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Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.
Worship Service: 10:30 a.m.

Church Office Hours:

Monday – Thursday: 7:00am - 5:00pm
Closed for Lunch: 1:30pm - 2:30pm
Closed on Fridays

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First, I would strongly encourage you to read what Virginia Stewart has put in our newsletter this month. She is a great blessing to us in her words about health and in her words about Jesus Christ and the Gospel.

Also, I know we are disappointed that church activities are shut down for the next several weeks. The Elders and I remain convinced these steps are appropriate as we seek to love our neighbor. We know these measures are temporary. We look forward to reconvening for worship and the other events at our church soon.

Easter Sunday is scheduled for this month. Easter is the most important day in the Christian year. Easter is a reminder of God's great victory. Sin and death cannot defeat HIM (nor can they defeat us when we trust in HIM). HIS promise and presence cannot be taken away from us by death. Because of the empowerment of Jesus Christ, our joy in this life cannot be taken away from us. We have the hope and confidence that the Resurrection brings and that cannot be taken away from us. Most importantly, because of the forgiveness of Christ, we have a place in the eternal Kingdom that cannot be taken away from us.

Around this time of year, we talk a lot about Good Friday and about Easter Sunday. Let's talk about that Saturday in between for a moment. For the disciples, that Saturday between Good Friday and Easter Sunday was a day of doubt and fear. It was a day of disappointment and sadness. Their friend, their hope, their confidence had been taken away from them. **It was a day of wondering what would be next.** I think we are experiencing the feelings of that Saturday more than usual this year. We are in a time of waiting. We have questions, maybe some doubt, and even some fears. We are wondering what is coming next. Friends, be confident that the power that was revealed at Easter is in you. The power you need will come to you day by day as we try to be faithful in what is coming next.

Easter is more than a date on a calendar. It is a way of living. Gathering on Easter may be taken away from us in the short term. If we stay strong in our faith by the grace and power of the Holy Spirit, the real hope and promise of Easter can never be taken away from us. We are a confident people. We are a generous and serving people. We trust God and we love people. We have the power. HE will bring us to victory.

Have a good April. You are loved.



Mothers & Daughters

MOTHER DAUGHTER BANQUET

Based on both the difficulty of the logistics of trying to have the Mother Daughter Banquet in the Educational Building or at an offsite facility as well as the potential issues of the corona virus, the Presbyterian Women officers have decided to cancel the Mother Daughter Banquet for 2020. We all really enjoy the Mother Daughter Banquet and regret having to defer it, but feel that waiting until our new Family Life Center is built to hold it is the best decision for now. Thank you for your understanding.

Wow!! My life has been "slightly" rearranged, to say the least. What about you and yours? I'm sure each of you has had to make some adjustments. When we are flexible, we do not easily break. Remain flexible.

You know, Easter is all about rearranging too. I never grow tired of the story of Easter. Life together again. Life restored that had been stolen by sin. Relationship re-stored. Great News! But, at the time, about 2000+ years ago, I bet it did not seem like great news to some. Jesus had to rearrange his heavenly routine to come to earth as a baby. God had to rearrange for a bit while Jesus left heaven to restore God's relationship with mankind. Talk about inconvenience or was it? Perhaps from the human perspective, But God (I love the "but Gods" in the Bible, don't you?) extravagantly gave His love to us by Jesus. Jesus is God's example and willingness to love us-extravagantly, generously, without reserve. So, no matter where we celebrate the Risen Savior that brought us life and love, we will remember and celebrate!!

And that brings me to our current Corona virus Issue. Love is what motivated Jesus and God to give the ultimate sacrifice-love for you and me.

