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**THE GOOD PROSPECTS**  
**PROSPECT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
9425 West NC 152 Hwy, Mooresville, NC 28115

Church Office Hours: Telephone: (704) 664-1514  
Monday – Thursday: 8:00am - 5:00pm Fax: (704) 664-9612  
Closed for lunch: 1:30pm - 2:30pm Will’s cell: 1-276-275-1942  
Closed on Friday Website: www.prospectchurchnc.com

2024  
Sunday School - 9:30 am  
Worship Service - 10:30 am

Email:  
Pastor: willgipe@hotmail.com  
Nurse: Kelly.wilson@atriumhealth.org  
Office office@prospectpres.org

FROM YOUR PASTOR’S KEYBOARD:

*“If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.” – 2 Corinthians 5:17.*

A New Year is a gift. Under the Lord’s guidance and care, 2023 went well overall for our church. We are humbled by our mistakes but we are forgiven. We keep working at being faithful. A lot of good things happened for our church in 2023. Praise God and thank you all for your good work. I look forward to what God has planned for us in 2024

A New Year is indeed a gift. With gifts, come responsibility. “To whom much is given, much is expected” (Luke 12:48). Be grateful for new things. Do not take the new things we receive for granted. The New Life we have in Jesus Christ came at a great cost. Every day of life is a precious gift. We have the responsibility to use our new things well, to “do right” with our new things and to share the blessings of our new things with other people.

Every day, every year is a gift of a new thing we receive from God. What do we need to do in this New Year in order to be faithful to our Lord Jesus Christ? We may need to change some things. We may need to bring some old things back. We may need to persevere in what we are currently doing. We may need to do some new things. Let us look at our goals for the year, and our definition success, and then square those with what Jesus taught and how Jesus lived.

We have the responsibility to use our new year well. My friends, let us embrace the responsibility of a New Year. The Scripture tells us that Jesus Christ gives us New Life. Christ set us free from guilt and shame and fear. Christ forgives us and makes us new. Christ will empower us to spend our lives well, to make good with our New Year and all the days HE chooses to give us. Christ will teach what really matters. HE will teach us how to be a blessing to others and share His joy with others. HE will show us what makes up real success. HE will enable us to live our lives with joy and contentment, with purpose and meaning, if we will listen to Him and follow.

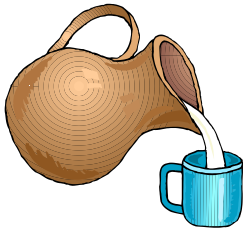
Happy New Year my friends. Know that you are loved.

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ROWAN HELPING MINISTRIES

Baby Bottles

Baby Bottles for the Lake Norman Community Pregnancy Center will be available for pick-up on **Sunday, January 21, 2024**. Remember to fill them up with your spare coins, cash, or check and return them to church on February 18th. You have been very supportive every year and hope this year is even better.  
Thank You,  
Connie Brown



Suggested Donation for  
January

POWDERED MILK





Your 2023 Contribution Statements will be available in the Commons Area by Sunday, January 21st. Please review your statement and contact the church office if you have questions.

2024 FLOWER CALENDAR

The 2024 Flower Calendar is now available in the hallway outside the church office. Please remember to sign up early 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!

A Message from Nurture and Care

Our 1st Lunch N Learn of 2024 is scheduled for **Sunday, January 14th at 12:00 pm** in the Family Life Center. Our topic and guest will be the Community One Blood Drive and members of their staff. Please sign up on the board outside the church office by Thursday, January 11th so that we may have the proper amount of food for lunch. If you have any questions, please contact Kelly Wilson, FCN or Joy Miller, Chairman of the Nurture & Care Committee.

Our first Blood Drive will be held on **Tuesday, January 30** from 2:30 to 7:00 in the FLC. Use this [www.oneblood.org/blood/drives](http://www.oneblood.org/blood/drives). Click on **DONATE** and select by location and put in Prospect Presbyterian Church to schedule an appointment or call the church office at 704-664-1514 to speak with our FCN, Kelly Wilson. Plan Now to Give Blood and Help Save A Life!

Our team is also planning the **2024 Lunch and Learn** schedule. If you have a topic you would like to learn more about, please contact Joy Miller at 919-698-7946 with your suggestions!

