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PROSPECT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

9425 West NC 152 Hwy, Mooresville, NC 28115

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: Kelly.wilson@atriumhealth.org
Office: office@prospectpres.org

2024

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

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Website: www.prospectpres.org

ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

FROM YOUR PASTOR'S KEYBOARD:

We are looking forward this month to getting back into our newly refreshed sanctuary. Thank you again to the Building and Grounds committee and all the folks who have contributed to making this happen. A lot of work has gone into this project. It is appreciated.

February also means Valentine's Day and that makes us think about love. The Bible talks about love all the time. God loves us (John 3:16). We are to love God and our neighbor (Matthew 22:34-40). We are even to love our enemies (Matthew 5:43-48). The Bible tells us to love in a way that is genuine and real (Romans 12:9). Romantic love is a great gift of God. God invented it (Genesis 2:18-25). God blesses marriage. God also invented the love of friends. We think of the great friendship of David and his friend Jonathon who loved each other as they did their own soul (1 Samuel 18:1). One of the most amazing and unique things that Jesus does is He tells His disciples that He considers them His friends (John 15:12-17). Jesus tells them He loves them enough to die for them, to lay down His life, for His friends. Christian friendship is one God's great gifts to us. Valentine's Day gets us in the mind of romantic love. But we limit God's idea of love too much when romance is our primary focus on love. The apostle Paul exalts the idea of singleness as a good and powerful place from which to love God and love neighbor (1 Corinthians 7:7-9, 32-35). Here is something that is true of all love: Love is a risk. When we love someone, we face the possibility our love will be rejected, used, misused or taken advantage of. Jesus Christ came to the world, to love and serve, and was rejected by so many. He is God. He knew this would happen. He came anyway. Such cost was worth it to Him to get the people who believed in Him (John 3:16).

Love is a risk. But we cannot let that risk keep us from following God's command to be a people of love. CS Lewis once said: "If you don't want to get hurt, lock your heart away. If you do not want your heart to be broken, then give it to no one. But just know, that you will not save your heart. It will become cold and dead. In that little casket of self-centeredness, it will not be broken but will become unbreakable, impenetrable, irredeemable".

We know our love, our generosity, our kindness may be rejected or misused. Let us learn from Jesus to make sure those realities do not keep us from loving or to be stingy with our love. He came to love and to die for sinners (like me and you) who would not appreciate His love fully. He came because He knew His love could change us. Moreover, He uses our love to change the people around us for His purpose and His good and glory. Jesus Christ was extravagant with His love. Let us, His people, look for ways to do the same.

Have a great February friends. Know that you are loved.

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AVAILABLE TO COLLEGE STUDENTS



**Applications shall be made to the Scholarship Committee by
February 25, 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. Please contact the committee members or the church office at 704-664-1514 with any questions.

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

Session News

Your Session had its regular stated meeting on January 25, 2024 at 7:00 p.m., moderated by Reverend Will Gipe.

Treasurer reported balances as of January 23, 2204 as follows:

- General Fund Balance - \$117,009
- Development Fund Balance – \$72,546 (December)
- Pledges for 2024: \$330,628



The following were discussed and approved by the Session:

- ◇ Accepted new members Nick and Jeanette Johnston
- ◇ Approved the Annual Corporate meeting for Sunday, February 18, 2024
- ◇ Approved \$1,000 as an annual contribution to the Presbytery
- ◇ Received a report that the annual financial audit was completed and was a clean audit
- ◇ Approved fees for Cemetery Plots to be increased from \$2,000 to \$3,000 for non-members and from \$1,200 to \$1,500 for former members
- ◇ Received a report regarding the renovation of the Church Sanctuary.
- ◇ Received a report on the finalizing of the plans for the elevator and that elevator is to be completed before homecoming

As your Session, we always welcome comments.

Kevin Donaldson, Clerk of Session



Dean’s List:

Emily Donaldson and Ryan Donaldson both earned Dean’s List honors for the fall 2023 semester at Hight Point University. Emily is a senior at High Point where she has earned Dean’s List honors every semester and will graduate in May. Ryan is a freshman at High Point, and just finished his first semester as a member of the class of 2027.

Young Disciples

Young Disciples will meet February 11th in the FLC after church at 11:45 in FLC. Our parents will be preparing lunch. Hope to see everyone there. Connie



PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN NEWS:

Circle	Date/Time	Location
Lettie Beatty/Acts	Feb. 7 @ 10:00 am	FLC
Serendipity	Feb. 5 @ 6:30 pm	FLC



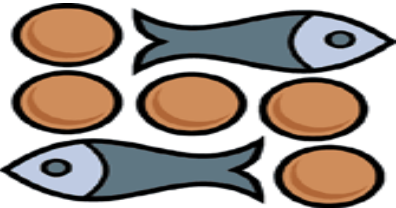
SAVE THE DATE: The Golden Prospectors will be meeting at Trackside restaurant in Mooresville on **Tuesday, February 20TH at 10:00 am for BRUNCH.** We look forward to enjoying good food and fellowship. Please sign up on the board outside of the church office **ASAP by Thursday, February 15th.** Need to let them know how many will be there. Thanks!



