

Prospect Presbyterian Church
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2023

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

Church Office Hours:

Monday – Thursday: 7:00am - 5:00pm
Closed for Lunch: 1:30pm - 2:30pm
Closed on Fridays

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Easter is the most important day in the Christian year. Easter is a reminder of God's great victory. Sin and death cannot defeat HIM. Nor can sin and death defeat us when we trust in HIM. Easter is more than a date on a calendar. It is a way of living. The Resurrection of Jesus Christ is not only the most important event in history, it is the most important thing that happened in each of our lives. No matter what life throws at us, if we stay strong in our faith by the grace and power of the Holy Spirit, the real hope and promise of Easter can never be taken away from us.

The challenge, and the invitation, of Easter is to make the reality of the Crucifixion and Resurrection of Jesus Christ the event that controls how we see our lives and interact with those around us. The Crucifixion of Jesus shows us how much God loves us. The Father loves us enough to send His only Son to die for us. The Son loves us enough to endure the punishment our sins deserved, even going to Hell itself so HE could have us in His Kingdom forever.


When we let the reality of the love and power of God take control of us, we will have a new power ourselves: We are more confident and optimistic. We are less afraid of death and life. We grieve when losses and disappointments come but we do not despair. We are not so easily hurt by the slights of people around us. We love other people and at the same time we are not so dependent upon their approval because we know we have God's approval. We enjoy our blessings but we are not so tied to the things of the world. We become more generous because we know the good things will not run out or be taken away from us in the Kingdom. We can enjoy our love for God and others, knowing that they can last forever. We have a new assurance that God has it and God has us. We have a fountain of joy that feeds us and overflows to others in our lives

My friends, enjoy how much you are loved and use the power you have to do God's good work in your life.

Will



Prospect Presbyterian Church
invites all to attend our
"Hall Of Fame" Lunch and Celebrate
honoring all members age 90+ who have
faithfully served God and God's worldwide
community in so many ways.
Sunday, April 23, 2023
following Worship in the Family Life Center
Entrees provided, bring a side dish or dessert to share.
Please RSVP by April 10, 2023
Contact the church office or sign up in the
Narthex or Commons Area





Holy Week Events:

We begin with **Palm Sunday, April 2nd**, with the children and

their **Palm Procession**. We will have a Good Friday worship service on **Friday, April 7th at 12:00 pm** in the sanctuary. The service will last approximately 30 minutes with lunch following the service.

Easter Sunday, April 9th, will begin with the Sunrise Service at 7:30 am, followed by breakfast at 8:00 am in the Fellowship Hall, Sunday School at 9:30 am, and Worship at 10:30 am. **Bring a flower for our resurrection flower cross** in front of the sanctuary building too! Come celebrate Christ's Resurrection with us again!

Easter Lilies will decorate our church sanctuary again this year on **April 9th, Easter Sunday**. If you would like to reserve your lily in honor of, in appreciation of, or in memory of someone special, please sign the list on the clipboard in the Commons Area. These names will be listed in the bulletin on Easter Sunday.

Only the lilies that are paid for in advance will be purchased and the cost is \$8.00 each. Please have your reservation and payment made by Thursday, April 6st. You may take your lily home after worship on Easter Sunday.



<u>Circle</u>	<u>Date/Time</u>	<u>Location</u>
Lettie Beatty/Acts	Apr. 5 @ 10:00 am	FLC
Serendipity	Apr.. 3 @ 6:30 pm	FLC



Don & Judy Truedson	04/08
Dwayne & Annie Heglar	04/15
Eddie & Nancy Teeter	04/26
Clayton & Lori Fleming	04/27

Baby Bottles

Our church donated \$1,512.35 to the Lake Norman Pregnancy Center. Thank you so much for your donations and support. That was enough to support one mom during her pregnancy. The center is in need of items for their Baby Boutique. If you would like to donate any. You can drop items off at the center or at the church and I will deliver them for you.