What motivates you and me to maintain a safe distance (6 feet) from others while remaining in contact with others? What motivates us to: stay home except for necessary travel? Comply with reasonable requests to promote and maintain not only our well being but the well being of others? Not take all 5 packages of Toilet Paper from the shelf? Promote health and wellness in our community, homes and churches? Care for others as well as ourselves? Love. God's demonstration of "extravagant Love" to us gives us an example to follow as His Children. First Corinthians 16:13-14, states it best, "Be on your guard; stand firm in the faith; be courageous; be strong. Do everything in love." NIV

So, wash your hands-often. Stay home except for necessary travel. Check in on others. Make that list of "if I just had more time, I would..." and do some things-together. Renew your love for one another. Go for a walk. Look at the trees. Listen to the birds. Go find some Mushrooms. Read your Bible. Talk to God. Be respectful of others. The very old, the very young, those with chronic, life threatening illnesses are vulnerable, even if you are not. Love is having the other person's best interest as your motivator. Stay home, wash your hands and love your neighbor as yourself.

I am in the office. Call me. Be sure to check your email, voice mail and texts for information. Thank you for allowing me to serve here.

This, too, will PASS. We will be Victorious!

Virginia Stewart, RN
Faith Community Nurse
Prospect Presbyterian Church
Mooresville, NC



Don & Violet LaShomb	04/17
Eddie & Nancy Teeter	04/26
Clayton & Lori Fleming	04/27

June Goodman	04/01
Lisa Jackson	04/02
Rachel Powers	04/03
Kristine Peebles	04/05
Lisa Burgess	04/06
Justin Teeter	04/13
Johnny Wilkinson	04/13
Martha Brown	04/14
Tom McLelland	04/14
Meghan Beaver	04/15
Kameron Hilton	04/15
Adam Lyerly	04/15
Mary Beth Edmiston	04/17
Becky Hart	04/17
Violet La Shomb	04/17
Kaleb Ford	04/19
Pamela Tulbert	04/20
Heather Cook	04/23
Wayne Ervin	04/25

The Hart Scholarship Awards

The Hart Scholarship Awards will be presented once we return to a normal worship. Date will be announced. Please be present for worship and this celebration of achievement and education.

FEBRUARY FINANCIAL REPORT

<u>General Fund:</u>	
Monthly Income through 02-28-20:	\$23,350
Monthly Expenses through 02-28-20:	\$23,510
Expenses Greater than Income for month:	\$160
<u>Development Fund:</u>	
Ending Balance through 02-28-20:	\$43,960
Family Life Center: Fund Balance:	\$630,154



ROWAN HELPING MINISTRIES
Suggested Donation for April
BREAKFAST ITEMS



Free Complete Breakfast Vector

For Prayer

For Prayer
Missionary:

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

Local Church:
ALL Churches!!

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	Pearl Bell
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	

Friends & Family of the Congregation:

Scott Brady (Male Breast Cancer, friends of the Chandlers)
Linda Abel (Health Issues family of Mary Beth Edmiston)
Emory McLaurin (Cancer, family of Jean Gibson)
Bruce Anne Steadman (Granddaughter of Betty Alexander)
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)
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)
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)
Bryson Swanson (Multiple Myeloma, friend of Virginia Stewart)



GIVEN IN
LOVING MEMORY
OF . .

GINNY SMITH

Mother of Erskine Smith

By:

Erskine & Connie Smith
Mary & Labe Sloop
Bill & Becky Hart
Mike & Marsha Deaton
Janie S. Beaver
Mary Helen Smith
Frances Ann Neel
Virginia Edmiston
Betty & Bobby Brawley
Donese Mc Bride & Family
John & Doris McBride
Fred & Kim McBride Spicer
Brown Investment
Frances & Brenda Brantley
Donald Parker
Jane B. Wickham
Lucille Hedgecock
Kay Harris

M.B & LARRY PATTERSON

By:

Lynn Britz



The church office will be closed on Monday, April 13th, in the observance of the Easter holiday.

To All of Our Church Family,

Thank you for the prayers, kind words, and phone calls.

To Will, thank you for standing by our side during Reid illness. Your love always helps to ease the pain of sickness. Thank you for all you do.

Reid & June



To Our New Church Family,

Thank you for the prayers, kind words, and phone calls during Van's resent surgery and recovery.

You have welcomed us with open arms and made us feel like part of the family.

Thank you,
Van & Violet Knox



Dear Friends,

Words cannot express how much we appreciate Prospect Church opening its doors to our family for Ginny's memorial service. We can only echo Re. Jerry Hallman's words to say "Thank you for giving us a church home." We are do grateful that God has led us to Prospect.

