

**Preston City
Congregational Church**



**Week of June 12, 2022
June 19, 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: 32; 2 countries; 12 states; 19 cities. Archived Viewings June 6 - 60.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Morning Bible Study Wed. 11A

AA Wed. 7:30P Dudek Hall

Adult Choir Practice Thursday 7P

Chicken BBQ Dinner 6/25

VBS 7/11–15

YOUTH MISSIONS 7/15-17

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.**

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY to all fathers and men who influence the lives of children for good.

FROM THE MINISTER...

Trusting the Father's heart

A few years back, during the summer, I had a surprise visit from a friend of mine who is in ministry and lives in Canada. He and his wife have a wonderful family with three beautiful children: Joy (four), Joshua (three), and James (a newborn) at the time. During this brief visit, at night, the children were lying down with their father when Joshua, instead of sleeping, decided to get into trouble by toying with a ceramic piece I had on the other side of the bed. My friend employed what I can only imagine is a timeless parenting technique passed down through the generations: he started counting slowly ("One, two..."). I don't know for certain if my friend has ever gotten to three before, but from the obedient reaction of his son, I imagine he has reached three a time or two—and whatever transpired after three was enough to warrant a reaction from his child without reaching it this time around.

I thought about this memory recently with Father's Day approaching, because his son, being young, could not have fully understood why he needed to comply with his father's commands. He could not know why it was in his best interest because of how delicate ceramics can be or why it was important for him to have a regulated sleep schedule; he had to simply trust that his father knew best. Likewise, over the past few weeks we have been learning how our Heavenly Father leads us. As scripture says (in part), "Like an eagle that stirs up its nest...the Lord alone [does] lead them..." (Deuteronomy 32:9–11) As we have discovered, God still leads His children using the same methods today. After a certain period of nurture, nourishment, and comfort found only in the nest, God stirs up our nest so we often cannot rest where we did before; it is now uncomfortable—even painful.

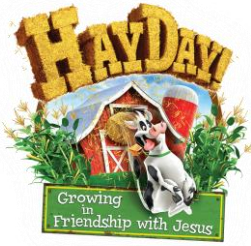
As in the situation with my friend prompting his son to follow his direction by counting, we often do not understand the whole truth of what our Heavenly Father is trying to do in our lives when we feel discomfort. This obscured understanding of the totality of God's plan in our lives often makes us want to rebel and simply choose what we deem is best for us. However, if we are obedient to His nudging, we will eventually come to understand that perhaps what we viewed as painful, God was using to move us into greater destiny all along. Although, as any eaglet who has been through this nudging process knows, it is not always gentle. Sometimes it feels like life is slowly counting to three.

Regardless of the process that God uses to give us the capability to soar over life's problems, one thing is certain: even when we cannot trace God's hand, we can trust His heart. We can trust that we serve a loving Father who is prodding and pushing us out of love. God is pushing us towards becoming fully functional, well-developed, and mature Christians. We are "the apple of His eye," and God is leading us, his children, to a place of greater victory.

Remaining In His Light,

Rev. Rae

SUMMER VACATION TIME IS ALMOST HERE! We are thankful for your financial support week-after-week. Your giving matters and makes a difference. Thank you for your commitment to our church. We are able to accept your offerings in many ways: in-person, online, and through the mail. If you have questions about online giving please contact Bob Vescovi at RVesco2010@comcast.net or 1.401.583.7840.



Mark your calendars for July 11th -15th for preschool - 6th graders! Hay Day Vacation Bible School will be tractoring through Preston City Congregational Church! Register by contacting Lisa @ dre.prestoncity@gmail.com or text 860-710-1262. \$5 fee Friends are invited! We will start @ 9 and end at 11:30. Come play games, sing songs, eat snacks, hear stories from the Bible, and have FUN!

If you are older, join us on Friday the 15th for Mission imPOSSIBLE, POSSIBLE WEEKEND! An entire weekend camping out at the church, friends are welcome! We will eat together, pray together, play together & work together at the church and in the community! Register your middle schooler or High schooler today, or at least before June 30th! **If registered by June 30th then the entire weekend is FREE!**

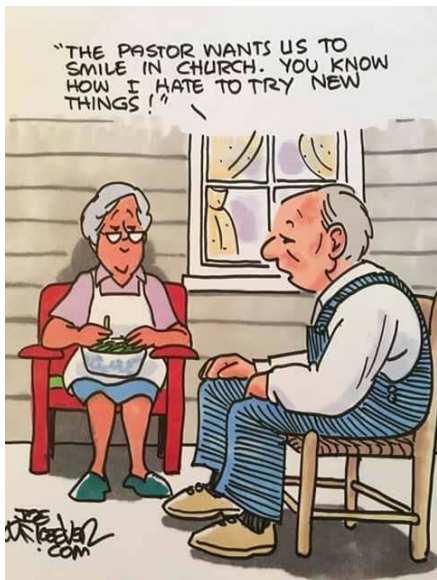
For more info about either event please contact Lisa!



ADULT CHOIR

Choir Rehearsal is on Thursday evenings at 7pm.

BIBLE STUDY continues on Wednesday morning at 11A.



CHURCH OFFICE UPDATES

Please remember Soon Yong Park and family on the passing of his sister.

CONGRATULATIONS!



On June 12, Scholarship

Sunday, three young people from our congregation were presented scholarships from the Winthrop and Helen Benjamin Scholarship Fund to help further their education. Laura

Benzinger, daughter of the Benjamins, assisted Senior Deacon Wendy Gileau in presenting the awards. Congratulations to: Georgia Barry, Emily Bartoshevich and Jacob Bernier. Your church family is proud of you!

HELPING HANDS MINISTRY

No requests this week.

Check again next week.

We are here if you need us!



THE SUPPER COMMITTEE

is planning a

CHICKEN BARBECUE DINNER

on Saturday, June 25th from 4-6P

BBQ chicken-potato salad-coleslaw-cranberry sauce-roll-and dessert

Adults - \$15 and Children - \$8

Tickets are available after Sunday service or through the office. Last weekend to order!

Take-out and/or limited seating

THOUGHTS FROM A FRIEND...

"Help people. Even when you know they cannot help you back."



The Women's Fellowship is looking for an interim coordinator. If you are interested in this ministry and able to help, please call the church office.



BINGO at Strawberry Park

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

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.

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 engraving and up to 18 characters per line. 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.



Orders will be received through the end of July.

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.

LAST WORD



Use what talents you have. The woods
would be silent if no birds sang
except those that sang best.

Henry Van Dyke

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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321 Route 164
Preston Ct. 06365
860-887-4647

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Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

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