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### 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. Please contact the committee members or the church office at 704-664-1514 with any questions.

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



### 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 Pastor: willgipe@hotmail.com

Nurse: TBD

Office office@prospectpres.org

2023

Sunday School: 9:30 am Worship Service: 10:30 am Telephone: (704) 664-1514 Will's Cell: 1-276-275-1942 Fax: (704) 664-9612 Website: www.prospectpres.org

#### FROM YOUR PASTOR'S KEYBOARD:

In February we celebrate Valentine's Day and that makes us think about love. The Bible talks about love all the time. God loves us (John 3:16). We are to love God and our neighbor (Matthew 22:34-40). We are even to love our enemies (Matthew 5:43-48). The Bible tells us to love in a way that is genuine and real (Romans 12:9).

Romantic love is a great gift of God. God invented it (Genesis 2:18-25). God blesses marriage. God also invented the love of friends. We think of the great friendship of David and his friend Jonathon who loved each other as they did their own soul (1 Samuel 18:1). One of the most amazing and unique things that Jesus does is He tells His disciples that He considers them His friends (John 15:12-17). Jesus tells them He loves them enough to die for them, to lay down His life, for His friends.

Valentine's Day gets us in the mind of romantic love. But we limit God's idea of love too much when romance is our primary focus on love. The apostle Paul exalts the idea of singleness as a good and powerful place from which to love God and love neighbor (1 Corinthians 7:7-9, 32-35).

Here is something that is true of all love: Love is a risk. When we love someone, we face the possibility our love will be rejected, used, misused or taken advantage of. Jesus Christ came to the world, to love and serve, and was rejected by so many. He is God. He knew this would happen. He came anyway. Such cost was worth it to Him to get the people who believed in Him (John 3:16).

Love is a risk. But we cannot let that risk keep us from following God's command to be a people of love. CS Lewis once said: "If you don't want to get hurt, lock your heart away. If you do not want your heart to be broken, then give it to no one. But just know, that you will not save your heart. It will become cold and dead. In that little casket of self-centeredness, it will not be broken but will become unbreakable, impenetrable, irredeemable".

We know our love, our generosity, our kindness may be rejected or misused. Let us learn from Jesus to make sure those realities do not keep us from loving or to be stingy with our love. He came to love and to die for sinners (like me and you) who would not appreciate His love fully. He came because He knew His love could change us. Moreover, He uses our love to change the people around us for His purpose and His good and glory. Jesus Christ was extravagant with His love. Let us, His people, look for ways to do the same.

Have a blessed February friends. Know that you are loved.





#### **Session News**

Your Session had its regular stated meeting on January 19th at 7pm, moderated by Rev. Will Gipe. Visitor: Becky Hart, Treasurer

Treasurer reported balances on 1/16/23:

General Fund balance - \$105,728

Family Life Center balance - \$11,539

Development Fund Balance - \$65,844

The Session thanks the congregation for their 2022 financial support as we look forward to a 2023 budget of \$451,451 (8.5% increase over 2022 budget)

Approved \$1,000 as our 2023 annual pledge to Salem Presbytery

Approved Congregational Meeting for Feb 12<sup>th</sup> during the Worship Service to receive and approve the 2022 Annual Corporate Report and approve a change of call for Rev. Will Gipe.

#### Elected the following:

Bill Hart as 2023 Treasurer and Trustee for the class of 2025

Rick Lyerly to continue as clerk.

Approved spending up to \$8,000 from the CP Lowrance Poor Hungry Needy Fund to assist in the next Rise Against Hunger Event on April 16<sup>th</sup>.

#### **2023 Session Committees** (\*denotes chair) and responsibilities:

Administration/Personnel - Walter Teeter\*/Bob Edmiston/Bill Hart

Buildings & Grounds-Mike Anderson\*/Paul Moore/Johnny Wilkinson

Christian Education/Fellowship – Shannon Knox\*/Beth Stacy/Dale Burgess

Mission – Terri McKnight\*/Van Knox

Nurture and Growth – Joy Miller\*/Lee Williams

Outreach- Beth Stacy\*/Shannon Knox

Stewardship & Finance –Bob Edmiston\*/Bill Hart/Van Knox

Worship & Music -Karen Cornett\*

Rick Lyerly -Clerk of Session

Bill Hart – Treasurer, Bob Edmiston - Assistant Treasurer

Trustee Officers: Bob Edmiston, Walter Teeter, Bill Hart

Approved Adam Lyerly to perform the 2022 Financial Audit.