Grace & Peace,
Erskine & Connie Smith

THE JELLY BEAN PRAYER

RED is for the blood He gave.
GREEN is for the grass He made.
YELLOW is for the sun so bright.
ORANGE is for the edge of night.
BLACK is for the sins we made
WHITE is for the grace He gave
PURPLE is for the hour of sorrow
PINK is for the new tomorrow

A basket full of jelly beans,
colorful and sweet,
is a prayer, a promise,
& a wonderful treat!

HAPPY RESURRECTION DAY!



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!



Session News

Personnel: Valerie Jackson has accepted the backup Church Administrator position. Training needs to be arranged.

Stewardship & Finance:

- Paid 2nd Invoice from the contractor for the FLC.
- Remind the congregation that they can mail their offering into the church or drop off in the drop box at the Church Office Admins door.
- General Fund balance end of Feb \$ 53,533.00

Building & Grounds

- The outdoor lighting in the parking lots are complete.
- Planning a schedule with Tommy McClelland to install the new lighting in the Ed.Bldg.
- Checking on Heating Oil Level and possibly fill tank while fuel prices are low.
- New leases were signed in January 2020 for all three rental properties. All the rentals stayed flat with the exception of an increase on the old manse.

Worship & Music

- Still working on recruiting new projector operators for morning worship.
- Session votes to postpone the Easter Egg Hunt scheduled for April 4th due to CORVID-19. Rescheduled date to be set after quarantine is lifted.
- Session passed to suspend all Church Activities at least From 3/20 thru 3/29. To re-evaluate status of CORVID-19 and State of NC quarantine on 3/30.

Missions

- Mitten Tree great success.
- Undie Sunday was also a success.
- Successful food drive on nonperishable food to Mt.Ulla school. Also gave \$200.00 to Mt.Ulla School for underprivileged children on a planned field trip.

Presbyterian Women

- Will have Mother Daughter banquet in 2021. The 2020 banquet has been cancelled due to construction of the FLC.

Nurture and Care

- Discussed providing transportation to church for some members that are not able to drive.
- Planning lunch n learn for either April 19 or May 3rd Caring For The Caregiver.
- Discussing with Cannon Foundation about increasing parish nurse position for church to 30 hrs a week.
- Various members of committee attended a conference in Salisbury on Loneliness.
- Parish nurse presented program at Hope of Mooresville on Women's Heart Health on no hands CPR.
- Parish nurse Virginia Stewart has requested \$600.00 from church to pay for continuing Education required for Atrium Health Faith Nurses of NC. Undecided if Atrium Health will pay for this.

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



About thirty years ago the First Baptist church of Mooresville founded Mooresville first soup kitchen. They furnished the facility and provided much of the food. June Woodall from Prospect Presbyterian church immediately volunteered. Before long she formed her own team and I was a member of it. Early on we served 20 to 25 people with a hot meal. It was a very short time until we have more patrons. After several years the needs outgrew the facility we are still using the South Broad location and the need continued to grow. This facility has many additions and now there is no more room to grow. Currently they are searching for at least five acres within a reasonable location. The plan is to continue feeding meals for the people who come each day. The Soup Kitchen is now preparing and freezing meals that are distributed at two locations. These are made especially for veterans and home bound people.

Prospect Presbyterian Church has supported the kitchen in many ways. The largest gift was a commercial mixer. When we started our fall festival, the entry fee for the car show was canned food. In 2019, we gave 741 lbs of canned food, which was the largest donation they had for the year.

Currently, we have a very active team chaired by Lee Williams, with Steve Stutts as her back up. The team gives about five hours on the fourth Monday of every month. After 3 years of planning, in February the name of the outreach changed from the Mooresville Soup Kitchen to FeedNC. All of the meals and local food will still be available. The needs are changing and will be much more outreach. It will continue to be a good place for a good meal and fellowship.

Please pray for the volunteers who serve and plan for the future. FeedNC, needs our prayers and all the support Prospect can give.

Thank you Prospect for the support you have given out team for many years!

