

THE PRESTON PILGRIM



The newsletter of
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Gathered 1698**

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SUNDAY SCHOOL

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News and information for the November newsletter must be received by **October 21st**. You may leave information in the holder located on the wall in the kitchen.



INTEGRITY

I read this story the other day:

Two men met on the street one day. One man said to the other, "Did you hear about Harry? He embezzled half a million dollars from his company? The other man said, "That's terrible. I never did trust Harry."

The first man continued, "Not only that, he left town and took Tom's wife with him." The other man said, "That's awful. Harry has always been a ne'er-do-well."

The first man said, "Not only that, he stole a car to make his getaway." The other man said, "That's scandalous; I always did think Harry had a bad streak in him."

The first man concluded, "Not only that, they think he was drunk when he drove out of town." The other man said, "Harry's no good!" After a few moments of reflection, he then asked, But what really bothers me is this – who's going to teach his Sunday School class this week?

Integrity is a seven-day-a-week job. It requires an ongoing supply of character and a steady flow of trustworthiness.

The measure of a man (person) is not what he (or she) does on Sunday, but rather who he (or she) is Monday through Saturday.

*"Live a life worthy of the Lord and please him in every way: bearing fruit in every good work."
(Colossians 1:10)*

What happened to integrity in our society? When was the last time you heard someone use this word in a sentence?

Are you a person of character? Are you honest? God word tells you (us) to have integrity in everything we do. If we have it, most people will notice and want to be a person with integrity too! What are you like Monday through Saturday? Stay close to God,
Rev. Stan



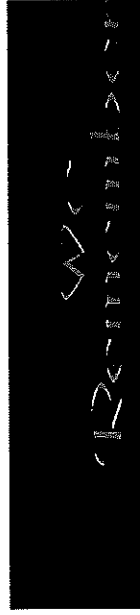
During September **WE WELCOMED** into the Household of Christian Faith, through the Sacrament of Baptism:

9-2, *Lucas Jeffery Gates*, son of Katie & Jeffrey Gates of Preston.



WE CONGRATULATED the following couples who were united in marriage:

9-2, *Kendall Kobelski* to *Zachary Gileau* at Mansion at Bald Hill, Woodstock, CT



WE EXTENDED OUR SYMPATHY to the family of *Dorothy Moxley* who passed away on August 29th.

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A SERVICE REMEMBERING the life of *Sophie Woodmansee* who passed away on July 18th, was held at Amos Lake Beach Club in Preston on September 8th.

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WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

On October 7th, we will observe the Sacrament of Holy Communion with brothers and sisters of the faith *around the world!* The first Sunday in October each year is set aside for this meaningful occurrence. To make the morning extra special, grade three students from the Sunday School will join us at worship (9 a.m.) to receive their *First Communion*. These children will meet with Deacon Lavoie on Friday evening, October 5th, to prepare for this meaningful day.

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SOME "SCF" REFLECTIONS

What a day it was for the 13th annual Scarecrow Festival (9/22). Although it was a bit windy in the opening hours, the sun did shine and the winds did subside (a little!). It was a GREAT day with lots of people in attendance. Children enjoyed the petting zoo and face painting, as well as the other activities planned just for them. Adults enjoyed the 70+ vendors whose wares filled the lower parking lot. What about all the food – baked goods, the Crow's Nest with all its fine offerings, mac & cheese and chowders, and the sold-out chicken barbeque that ended the day? No one went away from the festival hungry!

If it were not for our faithful SCF leaders, Joy Chalifoux and Bob Vescovi, and their committee chairs (who begin organizing the festival in January), as well as countless number of volunteers from the congregation (YOU!), and we

cannot forget those who donated financially to support different areas of the festival, this year's event would not have been the success that it was. Well done, church! You are so supportive of this huge fundraising event.

Bills are still coming in for the festival, so an actual figure of how much was earned is not yet available. But when it is determined, you will know. Did you know that all the monies raised from this event are used to help us reach our church's budget? We thank everyone for everything they did to ensure that this year's SCF was a fun-filled day for all ages.

You're Invited!

SENIOR LUNCH

They're back, and the get-together begins at noon on November 13th. These once-a-month meals are held on the second Tuesday November through March. You **MUST** sign up to attend these popular lunches as space is limited to 60 people. Watch the bulletin board each month for the sign-up sheet. It's a great afternoon outing!

