

## Preston City Congregational Church



The Little Pilgrim

week of  
June 25, 2023

Church Office Hours:  
Monday – Friday, 9AM – Noon  
**Office Closed Tuesday July 4**

### Have a question? Need help?

Please call: The Office  
860 887-4647 or 860 886-7200

To reach our interim co-ministers  
directly at any time:  
Rev. Mark Porizky – 860 705-1262  
[porizky@gmail.com](mailto:porizky@gmail.com)  
Rev. Stan White - 860 303-9622  
[sewhite3022@gmail.com](mailto:sewhite3022@gmail.com)

### WORSHIP AND WEB STREAM INFORMATION

Worship service is at 9:30A  
For those who are unable to attend  
in-person, the 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:  
6/18 - 65; 2 countries; 23 states;  
54 cities  
6/25 – 49; 2 Countries; 21 States; 37  
cities

### WEEKLY EVENTS

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

**NEXT LITTLE PILGRIM** week of  
July 9.

## FROM THE DESK OF REV. STAN

### Quiet Witnesses

What is a *Quiet Witness (QW)*?

For me, it is a person (or persons) who quietly works “behind the scenes,” in our church, seeking no praise or recognition. The goal of the QW is to do something good, something positive, something that makes a difference in the lives of others. Sometimes the QW doesn’t even realize how far-reaching their witness goes, or how much their witness impacts the lives of others – for the better!

From time-to-time in the “Little Pilgrim,” I will tell you about some other QWs in our midst. I am grateful for them and for what they do to make our church a better place.

In this week’s “Little Pilgrim,” the QWs I am thinking about are four people – our **web stream team**: Sue Brosnan, Patrick Magowan, and Sandra & Jim Wright. Some of you wouldn’t know these people if you saw them. They very rarely sit in the pews alongside you. All of them have been members of the church family for more than a decade (although this is not a requirement to be on the team). Their witness takes place downstairs in the church, in a small room designed originally for duct work only. Every Sunday morning, they duck and squeeze into their seats to record the Sunday service so others in surrounding cities and towns, around the country, even around the world may view it on the web. Without these QWs, this vital outreach of our church would not be possible. They have recorded worship services, as a team, since 2016. I hope you agree, they do an exemplary job, and they definitely make a difference in the lives of others!

I have numerous other QWs on my list. You’ll meet them in upcoming newsletters. Do you know someone who fits my description of a QW? Let me know. Send their name to me: [sewhite3022@gmail.com](mailto:sewhite3022@gmail.com) and tell me why you believe they should be on my list.

I give thanks to God for ALL the QWs in our church family. What you do is appreciated!

See you in church! -- *Rev. Stan*

### COVID UPDATE 3/16/2022

The Standing Committee has determined that wearing masks is optional.



**Lemonade on the  
Lawn** is back! Join us  
for fellowship and a  
cold drink following our service!

### NEWS from the DEACONS

On Communion Sunday July 2, we will return to passing the shared bread and cups. The Deacons will have plates with the self-contained communion elements we have been using at both entrances to the sanctuary for those who wish to continue using them.



**A CONFIRMATION CLASS** has been scheduled to begin on August 7th with a Confirmation date of October 29, 2023.

The class will be taught by Rev. Stan on Monday evenings from 6:30-7:30 p.m. in the Annex. It is open to 9<sup>th</sup> graders and older students who may not have taken the class. Please call the office for more information or to sign up.

## FROM THE CHURCH OFFICE

**New Entry at the Annex** The door to the Annex is now locked at all times, providing security for those inside. When you ring the doorbell, visitors may be viewed on a camera and the door will be unlocked from inside. There is also an intercom that may be activated. Just wait for the chimes and then open the door as usual. Please be patient as we are learning the new system. Thank you

### BUS TRIP TO LANCASTER PA ~ AUG 21-23

We are traveling again! Call the office to add your name to our waitlist if you would like to join us and a spot becomes available.

Active members who wish to borrow items from the church (chairs, tables, etc.), please check with the office. They may have been requested by another member.

Please remember, if you turn on lights, or adjust the heat or air conditioning, to turn them off or reset them when you are finished. If you remove the Sanctuary railing for an event, please be sure to make provisions for it to be put back afterwards. Others count on it being there. **Please remember to lock all doors.** Thank you.

## LOOKING AHEAD

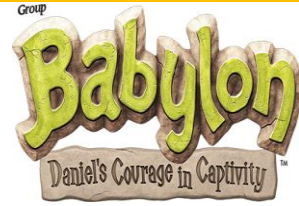
**Sunday Service - 9:30A**

**Communion Sunday - July 2**

**VBS – July 10 – 14**

**Going on vacation this summer? Remember to take your church along!** Our service is live at 9:30A on Sunday morning on our website [prestoncitycongregational.org](http://prestoncitycongregational.org). Archived services may be viewed at any time.

And remember, the church does not take a vacation. Pledges and donations may be made online or mailed to the church to keep us up-to-date.



