

# THE PRESTON PILGRIM

The newsletter of  
The Preston City  
Congregational Church  
Gathered 1698

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**WORSHIP**

9:00 & 10:30 A.M.  
(Sept. 10 - May 20)

**SUNDAY SCHOOL**

8:45 A.M.  
(Sept. 10 - May 20)

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News and information for the **November** newsletter is due in the church office by **October 22<sup>nd</sup>**. You may leave information in the holder located on the wall in the kitchen.

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**FROM THE MINISTER...**

Today, October 1<sup>st</sup>, is *World Communion Sunday*. We join with other Christians around the world in observing our "oneness" in Jesus Christ. Through the Sacrament of Holy Communion, we (the Church) show the world that we are united. Though we have our differences in the way we worship, we are "one" when it comes to remembering the importance of this sacred event; *The Lord's Supper*.

For me, *World Communion Sunday* is especially meaningful this year. We live in a divided country. Daily we hear stories that divide us as a people, and keep us apart. The tensions in our country increase daily. Tempers flare, anger turns to danger, and many people are injured and killed because of the positions they hold or don't believe in. Young and old, black and white, from East to West, people are anything but united.


Now is the time for the Christian Church to stand up and show the world that *everyone* must work together if we want unity, understanding, and equality for all. It's time to LISTEN to each other rather than SHOUT at one another. Unity doesn't

just happen. We must WANT unity, and work toward it every day; in our homes, at work, in government (our leaders), in our colleges and universities, in our churches, *and in ourselves*.

What is the answer to all the dis-unity in our country and world? God and Jesus Christ. He came as a peacemaker, a unifier, a bridge-builder, and more. It's time for the world to return to the Creator of us all. When He becomes our focus, we will have unity in all of the areas mentioned above, and we will have peace.

On this World Communion Sunday, pray for the world. Pray for peace. Pray that people will listen to each other. Pray that name calling and senseless killings will stop. Pray that people will realize that we all matter in this world. Pray that divisions will cease, and that unity will become the way of life *for all!*

It's time we brought God back into the picture. It's time to be the people He created us to be, people created in His image.

Stay close to God,  
  
Rev. Stan

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**THANK YOU**

We are grateful for the special offering we received for the victims of hurricanes Harvey and Irma. A total of \$3,144.34 was collected. Your generosity will be greatly appreciated.

## DURING THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER

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

*Meredith Ginny Castiglione*, daughter of Michelle & Adam Castiglione of Red Hook, NY (Castiglione Beach Front, Saugerties, NY) The baptism took place on September 9<sup>th</sup>.

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**WE CONGRATULATED** *Marina Naylor* and *Jose Policarpo* who were united in marriage at Lake of Isles, North Stonington, CT on September 22<sup>nd</sup>.

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**WE EXPRESSED OUR SYMPATHY** to the family of *Jeanne Suplicki* who passed away on September 21<sup>st</sup>.

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### GREAT JOB, CHURCH!

The 12<sup>th</sup> annual Scarecrow Festival is now a memory, but what memories we have of that extraordinary day! After days of wind and rain -- the remnants of hurricane Jose, the sun appeared and the temperatures soared, and the crowds came out. More than 65 vendors were on the grounds, as well as a petting zoo, games for the kids, and another great Silent Auction! There was plenty of tasty food for everyone to enjoy; chili, clam chowder, mac & cheese, baked goods, and a delicious BBQ to round out the afternoon. Everyone in attendance seemed to enjoy all that this year's festival had to offer. A big thank you goes to Joy Chalifoux and Bob Vescovi for co-chairing the event, and the countless volunteers who played a huge part in making the day so special for so many. Well done, church!

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### FROM THE MUSIC DIRECTOR

An *Introduction to Handbells* workshop will be held on Tuesday, October 24, at 6 P.M. If you've ever wondered about the process of ringing and other bell techniques, you are welcome to attend this free workshop. We will end up actually ringing the bells that evening. You do not need to know how to read music other than a few very basic rhythms. Contact Robin Lyon before the 24<sup>th</sup> for more information and location if you are interested (860.705.5942) or [lyon.family@comcast.net](mailto:lyon.family@comcast.net).

