

**Preston City  
Congregational Church**



**The Little Pilgrim**

**Week of July 31, 2022  
August 7, 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.

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**AA Wed. 7:30P Dudek Hall  
Communion Sunday August 7**

**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 Obstacle In Our Path**

In ancient times, a King had a boulder placed on a roadway. He then hid himself and watched to see if anyone would move the boulder out of the way. Some of the king's wealthiest merchants and courtiers came by and simply walked around it.

Many people loudly blamed the King for not keeping the roads clear, but none of them did anything about getting the stone out of the way.

A peasant then came along carrying a load of vegetables. Upon approaching the boulder, the peasant laid down his burden and tried to push the stone out of the road. After much pushing and straining, he finally succeeded.

After the peasant went back to pick up his vegetables, he noticed a purse lying in the road where the boulder had been.

The purse contained many gold coins and a note from the King explaining that the gold was for the person who removed the boulder from the roadway.

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Every obstacle we come across in life gives us an opportunity to improve our circumstances and while there are those who complain, others are creating opportunities through their kind hearts, generosity, and willingness to get things done.

We tend to go the easy way when we face an obstacle. By not facing it and moving it out of our way the right way, the obstacle will never be gone.

*The king showed the peasant what many of us never understand:  
every obstacle presents an opportunity to improve our condition.*

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Remember to look for your opportunity to better yourself or your situation.

"For everyone who asks, receives; and he who seeks, finds; and to him who knocks, it will be opened." Luke 11:10

Sue Brosnan

**COMMUNION SUNDAY IS TWO-CAN SUNDAY:  
Time to replenish the Toucan Food Pantry on  
August 7<sup>th</sup>.**

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 church entry doors.



Monetary donations are welcome as well and the volunteers will do the shopping for you!

Thank you for your continuing support for this vital ministry.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

### SAVE THE DATES!

**Our Christmas Pageant** will be presented on Sunday, December 11 at 2P.

Pageant practice rehearsals will be on Wednesdays at 5:30P and begin on October 12. Wendy Abrahamson is our director and the name of the pageant is **WOW!!**

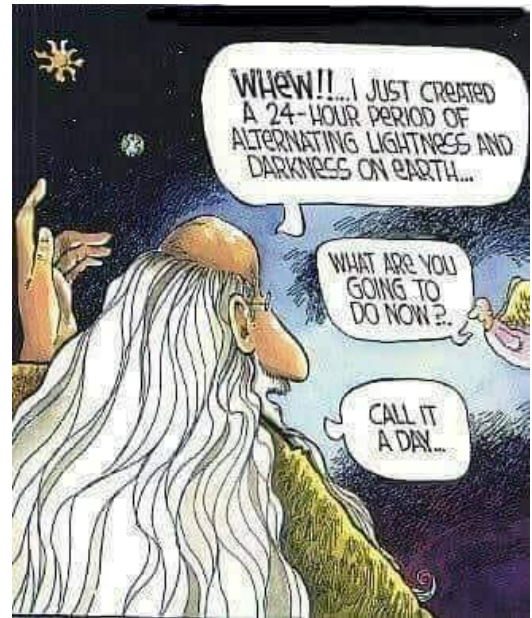
**We look forward to seeing the children in October!**

Happy Dog Days of Summer! It is already time to think FALL! Sunday School registration forms are here! Please register your children in the next few weeks so we can get those crafts, games, & activities going, decorate those rooms, and recruit those teachers! Reach out to your friends, family & neighbors. It's TIME for the church "where friends become family" to invite everyone to come back HOME!

We miss you!

Forms may be picked up outside the Sanctuary, through the church office, or contact me and I can send you one via email! Have questions, concerns please reach out to me. Look for some POP-UP events to help you POP back IN to Church!

Lisa Van Alst D.R.E.



**The Flower Committee** would like to encourage those who wish to put flowers on the altar for the Sunday service to bring in their own flower arrangements. This could be flowers from your garden or a purchased bouquet. Although flower arrangements can be ordered from Jewett City Greenhouse, it is not necessary.



Please contact the church office to save your Sunday. (We also have large vases for you to borrow if needed.)

### DID YOU KNOW...

that for the entire month of August 2022 you can pick up a \$10.99 Bloomin' 4 Good bouquet sold at Stop & Shop located at 2020 Norwich-New London Turnpike, Uncasville CT and St. Vincent de Paul Place will receive \$1 from every bouquet? Look for the bouquets with the red circle. Every \$1 donation equals 10 meals!

## CHURCH OFFICE UPDATES

### HELPING HANDS MINISTRY

No requests this week.

Check again next week.

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



### THOUGHTS FROM A FRIEND...

**Your talent is God's gift to you.  
What you do with it is your gift back to God.**  
Leo Buscaglia

## 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 STILL NEED A FEW MORE WORKERS.

#### Are you available Aug. 4 -10?

**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.

### 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





## Free COVID- 19 Vaccination Clinic

**Ages 6 mos. & up**

**1<sup>st</sup> dose, 2<sup>nd</sup> dose, & Boosters**

**ALL BRANDS**

**Preston City Congregational Church Wednesday, August 17<sup>th</sup>**

**9:00a-1:00p**

**321 Route 164 - Preston**

## WALK-INS WELCOME, NO APPOINTMENT REQUIRED

Please bring a health insurance card and photo ID if you have them, but it is **not necessary** to have health insurance or ID to receive the vaccine. No one will be turned away for lack of insurance or ID .



**GRIFFIN  
HEALTH**