## Preston City Congregational Church Vacation Bible School July 10 -14 2023

**Vacation Bible School begins Monday July 10<sup>th</sup> 9AM till Noon.** Children going into Kindergarten through 6<sup>th</sup> grade are invited. Please register your children. Registration paperwork is at each entrance at the church or at the church office. Cost is \$10.

Each day at Babylon VBS, kids explore and experience their daily bible point in creative ways. Daily bible content is woven in with captivating music and old-world inspired decorating.

Discover there is always something new to make in the Babylon Marketplace. Yummy treats will be enjoyed. Kids will meet Daniel and hear how he and his friends kept their faith in a faithless culture.

Our mission will be two-fold this year. We will be collecting food for the food pantry and we will be making cards and pictures for our shut-ins.

Questions, call Shari Purcell 860-917-9011



**Thank you to the Women's Fellowship** for honoring all of the men in our church on Father's Day.

**The Men's Group will not meet in July** due to the holiday weekend. Our next meeting will be Saturday, August 5th at 10am.



## THOUGHTS FROM A FRIEND...

**Life is like a rainbow.  
You need both rain and sun  
to make its colors appear.**

We are so excited to be planning for a **2023**



**Scarecrow Festival.** The date is set for **Saturday September 23, 2023. 10 AM till 4 PM.**

This will be our 15<sup>th</sup> festival. We need many volunteers and coordinators to make it successful. Meetings will be on the second Tuesday of each month at 6:30 PM.

Questions call Shari Purcell 860-

917-9011 or e-mail [shariLpurcell@gmail.com](mailto:shariLpurcell@gmail.com) or call the church office at 860-887-4647.

**LITTLE PILGRIM COORDINATOR** The Little Pilgrim comes out twice a month, during the first and third weeks. Please send information to be included in the week of July 9<sup>th</sup> newsletter no later than Tuesday, July 5<sup>th</sup> at noon to: [susan.brosnan@gmail.com](mailto:susan.brosnan@gmail.com) or left at the office.



**HAVE A SAFE HOLIDAY!**

### The Pursuit of Happiness

There was once a group of 100 people attending a seminar on personal development.

In the middle of their talk, the speaker stops and hands out a balloon to each attendee and tells them to write their name on it. The balloons are then collected and placed in an adjacent room.

The speaker then instructs the 100 attendees to enter that room and, within 5 short minutes, find the balloon with their name on it.

Pandemonium breaks loose as they charge in, pushing and colliding with each other as they desperately search for their name.

The 5 minutes pass and nobody succeeds.

The speaker then tells each person to pick up any random balloon and give it to the person whose name is written on it. Within a few minutes everyone has their balloon back. He then said, "What just happened with those balloons is exactly what happens in our search for happiness. We frantically look for it all around us, not knowing where it is. "Yet our happiness lies in the happiness of others. By giving them their happiness, you get yours."

**Moral of the story:** Happiness and fulfillment rarely come from selfish pursuits, but almost *always* come from doing good deeds for others. By helping others we help ourselves.

### BAPTISM



On June 18, 2023 we welcomed into the Household of Christian Faith through the sacrament of Baptism, Boden David Shea, son of Alexis and Tim Shea.

Proud grandparents are Carolyn and Ed Shea.



On June 25, 2023 we welcomed into the Household of Christian Faith through the sacrament of Baptism, Wes Bradley Burns, son of Angela and Jesse Burns.

Proud grandparents are Carole and Hal West.

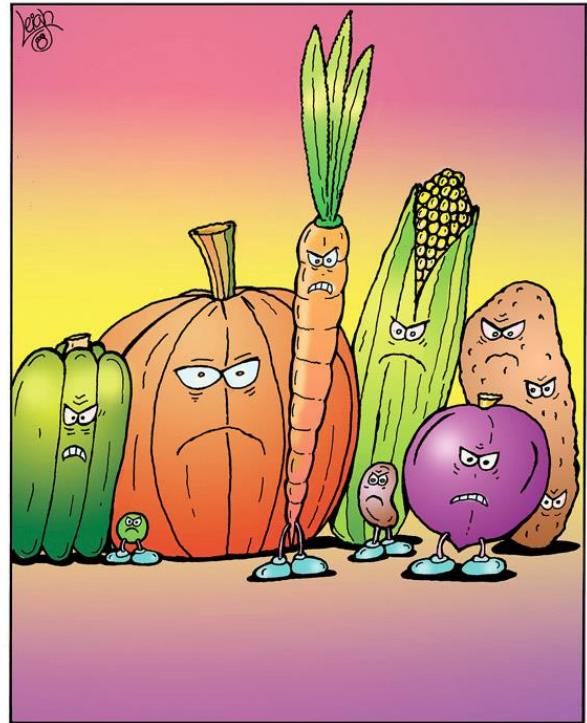
We ask God's blessing on these little ones.



**to THE SUPPER COMMITTEE & BBQ Crew for a delicious barbecue chicken dinner!**

### RUBES®

By Leigh Rubin



Steamed vegetables

Thank you Bob V.

Do you have something to share?

Contact Sue Brosnan at [susan.brosnan@gmail.com](mailto:susan.brosnan@gmail.com).