

Prospect Presbyterian Church
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 Mooresville, NC 28115

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

THE GOOD PROSPECTS
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Closed on Friday's

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FROM YOUR PASTOR'S KEYBOARD:

A big THANK YOU to everyone who made Homecoming happen last month – to Karen, Nick and Connie and everyone on the Heritage and Worship committees for their leadership.

It was great to have Lisa Nelson and her daughter with us. We appreciated her preaching and their presence. The music was great. The food was great. So many people contributed. Thank you to all of you.

It was also so good to see the different generations of our church gather on Homecoming (and every Sunday really). One of the things that makes the church unique in the world today is how it brings together people of different ages. We spend most of our time in our lives only with people of the same age or same stage in life. There is such blessing in being around people at different stages in life, sharing the experiences and energy that different people have. At the meal, it is always special to see the different generations enjoying each other. We had three young men profess their faith and join the church during worship. Bless them and their parents/families for their commitment. Also, I had a chance to look at the list (and visit with many) of our members over 80 and who received a Silver Dollar (and thank you Bob for making this great tradition happen). What a treasure it is for all of us to have so many people who have committed so much time and love not only to Prospect, but even more to living the Christian life. Their commitment is an inspiration and example to us all. In my experience, I have found that God has invested them with wisdom and experiences that can make us all better at following Jesus Christ. And to have committed younger families here working and growing along with people at all the stages of life energizes our congregation to be the best it can be.

The opportunity to get together and enjoy each other, learn from each other, strengthen each other exists every week. Each week is a little bit of homecoming. We thank God for putting us in a place where we can receive and give so much that makes life deeper and more joyful.

Everyone have a wonderful October. Know that you are loved.

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Operation Christmas Child (OCC) delivers great joy and the Good News of Jesus Christ to children in need around the world through gift-filled shoeboxes. Each box packed full of quality toys, school supplies, and personal care items becomes a tangible expression of God's immense love for the child. For many, it is their first gift ever!"

The Mission Committee wants to encourage every family to pack **at least one** shoebox this year. You can pick up the shoeboxes and labels here at church. Pack your box, and drop it off at church by **Sunday, November 12.**

What to include in your box: Start with a quality “wow” item such as a stuffed animal, soccer ball with pump, or clothing outfit that will capture the child’s attention the instant he or she opens the box. **Do not include:** Candy; toothpaste; gum; used or damaged items; scary or war-related items; chocolate or food; seeds; fruit rolls or other fruit snacks; drink mixes (powdered or liquid); liquids or lotions; medications or vitamins; breakable items; aerosol cans.

OCC asks for a \$10 processing fee per box. We don’t want that to be a deterrent, so the church will send \$10 to OCC for up to 100 boxes. That way, if you don’t pay your processing fee, the church has you covered.

<https://www.samaritanspurse.org/operation-christmas-child/pack-a-shoe-box/> has a wealth of information from gift suggestions by age and gender to pay your processing fee online and “follow your box”. If you have any questions, please contact Terri McKnight or the church office.



Golden Prospectors are meeting on Tuesday, **October 17** at 11 am at Golden Corral. An Iredell County Sherriff will speak to the group about common frauds affecting seniors and others. Please sign up on the board outside the Church Office or call the Church Office so we can make sure Golden Corral knows how many to prepare for. If you need a ride, please let Mary Beth Edmiston (704-682-0193) know by Sunday, October 15.



SAVE THE DATE: Red Cross Blood Drive is **October 26th** 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!

Young Disciples NEWS!

October 15. We will meet at Patterson Farm at 1:00 for an afternoon of fun, pumpkins, and fellowship. Please remember that all friends are invited too.

November 12. Rise Against Hunger event after church in the FLC. Lunch will be provided.

December 10. Annual family Christmas Party



CAR SHOW / Trunk or Treat



Car Show is scheduled for Saturday, October 28th, 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm. We will also be doing Trunk or Treat on Saturday, October 28th at 4:30 following the car show. It will be located in the parking lot at the education building. **We will not be having the Fall Festival.** We need many of you to support our church youth by bringing your trunks and giving out candy. This is also a great community outreach to neighborhood children. Hope to see a lot of you with open trunks! Suggestions for safety: Wear your mask, have candy in treat bags to limit contact touching, wear gloves will provide those if needed), and of course maintain social distancing as possible. Any questions about the car show, please contact Mike Stacy and any questions about Trunk or Treat, please contact Beth Stacy.



