We extend our congratulations and blessings to our 2023 graduates!

* Matthew Cardaropoli - is the son of Frank \& Laura Cardaropoli and the grandson of Pat McCall, our organist. Matthew graduated from Langtree Charter School, where he was the president of the student body, active in the Chick Fil A Leadership Academy \& is a Crosby Scholar. Matthew will be attending Appalachian State University in the fall.
* Caitlin Compton - is the daughter of Teresa \& Jay Compton and the granddaughter of Dianne Davis. Caitlin graduated from the University of North Carolina at Charlotte on Saturday, May $13^{\text {th }}$ with a Bachelor Degree in Marketing.
* Ryan Donaldson - is the son of Kevin \& Kristin Donaldson. Ryan graduated from Liberty Preparatory Christian Academy. Ryan will be attending High Point University in the fall.
* Kyndal Howie - is the daughter of Cristal \& Dave Howie and granddaughter of Frances Howie. Kyndal graduated from the University of North Carolina at Charlotte, on Saturday, May13th, with a Masters Degree of Science in Kinesiology.
* Hunter Setzer - Hunter is the husband of Ally McLelland Setzer, and the son of Andy \& Kenni Setzer. Hunter graduated from Western Carolina University with a Bachelor of Science Engineering Technology.
* Trevor Stillman - is the son of Mike \& Mindy Stillman, and the grandson of Amy \& Ed Stillman. Trevor graduated from Liberty Preparatory Christian Academy. Trevor will be attending NC State University in the fall.
* Austin Teeter - is the son of Walter \& Lee Teeter and the grandson of Perry Teeter. Austin graduated from the University of North Carolina at Charlotte on Saturday, May 13th with a Bachelor Degree in Mechanical Engineering.


## THE GOOD PROSPECTS

## Prospect Presbyterian Church

Website: www.prospectpres.org

2023
Sunday School: 9:30 a.m. Worship Service: 10:30 a.m

## Church Office Hours:

 Monday - Thursday: 7:00am - $5: 00 \mathrm{pm}$ Closed on Fridays
## Email:

Pastor: willgipe@hotmail.com Nurse: TBD
Office: office@prospectpres.org

## FROM YOUR PASTOR'S KEYBOARD:

Welcome to June and the beginning of Summer!! Summer can be a time when we slow down some. God thinks it is a good idea for us to slow down and rest. That is why HE gave us the concept of the Sabbath. The Sabbath is a day of rest in our weekly lives and from our work (see Exodus 20:8-11 and Deuteronomy 5:12-15). Many passages in the New Testament teach us an important part of the Gospel is Jesus has come to give us rest from anxiety and worry and fear in our lives (see Hebrews 4:8-10 and Matthew 11:28-30). God wants us to work and do good things in all the ages of our lives. God also wants us to live in confidence and contentment. We work hard, but we are allowed (even commanded) to rest. Moreover, even as we work hard in our families and at our jobs and at trying be Godly people, we know that God has it all in His hands. HE is working in us and will bring our lives to the completion that HE has in His plan. Enjoy your work. Enjoy your rest. They are both part of the will of God for your lives.

Beth Stacy and Shannon Knox and the Outreach Committee have been doing a great job getting Vacation Bible School ready. It will be held the evenings of June 27-29. We are very excited about what we have planned for that week. This event is a good opportunity for us to reach kids who do not really know how great Jesus is, and to reach families who do not have a church home (and may not know how great Prospect is). Please be praying for VBS. Please invite any families/children you think would be interested. Please reach out to Beth Stacy (704.746.4642) or Shannon Knox (704.662.4191) or call the office (70.664.1514) if you have any questions or would like to help.

Happy Father's Day as well this month. Blessings upon all the fathers and upon all the men who are filling that role, in ways big and small, in the lives of others. Everyone have a great June. Know that you are loved.


