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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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THE GOOD PROSPECTS

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I am ready to get back to having worship, in the sanctuary, with all of you. I think we are all ready to do that. But given the directives of the governor and the prudent decisions of our Session, worship together (as well as all of our other church activities) will have to wait for a while. We are living in a time that requires patience. Patience is not easy but patience is one of the great Christian virtues. We see the importance of patience for the Christian in at least two ways. First, we are all trying to become more like Jesus, to become better followers of HIM. Getting better at anything (like playing a musical instrument, playing a sport, learning a craft, or becoming a good friend or parent or spouse) takes time and effort. It requires patience to stick with it and get better. It requires faith that our efforts will eventually prove fruitful. God gives us patience as we keep working, and more importantly as HE keeps working in us, to become more like Jesus. We trust that HE who began that good work in us will bring it to completion (Philippians 1:6). Secondly, Christians are a people who are waiting for the return of Jesus Christ, for the coming of the Kingdom. We are looking forward to the day when God makes everything right again. That waiting also requires patience. In both of these examples, both in the work God is doing in us personally, and in the work HE is doing in the cosmos, we wait, and do our work, with confident assurance. God is using all things for HIS good and HIS purpose.

In Luke 21, Jesus is telling the disciples about some difficult times ahead. Jesus encourages them stay faithful in the difficult times. In the King James version, verse 19 of Luke 21 reads “In your patience possess ye your souls”. This situation we are currently in will pass. But when we return to normal, we will still need to be patient. We will still need to persevere and be patient as we work to become more like Christ. We will still need to take care of others and forgive others and be patient with them. We will still need to trust God as HE works out HIS plan in the world, even as we do not understand all that HE does. The Good News of the Gospel is that God gives us the self-control to be patient, to prosper in the challenges of our lives. The Good News of the Gospel is that God gives us the power to be hopeful, joyful, and to be a blessing to others as we wait to see what HE is doing in us and through us. So, my friends, we will continue to be patient in these times: active in our work, trusting in God and ready to do and experience the next good thing HE has for us.


I hope everyone has a great May and Happy Mother’s Day to all this month.



No Kid Hungry: Your nearest meal distribution site is East Mooresville Intermediate, 1711 Landis Highway Mooresville, NC 28115. Meals are served M T W TH F from 11:00AM-1:00PM. PH:7046582638. Call ahead to confirm service times and whether multiple days of meals are available for pickup. Check your school district website and social media for info on the availability of delivery meals or visit nokidhungrync.org/mealupdates.

No Kid Hungry: Your nearest meal distribution site is Mt Ulla Elementary School, 13155 NC Hwy 801 Mt Ulla, NC 28125. Meals are served M T W TH F from 8:00AM-9:00AM 12:00PM-2:00PM. PH:7046306047. Call ahead to confirm service times and whether multiple days of meals are available for pickup. Check your school district website and social media for info on the availability of delivery meals or visit nokidhungrync.org/mealupdates.

No Kid Hungry: Your nearest meal distribution site is 48 Selma Drive COVID, 739 Lark Glen Drive Mooresville, NC 28115. Meals are served SA SU from 12:30PM-1:00PM. PH:7045076048. Call ahead to confirm service times and whether multiple days of meals are available for pickup. Check your school district website and social media for info on the availability of delivery meals or visit nokidhungrync.org/mealupdates.



MOTHER'S DAY CELEBRATION

We will celebrate our Mother's once we get back to a normal worship schedule. Just know that ALL mothers are cherished and loved and NOT forgotten!



Marie Parker	05/01
Linda Seamon	05/02
Tink Wilkinson	05/04
Robin Anderson	05/06
Phyllis Hilton	05/07
Virginia Edmiston	05/10
Zoie Randall	05/13
Walter Teeter	05/13
William Carrigan	05/15
Dicky Fleming	05/15
Ella Mae Stewart	05/16
Clint Carpenter	05/19
Millette Mills	05/19
Dennis Brumley	05/25
Nyra Moore	05/25
Reece Stapleton	05/25
Emily Donaldson	05/30
Pearl Bell	05/31

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Bill & Becky Hart	May 1
Van & Violet Knox	May 5
JR & Debi Wilkinson	May 8
Dicky & Alice Fleming	May 12
Bob & Jan Spear	May 14
Kevin & Kristin Donaldson	May 24
Chip & Lynn Atwell	May 27

ROWAN HELPING MINISTRIES

Suggested Donation for May:

Serendipity Friends,

With safety and concern for all of you, we will not meet on Monday, May 4th. I know we continue to lift each other up in prayer as we navigate this current storm. Will quoted John Owen last Sunday, “if we hold on to the rudder during a storm, we will get to our destination faster than if we had clear skies” and Will gave several meaningful examples of this. So in our case, we hold on to the rudder so we can meet again faster and sooner than if we let go. May we all be closer, stronger and better equipped to serve God and others as a result. Love and peace, Joy



Vacation Bible School has been postponed to a date TBD due to the Covid-19. Once we get back to a normal routine, we will reschedule and notify everyone.



