

**Preston City
Congregational Church**



**Week of July 10, 2022
July 17, 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 and click the stream button. Previous services may be viewed using the archive system on the site.

Live viewings last week: 20; 1 country; 16 states; 19 cities.

UPCOMING EVENTS

AA Wed. 7:30P Dudek Hall

Standing Committee July 20

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...

Innocent Faith

"Truly, I say to you, unless you turn and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven." - Matthew 18:3

As with most of the words spoken by Christ, the above scripture is an easy statement to read, but an extremely difficult one to live out. This is because much of our world is jaded and cynical. Because of this, as we grow, we often develop calluses on our hearts. For most of society, it becomes extremely difficult, as Christ has commanded, to "become like children" once again.

This week, as our youth celebrate VBS, let the above scripture also provide a clarion call to the inner you; the inner you that harkens back towards a childlike faith and wonder; days that were once filled with delicate innocence, as delicate as freshly fallen snowflakes.

This week, let us remember the spiritual benefits of "becoming like a child" again; the benefit of a simple yet profound faith, unbridled love, and unsuppressed joy. It is then, we may have hope of entering a realm of true riches once more.

Remaining in the Light,

Rev. Rae



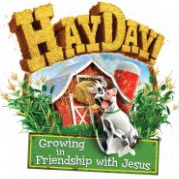
We are pleased to announce that Robin Lyon will be with us on July 17 & 24 while our organist, Marie Quinn, takes a well-deserved vacation.

THOUGHTS FROM A FRIEND...

Disappointments are just God's way of saying

"I've got something better"

be patient... live life...



Hay Day VBS concluded on Friday, July 15th, and boy did we have a BLAST! Our goal for the week was to help children grow in their faith and to encourage a relationship with each other, as well as, Jesus! 10 years from now, we want our kids and their friends to remember the fun they had and the Bible stories they learned. As they say, it takes a village, or in our case, a whole church community!

Please thank our team:

Juliette Dombkowski, Diane Schrage (Preschool), Riley Tucker, Jeremy Rider, Samantha Paquette, Arianna Turner, Jonathan Stearnes, Julia Rider, Brock & Reed Nowakowski (Farm Hands)

Sharon Breen, Lori & Lindsay Bernier, Loida Fessenden, Marissa Stankiewicz, Lois Woodmansee (our on-site farm expert), Chris Burden, Stella Dawley, & Eliza Hopkins (Station Leaders)

Also, a special thanks to Sandy Dudek for always having our backs! Steve Orloski, Zachary Rousseau, & Felix Prokop (our barn builders), Lynwood Cray (for baling the hay), Georgia Barry (errand girl), Jennifer Matteson, James Purcell, the PCCC Board of Ed., the PCCC Congregation, your prayers, donations, cookie making, as well as encouragement were definitely felt.

A HUGE heartfelt THANK YOU to Farmer Shari (Purcell).

You jumped in with both feet. You planned, researched, sorted, scheduled, recruited, built, expanded, dreamed, prayed, but most of all, LOVED us through not just this week, but several months. There just aren't enough words. I am so glad that you share your love for Jesus with our church and especially the next generation!

We ask the children to share God sightings every day at VBS, and I am one blessed member to have witnessed hundreds of God sightings this week! If only everyone in our church family could experience this humbling experience of REALLY seeing and hearing God... oh wait, YOU CAN! Pray and ask God where you fit in; the men's group, ladies' fellowship, Sunday school teacher, youth group leader, singing in the choir, worship assistant, helping in the food pantry, bingo, supper committee,... The list is endless. There is a place for you, for all of us!

Love & Blessings always,

Lisa Van Alst D.R.E.

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

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 or call the church office (860 887-4647).

CHURCH OFFICE UPDATES

CONDOLENCES

We expressed our sympathies to the family and friends of Gert Lavallee on Tuesday, July 12th.

The family of Charles Abrahamson has asked us to announce that there will be a graveside service on Sunday, July 24th at the Preston City Cemetery at 11:00 AM if you would like to attend. A reception will immediately follow at the VFW in Preston.

HELPING HANDS MINISTRY

No requests this week.

Check again next week.

We are here if you need us!



THE WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP is looking for an interim coordinator. If you are interested in helping to lead this ministry please call the church office.

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CAN YOU SCROLL BACK UP?

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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 STILL NEED A FEW MORE WORKERS. Are you available?



We have a 12-day session coming up, July 30-August 10, and we need workers to sell cards.

Sign-up on the calendar on the bulletin board at church or contact one of the chairpersons.

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

Grid for 4x8 brick engraving, 3 rows by 18 columns.

8 x 8 Brick

Grid for 8x8 brick engraving, 6 rows by 18 columns.

EXAMPLE

Example engraving grid showing the text: Preston City Congregational Church!

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: _____

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