

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



Week of July 28, 2024

Church Office Hours: Mon– Fri,
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 a mask is optional.

LEMONADE ON THE LAWN



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

FROM THE DESK OF THE MINISTER...

A few summers ago, I was leading a mission trip to Cuba with 30 teenagers who were all coming from different churches and towns. They came on the trip with their cliques, friendships, and different ways to worship. Some of the parents were a little worried that conflict might arise because of the differences.

Fortunately, we stayed in a city called Mantanzas, which goes by another name that is translated into English as the City of Bridges. The city has 17 bridges that traverse three rivers that flow into the ocean. Our theme for the week was building bridges. We visited orphanages and worshipped in house churches that were illegal under the Castro government. We built bridges to other communities, and I watched as the cliques and friendship groups melted away.

The work we were doing together to build the kingdom of God was creating a bridge that would help us form new relationships with one another. Instead of spending all their time chatting with their old friends, they were busy harvesting mangoes with new friends. The universal experience of serving together built bridges where giant gaps stood before.

When we take the time to step out of our own friendship groups and build bridges to other communities, we get a glimpse of what heaven will look like.

Pastor Tom

325th ANNIVERSARY

SATURDAY AUGUST 3rd 2PM
NOANK MYSTIC COMMUNITY BAND CONCERT
on our "Field of Dreams"

Bring your chairs, snacks and drinks.

NO DOGS – NO ALCOHOL

Open to everyone!



UPCOMING EVENTS

Old-Fashioned Church Picnic Saturday, August 17th 1-5P
(Rain date Saturday, August 24th)

Sign-up sheets will be posted on the mid-level bulletin board for a count of those attending and whether you would like to bring a salad or side dish.

All Church Sing-Along & Dinner Saturday, September 7th

Preston City Cemetery Walk Saturday, October 5th

Anniversary Service & Reception Saturday, November 16th

Coast Guard Chorale Sunday, November 17th

***Sunday August 4th we will be taking additional tee-shirt orders.**

FROM THE CHURCH OFFICE

IF YOU ORDERED A TEE-SHIRT, they are at the church office for pickup.

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.

The Children's Sunday School Pageant

has been scheduled for

December 14th at 2:00 p.m.

"Journey to Bethlehem, Follow the Star" will be directed by

Wendy Abrahamson with the assistance of Hunter Bustamante. Hope you will mark your calendar to attend.

THE PHOTO DIRECTORY PICTURES ARE BEING TAKEN!

Have you signed up yet?

Registrations are still being taken; you may contact Joyce Brewster at 860.376.4167 to make your appointment. Anyone in our church family may be added to the directory. You are able to send in your own photo if unable to come for a sitting. Optional photos may be ordered if you would like to make a purchase. We hope to have the directories ready for sale in November.

SUMMER CHOIR will be back on August 18 and August 25.

We will meet at 8:30A in the Meeting Room for a brief practice before our service. Hope to see you there!

Thoughts from a friend...

Don't let your key to happiness be in someone else's pocket.

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.

BINGO at Strawberry Park

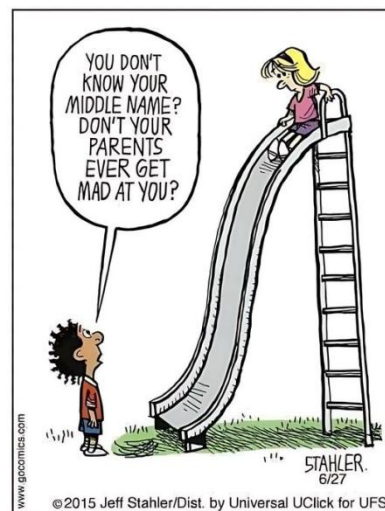
PCCC is one of the non-profit organizations that assist at the games selling cards. Funds received are used to offset our budget.

A Personal Identification Number (PIN) is 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 ALL WHO HAVE VOLUNTEERED TO HELP!
MORE HELPING HANDS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME!**

THE NEXT WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP MEETING will be on Sat. Sept. 14th, at 10am. We will be assembling Birthday Bundles for the Food Pantry. We only do this once a year, so a lot of bundles will be needed to last an entire year. We would like to ask for the congregation's help, to donate the items needed. – Bridget Park
Donated items may be left in the Elizabeth Allyn Box to the right of the table in the main hallway.

- Cake Mix
- Frosting
- Aluminum disposable cake pan-square
- Candles
- Balloons



MEN'S RETREAT

A **Radical Men's Retreat** will be held October 24-October 26 at Camp Berea in Hebron, New Hampshire. Chris Burden will be sharing the information from his brother's church in Rhode Island with updates as they become available. Contact Chris at 401-465-8900.