Betty Alexander



If you think you have symptoms of COVID-19, Perform this screening. If you are positive for 2 or more of these symptoms, CALL your Doctor. DO NOT GO to your DOCTOR. CALL FIRST.

This is a SCREENING that should be performed for each person.

Current Testing Protocol

We continue to assess testing resources and try to match our testing protocols accordingly. At this time, we will continue to use risk factors to help screen. We have added healthcare workers (HCW) and first responders with ILI as well as children with ILI who live with HCW and first responders in the home.

The criteria for approved testing for Wednesday, April 1st:

- Influenza-Like Illness (ILI) = Fever 100.4 F or greater, or subjective fever, + cough or shortness of breath

PLUS ONE OF THE FOLLOWING RISK FACTORS:

- Immunocompromised (cancer, on biologic therapy, transplant patient, HIV disease, end stage renal disease)
- Lung disease (including asthma or COPD)
- Person from Long Term Care (LTC), homeless, or jail/prison system
- Hospitalized patients with ILI
- Emergency department patients with ILI
- Healthcare workers (HCW) and first responders with ILI as well as children with ILI who live with HCW and first responders in the home
- Sudden loss/change in smell or taste

Is it coronavirus (COVID-19), the flu, a cold or seasonal allergies?

All 4 can look very similar, making it hard to tell the difference. Use the chart below to help you decide when to seek care for your symptoms.

	Coronavirus (COVID-19)	The Flu	A Cold	Seasonal Allergies
What are the typical symptoms? Keep in mind: It's possible to have these conditions without experiencing every symptom.	Cough Shortness of breath Fever	Aches Chills Cough Diarrhea* Fatigue Fever Headaches Runny nose Sore throat Stuffy nose Vomiting* <small>*more common in children than adults</small>	Cough Fever (rare) Mucus dripping down your throat (post-nasal-drip) Runny nose Sneezing Sore throat Stuffy nose Watery eyes	Itchy eyes Runny nose Sneezing Stuffy nose Watery eyes
How long does it take for symptoms to appear after exposure?	2 to 14 days	1 to 4 days	1 to 3 days	Immediately
How long do symptoms last?	Undetermined	3 to 7 days	7 to 10 days	As long as you're exposed to allergens

If you start to feel sick, try not to panic or assume the worst.

- Coronavirus shares some of the same symptoms caused by the flu and colds, including fever and cough.
- Remember, we're still in the midst of cold and flu season, plus seasonal allergies are starting to kick in. If you're feeling sick, one of those conditions is still the most likely cause.
- For most people who are otherwise healthy, coronavirus does not cause serious health problems.

When should you seek care for coronavirus?

When you have a fever of 100.4 °F or higher, shortness of breath/difficulty breathing or a cough, call your doctor's office or start a Virtual Visit or eVisit. If you need help, please call 704.468.8888.

In case of an emergency, please call 911.

Are you Scared? Worried? Frightened?

PLEASE, TURN OFF YOUR TV. Listen to the news ONLY 1 time a day. If you want information about the COVID-19, go to CDC.gov for up to date information.

NOT THE NEWS.

Redirect your mind to.....Jesus. Read your Bible, Devotional, etc. Call your friend or family. Go outside for a walk. Do NOT ALLOW FEAR to rule you and take over you. God cares about the birds & flowers. YOU are more important

