

Preston City Congregational Church



**Week of January 30, 2022 -
February 6, 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: Church was canceled
last week due to the blizzard.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday 2/6 Communion Sunday
Tuesday Evening Bible Study 7P
AA Wed. 7:30P Dudek Hall
Thursday 2/17 Bible Study 10A

COVID UPDATE 1/19/2022

The Standing Committee met and
still requests **that masks be
worn by everyone, if you are
able, vaccinated or
unvaccinated**, when in the
church building and church office.
The Standing Committee will
continue to assess our needs and
keep everyone informed.

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.

Pastor's Corner

It's so easy nowadays to be overly concerned about self, to fixate on our corner of the world to the detriment of others. However, contrary to this belief of popular culture, we serve a God who implores each of us to live our lives in service to others; to look past our individual interests towards the broader concerns of humanity. Listen to how Paul describes it in the book of Philippians 2:3: "Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility, value others above yourselves." What a challenging message! Paul reminds us that if we want our lives to be meaningfully involved with the broader concerns of others, it begins with seeing value in others.

Our world, however, too often values image above all, and is quick to devalue those whose opinions or images of the world are different than their own. It is good to know that God, however, saw our differences and imperfections and still decided to lay down his very life for us. Why? Because Christ sees the value in our differences, the unique treasure that exists in each one of us. Christ saw the value in others and worked to bring those gems to the forefront of their lives. In this way, people were a part of the joy of His daily mission.

This week, would you choose to focus on the inherent value found in others and how you can add to it, even if they think or believe differently than we do? Remember, when we focus on this value, our interactions with others are more easily seen as a joy and not just a necessary sacrifice.

Grace & Peace,

Rev. Rae

DOOR MONITORS

Can you help us on Sunday mornings in February and March serving as a door monitor at the double door entrance? Guidelines for door monitors are posted above the sign-up sheet on the mid-level bulletin board for both the 9 & 10:30 service. If you have any questions, please contact Bob Vescovi at RVesco2010@comcast.net or 401.583.7840. Thanks!

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!



IT SNOWED! Don't forget the Snow Sculpture Challenge is happening from now until March 1, 2022.

Let's spread some love around the area by building something out of snow, outside the windows of essential workers, the elderly, & public spaces (with permission). Send a picture to dre.prestoncity@gmail.com

Remember, the crew with the most points wins!

4 people build... 4 points

Send a picture to me... 1 point

Put a sign on it... 1 point

Build several snowmen... 1 point each

Winning crew wins a \$25 gift card!!!!!!

Finally... We are looking for volunteers. We need helpers for the Good Friday event! There are several areas we need help with; stop by Sunday after Sunday school or contact me if you are interested!

Lisa Van Alst

CHURCH OFFICE UPDATES

The Annual Report for 2021 will be available prior to our meeting.

**2022 ANNUAL MEETING CALL & AGENDA
FEBRUARY 13, 2022
Noon**

The Annual Meeting of the Preston City Congregational Church will be held in the Sanctuary, on Sunday, February 13, 2022, at noon for the following actions:

1. To accept the reports of Officers, Boards, Committees, and other church organizations.
2. To vote on the proposed 2022 budget of \$233,689.
3. To act on the Nominating Committee's proposed slate for 2022.
4. To vote on the proposed Bylaw revision.
5. To transact any other business that may be brought before the congregation.

Susan Brosnan
Clerk

Through the Church Office and Music Committee Chairperson, John Marino, we are pleased to announce that we have secured a permanent Organist and Choir Director. God has graced our church with her presence. We are happy to share her biography with you:

Marie C. Quinn has held the position of Organist/Choir Director since the age of fifteen. She received her Bachelor of Science degree in Music Education from Savannah State University, and Master of Music degree from the University of South Florida. She continued her graduate studies at the University of Southern California, University of Hawaii, Westminster Choir College and the Hartt School of Music.

Marie has taught at public schools in Georgia, Hawaii, and Connecticut. In Connecticut, she taught music at Regional School District Eight for over twenty-five years. While teaching, she has been the Organist/Choir Director at Lee Memorial in Norwich, SUBASE in Groton, and the Naval Base in Newport, Rhode Island. During the summer, she served as the organist for First Church in Griswold, Connecticut.

Marie is a member of First Church in Griswold, Connecticut. She lives with her husband, Frank Fireall Quinn. He retired as Senior Chief of the US Navy, and does volunteer work at the SUBASE. They have two sons. Frank Edward Quinn, is Assistant Principal at Glastonbury High School and lives in Simsbury, Connecticut. His wife, Lisa Argenta, is an Art teacher at Bolton High School. They have a nine-year-old daughter, Gibson Avery. The Quinn's youngest son, Justin Kiah Quinn, lives in St. Louis, Missouri, and is a Lawyer, CEO L2eSolutions, and Commander in the Navy Reserve. His wife, Tanya Marie, is a Neurosurgeon. They have two children, Elliot Katherine, ten-years-old (daughter), and Ronan Fireall, seven-years-old (son).



FEBRUARY 6th is

**COMMUNION SUNDAY AND TWO-CAN SUNDAY:
Time to replenish the Toucan Food Pantry.**

Always needed: cereal, peanut butter, jelly, canned vegetables, canned fruit, canned soup, rice, macaroni and cheese, pasta, and spaghetti sauce. Donation boxes are located at both entry doors. Thank you for your continuing support for this vital ministry.

THE ADULT CHOIR

Starting February 3rd, the Adult Choir will resume choir rehearsals on Thursday nights at 7:00pm.

-Marie Quinn





BIBLE STUDY

Thursday Morning Bible Study Group will resume on Thursday Feb 17th at 10am with a guided study on the life of Queen Esther by Max Lucado entitled "You Were Made for this Moment." Come participate in a study that inspires us to step up and stand out for God! We also ask those attending the study in Hall's Hall to wear a mask at the current time.

For more information or a copy of the study guide please contact Rev. Rae by phone (860-887-4647) or via email (rae.e.pertee@gmail.com).

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=SHFJbVVZS2JWOGVGaUMxTlImWXdkdz09>

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

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.

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.



SCHOLARSHIP MONTH

In 1992, February was established as Scholarship month, in order to give churchgoers the opportunity to contribute to the Helen Benjamin Scholarship Fund. Helen worked in the Preston School system for many years and was dedicated to the education of our youth. Upon her passing, the family established the fund in her memory, in order to provide assistance for young people seeking to further their education. When her husband died in 2015, the fund was renamed as the Winthrop C. and Helen Benjamin Scholarship Fund. Through the years, many of our young people have benefited from this fund, thanks in part to your giving.

We are offering the opportunity to members and friends of the church to consider giving a monetary gift to the scholarship fund. You may give your gift in memory of or in honor of someone. A listing of donors (no amounts) will be printed in the worship folder on Scholarship Sunday, which is usually in June. You may place your donation in an envelope marked *Scholarship Fund* and place it in the offering plate, or mail it to the church. Checks should be made out to PCCC with *Scholarship Fund* on the memo line. Donations are accepted through the end of May.

Together we can show our young people how much we care about them and their goals.

Please give if you are able.



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

LAST WORD



"Faith means believing in things you've never seen...like your feet!"

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