It’s back, UNDIE SUNDAY! 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.



ROWAN HELPING MINISTRIES
Suggested Donation for February
Tuna Fish & Crackers



Marsha Deaton	02/01
Perry Teeter	02/01
Stefanie Clanton	02/03
Austin Lewis	02/03
Dale McKnight	02/03
Ann Clark	02/06
Van Knox	02/06
Craig Mills	02/06
Jan Spear	02/08
Michael Steed	02/08
Violet Knox	02/09
Dale Burgess	02/11
Jack Edmiston	02/12
Janielle Watkins	02/12
Donna Anderson	02/14
Helen Broadway	02/18
Stacey Gipe	02/18
Alex Cornelison	02/19
Anna Claire Cornelison	02/19
Lynn Britz	02/20
Lori Fleming	02/21
Gus Linker	02/21
Ally McLelland Setzer	02/21
Kathy Lyerly	02/24
Wilma Houston	02/26
Carol Stutts	02/28

December Financial Report

General Fund:

Monthly Income through 12-31-23:	\$55,519
Monthly Expenses through 12-31-23:	\$33,949
Expenses Lesser than Income for month:	\$21,570

Development Fund:

Ending Balance through 12-31-23:	\$72,546
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Joe & Becky Catanese	February 3
Dan & Melody Edmiston	February 4
Craig & Millette Mills	February 5
Eddie & Lisa Jackson	February 6
Michael & Cathy Steed	February 18



Blanket Sunday Reminder

February 11th has been designated as Blanket Sunday for our congregation. A donation of \$10.00 will buy a warm blanket for someone in need. Please support this special ministry of Church World Service by donating money for at least one blanket. Blankets are sent to areas facing disaster in the United States as well as to other countries. You may have seen some of these blankets in the media coverage of the earthquake in Haiti. Special offering envelopes will be included in your bulletin that day. Open your hearts and join others in the faith community who are helping to blanket the world with love. There is no better way to show your love for others this Valentine’s Day. Thank you for your generous support.



For Prayer:
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)
Ella Mae Stewart (Autumn House, Statesville)
Margie Swiggett (Ranson Ridge - Huntersville)
Tink Wilkinson (Cadence Living – Mooresville)

Please Remember:

Jo Powers	Dick Bennett
Thad Linker	Margaret Bradshaw
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

Friends & Family of the Congregation:

Tony (*Cancer, friend and neighbor of Murdoch & Melody Morrison*)
Deborah Stenstrom (*Cancer, friend of John Edmiston*)
Vicki Brawley (*Health Issus, friend of Jody Oliphant*)
Missy Bradshaw (*Cancer, Chuck Miller's cousin*)
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*)



EMAIL ISSUES:

If you haver an email with Gmail you will not receive bulk emails from the church. Google has a block in place that stops bulk emails. Sorry for the inconvenience. Google is the only email that does not allow bulk mail now. This started at the end of 2023. Thank you.



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

DAWN STUTTS

By:
Bill & Becky Hart

BYRON & THELMA GRANT

By:
Galen A Grant

DANNY BOST

By:
Anne & Richard Lafferty



Correction for member information: Galen Grant is alive and well. He has not passed away. Sorry for the miss information. Thank you from the Church office.



The **Mission Fund**, recently approved by Session, 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.
- A 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 of- fice. Thank you very much to those who have already contributed!



Grief Share, a support group for the bereaved, is to begin **Monday, February 12th at 6:30pm in the FLC**. I am excited to bring this program to our church and community! Any person that has experienced loss is welcome. If you or anyone you know would like to learn more about this program, please go to www.griefshare.org This session will meet each Monday from 6:30pm to 8:00pm and will continue until May 13th . If you have experienced grief, please consider attending. There is no time limit on grief, it does not expire, so when the loss occurred is not relevant. What is important is that you process your grief in a healthy manner with the help of Jesus Christ. Please do not feel you must oblige yourself to all 13 weeks. You will have online access to the weekly videos if you cannot attend a meeting. This is a very informal setting, and no one is ever forced or expected to share. The format is simple. You will receive a workbook and a journal for your personal use. Each week we will watch a vid- eo, discuss what we took away from the video, complete an exercise in our workbook, informally chat and then dismiss. Please consider attending a session and supporting this ministry. It is my hope to offer this twice a year and to offer a support program during the Christmas holidays. If you do not wish to attend a session but would like to assist with the ministry by helping to set up and clean-up, please contact me at 980 -521- 6028. I would like to offer water, coffee, tea and a light refreshment at each meeting and need assis- tance in making this happen. Thank you in advance for your consideration and support!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS LADIES!!!

