

**Preston City
Congregational Church**



**Week of June 19, 2022
June 26, 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: 26; 1 country; 7 states; 18 cities. Archived Viewings June 12 - 20.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Morning Bible Study Wed. 11A
AA Wed. 7:30P Dudek Hall

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.

FROM THE MINISTER...

"Jesus Wept" (John 11:35)

These two words are among the most famous words spoken by Christ. He spoke these words, while received by a company of mourners from Bethany, who were grieving the loss of Lazarus, a close friend of Jesus. He decided that before walking to Lazarus's tomb to raise him from the dead, He would take time to mourn with those who were grieving.

The two words spoken by Christ should bring us encouragement in two primary ways. First, the phrase "Jesus Wept" is a good example of Christ's humanity, letting us know whenever we feel grief or hurt deeply, that Christ is there in the midst of our pain. God does not flinch or shy away from such moments, but He is present and understands our pain. In fact, perhaps these are the moments where God is closest to us, as His heart breaks just as our own is broken. Second, and what strikes me most in the short phrase uttered by Christ, is that therein, we are able to see with crystal clarity an image of where deity meets humanity. Here, God, who became flesh, is so touched with the burden of the common man that he weeps. And isn't this humanity at its best; a humanity that takes time to empathize with the needs of others?

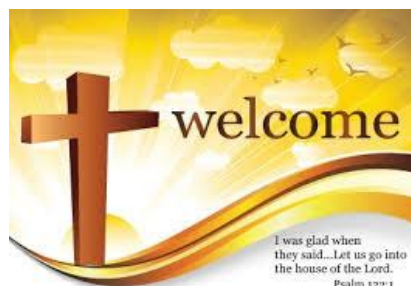
During these warmer months, I want to encourage you, like Christ, to take a few moments to break the routine of daily life, and glance at the burdens of others right around you. Ask how you can help to ease their pain, even if nothing more than being there with another individual to joyfully laugh, attentively listen, and, at other times, to mournfully cry. In this way, at least in measure, we perfect the image of our humanity and at the same time, come closer to the image of the Divine.

Remaining in the light,

Rev. Rae



THANK YOU to our Choir and their director for all of the wonderful music this year! We look forward to September and welcoming you back!





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!

Vacation Bible School Wish List

1. Rice Crispy Treats for 30 (Hay bales)
2. 3 dozen No Bake Chocolate Cookies (Cow patties) (Monday Snack)
3. Clean egg shells (used for a craft)
4. 2 Wheelbarrows
5. Clear plastic drinking cups 250
6. Ranch dressing for dipping
7. Carrot sticks, peppers, celery sticks (Wed. snack)
8. Butterscotch haystacks (Tues. snack)
9. Box of graham crackers
10. 25 frozen hamburger patties
11. 4 packages of hamburger buns
12. Sandwich bags - NOT the Ziplock type; twist tie type

We still need about 4 to 5 adult volunteers for the week of VBS. Craft leaders, all crafts are planned for you, just need you to help small groups of kids as they rotate through. Tie-Dye helpers, Game leaders; all games are planned, supplies gathered - just need you to set up and play with the kids/supervise!

Anyone have sheep, chickens, bunnies, donkeys, or small farm animals that you would like to bring one day to share and talk about?

Mark your calendar for FRIDAY, July 15th - Church picnic and VBS songs, games, cookout for all outside under the pavilion. Signup sheet on the main bulletin board across from Hall's Hall.

Older students may 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 Rehearsals have ended for for the summer. Choir rehearsal will resume Thursday, September 8th.

Special Music

If you have a talent that you would like to share at our morning services, please sign your name and phone number on the bulletin board located in front of Dudek Hall.

BIBLE STUDY continues on Wednesday morning at 11A.



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.

CHURCH OFFICE UPDATES

CONGRATULATIONS to **Heather**

Eighme who has been selected as "Teacher of the Year" at Plainfield High School. Your church family is so proud of you, Heather!

HELPING HANDS MINISTRY

No requests this week. Check again next week.

We are here if you need us!



THE SUPPER COMMITTEE CHICKEN BARBECUE DINNER

is this Saturday, June 25th from 4-6P

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

NO TICKETS AVAILABLE AT THE DOOR





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 need your help the week of July 4th! It is our first week-long 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.

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



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 _____