Items needed:

- ♦ Baby Clothing (newborn to 24 months)
- ♦ Baby sleepers and Onesies (newborn to 24 months)
- ♦ Baby shoes, Socks, and bibs
- ♦ Diapers size newborn-size 4
- ♦ Aveeno Baby Wash, Shampoo, and Lotion
- ♦ Crib Sheets
- ♦ Unscented Baby Wipes
- ♦ Huggies or Pampers
- ♦ Maternity clothes (warm weather, all sizes)
- ♦ New Infant Car Seats
- ♦ Diaper Bags
- ♦ Gerber Good Start Formula - Sooth Pro and Gentle

Thank you so much!
Connie Brown



Ava Bartlett	04/01
June Goodman	04/01
Lisa Jackson	04/02
Rachel Powers	04/03
Cale Wolfe	04/04
Kristine Peebles	04/05
Lisa Burgess	04/06
Joe Catanese	04/08
Shear Linker	04/10
Judie Sellers	04/12
Justin Teeter	04/13
Johnny Wilkinson	04/13
Tom McLelland	04/14
Meghan Beaver	04/15
Kameron Hilton	04/15
Adam Lyerly	04/15
Mary Beth Edmiston	04/17
Becky Hart	04/17
Violet La Shomb	04/17
Kaleb Ford	04/19
Jeb Pemberton	04/19
Pamela Tulbert	04/20
Boone Wilkinson	04/20
Heather Cook	04/23
Rena Anderson	04/26

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)
Dawn Stutts (Cadence Living – Mooresville)
Tink Wilkinson (Cadence Living – Mooresville)



Please Remember:

Jo Powers	Dick Bennett
Thad Linker	Ella Mae Stewart
Anita & Wyatt Feserman	Lynda Fries
Phyllis & Wade Carrigan	Eddie Teeter
Jackie McKnight	Roy Watkins
Carol & Larry Stutts	Teresa Compton
Allen Jackson	Hal Stutts
Krystal Kipka	

Friends & Family of the Congregation:

Chris McCall (*Iraq, friend of Edie 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*)



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.

GOLDEN PROSPECTORS

SAVE THE DATE: Tuesday, April 18, 2023. We will be having lunch & a movie **ALL** are welcome. Please sign up outside the church office by Thursday, April 13, 2023, or just let Cheryl know you are coming! More details to come, just watch the bulletins on Sunday.



Exercise will continue Mondays and Thursdays, at 11:00 am in the Family Life Center. We will have volunteers until we have our new Faith Community Nurse in place. Look forward to see you there!



GIVEN IN LOVING MEMORY OF...

CHESTER INGRAM
(Son-in-Law of Doris Rutherford)
Elevator Fund
By:
Doris Rutherford

BRUSE ANN STEADMAN
(Granddaughter of Betty Alexander)
By:
Pam Tulbert

JEFF TEETER
(Son of Eddie Teeter)
By:
Frances Howie

BOB ATWELL
By:
Mark & Patti Bell

Secret Sister Social
Saturday, April 22nd @ 10:30am

Join us for food, fun and fellowship. We will enjoy each other's company while strengthening our faith. Please bring a treat to share. As always, anyone who is curious about Secret Sisters is welcome to attend. See you soon!!



SAVE THE DATE: Red Cross Blood Drive is **April 20th** in the Family Life Center. Save your blood for us!!! You can go to www.redcrossblood.org and sign up for a **QUICK PASS** or contact Carol Linker to sign up. Also, **we need volunteers to help**. We need 2 sets of 3 people. Please call the church office or Joy Miller at (919) 698-7946 to sign up as a volunteer. Red Cross has partnered with Peanuts and everyone that gives blood will receive a t-shirt featuring Snoopy as the coolest beagle in town, giving blood. While supplies last! Thank you!

