

Prospect Presbyterian Church
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 Mooresville, NC 28115

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

THE GOOD PROSPECTS
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Closed on Friday's

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FROM YOUR PASTOR'S KEYBOARD:

A big **THANK YOU** to everyone who made Homecoming happen last month – to Karen and Connie and everyone on the Heritage and Worship committees for their leadership. It was great to see Jan Edmiston and appreciated her preaching and presence. We missed Scott Wilkinson. We will continue to pray for his health. We look forward to having preach for us whenever his schedule allows. We thank Jan for stepping up for all of us. The music was great. The food was great. So many people contributed. Thank you to all of you.

One of the things that makes the church unique in the world today is how it brings together people of different ages. We spend most of our time in our lives only with people of the same age or same stage in life. There is such blessing in being around people at different stages in life, sharing the experiences and energy that different people have. At the meal, it is always special to see the different generations enjoying each other. I had a chance to look at the list of our members over 80 and who received a Silver Dollar (thank you Bob for making this great tradition happen). What a treasure it is for all of us to have so many people who have committed so much time and love not only to Prospect, but even more to living the Christian life. Their commitment is an inspiration and example to us all. In my experience, I have found that God has invested them with wisdom and experiences that can make us all better at following Jesus Christ. And to have committed younger families here working and growing along with people at all the stages of life energizes our congregation to be the best it can be.

The opportunity to get together and enjoy each other, learn from each other, strengthen each other exists every week. Each week is a little bit of homecoming. We thank God for putting us in a place where we can receive and give so much that makes life deeper and more joyful.

Everyone have a wonderful October. Know that you are loved.

Will

Operation Christmas Child (OCC) delivers great joy and the Good News of Jesus Christ to children in need around the world through gift-filled shoeboxes. Each box packed full of quality toys, school supplies, and personal care items becomes a tangible expression of God's immense love for the child. For many, it is their first gift ever!"

The Mission Committee wants to encourage every family to pack **at least one** shoebox this year. You can pick up the shoeboxes and labels here at church. Pack your box, and drop it off at church by **Sunday, November 13**.

What to include in your box: Start with a quality “wow” item such as a stuffed animal, soccer ball with pump, or clothing outfit that will capture the child’s attention the instant he or she opens the box. **Do not include:** Candy; toothpaste; gum; used or damaged items; scary or war-related items; chocolate or food; seeds; fruit rolls or other fruit snacks; drink mixes (powdered or liquid); liquids or lotions; medications or vitamins; breakable items; aerosol cans.

OCC asks for a \$10 processing fee per box. We don’t want that to be a deterrent, so the church will send \$10 to OCC for up to 100 boxes. That way, if you don’t pay your processing fee, the church has you covered.

<https://www.samaritanaspurse.org/operation-christmas-child/pack-a-shoe-box/> has a wealth of information from gift suggestions by age and gender to pay your processing fee online and “follow your box”. If you have any questions, please contact Terri McKnight or the church office.



Golden Prospectors: October gathering is scheduled for **Tuesday, October 18th at 11:00 am** in the Family Life Center. This will be a covered dish lunch. The meat & drinks will be provided. Please bring your favorite side dish and dessert to share! This meeting will be an informational, discussion and planning for future Golden Prospector events. Please plan to attend & SIGN UP on the wall outside the church office or CALL the church office.



Young Disciples

Young Disciples will start meeting on October 9th. We will have lunch on our own (I'll reserve a room at Village Inn for any that want to eat there), and meet at Patterson's to explore the pumpkin patch. Hope everyone can be there. Our November meeting will be on the 13th with lunch provided. Looking forward to seeing everyone. Connie

Ok MEN of Prospect! We will be having our first meeting of the fall on Thursday, October 6, 2022 at 6:30 pm at Lancaster BBQ in Mooresville. Hope everyone can come. If you need a ride or have questions, please contact Dale Burgess or Bob Edmiston.



