

**Preston City
Congregational Church**



May 14, 2023

Church Office Hours:
Monday – Friday, 9AM – Noon
Office Closed Monday May 29

**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:

5/07– 45; 2 countries; 16 states;
34 cities
5/14 – 35; 1 country; 13 states;
29 cities

WEEKLY EVENTS

AA Wed 7:30P Dudek Hall
Choir Th 7P

NEXT LITTLE PILGRIM week of
May 28.

COVID UPDATE 3/16/2022

The Standing Committee has
determined that wearing masks is
optional.



Coffee Fellowship

Join us after
services for
coffee, punch,
and fellowship.

FROM THE CHURCH OFFICE

The BOOK BIN has been placed in the lower parking lot, next to the
Clothing Bin. Help us recycle your unneeded books and get them into
hands that can use them and keep them out of landfills!

REMEMBERING OUR CHILDREN ... a special service where we
remember children who are no longer with us, will be held **Sunday, May
21st** at the **9:00 service**.

CHOIR APPRECIATION SUNDAY will be celebrated on **June 11th**. A
reception will follow the 9:30A service. A sign-up sheet is posted for
refreshment donations. Call the office with any questions.

BUS TRIP TO LANCASTER PA ~ AUG 21-23

We are traveling again! We have a few openings if you would like to join
us. Call the office to add your name.

**Active members who wish to borrow items from the church
(chairs, tables, etc.), please check with the office. They may have
been requested by another member.**

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.
Please remember to lock all doors. Thank you.

LOOKING AHEAD

Remembering our Children Service ~ May 21 9A

Children's Day ~ May 21 ~ 10:30A

All Church Picnic ~ May 21 – Follows Children's Day Service

Summer Service ~ May 28 ~ 9:30A

Choir Appreciation Sunday ~ June 11

Senior Picnic ~ June 28 ~ Rain date June 29

A CONFIRMATION CLASS has been scheduled to begin in August with a
Confirmation date of October 29, 2023.

The class will be taught by Rev. Stan on Monday evenings from 6:30-7:30
p.m. in the Annex. It is open to 9th graders and older students who may not
have taken the class. Please call the office for more information or to sign
up.

JUST A REMINDER that we will begin **our new service schedule on
Sunday, May 28th** with one **service at 9:30A**, followed by 'Lemonade on
the Lawn'. The service will be live-streamed for those unable to attend in
person. We would also like to remind everyone that pledges and donations
may be made online or mailed to the church office to keep your pledges,
and our church finances, up-to-date.

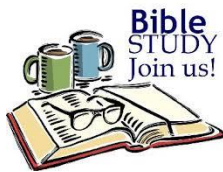


to the **MEN'S GROUP**
for the delicious
Mother's Day Brunch.

THOUGHTS FROM A FRIEND...

Without rain, nothing grows.

Learn to embrace the storms in your life.



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

Tuesday Evening Bible Study 'Let's Go!'

We continue our traveling bible study on Tuesday evenings at 7P. If anyone has any questions or needs directions, please contact Pastor Scott @ 860-237-7964.

LITTLE PILGRIM COORDINATOR

The Little Pilgrim comes out twice a month, during the first and third weeks. Please send information to be included in the week of May 28 newsletter no later than Tuesday, May 30 at noon to:

susan.brosnan@gmail.com or left at the office.

Thank you

YOUR TURN

Do you have a *brief* and encouraging message to share with your church family ?

Send it to the office or:

Susan.brosnan@gmail.com and you may see your message in the next *Little Pilgrim*.



**WE WERE TOLD YOU WERE TAKING CREATURES
THAT CAME TO YOU IN PEARS**



**Preston City Congregational Church Vacation
Bible School
July 11-14 2023**

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

Volunteers are needed to assist in the week. We will be transforming our church into an adventure to the Holy Land, complete with a palace and market place. We provide the training and the materials needed throughout the week. We are in need of the shop owners (you will be assisting in making amazing craft items with the children) and two men for our daily drama presentation telling the Bible story of Daniel and his courage during captivity. **This is an all week commitment.**

If interested is helping call Lisa Van Alst our DRE at (860) 710-1262 or dre.prestoncity@gmail.com

All children must be dropped off by (8:50 AM) and picked up at (NOON) **in the lower parking lot.** The upper parking lot will not be available. **PLEASE** use extreme caution when driving in lower parking lot.

Child(ren) will be working in age integrated groups with a tribe leader. Preschool will participate in all activities. The daily schedule includes an opening and closing celebration with music, daily Bible point and verse, games, craft projects and snacks at the Babylonian Market Place.

A daily offering will be taken to help offset the expenses of Vacation Bible school and our **MISSION PROJECT** is to provide food for our Food Pantry. The Food Pantry serves the Preston Community. Each day we ask child(ren) to bring a non-perishable food item to fill our market place boxes.. **Most needed items include** canned soups, tuna, canned fruits, cereal, peanut butter, jelly, canned spaghetti sauces, dried pastas and rice.

On Friday we will be having a celebration with fun family games, a summer picnic lunch. Please let us know on Monday how many will be attending so we can purchase food accordingly. If you would like to help with the grill or serving, we would really appreciate the assistance.

Vacation Bible School registration forms are available on the information tables outside the Sanctuary, as well as the main office. Please feel free to contact Lisa Van Alst if you would like to have a form emailed to you, or have any questions/concerns @ 860-710-1262.

Will another resurrection take place here in the church with a return of the **Christmas Bazaar**? Do you have an interest in seeing it come back? There is a sign-up sheet on the hallway bulletin board if you are interested in coming to an informational meeting with Rev. Stan. Please sign up if you would like to take part. (You can also call the office!)

Choir Rehearsals

Rehearsals are Thursday nights at 7:00P.
We welcome you to join us when you are able.



There is also a sign-up sheet on the main bulletin board for those interested in sharing special music with us during the summer when our choir takes a break.



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.

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 shari_l_purcell@gmail.com or call the church office at 860-887-4647.

BINGO at Strawberry Park

PCCC is one of the non-profit organizations that assist at the games selling cards. Funds received are used to offset our budget.

We need three workers to sell cards at each session. Do you have a Personal Identification Number (PIN) necessary to help? The office has the information and forms available to get you started if you don't! You must be a church member to receive a PIN.

Thank you to those who sign up to assist and continue to make this a successful mission for our church. **A list of available dates is now posted!**
HAVE YOU CHOSEN YOUR DATES TO WORK YET?



Memorial Day – Monday, May 29 Remembering those who gave their lives for our freedom.



**The greatest love you can have for your friends
is to give your life for them.**

John 15:13 GNT

THE LION AND THE MOUSE

One day, a mighty lion was sleeping in his den when a small mouse accidentally ran over his nose. The lion woke up in a rage and grabbed the mouse with his paw, ready to crush it.

The mouse begged the lion for mercy, promising that it would do anything in return for its life. The lion, amused at the thought of a tiny mouse doing anything for him, decided to spare its life and let it go.

Some time later, the lion was caught in a hunter's trap. He roared and struggled, but he couldn't break free. The mouse heard the lion's cries and remembered the favor it owed the lion. The mouse quickly scurried over and gnawed on the ropes until they broke, freeing the lion from the trap.

The lion was amazed and grateful to the tiny mouse. He realized that even the smallest creature can be of great help in times of need.

The moral of the story is that no matter how small or insignificant we may seem, we all have the ability to make a difference. We should never underestimate the power of kindness and helping others, even if they are much larger or more powerful than we are.

Be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving each other, just as God in Christ also has forgiven you.

Ephesians 4:32