

## Preston City Congregational Church



**Week of September 19, 2021**

Church Office Hours:  
Monday – Friday, 9AM – Noon  
**Have a question?**

**Need help?**

Please call: The Office  
860.887.4647 or 860.886.7200

### **WORSHIP AND WEB STREAM INFORMATION**

Worship services at 9AM & 10:30AM.  
For those who are unable to attend in-  
person, the 9AM 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.

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### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

**Chicken BBQ Dinner** - Sat. Sept. 25

Pick-up 4 – 5:30P

**Sunday School** - Sept. 26 - 9AM

**Gardening Group** – Sun. Sept. 26

10AM - Meeting Room

**AA** - Wed. Sept. 29 - 7:30PM Pavilion

**Employee Relations Committee** –  
Wed. Sept. 29 - 6:30PM

**Bible Study** - Thu. Sept. 30 -10AM

**Adult Choir** - Thu. Sept. 30 - 7PM

**Yard Sale** - Sat. Oct. 2 8AM – 2PM

**Funday Sunday** - Oct. 3 - Noon

Family BBQ & Scarecrow Assembly

**REMINDER** Effective 8/18/21 and  
until further notice, for the safety of all  
church-goers, we **strongly**  
**recommend** that **everyone wear a**  
**mask** inside the church as suggested  
by the Center for Disease Control and  
Prevention (CDC) and the  
Southeastern Connecticut Council of  
Governments (SECCOG). **This applies**  
**to both those vaccinated and**  
**unvaccinated**, who were previously  
requested to wear masks indoors.

## Pastor's Corner

Scripture encourages us to be anxious for nothing. Although, anxiety often comes when we feel that things are out of our control. Stress being a by-product of feeling that we are not up to meet a particular challenge or task. In this journey of faith, we will always be stretched and challenged to grow further than our current capacity. This can be stressful. Philippians reminds us during these times of uncertainty, to exchange our anxieties for prayer and gratitude for what we already have. Philippians 4:6-7 reads, “Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds...”

What a powerful promise.

We have the assurance that during moments of stress, prayer & gratitude help to ground us, reminding us of what is really in our sphere of control. That some things we can control and others we simply have to let be; they belong to God's care. Although through focusing on what we can change and gratitude for the challenges that have already been met, we are able to move from anxiety to peace, as we start to recognize that the same God who provided in our lives before is also able to meet the challenge of our current worries and fears.

My prayer for you is that, your anxieties and worries can be exchanged for a sense of peace as you focus on the God who has provided in so many ways and who will continue to provide for the ones He loves.

See you on Sunday,

Rev. Rae

### **GIVING TO YOUR CHURCH**

At the Semi-Annual meeting on September 19, our financial officers presented reports which disclosed where our church stands financially. To date there has been no unusual expenses and giving has been consistent, which is very unusual during the summer.

We are thankful for your ongoing financial support of the church, whether giving in-person, in the mail, or online. It is because of your commitment to God and the church of Jesus Christ, that our church remains on firm ground.



**Family FunDay Sunday is OCTOBER 3 from NOON to 2PM**

Please join us for a cookout of hamburgers & hotdogs, chips, and lemonade. Rev. Rae will be there as well as myself! The entire Sunday school and all members of their families are invited! We will also be making our own Scarecrows. I have the hay, old clothes and forms; you just bring the creativity and fun and anything else you may need.

Please R.S.V.P. by texting.... 860.710.1262 your name and # of how many will attend, or emailing [dre.prestoncity@gmail.com](mailto:dre.prestoncity@gmail.com). Can't wait to see you.

**CHURCH OFFICE UPDATES**

**A CONFIRMATION INFORMATIONAL MEETING** is scheduled for **families of 9th & 10th graders on Sunday, Sept. 26 at noon**. Please call or email the office by Sept. 21 to register.

**3rd grade students** are able to receive their **FIRST COMMUNION** on World Communion Sunday, Oct. 3rd. An **informational class** will be held **Friday, Oct. 1 at 6P**. Please contact the office to register your child.



**BAPTISM**

On September 19th we welcomed into the Household of Christian Faith, *Finley Grace Kelly*, daughter of Shannon Bowers and Sean Kelly.

We ask God's blessing upon this little one.



**CAN YOU HEAR ME NOW?**

A Hearing Assistance System is now available for use by church-goers during our services.

Thank you to the Richard J. Breen Memorial Fund for making this possible.

Chuck Norris will instruct you on how to use the device.