## GIVEN IN

## LOVING MEMORY

OF ...
David Charles Rummage By:
Frances Ann Neel
Toni Wheeler
By:
Robert \& Tamna Dunnigan
Josephine Reedy
(Sister of Lynde Mesa-Widener) By:
Frances Ann Neel

The Feed NC (former Soup Kitchen) team needs help! There are six needed to fill all of our volunteer slots and we are averaging four each month.
Please consider helping out with this worthwhile mission that our church has supported since the beginning of the Soup Kitchen at First Baptist Church through its move to the location on Broad Street through its move now to Hwy 21. The format has changed from prepping boxed meals to a short order grill. The hours we support are 9:30-1:30 the 4th Monday of each month.

Even if you can't help every month if you are available some months when we are shorthanded, it would be greatly appreciated. Please contact Lee Williams at LNFOSTER@windstream.net or 704-7244375 if you can help or have any ques tions.


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) 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:

## Thad Linker

Anita \& Wyatt Fesperman
Phyllis \& Wade Carrigan
Jackie McKnight
Carol \& Larry Stutts
Allen Jackson
Krystal Kipka
Rachel Marlowe

Dick Bennett
Ella Mae Stewart
Lynda Fries
Eddie Teeter
Roy Watkins
Teresa Compton
Hal Stutts
May Dauer
Rick Yokeley

Friends \& Family of the Congregation Scott Wilkinson (son of Tink Wilkinson) Wayne Vellines (Sickness, friend of Frances Ann Neel) Frankie Carrigan (Brain Cancer, friend of the congregation) Jan Milos (Kidney Cancer, friend of Cristal Howie) Meredith Powers (Breast Cancer, daughter in law of Rachel Powers Chris McCall (Iraq, friend of Edie Steele)
Beth Segui' (Parkinson's, daughter of Betty Alexander) Danny Bost (Liver issues, friend of the congregation) Linda Bost (Vascular Dementia, friend of the congregation) Amy \& Mike Corriher (Amy Breast Cancer, friends of the Lyerly's) Eric Johnson (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) Sabrina Fesperman (daughter in law of Wyatt \& Anita Fesperman)

Salem Presbytery 2022 Mission Challenge Award! The income from the Mission Challenge Fund will be used by the Presbytery to encourage churches to increase their mission funding. Each year, the Presbytery shall select two churches each to receive $50 \%$ of the fund's income. The churches' use of the money will be restricted to a mission project of its choice. Those receiving the awards will be announced at a Presbytery meeting to give maximum visibility to this mission incentive program. This award went to Prospect Presbyterian Church. We received an award check in the amount of $\$ \mathbf{1 , 8 0 0 . 0 0}$ for future mission projects. The award will be posted downstairs in the Commons Area.

Calling ALL Sheppard's! There will be a Sheppard's lunch on June 25th at 11:45 am in the Session Room. We would like to invite everyone and their spouses. Please contact Mary Lowrance @ 336-391-9026 and or Joy Miller @ 919-698-7946 so that they may plan for enough food.


## What Makes a Dad?

God took the strength of a mountain,
The majesty of a tree,
The warmth of a summer sun,
The calm of a quiet sea,
The generous soul of nature
The comforting arm of night,
The wisdom of the ages,
The power of the eagle's flight, The joy of a morning in spring, The faith of a mustard seed, The patience of eternity, The depth of a family need, Then God combined these qualities, When there was nothing more to add, He knew His masterpiece was complete,

We will be celebrating Father's Day, Sunday, June 18th! Come to church as we celebrate the Men of Faith! Bring your father, grandfather, or an important Man in your life to worship as we honor our amazing men.


We extend our congratulations to our 2023 Hart Scholarship Award recipients'! The awards were presented to:

* Seth Burgess, son of Dale \& Lisa Burgess.
* Elizabeth Carrigan, daughter of Doug \& Kelly Carrigan.
* Kaleb John Ford, son of Amy Ford \& John Ford


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| Roger Stapleton | $06 / 05$ |
| Rick Lyerly | $06 / 06$ |
| Lisa Stapleton | $06 / 06$ |
| Connie Smith | $06 / 07$ |
| Jasmine Coley | $06 / 08$ |
| Charleston Cornett | $06 / 08$ |
| James Parker | $06 / 11$ |

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VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL FOR KIDS AGES 4 AND UP TELL ME S'MORE ABOUT JESUS

JUNE 27-29 5:30PM-8:00PM
PROSPECT PRES CHURCH, 9425 W NC 152 HWY, MOORESVILLE NC * RSVP: PROSPECTPRESVBS@GMAIL.COM, PLEASE NOTE ALLERGIES DINNER FOR KIDS AND PARENTS @ 5:30PM

## SESSION NEWS

Your Session had its regular stated meeting on May 18th at 7pm, moderated by Rev. Will Gipe.

