

**Preston City
Congregational Church**



The Little Pilgrim

**September 25, 2022 -
October 9, 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 :

9/18 - 34; 1 country; 13 states; 24
cities

9/25 - 33; 2 countries; 11 states; 20
cities

UPCOMING EVENTS

Bible Study M 10A

Financial Peace M 6:30P

Bible Study Tu 7P

AA Wed 7:30P Dudek Hall

Choir Thu 7P

Men's' Group Sa Oct 1 10A

Yard Sale Oct 1st POSTPONED

World Communion Sunday

Oct 2

OFFICE CLOSED M OCT 10

COVID UPDATE 3/16/2022

The Standing Committee has
determined that wearing masks is
optional.



**Join us after
services!**

Coffee Fellowship

The Two Wolves

An old Cherokee chief sat down to teach his grandson about life.

"There's a fight going on inside me," he tells the young boy, "a fight between two wolves."

"One wolf is evil. It's full of malice, anger, greed, self-pity and false pride. The other is good. It's full of peace, love, joy, kindness, and humility."

"This same fight is going on inside you and everyone else on the face of the earth."

The grandson was quiet, pondering this revelation for a moment before asking, "Grandfather, which wolf will win?"

The old man smiled and replied, "The one you feed."

Good and evil exist within each of us. It's our responsibility to own that reality and do whatever we can to nurture the good.

Romans 12:21

"Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good. "

Sue Brosnan

**PRESTON CITY CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
ALL-CHURCH MEETING & AGENDA
OCTOBER 16, 2022
11:30A
in the sanctuary**

An All-church meeting of Preston City Congregational Church is called for October 16, 2022 at 11:30A in the sanctuary, for the following actions:

1. To request the resignation (by a majority vote) of Reverend Raefield Perteeet and expect that it will be presented within sixty days.
2. To transact any other business that may be brought before the congregation.

Susan Brosnan
Clerk

Please be reminded that only active members 18 years and older may vote.



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 Halls' 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.

TRIVIA NIGHT

To benefit the Restoration of Long Society Meetinghouse

Join the Preston Historical Society as they hold a Trivia night on Saturday Oct. 22, at 6 pm at the Poquetanuck Firehouse, 87 Route 2A, Preston. Trivia will encompass a variety of themes, including a category for local history. Great for all ages. BYO refreshments & finger food. There will be prizes and raffles. Tickets are \$10 per person. Please send checks to PHS, c/o Mark Christensen, 15 Amos Road, Preston 06365. Or call Pat at 860-889-2772 or Linda 860-887-5828 to reserve tickets. Or Email - prestonhistoricalsociety@gmail.com
Let us know if you'd like to reserve a table (8) people!!
Great way to get the family together.

CHURCH OFFICE UPDATES

Thank you **John Marino** who contacted the Department of Transportation regarding the step that was potentially a danger when you crossed on the crosswalk between our driveway and the firehouse. They came and fixed it last week and did a beautiful job. Check it out.

The COVID VACCINE CLINIC held Sunday, September 25, was a great success. Twenty-three adults were vaccinated!

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 second service and could use some help. We are also looking for two people to make soup for that day. Please contact Sandy (860.887.4647) if you'd like to lend a hand.** Thank you

MONDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY started September 12th at 10A. We will be viewing/discussing season 2 of the series, **The Chosen**. Questions? Contact Chris Burden

TUESDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY started 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 scotty916@gmail.com.



Our **FALL YARD SALE** scheduled for **Oct 1st** is **postponed**. **New Date is Oct 8th**. We cannot accept any more donations.

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!

THOUGHTS FROM A FRIEND...

Some things are better left unsaid.
Which I generally realize after I have said them.

THE FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY (FPU) program continues on Mondays from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in Halls' Hall. **Those who have attended previously, and have a paid membership, are welcome to join any class for a free review.**

Please call Bob Vescovi (401) 583-7840 a few days in advance, in order that there is enough material available or to check the schedule.

The nine-week course 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.

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



BINGO at Strawberry Park

Are you able to help?

There are a few spots still open.

Upcoming sessions are

Saturdays at 2P through October and on Sunday, October 9.

Our final session is scheduled for October 15.

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October 2 is Two-Can

Sunday, time to restock the pantry! Items especially needed are tomato and chicken noodle soups. Donations are welcomed at any time.

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.

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.



LOOKING AHEAD...

Nut Orders → September 25 – October 16

Butter Braids & Cake Rolls Fundraiser → September 25 – October 16

Yard Sale Oct 1 **CANCELED** Rescheduled for Oct 8th

Christmas Pageant Rehearsals start October 12

Fall Family Fun Night → October 22

Butter Braids/Cake Rolls & Nuts pickup → November 5

Rada Cutlery Sale → November 6 – November 27

Christmas Pageant → December 11

Jean Miller Memorial Cookie Sale → December 17

Rada Cutlery pickup → December 17

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 October 14 newsletter no later than Tuesday, October 11 at noon to Susan.brosnan@gmail.com or 860-889-0768.

FINAL WORD



"He is the same yesterday, today, and forever."
(Hebrews 13:8)