NOMINATIONS

There will be a Congregational meeting held on Sunday, **October 30th** during worship. This meeting is for the purpose of electing Elders for the **Class of 2025**. We will be electing 5 (five) Elders. Nominations can be made from the floor if the permission of the nominee has been secured prior to the nomination. The election will take place after the worship service. The names of the nominee's will be placed in the bulletin two weeks before the scheduled meeting.

CAR SHOW / Trunk or Treat



Car Show is scheduled for Saturday, October 29th, 12:00 pm to 4:00 pm. We will also be doing Trunk or Treat on Saturday, October 29th at 4:30 following the car show. It will be located in the parking lot at the education building. **We will not be having the Fall Festival.** We need many of you to support our church youth by bringing your trunks and giving out candy. This is also a great community outreach to neighborhood children.



Hope to see a lot of you with open trunks! Suggestions for safety: Wear your mask, have candy in treat bags to limit contact touching, wear gloves will provide those if needed), and of course maintain social distancing as possible. Any questions about the car show, please contact Mike Stacy and any questions about Trunk or Treat, please contact Beth Stacy.

For Prayer

Missionary:

Justin & Kristen Raymer (African Island Mission in Washington DC)
 Brian & Christy Ward (Spokane, Washington)
 Rob & Sandy Shaffer (Czech Republic)
 David & Carey Lookabill (Bangladesh)

Local Church:

ALL CHURCHES

Nursing Homes, Rehab & Retirement Facilities:

Mac Atwell (Trinity Oaks-Salisbury)
 Helen Barber (Trinity Oaks-Salisbury)
 Anne Cloaninger (Heritage Place, Statesville)
 Helen Lyerly (Cadence Living – Mooresville)
 Meghan McSwain (Brookdale Peachtree, Statesville)
 Margaret Martin (Abernathy Laurels, Newton)
 Judy Stacy (Northlake House, Charlotte)
 Mary Agnes Wiggins (Citadel, Mooresville)
 Tink Wilkinson (Cadence Living – Mooresville)

Please Remember:

Pam Tulbert	Jo Powers
Thad Linker	Ella Mae Stewart
Anita & Wyatt Fesperman	Lynda Fries
Toni Wheeler	Rachel Powers
Jackie McKnight	Pearl Bell
Carol & Larry Stutts	Roy Watkins

Friends & Family of the Congregation:

Betty Brawley (*broken hip, fiend of the congregation*)
 Jo Beaty & Mack Robinette (*friends of the congregation*)
 Bruce Ann Steadman (*granddaughter of Betty Alexander*)
 Eric Johnson (*Cancer, friend of Sarah Russell*)
 Nancy Dwyer (*Sickness, friend of Pam Tulbert*)
 Janet Baker (*Cancer, friend of John Edmiston*)
 Nancy Shinn (*Health Issues, cousin of Frances Ann Neel*)
 Rachel Shinn Stone (*Breast Cancer, cousin of Frances Ann Neel*)
 Frank McCall & Jackie McCall (*Friend of Edie Steele*)
 Scott Wilkinson (*Health Issues – son of Tink Wilkinson*)
 Michael Weller (*Brain tumor, friend of Will & Stacey Gipe*)
 Teresa Ervin (*Breast Cancer, Vi LaShomb daughter*)
 Edgar Moore (*Lung Cancer, friend of Jean Gibson*)
 Lou Ann Compton Isenhour (*Blood Cancer, cousin of Becky Hart*)
 Jamie Hall (*longtime friend of Will & Stacey Gipe*)
 Kim Lambeth (*Cancer, Rachel Marlowe's mother*)
 Beth Segui (*Parkinson, Daughter of Betty Alexander*)
 Ellen Goldstein (*Cousin of Becky Hart*)



GIVEN IN LOVING MEMORY OF ...

