

**Preston City  
Congregational Church**  
"Gathering in Faith Since 1698"



**week of  
June 16, 2024**

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

**Minister**

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**Have a question?  
Need help?**

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

**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**

**Sunday Service – 9:30A**

**COVID UPDATE 3/16/2022**

The Standing Committee has  
determined that wearing a mask is  
optional.

**LEMONADE ON THE LAWN**

Join us for fellowship  
and a cold drink  
following our service!



**From the Desk of Pastor Tom**

It has been such a wonderful month as I have started my time with you all at Preston City Congregational Church. This month of June marks many new beginnings. Not just our time together, but also as we see the start of summer. Here in New England these summer months are the hottest and brightest of the four seasons because our northern hemisphere is tilted just a bit closer to the sun. This increase in light makes the days longer, giving us more time to work and play.

A generation before our forefathers petitioned the General Court of the Connecticut Colony to create our church in 1686, John Winthrop gave a sermon to the pilgrims embarking on the voyage to the new world. In 1630, Winthrop told those following in the footsteps of the first settlers on the Mayflower, that their community would be seen as a "city on a hill" for all the world to see. He uses Jesus' words from the Gospel of Matthew that a city set on a hill cannot be hidden. Jesus tells us that you are the light of the world and that light will shine from a city on a hill for all to see.

Well, my beloved in Christ, since I have first seen the light shine from Preston City, it has felt like you all tilt a bit closer to the sun. I feel incredibly blessed to be called by God to guide and teach you, as I know that you all will guide and teach me as well. You have built a city on a hill for all to see the light of God shine from. So, for my inaugural letter in The Little Pilgrim, I am happy to report to John Winthrop that, since 1698, 325 years later, anyone with eyes can see that this is a church community shining the light of God. I am glad that we have been called to keep this light shining, and together, I know we will for years to come.

God Bless,  
Pastor Tom

**SUMMER VACATION TIME IS HERE!** We are thankful for your financial support week-after-week. Your giving matters and makes a difference! Thank you for your commitment to our church. We are able to accept your offerings in many ways: in-person, online, and through the mail.

And remember, you can take PCCC on vacation with you!  
View our Sunday service online, live at 9:30A or through the archives at any time.

**VBS – JULY 8<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> - \$5.00 per camper – Signup available now! 3 years – 6<sup>th</sup> grade – Bring a friend (or 2!)**

## FROM THE CHURCH OFFICE

**Thank you to all who made our celebration for Rev. Mark such a great success!**

**We are searching for the recipe** for the wonderful mushroom quiche that was provided for the brunch. Someone (or maybe more than one!) would be very grateful if you are willing to share! The recipe may be left at the office. Thank you in advance for sharing!

**Check with the office** before posting notices on the church bulletin board.

**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 someone else!

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

## TROOP 75 PRESENTS STELLA DAWLEY WITH A "LIFETIME SERVICE AWARD"



Recently at a Preston Troop 75 Court of Honor, Leadership of the troop recommended PCCC's Stella Dawley to

receive a Lifetime Service Award. Stella was nominated for Kindness to everyone she meets. She helps you whenever she can and looks for no recognition for it. Stella is a devoted PCCC member; she has served as Deacon, sings in the choir, folds church bulletins and on occasion serves as Funeral receptionist. Most important Stella was instrumental in creating the Two-Can Food Pantry. She worked hand and hand with Rev. Stan White and Harriet Rosiene, serving struggling people with food insecurities for 15 years. Her dedication and deep concern for the scouting program is greatly appreciated. – Phil Ludlow

## Congratulations from the church family!

"Want to sing some special music? Please let the organist know, about a month in advance, to allow for rehearsal time."  
Trish Maerke,  
Organist/Choir  
Director



**Congratulations to Kyra Deroy our 2024 scholarship recipient.**

## Thoughts from a friend...

When you learn to accept instead of expect, you'll have fewer disappointments.

**LITTLE PILGRIM COORDINATOR** The Little Pilgrim comes out twice a month. Please send information to be included in the week of June 30<sup>th</sup> newsletter no later than Tuesday, July 2<sup>nd</sup> at noon to:

[susan.brosnan@gmail.com](mailto:susan.brosnan@gmail.com)  
or leave information at the office



## 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? Contact Lee Ann Fessenden, Lisa Fessenden or the office, for the information and forms 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. The monthly calendars are posted with game days and times marked for those able to help.