Next Stated Session Meeting scheduled for Thursday February 16th at 7pm.

As your Session we always welcome comments. Grace and Peace, Rick Lyerly

#### **Young Disciples**

Young Disciples will meet February 19th in the FLC after church at 11:45. Rise Against Hunger has been changed to a April date. Lunch will be provided. We will have a lesson and craft. Hope to see everyone there. Connie



#### PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN NEWS:

<u>Circle</u>	<b>Date/Time</b>	<b>Location</b>
Lettie Beatty/Acts	Feb. 1 @ 10:00 am	FLC
Serendipity	Feb. 6 @ 6:30 pm	FLC



#### **Golden Prospectors!**

The Golden Prospectors will be meeting at Village Inn Pizza on Plaza Dr. on Tuesday, February 21st at 12:00 pm. Hope to see everyone for good food and fellowship.



## ROWAN HELPING **MINISTRIES** Suggested Donation for February **Tuna Fish & Crackers**

It's back, UNDIE SUNDAY! As part of our February Mission projects, we would like for you to bring a brand new package of underwear to be sent to the Mooresville Christian Mission. We will be collecting any & all NEW under garments the entire month of February. If you have any questions, please contact Terri McKnight.

#### **December Financial Report**

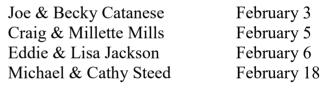
Monthly Income through 12-31-22:	\$68,170
Monthly Expenses through 12-31-22:	\$35,569
Expenses Lesser than Income	
for month:	\$32,601
<b>Development Fund:</b>	
Ending Balance through 12-31-22:	\$65,829

**General Fund:** 

Marsha Deaton	02/01
Perry Teeter	02/01
Stefanie Clanton	02/03
Austin Lewis	02/03
Dale McKnight	02/03
Ann Clark	02/06
Van Knox	02/06
Craig Mills	02/06
Jan Spear	02/08
Michael Steed	02/08
Violet Knox	02/09
Dale Burgess	02/11
Jack Edmiston	02/12
Janielle Watkins	02/12
Donna Anderson	02/14
Helen Broadway	02/18
Stacey Gipe	02/18
Alex Cornelison	02/19
Anna Claire Cornelison	02/19
Lynn Britz	02/20
Lori Fleming	02/21
Gus Linker	02/21
Ally McLelland	02/21
Wilma Houston	02/26
Carol Stutts	02/28

02/01

Marsha Deaton





#### **Blanket Sunday Reminder**

February 12th has been designated as Blanket Sunday for our congregation.

A donation of \$10.00 will buy a warm blanket for someone in need. Please support this special ministry of Church World Service by donating money for at least one blanket. Blankets are sent to areas facing disaster in the United States as well as to other countries. You may have seen some of these blankets in the media coverage of the earthquake in Haiti. Special offering envelopes will be included in your bulletin that day. Open your hearts and join others in the faith community who are helping to blanket the world with love. There is no better way to show your love for others this Valentine's Day. Thank you for your generous support.



