

**Prospect Presbyterian Church**  
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 **Mooresville, NC 28115**

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**2023**

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

***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

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### **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.

*Will*



### **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."

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.

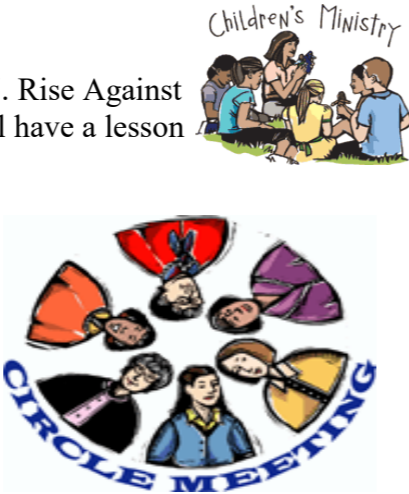
As your Session we always welcome comments. Grace and Peace, Rick Lyerly

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:

Circle	Date/Time	Location
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.

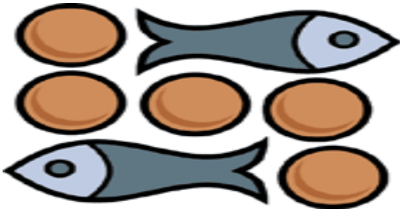


**It's back, UNDIE SUNDAY!** As part of our February Mission projects, we would like for you to bring a brand new package of underwear to be sent to the Mooresville Christian Mission. We will be collecting any & all **NEW** under garments the **entire month of February**. If you have any questions, please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

December Financial Report	
<b>General Fund:</b>	
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



ROWAN HELPING MINISTRIES  
Suggested Donation for February  
Tuna Fish & Crackers



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

Joe & Becky Catanese	February 3
Craig & Millette Mills	February 5
Eddie & Lisa Jackson	February 6
Michael & Cathy Steed	February 18



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 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)  
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	Dick Bennett
Thad Linker	Ella Mae Stewart
Anita & Wyatt Fesperman	Lynda Fries
Phyllis & Wade Carrigan	Eddie Teeter
Jackie McKnight	Roy Watkins
Carol & Larry Stutts	Teresa Compton
Allen Jackson	Bill Hart

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 Corriher (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

By:  
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

By:  
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. Ulla:

*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

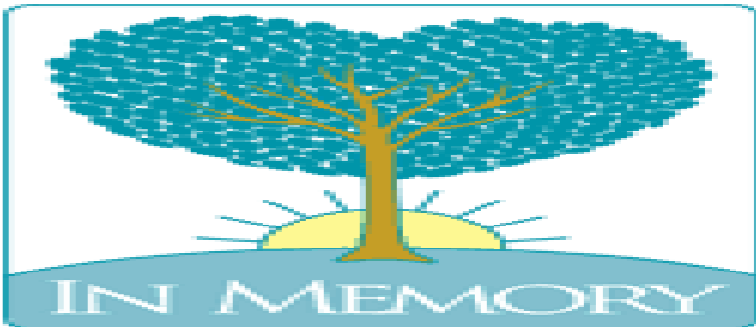
By:  
Pat & Steve Clontz

CARL & MARY AGNES WIGGINS

By:  
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.



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!!



Word cloud centered on **dementia**. Other visible terms include: cognitive impairment, delirium, agitation, depression, hallucinations, memory loss, disorientation, paranoia, anxiety, mood swings, personality changes, weight loss, sleep problems, loss of interest in activities, social withdrawal, incontinence, falls, wandering, repetitive behaviors, delusions, and paranoia.



JOIN US FOR  
SUNDAY SCHOOL



CELEBRATING  
25  
1998 2023  
Years

The Mission Committee, in conjunction with the Young Disciples, are hosting another 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 events helping feed hungry children, but they're also a lot of fun for people of **all ages!** More details will be in the March newsletter, but for now, please **save the date!**