SARAH JACKSON
 By:
 Pam Tulbert
 Allen & Ann Jackson
 Frances Ann Neel
 June Goodman
 Toni Brown & Philip Moore
 Frances Howie
 Johnny & Roxanna Wiggins

AUBREY PRICE
 By:
 Lannie & Carolyn Sigmon

WILLIAM "BILL" TULBERT
 By:
 Wayne & Carolyn Whitlow
 Greta Helms
 Barry & Terri Byrd
 Duane & Elizabeth Kirkman

PAM BOLMER BEAVER
 By:
 June Goodman
 Wilson & Joan Kennerly
 Lynn Britz
 Virginia Edmiston
 Mary & Labe Sloop
 Susan & Mark Beaver
 Sherry & Ron Armstrong
 Francis Segui
 Allen & Ann Jackson
 Frances Ann Neel

KAY EDMISTON
 By:
 Jan Edmiston & Family

PEARL BELL
 By:
 Lynn Britz
 Frances Ann Neel

August Financial Report

General Fund:

Monthly Income through 08-31-22:	\$27,191
Monthly Expenses through 08-31-22:	\$34,905
Expenses GREATER than Income for month:	\$7,714

Development Fund:

Ending Balance through 08-31-22:	\$64,522
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SESSION NEWS

Your Session had its regular stated meeting on September 15th at 7pm, moderated by Rev. Will Gipe.

Visitor: Elizabeth Arthurs

Treasurer reported balances on September 6, 2022:

- General Fund balance - \$82,294
- Family Life Center balance - \$16,180
- Development Fund Balance - \$64,537
- Approved Elizabeth Arthurs to the active membership roll of Prospect Church by transfer of letter from St. Mark's Lutheran Church.
- Approved \$100/mth gas stipend thru December 2022 for Virginia Stewart due to increased gasoline costs.
- Approved purchase of a full-size refrigerator for drink storage in the Family Life Center. Money to come from the Family Life Center account.
- Approved Beverly Bartlett's grandchildren for baptism on October 2nd: Ava Bartlett, Sarah Bartlett, Jasmine Bartlett, and Bella Addison.
- Requested the Building & Grounds Committee investigate pricing for sanctuary items: new carpet, new pew seat cushions, modifying organ chambers, painting, new platform steps in front of pulpit area.



Next Stated Session Meeting scheduled for Thursday October 20th at 7pm.

As your Session we always welcome comments.

Grace and Peace,
Rick

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY IS OCTOBER 2nd We will celebrate the sacrament of the Lord's Supper on that day. If you or a family member need communion brought to you at home, please contact the church office. Feast with us on "the bread of life" at the Lord's house on World Communion Sunday.



****Health News:**

Greetings from your Health Ministry! Happy October!! Happy Fall!!

Fall is here bringing us respite temperatures, changing colors, signaling a time to rest and regroup, Bonfires, Church Car Show, Trunk or Treat, etc.

I want to share Hope with you this month.

The last 2 or so years have been rough and tough for all of us. Covid. Illnesses. Isolation. Job loss & changes. Losses. Anxiety. Depression. Fear. Hopelessness. And also we have had wins, help from friends & loved ones, our church, beauty of nature, vacations, etc.

We have HOPE in and through Christ! So often our eyes are focused horizontally when our eyes need to be focused vertically, on Christ-Up. All our help (hope) comes from above and so we look towards where our hope comes from. "Wait a minute, Jesus has never physically brought me hope." Really? The Holy Spirit sends us Hope in many forms. Christian friends bring us Hope in our times of trouble. Listening ears. Caring. Sitting with us in our "Darkness" -being present. Sharing their Hope with us when we forget ours. Pastors and Shepherds bring us Hope and help to "regain" our hope when we have lost ours. The beauty of Creation reminds us of Hope, because God is with us. That unexpected phone call or card at just the right time. Demonstrations of love and being loved brings us Hope. What about that visit or meal brought, gift card received for Golden Corral or Door Dash Delivery? What about Secret Sister? Men's Fellowship? Sunday School? Youth Group? All these connections help us to visualize our connection with Jesus.

We, here at Prospect, have Hope, offer Hope and will walk with you until your Hope is restored. We are the arms & feet of Jesus to one another and to our community. The World is searching for Hope. Let us reach out to them and share our reason for Hope. Together we are Better.

Remember the old hymn, "My Hope is Built on Nothing Less"? Verse 1 says, "My Hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness; I dare not trust the sweetest frame, but wholly lean on Jesus' Name." Verse 3 states, "His oath, His covenant, His blood support me in the 'whelming flood; when all around my soul gives way, He then is all my Hope and stay." This hymn was written in 1834; 188 years ago. The message remains current.

