

Preston City Congregational Church



**October 30, 2022 -
November 13, 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

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 :
10/23 - 36; 3 countries; 14 states;
24 cities

UPCOMING EVENTS

Bible Study M 10A
Financial Peace M 6:30P
Bible Study Tu 7P
Pageant Practice W 5:30P
AA Wed 7:30P Dudek Hall
Choir Thu 7P

NEXT LITTLE PILGRIM Nov 18

COVID UPDATE 3/16/2022

The Standing Committee has
determined that wearing masks is
optional.



Coffee Fellowship

**Join us after
Sunday
services**

FROM THE CHURCH OFFICE

OFFICE CLOSED FRIDAY NOVEMBER 11 in honor of Veterans Day

NEW MEMBERS will be welcomed into the church on November 20th Thanksgiving Sunday, at both services of worship. If you are interested in joining the church, please sign the sheet on the mid-level bulletin board. We'll mail you all the information. Prospective members must meet with the Diaconate on November 13th at 11:30 a.m. Please call the office if you have any questions.

A SENIOR LUNCH is planned for **Tuesday, November 15th** at noon. Rick Alletto and Sandy Dudek are coordinating the meatloaf meal. If you are an active attendee of the church, 62 or older, you are invited to attend. There is no cost to you. Just come and enjoy a relaxing time with others you worship with. **We are looking for help** to prepare the meal on Monday, November 14 at 11A.

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

TUESDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY is 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.

CHURCH LOCKS have been changed. If you have one of our old keys, it will not work and should be thrown away.

REV. STANLEY WHITE returned this week to the church as Minister of Visitation. A warm welcome to you, Rev. Stan! If you need to speak to Rev. Stan you may call him on his phone at 860.303.9622. You may also call the church office to make an appointment with him.

THE SECRET SANTA PROGRAM will be available this year. Please call the church office if you could use a helping hand at Christmas. All requests will be kept confidential. If you would like to be a Secret Santa, please call the office and I'll take your name and be in touch with you if help is needed. It is often adults that could use a gift. Requests for children's gifts have been minimal in the past years.



NOVEMBER IS STEWARDSHIP MONTH

Members and friends of our church will soon be receiving a mailing with pledge cards and letters to explain the proposed 2023 budget that will be decided at the annual meeting in February 2023.

How can you support the church?

Consider your time, talents, and treasure; these are the gifts you can share with your church. These contributions are what will determine the success and future of our church.

"For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." Matthew 6:21



Pack a Christmas Shoebox for Operation Christmas Child!

Many of you know that the church is participating in Operation Christmas Child, a mission sponsored by Samaritan's Purse that has brought Christmas joy to countless needy children around the world for many years.

Sample boxes and ideas for what to include in a shoebox have been displayed during coffee hours for several weeks. Boxes should be brought to church by the second week in November. National Collection Week is the third week of November, so **the last day to bring boxes will be Sunday, November 13**. Volunteers will deliver our shoeboxes to the nearest collection site.

Important things to know are:

- Use a sturdy standard-sized shoebox.
- Fill it with small toys, personal care items, schools supplies, and accessories.
- Do not include candy, gum, toothpaste, used items, "war" toys, food, lotions, aerosol cans, or vitamins/medications.
- A donation of \$10 per box will cover shipping costs.

Each box should be customized for one of these categories: boys 2-4 years old, 5-9 years old, 10-14 years old; girls 2-4 years old, 5-9 years old, 10-14 years old. The Dollar Store is a good place to start your shopping.

A visit online to Samaritanspurse.org/OCC provides even more information, including where boxes are sent, how to track your box, and other more detailed information. A heartwarming video depicts the much-anticipated arrival of delivery trucks and planes to villages and children whose Christmas is greatly enriched by the loving care of people around the world who take time to participate in Operation Christmas Child.

For more information, contact Lisa Van Alst at church or Jill Thorne (860-912-0924). Thank you for bringing Christmas joy into the lives of children around the world.

We need your help. The Sunday School is hosting a **Basket Drawing** as a fundraiser on December 11th!. All monies raised helps us cover the cost of VBS, Fun Events, Curriculum, etc.... All you creative people out there now is your chance to **wow** us with some themed baskets! If you are interested in donating a basket or prize of some kind, please sign up on the sheet outside Dudek Hall.

All baskets & prizes are due by Sunday November 27th. Tickets will be available starting December 4th - Dec. 11th after Sunday services. Watch Facebook for more information and to see the baskets.

Our Christmas Pageant will be presented on Sunday, December 11 at 2P. Pageant rehearsals are Wednesdays at 5:30P. Wendy Abrahamson is our director and the name of the pageant is **WOW!!**



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I SEE THERE ARE A FEW OTHER FOLKS OUT THERE WHO ENJOY THE DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME CHANGE

Sunday, November 6
2 AM → 1 AM



SUPPER COMMITTEE FALL FUNDRAISERS:
Nuts/ Butter Braids & Cake Rolls- delivery date of **November 5th** for all in the lower parking lot from **10:30A – 11:30A.**

RADA CUTLERY SALE - Orders will be taken Sundays following services in November with a delivery date of December 17, or you may place an online order and have your items shipped directly to you. Use this link to view the catalog or place an online order:
[Rada Cutlery](#)



THE JEAN MILLER MEMORIAL COOKIE SALE will be held on December 17, 2022. Kim Lang will head this sale and will be looking for bakers and helpers soon.