For Prayer

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)

Local Church:

Thyatira Presbyterian Church

Nursing Homes, Rehab & Retirement Facilities:

Mac Atwell (Trinity Oaks-Salisbury)
Helen Barber (Trinity Oaks-Salisbury)
Helen Lyerly (Cadence Living – Mooresville)
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
Mary Lowrance	May Dauer
Rick Yokeley	Beverly Bartlett
Cheryl Chandler	Wayne Chandler

Friends & Family of the Congregation:

Helen Broadway (*Heart Issues, Mother of Cheryl B. Chandler*)
Delane Davis (*Cancer, cousin of Chuck Miller*)
Phyllis Mayberry (*Brian Bleed, Family of Mark Reid*)
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*)
Henry Bridges (*Cancer Friend and neighbor of Connie Brown*)
Myra Kelly (*Heart Issues, Mother of Kiki Reid*)



**GIVEN IN LOVING
MEMORY
OF . . .**

Eddie Dowdy
(Husband of jenny Dowdy)
By:
Eddie Karriker
Denise & Douglas Howard
Vickie Mayhew
Ann & Vincent Watkins
Mary & Steve Robinette
Lynde & Paul Widener
Teri Clark
Donna & Norris McConnell
Mary Benson
Betty Alexander
Bill & Becky Hart
Pam Tulbert

Winter V. Nantz
By:
Virginia Edmiston

Meaghan McSwain
By:
Lynn Britz

Bob Atwell
By:
Mark & Patti Bell



August Financial Report

General Fund:

Monthly Income through 08-31-23:	\$29,886
Monthly Expenses through 08-31-23:	\$27,508
Expenses LESSER than Income for month:	\$2,378

Development Fund:

Ending Balance through 08-31-23:	\$69738
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SESSION NEWS

Your Session had its regular stated meeting on September 21st at 7pm, moderated by Rev. Will Gipe.

Treasurer reported balances on 9/21:

General Fund balance - \$126,949

Development Fund Balance - \$69,738

Approved Meghan Beaver to the active membership roll of Prospect Church by Profession of Faith.

Approved a Congregational Meeting on October 15th for the purpose of approving the 2023 Nominating Committee and Elevator Committee Recommendations.

Session recommends Congregation approve:

- Nominating Committee: Bob Edmiston, Rick Lyerly, Violet Knox, Judy Brumley, and Jaime Hovis.
- Build an elevator tower at the rear of the church and install a 3500 lb. capacity elevator that will access all 3 floors at an estimated cost of \$907,348.94 based on current information.
- Set up a Financial Team consisting of the Elevator Building Committee, Trustees, and the Finance Committee to determine best funding options prior to Congregational Meeting.
- Elevator Research Committee to become the Elevator Building Committee and complete the elevator scope/design/build effort.

Approved a Congregational Meeting on Sunday, November 19th for the purpose of electing Elders to the Class of 2026.

Approved to spend \$8,000 from the CP Lowrance Hungry Needy Fund for our November 12th Rise Against Hunger Event.

Next Stated Session Meeting scheduled for Thursday, October 19th at 7pm.

As your Session we always welcome comments.

Grace and Peace,
Rick



WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY IS OCTOBER 1st. We will celebrate the sacrament of the Lord's Supper on that day. If you or a family member need communion brought to you at home, please contact the church office. Feast with us on "the bread of life" at the Lord's house on World Communion Sunday.



October Newsletter

October is **National Breast Cancer Awareness Month**. Everyone has some risk of developing breast cancer, but many factors can increase or decrease each person's breast cancer risk. If you are uncertain about your own risk of breast cancer, it can help to learn about the known risk factors and steps you can take to lower your risk as much as possible. Or if you know you have a higher risk of breast cancer due to factors such as a strong family cancer history or an inherited genetic mutation, you can learn more about those risk factors and risk reduction treatments that may be available to you. The most current statistics about breast cancer in the United States can help you understand how common the disease is, who is at risk, and how breast cancer rates have changed over time. In the United States, the average woman's breast cancer risk is about 13%, meaning about one in eight women will be diagnosed with invasive breast cancer in her lifetime. A man's risk is much lower, but about 1 in 833 men will get breast cancer in his lifetime. There are a variety of factors that affect your breast cancer risk. Some you can't change, such as being a woman, growing older, and inheriting a gene mutation linked to breast cancer. But you can change other risk factors — such as being overweight, not exercising regularly, smoking cigarettes, drinking alcohol, or eating unhealthy food — by making healthier lifestyle choices. If you are 40 years old or older, you should have a mammogram every year to screen for breast cancer.

This information is provided by [Breastcancer.org](https://www.breastcancer.org).

October 6 is National Depression Screening Day Like any other health screening --- such as those for cancer and diabetes --- depression screening should be a routine part of healthcare. Clinical depression is a serious medical illness that affects millions of Americans each year. It can occur alongside other medical conditions, often complicating them further. Many people dismiss the symptoms of depression as a "normal" part of their life, and only about a third of those who suffer from it seek professional help.

