

Prospect Presbyterian Church
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Mooresville, NC 28115

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2020

Sunday School: 9:30 am
Worship Service: 10:30 am

THE GOOD PROSPECTS

PROSPECT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

9425 West NC 152 Hwy, Mooresville, NC 28115

Church Office Hours:
Monday – Thursday: 7:00am - 5:00pm
Closed for lunch: 1:30pm - 2:30pm
Closed on Fridays

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FROM YOUR PASTOR’S KEYBOARD:

One of the toughest things Jesus tells us to do is “love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you” (Matthew 5:44). That is hard for me to do. My guess is that it is hard for you to do to. This month, March, when the world celebrates Saint Patrick’s Day (March 17), let us consider the true story of Saint Patrick.

The man we know as Saint Patrick was born in Britain in the 400’s AD. He was a devout Christian. His father was a deacon in his local church. When Patrick was 16, he was captured by some invading Irishmen, taken back to Ireland and made a slave. Patrick spent six years in slavery in Ireland, mainly as a herdsman. At the age of 22, Patrick escaped slavery and returned to Britain. While home, he professed to have a vision that God told him to return to Ireland and become a missionary to the pagans in Ireland. Patrick was convinced God had spoken to him and returned to Ireland with great commitment. He spent the rest of his life in Christian service to the people who had once enslaved him. God used Patrick to teach and baptize thousands of people and turn the country of Ireland to Christianity. In time, Patrick became, perhaps, the most famous and beloved Irishman in history.



Loving your enemies doesn’t mean we do not acknowledge where they are wrong or that they do not need to change. Patrick knew the Irish were wrong and needed to change. Patrick, as a follower of Jesus Christ, chose to love them and work to make them better instead of hating them. Paul tells us that Jesus died for us when our sin had made us His enemies (Romans 5:10). Loving your enemies is hard, but it is something Jesus wants us to do. As we try to be faithful to Christ, let us remember that Jesus died for us to convert us from His enemies to His friends. Let us remember the great things we can do when we rely on Christ’s power and follow His example of loving enemies, just as St. Patrick did.

I hope all of you have a great March. You are loved.

Will

Vacation Bible School, June 8th thru 11th 2020

SAVE THE DATE: It is time to start thinking about Vacation Bible School. It will be at Prospect this year! Our theme is going to be **Rocky Railway! Jesus’ Power Pulls Us Together!** We will need help doing all kinds of jobs including group leaders, recreation and sports, art, music, food, decorating, and lots of planning. So if you are interested in helping us make this another fantastic VBS, please contact a member of the Christian Education/Fellowship Committee, or the church office. Thanks and we look forward to a great VBS with you!





For Prayer

Missionary:

Justin & Kristen Raymer (Tanzania, Africa)
Brian & Christy Ward (Papua, New Guinea)
Rob & Sandy Shaffer (Czech Republic)

Local Church:

Centre Presbyterian Church

Nursing Homes, Rehab & Retirement Facilities:

Mac Atwell (Trinity Oaks-Salisbury)
Helen Barber (Trinity Oaks-Salisbury)
Tom George (Atria-Lake Norman)
Harriet Lipe (Genesis-Mooresville)

Please Remember:

Ella Mae Stewart	Reid Goodman
Anita & Wyatt Fesperman	Toni Wheeler
Mary Agnes Wiggins	Helen Lyerly
Jackie McKnight	Martha Meredith
Edith Lewis	Dick & Ginny Bennett
Louise Beeker	Larry Stutts
Jo Powers	Dale McKnight
Barbara Ussery	Roy Watkins
Martha Brown	Johnny Wilkinson
Emily Moore	Van Knox
Melody Morrison	Mike Stacy

Friends & Family of the Congregation:

Paula McNeely (*Hospital VA, sister of Virginia Stewart, RN-FCN*)
Jeffrey Knox (*Kidney Stones, son of Van & Violet Knox*)
Woody Lookabill (*Rehab, brother in law of Melody Morrison*)
Elaine Holt Brown (*Breast Cancer, 1st Cousin of Mary & Allen Lowrance*)
Steve Darne (*Neurological, family of Toni Wheeler*)
David Clark (*for Candace Jackson*)
Larry Abel (*Stage 4 Cancer, brother of Mary Beth Edmiston*)
Larry Pruette (*Cancer, friend of Candace Jackson*)
Pressley Cashion (*Bladder Cancer, brother of Becky Hart*)
Don Smith (*Cancer, Cousin of Kathy Bradshaw*)
Whitaker Raymer (*Cancer, Missionary Child*)
Ellen Goldstein (*Cousin of Becky Hart*)
Danny & Stephen Tulbert (*Brothers of Bill Tulbert*)
Tina Davis (*Cancer, friend of Edie Steele*)
Lauria Ann Slifko (*Cancer, cousin of Mike Stacy*)
Rita Purvis (*Non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma, friend Brown Family*)