We are so excited to kick off our Secret Sister Socials! Below are the Save the Dates for this years Socials!! We will meet in the Family Life Center at 10:30am for fellowship, food and fun!!! Bring your favorite treats to share. Reminder these Socials are open to any and everyone who wishes to strengthen their Faith with their Sisters!!

Saturday, February 24th
Saturday, April 27th
Saturday, June 22nd
Saturday, August 24th
Saturday, November 2nd

Our BIG reveal is planned for Friday, December 6st @ 6pm at the Sellers Residence.

February 24th Social the theme will be "Pretty in Pink"! We will share our favorite Pink Treats, play games and complete a devotional.

Lastly, should anyone who hasn't turned in their Secret Sister form decide to join throughout the year we would love to have you. Please turn your form into the church office or via email to Judie Sellers (colesmom0903@gmail.com). I will contact you for more details once your form is turned in. As always, if you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to me! Thank you!

All my Love,
Judie Sellers
Colesmom0903@gmail.com
704.791.9764



Baby Bottles for the Lake Norman Community Pregnancy Center are available for pick-up. 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

The Annual meeting of the Congregation will be held on Sunday, **February 18th**. The congregation will receive the annual report in the corporate meeting.



Men's Fellowship scheduled for **Thursday, February 22nd** at **Gary's BBQ in China Grove** at **7:00 pm**. Any questions, please contact Dale Burgess at 704-662-2513.



Exercise Class meets every Monday and Thursday at 11:00. We have so much fun doing very low impact exercises, stretching, moving and fellowshiping with one another. We would love to have you attend! There is no obligation to come to each meeting. **Just come. Get out of the house!** You just may find a group of people that you cannot get enough of! At least that has been my experience! We are here to love and support you during your life's health journey!



Hospice & Palliative Care of Iredell County needs fidget quilts. If you can sew and would like to assist with this, please ensure that your quilt does not include any choking hazards. You can learn more about fidget quilts at <https://www.patchworkposse.com/fidget-quilts> or by referring to the handout posted in the commons area.

Prospect Presbyterian Church needs prayer shawls, blankets and toboggans. We were honored to give 30+ of these items at Christmas to our sick and shut ins. But we have depleted our supply. If you can sew, crochet or knit please consider making an item for this ministry. You may leave your items in the Nurse office.

Salisbury Rowan Community Action Agency along with Rowan County Public Health invites you to participate in the NC Poverty Simulation Experience on **Wednesday February 21, 2024** from 10:00am to 12:00pm. The event is free, but you must register to attend. Register at <https://eventbrite.com/e/poverty-simulation-tickets-777816479027> the event will be held at West End Plaza 1935 West Alexander Blvd. West in Salisbury.

Aspire, a women's event sponsored by Extreme Faith Productions is offering a conference on **Saturday, March 16, 2024, at Fair View United Methodist Church in Mooresville**. This event looks like an awesome way to spend an evening! The event is from 5:00-9:00. The event features a keynote speaker, a comedian and music. Please learn about this event at <https://aspirewomensevents.com/mooresville-nc-2024/#schedule> , If you are interested in attending, Call Kelly Wilson at 980-521-6028 and come with our church group. Tickets are \$30.00 I am trying to get a group of at least 10 women to attend. We do plan to carpool so transportation should not be an issue!

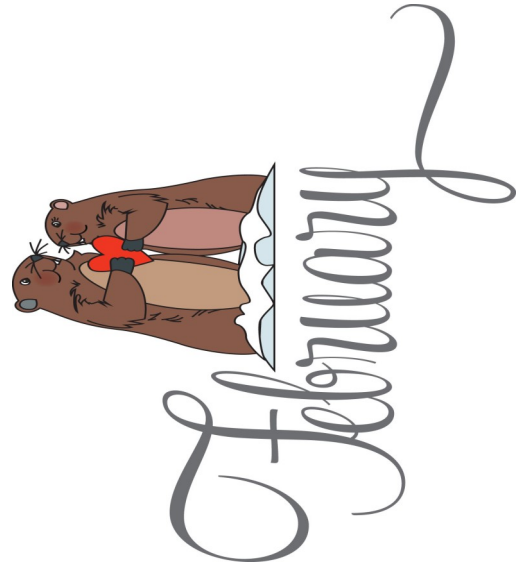
If you would like a call or visit from me, please reach out. I want to be here for you so please make your needs known. 980-521-6028

Thank you Kelly Wilson, FCN

February includes many health observances! To see more about them I have included a website.