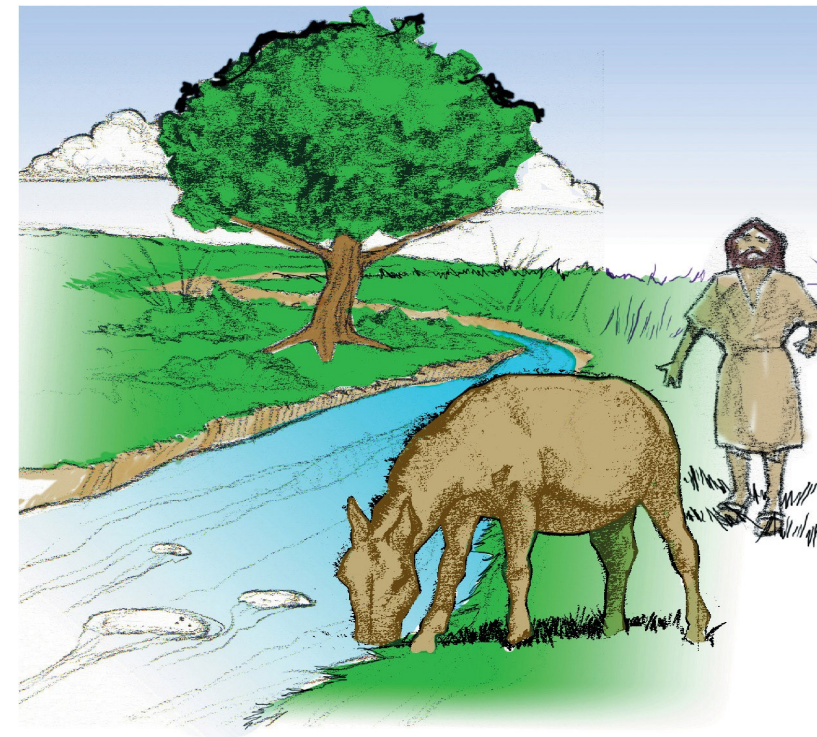
than they.

Make a list of things you HAVE, things you are GRATEFUL for. Speak out loud specific things you are thankful for. REMIND your self of God's Love and Presence to you.

- ♦ Philippians 4:6 states, "do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God." ESV
- ♦ 2 Timothy 1:7 states, "for God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control." ESV
- ♦ Philippians 4:7 states, "And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding will guard your hearts and your
- ♦ mind Christ Jesus." ESV
- ♦ 2 Timothy 1:7 states, "For God has not given us a spirit of fear but of power and of love and of a sound mind." NKJV

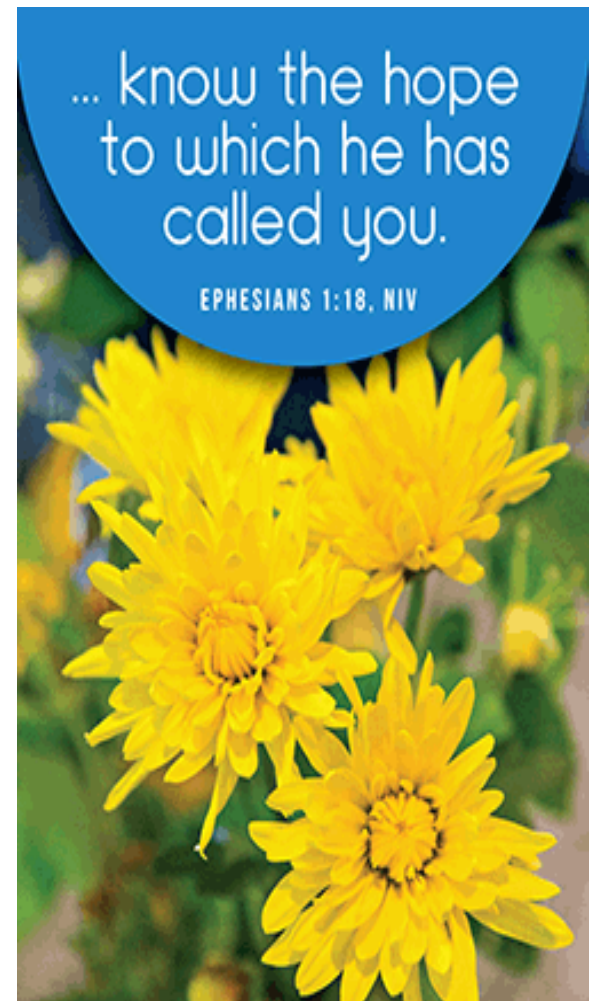
We will get through this "Triumphantly"; Together. We are HERE for you. Encourage yourself and one another with the "Good News".

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***See, your king comes to you,
righteous and having salvation,
gentle and riding on a donkey ...***

Zechariah 9:9



***Hope
has
Come***

