

Prospect Presbyterian Church  
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2023

Sunday School 9:30 a.m.  
&

Worship Service: 10:30 a.m.

**Church Office Hours:**

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

**Email:**

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Nurse: TBD  
Office: office@prospectpres.org

**FROM YOUR PASTOR’S KEYBOARD:**

In July, our congregation observes “July Jubilee”. For the month of July, we do not have many of our regular meetings and, in general, take some rest.

The idea of this rest comes from the “Year of Jubilee” described in Leviticus 25. The year of Jubilee was to be celebrated in Israel every 50 years. In the year of Jubilee, any Israelite who had fallen into deep debt was forgiven that debt. Also, any family land that had been sold out of economic hardship was restored to the family. The Jubilee was instituted by God to secure His people from falling into poverty. The Jubilee was God restoring freedom and security to His people. The Jubilee was also a reminder to all the people that it was God who owned the land, not the person who had purchased it. God gave a portion of the Promised Land to each family in Israel. If God wanted to return that land to a family that had lost it, even if it was because they had made stupid economic decisions, that was HIS right. The Jubilee year is, in part, about God overcoming our bad decisions and giving us another chance. God was (and is) interested in preserving, and if needed, restoring, the security and well-being of each of His people.

In Luke 4:16-30, Jesus tells people that HE has come into this world to declare the “Year of the Lord’s Favor” (scholars agree this is a term for the Year of Jubilee). As Christ’s followers, we enjoy His rest and security and plenty. We also enjoy forgiveness from HIM for our stupid decisions. We thank HIM for His blessings and forgiveness. Let us be a people who do not horde our blessings; a people who forgive and are generous. Let us be a people who live and show people what it is like to live in the Jubilee of our Savior.  
Have a wonderful July. Know that you are loved.

*Will*

God Bless America



ON-LINE GIVING!

We now have 2 ways to give online! One is on the church website : [www.prospectchurchnc.com](http://www.prospectchurchnc.com) and the other is our new QR Code. Just open the website, click on the Tithe.ly tab, create an account and start your on-line giving OR take your phone and just scan the QR Code. Please be aware of the Cover Fee. Any questions, please contact the church office.



SUMMERTIME STEWARDSHIP

As we travel and get involved in the activities of summer, please remember your stewardship pledge. Our gifts are needed throughout the year and that includes the summer months.



May Financial Report

<b>General Fund:</b>	
Monthly Income through 05-31-23:	\$40,445
Monthly Expenses through 05-31-23:	\$28,264
Expenses Less than Income for month:	\$12,181
<b>Development Fund:</b>	
Ending Balance through 05-31-23:	\$68,940



ROWAN HELPING MINISTRIES

Suggested Donation for July:

PEANUT BUTTER & JELLY



FOURTH OF JULY

The church office will be closed on Monday, July 3rd & Tuesday, July 4th in observance of the Independence Day Holiday.



**Attention Committees:** The Session as approved “**July Jubilee**”. There will not be any committee or Session meetings for the month of July. Meetings will resume as scheduled in August.



- ♦ **July's focus is Water & Summer Safety!** Swim with a buddy. Can't swim? Take Swim Lessons. Obey the lifeguards and signs. Wear a life jacket. **NEVER DIVE** into unknown water such as a shallow pool, area you have Never swam in before, etc. Apply Sunscreen **BEFORE** going outside or into the pool. Reapply Sunscreen often! Wear a Hat to protect your head & Sunglasses to protect your eyes. **DRINK** "5" 16-20 ounce bottles of Water everyday (unless the doctor has instructed you otherwise.) If you are active or sweating, drink more water. Rest frequently **OUT** of the Sun. Alcoholic beverages along with caffeinated drinks increase Dehydration. Avoid these. Be aware of your surroundings. Look. Take a First Aid Kit



with you. If a storm arises, get **INSIDE** quickly. If lightning is near, Get out of the **WATER**. **LOOK. LOOK** before crossing the street. Stop. **LOOK** again. Know where shelters are to get out of dangerous Weather. Refresh your CPR & First-Aid Skills. Summer is time for fun!! Planning ahead will help you have **FUN!!! ENJOY!!**

- ♦ Need to **S-T-R-E-T-C-H** your food budget? Text "food" to 877877 for a location near you.
- ♦ **July 4th- Independence Day.** "America; America, God shed His grace on thee....." The freedom we have and enjoy today was purchased by a US Soldier. Freedom isn't Free. Thank you to all that are or have served.
- ♦ **ENJOY** your Summer with your family. Be intentional.
- **Special Announcement!** Your Nurture and Care Team is excited to announce that Kelly Wilson, RN, has accepted our Faith Community Nurse position! Mrs. Wilson has a wealth of experience, a mindset of love & compassion and she is devoted to God. She welcomes the opportunity to serve God by serving our church. She will begin her work at Prospect the second week of August. Watch for coming events that will give everyone a chance to meet and get to know her and she can get to know us.
- **American Red Cross Blood Drive** – Thursday, July 27 in the FLC from 2:30 - 7:00 pm. Donors will receive a **FREE** t-shirt with the Prospect emblem (while supplies last)
- **Nurture and Care** will not meet in July





