

**Preston City
Congregational Church**



**September 11, 2022 -
September 25, 2022**

Church Office Hours:

Monday – Friday, 9AM – Noon

Have a question?

Need help?

Please call: The Office

860 887-4647 or 860 886-7200

MINISTER

REVEREND RAEFIELD PERTEET

Cell/Text: 1-617-866-3524

"Where the door is always open"

Call the office to schedule an appointment

**WORSHIP AND WEB STREAM
INFORMATION**

Worship services at 9A & 10:30A

For those who are unable to attend in-person, the 9:30AM 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 :

9/04 - 27; 1 country; 12 states; 21 cities

9/11 - 32; 1 country; 11 states; 22 cities

UPCOMING EVENTS

Bible Study M 10A

Bible Study Tu 9/20

Covid-19 Vaccination Clinic Su 9/25

Financial Peace M 6:30 9/26

Bible Study W 9/28

Choir Thu 7P

AA Wed. 7:30P Dudek Hall

COVID UPDATE 3/16/2022

The Standing Committee has determined that wearing masks is optional.



**Join us after
services!**

Coffee Fellowship

FROM THE MINISTER...

His steadfast love endures forever

We're all broken people living in a broken world in which pain and perplexity are inevitable. The Scriptures remind us that this is so, but they also assure us that our feelings of pain and perplexity are legitimate. God doesn't expect us to put on a mask with a rigid smile, pretending that everything is all right. He invites us to run to him, as a crying child would to her loving Father. The book of Psalms is liberally sprinkled with prayers of lament, grief and complaint in the face of every type of adversity.

Jesus told his followers that they would have suffering in the world, but also to take heart because he had overcome the world. The apostle Paul wrote that all things – pleasant or painful, wonderful or tragic, world-shaking or personal – work together for the good of those who love God and are called according to his purpose. Finally, Psalm 136 lists a series of God's wondrous, sovereign works, in nature and in history, punctuating each one with the refrain, "His steadfast love (or kindness) endures forever."

In good times and especially in bad, the lion's share of our difficulty stems from the fact that we don't trust God's sovereign kindness, not really. We may claim to as a point of orthodox faith, but our response to adversity, whether global, cultural or personal, betrays us.

This shouldn't deter us, however, but rather encourage us to run again to our Heavenly Father, as his little daughters and sons with tears in our eyes. His sovereign kindness is in control of our world and of our lives. As followers of his Son Jesus, and by his empowering Spirit, we can begin to become the change that our fearful, divided church and culture desperately need. His steadfast love endures forever.

-Excerpt from Focus on the Family

See you Sunday,
Rev. Rae

**SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING CALL & AGENDA
September 18, 2022
11:30A**

The September Semi-Annual Meeting of the Preston City Congregational Church will be held in the sanctuary on Sunday, September 18, 2022 at 11:30A for the following actions:

1. To hear the reports of Officers, Boards, Committees, and other church organizations
2. To transact any other business that may be brought before the congregation

Susan P. Brosnan
Clerk



**SUNDAY
SCHOOL**

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

WOW, what a great start to Sunday School! If you missed it NO WORRIES, there is still room just come THIS

Sunday. **Remember we start @ 8:45!**

First - 6th graders report to Dudek Hall

Toddler 3 & 4, Kindergarten, & 7th- High School all report to their classrooms.

Toddler 3 & 4, K, 1st and 2nd grade will be dismissed from Dudek Hall at the double doors, if the doors are closed we are still singing/dancing or praying and we will open them soon. All other grades are dismissed to Hall's Hall (coffee hour room).

Third Grade Families Sunday October 2 is First Communion Sunday! We will have a brief information meeting Saturday, October 1st @ 10 a.m. in the Sanctuary. You and your child are invited to attend.

Save the date Our 1st Fall Family Fun Night is scheduled for Saturday October 22, 2022 starting @ 6:30 p.m. with pumpkin decorating. We will have snacks, a smores bar, hot chocolate and a movie, under the stars in the Field of Dreams! Bring your blankets & lawn chairs. This event is for the entire family, as well as friends and neighbors! Bring a carload! The event is entirely FREE!!! Just email/text Lisa Van Alst D.R.E. so we will have enough pumpkins and food. (860) 710-1262 or dre.prestoncity@gmail.com

Our Christmas Pageant will be presented on Sunday, December 11 at 2P.

Pageant practice rehearsals will be on Wednesdays at 5:30P and begin on October 12. Wendy Abrahamson is our director and the name of the pageant is **WOW!!**

Operation Christmas Child: We will be filling shoeboxes over the next two months with small gifts for children around the world through Operation Christmas Child. PCCC children will be participating in the project at church, but all are welcome to fill a shoebox to be collected in early November. Directions and tips for the shoeboxes will be forthcoming, and are also available at samaritanspurse.org.

Call or text Jill Thorne at 860-912-0924 for more information. Jill will be at both coffee hours this Sunday to answer any questions.

THOUGHTS FROM A FRIEND...

Stop thinking about the limitations,
and
start thinking about all the possibilities.