Even though we have not been having regular church worship or functions, the staff have been busy! We are in the office if anyone needs anything. Nurture & Care & Virginia our FCN have really been busy as well! Here is just a little of what she have been doing:

April, 2020

- ♦ Pizza Meal delivered to HOME Women's Shelter. Also art supplies delivered for children of guests to use
- ♦ 600+pounds of non-perishable foods/items collected (in 3 days) & delivered to Community Baptist Church for their Food Pantry open to all.
- ♦ Nineteen COVID-19 Survival Bags packed & delivered to our homebound members by Cheryl & I.
- ♦ Numerous handouts sent out about COVID-19 to our church family & some community organizations to have current & accurate information.
- ♦ 32 Drive- way, front porch and drive by visits were made.
- ♦ 30 Regular cards mailed to homebound people.
- ♦ 42 well-check phone calls made.
- ♦ 14 question calls made.
- ♦ 15 bereavement cards.
- ♦ 5 bereavement phone calls
- ♦ 1 KFC Meal delivered to family.
- ♦ Plans being made to present another enrichment program at HOME.
- ♦ Exercise will resume when the Stay at Home Order is lifted. We have 2 new Exercise Videos to use.
- ♦ Will evaluate future Prayer Programs.



March, 2020

- ♦ We continued Exercise on M/Th through March 19. No Exercise from March 23rd, forward.
- ♦ March Cards were mailed to all Homebound Members.
- ♦ 20 Phone calls for Well Check
- ♦ 10 follow up calls
- ♦ 12 cards mailed
- ♦ Items were purchased for potential needs of members/community. Items included toilet paper, paper towels, vinegar, spray bottles and Clorox. There was no hand sanitizer available to purchase.
- ♦ Information Sheet with recipes was sent out to church members on how to make your own sanitizer, etc., according to CDC Guidelines.
- ♦ Plans developed on how to support church members & community during this COVID-19 pandemic.



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)
Harriet Lipe (Genesis-Mooresville)

Please Remember:

Ella Mae Stewart	Johnny Wilkinson
Anita & Wyatt Fesperman	Emily Moore
Mary Agnes Wiggins	Helen Lyerly
Jackie McKnight	Martha Meredith
Edith Lewis	Dick & Ginny Bennett
Louise Beeker	Larry Stutts
Jo Powers	Dale McKnight
Barbara Ussery	Martha Brown
Sonny Freeze & Family	

Friends & Family of the Congregation:

Jeff Reid (*Leukemia, cousin of Pam Seamon*)
Betty Brawley (*Death of brother, Ben Gordon Mayfield*)
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 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 ...

JUNELLE BUTLER

Mother of Stacey Gipe

By:

Jerred & Ashley Chandler
Ruth Staton
June Goodman
Reid Goodman
Van & Violet Knox
Betty Alexander
Bill & Becky Hart
Billy & Phoebe Harris
Connie & Erskine Smith
Wade & Phyllis Carrigan

GINNY SMITH

Mother of Erskine Smith

By:

Van & Violet Knox
Michael & Leigh Whitfield

STEPHEN TULBERT

Brother of Bill Tulbert

By:

Frances Ann Neel

JACK EUGENE STALEY

Son of Pearl Bell

By:

Frances Ann Neel

CHRISTINE BROWN

Sister of Sonny Freeze

By:

Frances Ann Neel

BEN GORDON MAYFIELD

Brother of Betty Brawley

By:

Frances Ann Neel

Baby Bottles

Thank you so much for your support of the baby bottle drive for the Community Pregnancy Center of Lake Norman. I am so pleased to inform everyone that our church collected and donated \$2161.87 to the Community Pregnancy Center of Lake Norman during our baby bottle drive. This is the most we have every donated through the baby bottles. Due to your generosity many moms and their babies will benefit from your giving hearts. Thank you so much for all your donations! Connie



Stewardship News

The Stewardship and Finance Committee would like to thank everyone for your offerings in support of Prospect during these past weeks when we have been unable to come together to worship.

We are grateful that we have been able to continue our outreach ministry to the community as well as cover our expenses during this time. Your gifts have allowed us to support Mt. Ulla School, the food pantry at Community Baptist Church, Feed NC (the Soup Kitchen), Mooresville Christian Mission, and Rowan Helping Ministries. We ask for your prayers for our Session, our pastor, and our church as we try to follow COVID-19 guidelines in determining when we can once again worship together.

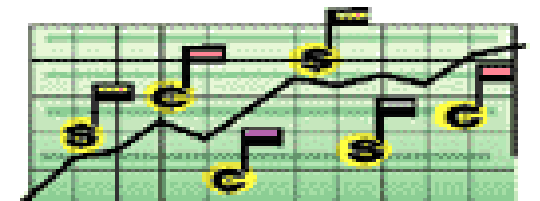
Work has progressed on the Family Life Center. The new septic system is installed and water and electric lines have been relocated. By the time you read this, we will have spent \$636,244.36 on construction costs. Your contributions to the FLC Building Fund are appreciated to lessen the amount of money we will need to borrow.

We look forward to seeing each of you again.



Are You Graduating?