- ♦ National American Heart Month <https://www.nhlbi.nih.gov/education/american-heart-month>
- ♦ February 2nd is **National Wear Red Day**. Wear Red to promote heart health awareness!
- ♦ Age-Related Macular Degeneration (AMD)/Low Vision Awareness Month <https://www.nei.nih.gov/learn-about-eye-health/outreach-resources/vision-rehabilitation-resources/low-vision-awareness-month>
- ♦ International Prenatal Infection Prevention Month <https://www.groupbstrepinternational.org/february-is-international-prenatal-infection-awareness-month.html>
- ♦ National Cancer Prevention Month <https://www.aacr.org/patients-caregivers/awareness-months/national-cancer-prevention-month>
- ♦ National Childrens Dental Health Month <https://www.ada.org/resources/community-initiatives/national-childrens-dental-health-month>
- ♦ Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month <https://www.teendvmonth.org>

Please take a moment to learn about each topic. They all deserve our attention .



“Those Who Serve”

MONTH LONG DUTIES:

Church Opening: Johnny Wilkinson
Church Closing: Mike Anderson

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

FEBRUARY 4, 2024

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

Front Door Before After Service: Walter Teeter

Offering: Ushers Team 2

Sound System Operator: Stephen Hart

Newcomer Visitor: Joy Miller

Children’s Church: Judie & Cole Sellers

FEBRUARY 11, 2024

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

Front Door Before & After Service: Dale Burgess

Offering: Ushers Team 2

Sound System Operator: Don Truedson

Newcomer Visitor: Joy Miller

Children’s Church: Shannon Knox

FEBRUARY 18, 2024

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

Front Door Before & After Service: Bill Hart

Offering: Ushers Team 2

Sound System Operator: Stephen Hart

Newcomer Visitor: Joy Miller

Children’s Church: Meredith Booth

FEBRUARY 25, 2024

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

Front Door Before & After Service: Joy Miller

Offering: Ushers Team 2

Sound System Operator: Seth Burgess

Newcomer Visitor: Joy Miller

Children’s Church: Judie & Cole Sellers

SCHEDULE IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE DUE TO AVAILABLE!



FEBRUARY 2024



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 10:00 am Bible Study 11:00 am Exercise	2 Groundhog Day! 	3 Hart Family in FLC
4 5th Sunday after Epiphany 8:30am CE & Fellowship Committee 9:30am Church School 10:30am Worship Service	5 11 am Exercise 6:30 pm Boys Scouts 6:30pm Serendipity Circle FLC	6 6:30 pm REFIT Class 6:30 pm Choir Practice	7 10:00am ACTS/Lettie Beaty Circle FLC 6:30 pm Dinner & Bible Study FLC	8 10:00 am Bible Study 11:00 am Exercise	9	10
11 Blanket Sunday 8:30am Building & Grounds 9:30am Church School 10:30am Worship Service/Communion 11:45 am Young Disciples FLC 	12 11:00 am Exercise 6:30 pm Boys Scouts 6:30 –8 pm Grief Share	13 6:30 pm REFIT Class 6:30 pm Choir Practice	14 St. Valentine's Day Ash Wednesday 5:00 pm Nurture & Growth Committee 6:30 pm Dinner & Bible Study FLC	15 10:00 am Bible Study 11:00 am Exercise 7:00 pm Session Meeting	16	17
18 1st Sunday in Lent 8:30 am Missions Committee 9:30 am Church School 10:30 am Worship Service / Annual Meeting 	19 President's Day! 11:00 am Exercise 6:30 pm Boys Scouts 6:30 –8 pm Grief Share 	20 10:00 am Golden Prospectors to Trackside Restaurant Mooresville 6:30 pm REFIT Class 6:30 pm Choir Practice	21 6:30 pm Dinner & Bible Study FLC 	22 10:00 am Bible Study 11:00 am Exercise 7:00 pm Men's Fellowship @ Gary's BBQ China Grove	23	24 10:30 am Secret Sisters Event in FLC Pretty in Pink
25 2nd Sunday in Lent 9:30am Church School 10:30am Worship Service <i>Pennies for Hunger Offering</i> 11:45 am Worship Committee	26 9:00am FeedNC 11:00 am Exercise 6:30 pm Boys Scouts 6:30 –8 pm Grief Share	27 6:30 pm REFIT Class 6:30 pm Choir Practice	28 6:30 pm Dinner & Bible Study FLC			