

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:

One of the most difficult commands of Jesus is “love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you” (Matthew 5:44). That is hard for me to do. This month, March, when the world celebrates Saint Patrick’s Day (March 17), it is great for us to remember the real life of Saint Patrick.

The man we know as Saint Patrick was born in Britain in the 400’s AD. He was a devout Christian. His father was a deacon in his local church. When Patrick was 16, he was captured by some invading pagan Irishmen, taken back to Ireland and made a slave. Patrick spent six years in slavery in Ireland, mainly as a herdsman. At the age of 22, Patrick escaped slavery and returned to Britain. While home, he had a vision that God told him to return to Ireland and become a missionary to the pagans in Ireland. Patrick was convinced God had spoken to him and so he returned to Ireland with great commitment. He spent the rest of his life in Christian service to the people who had once enslaved him. God used Patrick to teach and baptize thousands of people and turn the country of Ireland to Christianity. In time, Patrick became, perhaps, the most famous and beloved Irishman in history.

Loving your enemies doesn’t mean we do not acknowledge where they are wrong or that they do not need to change. Patrick knew the Irish were wrong and needed to change. Patrick, as a follower of Jesus Christ, chose to love them and work to make them better instead of hating them. Paul tells us that Jesus died for us when our sin had made us His enemies (Romans 5:10). Loving your enemies is hard, but it is something Jesus wants us to do. As we try to be faithful to Christ, let us remember that Jesus died for us to convert us from His enemies to His friends. So, on St. Patrick’s Day (and every day), let us remember the great things we can do when we rely on Christ’s power and follow His example of loving enemies, just as St. Patrick did.

I hope all of you have a great March. Know that you are loved.

Will



SATURDAY APRIL 1ST

2:00 PM

**Prospect Presbyterian Church
Family Life Center**

**9425 W NC Hwy 152, Mooresville, NC
Easter Bunny, Crafts, Snacks & Games!**





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
Krystal Kipka	Hal Stutts

Friends & Family of the Congregation:

Chris McCall (*Iraq, friend of Eddie Steele*)
Beth Segue’ (*Parkinson’s, daughter of Betty Alexander*)
Doris Curtis (*Kidney issues, friend of Candace Jackson*)
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*)
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*)
Michael Weller (*Brain tumor, friend of Will & Stacey Gipe*)
Teresa Ervin (*Breast Cancer, Vi LaShomb daughter*)



**GIVEN IN
LOVING MEMORY
OF . .**

ROBERT “BOB” ATWELL

By:
Mark & Patti Bell

LIB KNOX

By:
Lynn Britz
John Gudger
Ken & Harriet Horton
Bob & Elizabeth Gibson

BRUCE ANNE STEAEMAN

By:
Lynn Britz
Frances Ann Neel
June Goodman
Frances Howie
Shelby & Stephanie Alexander
Richard & Victoria Yokeley
Cheryl McElroy

JEFF TEETER

Son of Eddie & Nancy Teeter
By:
Frances Ann Neel

AUBREY PRICE

By:
Ken & Harriet Horton

TONI WHEELER

By:
Bob & Elizabeth Gibson

HELEN BLACKWELDER

By:
Susan Blackwelder



<i>Beverley & Dave Bartlett</i>	<i>March 09</i>
<i>Hunter & Ally Setzer</i>	<i>March 26</i>
<i>Tony & Lou Ann Robinson</i>	<i>March 27</i>
<i>James & Marie Parker</i>	<i>March 30</i>



Dave Howie	03/02
Leah Robinson	03/04
Glenda Alexander	03/06
Wayne Chandler	03/06
Mark Reid	03/10
Becky Catanese	03/11
Clayton Ervin	03/13
Mason Knox	03/14
Nancy Teeter	03/14
Kevin Jackson	03/15
Elizabeth Carrigan	03/16
Matthew Hagerty	03/16
Alice Fleming	03/17
Frances Ann Neel	03/17
Lee Ann Williams	03/18
Kensley Ford	03/19
Judy Brumley	03/22
John Edmiston Jr	03/23
Anita M. Fesperman	03/26

Thanks to everyone who contributed to Undie Sundays! We have lots of undies to take to the Christian Mission, and I’m sure they will be greatly appreciated!



Wash your hands
and say your
prayers
cause
Jesus
and germs are
EVERYWHERE

GOLDEN PROSPECTORS

SAVE THE DATE: Tuesday, March 21, 2023, Golden Prospectors will have a **Covered Dish lunch** in the Family Life Center at 12:00 pm. Please bring your favorite covered dish and dessert to share. Hope to see everyone there. If you have any questions, please contact Mary Beth Edmiston.



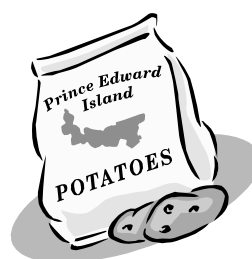
Just a reminder to bring your BJ's books to our organist, Pat McCall. They will be used by St. Mark's Lutheran Church in their Food for Days program.



