

## Preston City Congregational Church



**week of  
October 8, 2023**

Church Office Hours:  
Monday – Friday, 9AM – Noon

### **Have a question? Need help?**

Please call: The Office  
860 887-4647 or 860 886-7200

To reach our interim co-ministers  
directly at any time:  
Rev. Mark Porizky – 860 705-1262  
[porizky@gmail.com](mailto:porizky@gmail.com)  
Rev. Stan White - 860 303-9622  
[sewhite3022@gmail.com](mailto:sewhite3022@gmail.com)

### **WORSHIP AND WEB STREAM INFORMATION**

Worship service is at 9:30A  
For those who are unable to attend  
in-person, the service is streamed  
live. Go to  
[prestoncitycongregational.org](http://prestoncitycongregational.org) and  
click the stream button. Previous  
services may be viewed using the  
archive system on the site.

### **WEEKLY EVENTS**

**AA** - Wed 7:30P Dudek Hall

**Sunday Service** – 9:30A

**Sunday School** – 9:15A

**NEXT LITTLE PILGRIM** week of  
October 22nd.

### **COVID UPDATE 3/16/2022**

The Standing Committee has  
determined that wearing masks is  
optional.



**Join us for  
coffee, punch,  
and fellowship  
following our  
Sunday service.**

## **FROM THE DESK OF REV. STAN**

If there is ever a time Americans need to pray, it is now. We should not only pray for ourselves and our needs, but for others and their needs.

One day the followers (disciples) of Jesus said to him, "Teach us to pray." He said, "This is how you should pray: *Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name...*" Followers of Jesus have been praying the Lord's Prayer ever since, sometimes without much thought to the words being said.

On occasion, someone will ask me, "Is it okay if I just say the Lord's Prayer? I don't know how to pray." I tell them that's fine. I do believe, however, that God would like to hear from us in a more personal way. I encourage people to pray to God like they're talking to their closest friend or confidant. I tell people, God's heard it all, EVERYTHING! Don't be afraid to spill what's on your mind and in your heart to Him. He listens and he will respond. You just need to keep your eyes, ears, and mind open for his answer. Don't miss it! When His answer comes, don't forget to give Him the credit and thanks!

### **WHEN YOU PRAY, REMEMBER:**

*The love of God that wants the best for you!*

*The wisdom of God that knows what is best for you!*

*The power of God that can accomplish it! (William Barclay)*

There is much to pray for these days: yourself, others, your family and community, the people you worship with, our country and the troubled world we share with others. Can you think of more?

I believe we are closest to God when we pray, and the more often we pray, the closer we get to Him.

See you in church!

Rev. Stan



### **Our Church's Anniversary**

### **THE 325<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE**

is planning several events to celebrate our church in the next year. The 'kick-off' event is a slogan contest. Everyone is invited to come up with a slogan to mark our anniversary year. **Entries will be collected through October 15<sup>th</sup>** and the church will vote for their favorite. The winning slogan will be announced in early November. Please consider entering a slogan!

## FROM THE CHURCH OFFICE

If your address has changed or you have a new phone number, please let the office or church clerk know so records may be updated. We understand many people no longer have 'land lines' and use cell phones as their main contact. Please help us keep our information up-to-date.

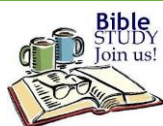
Active members who wish to borrow items from the church (chairs, tables, etc. that are reserved for this purpose), please check with the office. They may have been requested by another member.

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.

**Please remember to check with the office for space availability when scheduling meetings.**

**CONFIRMATION CLASS** meets Monday evenings at 6:30P except on Monday holidays when the church office is closed.

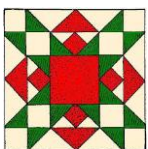
**NEW MEMBERS** will be welcomed into the church on **October 22<sup>nd</sup>**. They are Crystal Bednarz and Joel Jopson.



**The Monday morning Bible Study** is back together again, meeting at 10am. We will be studying the lives of Jesus and His Disciples in the gospels through the show, The Chosen Season 3. Any questions please contact Chris Burden at 401-465-8900.

**The Tuesday Night Bible Study** will begin on Tuesday, Oct. 10th @ 7pm in the Meeting Room. In this session, we'll study the life and ministry of the Apostle Paul. There is no book or study guide this time. All are welcome. If you have any questions, please call Pastor Scott VanAlst @ 860-237-7964.

## QUILT DRAWING Nov 11<sup>th</sup>



Tickets are available singly or in books of ten at \$1.00 per ticket, for a beautiful handmade quilt created by women in the church. View the quilt after our service on Sunday. Get your tickets now!

## BINGO at Strawberry Park –

We have weekend games coming up in October. Check the signup sheets on the bulletin board. Our last session is October 20<sup>th</sup>.