#### For Praver:

#### **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)

Helen Lyerly (Cadence Living – Mooresville)

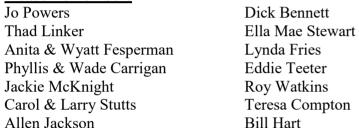
Meghan McSwain (Brookdale Peachtree, Statesville)

Margaret Martin (Abernathy Laurels, Newton)

Judy Stacy (Northlake House, Charlotte)

Tink Wilkinson (Cadence Living – Mooresville)





Friends & Family of the Congregation: Lauren Vanderpool (Serious medical issues, friend of Kensley Ford)

Florida Family of Dixie Forbes-Gorby

Danny Bost (Liver issues, friend of the congregation)

Linda Bost (Vascular Dementia, friend of the congregation)

Danny Tulbert (Cancer, brother-in-law of Pam Tulbert)

Amy & Mike Corriber (Amy Breast Cancer, friends of the

Lyerly's)

Fiona Ogle (granddaughter of Mike & Beth Stacy)

Bruce Ann Steadman (granddaughter of Betty Alexander)

Eric Johnson (Cancer, friend of Sarah Russell)

Evelyn Griffith (Cancer, friend of Mike & Robin Anderson)

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)

Michael Weller (Brain tumor, friend of Will & Stacey Gipe)

Teresa Ervin (Breast Cancer, Vi LaShomb daughter)









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

#### ELIZABETH "LIB" KNOX Bv:

Frances Ann Neel Virginia Edmiston Bill & Becky Hart Tommy & Renee McLelland Michael Miller

Dwayne, Stephanie, Dalton & Riley Jackson

> Wayne & Linda Dobey Hulene McLean Jeff & Gail Shoe James Morrow Jr.

Jerry & Rita Hallman Rachel Lyons **Betty Brawley** 

Richard & Suzanne Woods Connie & Erskine Smith Edward & Frances Knox

Randy & Susan Nelson Marsha Deaton

Randy & Linda Oliphant **Shirley Childers** 

Vickie & Tommy Stutts Stephen & Elizabeth McCuin

Alice & Eddie Clingenpeel

Reba Connolly Phyllis Hilton

Kevin & Kristin Donaldson Patricia King

Residents of Northgate Off Main Carolyn Finney

#### TONI T. WHEELER

Bv:

Glenda Waugh Stephen & Elizabeth McCuin Phyllis Hilton

#### **AUBREY PRICE**

By:

Stephen & Elizabeth McCuin

#### MICHAEL DEATON

*By*:

Mooresville High School Class of 1967

**Prospect Congregation**: We would like to express our sincere appreciation for all the kind expressions of sympathy extended to our family during the brief illness and passing of our beloved Lib Knox. The outpouring of condolences in the form of prayers, food, and cards was amazing. We would especially like to thank the bereavement team for providing a wonderful spread of food for us and the other guests. We have a very caring church. Sincerely, The Knox, Sigmon, and Marsh Families



The Mission Committee wants to thank everyone who helped with Christmas for the Mt. Ulla Elementary School children and their families. Below are the contents of a hand-written thank you letter from Mary Sloop at Mt.

Dear Beth, I want to thank you and Prospect Presbyterian Church members for helping to make Christmas special for two large families in 2022. You were tremendously generous and all of the parents were so thankful. They were amazed at all of the gifts and food. Thank you so much for your kindness to these families and especially to the children. The Mount Ulla Christmas Ministry Committee is very appreciative for your help. Sincerely, Mary Sloop

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

#### KAY EDMISTON

*By*:

Dan Edmiston

#### HARRY, RACHEL & JANICE BRADSHAW *By:*

Pat & Steve Clontz

#### **CARL & MARY AGNES WIGGINS**

Bv:

David & Brenda Raney & Family Hugh & Doris Sechler



Thanks to everyone who contributed to the Mitten Tree. Those items will help keep needy children in the area warm.



#### MARK YOUR CALENDARS LADIES!!!

We are so excited to kick off our Secret Sister Socials! Below are the Save the Dates for this years Socials!! We will meet in the Family Life Center at 10:30am for fellowship, food and fun!!! Bring your favorite treats to share. Reminder these Socials are open to any and everyone who wishes to strengthen their Faith with their Sisters!!

Saturday, February 11<sup>th</sup> Saturday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> Saturday, June 24<sup>th</sup> Saturday, August 26<sup>th</sup> Saturday, October 28<sup>th</sup>



Our BIG reveal is planned for Friday, December 1<sup>st</sup> @ 6pm at the Sellers Residence.