Men’s Fellowship : Thursday, January 18th  
7:00 pm @ the Stag n Doe  
China Grove  
Any questions or need a ride, please contact Dale Burgess at 704-662-2513



YOUNG DISCIPES NEWS:

Children’s Church:

January 7 Emily Moore  
January 14 Connie Brown  
January 21 Meredith Booth & Melody Morrison  
January 28 Connie Brown

Young Disciples will meet January 21st after church in the FLC. Lunch will be provided.



Session News

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

Treasurer reported balances on 12/20:

- General Fund balance - \$129,828
- Development Fund Balance - \$71,855
- Pledges to date: \$295,208

Approved a Congregational Meeting on January 21st to approve a change of call for Reverend Gipe. Session recommends a 6% increase in his total package. His salary plus housing allowance will go from \$66,000 in 2023 to \$70,000 in 2024. The total cost to the church, when insurance, pension, FICA, and other required taxes are included, will move from \$103,612 in 2023 to \$109,855 in 2024.

Reviewed Membership Roll as per our Book of Order

Approved Session Officers for 2024

- Bill Hart as Treasurer
- Van Knox as Assistant Treasurer
- Mike Stacy as Trustee from Class of 2026
- Kevin Donaldson as Clerk

2024 Homecoming will be September 8<sup>th</sup> exactly 200 years since Prospect’s Founding.

As your Session we always welcome comments.

Grace and Peace,  
Rick



Session approved a new fund, the **Mission Fund**, which is an additional fund outside the General Fund to be distributed at the sole discretion of the Mission Committee. It is intended to be a fund that both members of the congregation and non-members can contribute specifically towards Missions, either through one-time gifts or regular giving.

This fund will in no way replace the annual budget of the Mission Committee from the General Fund, so contributions to the Mission Fund should not lessen your contributions to the General Fund. Examples of projects this fund could be used to support are, but not limited to:

- mission trips.
- specific individual/situation where a significant investment can make a significant difference.
- continued partnership support for ministries the Mission committee highly values and have vetted.

If you would like to donate towards the Mission Fund, you may do so by writing “Mission Fund” in the memo line of your check. If you have questions, please contact Terri McKnight or the church office.



November Financial Report

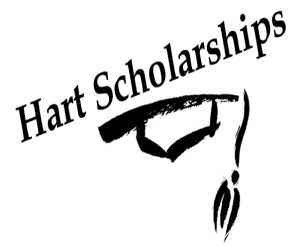
General Fund:

Monthly Income through 11-30-23:	\$50,873
Monthly Expenses through 11-30-23:	\$35,692
Expenses Less than Income for month:	\$15,181

Development Fund:

Ending Balance through 11-30-23:	\$71,945
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**AVAILABLE TO  
COLLEGE STUDENTS**  
Applications shall be made to the  
Scholarship Committee by  
February 26, 2024

Fannie Turner Hart and Henry Howard Hart were great advocates of education. Their children established this scholarship in their memory, to be referred to hereafter as the Hart Scholarship Fund. This fund has been established at Prospect Presbyterian Church which they loved and where they served God faithfully for many years.

The Scholarship Committee of Prospect Presbyterian Church is elected by the Session to receive and review all applications for the Hart Scholarship. 2022 Committee members are: TBA Please contact the church office at 704-664-1514 with any questions.

Applications can be picked up at the church office. Completed applications need to be completed and placed in the mailbox in the commons area marked "Hart Scholarship."

### Student Loan Funds

The Session would like to remind our college students that Prospect has monies available to loan to help with your college expenses. The monies will not accrue any interest until graduation or until you are no longer enrolled in an accredited institution. Upon graduation, a repayment schedule will be established in a meeting with the trustees. Student loan applications are available from the church office. We hope that you will take advantage of this program to help with your education expenses.



**It's back, UNDIE SUNDAY! MARK Your Calendar!** As part of our February Mission projects, we would like for you to bring a brand new package of underwear to be sent to the Mooresville Christian Mission. We will be collecting any & all **NEW** under garments the **entire month of February**. If you have any questions, please contact Terri McKnight.

**Beginning Sunday, January 7th**, a Mitten Tree will be displayed in the narthex for a month, ready for you to decorate with hats, gloves, scarves, and mittens. Please have all items here by January 28, 2024 so they can be delivered for the children to take advantage of during the coldest months. These gifts will be given to the Nazareth Children's Home to help keep them warm.



