

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

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2022

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

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Nurse: virginia.stewart@atriumhealth.org
Office: office@prospectpres.org

FROM YOUR PASTOR’S KEYBOARD:

One of the reasons we like Christmas so much is that it is something we can count on. We know its place on the calendar. We make plans for it and think about it throughout the year. We have traditions, things we do every year, that we look forward to it. Christmas is something solid. We sort of count on the dependability of Christmas, the consistency of Christmas.

Life can be unpredictable, strange, hard. Plans do not work out. Changes come that we do not like. We work hard and it doesn’t always get rewarded or noticed. We have lost people we love this year. We miss people that have been gone for many Christmases. In the midst of all of this, we appreciate things, and people, we can count on. Christmas keeps drawing us back to God. God is the Ultimate One upon whom we can count. The story of God’s love for us does not change. The commitment of Jesus Christ to come and be with us, to come and get us and save us, does not change. The hope and confidence we have for today and for eternity, because of His love and sacrifice on the Cross, do not change. God has been in it, and with us, through all of this year. In all situations, we have our security and stability because God will be there, in our hearts, in our families, in our church, in our lives, in our world. Keep looking for Him. Keep trusting Him. He is dependable. He has a plan for all of us. He has it all under control. Keep counting on Jesus Christ.

Everyone have a happy Christmas. Know that you are loved.

Stacey, Laura, Will, Amber and I wish you a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!!



Merry Christmas
&
Happy New Year!

From Your Church Staff:
Will, Cheryl,
Dixie, Pat & Virginia

May your family be blessed throughout
this holiday season!



During the advent season, we will display poinsettias in the sanctuary on Sunday, December 18th. Poinsettias will be available for purchase for \$8 each. We will **ONLY** order what is paid for in advance.



Poinsettias

Orders and payment must be received in the church office by Wednesday, December 14th. You may reserve your poinsettia in memory or in honor of someone special in your life by signing the chart in the commons area. Please make your check to Prospect Presbyterian Church and indicate it is for the poinsettias. A list of those remembered will be in the bulletin on Sunday, December 18th.



AVAILABLE TO COLLEGE STUDENTS
Applications shall be made to the Scholarship Committee by **February 26, 2023**

Fannie Turner Hart and Henry Howard Hart were great advocates of education. Their children established this scholarship in their memory, to be referred to hereafter as the Hart Scholarship Fund. This fund has been established at Prospect Presbyterian Church which they loved and where they served God faithfully for many years.

The Scholarship Committee of Prospect Presbyterian Church is elected by the Session to receive and review all applications for the Hart Scholarship. 2023 Committee members are: TBA Please contact the church office at 704-664-1514 with any questions.

Applications can be picked up at the church office. Completed applications need to be completed and placed in the mailbox in the commons area marked "Hart Scholarship."

Merry Christmas



Church Office Holiday Schedule

The Church Office will be closed for the Christmas Holidays December 26th and 27th and will be closed on Monday, January 2nd for a New Year's holiday. Please remember that your end of the year contributions should be turned in to the church office by Tuesday, January 3rd. Thank you!

Joy Gift Offering

In December, you will have the opportunity to participate in the Christmas Joy Offering. This offering dates back to the 1930's when the Southern Presbyterian Church began to supplement the inadequate retirement income of former missionaries, ministers and church workers. 50% of this year's offering goes to aid needy retirees with the Board of Pensions and 50% goes to help Presbyterian racial and ethnic schools and colleges to continue their operations in these tough economic times. **The Joy Gift offering will be received on Sunday, December 18th. Envelopes will be provided.**



REMINDER:

Please, if you know you are going in the hospital or you know someone is in the hospital or sick, PLEASE notify the church office. We would love to keep in touch. Thank you.



NOEL HALLELUJAH MERRY CHRISTMAS HAPPY NEW YEAR

ADVENT ACTIVITIES!

2nd SUNDAY IN ADVENT, DECEMBER 4:

The **Second Advent** candle will be lit by **Bart & Sarah Tulbert and children**, during the morning worship service.