**BINGO**



**Only a few sessions remain!**

Saturday afternoon bingos continue in **September** and **October**, and then on **Columbus Day weekend** we have **Sunday games** as well. We need three workers to sell cards at each session; please sign-up if you are able to help.

**Thank you** to those who have signed up to assist and made this a successful mission for our church.

Our **FALL YARD SALE** is planned for **October 2nd**.



**We are able to accept donations now.**

Please call Stella Dawley ((860) 887-6452) to make arrangements. Help is needed for set-up at 6AM and clean-up at 1:30PM; a sign-up sheet has been posted. Pickup trucks are needed at clean-up.

Please remember: no computers, tires, air conditioners or clothing. Thank you

**THE CLOTHING SHED is always open for donations.**

We can accept used clothing, shoes, sneakers, belts, purses, linens, pillowcases, blankets, curtains, and stuffed animals.

**THE ADULT CHOIR** rehearses on Thursdays at 7 pm.

We will practice in Halls' Hall.

I hope to see all those who LOVE to sing!

Robin Lyon



**BIBLE STUDY**

**is moving to Thursdays!**

Starting September 30th @ 10A we will meet in Halls' Hall to discuss Romans 8.

Rev. Rae will be joining our Bible discussion group.

Contact Ken Sebastian (860- 887-4323) or Chris Burden ([chrisburden5@yahoo.com](mailto:chrisburden5@yahoo.com)) with any questions.

**CHICKEN BARBECUE**

(Take-out ONLY)

**Saturday, Sept. 25th**

**4 - 5:30PM**



All tickets \$13.00 - Available through the church office (860 887-4647).

All **tickets must be prepaid** and will NOT be available for purchase that night

Menu - Grilled chicken, potato salad, coleslaw, roll, cranberry sauce & dessert

**The Supper Committee** realized a profit of \$1281.75 from the Boon (Bags & Gifts) Fundraiser which will be used to supplement the church budget. We thank those who made purchases.

## Coming Soon: Fall Fundraisers October 10 - October 31, 2021



### The NUTS Are BACK!!!

The Supper Committee has taken on the Nut/Candy Fundraiser.

As with everything this year, a few changes have been made to this event.

Everyone who wishes to purchase nuts/candies will now need to complete an order sheet and attach payment with it.

Please plan accordingly as **we will only order once** for this event.

Shirley Hodkinson (860-908-6493) will chair the Nut/Candy Fundraiser.

### Butter Braid / Cake Roll Fundraiser

The Supper Committee will again offer the Butter Braid/ Cake Roll Fundraiser this fall.

This fundraiser can be ordered on line, or if you wish, you can use an order sheet and give **one payment** to us for **both fundraisers**, since they will run concurrently.

Lee Ann Fessenden (860-334-7382) will chair the Butter Braid Fundraiser.

**Both Fundraisers will be available for Pick Up at the Church on Saturday, November 20<sup>th</sup>.**

**Time to be announced at a later date.**

**Ordering updates and forms will be in future issues of the Little Pilgrim.**

**The GARDENING GROUP** will meet Sunday, September 26 at 10AM in the Meeting Room.



**IT'S A GREEN LIGHT FOR COOKIES!**

**The 2nd Annual PCCC COOKIE Sale** has been approved!

Bakers, would-be bakers and lovers of cookies are needed.

There will be sign-up sheets on the bulletin board on the middle level of church starting this Sunday, September 26, for bakers and helpers the day of the sale. The event is scheduled for Saturday, December 18, 2021. Questions or info contact: Jean Miller at [jmilleribia@aol.com](mailto:jmilleribia@aol.com) or 860-608-1904.

#### **DID YOU KNOW...**

**that the church has  
an Event Coordinating Committee?**

The Event Coordinating Committee (ECC), serves as the clearinghouse or screen, before bringing fundraising event proposals to the Standing Committee for their consideration for inclusion as part of the church's on-going program. All funds raised by events approved by the ECC and Standing Committee automatically go toward meeting the current year's proposed operating budget unless specifically determined otherwise by the Standing Committee. The Scarecrow Festival and Cookie Bake are examples of approved events. Have an idea for a fundraising event? Share it with the ECC first! Check with the church office for contact information.

#### **Fall will soon be upon us and it will be planning time for 2022!**

Our financial committee will look at budgetary needs and vacancies will be open on various committees and boards. Now is the time to start thinking about how **you** could serve your church. Have a question as to what the different boards or committees do? Just ask! We will find the right person to help you out.

#### **LITTLE PILGRIM COORDINATOR**

Please send information to be included in the newsletter no later than Tuesday at noon each week:

#### **THE LAST WORD**

