

**Preston City  
Congregational Church**  
"Gathering in Faith Since 1698"



**The Little Pilgrim**

**week of  
May 5, 2024**

Church Office Hours:

Monday – Friday, 9AM – Noon

Interim Co-Ministers

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**Have a question?**

**Need help?**

Please call: The Office

860 887-4647 or 860 886-7200

Rev. Mark will be available

Wednesday evenings. Please call

to make an appointment.

**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.

**WEEKLY EVENTS**

**Bible Study** – Tuesday 7P

**Choir Rehearsal** – Thursday 7P

**Sunday Service** – 9:30A

**Sunday School** – 9:15A

**COVID UPDATE 3/16/2022**

The Standing Committee has

determined that wearing a mask is

optional.

**FROM THE DESK OF REV. STAN**

"The generous person will be prosperous,  
and the one who gives others plenty of water will himself  
be given plenty." Proverbs 11:25

*The altruistic bachelor grew up in a simple countryside town. He was independently successful and quite the catch for any woman. However, his true passion was to care for his family and those he was responsible for. He spent days traveling and helping people; like a seasoned teacher, he handed out pearls of wisdom for those who wanted to hear. People marveled at his giving heart; he shared his time, resources, and talent with them. When he left a city, the place was abuzz with recollection of his actions. The crazy thing was that he never asked for anything in return except genuine relationship. His words were a simple call. **Follow me.***

*Jesus, the truly benevolent man, disciplined with care, kindness, compassion, and sacrifice. He didn't need what others had because the Father took care of everything he needed. (From **A Daily Word Devotional**, 2021)*

"Follow Me." Could Jesus have said it any clearer? The way he lived his life; and the things he said and did for others (especially the stranger) should inspire us to be like him, and live like him. Our response to his call to follow is, I think, best stated in a hymn which sings: "Where he leads me, I will follow... I'll go with him all the way." Friends, the closer we stay to Christ (in prayer, and doing for others) the more we will prosper. We will be given plenty, and God will take care of everything we need. That's His promise, and God always keeps His promises.

See you in church!

Rev. Stan

**Join us for coffee, punch, and  
fellowship following  
our Sunday service.**



Coffee Fellowship

Happy Mother's Day  
to all the selfless women  
who inspire, motivate and  
remind us to be a better  
person every single day.

**Please join the Men's Group** for a light  
brunch at coffee hour following our service  
on May 12<sup>th</sup> as they honor the women in  
our church.

## FROM THE CHURCH OFFICE

**DID YOU KNOW** we still have a limited number of books signed by our own, William P. Muttart. "One Hundred & Eleven Questions & Answers Concerning the Pilgrims" is available on the mid-level table outside Dudek Hall at a cost of \$15.00. Any books sold benefit the church budget. Though Bill has passed now, his fine works are still available. Please put your payment in an envelope and bring it to the office.

**Ethan Lehr** who grew up in the Sunday School and was my assistant for a while was hired as a Maintainer 2 at Topsmead State Forest (outside of Litchfield, CT). He started on May 3<sup>rd</sup>. His family says they are thrilled for him but hopefully he gets to transfer back to the eastern half of the state pretty quickly. Not only is your family happy for you, but your church family **Congratulates** you and wishes you the best. Way to go, Ethan! Mrs. Dudek

**Please remember to check with the office for space availability when scheduling meetings or events.**

## WEBSTREAMING REPORT FOR APRIL:

April 28: 23 states, 62 cities, 80 "viewers"  
April 21: 17 states, 38 cities, 49 "viewers" including 1 viewer in Germany and 1 in Nova Scotia, Canada  
April 14: 13 states, 31 cities, 41 "viewers"  
April 7: 14 states, 33 cities, 45 "viewers" including 1 viewer in Melbourne, Australia  
Archive views for April varied from 38 to 43, depending on the week.



## FRIDAY FAMILY NIGHT

Date: June 7, 2024

Time: 6pm till 8pm

**Bring** your favorite card or board games to play with other kids and families.

Snacks and drinks provided. Please sign up on the list on the main bulletin board so we know how many to plan for.

Questions? Contact Chris Burden 401-465-8900 or Lisa Van Alst 860 710-1262.



**MAY 16 at 2P is our next meeting.**

Our **SPRING YARD SALE** is planned for **May 18<sup>th</sup>** with a rain date of June 8<sup>th</sup>, from **8A – 2P**.



Donations will be accepted by contacting Stella Dawley. Donations will also be accepted the day of the sale.

**Please do not leave anything outside at the church or annex when no one from the committee is able to meet with you.**

Just a reminder:

No clothing, paint, computers, outdated electronics, tires, air conditioners or other bulky items.

## Thoughts from a friend...

"In a society that has you counting money, pounds, calories, and steps, be a rebel and count your blessings instead." ~Lisa Heckman

**LITTLE PILGRIM COORDINATOR** The Little Pilgrim comes out twice a month. Please send information to be included in the week of May 19<sup>th</sup> newsletter no later than Tuesday, May 21<sup>st</sup> at noon to: [susan.brosnan@gmail.com](mailto:susan.brosnan@gmail.com) or leave information at the office.

I am looking for instrumentalists to form a mixed ensemble. Beginners who are taking lessons are also welcome.



There is a sign-up sheet on the mid-level bulletin board.

Trish Maerke, Organist/Choir Director





Happy Mother's Day weekend! Don't forget to get your carnation flower this Sunday from all your "kids" at Sunday School.

This is the LAST SUNDAY to sign up for the ALL-CHURCH Children's Day Picnic on May 19 at 11:00. Just come down following Coffee Hour. The sign-up sheet is located on the main bulletin board. Food, crafts, games, and fun!

CAMP FIRELIGHT (VBS) starts July 8th–12th. Registration forms are now available. You can find them in the church office, on the tables outside the sanctuary, or by asking Lisa for one.

Here is a preview to get you excited!!!

<https://youtu.be/dAty7Xjr9p8?si=yiniN0-G7uoXWHLGU>

A huge Thank - You to everyone who helped find Easter buckets; you really outdid yourself! We currently have 150 buckets for future use!!! Your next challenge of *how I can help Sunday School* will be coming soon with a wish list for VBS!

Until then:

Prayers for all the children, their families, and the Sunday School program are always needed.

Attending events or inviting others to Sunday School Events is another great option of support.

On this Pentecost Sunday we learn that Jesus sent us the Holy Spirit as another one of his ENDLESS GIFTS. We currently have a few teaching spots open. Have you considered TEACHING as a way to DO Ministry for Jesus? It's only every other Sunday, and through Sunday School anyone can exercise their Holy Spirit-given gifts. The Apostle Peter instructed: "*JUST AS EACH ONE HAS RECEIVED A GIFT, USE IT TO SERVE OTHERS, AS GOOD STEWARDS OF THE MANY GRACES OF GOD*" ( 1 Peter 4:10).

**Our Church's  
Anniversary**



Blessings, Lisa Van Alst

### **325<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY NEWS**

On behalf of the 325th Anniversary Committee, and organized by the PCCC Men's Group, **we invite you to join us on Wednesday, June 26th for a day trip to Plymouth, MA.**

**WE HAVE A FEW SPOTS AVAILABLE**

A sign-up sheet is located on the table across from the mid-level bulletin board. The cost of the trip is \$104 for adults and \$89 for children age 5-17. **Payment is due to the church office by MAY 15th.** If you have any questions, please see Bob Vescovi or call him at 401.583.7840.

**Reminder - Mother's Day Tea – Saturday, May 11<sup>th</sup> 11A**

**Check back for more events!**