

THE PRESTON PILGRIM

A newsletter of
**The Preston City
Congregational Church**
Gathered 1698

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9:00 & 10:30 A.M.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

8:45 A.M.

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News and information for the June newsletter is due in the church office by **May 20th**. You may leave information in the holder located on the wall in the kitchen.

SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Starting May 27th, there will be one service of worship, 9 A.M. The Sunday School will be in recess for the summer, but inspiring children's messages will be offered during the service. Plan to worship as a family this summer! We will resume two services on September 9th.

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FROM THE MINISTER...

My sabbatical will begin following the worship services on May 20th, -- Children's Day.

While I am away, I hope you will continue to faithfully support your church by being present at worship. Your presence and participation in the service will be encouraging not only to fellow worshippers but to the interim minister, The Rev. Robert Wright.

If you have any questions, issues, concerns, or an emergency that needs immediate attention, please call the church office 860.887.4647 and Sandy will direct your call to Rev. Wright, or a member of the Diaconate who will be assisting him in caring for the congregation with home and hospital visitations.

Appointments to speak with Rev. Wright can be arranged through the church office. While he is primarily contracted to lead Sunday worship, Rev. Bob is willing to meet with you should a need arise.

I wish you a wonderful and relaxing summer, and I look forward to being back with you on August 26th.

Rev. Stan

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DURING THE MONTH OF APRIL...

WE WELCOMED into the Household of Christian Faith through the Sacrament of Baptism:

4.15 *Leonard Lynn Collins, and Ethan David Collins*, sons of Mary & Zachary Collins of Mystic.

4.29 *Riley Ann Stankiewicz*, daughter of Marisa Ann & Michael Stankiewicz of Griswold.

4.29 *Adam Jacob Collins*, son of Corrie & Adam Collins of Canterbury.

We ask God's blessing upon these little ones!

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THANK YOU

to everyone who helped with the Chicken Pot Pie Supper on April 28th. We're pleased to tell you that a profit of approximately \$900 was realized. From this amount, \$100 was sent to support the work of the CT Fellowship. We appreciate the hard work of the Supper Committee, the many volunteers and pie bakers, as well as those who purchased tickets! *Well done!*

PATH TO WELLNESS

Those in attendance at the April semi-annual meeting voted unanimously to proceed with the development of a walking course around the church property!

Marci Bartha, Laurie Waldron, and Rev. Stan are planning a course that will benefit people of all walking abilities. 4-5 "workout stations" will be placed along the route with specific workout instructions for the beginner as well as the advanced fitness enthusiast!

Marci has agreed to be available (1-2 times per month) to assist walkers in developing a plan that best suits their lifestyle.

In the future, we hope to offer other programs related to good health; Zumba, Yoga, Meditation, etc. These programs are an effort to keep our congregation strong and healthy, and we hope to see you on the course one day. It is hoped that the "Path to Wellness" will be ready for use in the next few months.

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YARD SALE

Saturday, May 12th
8-2 P.M.

Your help is needed. Please lend a hand if you're able!

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THEME DINNER

Saturday, May 12th
5:30- 7:30 P.M.
Tickets: \$10

Please call the church office.

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MAY 20TH, A SPECIAL DAY...

Join us for worship at 9 A.M. as we remember children no longer with us. They left this life much too soon. Marigolds are the flower of the day – all shapes, colors, and sizes; just like our kids! Please contact the church office by May 15th if you'd like to have a child remembered on this day, or if you'd like to place Marigolds on the altar (\$5). Following the service, donors may take a packet of Marigolds home to plant in their garden.

At 10:30 A.M., join us at the Preston Veterans' Memorial School for the celebration of children — CHILDREN'S DAY. This event is too big to be held in our Sanctuary! Fortunately, we're able to rent a school gym for the morning. Come and support the achievements of our children and youth, and to say, "thanks" to Sandy and a hard-working teaching staff.

Following the service, join us under the pavilion on the "Field of Dreams" for a picnic. There is no charge to attend, however, you MUST sign up. A sheet is posted on the Information Center bulletin board. Plan to be part of the celebration!

CHURCH DELEGATES

and others who are interested in attending the Annual Meeting of the CT Fellowship will meet in the church parking lot at 1:30 P.M. on May 20th, and carpool to South Church in Hartford. Please call the church office if you would like to go. We should return to Preston by 7 P.M.

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DID YOU KNOW?

The church now accepts credit cards. Purchase items or dinner tickets using your Visa, Master Card, or Discover Card at the church office.

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Trips & Travels...

Two wonderful trips are planned for 2012, and we hope you'll consider joining us on one, or both of them!

SEPTEMBER 23 – OCTOBER 1, **CALIFORNIA COAST** – 9 days, 11 meals. COST: Double occupancy \$2,719; Triple \$2,689; Single \$3,619. AFTER March 23, 2012, rates will rise: Double occupancy \$2819; Triple \$2789; Single \$3,719. Cost includes: transportation to and from T.F. Green airport in RI, air, hotels, and all sightseeing. Highlights of the trip include: San Francisco, Yosemite National Park, Monterey, 17 Mile Drive, Big Sur, Hearst Castle, Solvang, Santa Barbara, Los Angeles, San Diego

Brochures with all the details of these trips can be found on the Information Center table. Please contact the church office if you'd like us to mail a brochure(s) to you. As always, these trips are open to your friends and the community!

NEW for 2013 and beyond...

Hawaii in April, 2013... A motorcoach tour through New England in the Fall... and a safari in South Africa in 2014!

All of these trips are open to the community. Brochures on Hawaii can be found on the Information Center table.

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AGAPE

This new support/advocacy group for LGBTQ youth meets in Fellowship Hall on the first and third Sunday afternoons from 4-6 P.M. Supportive friends, parents and guardians are welcome to attend. For information about AGAPE (Greek for God's unconditional love for ALL) please contact Deb Miller at agapeadvocate@gmail.com.

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LOOKING AHEAD...

Scholarship Sunday

June 10

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Vacation Bible School

July 16-20