

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



**week of  
June 2, 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](http://prestoncitycongregational.org) and  
click the stream button. Previous  
services may be viewed using the  
archive system on the site.

**WEEKLY EVENTS**

**Choir Rehearsal** – Thursday 7P  
**Sunday Service** – 9:30A

**COVID UPDATE 3/16/2022**

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



Coffee Fellowship

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

**From the desk of Rev. Stan**

**GOD IS FAITHFUL**

As some of you know, I am an early riser. Typically, I'm sitting in my chair in my home study between 4 and 4:15 a.m. I read several devotional books, including *Our Daily Bread*. This little book is available on the information table at the church. It's a free, three-month daily reading resource for those looking for inspiration to start their day. I read it faithfully. Pick up a copy. Take it and read the brief messages. Think about what you read throughout the day. You will see how the reading relates to things happening in your day and what's going on in your life. It's a quick read and very easy to understand. Reading *Our Daily Bread* gets me ready for the day ahead.

One recent reading focused on God's faithfulness in difficult times: illness, loss, worry, struggle, etc. We can all relate to issues like these from time-to-time in our busy lives. One morning, while it was still dark, I heard a bird outside my window declaring the start of a new day. Some people find the sound of birds early in the day annoying. Not me. When I go to my quiet place to read, it's not long before I hear the chirping of a bird proclaiming the new day. I look at the clock. He announces his news around 4:20. I look forward to hearing his voice. After a while, other near-by birds in the neighborhood join in on the chorus. They are quite a choir!

What I have learned from my feathered friend over the past few months is this: Like God, he is faithful. He reminds me every morning that today is a new day, that the day will be filled with new opportunities if I take the time to look around. AND God will be with me on life's journey! On days that are challenging and worrisome, his "chirping" reminds me that God's got my life under His control. But here's a wonderful observation I discovered: he sings his song even when it rains! Call me crazy, but I believe I know the words to the bird's song: *Get up! Get going! It's a new day, and God's got it covered—every moment of it! Live it! Enjoy it! You'll only have this day for today.*

No doubt, this bird has sung his early morning melody since he first learned how. I didn't really pay much attention to it, but I do now.

Stop. Look. Listen. God is faithful (even in the rain)! – Rev. Stan

**June 9<sup>th</sup> is Scholarship Sunday.**

Thank you to all who donated to keep this fund available!



## FROM THE CHURCH OFFICE

**CONFIRMATION CLASS??** If you are a 9th grader and would like to take the Confirmation Class this year taught by Rev. Stan, please call the church office. If you missed taking it in 9th grade, older high school students will also be eligible to attend.

**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.**



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

Trish Maerkle, Organist/Choir Director



### ***JUNE 9TH IS A GOOD DAY FOR A CELEBRATION***

**FOR THE REV. DR. MARK PORIZKY**, who will deliver his last sermon for **now**. He's been with us a year and what a year it's been!

He's been an amazing friend to our church and came in our hour of need...thanks be to God! We hope you will mark your calendar to be here following worship for a brunch in his honor.

**June 15<sup>th</sup>-10am**-Assemble goodies to hand out after church on Father's Day. Please consider baking something for the goodie bags.



### **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.

The monthly calendars are posted with game days and times marked for those able to help. We have 35 sessions this summer and fall!



**TO PRESTON CITY  
CONGREGATIONAL  
CHURCH**

**PASTOR TOM!**

### **Thoughts from a friend...**

Life doesn't allow for us to go back and fix what we have done wrong in the past, but it does allow for us to live each day better than our last.

**LITTLE PILGRIM COORDINATOR** The Little Pilgrim comes out twice a month. Please send information to be included in the week of June 16<sup>th</sup> newsletter no later than Tuesday, June 18<sup>th</sup> at noon to: [susan.brosnan@gmail.com](mailto:susan.brosnan@gmail.com) or leave information at the office

## **CHOIR APPRECIATION & FATHER'S DAY**

**JUNE 16th**

**Plan to join us at 9:30A!**

## 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>

**Check back for details and more events!**

### VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL IS GOING TO CAMP!

**Camp Firelight** begins Monday, July 8<sup>th</sup>- Friday, July 12<sup>th</sup>. Campers from ages 3 to entering 6<sup>th</sup> grade are welcome to attend. 7<sup>th</sup> graders - High Schoolers are welcome to come be camp leaders. Cost for camp is \$5.00. Friends are welcome!



### Vacation Bible School 2024 Camp Firelight NEEDS: Please and Thank you!

All items are needed by Friday July 5<sup>th</sup> except cupcakes and brownie bites. They are needed by Wednesday July 10. Please call Shari Purcell at 860-917-9011 to see what is still needed, if you are able to help!

#### Session Coordinators:

Crafts (2 people)

Science (1 person)

Recreation (2 people)

Storyteller (1 person)

**Puppet master (voice of Lumen during opening and closing)**

#### Decorating Needs: \*will be returned.

Small/medium Christmas trees 6 to 8 no lights

6 camp chairs

Small kayak/paddle

#### Science items:

Skateboard

Hand weights 6 to 10 pounds

Hairdryer

10 disposable aluminum baking pans 10

4 disposable aluminum pie plates

100 **Clear** plastic cups, dollar stores have these in packs of 10

1 qt white vinegar

1 box baking soda

1 gallon of bubbles

1 piece of polystyrene foam

100% wool cloth 10 x 10 piece

Can of black pepper

Small bottle of dish soap

#### Craft items:

70 12 x 12 cotton fabric solid color or white squares

2 large bags of Poly-fil

#### Recreation items:

1 bale of hay

20 pairs of flip flops. These will be written on for a game.

Dollar General has for \$1

#### Snack items:

40 bags Bug Bites graham crackers. These are available on Amazon.

Almond butter

Strawberry cream cheese

6 large boxes Instant chocolate pudding

1 gallon milk

Chocolate cookie crumbs

2 large bags of gummy worms

50 round brownie bites

1 box Teddy Grahams

2 bags pretzel logs

1 bag stick pretzels.

1 bag mini marshmallows

50 store made cupcakes.

60 + Edible butterflies, can be purchased on Amazon