

## Preston City Congregational Church



**Week of October 10, 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: 33; countries -1; states  
-9; cities - 23; Archives last week:29

### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

**Confirmation Class** Tu. 6-7PM

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

**Standing Committee** Wed. 7PM

**Bible Study** Thu. -10AM

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

### **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.

### **Do you ever ask yourself if what you do makes a difference?**

Loren Eiseley, an ecologist, anthropologist, writer and poet who died in 1977,  
wrote a short essay to address this very question:

#### **The Parable of the Starfish**

(adapted from *The Star Thrower*)

Once upon a time, there was a wise man who used to go to the ocean to do  
his writing. He had a habit of walking on the beach before he began his work.

One day, as he was walking along the shore, he looked down the beach and  
saw a human figure moving like a dancer. He smiled to himself at the thought  
of someone who would dance to the day, and so, he walked faster to catch  
up.

As he got closer, he noticed that the figure was that of a young man, and that  
what he was doing was not dancing at all. The young man was reaching down  
to the shore, picking up small objects, and throwing them into the ocean.

He came closer still and called out "Good morning! May I ask what it is that  
you are doing?"

The young man paused, looked up, and replied "Throwing starfish into the  
ocean."

"I must ask, then, why are you throwing starfish into the ocean?" asked the  
somewhat startled wise man.

To this, the young man replied, "The sun is up and the tide is going out. If I  
don't throw them in, they'll die."

Upon hearing this, the wise man commented, "But, young man, do you not  
realize that there are miles and miles of beach and there are starfish all along  
every mile? You can't possibly make a difference!"

At this, the young man bent down, picked up yet another starfish, and threw  
it into the ocean. As it met the water, he said,  
**"It made a difference for that one."**

Even though this story has been told and retold, it is still a good reminder that, even  
**the smallest thing can make a difference.** If we can touch just one person with a  
simple gesture, a thank you to the cashier at the store, holding a door open, an  
unexpected phone call, a card in the mail, then we must not let that opportunity pass.

No act of kindness is ever wasted.

Susan Brosnan

### **A NOTE FROM THE TRUSTEES**

While walking through the lower-level classrooms, I noticed there are rooms filling up  
with yard sale items and the annex basement is packed. Our policy is we only accept  
items four weeks prior to the next yard sale. Our next yard sale will be in the spring.  
We do not store items because it is unsightly and a fire hazard. Please do not drop off  
items at the church prior. We cannot store any items over the winter.

It will be announced in the Little Pilgrim when the next yard sale will be and the date  
we will accept donations. Thank you for your cooperation.

Richard Chalifoux  
Senior Trustee



Mark the date! Sunday November 7, 2021, is Sunday Family Funday! We will be meeting in Halls' Hall (coffee hour room) from noon to 2. We will be making Blessing Mix to pass out to Nursing home workers. Stay tuned for further details. You definitely don't want to miss December's Funday either! The theme is Christmas trees!!!! Stay tuned.

The Sunday school kids will be collecting food to make Thanksgiving meal baskets; look for a flier this Sunday with what each grade needs to bring.

Any questions or concerns please reach out by email [dre.prestoncity@gmail.com](mailto:dre.prestoncity@gmail.com) or call 860-710-1262.

### CHURCH OFFICE UPDATES

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

**Congratulations to Brent Fessenden!** He found his personalized, underlined bible verse in the bible he received at the end of first grade Sunday School. Awesome job Brent!



**The Food Pantry** workers are already planning ahead for Thanksgiving! They welcome donations of turkeys or monetary contributions towards their purchase.

At the November distribution, patrons of the pantry who have signed up, receive the fixings for a Thanksgiving meal along with their usual monthly allotment. Our volunteers are grateful for the congregations' on-going support of this vital ministry.

#### Thank you for your gift of caring!

Riley Stankiewicz, a young person in our Sunday School, just celebrated her 10th birthday and requested food, instead of gifts. Riley, along with her parents, recently brought her donations to the food pantry.

**The Adult Choir** rehearses on Thursdays at 7PM in Halls' Hall.



No experience necessary, just an enthusiasm for singing.



**BIBLE STUDY** meets in Halls' Hall at 10 AM on Thursday. 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.

#### FEEDING BODY and SOUL

From time-to-time, people/families in our congregation are in need of a meal. Maybe it's following a hospital stay, or when a baby is born, or upon the passing of a loved one. When the Church Office is approached with a need, the coordinator is contacted.

**Are you able to cook a meal or deliver a take-out meal?** Meal coordinator Lois Woodmansee, is updating her list of volunteers. If you're able to help with this important outreach, even if you previously signed up to help, please call her at 860-889-2128 or text to 860-608-9982 to update your information. Thank you.



**The Board of Religious Education** is planning a **BASKET DRAWING on DECEMBER 12<sup>TH</sup>.**

Sign-up sheets for basket donations are posted on the mid-level bulletin board.

The Sunday School is self-supporting and the annual basket drawing is their largest fund-raiser.

More information in the weeks to come!

#### DID YOU KNOW...

that two Members-at-Large (one man and one woman), are elected at the Annual Meeting for a period of one year? They are members of the Standing Committee and represent the membership in the administrative and decision-making process of our church at monthly meetings. Are you interested in learning more about the internal workings of the church and what the various boards and committees do? This is a great place to begin!



# 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 AND AT THE CHURCH OFFICE**

### 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

**Repeat as often as necessary:**

**" I am not in control of the world."**

**Rev. Rae - 10/10/21**

*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!***