We would like to honor our high school and college graduates, but first we must know who they are. If you or a family member is graduating, please notify the church office please notify the church office and or Dale Burgess or Becky Hart, with student name, degree and school by **Wednesday, May 27th**. We will be recognizing our graduates on **Sunday, June 7th** during worship. Thank you, we do want to miss anyone!



Financial NOTES

MARCH FINANCIAL REPORT

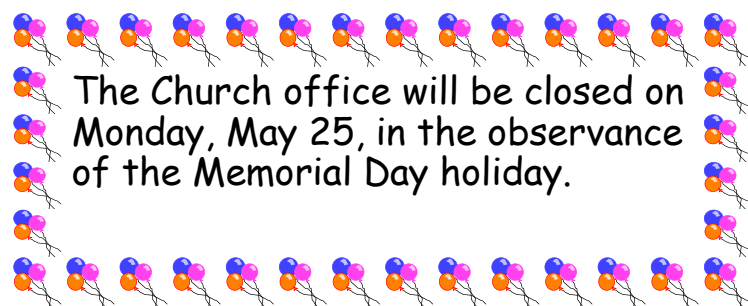
General Fund:

Monthly Income through 03-31-20:	\$25,925
Monthly Expenses through 03-31-20:	\$22,219
Expenses Less than Income for month:	\$3,706

Development Fund:

Ending Balance through 03-31-20:	\$44,399
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Family Life Center: Fund Balance:	\$445,297
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The Church office will be closed on Monday, May 25, in the observance of the Memorial Day holiday.

HEALTH NEWS:

Prospect is thankful & pleased that The Cannon Grant Foundation has approved covering salary for our beloved Faith Nurse, Virginia Stewart, for 30 hours per week as of April 1, 2020. Her hours will be 9am to 4 pm, Monday through Thursday. Our Exercise Class will continue to be on Monday & Thursday @ 11am.

Virginia has been busy in April. Many of you have received “drive by visits”, phone calls, & cards. Early in April, she arranged for pizza to be delivered to Hope of Mooresville for their dinner. Just this week, Virginia selected books & games for the children at Hope of Mooresville.

Along with Will & Cheryl, Virginia planned a community outreach for Thursday April 30. We offered a “Drive-in Prayer” for those stopping in Noon to 1pm, & again 4:45 through 6pm. Social distancing was observed by folks remaining in their vehicles.

Virginia has many ideas for our Prospect Family as we walk each day with our Lord, & some for our community as well.

Welcome full time to Prospect, Virginia! May our Lord Bless You!

Nurture & Care Committee, Frances Ann Neel, Chair

While we continue to stay home & safe, Mother's Day will be here soon, as a reminder, it is May 10. Since we may be celebrating somewhat differently than we usually do, I wanted to share a few ideas. If you can't be together physically your presence will be appreciated by phone, Skype, Zoom, Face time or whatever method you choose. Be sure to "talk to your mother". We mothers love to see and hear our children. You can have a meal delivered to her and then eat it together -virtually. Cards are Always welcome and appreciated.

Mother's Day can be difficult for those whose mother is no longer here. Be sensitive to those that have lost their mother. Plant your mother's favorite flower, tree or shrub in her yard. Or your yard! Give your mother the gift of your Time. Give her a certificate for a special time together- a picnic, a day out, a ride to the mountains, etc. I am sure you can think of many other ways to honor your mother.

HEALTH MINISTRY HAPPENINGS

April was filled with driveway and drive by home visits, food delivery, "Survival Bag" Deliveries to our homebound members, cards of encouragement, get well prayers, phone visits, Drive-In Prayer Day, Facebook videos and posts, and planning for May.

As we look forward to May, we will celebrate Mother's Day, school graduations, Exercise Videos, and a return to in-person exercise. We are preparing and planning for church to resume while keeping our physical distance. Sanitizing of the Sanctuary will take place for your return. In the mean time, Go outside. Go for a walk. You can even walk the church parking lot and we will wave at you as you pass by! Check up on one another. We need each other.

Blessings!
Virginia Stewart, RN PPC Faith Community Nurse



Prospect Presbyterian Church,

On behalf of Hope of Mooresville (HOMe), one of our guests made this thank you note for you and Prospect Presbyterian Church, for your "delicious donation" of a pizza and dessert meal for HOMe!!

We are so grateful and everyone just loves pizza and dessert!!

Blessings,
Donna Hahn
for Hope of Mooresville (HOMe)



With Heartfelt Appreciation! Dear Church Family,

Thank you all so much for your prayers, calls, cards and visits during this difficult time. It is so good to have the support of my church family.

Sincerely, Pearl Bell

Prospect Congregation,

Thank you so much for your continued support and partnership with the Seminary. We are so delighted to maintain this relationship over the years and to share with you in the training of the next generation of leaders of our church by awarding the Helen Dean's Prize each year. Stay safe and stay well.

Peace, Tim Moore, Union Seminary, Charlotte, NC



The Hart Scholarship Awards

The Hart Scholarship Awards will be presented as soon as we are cleared to have worship. Any questions, contact Lee Williams.

Please remember we are still collecting old pairs of eye glasses . The collection box in in the hall outside the Church office.

