

Preston City Congregational Church



February 19, 2023

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 9A & 10:30A
For those who are unable to attend
in-person, the 9:00A 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 :

2/12 - 86; 2 countries; 24 states;
66 cities

2/19 – 55; 3 countries; 21 states;
42 cities

UPCOMING EVENTS

AA Wed 7:30P Dudek Hall

Choir Thu 7P

NEXT LITTLE PILGRIM week of
March 5

COVID UPDATE 3/16/2022

The Standing Committee has
determined that wearing masks is
optional.



**Join us after
services for
coffee and
punch.**

Coffee Fellowship

FROM THE CHURCH OFFICE

The Bingo Volunteers Appreciation Dinner will take place on Saturday, February 25th at 6:00 p.m. with an inclement weather date of Sunday, February 26th.

Our next Senior Luncheon is scheduled for March 14 at noon. A ham and bean dinner is planned. The sign-up sheet has been posted on the bulletin board.

Please remember, if you turn on lights, or adjust the heat or air conditioning, to turn them off or reset them when you are finished. If you remove the Sanctuary railing for an event, please be sure to make provisions for it to be put back afterwards. Others count on it being there. Thank you.

INCLEMENT WEATHER CANCELLATIONS

TUNE IN to Television Channel 3 (WFSB) or you may check Facebook, our website prestoncitycongregational.org or call the office. A message will be announced on the answering machine. When Sunday School is cancelled, church is NOT CANCELLED unless specifically announced. We have been assured that when we post on Channel 3, they notify all the local radio stations.

NOTICE FROM THE CLERK

As is required in our church bylaws, The Standing Committee is assembling a Pastoral Search Committee for our next minister. You must be a church member to be on this committee and be available for a long-term commitment of at least six-to-twelve months, or longer. You should have a true understanding of our church and its needs, and have the ability to work as part of a team.

If you are interested in serving on this committee, please send a note to Church Clerk, Susan Brosnan, including an explanation as to why you wish to be considered. You may email her at clerk@prestoncitycongregational.org, susan.brosnan@gmail.com, or send to the office with Att:Clerk on the outside of the envelope. All correspondence must be received by March 12, 2023. The Standing Committee will review all submissions at its meeting on March 15, 2023 and choose five new members to work with four members of the previous committee.

ANNUAL MEETING UPDATE

At our Annual Meeting on February 12, 2023, church members voted that Rev. Dr. Mark Porizky and Rev. Stanley White, Minister Emeritus, serve as Interim Co-Ministers.

We welcome the opportunities that a shared ministry will bring.

Members voted to change the alternate weather-related day of the Annual Meeting to the following Sunday, instead of Tuesday evening.


It was also voted to eliminate the April Semi-Annual meeting; the Standing Committee will meet the third Wednesday in April.

We will continue with one service at 9:30A beginning in September.

The 2023 budget passed and nominees were elected to various boards and committees.



Lent has begun. The 40-day season of prayer, fasting, and giving. It began on Ash Wednesday and ends at sundown on Holy Thursday. It is a period of preparation to celebrate the Lord's Resurrection at Easter. During Lent, we seek the Lord in prayer by reading sacred scriptures; we serve, and we practice self-control through fasting. For young children you can pick 1 of the three to concentrate on as a family, older children can aim for 2 or all 3! Lent is really about simplifying your life! Quieting your mind, and seeking a closer relationship with our Lord. Nothing complex or complicated! Registration forms are available for the 2023 Good Friday Event. Consider attending the Good Friday service with your child and then staying for lunch and an afternoon of crafts and Lenten & Easter experiences as your simple addition to this year's Lenten season. - Mrs. Van Alst – (call/text 860-710-1262 or email dre.prestoncity@gmail.com)



MEN'S GROUP The next **MEN'S GROUP** meeting will be Saturday, March 4th from 10A to 11:15A in the meeting room on the main floor.

THE CLOTHING SHED is always open for donations. We can accept all used clothing, shoes, sneakers, belts, purses, linens, pillowcases, blankets, curtains, and stuffed animals.



Keep this mission in mind when clearing out your closets!



We are so excited to be planning for a **2023 Scarecrow Festival**. The date is set for **Saturday September 23, 2023. 10 AM till 4 PM**. This will be our 15th festival. The festival is going to probably look a little different but it is still going to be all about fun for the whole family and community.

We need many volunteers and coordinators to make it successful. A list of areas that need coordinators is posted on the bulletin board outside Dudek Hall. **PLEASE** add your name, phone, and e-mail to the list if you would like to help. Meetings will be via Zoom on the second Tuesday of each month at 6:30 PM. Questions call Shari Purcell 860-917-9011 or e-mail shariLpurcell@gmail.com or call the church office at 860-887-4647.

LOOKING AHEAD

- Spring Forward ~ March 12 ~ Set clocks ahead 1 hour
- Trivia Night ~ March 25
- Holy Week ~
 - Palm Sunday ~ April 2
 - Maundy Thursday ~ Seder Meal ~ April 6
Reservations requested
 - Good Friday Service ~ April 7~ Noon
 - Easter Sunday ~ April 9 ~
Services at Sunrise 6:30A, 9A & 10:30A

Choir Rehearsals


Rehearsals are Thursday nights at 7:00pm. Please join us as we prepare for the season of Lent and Easter.



Tuesday Evening Bible Study continues on Tuesdays at 7pm. If anyone has any questions, please call Scott VanAlst on his cell phone: 860-237-7964.

The Monday Morning Bible Study meets at 10am. Please contact Chris Burden for any questions.

We are collecting wet wipes and diapers size 2-3. Please leave items in the Elizabeth Allyn Box in the main hallway. Thank you.



THOUGHTS FROM A FRIEND...

"Not every day is good,
but something is good
in every day."

SCHOLARSHIP MONTH IS HERE!



In 1992, February was established as Scholarship Month, in order to give church-goers the opportunity to contribute to the Winthrop C. and 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 for the first time, to further their education. It was expanded to include her husband in 2015, after his passing. 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. Please give if you are able.

Together we can help our young people reach their goals.

COAT DRIVE

Thank you to all for helping with this mission. While our special collection is over, warm items, such as coats, scarves, gloves/mittens and socks may be donated at any time.



The Little Pilgrim comes out twice a month, during the first and third weeks. Please send information to be included in the week of March 5th newsletter no later than Tuesday, March 7th. Sue Brosnan



St. James Episcopal Church
95 Route 2A Preston

March 5th is Two-Can Sunday, time to restock the pantry! Items especially needed are tomato and chicken noodle soups, peanut butter and jelly, boxes of cereal, and canned fruit. Donations are welcomed at any time.