**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY**

Amanda & Cale Wolfe	July 13
Randy & Jody Oliphant	July 14
Michael & Beth Stacy	July 14
Will & Stacey Gipe	July 16
William & Teresa Compton	July 17
Eric & Judy Teeter	July 17
Dave & Cristal Howie	July 21
Alice & Eddie Clingenpeel	July 25



Cheryl Chandler	07/01
Kaitlyn Howie Mundy	07/01
Carolyn Sigmon	07/02
Austin Teeter	07/02
Kolton Hovis	07/10
Liam Tulbert	07/13
Robin Hilton	07/14
Bob Spear	07/14
Julius Bivens III	07/15
Zac Randall	07/15
Drew Knox	07/18
Bill Lefler	07/18
Jackie McKnight	07/18
Jay Vandall	07/18
Zachary Foster	07/19
Marty Stutts	07/20
May Dauer	07/21
Margaret Martin	07/21
Sharron Clanton	07/22
Don Truedson	07/24
April Jackson	07/25
Nancy Robinson	07/25
Kay Cornelison	07/27
Nicholas Cornett	07/27
Dan Cornelison	07/30
Roy Watkins	07/30



**2023 FLOWER CALENDAR**

The 2023 Flower Calendar really needs some attention. We only have a few signed up. Please consider signing up for specific Sundays that are important to you such as: anniversaries, baptisms, and memorials. Also, be sure to call the office with your dedication for the bulletin at least one week early.

You are responsible for purchasing the flowers for that Sunday. Several florists in the area have a key to the church and will deliver the flowers to the sanctuary. Contact the church office if you need the name of a florist. Please be sure to take the flowers with you following the service. Church staff is not responsible for flowers left in the church. Thanks for your cooperation!



**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 Fesperman	Lynda Fries
Phyllis & Wade Carrigan	Eddie Teeter
Jackie McKnight	Roy Watkins
Carol & Larry Stutts	Teresa Compton
Allen Jackson	Hal Stutts
Krystal Kipka	May Dauer
Rachel Marlowe	Rick Yokeley

**Friends & Family of the Congregation:**

Sabrina Fesperman (*Daughter in Law of Wyatt & Anita Fesperman*)  
Phyllis Mayberry (*Brian Bleed, Family of Mark Reid*)  
Scott Wilkinson (*Brain tumor, 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*)  
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*)  
Teresa Ervin (*Breast Cancer, Vi LaShomb daughter*)



Dear Prospect Presbyterian Church,

**Thank you** all so much for your generous donation to our Dress A Girl Around the World Hope 4 Women International program!

Your support is enabling us to continue our mission to uplift girls!

God Bless! Jordan  
Hope 4 Women International



To Sandy Torrence:

On behalf of the members of Prospect Presbyterian Church, we would like to Thank You for your donation of the t-shirts for our VBS in memory of your sister Toni Wheeler.





## Session News

Your Session had its regular stated meeting on June 15th at 7pm, moderated by Rev. Will Gipe.

Treasurer reported balances on 6/15:

- General Fund balance - \$133,170
- Development Fund Balance - \$68,940

Approved Kevin and Julie Layne to the active membership roll of Prospect Church, by Letters of Transfer from Williamson United Methodist Church and Elevation Church respectively.

Approved \$2,500 in June and another \$2,500 in October from CP Lowrance Benevolent Fund to support Unity UMC Meals on Wheels

Due to July Jubilee, there will be no Session Meeting in July. The next Stated Session Meeting is scheduled for Thursday August 17th at 7pm.

As your Session we always welcome comments.

Grace and Peace,  
Rick

**Young Disciples Camp Grier trip is September 9th & 10th.** We will leave on Saturday morning and return on Sunday afternoon. The trip includes overnight stay, Saturday lunch, Zip Line, rock wall climbing, and Cookout for dinner. Any questions, please contact Connie Brown at 704-437-1860.



### WALK FOR LIFE 2023

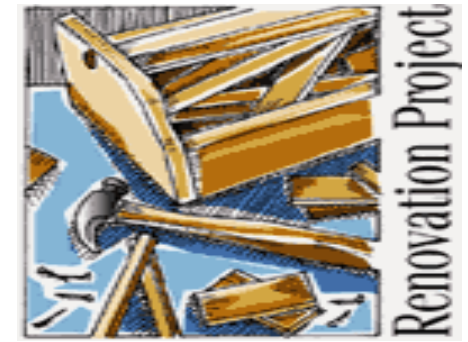
Saturday, September 23, 2023 at Langtree for the Walk for the Community Pregnancy Center of Lake Norman. Please join us for walking, fellowship and more. More information to come. If you have any questions, please contact Connie Brown at 704-437-1860



### 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 \$90,000.

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.



- **Golden Prospectors** will be taking the summer off. We will resume' our Golden Prospectors meetings on Tuesday, August 15th. We are going to try something **NEW!** We are going to have **BRUNCH!** Keep your eye out and watch your bulletins and newsletters for more information! **Have a GREAT & BLESSED summer.**

- **Weekly Bible Study** will be off for the summer and resume on August 23, 2023.

- **Young Disciples:** Young Disciples will not meet in 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 finger food and drinks to share for lunch. Looking forward to pool fun and fellowship.



- **NO Circle meetings in the month of July!**