I am here. Call me. I have 2 listening ears and resources available to help you.

Blessings from your Nurture & Care Team,
Virginia and Team

Attention! Attention!! Flu Shot & Covid Booster Clinic

Cost: Will file your insurance

When: Monday, October 10

Time: 4pm to 7pm (Drop-In)

Where: Concordia Lutheran Church, China Grove (Our neighbor up the road 3.5 miles)

I have a form for you to fill out. Please call me for assistance with the form.





Cathy Mayfield	10/01
Jaime Hovis	10/02
Kevin Donaldson	10/03
Justice Fleming	10/06
Karen Cornett	10/07
Andrew Compton	10/09
Jean Gibson	10/09
Thomas Blackwelder	10/10
Matthew Moore	10/10
Weston Wolfe	10/10
Tony Robinson	10/11
Connie Brown	10/15
Kim Randall	10/15
Michael Clanton	10/16
Erskine Smith	10/16
Logan Overcash	10/17
Barbara Stutts	10/17
Amanda Wolfe	10/19
Joy Miller	10/25
Fonda Meredith	10/28
Carol Linker	10/29
Sam Cornett	10/30



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Chuck & Joy Miller	10/01
Erskine & Connie Smith	10/06
Carla & Jon Kennedy	10/14
Matt & Judie Sellers	10/22
Lewis & Donna Anderson	10/24
Michael & Stefanie Clanton	10/25
Wyatt & Anita Fesperman	10/25
Vaughn & Marcia Petford	10/25
Dale & Lisa Burgess	10/27



ROWAN HELPING MINISTRIES

Suggested Donation for October:
Pasta



Emergency Supply List? Are you prepared for an extended power outage or no water for days?

NOW, is the time to prepare **BEFORE** an Emergency occurs. We are now in Hurricane Season.

Don't get caught Un-Prepared. How many people in your family? Any neighbors without support systems? What do you need. You can pick up a pamphlet from FEMA with a suggested list of items in the Narthex & FLC.

Any questions, please see the nurse.

Items Needed

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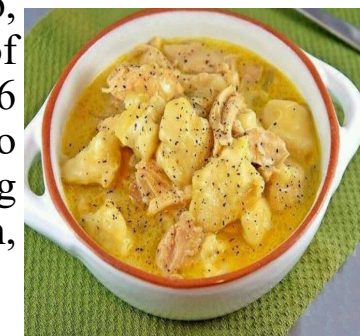
Lettie Beatty / ACTS Circle
RUTH Circle
Serendipity Circle

PW Announcements

Circle Meetings

Wednesday, October 5th	10:00 am in the FLC
Tuesday, October 4th	7:00 pm in the FLC
Monday, October 3rd	6:30 pm in the FLC

Chicken and Pickin' at the China Grove Roller Mill: Please join us for delicious homemade chicken and dumplings and desserts at the Roller Mill on October 15th from 5pm until 7pm. In addition to the great food and fellowship, the evening will highlight bluegrass music of "5 'n a Tub". Tours of the Mill are also available. Meal prices are \$12 for adults and \$6 for children 10 and under. Take out meals are also available. No advance ticket sales. Please support the Roller Mill while enjoying a nice fall evening of great food and music. For more information, please call Judy Haire, 704-425-5323 .



SAVE THE DATE!

Secret Sister is a great success! We would love to invite anyone curious about all the fun we are having to our next Social on **Saturday, October 15th** at 10:30 am in the family life center. Bring your favorite goodie to share!! We will enjoy Woman's Devotional, Food, and Fun!! If you know someone who didn't participate in our 2022 **Secret Sisters** please invite them to join us at 2023 is right around the corner!!



Prospect Church,
Your kind thoughts and sympathy will always be remembered. Your kindness during mom's illness is very much appreciated. Thank you for your prayers, thoughts, and the delicious food served after the service. Special thanks to Will for his calls and visits.

Sarah Jackson Family