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FINANCIAL REPORT

We are now in the final quarter of the church year, and we're hoping to end the year meeting our budget. Please help keep the church financially strong as 2018 winds down. Is your pledge up-to-date? We appreciate your faithful support of the church, and all we seek to do through the year. If you have a question about where you stand with your pledge, contact the Financial Secretary, Sue Creamer at 860.376.2731 and she'll answer any questions you may have. Thank you **SO MUCH!**

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DOOR MONITORS

Volunteers are needed for October and November to monitor the doors on the mid-level. Please lend a hand if you are able. All the details pertaining to the responsibilities of door monitors are posted on the Information Center bulletin board. Contact Lowell Calkins if you have any questions (860.887.5939).
Thanks!

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WEBSTREAMING NEWS

Volunteers are needed to assist with the production of our web stream services on Sunday mornings. It's not as hard to do as you may think. Those presently overseeing the production would be glad to show you what's involved. Jim & Sandra Wright, along with Sue Brosnan and Patrick Magowan will be glad to answer any questions you have. Stop by and see how it's done. The Web streaming room is off the coffee hour room.

ORGAN CONCERT

October 28, 4 P.M.
~ FREE ADMISSION ~
Reception to follow

Robert Potterton III, Guest Organist

The concert will feature a variety of musical styles showcasing our organ's versatility. It will be held in our Sanctuary. Invite your family and friends to join you! It's going to be a memorable afternoon. The concert is being presented as a gift from the *Lois Grodotzke* memorial fund.

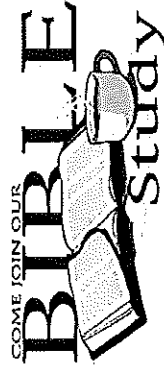
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CHURCH SWEATSHIRTS

People have seen others wearing sweatshirts created especially for the church and have asked about where they can get one. Arrangements have been made with an area company to produce these quality sweatshirts for us at a cost of \$35 each (\$2-3 more for XX & XXX sizes). The image of our church is on the front of the shirt, and the church motto is on the back (*Where Friends Become Family*). A sample sweatshirt will be on display starting October 7th in the coffee hour room. Orders will be taken through October 28th. Any profit made from the sale of the sweatshirts will go towards our Christmas outreach program for children. Please speak with Bunny Perry if you have any questions.



Monday morning Bible study continues in October in Halls' Hall. We're nearing the end of our study of the Gospel of John. Our next study will be an interesting video series by Andy Stanley. All are welcome to attend whenever you are able. Rev. White leads the group, and the coffee pot is always on! Please bring your Bible if you have one. If you'd like a Bible, speak with Rev. Stan. They are available from the Deacons' Fund.



The **Tuesday evening Bible Study** continues through the fall, led by Scott Van Alst. The group meets at 6:30 P.M. in Halls' Hall and is presently exploring the books of the Old Testament.

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READING MATERIALS

Copies of *The Upper Room* and *Our Daily Bread* are available on the Information Center table. These are great daily devotional booklets, written to encourage you in your faith journey. Please pick up a copy, they're "FREE."



HOLIDAY BAZAAR

This annual tradition will be held on Saturday, November 17th, from 9 - 2 p.m. Got something Christmas-related you'd like to sell? You can reserve a table and be part of the fun. The cost of a table will be determined soon. Alison Lowe will serve as the event's coordinator again this year.

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MEN'S GROUP

All men of the church are invited to the first meeting of the Men's Group. It is slated for NEXT Saturday morning, October 6th in Halls' Hall from 8 - 9:30. Coffee and donuts will be served. It's a great group of men, and there's always room for more. Call Tim Bowles (860.705.5613) or Ken Sebastian (860.887.4323) if you need more information.

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FALL YARD SALE

October 13th, (Rain date: October 27th)
8 - 2 P.M.



Start cleaning out those basements and attics, the sale will be here before you know it! You can drop off your donations during the week, but call Stella Dawley first (860. 887.6452). She'll meet you at the annex basement to receive your treasures. Volunteers will be needed to set-up for the sale (6 A.M.) and clean-up (1:30 P.M.) following the sale. A sign-up sheet is posted on the mid-level bulletin board. **Please remember: no clothes, tires, or electronics.**



ANNUAL TURKEY SUPPER

Saturday, October 20th

Save the date. Tickets will go on sale soon.

Tickets

Adults \$12

Children twelve and under are just \$6

Lots of help will be needed for this very popular community supper. A sheet is now posted on the mid-level bulletin board, and the worship folder will tell you weekly where your help is needed most. Please lend a hand if you can. You can purchase your tickets on Sunday mornings during the coffee hour, or from the church office. Get them early as this is a very popular dinner for those in the community!

The Preston Junior Pilgrim



A WORD FROM THE DIRECTOR OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION...

SUNDAY SCHOOL is in full swing with 95 kids registered. They won't all be here every Sunday, but we'll be happy whenever they come!