### GOLDEN PROSPECTORS!

**Tuesday, January 16th, at 12:00 pm**, we will meet at the church in the Family Life Center to discuss our plans for 2024.

**Please bring a covered dish to share. The meat will be provided. We look forward to seeing everyone and start the new year off right.**

**PLEASE plan to join us!**



### Attention Prospect Members and Friends:

The Session is asking for your input regarding our current Development Fund. The current Development Fund has been in existence around 50 years give or take. The money in this fund has been used to fund capital projects and major repairs which the general fund budget for building and grounds is unable to fund. Currently, these funds have to be approved by the congregation before any funds can be spent.

As times have changed in getting repairs done by competent individuals in a timely manner, the Session, building and grounds committee, and finance committee believe that it is the best interest for all concerned that the name of the Development Fund be changed to the Building and Maintenance Fund that will fund major repairs going forward with the Session approving any funds spent as opposed to having to call a congregational meeting and getting congregational approval. The congregation will still be kept informed of major repairs needed and the cost. This change will allow for more flexibility, functionality, and quicker resolution of problems that need to be fixed, ex. replacement of a heat pump, roof repair, etc. This fund will continue to need contributions made to it as in the past.

With the recent completion of our Family Life Center, the sanctuary renovation soon to start and the elevator installation soon to start, there are no current building projects pending. The desire and purpose of a Building and Maintenance fund is to maintain and care for the great facilities that we have.

If you have any questions or concerns about this change, please don't hesitate to ask Will, members of the building and grounds committee, or finance committee. Thank you.

**SECRET SISTERS:** We have truly enjoyed this journey with each of you and look forward to participating again in 2024. Complete and Return your Secret Sister Questionnaire for 2024 by Wednesday, January 10th. The forms are located on the table in the Commons Area. Sunday, January 14<sup>th</sup> the Secret Sister 2024 names will be available for Pick Up. Should you have any questions please feel free to contact me! Drop off the form at the church or email. Judie Sellers, Cell # 704.791.9764 Email: [colesmom0903@gmail.com](mailto:colesmom0903@gmail.com)



### Missionary UPDATE:

During 2023 there have been some changes in our missionaries. Brian & Christy Ward and David & Karen Lookabill are no longer in the mission field. The Wards have moved back home to Washington State, Brian is teaching college at Washington State, and they are now close to both of their families. The Lookabill have moved back to Kentucky to help take care of Karen's mother. Both the Wards and the Lookabill appreciate all our support and ask that we continue to pray for them and their families as they move through this transition in the lives and continue in Christian service.







**Missionary:**

Justin & Kristen Raymer (African Island Mission in Washington DC)  
Rob & Sandy Shaffer (Czech Republic)

**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)  
Margie Swiggett (Ranson Ridge - Huntersville)  
Tink Wilkinson (Cadence Living – Mooresville)

**Please Remember:**

Jo Powers	Dick Bennett
Thad Linker	Ella Mae Stewart
Anita & Wyatt Fesperman	Lynda Fries
Wade Carrigan	Rachel Powers
Jackie McKnight	Roy Watkins
Carol & Larry Stutts	Teresa Compton
Hal Stutts	Don Truedson
Mary Lowrance	May Dauer
Rick Yokeley	Beverly Bartlett
Wayne Chandler	Margaret Bradshaw

**Friends & Family of the Congregation:**

Missy Bradshaw (*Cancer, Chuck Miller's cousin*)  
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*)  
Jan Milos (*Kidney Cancer, friend of Cristal Howie*)  
Meredith Powers (*Breast Cancer, daughter in law of Rachel Powers*)  
Cash McCall (*Iraq, friend of Edie Steele*)  
Beth Segui’ (*Parkinson’s, daughter of Betty Alexander*)  
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 (*Lung Cancer Mother of Kiki Reid & Sister of Jenny Dowdy*)