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### GOBBLE, GOBBLE

Have you purchased your tickets for the very popular Turkey Supper planned for October 21<sup>st</sup> from 4-6:30 P.M. Tickets are \$11 for adults, and \$6 for children who are twelve and under. You can purchase your tickets on Sunday mornings during the coffee hour, or by stopping by the office during the week. Get your tickets before they're gone!



## FINANCIAL REPORT

Please help us keep our church financially strong. Is your pledge up-to-date? Please help us keep our church financially strong as we head into the end of the year. Contact Sue Creamer (Financial Secretary) if you have any questions: 860.376.2731. Thanks for your continued support!

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### WATCH IT!

If you're not able to be present at worship, join us for worship on the web; from your computer, iPad, or Smartphone. You can watch the service *live* at 9 A.M. or later in the day, any day or night, at a convenient time, from anywhere in the U.S or around the world! Did you know you can now give to the church online? Several people have already done so, and we are grateful for their financial support. Tell a friend about our worship services on the web.



### BIBLE STUDY

We are viewing Philip Yancy's video series, *Vanishing Grace*. Yancy asks, "Whatever happened to grace?" God's grace is present, but our grace toward others is vanishing. This five-week series began on September 25. Join with others on Monday mornings at 10 A.M. in Halls' Hall. Rev. Stan leads the class, and as always... the coffee pot will be on!

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### THEY'RE BACK.

The first Senior Lunch will held on November 14<sup>th</sup>, at noon, in Dudek Hall. These "free" luncheons are held on the second Tuesday of the month, November through March. Seating is limited to 60 people. Watch for the sign-up sheet on the Information Center bulletin board.

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### SAVE THE DATE

The annual holiday bazaar is slated for November 18<sup>th</sup>, from 9 - 2 P.M. Plan to attend this popular Christmas bazaar. We're pleased to tell you that Alison Lowe is the Chair of this year's bazaar.

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### NEW YORK CITY TRAVELERS

Final payments for this trip are due in the office by October 10<sup>th</sup>. Your total due will be mailed to you; be on the lookout! A total of 34 passengers will travel to NYC on November 30<sup>th</sup>, to see the Christmas show at Radio City Music Hall. The next day, many of the travelers will spend time at Ground Zero and tour the memorial.



## FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY (FPU)

What if you knew where all your money was going next month? What if you were debt-free, investing and making wise spending decisions? With FPU, you CAN take control of your money and start planning for your future. Our next FPU program begins **October 10<sup>th</sup>**. It's a nine-week program held each Tuesday evening from 6:30-8:30 here at the church, in Halls' Hall. If you're interested, there's a sign-up sheet on the mid-level bulletin board. If you have any questions about FPU, please email or call Bob Vescovi at [RVesco2010@comcast.net](mailto:RVesco2010@comcast.net) or 401.583.7840.

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## PHOTO DIRECTORY

It's been a while since the last church photo directory was created. *Lifetouch* will be the company to organize and create the new directory. Each family/individual photographed will receive a free 8x10 color portrait, plus a free copy of the directory. The directory will be a great tool to help us learn the names and faces of those we worship with. Coordinators for the directory will be Debi Berube, Lee Ann Fessenden, and Lisa Fessenden. It is hoped that everyone associated with the church will participate in this project. You'll be hearing more very soon. Pictures will be taken in early November.

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## NFA'S TEACHER OF THE YEAR... LINDA KENT-FARINHA!



**WE KNOW LINDA** in so many capacities in our church. She teaches Sunday School, first grade this year and will substitute on practically a moment's notice anywhere in the Sunday School. Here she led the Junior Pilgrim Fellowship for a few years. For **seven** years she chaired the Scarecrow Festival and still today is a very active part of it.

