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Monday – Thursday: 7:00am - 5:00pm  
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Closed on Friday's

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2025

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

## FROM YOUR PASTOR'S KEYBOARD:

A big **THANK YOU** to everyone who made Homecoming happen on September 21, starting with everyone on the Heritage and Worship committees for their leadership. So many people made the good times happen. Thank you and bless you. It was great to have Scott Wilkinson and his wife Millie. The preaching was great. The choir was outstanding and looked great up in the choir loft. Pat (and Richard) were fantastic as always. The food was plentiful and good. Well done, Prospect Church!!

As always, it was also great 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 so much of our time 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. It is always special to see the different generations enjoying each other. The commitment to Christ (and to Prospect) of all the generations of our congregation is an inspiration and example to us all. God has invested our older members and returning friends 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, gives us new ideas and perspectives. All of us combine to make our congregation 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.

I am confident God has more in store for us. What is next for us? What does God want us to do? Let us keep praying and learning the Word. Let us look for what HE wants to bless and do it. Let us press forward, as a church, and individually, to become more and more like Jesus as a church and as people.

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

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## SAVE THE DATE TO JOIN US FOR OUR : ASK THE EXPERT EVENT!

**Sunday, October 19th** following worship. We will have tables that will be hosted by a variety of experts to answer your questions and/or share information.

**Hosts include:** Bob Amon - Medicare / Susan Blackwelder - Finance / Morgan Brawley - Mental / Kevin Donaldson - Legal Services / Joy Miller - The Vaping Epidemic / Edie Steele - Landscaping / Kelly Wilson - Physical Health / A table with information about Scams and Self-defense.

Lunch will include: Sandwiches and desserts and plenty of time to talk with the experts.

Please invite your friends and call the church office to sign up or look for sign up sheets at church.

**You will not want to miss this special event!**



## Secret Sister News!



Happy Fall Ya'll!! We are so excited to spend the next few months wrapping up our 2025 Secret Sister! Don't forget our next event is October 25th @ 10:30am in the FLC. Please bring a "goodie" to share! Also, **Save the Date** for Friday, December 5<sup>th</sup> @ 6pm in the Family Life Center for our Reveal Party!!

### Feed the Hunger Meal-Packing Event – Sunday, October 26

Join the Mission Committee and Young Disciples for a hands-on service opportunity as we pack approximately 20,000 meals for Feed the Hunger right after worship on **October 26**. We'll share a pizza lunch, then work together until around 3 PM. All ages are welcome—there's a role for everyone! Whether you can stay the whole time or just drop in, your help is greatly appreciated. The cost to provide these meals is \$8,000. Donations are appreciated—just \$89 feeds a child for an entire year. Registration isn't required but helps us plan. Use the QR code to sign up or donate. Let's serve together! If you have questions, please contact Terri McKnight (704-458-4905) or the church office.



**NEED SOME IDEAS for the Golden Prospectors!** If you have any NEW ideas of places, or things you would like to participate in, please contact the church office at 704-664-1514 or email [office@prospectpres.org](mailto:office@prospectpres.org). I would like to plan our next event for Tuesday, November 18th.

**Dresses** will be available from the Dress a Girl Around the World organization for those doing shoe boxes for little girls. Sizes will be on the front of each dress. Please contact Connie Smith at 704-677 4277 if you have any questions.



### For Prayer

#### Nursing Homes, Rehab & Retirement Facilities:

Betty Alexander (Trinity Oaks, Salisbury)  
Mac Atwell (Trinity Oaks-Salisbury)  
Helen Barber (Trinity Oaks-Salisbury)  
Ann Collier (Summit Place, Mooresville)  
May Dauer (Best of Care Kannapolis)  
Margaret Martin (Abernathy Laurels, Newton)  
Frances Ann Neel (The Pines, Davidson)  
Tink Wilkinson (Cadence Living – Mooresville)



