

**Preston City
Congregational Church**



Week of October 17, 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: 38; countries -1; states
-10; cities -28; Archives last week:137

UPCOMING EVENTS

Confirmation Class Tu. 6-7PM
AA Wed. -7:30PM Pavilion
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.

Parable of the Trouble Tree

Author unknown

A carpenter I hired to help with repairs on my old farmhouse was having a tough day. It started with a flat tire that cost him an hour of work, his electric saw quit, and now his ancient pickup truck refused to start. While I drove him home, he sat in stony silence.

On arriving, he invited me in to meet his family. As we walked toward the front door, he paused briefly at a small tree, touching the tips of the branches with both hands.

After opening the door, he underwent an amazing transformation. His tanned face was wreathed in smiles and he hugged his two small children and gave his wife a kiss.

Afterward, he walked me to my car. We passed the tree, and my curiosity got the better of me.

I asked him about what I had seen him do earlier. "Oh, that's my trouble tree," he replied.

"I know I can't help having troubles on the job, but one thing for sure, troubles don't belong in the house with my wife and the children. So, I just hang them up on the tree every night when I come home. Then in the morning, I pick them up again."

"Funny thing is," he smiled, "when I come out in the morning to pick them up, there aren't nearly as many as I remember hanging up the night before."

We all need a trouble tree...

What is past is gone; tomorrow has not come; we need to be thankful for the present.

Susan Brosnan

Our own Bill Muttart, passed away October 1st. Prior to that time Bill had given the church office autographed copies of the book he and Linda Ashley wrote: "One Hundred & Eleven Questions and Answers Concerning the Pilgrims". There are seven of them left at a cost of \$17.00 each that will go towards the church budget. Please call the office (860 887-4647) if you would like to purchase one.



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.

Sunday School is collecting food to help the Food Pantry make up Thanksgiving meal baskets! Our goal is to have at least 10 baskets!

Nursery & Toddler classes: Boxed Stuffing

Kindergarten - 3rd graders: Bags of apples, or oranges, tangerines, pears, or canned cranberry sauce

4th - 8th graders: Bags of potatoes, sweet potatoes, or squash

High Schoolers: Canned veggies

Please have all donations in by Sunday Nov. 14th!!!!

If you missed the meeting about the TEEN MISSION TRIP planned for July 2022 that's ok; come see me to ask questions and reserve your spot!!!

No one has come forward to direct the annual Christmas Pageant 😞. If no one is interested we will skip it this year and try for 1 in the Spring! We will still have skits for the Children's Christmas Service on Christmas Eve!

If any adults would be interested in dressing up as Bible characters and teaching and assisting me in any Sunday school lessons, please let me know! I have the costumes and the ideas; I just need warm bodies! lol

Blessings Always,
Lisa Van Alst DRE
email dre.prestoncity@gmail.com
or call 860-710-1262.

CHURCH OFFICE UPDATES

Confirmation class is meeting Tuesday from 6-7PM.

Please remember to advise the church office, when scheduling or canceling any meeting or event.



The Women's Fellowship will be making up "Birthday Cake Bundles" for the Food Pantry at their November meeting. We are asking for your assistance in collecting the following

items needed to create the bundles; disposable aluminum pan, boxed cake mix, canned frosting and birthday candles. The items can be left in the Food Pantry bins at the church entrances. Thank you for your assistance.



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' ongoing support of this vital ministry.

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

Sign-up sheets for basket donations are posted on the mid-level bulletin board. Please have assembled baskets to the church by November 20. Tickets will be available November 28 & December 5. Questions? Call Chairperson Wendy Abrahamson at 860-908-5020 or email wabrahamson@sbcglobal.net.



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



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) with any questions.



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

No experience necessary, just an enthusiasm for singing.

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.

A new addition this year is the option to purchase a bag of soup mix at \$16, that will go to our Food Pantry!

This fundraiser can be ordered on line, [Butter Braids order form](#) 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 after the orders have been placed.

FORMS ARE ON THE FOLLOWING PAGE AND AT THE CHURCH OFFICE

ORDERS MUST BE RECEIVED AT THE CHURCH OFFICE BY OCTOBER 29; PLEASE PLAN ACCORDINGLY IF MAILING ORDERS.

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.

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

Worry is a conversation with yourself
about things
you cannot change.

Prayer is a conversation with God
about things
He can change.

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