It is not surprising that she would be recognized as 2017-18 Teacher of the Year at NFA! Her dedication shows in every thing she undertakes.. She is a credit to her family, her church, and her school. **Your church family congratulates and applauds you Linda!**

A few things about Linda...

Graduate of Bryant College

She is the Career and Technical Department Head at NFA since 2014

A recent quote from Linda after being selected: "We encourage our students to challenge themselves, take chances, work hard and be resourceful. In doing so, we hope they will reap the rewards of a fulfilling, well-rounded life. I believe the same applies for all of us as educators."

## WEBSTREAMING NEWS

Volunteers are needed to assist in webstreaming the services on Sunday mornings at 9 A.M. Please contact Jim Wright (860.535.2709) if you are interested in helping out. You can stop by on Sunday morning and watch them at work; it's fascinating! The present team of "streamers" does an excellent job, but they want and need more help. Consider getting involved!

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## CAN YOU HELP?

From time-to-time, people/families in our congregation are in need of a home-cooked meal. Maybe it's following a hospital stay, or when a baby is born, or upon the passing of a loved one, etc. If you're interested in helping out with this important outreach, please call meal coordinator Lois Woodmansee at 860.889.2128. *Thank you.*

## SCARECROW FESTIVAL CONTEST WINNERS

### Main Street:

1<sup>st</sup>...Everyone Shake Your Hair  
& Feel United..... Play 'N Learn  
2<sup>nd</sup>...Lego Batman...Preston Public Library  
Drawing.....Dan Sperduto, Realtor

### Children:

1<sup>st</sup>...4 wheel fun.....Harley Spina  
2<sup>nd</sup>...Baby Emilee ...Hailey Salem  
Drawing...Daisy.....Helen Muench

### Adult:

1<sup>st</sup>...3 Pigs.....Gabby & Antonio Farinha  
2<sup>nd</sup>...Frankie.....Kasey Peek  
Drawing...PCCC Rider....Lisa Bettencourt

### Vendor:

1<sup>st</sup>...Home Sweet Home...Karla Majnick  
Drawing...Minnie.....Wendy Zajac

### D.R.E. Sandy Dudek Choice:

Trolls.....Georgia Priest

### Rev. Stan's Choice:

Just Hanging Around.....Sue Creamer

**REGISTRATION FORMS** for the 2018 Youth Mission Trip to Benton Harbour, MI are now available through the Leaders: Lisa & Scott Van Alst and through the church office. Each participant will pay \$175, nonrefundable fee to attend the mission trip. The first payment of \$75 is due October 15<sup>th</sup>. Our present 8<sup>th</sup> graders are eligible to go as well as those who graduate high school in 2018 and those who fall in between.

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# The Preston Junior Pilgrim



## Preston City Congregational Church Sunday School Newsletter

A WORD FROM THE DIRECTOR OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION...



Sunday School  
MAKES A DIFFERENCE

**SUNDAY SCHOOL IS OPEN** with 102 kids enrolled. We are blessed. They won't all be here every Sunday, but we'll warmly welcome them when they can be here! May they come to know the love of God and this congregation when they are here.

Sunday School would not be happening were it not for a committed group of people who are willing to teach them. It is sacrificial at times but there are rewards for doing this! I am happy to say we have a full staff. We were short 6 teachers as Sunday School approached but without fail, God provided.

**THESE VIP'S ARE:** Anne Klewin, Megan Linevitch, Lisa Fessenden, Mary Arpin, Linda Bruckner, Linda Kent-Farinha, Gabriella Farinha, Susan Mattern, Jennifer Gileau, Mckenzie Gauthier, Kimberly Lang, Kimberly Tucker, Cathy Rider, Lisa Houghton, Heather Eighme, Sarah Noiseux, Sue Brosnan, Lois Woodmansee, Liz Stammel, Lisa Van Alst, and Scott Van Alst. Aides to these teachers and me are: Ethan Lehr, Kaegan Willard, Emma Price, Elizabeth Bartoshevich, Haley Price, Kiana Burdick, Angelika Larkin, and Nicholas Gileau. Melissa Blondet and Denise Luft serve as faithful Baby Nursery Coordinators and are assisted by Margaret Veloce, Lisa Willard, Maggie Tourangeau, Lauren Jurczyk, and Christian Swanson.