**Circle**

Lettie Beatty/Acts  
Serendipity

**Date/Time**

Jan 3 @ 10:00 am  
Jan 8 @ 6:30 pm

**Location**

FLC  
FLC



Murdoch & Melody Morrison



Bob Edmiston III	01/03
Wade Carrigan	01/05
Teresa Compton	01/05
Josie Heglar	01/05
Philip Moore	01/05
Harriet Beaver	01/06
Kenny Seamon	01/09
Melody Morrison	01/10
Jamie Purvis	01/10
Kathy Bradshaw	01/11
Beth Stacy	01/11
Lynn Atwell	01/12
Betty Alexander	01/13
Allison Moore	01/13
Susan Moore	01/14
Sarah Tulbert	01/14
William Moore	01/16
Thad Linker	01/18
Paul Moore	01/19
Mike Williams	01/20
Dixie Forbes-Gorby	01/21
Marilyn Hinds	01/21
Noble Randall	01/22
Casey Wilkinson	01/22
Alice Clingenpeel	01/23
Brian Jackson	01/26
Marie Hart	01/28
Nicholas Moore	01/29
Kelly Carrigan	01/30
Eddie Clingenpeel	01/30

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

**PHYLLIS CARRIGAN**  
*By:*  
June Goodman  
Don & Judy Truedson  
Elizabeth Carrigan  
Jan & Dwight Payne  
Disciples Sunday School Class  
Lynn Britz  
David & Martha Coren  
Van & Violet Knox  
Sons of Confederate Vets  
Maj Gen SD Ramseur Chapter  
Joyce Hight

**DAWN STUTTS**  
*By:*  
June Goodman  
Lynn Britz  
Lisa & Don Householder  
Wanda Daron  
Janice A Jones & Family

**MICHAEL DEATON**  
*By:*  
Marsha Deaton

**GALEN GRANT**  
*By:*  
Lynn Britz

**DANNY BOST**  
*By:*  
Lynn Britz  
Pam Tulbert

**ELIZABETH “LIB” KNOX**  
*By:*  
Lannie & Carolyn Sigmon

**HARRY, RACHEL & JANICE BRADSHAW**  
*By:*  
Patricia & Steve Clontz

**KAY TAYLOR EDMISTON**  
*Cemetery Trust Fund*  
*By:*  
Dan Edmiston

**GIVEN IN LOVING HONOR OF ...**

**REV. WILL & STACEY GIPE**  
*By:*  
Marsha Deaton



**Chrismon’s and Chrismon Patterns**

Chrismon’s are Christmas decorations with Christian symbols on them. They help Christians to remember that Christmas is the celebration of Jesus’s birthday. They are often used on Christmas trees in Churches and Christians homes.

They were first made by Frances Kipps Spencer at the Ascension Lutheran Church in Danville, Virginia, USA. She also thought of the word, Chrismon, which is a combination of Christ and monogram (meaning symbol). The idea quickly spread to other churches. It is traditional that Christian groups can make their own Chrismon's with their favorite symbols on.

Each year a 20ft (6 meter) Christmas tree is decorated in the Ascension Lutheran Church, as Mrs. Spencer intended, and visitors come, and they hear the story of Jesus explained through her original Chrismon’s and a few gifts from around the world.

Chrismon’s are traditionally colored white and gold. White is the liturgical (or Church) color for Christmas and symbolizes that Jesus was pure and perfect. Gold symbolizes His Majesty and Glory. Chrismon’s can be made from nearly anything, but paper and embroidered ones are the most widely used.



# Grieving a loss?

Find hope and healing after the death of a loved one.

Join us at

## GriefShare®

Weekly grief support group

**When:** Mondays 5:30– 7:00 p.m.  
February 12– May 13, 2024

**Where:** Prospect Presbyterian Church  
9425 West NC Hwy. 152  
Mooresville, NC 28115

**Contact:** Kelly Wilson, RN  
Kelly.Wilson@AtriumHealth.org  
704-664-1514 or 980-521-6028

**Register:** [griefshare.org/findagroup](http://griefshare.org/findagroup)






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**VOLUNTEERS NEED ED FOR GREIF SHARE EVENT:** Please contact Kelly Wilson, FCN at 980-521-6028 and or email at [Kelly.Wilson@atriumhealth.org](mailto:Kelly.Wilson@atriumhealth.org) if you are available!.