#### Please Remember:

Kelly Wilson	Hal Stutts
Ella Mae Stewart	Carolyn & Lannie Sigmon
Don & Judy Truedson	Kathy Bradshaw
Jackie McKnight	Bob & Jan Spear
Lynda Fries	Dianne Davis
Pat McCall	Dixie Forbes-Gorby
Chuck & Donna Smith	Wayne Chandler
Larry Stutts	Mary Beth Edmiston
Tommy Blackwelder	

#### Friends & Family of the Congregation:

Margate Russell (*Total knee replacement, friend of the congregation*)  
Wrenley McDowell (*infant granddaughter of friends of Dave & Cristal Howie*)  
Terry Pardew (*battling cancer, friend of many in the congregation*)  
Stone Buffalo (*grandson of Nancy k. Buffalo & great nephew of Vance & Nyra Moore*)  
Delane Davis (*battle cancer, cousin of Chuck Miller*)  
Trent & Gina Smith (*Cancer, friend of the Moore Family*)  
Presley Seagroves (*2 yr old granddaughter of Linda Brooks – Type 1 Diabetic*)  
Sandi Smith (*Sister of Cristal Howie*)  
Dan Abel (*Kidney transplant, brother of Mary Beth Edmiston*)  
Joe Abel (*Kidney Donor, brother of Mary Beth Edmiston*)  
Jerry Abel (*Leukemia, brother of Mary Beth Edmiston*)  
Jimmy Howard (*Thyroid Cancer, friend of the congregation*)  
Candall Hilton (*Cancer, daughter-in-law of Phyllis Hilton*)  
Todd Harkey (*Heart & Lungs, friend of Jodie & Randy Oliphant*)  
Deborah Stenstram (*Cancer, friend of John Edmiston*)  
Jan Milos (*Kidney Cancer, friend of Cristal Howie*)  
Beth Segui' (*Parkinson's, daughter of Betty Alexander*)  
Janet Baker (*Cancer, friend of John Edmiston*)  
Rachel Shinn Stone (*Breast Cancer, cousin of Frances Ann Neel*)  
Kaye Bridges (*Cancer Friend and neighbor of Connie Brown*)  
Myra Kelly (*Lung Cancer (Mother of Kiki Reid & Sister-in-Law of Jenny Dowdy)*)  
Lois William (*Mother of Ann Jackson*)



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

##### **HELEN CARRIGAN LYERLY**

By:

Polly Mimms  
Van & Violet Knox  
William Wilkinson  
Jesse & Anne Wood  
Frances Ann Neel  
Lisa & Roger Stapleton  
Virginia Edmiston  
Annette Carrigan Russo  
John Bell Carrigan, Jr.  
Judith Carrigan McLean  
Greg & Terri Holbrooks  
Lynn Britz

##### **JUDY STACY**

By:

Van & Violet Knox  
Frances Ann Neel  
Lisa & Roger Stapleton  
Tommy & Renee McLelland  
Alice & Eddie Clingenpeel  
Dennis & Nancy Toler  
Doug & April Miller  
Lynn Britz  
Pam Tulbert

##### **JO POWERS**

By:

Frances Ann Neel

##### **NANCY TEETER**

By:

Frances Ann Neel

##### **EDITH & JIM BLACKWELDER**

By:

Wilson & Joan Kennerly

## August Financial Report

### General Fund:

Monthly Income through 08-31-25:	\$79,266
Monthly Expenses through 08-31-25:	\$56,229
Expenses LESS than Income for month:	\$23,037

### Development Fund:

Ending Balance through 08-31-25:	\$37,400
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### **SESSION NEW**

Your Session had its regular stated meeting on September 18, 2025 at 7:00 p.m., moderated by Reverend Will Gipe.

