

Preston City Congregational Church



**Week of January 16, 2022 -
January 23, 2022**

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: 54; countries -1; states
-13; cities -33; Archives last week: 97

UPCOMING EVENTS

Tuesday Evening Bible Study 7P
AA Wed. 7:30P Dudek Hall

COVID UPDATE 12/31/2021

The Standing Committee voted
and requests **that masks be
worn by everyone, if you are
able, vaccinated or
unvaccinated**, when in the
church building and church office,
beginning Sunday, January 2,
2022.

The Standing Committee will
assess our needs and keep you
updated.

Pastor's Corner

"For there is nothing either good or bad, but thinking makes it so." - Hamlet

Have you ever been watching your favorite TV program when, all of a sudden, an advertisement for a local restaurant interrupts? Subsequently, shortly afterwards, you find yourself craving an item similar to the very product suggested in the TV commercial! It happens to us all. On a daily basis, we receive tiny, subliminal messages all around us that shape both how we feel and interact with the world.

Paul understood just how significant the daily influences from society could be on a new believer. Therefore, he wrote to encourage believers in Rome with these words, "Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is; his good, pleasing and perfect will." In Romans 12:2, Paul was trying to give these early believers an advantage in a morally-strained world by challenging them to manage the messages that entered their minds.

As we will discover in our upcoming sermon series, "Strength to Conquer a Brand New Year", even experienced believers like Joshua, often struggle in this area. However, God, knowing that this anxiety would do little to serve Joshua in his new leadership role, instructs him to "meditate on my word day and night..." Like a container that is filled with inky water, God was trying to get Joshua to pour a purer liquid of life-giving thoughts into the container of his mind, until most of the cloudiness of doubt and fear was vanquished.

This week, as we continue forward in this new season, I implore you to start fresh and be intentional about what thoughts you allow to live in your mind. Or, as Paul has instructed elsewhere in his final exhortation, "be anxious for nothing... And finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things." (Philippians 4:6, 4:8, 4:9)

See you on Sunday,

Rev. Rae

DOOR MONITORS NEEDED FOR FEBRUARY

Interested in serving as a door monitor? A sign-up sheet is located on the main bulletin board for both the 9:00 and 10:30 services, or you can contact Bob Vescovi at RVesco2010@comcast.net or 401.583.7840.

OFFERING ENVELOPES are available on the table in the mid-level hallway if you requested them. Call Financial Secretary Sue Creamer with any questions. **Receipts for 2021** are also available to be picked up.

CHURCH CANCELLATIONS

When the decision is made that church or Sunday School must be cancelled, usually due to inclement weather, please tune into television Channel 3, call the church office (860 887-4647) for a recorded message, check our Facebook page or the website (prestoncitycongregational.org). If an event needs to be cancelled, that, too, will be posted as above. Please remember that church services may not be cancelled even if Sunday School is!



The 2nd Annual Snowman Challenge is here!!!!

1. Gather your family, friends, neighbors, or coworkers
2. Wait for the next snow storm
3. Find a location (i.e., fire stations, hospitals, nursing homes, shut-ins)
4. Build, Build, Build!!! large, small, snowmen, women, creatures, animals

To be entered just...

snap a picture, & send it to me!

(dre.prestoncity@gmail.com)

Look for your snow sculpture on our church Facebook page/Church bulletin board.

Every picture = 1 entry in the challenge.

If you include a Bible verse with your snowman = 1 entry.

Shout out to Preston City Congregational Church = another entry.

of people in the picture = # of entries

ALL ENTRIES MUST BE SENT TO ME BY

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 28TH

WINNERS WILL BE ANNOUNCED SUNDAY,

MARCH 6, 2022

Winter can be lonely and trying, let's spread light and love all around town and beyond. If you have questions please contact me.

Lisa Van Alst



BIBLE STUDY

We anticipate beginning Thursday morning study in a few weeks. -Rev. Rae

The Tuesday Night Bible Study Group is meeting at 7pm. We will be studying the book of James using Max Lucado's "*Life Lessons from James*" Study Guide. The class will be in-person and on Zoom. We ask those in attendance in Hall's Hall to be masked regardless of their vaccination status due to the close proximity of the tables and the rise in the recent Covid numbers. We are socially distanced and take precautions before and after class to sanitize the tables. To join on Zoom, please follow the link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/9038488535?pwd=SHFJbVVZS2JWOGVGaUMxTllmWXdkdz09>

For more information or a copy of the lesson, please contact Scott VanAlst by phone (860-237-7964) or by email (scottv916@gmail.com).

THE ADULT CHOIR will not hold practice in the month of January. We hope to start again in February.
-Marie Quinn



CHURCH OFFICE UPDATES

MARK YOUR CALENDAR - The Annual Meeting of the church is presently scheduled for Sunday, February 13th starting at noon.

Please be sure to check with the office when scheduling meetings at the church.



WARM CLOTHING AND COATS

The church collection of warm clothing items has ended, but the winter has just begun. Laurie Bowers (860 514-1098) will continue to pick up donated items.

Warm items are much needed and greatly appreciated.

THE LAST WORD



THE SUPPER COMMITTEE is looking ahead and planning their dinners for 2022. Their first take-out dinner will be at the end of April.