THE JELLY BEAN PRAYER

RED is for the blood He gave.
GREEN is for the grass He made.
YELLOW is for the sun so bright.
ORANGE is for the edge of night.
BLACK is for the sins we made
WHITE is for the grace He gave
PURPLE is for the hour of sorrow
PINK is for the new tomorrow

A basket full of jelly beans,
colorful and sweet,
is a prayer, a promise,
& a wonderful treat!



Thank you to the Prospect Presbyterian family for the prayers, cards, food and memorials for Aubrey and myself during his illness and death. Please continue to keep me in your prayers as I work through not having him to help me.

Nancy Price



Session News

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

Treasurer reported balances on 3/13:

- ♦ General Fund balance - \$128,626
- ♦ Family Life Center balance - \$11,539
- ♦ Development Fund Balance - \$68,035
- ♦ The two Parish Nurse candidates we interviewed, withdrew their names for consideration and decided to pursue other opportunities. We are now waiting on other candidates from Atrium Health.
- ♦ Next month we will review the current Wedding Policy and determine if any updates are needed.
- ♦ Asked Dale Burgess and Bob Edmiston to develop an internal Security Team similar to what other churches are doing.
- ♦ Approved installation of battery-operated cameras at each basement door. This will give office staff an opportunity to ensure its safe to open the door.

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

As your Session we always welcome comments.

Grace and Peace,
Rick

FEBRUARY FINANCIAL REPORT

General Fund:

Monthly Offering through 02-28-23:	\$44,254
Monthly Expenses through 02-28-23:	\$28,798
Expenses Less than Offering for month:	\$15,456

Development Fund:

Ending Balance through 02-28-23:	\$67,655
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ROWAN HELPING MINISTRIES

Suggested Donation for April

BREAKFAST ITEMS



Free Complete Breakfast Vector

The church office will be closed on Monday, April 10th, in the observance of the Easter holiday.



As of Thursday, March 16th, the locks on the main church building, the education building, and the bus garage have been changed. If you have a key to the new Family Life Center, NOW you have a key to all the buildings on the church property. The main church building, education building, Family Life Center building, and the bus garage are now all keyed the same. **PLEASE** either return your old keys to the church office or simply just throw them away. If you need a new key, please come to the church office. Also, if you have any questions, please call the church office. Thank you.



Who are our Graduates!

If you are a 2023 graduate of either an area high school or college, we want to know of your accomplishment. Please let the church office now by May 11, your name and the school you are graduating from as soon as possible. We plan to recognize your achievement and we don't want to miss anyone! Please be present in worship on May 21, 2023, for a special time of recognition.

The **Mission Committee** and **Young Disciples** will host a Rise Against Hunger meal-packing event on **Sunday, April 16**, right after church. There will be pizza for lunch, and then the event will last until about 3pm. Our goal is to pack 20,000 meals. There's a job for anyone of any age, so please join us! 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>, or you can sign up by contacting Terri McKnight or the church office. Registration **prior** to the event will greatly help in our



planning process, and it will save time the day of the event. The cost of the 20,000 meals is \$8000, so donations are welcome and can be given through the church or through the event link. If you have any questions, please contact Terri McKnight or Connie Brown.

Unity UMC has a Mobile Meals program

which delivers lunch Monday-Friday to elderly and homebound neighbors, and Prospect members have been among those served. The program needs substitute drivers. Meals are picked up around 9:30am at the church, and most routes take 30 minutes to an hour. They also welcome any other help they can get, such as help in the kitchen. If interested in helping with that program, the phone number for the kitchen at Unity is 704-932-7607, and someone can usually be reached Monday-Friday from 7:30-10:30am. If you would like to donate to the program, you can do so through our church and indicate it is for Unity Mobile Meals.



SAVE THE DATE!!!

Prospect's **Mother Daughter Banquet** will be held on Sunday, May 7, 2023 at 5:00 pm in the Family Life Center. Our speaker this year will be Dianne Fox, a Christian Comedienne.

All women are welcome as all of us are mothers or daughters. Please bring a salad dish and/or dessert to share with everyone. Hope to see you there!