**GIVEN IN
LOVING MEMORY
OF . . .**

WILLIAM "BILL" TULBERT

By:
Mooresville Jewelry & Loan
Everette Dellinger
Peggy & James Bullard
Rebecca T. Poplin
Jaime & Amzie Hovis
Kara Raymond
Sherry & Humphrey Hayes



Wash your hands
and say your
prayers
cause
Jesus
and germs are
EVERYWHERE



Tony & Lou Ann Robinson March 27
James & Marie Parker March 30



Dave Howie	03/02
Leah Robinson	03/04
Glenda Alexander	03/06
Wayne Chandler	03/06
Clayton Ervin	03/13
Mason Knox	03/14
Kevin Jackson	03/15
Elizabeth Carrigan	03/16
Matthew Hagerty	03/16
Alice Fleming	03/17
Frances Ann Neel	03/17
Lee Ann Williams	03/18
Kensley Ford	03/19
Judy Brumley	03/22
Anita M. Fesperman	03/26

GOLDEN PROSPECTORS



SAVE THE DATE: Tuesday, March 17, 2020. We will be taking a road trip to "The Classic" Restaurant in Denton, NC. We will meet at the church at 10:30 am and load up the church van. **ALL** are welcome. Please sign up outside the church office by Monday March 16th, or just let Cheryl know you are planning to go!

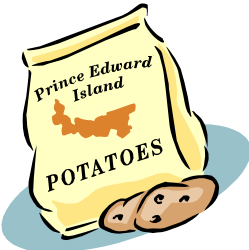
Men & Women Fellowship!

SAVE THE DATE: Tuesday, March 24, 2020, the Men & Women's Fellowship will be meeting at 7:00 pm at the China Grove Family restaurant in China Grove for their March gathering. Everyone is invited. Please sign up outside the church office by Monday, March 23rd, so that reservations will be correct.



ROWAN HELPING MINISTRIES

Suggested Donation for March
INSTANT POTATOES



Dear Prospect Family,

Thank you for your generosity of love that you have shown to me & my family. The prayers, cards, visits, calls, and texts were a great encouragement and healing force.

Love in Christ,
Bob Edmiston





The Hart Scholarship Awards

The Hart Scholarship Awards will be presented in late March early April during worship. Date to be determined. Watch your bulletin for the announcement of the date. Please be present for worship and this celebration of achievement and education.



Just a reminder to bring your BJ's books to our organist, Pat McCall. They will be used by St. Mark's Lutheran Church in their Food for Days program.



YOUNG DISCIPLES! COMING EVENTS:

Young Disciples
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Young disciples will not meet in March due to Spring Break.

Egg Hunt
The church egg hunt will be Saturday, April 4th from 2-4 pm. We will meet in the education building. Please turn in all donations of eggs, candy, and small toys by March 22nd, so we will have time to stuff the eggs. Thank you for your help! Connie

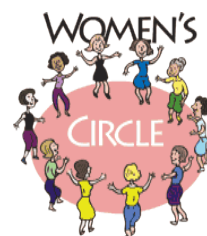
<u>Circle</u>	<u>Date/Time</u>	<u>Location</u>
Lettie Beatty/Acts	Mar. 6 @ 10:00 am	Session Room
Ruth	Mar. 5 @ 10:00 am	Session Room
Serendipity	Mar. 4 @ 7:00 pm	Home of Jaime Hovis

Young Disciples Camp Grier trip is April 25 & 26, 2020. We will leave on Saturday morning and return on Sunday afternoon. The trip includes overnight stay and two meals. Please contact Connie Brown if you have any questions or concerns. Please set aside this weekend for fellowship and fun.



Mark your calendars and remember to
SPRING FORWARD!

Time Change on
Sunday, March 8th!



