawberry Park

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. **We have TWO week-long bingo sessions scheduled and need your 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! 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 and on the following page. Speak with Joy or Rich Chalifoux if you have any questions.

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.

From the Deacons:



We have found a new type of pre-packaged communion cup we are going to try. They are much easier to open. However, they will not fit in the receptacles in the pews.

We will have trash containers at the exits of the sanctuary to collect them. You may also leave them on the shelf in the pews and we will gather them after the service. We are going to try them for the June and July communion services. We are asking for feedback from the congregation, so please give one of us your thoughts on how well they work.

Our goal is to go back to the cups and bread, but feel we are not there yet. Thanks!

LAST WORD

Memorial Day – Monday, May 30
Remembering those who gave their lives
for our freedom.



The greatest love you can have for your friends is
to give your life for them.

John 15:13 GNT

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*.

Preston City Congregational Church

Preston City Congregational Church has created a memorial brick garden where everyone who visits the church can see the names of people who have meant so much to us over the years.

It is a chance to honor our loved ones in a lasting place.

Preston City Congregational Church has been an anchor in Preston for over 323 years and now you have an opportunity to have someone special to you memorialized alongside others so everyone who visits the church will see the impact a garden like this can have.

Questions, Call Joy Chalifoux at 860-234-1011

Yes, we would like to reserve a permanent brick. Please engrave our brick as follows:

ANY SYMBOL IS CONSIDERED ONE SPACE (PERIOD, COMMA, DASH)

ALL TEXT IS CENTERED UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED.

4X8 Brick is 3 lines 18 characters \$75.00

8X8 Brick is 6 lines 18 characters \$125.00.

4 x 8 Brick

8 x 8 Brick

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PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM AND YOUR CHECK PAYABLE TO:

Preston City Congregational Church
 321 Route 164
 Preston Ct. 06365
 860-887-4647

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Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Email Address: _____ Amount Paid _____