Symptoms of Depression :

- Persistent sadness or anxiousness
- Too little sleep...or too much sleep
- Loss of interest in hobbies and activities
- Difficulty focusing or making decisions
- Fatigue
- Thoughts of death or suicide





Cathy Mayfield	10/01
Jaime Hovis	10/02
Kevin Donaldson	10/03
Justice Fleming	10/06
Karen Cornett	10/07
Andrew Compton	10/09
Jean Gibson	10/09
Thomas Blackwelder	10/10
Matthew Moore	10/10
Weston Wolfe	10/10
Tony Robinson	10/11
Connie Brown	10/15
Kim Randall	10/15
Michael Clanton	10/16
Erskine Smith	10/16
Logan Overcash	10/17
Barbara Stutts	10/17
Edward Dwire	10/18
Amanda Wolfe	10/19
Joy Miller	10/25
Fonda Meredith	10/28
Carol Linker	10/29
Sam Cornett	10/30

ROWAN HELPING MINISTRIES

Suggested Donation
for October:
Pasta



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Chuck & Joy Miller	10/01
Erskine & Connie Smith	10/06
Carla & Jon Kennedy	10/14
Matt & Judie Sellers	10/22
Bart & Sarah Tulbert	10/22
Lewis & Donna Anderson	10/24
Michael & Stefanie Clanton	10/25
Wyatt & Anita Fesperman	10/25
Vaughn & Marcia Petford	10/25
Dale & Lisa Burgess	10/27

Dear Prospect Family,

We would like to express our love and thanks to everyone for all the prayers, cards, food, text, calls, and visits during our families difficult times during the last few months.

We have a long road ahead of us, but with Gods grace, love and your support and prayers we know that we will prevail. Thank you all again from the bottom of our hearts. It is truly a blessing to have such a WONDERFUL & LOVING church family. Keep the PRAYERS coming!

Blessings to ALL!

Cheryl & Wayne Chandler & Helen Broadway



SAVE THE DATE for Secret Sisters gathering!

Please note the location change! Secret Sisters gathering will be held on Saturday, October 28th at 10:00am at Judie Sellers home: 200 Buckingham Place Rd Mooresville NC 28115

Fall into a Good Book!! Bring a book to show others that has helped you grow in your walk with the Lord.

Bring your favorite fall drink or food to share!!



PW Announcements

Circle Meetings

Lettie Beatty / ACTS Circle
Serendipity Circle

Wednesday, October 4th
Monday, October 2nd

10:00 am in the FLC
6:30 pm in the FLC

The **Mission Committee** wants to encourage every family to pack **at least one Operation Christmas Child (OCC)** shoebox this year. You can pick up the shoeboxes (plastic and/or cardboard) and labels here at church. Pack your box, and drop it off at church by **Sunday, November 12**. We met our goal of 100 boxes last year and hope to **surpass** that this year! For many children, this is their first gift ever! The church will cover the \$10/box processing fee for 100 boxes, so you can forego that if you so choose. Visit <https://www.samaritanspurse.org/operation-christmas-child/pack-a-shoe-box/> for additional information. If you have any questions, please contact Terri McKnight (704-458-4905) or the church office.



The **Mission Committee** and **Young Disciples** will host a Rise Against Hunger meal-packing event (20,000 meals) on **Sunday, November 12**, right after church. There will be pizza for lunch, and then the event will last until about 3pm. There's a job for anyone of any age, so please join us! If you can't 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/PPCNov2023>, or "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 on the day of the event. The cost of the meals is \$8000, so **donations are encouraged** and can be given through the church or through the event link. Please contact **Terri McKnight** or **Connie Brown** if you have questions.

During the month of **October**, the Mission Committee will be collecting items for the **Rowan-Cabarrus Community College's Food & Resource Pantry**. If students are short on food and basic hygiene items, then that significantly hinders their academic success, so the pantry was set up to provide emergency food and hygiene items to students at no cost. The most needed items are: laundry detergent (small sizes), toilet paper, paper towels, dry pet food, feminine products, soup, Chef Boyardee (or other brands), Granola bars (on-the-go type items), Food Lion gift cards (employees shop for students who have unique needs). There will be a box in the Commons area for collection. All help is greatly appreciated. If you have questions, please contact Terri McKnight (704-458-4905).

Once again, we will be helping the **Mt. Ulla school students** by providing Christmas gifts to the families who are in need. If you would like to adopt a student, you will be given a gift list that would include clothing items and sizes as well as a requested toy item. Once the student list has been provided to us, you will be notified along with information about the collection date. There will be additional information in the November newsletter, but for now, please notify Beth Stephens of your desire to help. Email: beth13@windstream.net Phone: 704-664-7185 .