3rd SUNDAY IN ADVENT, DECEMBER 11:

The **Third Advent** candle will be lit by **Meredith, Tripp & Shelby Booth**, during the morning worship service. Come worship God, as we sing familiar Christmas carols and celebrate Christ's coming. Also from 4:00 to 6:00 pm the congregation will have a party with a special visitor for the children. See invitation below.

4th SUNDAY IN ADVENT, DECEMBER 18:

The **Fourth Advent** candle will be lit by the **Dowdy family, and the Stapleton Family**, during the morning worship service.

CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICE, Saturday, DECEMBER 24:

At 9:00 pm, we will hold our traditional Candlelight and Communion Service. The **Advent** candles will be lit by the **Moore family, Paul, Emily, Allison & William**. Bring your family and friends to this glorious night of worship and welcome Christ again into your hearts.



Hello from your Health Ministry!

We have begun celebrating the "Advent Season". What is Advent about, anyway? I never really knew what Advent was all about until I came to Prospect. You have taught me many good things, by the way. Forgive me, I digress.

The dictionary meaning of Advent is the anticipation of and preparation for the arrival of someone very important or a very important event. Christmas would meet both of these definitions for sure. It is all about Jesus, Emmanuel, God with us. We, as born-again Christ Followers, celebrate not only the birth of our LORD and Savior Jesus Christ but His anticipated return at anytime, now.

How do you and I prepare for Jesus' return and the celebration of His Birth. God, in the flesh, loves us and restored the way to fellowship with Him by the Birth, Death, and Resurrection of Jesus Christ. What Sin destroyed, God restored.

There are many things we can do to prepare for Advent. Some of those things include self-examination in comparison with the Scriptures. Am I obeying what God has instructed me to do? Do I love Him so that He is #1 in my life? Do I share the Hope that is within me? Do I practice regular devotion time with God? Am I in agreement with what God says & states in the Bible, His Word? Do I love God; myself and others? When I realize I am wrong, do I repent-with God and man? Do I worship God daily in Spirit and in Truth? Do I come before His Presence with singing? Do I practice gratefulness, thankfulness, grace and mercy with myself as well as others? These are just a few ways we can prepare for The Advent; Christ's birth and Christ's soon return as King of Kings and LORD of Lords! Blessings!!

Merry Christ-mas!! Change is constant for all of us.





Christopher Hart	12/01
Vance Moore	12/01
Lane Marlowe	12/04
Jerry Meredith	12/05
Richard Bennett	12/06
Lynda Fries	12/06
Murdoch Morrison	12/06
Ethan Fallowes	12/07
Larry Stutts	12/10
Emily Moore	12/14
Margaret Bradshaw	12/16
Meredith Powers	12/16
Scott Brumley	12/17
Luke Tulbert	12/18
Clayton Fleming	12/21
Barbara Lyerly	12/22
Sharon Bivens	12/23
William Stephens	12/25
Susan Blackwelder	12/28
Amzie Hovis	12/29
Ann Jackson	12/29
Tanner Cavin	12/30
Robin Stutts	12/30
Kiki Reid	12/31



Circle News: Wednesday, December 7th, **ACTS/Lettie Beatty Circle** will have their December meeting at Out Back in Mooresville at 11:30 am. Meet at the church at 11:00 am to carpool. **Serendipity Circle** will be meeting at the home of Connie Smith at 6:30 pm for their Christmas party on **Monday, December 5th**.



Larry & Carol Stutts Dec 19

SAVE THE DATE: Tuesday, December 20th, Golden Prospectors will be meeting in the Family Life Center at 12:00 pm for their Christmas gathering. This will be a covered dish. Please bring a side dish and your favorite dessert to share. The meats will be provided. **ALSO**, please bring a White Elephant gift to play a Christmas game! Hope everyone will be able to join. **DON'T FORGET WE CHANGED THE TIME!**

Mission Committee News!

Once again, we will be helping the Mt. Ulla school students by providing Christmas gifts to the families who are in need. We are helping 2 families (10 kids and 4 adults) this year. Thank you to those who are providing the gifts for the kids. We're also asking that the congregation provided canned goods, dried beans, rice, and paper goods for the families. Please have all gifts and food to the church by noon on Sunday, December 4th. Thank you to everyone for your help!

