

Preston City Congregational Church



The Little Pilgrim

Week of November 7, 2021 –November 14, 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 -2; states -11; cities -27; Archives last week:155

UPCOMING EVENTS

Confirmation Class Tu. 6:30PM

AA Wed. 7:30PM Dudek Hall

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.

Stewardship letters were mailed this week. Please call the office if you have not received yours.

New members will be joining the church on Thanksgiving Sunday, November 21st. Prospective members **MUST** meet with the Diaconate on November 14th, at 11:30AM. Those planning to join the church include: Loida Fessenden, Mark Day, and Reverend Raefield Pertee.

There is a problem with the heat in the Sunday School wing. It is being addressed, but as we await parts, some classes will be moved around, including the Baby Nursery.

Thank you for your patience and understanding.

Pastor's Corner

Carpe Diem

"A good plan violently executed now is better than a perfect plan executed next week." - George S. Patton

Of course, General Patton was likely speaking from a military vantage point when he penned these insightful words. Although, how well it applies to the battlefield of our daily living remains unknown: a battlefield won with discipline, habit, routine, faith, and vision.

Although what often hinders progress is delay and hesitation. As you consider ways to seize **your** moments this week, consider a poem I love titled "Tomorrow" that I would like to share with you. It conveys this sentiment well.

Tomorrow

by Edgar Guest

He was going to be all that a mortal should be
Tomorrow.

No one should be kinder or braver than he
Tomorrow.

A friend who was troubled and weary he knew,
Who'd be glad of a lift and who needed it, too;
On him he would call and see what he could do
Tomorrow.

Each morning he stacked up the letters he'd write
Tomorrow.

And thought of the folks he would fill with delight
Tomorrow.

It was too bad, indeed, he was busy today,
And hadn't a minute to stop on his way;
More time he would have to give others, he'd say
Tomorrow.

The greatest of workers this man would have been
Tomorrow.

The world would have known him, had he ever seen
Tomorrow.

But the fact is he died and he faded from view,
And all that he left here when living was through
Was a mountain of things he intended to do
Tomorrow.

See You on Sunday,

Rev. Rae



The 2nd Friends & Family Funday Sunday was a success! 24 turkey center pieces and 31 batches of Blessing Mix were delivered to Colonial Healthcare and Rehabilitation Center in Plainfield.

We are looking for 2 boys to be Pilgrims for Thanksgiving Sunday Nov. 21st! If you are interested please let me know.

This is the final Sunday for our food collection for Thanksgiving Baskets. We are in need of stuffing mix & potatoes.

The Children will be memorizing their first Bible verse this month, copies will be passed out Sunday! You know it as the Golden Rule, be sure to encourage your kids, and ask them about it!

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

CHURCH OFFICE UPDATES

Confirmation class is meeting Tuesday at 6:30 PM.

There is **NO coffee hour** following services as it is too chilly to be outdoors. We are following the recommended state health guidelines and will update when there are changes.

Tom Miller wishes to thank everyone for cards and the outpouring of support in the passing of his wife, Jean, recently.

A battery-powered, high end, wheelchair is available to someone who could use it. Please call the church office.

An entertainment center that you can put a TV on that has drawers is available; call the church office if you have an interest in obtaining it for yourself or someone who could use it.



Thank you truly to everyone! There are now 84 Birthday Cake Bundles at the Food Pantry, just waiting to make someone's birthday special.

We couldn't have done it without the overwhelming support we received.

Our next gathering will be on Dec. 4th at 9AM.
We will be writing Christmas Cards.

Bridget Park

THE BOARD OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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 donation of baskets for the basket drawing on December 12th can be left in the church office Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-noon.



The November Food Pantry distribution for our Church Family is the third Sunday, November 21.

Food Pantry Ministry

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

Rev. Rae will be leading our discussion on Romans.

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.
You do not need to be a church member to join us.



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QUILTS OF VALOR

I am in the process of working with the Quilts of Valor coordinator to present more quilts to veterans in our congregation.

The goal is to reach out to all veterans who have served our country. Please contact me if you served in any branch of the military. Last year's recipients at our church were Matt Schroeder, W. Rick Alletto, Deb Berube, Rob Berube, and Phil Whitworth.

Please do not hesitate to contact me and let me know of your service (860) 887-4647 or my cell (860) 608-9266. Thank you.

I look forward to hearing from you. Sandy Dudek

November is a busy month in our church.

The Stewardship Drive to support the 2022 budget begins; the Nominating Committee will be setting their slate for 2022; the Missions Committee will be compiling their recommendations for disbursement of our missions yearly giving; November 16 is the churches' birthday (323 years!); new members will be taken in on Thanksgiving Sunday, AND, the Nuts and Pastries will arrive!

A NOTE FROM THE CHURCH CLERK

The Bylaw Committee will be meeting soon to review our church bylaws. Church members are welcome to submit any proposed bylaw change, consideration, or amendment, **stated in writing**, to a committee member. You can mail it to the church office (ATTN: Clerk), or email it to Clerk@prestoncitycongregational.org by November 30th. Any changes agreed upon by the committee will be presented to the Standing Committee for preliminary review, comments and suggestions, before presentation to the membership for final approval at the Annual Meeting in February 2022.
 Susan Brosnan, Clerk



The Men's Group will be meeting on Saturday, November 20th at 10 AM in Halls' Hall. We welcome all men as we gather.

MEN'S GROUP

Please bring one of your favorite Bible verses and spend a few minutes discussing why it means so much to you. Also please bring canned goods and any other food items for our food pantry. Please contact Tim Bowles at 860-705-5613 with any questions or suggestions you may have.
 Look forward to seeing you there.



A Coat Drive is being held from November 14th - December 12th. Boots, hats, gloves, mittens, and scarves are also needed.

The items can be left in or on the Elizabeth Allyn box located to the right of the table in the mid-level hallway.

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



Happy Birthday PCCC!

323 Years

November 16, 1698 - 2021

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