THE HIGH SCHOOL CLASS was on the scene for our Semi-annual meeting serving lunch prior to the meeting. Several of them stayed after Sunday School to serve. This coming Sunday they will be designing cards and writing messages to our soldiers overseas. Their Class Goal is Missions, serving others in the name of Jesus. I've found that the young people love helping others!

RECENTLY someone from the church lost their keys. Some of us were helping him look for them to no avail. My husband even came down with his metal detector to look. One of the "searchers" told her 2nd grader, a Sunday School student here, and guess what...she showed up with a magnifying glass to help look for it. She touched my heart. Soon the man found his keys stuffed down into his seat.

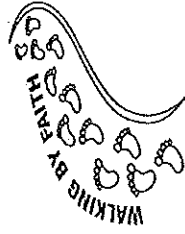
I WAS THINKING about that little girl in the days that followed and how sensitive she was to another's needs and did what she could to help. At this young age, this child is grasping the scriptures:

Matthew 5:16 ¹⁶In the same way, let your light shine before **others**, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.

Philippians 2:4 ⁴not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the **others**.

THE TEENS in our Sunday School are wonderful; they will do anything I ask of them to help. They, too, are fulfilling the scriptural instruction!

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY is the very best place to be!



May the **SON**shine through me, *Sandy Dudek*

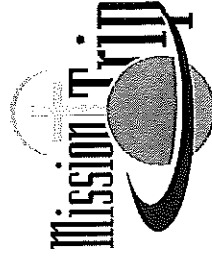
OCTOBER BIBLE VERSES

Toddler 3 – Grade 2: Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me."
(Mark 10:14b)

Grades 3-12:

"Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and greatest commandment: And the second is like it: Love your neighbor as yourself." Matthew 22:37-39 (Note: This was Jesus' reply when the Pharisees asked Him what the greatest commandment was.)

REGISTRATION FORMS are available for the 2019 Youth Mission Trip to the Adirondacks, NY July 14th-19th, 2019. The cost for each participant is \$150, a nonrefundable fee. The amount of the first payment is \$75 due October 28th. The total cost of the trip consists of the amount charged for each participant by Youthworks (\$354) as well as the cost of van rental, gas charges, nightly activity fee, shirts, and any other costs directly associated with the trip. Fund raisers, Scrip, and the congregation pledge support of this trip makes the trip possible. This trip is open to high school and this year's 8th graders who will be in high school next fall. For further information contact the Trip Leaders Scott & Lisa Van Alst.



THE SCRIP PROGRAM is an ongoing fundraiser that greatly benefits the youth mission trips program. Scrip (debit) cards are available to purchase for many stores, gas stations, donut shops, grocery stores, etc. You do not pay any extra amount to purchase these cards; however the youth missions will receive a percentage back that varies according to the business. For Stop & Shop, a 4% amount is realized. Questions, call Jerry & Cheryl Giuliano (860.376.8901).

Copies of the semi-annual church report are available on the Information Center table.

CONGRATULATIONS TO REBECCA EXLEY...who passed the last of 6 tests in July to become a licensed architect. She recently moved to Middletown, RI, where she works at Cordtsen Design Architecture. She is now registered in the state of Rhode Island and has the distinction of AIA after her name for American Institute of Architects. Your church family rejoices with you in this accomplishment, Rebecca!

SUNDAY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PAGEANT rehearsals will begin in late October. We are in need of a director(s). A pageant has not yet been chosen. Please talk to Sandy Dudek if you are interested in volunteering.

THE BOARD OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION will have basket drawings at the Holiday Bazaar on **November 17th**. Can you help us by providing one of the "Theme Baskets" for our table? Theme basket ideas are wide and varied. Examples might be "All Chocolate" or "An Italian basket". Your completed basket needs to be received by **Sunday, November 11th**. It can be left with Sandy Dudek in Dudek Hall or brought to the Annex during the week. Please attach a note marked "Sunday School" as well as your name and a list of the contents of the basket. The proceeds from the sale will benefit Sunday School programs. For more information, contact Lisa Fessenden (860.376.0473) or Cheryl Giuliano (860.376.8901).

SCARECROW FESTIVAL CONTEST WINNERS

Main Sintreet:

- 1st... "The Chef" Four G's Restaurant
- 2nd... "Ferdinand" Play N Learn
- 3rd ... "Snoopy" Hart's Greenhouse

Children:

- 1st... "Mischief In The Garden" Eli & Clara Moore
- 2nd ... "Sunflower Dancer" Riley Stankiewicz
- 3rd ... "Elsa" Madeline & Logan Riemer

Adult:

- 1st... "Marge Simpson" Jeremy Lessard
- 2nd... "Strawn Rambo" Parent Family
- 3rd ... "Pasture with Purpose" Leigh Pappas

Vendor:

- 1st ... G & G Crafts Gert Lavallee
- Drawing... "Mookie" Broad Brook
Maple Syrup

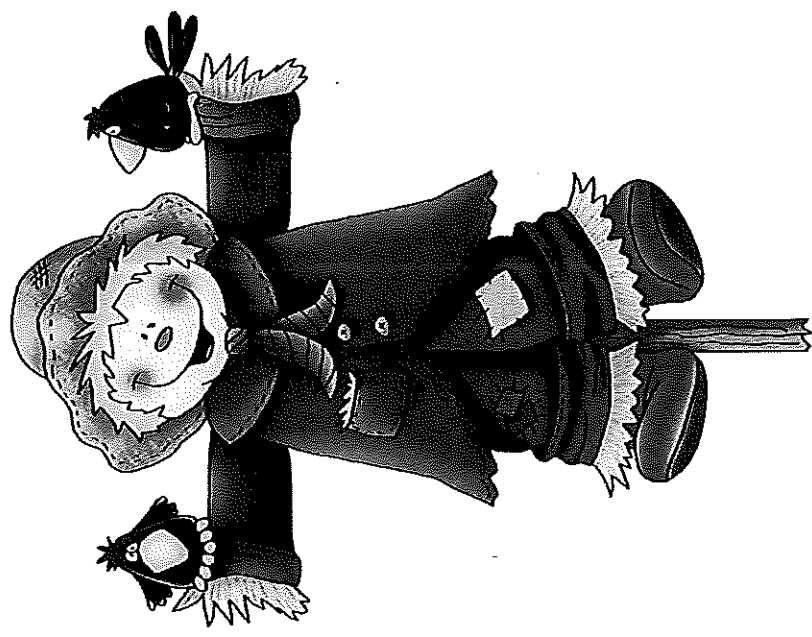
D.R.E. Sandy Dudek Choice:

- "Sunflower Dancer" Riley Stankiewicz

Rev. Stan's Choice:

- "Love Is Us" Glenn Heavens & Mary Anne LaJoie

The winner of the Silent Auction Drawing was **Tabasia Shaw**.



THE SENIOR PILGRIM FELLOWSHIP has an activity scheduled for **Friday, October 19th from 7-9 p.m. at THE HAUNTED TRAIL at Hay Burr Inn in Plainfield**. What will we do....walk the trail and get a little spooked then go and meet the rescue horses. Donations appreciated. Questions??? Call Lisa Van Aist or text at (860.710.1262). High School Sunday School students are invited to attend.

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“Coincidence is when God chooses to remain anonymous.”

“Character is not an inheritance; each person must build it for himself.”

October 2018

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| | 1 Bible study 10a Confirmation 6:30p Yoga 6:30p | 2 Handbells 6p NO Bible study Scarecrow wrap-up meeting 6:30p | 3 AA 7:30p | 4 Adult choir 7p | 5 First Communion Practice 6p 3 rd grade | 6 Men's Group meeting 8-9:30a |
| 7 World Communion Sun. worship 9, 10:30a Choir sings 9a SS Communion 9:05a Two can Sunday | 8 Columbus Day Office closed NO Bible study NO Confirmation Yoga 6:30p | 9 Handbells 6p Board of Rel. Education 6p Bible study 6:30p | 11 Finance Comm. Mtg. 7p AA 7:30p | 11 Adult choir 7p | 12 | 13 Yard sale 8a-2p |
| 14 Worship 9a, 10:30a | 15 Confirmation 6:30p Yoga 6:30p | 16 Handbells 6p Bible study 6:30p | 17 Trustees meeting 6p Standing Comm. Mtg. 7p AA 7:30p | 18 Adult choir 7p | 19 Sr. Pilgrim Fellowship 7-9p | 20 Turkey supper 4-6:30p |
| 21 Worship 9a, 10:30a Choir sings 9a Baptism 10:30a Sanctuary & Dudek Hall in use | 22 Bible study 10a Confirmation 6:30p Yoga 6:30p | 23 Handbells 6p Bible study 6:30p | 24 Creamery Brook 3p AA 7:30p | 25 Adult choir 7p | 26 | 27 Yard sale rain date 8a-2p |
| 28 Worship 9a, 10:30a Baptism 10:30a Food distribution Sunday Organ concert 4p | 29 Bible study 10a Confirmation 6:30p Yoga 6:30p | 30 Handbells 6p Bible study 6:30p | 31 Halloween AA 7:30p | To place flowers in church during October, sign the Flower Chart, fill out the Reservation form and call | Carolyn Shea 860.887.8592 | |
| Please note that active church members who wish to borrow church property, (tables, chairs, etc.) | Call the church office | | | | | |

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Notes: Did you know the newsletter is posted on our website:
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