LITTLE PILGRIM COORDINATOR
The Little Pilgrim comes out twice a month, on the first and third weekends. Please send information to be included in the November 18 newsletter no later than Tuesday, November 15 at noon to Susan.brosnan@gmail.com or 860-889-0768.

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

Christmas Pageant Rehearsals Wednesdays at 5:30P

Butter Braids/Cake Rolls & Nuts pickup → November 5

Rada Cutlery Sale → November 6 – November 27

Senior Lunch → November 15

New Members join Thanksgiving Sunday → November 20

Christmas Pageant → December 11

Jean Miller Memorial Cookie Sale → December 17

Rada Cutlery pickup → December 17

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service → 8P

Christmas Day Sunday December 25 → 10:30A

New Year's Day Sunday Communion → 10:30A

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL PLACE is in need of toiletries for their clients. Needed are full size deodorant, toothpaste, and shampoo. All personal hygiene products are welcome. Please place your donations in the Elizabeth Allyn box that is outside Dudek Hall. It is the big wood box to the right of the table. Call Pat Marino (860.887.3359) if you have questions. She is coordinating this effort.

THE CLOTHING SHED is always open

for donations. We can accept used clothing, shoes, sneakers, belts, purses, linens, pillowcases, blankets, curtains, and stuffed animals.

Keep this mission in mind when clearing out your closets!



A COAT DRIVE is being held from

November 13th - December 11th.

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. Thank you for helping with this mission.



The next MEN'S GROUP meeting will be Saturday, November 5th from 10 am to 11:15 am in the meeting room on the main floor. Scott Van Alst will be leading the devotional. After several years now I will be stepping down as the facilitator for the men's group and am encouraging anyone who might be interested in assuming that role to contact me. Tim Bowles 860-705-5613

THOUGHTS FROM A FRIEND...

Don't start your day with the broken pieces of yesterday. Every day is a fresh start. Every day is a new beginning. Every morning we wake up is the first day of the rest of our life.

November is a busy month in our church. The Stewardship Drive to support the 2023 budget begins; the Nominating Committee will be setting their slate for 2023; the Missions Committee will be compiling their recommendations for disbursement of our missions yearly giving; November 16 is the churches' birthday (324 years!); new members will be taken in on Thanksgiving Sunday, AND, the Nuts and Pastries will arrive!

BOOK SALE

The Friends of the Preston Public Library
Saturday, November 5th 9:00 am to 4:00 pm
Sunday, November 6th 9:00 am to 1:00pm pm


The Friends of the Preston Public Library will host their first book sale of the year! This sale will be held at the Library, 389 Route 2, Preston. Come in for some great deals on gently used books, DVDs, and other materials!

HISTORICAL STORYTELLER IN PRESTON

The Friends of the Preston Library and the Preston Historical Society will host a Tellabration for families on Sunday, November 13th at 2:00 p.m. at the Long Society Meetinghouse, 45 Long Society Road, Preston. Please dress warmly. For more information about this free program call 860-887-5828. Carolyn Stearns will be performing.

Storyteller and author, Carolyn Stearns has walked the woods and trails of Eastern CT. She has sat by the fire in some of the oldest houses and spins the tales as they were done 200 years ago.

THE FOOD PANTRY could use some Thanksgiving 'fiixins'!
 Requested items include: stuffing mix, canned cranberry and gravy.
 Distribution day is November 16th.



VETERANS DAY Friday November 11



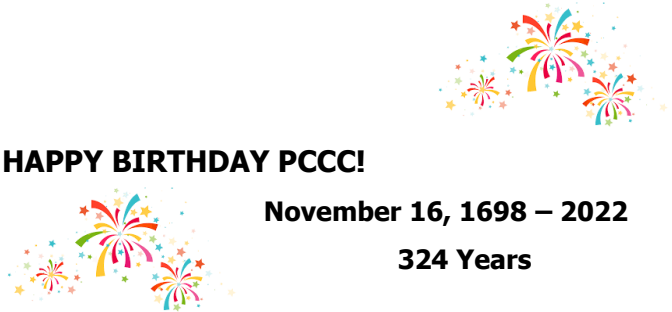
Office Closed



THE FLOWER COMMITTEE would like to remind everyone that even though we will soon be entering fall and winter holiday seasons, flower arrangements are always welcome. You may provide your own arrangement or one may be purchased through the church office for \$50. Call (860) 887-4647 for details.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY PCCC!

November 16, 1698 – 2022
324 Years



FINAL THOUGHT

