

**Preston City  
Congregational Church**



**The Little Pilgrim**

**Week of June 26, 2022  
July 3, 2022**

Church Office Hours:  
Monday – Friday, 9AM – Noon

**Have a question?  
Need help?**

Please call: The Office  
860.887.4647 or 860.886.7200

**MINISTER**

REVEREND RAEFIELD PERTEET

Cell/Text: 1-617-866-3524

*"Where the door is always open"*

Call the office to schedule an  
appointment

**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](http://prestoncitycongregational.org) and click the stream button. Previous services may be viewed using the archive system on the site.

Live viewings last week: 25; 1 country; 8 states; 15 cities. Archived Viewings June 19 - 101.

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**Communion Sunday** July 3

**Office Closed** Mon. July 4

**AA** Wed. 7:30P Dudek Hall

**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...**

**Be still my soul**

1 Peter 5:7 invites us to cast our cares upon the Lord, a task that is easier said than done considering all of the cares of the modern world. Perhaps it is a task that can only be accomplished when we focus on the one whose voice still has control of the storms and waves of life. Particularly when we feel disappointed by decisions made, or when things seem out of our control, this is the time to lean not to our own understanding, but rather, to turn to the promises from the divine, who still has power over the storms, even the ones that may occasionally rage on in our hearts. This week I invite you to practice just that, as you consider a meditation on surrender from St. Augustine.

"Has someone insulted you? It is the wind beating against you.

Have you become angry? It is the swell mounting.

Does temptation arise? It is the wind blowing.

Is your soul troubled? It is the waves rising up.

Wake up Christ and let him speak to you.

'Who, then, is this that even the wind and the sea obey him?'

Who is he? 'His is the sea, for he has made it'; 'all things were made by him'

(Ps 95:5; Jn 1:3). So imitate the winds and the sea: obey your Creator. The sea shows itself to be docile to Christ's voice and do you remain deaf? The sea obeys, the winds drop, and do you continue to blow? What are we trying to say by this? Speaking, getting upset, plotting revenge: isn't this continuing to blow and not wanting to give way before Christ's word? When your heart is stirred up, don't allow yourself to be swamped by the waves."

~ Augustine of Hippo

Remaining in the Light,

Rev. Rae

**THOUGHTS FROM A FRIEND...**





Dear PCCC Church Family,

For years, Preston City Congregational Church has offered Vacation Bible School to the children of PCCC and our community. For many years, the number of participants exceeded 50 children. In 2019, our number was 41. Sadly, COVID postponed our 2020 VBS and we had to be patient and wait. 2021 allowed us to have VBS in an almost normal way. We were ecstatic with just over 25 applications. Our numbers are nearing 25, and we usually get more participants on the day and week of the program.

I am putting out a plea for 3 more adults and 4 more middle school to high school volunteers as crew members. It takes many hands to do a quality program. I understand how busy summer can be, however, I do not want this amazing program to not continue.

**WE NEED YOU!** My prayer is that God whispers to you today to give a few hours each morning for one week (July 11-15) assisting children in learning about the amazing love of our Savior Jesus Christ and making new friends while singing wonderful songs, playing fun games, making amazing crafts, and eating yummy snacks!

I have never talked to a person who ever went to VBS that didn't have a great memory of the experience. It might have been a song, a Bible verse, a theme, or a special VBS teacher. Be a part of that memory!

I thank you in advance for your support, whether making a donation or volunteering to work with the children. If you can help out, please call my cell at 860-917-9011 or call the church office at 860-887-4647 or the Director of Religious Education, Lisa VanAlst, 860-710-1262.

Yours in Christ,  
Shari Purcell VBS Director

**Mark your calendar** for FRIDAY, July 15<sup>th</sup> - 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.

For more info about either event please contact Lisa!

**WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY** is on pause until the fall.

"Looking forward to mining the word of God together again at that time."

Rev. Rae

### ADULT CHOIR



**Choir Rehearsals** have ended 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.

**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.



**The Men's Group will next meet on Saturday, September 3<sup>rd</sup> at 10 am** and will continue to meet the first Saturday of every month through June of next year.



As always, feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns you may have. Always looking for volunteers to share a 15-to-20-

minute devotional each month. Look forward to seeing you all in the fall. Tim Bowles 860-705-5613

## CHURCH OFFICE UPDATES

**TWO-CAN SUNDAY - July 3<sup>rd</sup>**  
**Time to replenish the pantry.**

Donation boxes are located at both entry doors.

Thank you for your continuing support for this vital ministry.



### HELPING HANDS MINISTRY

No requests this week. Check again next week.

**We are here if you need us!**

**Thank you to all who made the Chicken BBQ Dinner a success! It was a sellout!!**





## **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.



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](mailto: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](mailto:Susan.brosnan@gmail.com) or 860 889-0768.

## **LAST WORD**



**HAVE A SAFE HOLIDAY!**

# 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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