

**Preston City
Congregational Church**



Week of September 26, 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. and
click the stream button. Previous
services may be viewed using the
archive system on the site.
Live viewings: 42; countries -3; states
-13; cities – 29; Archives:27

UPCOMING EVENTS

AA - Wed. -7:30PM Pavilion
Bible Study - Thu. -10AM
Adult Choir - Thu. -7PM
1st Communion Meeting – Fri. 6PM
Yard Sale - Sat. Oct. 2 8AM – 2PM
World Communion Sunday Oct. 3
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

When I was younger, I often enjoyed working with the medium of clay. I even dabbled with pottery. I was enamored with the opportunity to take a raw, unformed lump of clay and, over time and with patience, create beauty from what was once something unremarkable.

The truth is that God also wants to work out a similar transformational process in our lives. The book of Isaiah states it this way: "You are our Father, we are the clay, and You our potter; and all of us are the work of Your hand." (Isaiah 64:8). As Isaiah points out, God can be seen as a kind of Divine artisan who, behind the scenes, is often attempting to use the circumstances of life to shape our world.

During these moments of shaping, the difficult challenge is to stay committed to the process; even if we do not understand where a particular bend is leading us. When we can't immediately understand how a particularly arduous task is working, the type of integrity in us that is necessary to survive the furnace of life to come. At these moments we especially need patience with the potter's process.

My prayer for you this week is that in moments, we will recognize the hand of Providence working to shape our lives and offer a prayer of surrender. So that we may say, without reservation, "Lord you are the Potter and I the clay, make me and mold me your way."
Or perhaps in the style of famous surrender, and simply put, "thine will be done."

See you on Sunday,

Rev. Rae

Sunday, September 26, 2021 was our last Sunday with Organist/Choir Director, Robin Lyon. We wish her and her husband sunshine and warm weather as they head south for the winter. Thank you Robin for the inspirational music you have provided these many years.

We welcome Marie Quinn as our Substitute Organist/Choir Director, starting on October 3.

Thank you to the Supper Committee, BBQ Crew, and all those who supported another delicious chicken dinner!



Reminder: tonight all children in the 3rd grade and their family are invited to attend a short meeting TONIGHT! All 3rd graders will be receiving Communion for the 1st time Sunday.

Also... there is still time to let me know if you will be attending Sunday's 1st Family Sunday! Hamburgers, Hotdogs, chips, lemonade are on the menu. Come talk to Rev. Rae and build a scarecrow!

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

CHURCH OFFICE UPDATES

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.



SUNDAY, OCTOBER 3rd is

World Communion Sunday
Services at 9 & 10:30AM

and

Two-Can Sunday

Help us restock the Food Pantry.



A Hearing Assistance System

is now available for use by our members and friends during our services. This new system was dedicated on September 26.

The equipment can be found on the table with the large print bibles in the narthex.



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

BINGO



Only a few sessions remain! Saturday afternoon bingos continue in **October**, through **Columbus Day weekend**, when we have **Sunday games** as well.

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 this Saturday, **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.



BIBLE STUDY has moved 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) with any questions.



IT'S A GREEN LIGHT FOR COOKIES!

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 20th.

Time to be announced at a later date.

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

NUT ORDER FORM IS ON THE FOLLOWING PAGE

The 2nd Annual PCCC COOKIE Sale has been approved!

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

There are sign-up sheets on the bulletin board on the middle level of church 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 or 860-608-1904.

DID YOU KNOW...

that on the third Wednesday of every month the Food Pantry provides bags of food for 60-80 families? In every bag there are 2 cans of tuna and soup, 3-4 canned vegetables, pasta sauce, 2 dry pasta, peanut butter, jelly, canned pasta, rice, and mac and cheese. A second bag contains toilet paper, bread, and cereal. Donations to stock the shelves are always welcome; monetary donations that are collected at the church office, are given to the Pantry Crew who will do the shopping for you! The last Sunday of the month after services, church-goers are encouraged to pick up bags for of food for themselves or to share with someone they know.

SEARCH FOR ORGANIST/CHOIR DIRECTOR

We have extended our search for an Organist/ Choir Director.

If anyone knows of someone who might be interested in this position and would like more information, please have them contact John Marino at: marinojohn@sbcglobal.net.

LITTLE PILGRIM COORDINATOR

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

Susan.brosnan@gmail.com or 860 889-0768

THE LAST WORD

As heard from a pastor long ago...

"You may be the Bible that some people only read."

Thank you, Joyce Costner, for sharing these inspirational words.

If others have something to share, words of wisdom, (or perhaps a joke or cartoon!), please contact Sue Brosnan.

**Preston City Congregational Church
Nut Order Form 2021
(Must be pre-paid)**

	<i>Quantity</i>	<i>Total</i>
\$12.00		
Pecans	_____ @12.00	_____
Walnuts	_____ @12.00	_____
Mixed Nuts	_____ @12.00	_____
Cashews	_____ @12.00	_____
Pistachios	_____ @12.00	_____
Harvest Medley	_____ @12.00	_____
	\$9.00	
Trail Mix	_____ @9.00	_____
Malted Milk Balls	_____ @9.00	_____
	\$8.00	
Chocolate Covered Peanuts	_____ @8.00	_____
Gummi Bears	_____ @8.00	_____
Honey Roasted Peanuts	_____ @8.00	_____
	TOTAL \$	_____

Name: _____

Phone: _____

***All items are one pound unless marked otherwise.
Use this form for nut orders or you may combine this with the BB/Cake Roll form, when
it becomes available,
and make one payment with order:
Cash or check to: PCCC***

***Orders and payment will be taken on Sundays after services, starting October 10th,
or may be submitted to the church office.***

***Pick-up date is Saturday, November 20th
Time to be announced!***