## THE SUPPER COMMITTEE is planning a turkey dinner for October 21<sup>st</sup>.

Tickets go on sale September 24<sup>th</sup> and are \$19 for Adults and \$10 for Children. The menu includes: turkey, stuffing, mashed potatoes, gravy, fresh green beans, roasted root vegetables, homemade cranberry relish, rolls & dessert. Dine-in and Take-out will be available from 4-6PM. Gluten free options will be offered.



## THOUGHTS FROM A FRIEND...

Faith does not make things easy,  
it makes them possible.



**AN ORGAN CONCERT** has been arranged for **Sunday, December 10<sup>th</sup> at 4P**. Look for more information in an upcoming issue.

## LOOKING AHEAD...TRAVELERS...

**June 2024 – Maine** – featuring tours of Portland & Kennebunkport

**August 2024** – Sight & Sound of Lancaster, PA, featuring Sight & Sound's "DANIEL"

**October 2024** – Ireland

More information will be forthcoming.



PRESTON CITY CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

Presents

~ IRELAND ~

Join us as we travel to this beautiful part of the world!

October 12 - 21, 2024

Departing from Logan Airport, Boston

An informational meeting and slide presentation will be held at the church (321 Route 164)

Tuesday, October 10, at 6:30 p.m.

All interested travelers from the church and community are welcome to attend.

A representative from *Collette* will be present on the 10<sup>th</sup> to answer any questions.

At the present time, we have 20 seats reserved for this amazing 10-day adventure.

Join Rev. Stan on this wonderful trip!



**Women's Fellowship** will be meeting on Oct. 14th at 9am. We will be putting together Birthday Bundles. We are asking for donation of items to make up the bundle: aluminum pans, cake mix and frosting, balloons and hats, please. Thank you in advance to everyone who contributes.

**CHOIR REHEARSALS** are at 7P in Halls' Hall. New voices are always welcome.



**THE SCARECROW FESTIVAL COMMITTEE** has announced a profit of \$8580. Thank you to all involved in making this comeback a success!

**THE FALL YARD SALE is now planned for Saturday October 21<sup>st</sup>, from 8A – 2P.**



Donations will be accepted the day of the sale.

**THE CHRISTMAS BAZAAR IS BACK!!!!  
November 11, 2023 from 9am to 2pm**

I'm very happy to say that all the tables for the bazaar have been taken. If for any reason someone backs out of their space, I will let everyone know in another bulletin. I have been asked what is considered vintage for our vintage sales room. I looked it up online and it ranges from 50 to 100 years old, but we won't hold it to that exact timeline. Some examples of vintage items to donate (could be anything that is old but it has to be in good condition) good used furniture in the above timeframe, doilies, table clothes, costume jewelry, hats, pictures, clocks, paintings, lamps, dishes, bowls, or glasses, just to name a few. Please only bring items in nice condition and in sets for dishes or glasses.

At this time, we are still looking for volunteers to help with setting up and cleaning up after the bazaar. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board for those who can help. Please pass the word to your family and friends about our bazaar on November 11<sup>th</sup> from 9am to 2pm. I have fliers to put up at different locations if you would like to help. They can be placed at Senior centers, recreation centers, grocery stores, craft stores, any place that you think people would have an interest in crafts.

Please give me, Nancy Obreiter, a call at 401-206-3881, if you can help.

It's going to be a great time!!! Thank you to all who have volunteered!!!

**THE FOOD PANTRY could use some Thanksgiving 'fixins' in addition to the basic monthly staples given to our patrons.**



Requested items include: stuffing mix, canned cranberry sauce and gravy.

Distribution day for Thanksgiving is November 15<sup>th</sup>.

**Please consider picking up an extra item or two when you are grocery shopping.**

## IN CASE YOU WERE WONDERING...



The Nut sale is back! We will begin taking orders starting October 15th.

## LOOKING AHEAD AT OCTOBER EVENTS

Nut Sale Orders begin October 15

Turkey Dinner October 21

Yard Sale October 21

New Members Sunday October 22

Confirmation Sunday October 29

## THE SUNDAY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PAGEANT is scheduled for December 17<sup>th</sup> at 2P, same time, new date!



Rehearsals for "The Night Before" begin November 1<sup>st</sup> from 5:30-6:30P.

Children of all ages are welcome to sign up on the list on the bulletin board outside of Dudek Hall (the Sunday School room). Please see Wendy Abrahamson for further information.

**LITTLE PILGRIM COORDINATOR** The Little Pilgrim comes out twice a month. Please send information to be included in the week of October 22<sup>nd</sup> newsletter no later than Tuesday, October 24<sup>th</sup> at noon to: [susan.brosnan@gmail.com](mailto:susan.brosnan@gmail.com) or leave at the office.

### Would you like to receive an electronic version of the Little Pilgrim newsletter delivered to your email?

Contact Sue Brosnan ([susan.brosnan@gmail.com](mailto:susan.brosnan@gmail.com)) or the church office with your name and email address. Your name will be added to our mailing.



## FINAL WORD

### PRAYER

"What wings are to a bird and sails to a ship, so is prayer to the soul." – Corrie Ten Boom