## VBS NEWS

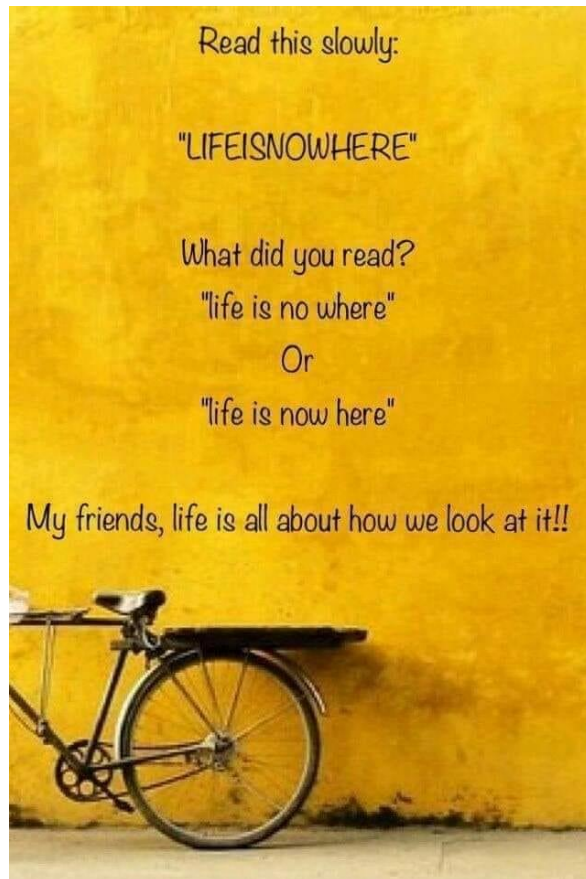
**Camp Firelight is only a couple weeks away!!!!** If you are a parent who wants to register your child/children

please get them in so we know how many we have for camp. **The cost for the week is \$5.00 per child. Registrations are on line , at the church or at the church annex.**

If you are donating or letting us borrow items, I am setting up next week. Please bring them to the church annex or on Sunday. Except food items.

**If you are volunteering as an adult or teen camp crew member, there will be a mandatory meeting on Monday, June 24th at 6:30 PM in Dudek Hall. We will discuss what each crew member will be doing. Manuals and tidbits of our amazing week will be available. PLEASE make this a priority. If you have any questions or need to meet at a different time, call me at 860-917-9011.**

Yours in Christ,  
Shari Purcell



## **325<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY NEWS & EVENTS**

Day trip to Plymouth, MA. Wednesday, June 26<sup>th</sup>

Guest organist Sunday, July 28<sup>th</sup>

Noank Community Band Outdoor Concert Saturday, August 3<sup>rd</sup>

Old-Fashioned Church Picnic Saturday, August 17<sup>th</sup> (Rain date Saturday, August 24<sup>th</sup>)

All Church Sing-Along Saturday, September 7<sup>th</sup>

Preston City Cemetery Walk Saturday, October 5<sup>th</sup>

Anniversary Service & Reception Saturday, November 16<sup>th</sup>

**PCCC 325<sup>th</sup> Anniversary T-shirt order form is on the following page.**

**GOOD NEWS! THE ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE HAS EXTENDED THE DATE TO ORDER T-SHIRTS!  
 ORDERS WILL BE ACCEPTED UNTIL JULY 1<sup>ST</sup>.**

**PCCC 325th ANNIVERSARY T-SHIRT ORDER FORM**

**\*\*\*Orders must be received by June 23\*\*\***

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE \_\_\_\_\_



Colors:

Ash Gray
Carolina Blue
Orchid
← Sand (beige)

(not available  
in Youth)  
(not available  
in Youth)

QTY	COLOR	DESCRIPTION	XS	S	M	L	XL	2X	3X	UNIT PRICE	TOTAL
	Ash Gray	Adult								\$15.00	\$
	Ash Gray	Youth								\$12.00	\$
	Car. Blue	Adult								\$15.00	\$
	Car. Blue	Youth								\$12.00	\$
	Orchid	Adult								\$15.00	\$
	Sand	Adult								\$15.00	\$
<b>TOTAL</b>											<b>\$</b>

Total Amount Paid \$

**(payment must accompany order form)**

Method of Payment  
 Cash   
 Card   
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Order forms with payment can be dropped off  
 in the Office or sent to: Pat Marino  
 61 McClimon Road, Preston 06365