February 11<sup>th</sup> Social will be planned around "Loving You"! We will share our favorite Red or Pink Treats, play games and complete a devotional.

Lastly, should anyone who hasn't turned in their Secret Sister form decide to join throughout the year we would love to have you. Please turn your form into the church office or via email to Judie Sellers (colesmom0903@gmail.com). I will contact you for more details once your form is turned in. As always, if you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to me! Thank you!

All my Love, Judie Sellers Colesmom0903@gmail.com 704.791.9764



#### Dementia Care Series February/March 2023

Are you caring for someone struggling with memory loss or dementia? St Luke's is offering a free 3 part series on this debilitating condition and how we can best prepare for and care for those we love. Dr Jason Connelly leads these discussions with guests for specific topics. St Luke's Lutheran, 11020 Hwy 801, Mt Ulla, NC 28125. www.stlukesmtulla.org

Sunday, February 26th (a) 3pm Caring for a Loved One with Dementia – discussion on supplements, medications, day to day activity, responding based on current level of disease, levels of care and community resources

Sunday, March 26th @ 3pm Care Planning in Dementia – looking at legal issues and planning, and end of life care.



#### **Red Cross Blood Drive**

Thanks to ALL who donated! 24 pints were donated and lives will be saved.

Thanks to our members who helped facilitate the blood drive by setting up and/or greeting donors: Dale Burgess, Johnny Wilkinson, Chuck Miller, Ben Stacy, Phyllis Hilton, Lee Williams, Cathy Steed, Jenny Dowdy, Kiki Reid, Carol Linker, Sharron Clanton, Frances Ann Neal and Joy Miller.

February Lunch and Learn! DON'T BE "SUPER" SCAMMED Lunch and Learn - Sunday, February 12 after worship. Yes, it is Super Bowl Sunday and you can enjoy a super lunch at church and get home by 1:00 to prepare for your Super Bowl parties. Attend this Lunch and Learn to hear our guest "coach," Officer Dave Harding, discuss the latest super scams and the way opposing "teams" try to razzle-dazzle you with trick plays and scam you out of money. You will learn how to protect yourself from being "sacked."

If you are 12 or older and use a landline, cell phone or computer, this Lunch and Learn is for you! Think 12 is too young? Think again. Ages 19 and younger lost over 100 million dollars in 2021 to scams. All ages combined lost over 29 billion to scammers in 2021. Please sign up on one of the sign-up sheets in the Commons area, the Narthex or call the church office.

#### **Sunday School News:**

Please consider joining a Sunday School Class if you are not currently attending one of our classes.

#### The Good Shepherd Class:

The Good Shepherd class is for children aged 4 through 5th grade. We use Godly Play as our resource, which is a Montessori style teaching. The stories are told while sitting in a circle much like in the days before they were written and bound into the book we call the Bible. As they listen to the story being told, children are drawn into the story with simple materials like wooden characters and backgrounds that help them envision the story. The stories lead them through the Bible, allowing them to develop an understanding of who the people of God are and what God calls us to do. Led by Beth Stephens, Lee Williams, and Beverly Bartlett

#### Journey Class - Middle School and High School

Our class studies the New and Old Testament and our discussions examine how truly relevant the Bible is for teenagers today. We learn from each other and are often amazed at how books written thousands of years ago address the same issues that we all face today. Led by Joy Miller

#### *The Friendship Class* – All Adults

We apply the Bible to our daily lives to make ourselves and our families deeper, more faithful and more joyful.. Led by Will Gipe

#### The Disciples Class

Our class is open to all adults with 12-20 in attendance currently. We choose a topic and study it for 2-3 months. Some of the topics we have discussed are: The Disciples, Angels, 12 Women in the Bible, Where We Meet God, and The Lord's Prayer. We currently are studying the Life of David. We maintain a prayer list, we have fun, and we always welcome new members! Led by Violet Knox



The Mission Committee, in conjunction with the Young Disciples, are not other Rise Against Hunger meal packing event. The date has been changed to Sunday, April 16, immediately after worship. Lunch will be served. Not only are these ages! More details will be in the March newsletter, but for now, please save the date!