

**Preston City  
Congregational Church**



**Week of October 3, 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.  
Live viewings: 56; countries -2; states  
-20; cities - 41; Archives:129

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**Confirmation Class** Tu. 6-7PM  
**AA** - Wed. -7:30PM Pavilion  
**Bible Study** - Thu. -10AM  
**Adult Choir** - Thu. -7PM  
**Office Closed** Mon. Oct 11

**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**

William Bryant is noted to once have stated, "Truth, crushed to earth, shall rise again." This provides a hopeful clarity because, for the believer, our foundations are built upon the solid rock of God's truth.

This gives us tremendous strength at challenging times, regardless of what life might throw your way. Ask yourself, is my course right, is it true, is it just (morally right for everyone involved) according to God's law? If the answer to all these questions is yes, then go forward. "Be instant in season and out of season..." (2 Timothy 4:2) or said another way, "then continue stubbornly onward towards the direction of your purpose..."

We as believers continue forward in faith in spite of what we see with natural eyes, because we perceive with another sight that "The arc of the moral universe is long but it [always] bends towards justice." Therefore, my prayer for you today is that you move steadily, inexorably forward in the direction of your dreams and God's truth. That you do so courageously, with a strong but honest courage that perhaps is openly nothing more than a strange but balanced amalgamation between pride and humility. Or as another writer has said, "...courage that can admit that it is merely fear that has said its prayers." Whatever you face this week, don't be afraid; just go forward in God's truth in the strength of his love for you.

See You Sunday,

Rev. Rae

**World Communion Sunday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>**, was even more special as Brent Fessenden, Sage Nowakowski and Ian Whitacre, Sunday School third grade students, received their first communion during our 9 AM service. Our congregation celebrates with their families, as these children continue in their journeys of faith.

**It was a nice surprise that the choir has been able to return!** Thank you for the weeks of practice and sharing your music with us, even with your masks on!

**Thank you** to Stella Dawley and her yard sale helpers for hosting another successful sale. Thanks to all who participated, helpers, donors and shoppers, a \$1792.82 profit was realized for our church!



Ever thought of going on a **Mission Trip**? Do you enjoy helping others, love learning new skills, making friends, creating memories that will last a lifetime? Then we are looking for you!! Are you in the 6th, 7th, or 8th grade? In High School, then **YOU CAN!** Come Monday, October 18th @6:30p.m. to find out more. We will meet in Dudek Hall, to talk about the July 2022 Youth Mission Trip to Charleston, West Virginia. Come ask your questions, meet your trip leaders, and hear all the details.

We would love to have our **Christmas Pageant** return live this year. The tentative date for the production is Sunday, December 12th. We need Directors & helpers! If drama is your passion please let me know. Rehearsals need to start by the last week of October! 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

**Confirmation class** is meeting Tuesday from 6-7PM.

#### Condolences

We express our sympathy to the family of William (Bill) Muttart.

**The Flower Committee** welcomes anyone to place flowers in the church for Sunday morning. Even our online viewers can arrange for a bouquet to honor someone or for a special occasion. Formal arrangements are available to purchase for \$35 if ordered through the church office.



You may also **purchase your own** floral arrangement. Names of those who donate flowers (and their special occasions) may be listed in that Sunday's bulletin. Flowers must be brought to church before the 9 AM service and picked up after the 10:30 AM service unless they are to be delivered to someone. Call the office to reserve your special date (860 887-4647).

**A Hearing Assistance System** is now available for use by our members and friends during our services. 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.

#### **BIBLE STUDY has moved to Thursday!**



We meet in Halls' Hall at 10 AM. Rev. Rae will be leading our discussion group.

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



#### **JOIN THE ADULT CHOIR**

**The Adult Choir** rehearses on Thursdays at 7PM in Halls' Hall. No experience necessary, just an enthusiasm for singing.

**THE CLOTHING SHED is always open for donations.** We can accept used clothing, shoes, sneakers, belts, purses, linens, pillowcases, blankets, curtains, and stuffed animals. Cold weather will soon be here to stay; as you update your winter wardrobe, consider adding your coats, hats, scarves, sweaters, gloves & mittens, etc. to the shed. Gently worn winter clothing is always welcome to help keep others warm and coats need not be bagged.

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

that the Trustees are the caretakers of our buildings and grounds? They do general maintenance and keep our facilities in good condition. Recent projects have included painting the edges of the steps to the front door of the church, replacing and painting the railing along the front steps, and repairing and painting the entrance steps and ramp to the annex. During this time of the pandemic, they have made sure our church is safe for all who attend by sanitizing high-contact areas such as hand-railings, door knobs, and church pews, between services. They also open the church on Sunday mornings and place the "little man" in the crosswalk on Route 164. Ted Zajac and Bob Vescovi help them as needed.



# 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. NUT ORDER FORM IS ON THE FOLLOWING PAGE**

## 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 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](mailto:jmilleribia@aol.com) or 860-608-1904.

## 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](mailto: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](mailto:Susan.brosnan@gmail.com) or 860 889-0768.

## THE LAST WORD



*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)**

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

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 10<sup>th</sup>,  
or may be submitted to the church office.***

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