Account balances as of September 17, 2025 were reported as follows:

General Fund Balance - \$206,429  
Development Fund Balance – \$37,890  
Rental Money Market - \$79,464  
General Fund Reserve Balance - \$72,220  
General Fund Reserve Treasuries - \$100,000



- ◆ Received a report that the Church will be due a sales tax refund of about \$32,000.
- ◆ Committee Chairs were reminded to submit 2026 budget requests.
- ◆ Received a report that our new Choir Director, Kelly Hutchinson, has started and has been well received.
- ◆ Received a report that the striping and sealing of the parking lot had been completed and that the replacing of the A/C unit in the choir room was almost complete.
- ◆ The replacing of the flooring in the basement of the Sanctuary Building will begin soon.
- ◆ Discussed security of Church during church services and how to better secure the Church during services. Discussions, research and planning will be ongoing.
- ◆ Discussed adding a stackable washer and dryer in the Family Life Center near the refrigerator.
- ◆ The next Lunch and Learn will be October 19, 2025 and will be “Ask the Experts.”
- ◆ The next Feed the Hunger event will be on October 26, 2025.

As your Session, we always welcome questions and comments.

Kevin Donaldson, Clerk of Session

### **Stewardship News**

Commitment and Stewardship season is almost upon us. This is special time when we all should pause and give thanks for our many blessings. It is also a time for us to evaluate our financial and spiritual commitment to our church for next year. Next month you will receive more information concerning our financial needs. Commitment and Dedication Sunday will be November 9, 2025.



### Quilt Raffle

The Mission Committee will be holding a quilt raffle during the month of October. A quilt valued at \$900 has been donated to us to raise money for the undesignated missions fund. Tickets are \$20 each and will be available in the church office and from committee members (once they are printed). The quilt will be displayed for viewing at various locations during the month. The drawing for the raffle will be held on November 1<sup>st</sup> at the conclusion of the car show. More details will be in the Sunday bulletins.



### Operation Christmas Child

The Mission Committee encourages each member or family unit to pack at least one Operation Christmas Child (OCC) shoebox this year. You can pick up the boxes and labels at the church once they arrive. There have been changes this year in the types of items to pack based on customs regulations in some of the countries (e.g., no soap, no liquids). An updated list can be found at [www.samaritanspurse.org/occ](http://www.samaritanspurse.org/occ). Pack your box and drop it off at the church by **Sunday, November 16<sup>th</sup>**. We sent approximately 200 shoeboxes last year and hoping to surpass that number this year! The church will cover the \$10/box processing fee for 100 boxes, so you can forgo that donation if you so choose. More information will be included in upcoming Sunday bulletins.



### Mt. Ulla School Christmas Gifts

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 includes clothing items/sizes plus a requested toy item. Once we receive the student list, you will be notified of your student along with information on the collection date. More information will be included in the November newsletter, but for now please notify Beth Stephens of your desire to help.





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
Carol Linker	10/29
Sam Cornett	10/30



**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
Vaughn & Marcia Petford	10/25
Dale & Lisa Burgess	10/27



**WORLD COMMUNION**

**SUNDAY IS OCTOBER 5th.** 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.

**ROWAN HELPING MINISTRIES**

Suggested Donation for October:  
Pasta



Lettie Beatty / ACTS Circle  
Serendipity Circle  
Sisters in Faith Circle

**PW Announcements**

**Circle Meetings**

Wednesday, October 1st	10:00 am in the FLC
Monday, October 6th	6:30 pm in the FLC
Tuesday, October 28th	6:30 pm in the FLC



**SAVE THE DATE:** Our next **blood** drive is on Thursday, November 20th from 2:00 pm to 7:00 pm. Please join us in giving the gift of life!



**Thank you** so much for all of the great school supplies. We are so blessed to have a supportive community to supply us with these. And the smelly pencils that were sent...That was definitely a God thing! Our 4th and 5th graders have 2 big trips planned that they were going to raise money for. Their plan was to sell smelly pencils to the other students to raise the money. When I saw those pencils in the pile of donations, I got chills! Proof that He does provide in a time of need. Now we don't have to order them and all sales will be 100% towards the trips.