Session News

- ♦ Approved the 2020 budget of \$ 386,251.00.
- ♦ New lights for the educational building are on order.
- ♦ Building and Grounds got approval to move forward on Getting estimates on making all doors in the sanctuary safe. This is so the sanctuary can be locked down during worship and still have a safe means of egress in the event of an emergency. Also discussion of having the nursery and children's church in the basement of the sanctuary during the worship hour.
- ♦ Worship committee is seeking volunteers to run the projector during worship.
- ♦ Missions Committee sent various donations out in December and also to Camp Grier.
- ♦ Nurture and Growth has decided to suspend the American Cross Blood Drives temporarily until the new Family Life Center is complete. This is due to the Educational Building not being able to accommodate the needs of electrical outlets and space.
- ♦ Lunch n Learn April 26th. Caring for the Caregiver.
- ♦ Christian Education and Rec. VBS planned June 8-10. Church cookout Kannapolis Village Park Sunday May 30th shelter D, 3 to 7 pm.

If you have any comments or concerns please contact Will, myself or any member of the Session.

As your Session we always welcome comments.

Grace and Peace,
Dale Burgess - Clerk of Session



JANUARY FINANCIAL REPORT

General Fund:
Monthly Income through 01-31-20: \$64,127
Monthly Expenses through 01-31-20: \$22,901
Expenses Less than Income for month: \$41,226

Development Fund:
Ending Balance through 01-31-20: \$43,262

Family Life Center: Fund Balance: \$609,347

LONELINESS
AND THE Workplace

2020 U.S. REPORT: To further explore the impact of loneliness, in our culture and in our workplaces, Cigna fielded a national survey of 10,000 U.S. adults.1

UCLA LONELINESS SCALE



The evaluation of loneliness below was measured by a score of 43 or higher on the UCLA Loneliness Scale, a 20-item questionnaire developed to assess subjective feelings of loneliness, as well as social isolation.

The study's questions assess respondents' subjective feelings of loneliness, social isolation, health, work performance and other factors, and all data reflects these self-reported feelings.

THE STATE OF LONELINESS TODAY

In 2018, Cigna conducted a large national online survey of U.S. adults to explore the impact of loneliness and found that loneliness was at epidemic levels.

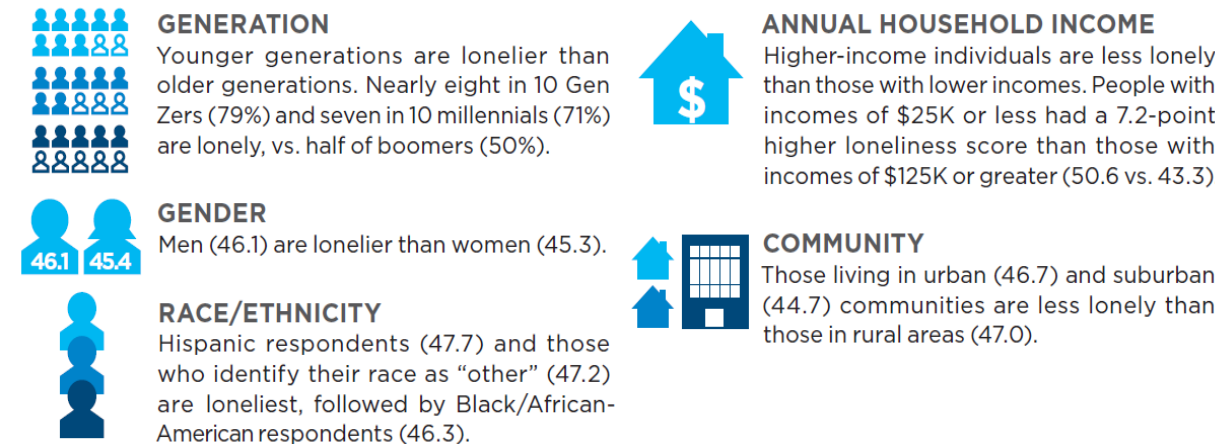
In 2019, our results showed that the mental health crisis is growing - three in five Americans (61%) report feeling lonely, compared to more than half (54%) in 2018.



WHY? KEY DETERMINANTS OF LONELINESS IN AMERICA

- A lack of social support and infrequent meaningful social interactions.
Poor physical and mental health.
A lack of "balance" in one's daily activities - doing too much or too little of any given thing (e.g., sleep, work).

LONELINESS ACROSS KEY DEMOGRAPHICS



31 Days to a Healthier You - "You Choose" Edition

Choose one of the three daily activity options to complete each day. Little things add up to big things!
Post this 31 day challenge calendar in a place where you will see it and make a commitment to become a healthier you.



31-day challenge calendar table with columns for days 1-31 and rows for activity options. Includes a 'Let's Go!' section on the left.