ROWAN HELPING MINISTRIES

Suggested Donation for March

INSTANT POTATOES



Circle
Lettie Beatty/Acts
Serendipity

Date/Time
Mar. 1 @ 10:00 am
Mar. 6 @ 6:30 pm

Location
FLC
FLC



EXERCISE- Mondays & Thursdays at 11am in the FLC. Join us!



St. Patrick's Day is March 17th. Celebration of this missionary to Ireland, began in the fifth century, in Ireland. St. Patrick is credited with bringing Christianity to Ireland.



As we have entered the Lenten Season, "the act of giving up something for Lent is to practice self-discipline and remember the sacrifices Jesus made."

PCRC - Post Covid Recovery Care is for anyone experiencing symptoms continuing past 4 weeks. The most common symptoms reported are vertigo, malaise (fatigue), shortness of breath, anxiety, mental fatigue or brain fog.. If you or someone you know is experiencing this, it is Real. And there is help & support. For more information visit, Atrium-Health.org/ COVID Recovery.

Just a little extras for your March calendar. Thanks!

March 3 - What If Cats & Dogs had Opposable Thumbs Day

March 4 - Employee Appreciation Day (Say "thank you" to a fellow employee.)

March 6 - Oreo Cookie Day (Enjoy the sweet treat!)

March 8 - International Women's Day

March 11 - International Fanny Pack Day

March 13 - National Good Samaritan Day (Do a good deed for 1 person.)

March 13 - National Ear Muff Day

March 16 - National Panda Day

March 16 - Absolutely Incredible Kid Day

March 20 - National Day of Happiness (SMILE! Choose JOY!)

March 20 - SPRING begins!

March 23 - World Meteorological Day

March 27 - National "Joe" Day

March 28 - Respect Your Cat Day

March 31 - World Backup Day



Nurture & Care will be changing it's meeting time to 5:00 pm on the 2nd Tuesday of every month.



JANUARY FINANCIAL REPORT

General Fund:

Monthly Income through 01-31-23:	\$37,674
Monthly Expenses through 01-31-23:	\$40,484
Expenses Greater than Income for month:	\$2,810

Development Fund:

Ending Balance through 01-31-23:	\$65,945
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SESSION NEWS

Your Session had its regular stated meeting on February 16th at 7 pm, moderated by Rev. Will Gipe.

Treasurer reported balances on 2/15:

- General Fund balance - \$120,098
- Family Life Center balance - \$11,539
- Development Fund Balance - \$65,945
- Approved the transfer of the Helen Deans Funds from SEI (Presbyterian Foundation) to Tim Bain with Elledge, Bain, Sides LLC in Statesville to manage and increase the income.
- Approved to contract with Mr. Doyle Kever to key all our buildings the same.
- Student loan repayments are up to date with only \$3,332 outstanding. Contact a trustee to inquire about a new student loan.
- Nurture & Care Committee is interviewing candidates for our Parish Nurse position.
- Rev. Gipe has joined as a Board Member on Hope of Mooresville.
- Approved “regular communion” for the following dates with Elders passing out the elements:
 1. April 2- Palm Sunday
 2. August 20- Start of School Year
 3. November 19- Thanksgiving
 4. December 24- Christmas Eve Service

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

As your Session we always welcome comments.

Grace and Peace,
Rick Lyerly- Clerk of Session for 2023



SAVE THE DATE: Sunday, March 19th after church until 2:00pm, we will have Lunch and BINGO with prizes! We will have grilled cheese sandwiches and we ask for you to bring a crock pot of soup to share. Wear your **green** for good Luck! It will be **St Patrick's** Themed Bingo.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: For anyone interested in helping with **Nursery duty** for the year 2023, please sign up on the calendar for one or as many Sundays as you would like. The calendar is on the board in the Narthex. Your help will and would be greatly appreciated. For any questions or concerns, please contact Linda Seamon at 704-677-2962.



The **Mission Committee** and **Young Disciples** will host a **Rise Against Hunger** meal-packing event on **Sunday, April 16**, right after church. We will have pizza for lunch and then the event will last until about 3pm. Our goal is to pack 20,000 meals. This is easy work and a lot of fun! There's something that anyone of any age can do. You don't have to commit to the entire time; any time you can give will be greatly appreciated. You can register for the event using this link: <http://events.riseagainsthunger.org/ProspectPres2023>. Registration prior to the event isn't required but will greatly help in our planning process, and it will save time the day of the event. Also, the cost of the 20,000 meals is \$8000, so donations towards the cost of the event are welcome. You can give donations through the church or through the event link. If you have any questions, please contact Terri McKnight or Connie Brown.



YOUNG DISCIPLES! COMING EVENTS:

Young Disciples

No meeting in March due to Spring Break and Bingo afternoon.

SAVE THE DATE! Annual Easter Egg Hunt! The church egg hunt will be **Saturday, April 1st**. We need your help! Please turn in all donations of eggs, candy, and small toys by **March 26th**, so we will have time to stuff the eggs. There is a drop off box in the Commons Area. Thank you for your help! Outreach Committee

April 16 Rise Against Hunger

May 21 Regular meeting at 11:45 in FLC with lunch

