

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



week of
July 14, 2024

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

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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 and
click the stream button. Previous
services may be viewed using the
archive system on the site.

WEEKLY EVENTS

Sunday Service – 9:30A
Wednesday - AA – 7:30P

COVID UPDATE 3/16/2022

The Standing Committee has
determined that wearing masks
is optional.

THE DONKEY IN THE WELL.

One day, a farmer's donkey fell down into a well. The animal cried piteously for hours as the farmer tried to figure out what to do. Finally, he decided the animal was old, and the well needed to be covered up anyway-it just wasn't worth it to retrieve the donkey.

He invited all of his neighbors to come over and help him. They all grabbed a shovel and began to shovel dirt into the well. At first, the donkey realized what was happening and cried horribly. Then, to everyone's amazement, he quieted down.

A few shovel loads later, the farmer finally looked down the well. He was astonished at what he saw. With each shovel of dirt that hit his back, the donkey was doing something amazing. He would shake it off and take a step up.

As the farmer's neighbors continued to shovel dirt on top of the animal, he would shake it off and take a step up.

Pretty soon, everyone was amazed as the donkey stepped up over the edge of the well and happily trotted off!

Moral Of The Story: Life is going to shovel dirt on you, all kinds of dirt. The trick to getting out of the well is to shake it off and take a step up. Each of our troubles is a stepping stone. We can get out of the deepest wells just by not stopping, never giving up!

Shake it off, and take a step up.

LEMONADE ON THE LAWN

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



**325TH ANNIVERSARY
NEWS & EVENTS**

**Guest organist
Mark Thallander**



Sunday, July 28th at 9:30A

Remember, you can watch this special service online through our website if you cannot be here in person.

FROM THE CHURCH OFFICE

ARE YOU ABLE TO HELP?

We will need a volunteer or two, to make the coffee on Sunday mornings starting in September. We need to start brewing by 8:30A so coffee will be ready following our service.

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.

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.

A NEW PHOTO DIRECTORY for the church family is being planned. This Sunday you may sign up downstairs in Halls' Hall (the coffee hour room) to reserve a time slot to have your photo taken along with family if desired. The days you may sign up to have your photo taken are the following days. At the time you sign up, a time that works for you will be determined. These photos will all be head shots.

Friday, July 26th, beginning at 6:00 p.m.

Saturday, July 27th, beginning at 9:00 a.m.

Sunday, July 28th, beginning at 11 a.m.

Friday, August 2nd, beginning at 6:00 p.m.

Saturday, August 3, beginning at 9:00 a.m.

Sunday, August 4th, beginning at 11:00 a.m.

We can also do other times if necessary.

You do not have to buy any pictures. Once you have your picture taken, it will be in the church book. If you want others, you will use a link that will be given to you.

You may call Coordinator, Joyce Brewster (860.376.4167) if you have any questions.

CUSTODIAN JOB OPENING



The church custodian will be vacating this position in a matter of months and would like to have the opportunity to train someone prior to that time. The job description is on the mid-level bulletin board.

It is 15-20 hours per week with 2 weeks' vacation. Please speak to John Marino (860-887-3359) or call the office if you have an interest in this job.

Applications are available in the office.

325TH ANNIVERSARY NEWS

AUGUST 3rd NOANK COMMUNITY BAND OUTDOOR CONCERT

2P on our "Field of Dreams"

Bring chairs, snacks, refreshments

All are welcome

NO ALCOHOL - NO PETS

Just a heads-up for this year's **Christmas Bazaar!!!** With this warm weather, it's hard to think of our Church Christmas bazaar!!! But mark your calendars for November 23rd!

While you're planning your yard sales and cleaning out closets, please think about items that could be donated for the bazaar. This year we are having the Christmas room as before, and instead of a vintage room, it will be the Treasures and Gifts room. We will be looking for items that are like new, Not yard sale items. Anything you have but didn't use or looks like new, which would make a nice gift for Christmas. They should be in gift giving condition. Also, Christmas gift bags and tissue paper would be greatly appreciated. If you have any questions, please call Nancy Obreiter at 401-206-3881.

LITTLE PILGRIM COORDINATOR The Little Pilgrim comes out twice a month. Please send information to be

included in the week of July 28^h newsletter no later than Tuesday, July 30th at noon to: susan.brosnan@gmail.com or leave information at the office.