**A SUNDAY SCHOOL PROGRAM** like we have here can only happen with people who are committed, first of all to God, and second of all to the church. Many thanks to God for each one of them.

*"I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God for the salvation of everyone who believes..." Romans 1:16*

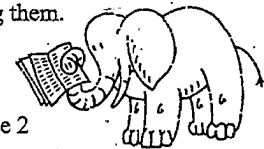
May the SONshine through me,

*Sandy Oudeke*



**CHRISTMAS PAGEANT** rehearsals will begin sometime in October. **Tammy Sabados** and **Maggie Tourangeau** will direct it. You will receive notice by email with details and the beginning time and day of the week.

**OUR TEENS** served lunch on the day of the Semi-annual meeting. Although it did not render a profit, it was a service project for them. We thank their teachers, Lisa and Scott Van Alst for directing them.



### OCTOBER BIBLE VERSES

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

"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 (Grades 3-12) Note: This was Jesus' reply when the Pharisees asked Him what the greatest commandment was.)

**PLEASE ENCOURAGE** students to learn these verses; they will serve them well the rest of their lives. To qualify for an award at the end of the year, verses must be correctly recited by the end of each month to Mrs. Dudek or their teacher. **PLEASE NOTE:** Bible cutouts will be posted on the bulletin board in the back of the Sunday School Hall. When the child has recited the monthly verse, they will place a sticker on the proper month. Let's hope many students get all nine of them this year...even if they miss one, there will be an opportunity to make up one missed verse.

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### Introducing Kidz Praise...

Our Children's and Youth Choirs are now a combined group and will be known as **Kidz Praise**. This praise choir is being led by Lee Ann Fessenden and Katie Gates. The singers, from grade 2 through high school, will be making their debut at the 9:00 service on October 29. Come and enjoy their energetic music.

**THE SR, PILGRIM FELLOWSHIP** (Grades 9-12) will be going to the corn maze at Preston Farms on Route 2 on Saturday, October 7<sup>th</sup> from 6:30-9:00 P.M. The cost is \$5.00 + non-perishable food item for our food pantry. Please contact Lisa Van Alst (860.710.1262) for further information.

**JUNIOR PILGRIM FELLOWSHIP** (grades 6, 7, and 8) is nonexistent right now. It is our hope that our young people will have an interest in forming a group. A Christian youth group is different from other groups your child might join. These young people will go on to be in the Sr. Pilgrim Fellowship that has been so active in the past. If you have an interest in developing this group, please speak to Sandy. We have had excellent leadership in the past, we just need kids to "catch the vision."

**THE BOARD OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION** will have basket drawings at the Holiday Bazaar on November 18<sup>th</sup>. 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 "A Night at the movies." Your completed basket needs to be received by November 12<sup>th</sup>. 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" and the "theme" as well as your name and a list of the contents of the basket. If you have never put a basket together before, but would like to provide one, you may sign up in the Information Center. The proceeds from the sale will benefit Sunday School programs.



**THE SCRIP PROGRAM** is an ongoing fundraiser that greatly benefits the youth missions trips program. Scrip (debit) cards are available to purchase for hundreds of stores, gas stations, donut shops, bookstores, grocery stores, etc. where you do business. 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 example...if you purchase a Macy's card for \$100.00, youth missions will be rewarded 10% for the sale...no charge to you, but profit to the program; WalMart is 2%, Stop & Shop 4%, etc. Cards can be purchased for varying amounts. Sheets with participating businesses listed are available in the Information Center. Checks to purchase these cards should be made out to "PCCC Youth Missions". If you have questions, call coordinators Jerry & Cheryl Giuliano (860-376-8901).