“Those Who Serve”

MONTH LONG DUTIES:

Church Opening: Mike Stacy
Closing: Jack Edmiston

Ushers: Nick Cornett, Head Usher; Bob Edmiston, Jack Edmiston, Mary Beth Edmiston, Karen Cornett, Sam Cornett

OCTOBER 1, 2023

Officers on Call: **Elder:** Walter Teeter (704) 236-7980

Front Door Before & West Side After Service: Walter

Offering: Ushers Team 2

Sound System Operator: Stephen Hart

Newcomer Visitor: Kiki Reid

Children’s Church: Meredith Booth

OCTOBER 8, 2023

Officers on Call: **Elder:** Dale Burgess (704) 662-2513

Front Door Before & West Side After Service: Dale Burgess

Offering: Ushers Team 2

Sound System Operator: Don Truedson

Newcomer Visitor: Kiki Reid

Children’s Church: TBD

OCTOBER 15, 2023

Officers on Call: **Elder:** Bill Hart (704) 677-3503

Front Door Before & West Side After Service: Bill Hart

Offering: Ushers Team 2

Sound System Operator: Stephen Hart

Newcomer Visitor: Kiki Reid

Children’s Church: Melody Morrison

OCTOBER 22, 2023

Officers on Call: **Elder:** Joy Miller (919) 698-7946

Front Door Before & West Side After Service: Joy Miller

Offering: Ushers Team 2

Sound System Operator: Seth Burgess

Newcomer Visitor: Kiki Reid

Children’s Church: Emily Moore

OCTOBER 29, 2023

Officers on Call: **Elder:** Johnny Wilkinson (704) 883-4560

Front Door Before & West Side After Service: Johnny Wilkinson

Offering: Ushers Team 2

Sound System Operator: Dale Burgess

Newcomer Visitor: Kiki Reid

Children’s Church: Meredith Booth

SCHEDULE IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE DUE TO AVAILABLE!



October 2023



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<i>1 World Communion Sunday</i> 8:30 am CE & Fellowship Committee 9:30 am Sunday School 11:00am Worship Service / Communion	<i>2</i> 11:00 am Exercise Class 6:30 pm Serendipity Circle 6:30 pm Cub Scouts	<i>3</i> 6:30 pm Choir Practice 6:30 pm REFIT Class	<i>4</i> 10:00 am Lettie Beatty & ACTS Circle in FLC 6:30 pm Dinner & Bible Study	<i>5</i> 10:00 am Bible Study 11:00 am Exercise Class	<i>6</i>	<i>7</i> 
<i>8 19th Sunday after Pentecost</i> 8:30 am Building & Grounds Committee 9:30 am Sunday School 10:30am Worship Service	<i>9 Columbus Day!</i> 11:00 am Exercise Class 6:30 pm Cub Scouts	<i>10</i> 5:00 pm Nurture & Care 6:30 pm Choir Practice 6:30 pm REFIT Class	<i>11</i> 6:30 pm Dinner & Bible Study	<i>12</i> 10:00 am Bible Study 11:00 am Exercise Class	<i>13</i>	<i>14</i> A&G Sons FLC
<i>15 20th Sunday after Pentecost</i> 8:30 am Missions Committee 9:30am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship Service / Congregational Meeting 1:00 pm Young Disciples Patterson Farm	<i>16 National Bosses Day!</i> 11:00 am Exercise Class 6:30 pm Cub Scouts	<i>17</i> 11:00 am Golden Prospectors at Golden Corral 6:30 pm Choir Practice 6:30 pm REFIT Class	<i>18</i> 6:30 pm Dinner & Bible Study	<i>19</i> 10:00 am Bible Study 11:00 am Exercise Class 7:00 pm Session Meeting	<i>20</i>	<i>21</i> Hart Family FLC
<i>22 21st Sunday after Pentecost</i> 9:30 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship Service 11:45 am Worship Committee	<i>23</i> 9:30 am FeedNC Duty 11:00 am Exercise Class 6:30 pm Cub Scouts NEWSLETTER DEADLINE!	<i>24</i> 6:30 pm Choir Practice 6:30 pm REFIT Class	<i>25</i> 6:30 pm Dinner & Bible Study	<i>26</i> 10:00 am Bible Study 11:00 am Exercise Class 2:30 to 7:00 pm Red Cross Blood Drive, FLC	<i>27</i>	<i>28</i> 10:00 am Secret Sisters @ Judie Sellers Home 1:00 to 4:00 Car Show 4:30 - 6:30 pm Trunk or Treat!
<i>29 22nd Sunday after Pentecost</i> 9:30 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship Service// Pennies for Hunger Offering	<i>30</i> 11:00 am Exercise Class 6:30 pm Cub Scouts	<i>31 Halloween!</i> 6:30 pm Choir Practice 6:30 pm REFIT Class 				