Thanks to everyone who packed or contributed to the Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes. We had 96 boxes, which rounds up to 100. **Well done!**

Save the date: The mission committee is partnering with the young disciples to sponsor a Rise Against Hunger meal packing event after church on Sunday, February 12. These events are a lot of fun and there's a job for anyone of any age. Please mark it on your calendar.

A **Mitten Tree** will be displayed in the narthex for the month of January for you to decorate with hats, gloves, scarves and mittens. These gifts will be given to local children in need to help keep them warm. As you're doing your holiday shopping, please keep the mitten tree in mind.



GIVEN IN LOVING MEMORY OF ...

WILLIAM "BILL" TULBERT
By

Lynnette & Joseph Novobilski
Doug & Jennifer Winders
Delan & Gina White
Beverly & Fred Freeman
Carol Tulbert
Brian & Rebecca Gattoni

CARL "FOOT" WIGGINS
By

First Baptist Church of Mooresville

MARY AGNES WIGGINS
By

Frances Ann Neel
Lynn Britz
John & Roxanna Wiggins
Ann & Allen Jackson
Teeter Realty Co.
Virginia Edmiston
Betty Alexander
June Goodman



AUBREY PRICE
By

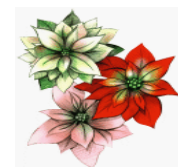
John & Donna Edwards

RALPH RUTHERFORD
By

Doris Rutherford

KATE BUTLER
(Family of Frances Ann Neel)

By
Alice Clarke
Frances Ann Neel



TONI WHEELER
By

Virginia Edmiston
Connie & Erskine Smith
Martha Deaton
Ann & Allen Jackson

ANNE CLOANINGER
By

Virginia Edmiston
Ann & Allen Jackson
Connie & Erskine Smith

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)

Nursing Homes, Rehab & Retirement Facilities:

Mac Atwell (Trinity Oaks-Salisbury)
Helen Barber (Trinity Oaks-Salisbury)
Dick Bennett (Green @ Maple Leaf - Statesville)
Helen Lyerly (Cadence Living – Mooresville)
Meghan McSwain (Brookdale Peachtree, Statesville)
Margaret Martin (Abernathy Laurels, Newton)
Judy Stacy (Northlake House, Charlotte)
Tink Wilkinson (Cadence Living – Mooresville)



Please Remember:

Jo Powers	Pam Tulbert
Thad Linker	Ella Mae Stewart
Anita & Wyatt Fesperman	Lynda Fries
Phyllis Carrigan	Eddie Teeter
Jackie McKnight	Roy Watkins
Carol & Larry Stutts	

Friends & Family of the Congregation:

Amy & Mike Corriher (*Amy Breast Cancer, friends of the Lyerly's*)
Fiona Ogle (*granddaughter of Mike & Beth Stacy*)
Mary Yeager (*Hip Surgery, friend of the congregation*)
Jo Beatty & 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*)
Gerry Steele (*family 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*)



Nurture & Care Team of Prospect:

Thank you so much for the Visa gift card! I really appreciate the love & kindness that I have received from Prospect. Thank you for praying for me!

With gratitude, Landry Freeze

ROWAN HELPING MINISTRIES

Suggested Donation
for December:

SPICES



*Emmanuel Comes ~ Let's Celebrate
Make Room in Your Heart, Your Home, Your Life*

December 4, 2022

6:00 p.m.

Concordia Lutheran Church

Featuring Voices From:

Concordia Lutheran Church, Fieldstone Presbyterian Church
&
Prospect Presbyterian Church

Musicians:

Monty Bennett, Pat McCall, Joyce McGuire,
Sarah Tulbert, and Richard Woods

Directors:

Eddie Karriker and Murdoch Morrison



Congratulations to Bart & Sarah Tulbert who were married on Friday evening, October 21, 2022. They and their family now reside at 133 Branchview Drive, Mooresville, NC 28115

Dear Prospect Church Family,

It's hard to know what to say, really, to express our great and sincere gratitude, for the love, warmth, support, kindness, you all have shown our family in the passing of now three members of our family in the last eight months. All we can say is, Thank you!! Thank you to the Cemetery Committee! Thank you to the Bereavement Team #3 this time, for the delicious meal, and their warmth and love. Thank you to Virginia Stewart who took the time to check on Mary Agnes at the nursing home. Thank you to Cheryl Chandler who is always so kind and helpful to us. Thank you to Pastor Gipe who has been so kind and helpful to our family. What a great servant of God he is. Thank you to every person at Prospect who offered their love, and condolences; those who sent cards, etc. Thank you! Thank you! God bless you all!