# January 2024



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<p><b>1 New Year's Day</b> <i>Church Office Closed</i></p> 	<p><b>2</b></p>	<p><b>3</b> 10:00 am ACTS/Lettie Beatty Circle in FLC NO Dinner &amp; Bible Study</p>	<p><b>4</b> NO Bible Study 11:00 am Exercise Class</p>	<p><b>5</b></p>	<p><b>6 Epiphany</b></p> 
<p><b>7 Baptism of the Lord</b> NO CE &amp; Fellowship Meeting until February 9:30 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship Service / Guest Michael Sloan Preaching</p>	<p><b>8</b> 11:00 am Exercise Class 6:30 pm BSA 6:30 pm Serendipity Circle</p> 	<p><b>9</b> 5:00 pm Nurture &amp; Care 6:30 pm REFIT class 6:30 pm Choir Practice 6:30 pm Elevator Committee</p>	<p><b>10</b> 6:30 pm Dinner &amp; Bible Study</p>	<p><b>11</b> 10:00 am Bible Study FLC 11:00 am Exercise Class</p>	<p><b>12</b></p>	<p><b>13</b></p>
<p><b>14 2nd Sunday after Epiphany</b> 8:30 am Building and Grounds Committee 9:30 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship Service / Communion 11:45 am Lunch and Learn, FLC One Blood Community</p>	<p><b>15 Martin Luther King, Jr.</b> 11:00 am Exercise Class 6:30 pm BSA</p>	<p><b>16</b> 12:00 pm Golden Prospectors in FLC Covered Dish 6:30 pm REFIT class 6:30 pm Choir Practice</p>	<p><b>17</b> 6:30 pm Dinner &amp; Bible Study</p>	<p><b>18</b> 10:00 am Bible Study FLC 11:00 am Exercise Class 7:00 pm Men's Fellowship at Stag n Doe in China Grove</p>	<p><b>19</b></p>	<p><b>20</b></p>
<p><b>21 3rd Sunday after Epiphany</b> 8:30 am Mission Committee 9:30 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship Service / Ordinations and Installation of Class of 2026 Elders / Congregational Meeting 11:45 am Young Disciples in FLC w/Lunch</p>	<p><b>22</b> 9:00 am FEEDNC 11:00 am Exercise Class 6:30 pm BSA</p>	<p><b>23</b> 6:30 pm REFIT class 6:30 pm Choir Practice</p>	<p><b>24</b> 6:30 pm Dinner &amp; Bible Study</p>	<p><b>25</b> 10:00 am Bible Study FLC 11:00 am Exercise Class 7:00 pm Session Mtg.</p>	<p><b>26</b></p>	<p><b>27</b> <i>Hart Family—FLC All Day</i></p>
<p><b>28 4th Sunday after Epiphany</b> 9:30 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship Service / Pennies for Hunger Offering 11:45 am Worship Committee</p>	<p><b>29</b> 11:00 am Exercise Class 6:30 pm BSA</p>	<p><b>30</b> 2:00—7:00 pm Blood Drive FLC 6:30 pm REFIT class 6:30 pm Choir Practice</p> 	<p><b>31</b> 6:30 pm Dinner &amp; Bible Study</p>			





“Those Who Serve”

MONTH LONG DUTIES:

**Church Opening:** Paul Moore

**Ushers:** Brian Jackson – Head Usher, Paul Moore,  
Kenny Seamon, Cole Sellers, Edie Steele

**JANUARY 7, 2024**

**Officers on Call:** **Elder:** Karen Cornett (704) 657-6278

**Front Door Before & West Side After Service:** Karen Cornett

**Offering:** Ushers Team 1

**Sound System Operator:** Stephen Hart

**Newcomer Visitor:** Carol Linker

**Children’s Church:** Emily Moore

**JANUARY 14, 2024**

**Officers on Call:** **Elder:** Van Knox (704) 575-8766

**Front Door Before & West Side After Service:** Van Knox

**Offering:** Ushers Team 1

**Sound System Operator:** Don Truedson

**Newcomer Visitor:** Carol Linker

**Children’s Church:** Connie Brown

**JANUARY 21, 2024**

**Officers on Call:** **Elder:** Terri McKnight (704) 458-4905

**Front Door Before & West Side After Service:** Terri McKnight

**Offering:** Ushers Team 1

**Sound System Operator:** Stephen Hart

**Newcomer Visitor:** Carol Linker

**Children’s Church:** Meredith Booth & Melody Morrison

**JANUARY 28, 2024**

**Officers on Call:** **Elder:** Paul Moore (704) 264-9191

**Front Door Before & West Side After Service:** Paul Moore

**Offering:** Ushers Team 1

**Sound System Operator:** Seth Burgess

**Newcomer Visitor:** Carol Linker

**Children’s Church:** Connie Brown

**SCHEDULE IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE DUE TO AVAILABLE!**