**ENVELOPES** similar to those the adults use for worship are available to the children. Please ask me if you'd like a box for your child. The Sunday School is self-supporting so even if your child attends church in the summertime, when the offering is placed in a Sunday School envelope, it is given to the Board of Religious Education treasurer.

## The Parable of the Two Sons

"Which of the two did what his father wanted?" "The first," they answered. Matthew 21:31 (NIV)

Based on Matthew 20:28-32 (NIV)



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1 Communion worship 9, 10:30a Sunday School 8:45a SS communion 9:05a Adult choir sings Two can Sunday	2 Bible study 10a Confirmation 6:30p Yoga 6:30p	3	4 Stewardship meeting 6p AA 7:30p	5 Adult choir 7p	6	7 Men's Group 8-9:30a Yard sale 8a-2p St. Pilgrim Fellowship Corn Maze 6:30-9p
8 Worship 9, 10:30a Sunday School 8:45a Halls' Hall in use 1-5p	9 Columbus Day Office closed NO Bible study NO Confirmation Yoga 6:30p	10 New York City trip payment due Board of Rel. Ed. 6p Financial Peace Un- versity 6:30-8:39p	11 St. Jude worship 11a Finance Committee meeting 7p AA 7:30p	12 Adult choir 7p	13	14 Yard sale rain date
15 Worship 9, 10:30a Sunday School 8:45a Adult choir sings 9a Baptism 10:30a	16 Bible study 10a Confirmation 6:30p Yoga 6:30p	17 Financial Peace Uni- versity 6:30-8:39p	18 Trustees meeting 6p Standing Comm. meet- ing 7p AA 7:30p	19 Adult choir 7p	20	21 TURKEY SUPPER 4-6:30p
22 Worship 9, 10:30a Sunday School 8:45p	23 Bible study 10a Confirmation 6:30p Yoga 6:30p	24 Introduction to handbell workshop 6p Financial Peace Uni- versity 6:30-8:39p	25 Quilting Group meeting 10a NO Creamery Brook AA 7:30p	26 Adult choir 7p	27	28
29 Worship 9, 10:30a Teen Challenge Sunday School 8:45a Food distribution Sun. (following the service)	30 Bible study 10a Confirmation 6:30p Yoga 6:30p	31 Financial Peace Uni- versity 6:30-8:39p	Please check with Rev. Stan or Sandy before using our names as references. This coun- ty would be very much appreciated.	To place flowers in church during October sign the Flower Chart, fill out the reservation form and call Carolyn Shea (860.887.8592)	LOST OR FOUND Something at church? There is a basket in the Information Cen- ter.	PLEASE NOTE: Active church mem- bers who wish to bor- row church property (tables, chairs), call the church office.

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION:**  
**SUNDAYS:**  
 Morning worship, 9, 10:30 a.m.  
 9:00 a.m. service is web streamed.  
 Sunday School 8:45 a.m.  
 Coffee hour, 9:50 a.m., 11:30 a.m.  
 Kidz Praise: 10-10:25 a.m.  
 Senior Pilgrim Fellowship  
 Check church worship folder  
 The newsletter is posted on our website:  
[prestoncitycongregational.org](http://prestoncitycongregational.org)

**DID YOU KNOW** that our Faith Community Nurse, Sandra Wright is available on the First Sunday of each month, between services in Room 18. You can drop in for a quick blood pressure check or bring your "health & wellness" questions along, too. Her email address is:  
[Sandra.M.Wright@gmail.com](mailto:Sandra.M.Wright@gmail.com)

Did you know we have a "Prayer Path" located on the Field of Dreams? Feel free to sit and meditate on the words posted near each bench.

**CHECK IT OUT**  
 Did you know we have a church library, filled with lots of interesting books? It's located at the back of Dudek Hall.

**INCLEMENT WEATHER CANCELLATIONS:** Tune in to Television Channel 3 or you may check Facebook or our website: [prestoncitycongregational.org](http://prestoncitycongregational.org), or call the office. A message will be announced on the answering machine. When Sunday School is cancelled, church is **NOT CANCELLED** unless specifically announced.