John, Roxanne, Anthony, Michael, & Little Alex, family of Mary Agnes Wiggins



Eat Healthy* Be Active Community Workshops

Join me for 6 different and fun sessions.

Beginning: Monday January 2, 2023

When: 6-7 pm

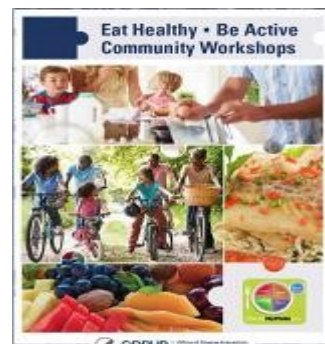
Where: Friendship Classroom / Concordia Lutheran Church

1st 4 workshops will be Jan 2, Jan 9, Jan 16 and then Jan 23. (workshops 5 and 6 will be sometime in February.) The focus of the workshops is to give individuals tips and tools to eat healthy and be physically active to promote good health and reduce the risk of chronic diseases.

In addition, I have started a medical equipment closet with walkers, rollators, wheelchairs, crutches etc As well as choux and briefs. Let me know if you need anything.

Mary Anne Miller MSN, RN

Faith Community Nurse / Concordia Lutheran Church / 704-857-2163. ext 3



Session News

Your Session had its regular stated meeting on November 17th at 7pm, moderated by Rev. Will Gipe.

Treasurer reported balances on 11/16:

- General Fund balance - \$90,505
- Family Life Center balance - \$15,460
- Development Fund Balance - \$65,248

Approved Ed and Amy Stillman to active membership roll of Prospect Church by transfer of letter from First Presbyterian Church of West Chester, Pennsylvania.

Trustees are reviewing:

- Insurance coverage to ensure we have ample replacement coverage
- Helen Deans Funds and options to reduce fees and increase income

Approved Elevator Research Committee:

- Team: Dan Edmiston, Becky Hart, Allen Jackson, Violet Knox, Rick Lysterly, Paul Moore, Walter Teeter
- Charter: Investigate type, style, location of elevator (s), budget & maintenance cost and provide recommendation to Session.
- Solicit input from congregation

Accepted with regret the resignation of our Parish Nurse, Virginia Stewart effective December 31 due to family health issues. Agreed to begin search for her replacement.

Agreed to continue monthly communion using prepackaged communion cups, except at the beginning of each quarter we will revert to "regular communion" with elders passing out the elements.

Next Stated Session Meeting scheduled for Thursday December 15th at 7pm.

As your Session we always welcome comments.

Grace and Peace,
Rick



January 8th we are going to Kick off the New year with Sunday School refreshments from 9:15 to 9:45 in the education building.*Maybe if you can put something about joining a Sunday school class that would be great too..



October Financial Report

General Fund:

Monthly Income through 10-31-22:	\$49,146
Monthly Expenses through 10-31-22:	\$30,175
Expenses Less than Income for month:	\$18,971

Development Fund:

Ending Balance through 10-31-22:	\$65,178
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No Worship meeting in December

Young Disciples

Our next meeting will be **January 8, 2023**. We will meet at 11:45 in the FLC and lunch will be provided. Don't forget to bring your gift for Baby Jesus to the Christmas Party on **December 11th**. Hope to see everyone.

Lake Norman Pregnancy Center

Our church donated \$2,300.00 to the center. This was the money collected and donated from the walk.

Baby bottles will be coming again in January, so start collecting your change to fill them up or you can donate using bills or a check. If you have any questions contact me at (704) 437-1860. Thanks for your support.
Connie Brown