Treasurer reported balances on 5/15:

* General Fund balance - \$128,217
* Development Fund Balance - $\$ 68,532$

Approved to move forward with sanctuary renovation: paint sanctuary, replace carpet and pew cushions, improve organ sound system, and add steps at front of altar. See note in newsletter about contributing to this.

At a Called Meeting on 5/28 at 10:10 am approved Olie and Nancy Dwire to the active membership roll of Prospect Church, Olie by Baptism and Nancy by Letter of Transfer from St. Agnes Church, Niantic, Connecticut.

Next Stated Session Meeting scheduled for Thursday June 15th at 7pm.
As your Session we always welcome comments.
Grace and Peace,
Rick Lyerly - Clerk of Session


Dear Hart Family and Hart Scholarship Committee,
Thank you once again for selecting me as a recipient of the
 Hart Scholarship for the 2023-2024 academic year. I am grateful for the generous financial support that the church family provides as I pursue my Doctor of Nursing Practice degree at UNC Wilmington. I am in my third semester of eight and plan to graduate in May 2025.

Thank you again, Elizabeth Carrigan

## April Financial Report

## General Fund:

| General Fund: |  |
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| Monthly Income through 04-30-23: | $\$ 35,604$ |
| Monthly Expenses through 04-30-23: | $\$ 29,965$ |
| Expenses less than Income |  |

for month:
Development Fund:
Ending Balance through 04-30-23:

As we enter into the summer months, when many of us are away from church on vacation, please remember that the expenses of the church do not take a vacation. Please remember God's church in your


## Exciting News:

The Session has approved a Sanctuary Renovation Plan which will include the following:

* Carpet replacement
* Painting the entire sanctuary
* Replacement of pew cushions
* Install steps at front of altar
* Electrical modifications
* Improvement of organ sound system

Estimated Cost approximately $\mathbf{\$ 9 0 , 0 0 0}$.


If you would like to donate to improving our sanctuary's appearance and functionality, it would be greatly appreciated.
Thanks to the Building and Worship committees for their work in moving this project forward.

PHOTOFRFPHEFS If anyone is interested in serving as a church photographer, please contact
 Cheryl for details.

ПEEDED Serendipity Circle is on summer break and will not meet in June and July. Serendipity Circle is supporting Dress a Gir Around the World with their "Least Coin" donations. Dress a Girl Around the World is a campaign under "Hope 4 Women International" and the dream is that every girl has at least one new dress and to let girls know that they are worthy of respect, and that they are loved by God.

If anyone has digital photos to share from our Hall of Fame event, please send them to Joy Miller at clm101@msn.com so Nurture and Care can create a Memory Book of photos.


## Young Disciples

Young Disciples will not meet June or July. Our next meeting will be August 6 at the Cornett's house for our annual swimming meeting. We will meet there at 1:00 and everyone please bring a finger food to share for our lunch.


CONGREGATIONAL PICNIC @ Village Park Kannapolis on June 4th, Shelter B at 3:00 to 8:30pm. Bring your whole family for our congregational picnic at Village Park in Kannapolis off West C Street. We have reserved shelter B. Come enjoy the park anytime during the afternoon. Your CE \& Fellowship Committee will handle the cooking. Dinner will be 6 pm at shelter B. Bring lawn chairs! Church will provide the food and drinks. Hamburgers and Hot dogs! Activities to do: Carousel / Train rides / Splash pad etc. Any questions, please contact Dale Burgess or Shannon Knox.