CHURCH OFFICE UPDATES

TEEN CHALLENGE is coming back to our church on Sunday, October 23rd at both services. Adult & Teen Challenge provides Christian faith-based, residential care to young people and adults who struggle with alcohol and/or drugs. Lives have been changed due to this program. When they come on the 23rd they will offer some inspirational testimonies and song. Please plan to be with us that day. We are planning lunch for them following the service and could use some help. Please contact Sandy (860.887.4647) if you'd like to lend a hand. Thank you

A Man of God Challenge Coin was found Sunday, September 11 in the upper parking lot. Please call the office to claim it.

MONDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY started September 12th at 10A. We will be viewing/discussing season 1 of the series, **The Chosen**. Questions? Contact Chris Burden

TUESDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY begins on September 20th at 7pm in Hall's Hall. We will be using "Galatians, A 12-Week Study" by Geoff Ziegler as our study guide. The book can be found on Amazon or Christianbooks.com for under \$10. The class will also be available on Zoom by contacting Pastor Scott VanAlst at 860-237-7964 or scottv916@gmail.com.

WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY starts September 28 at 11A. Rev. Rae will lead the video/reading discussion

Our **FALL YARD SALE** is planned for **Oct 1st**. Start sorting through those basements and attics!



Check with Stella Dawley to make arrangements for drop-off.

PLEASE REMEMBER: NO clothing, tires, computers, air conditioners, or televisions

THE CLOTHING SHED is always open for donations. We can accept used clothing, shoes, sneakers, belts, purses, linens, pillowcases, blankets, curtains, and stuffed animals. There will soon be a need for warm clothing. Keep this mission in mind when clearing out your closets!

THE FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY (FPU) program will be offered **starting Monday, September 26th**, from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in Hall's Hall.

The nine-week course will be led by Bob Vescovi and be held each Monday evening. FPU includes a weekly video and group discussion addressing a variety of topics related to personal and family money management. Topics include budgeting, paying down debt, insurance, investing, real estate, college planning and retirement, among others. One scholarship is being offered should someone like to attend but has limited funds available; please speak with the minister. A sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board for anyone interested in attending or obtaining more information.

SAFETY COMMITTEE UPDATE – Please note the new Ring security lights and cameras have recently been installed throughout the exterior of our church grounds. These devices will enhance our safety and security; they include a Ring doorbell and chime at the Annex entrance and monitoring capability from the Annex office. The cameras will soon allow our Sunday door monitors to view multiple entrances, including the Sunday School entrance, from one location. A special thank you to Ed Shea for installing and adjusting all these units and to Patrick Magowan for lending his technical expertise. Bob Vescovi

NEWS from the SUPPER COMMITTEE

Fall Fundraisers:

Nuts/ Butter Braids & Cake Rolls- Order September 25 - October 16th with a delivery date of November 5th.

Order forms will be available between church services.

Orders can be combined and paid with one check.

Orders may be made through the church office as well.

Also, due to a turkey shortage, the Turkey Supper has been canceled.



Are you a Team Player?

Do you like to sing but only with a group? Would you like to socialize with individuals of the same interest?

Then, the choir is for you.

Come and join our rehearsal on Thursdays at 7:00pm in Hall's Hall.

Remember, when you sing, you are "singing and making melody to the Lord with your heart" - Ephesians 5:19.

BINGO at Strawberry Park



Are you able to help?

Upcoming sessions are Saturdays at 2P through October and Sunday, October 9.

\$5000 was given towards the church budget thanks to our bingo workers!

LOOKING AHEAD...

- Fall Semi-Annual Meeting → September 18 – 11:30A
- Tuesday Evening Bible Study → September 20 – 7P
- Covid-19 Vaccination Clinic → September 25 – 9A-1P
- Nut Orders start September 25
- Butter Braids & Cake Rolls Fundraiser starts September 25
- Financial Peace University → September 26 – 6:30P
- Wednesday Morning Bible Study → September 28 – 11A
- Men's' Group → October 1 – 10A
- World Wide Communion Sunday → October 2

LITTLE PILGRIM COORDINATOR

Starting in September, the Little Pilgrim will come out twice a month, on the first and third weekends. Please send information to be included in the September 30 newsletter no later than Tuesday, September 27 at noon to Susan.brosnan@gmail.com or 860-889-0768.

EVERYONE PLEASE BE REMINDED to check with the office to confirm availability at the church when you want to schedule a meeting or event. There have been several instances of meetings over-lapping recently.





Free COVID- 19 Vaccination Clinic
Ages 6 mos. & up
1st dose, 2nd dose, & Boosters
Preston City Congregational Church
Sunday, September 25th
9:00a-1:00p
321 Route 164-Preston
UNDER THE PAVILLION
ALL BRANDS

WALK-INS WELCOME, NO APPOINTMENT REQUIRED

Please bring a health insurance card and photo ID if you have them, but it is **not necessary** to have health insurance or ID to receive the vaccine. No one will be turned away for lack of insurance or ID .