Thank you so much for you continued support to our little community!

Mt. Ulla Elementary School  
Julie Sloop

**Young Disciples**

Our October meeting will be the food packing event on **Sunday, October 26**, after church with lunch provided.

We will also be doing **Trunk or Treat** on **Saturday, November 1st** after the car show (4:30 ish). Your last chance to wear your costume and get free candy.

Hope to see you there.  
Emily Moore & Connie Brown



Items needed for the Baby Boutique at the Pregnancy Center:  
**All items can be donated in the commons area.**

- Baby clothing ALL sizes
- Girls 12-14 months for fall and winter
- Diapers: newborn, also sizes 3&4
- Body wash, shampoo, and lotion
- Diaper wipes
- Pack and Play sheets
- Diaper bags
- New breast pumps
- Similac formula (dark blue)
- Enfamil neuropo (yellow gold)
- Similac pro total comfort (dark purple)
- Similac 360 total care sensitive (orange)
- Similac soy (pink)

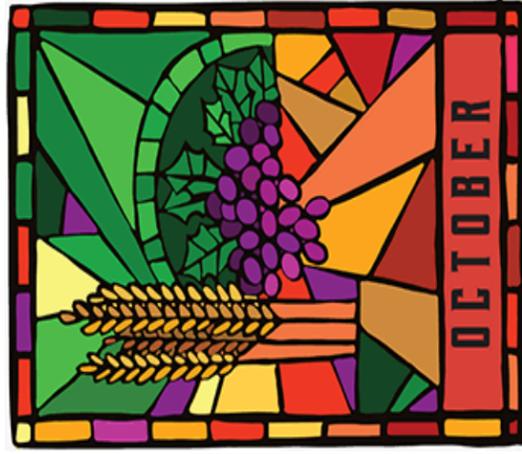




October 2025



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 10:00 am ACTS/Lettie Beatty Circle FLC 6:30 pm Dinner & Bible Study	2 10:00 am Bible Study 11:00 am Exercise Class	3	4 9:00 am Walk For Life @ Langtree LNCPC
5 <b>World Communion Sunday</b> 8:30 am CE & Fellowship Committee 9:30 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship / Communion	6 11:00 am Exercise Class 6:30 pm Serendipity Circle FLC	7 6:30 pm Choir Practice	8 5:00 pm Nurture & Care Committee 6:30 pm Dinner & Bible Study	9 10:00 am Bible Study 11 :00 am Exercise Class	10	11 11 am David Lowrance Reunion FLC
12 <b>Clergy Appreciation Sunday</b> 8:30 am Building & Grounds Committee 9:30 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship	13 <b>Columbus Day!</b> 11:00 am Exercise Class 	14 6:30 pm Choir Practice	15 6:30 pm Dinner & Bible Study	16 <b>World Food Day!</b> 10:00 am Bible Study 11:00 am Exercise Class 7:00 pm Session Meeting	17	18
19 <b>19th Sunday after Pentecost</b> 8:30 am Missions Committee 9:30 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship 11:45 am Lunch & Learn FLC <b>"Ask the Expert"</b>	20 11:00 am Exercise Class	21 6:30 pm Choir Practice	22 6:30 pm Dinner & Bible Study	23 10:00 am Bible Study 11:00 am Exercise Class	24	25 10:30 am Secret Sisters Event FLC
26 <b>20th Sunday after Pentecost</b> 9:30 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship / Pennies for Hunger 11:45 am Worship Committee 11:45 am Feed the Hunger Packing Meals	27 9:00 am FEEDNC 11:00 am Exercise Class	28 6:30 pm Choir Practice 6:30 pm Sisters in Faith Circle FLC	29 6:30 pm Dinner & Bible Study	30 10:00 am Bible Study 11:00 am Exercise Class	31 <b>Halloween!</b>	



**“Those Who Serve”**

**MONTH LONG DUTIES:**

**Church Opening & Closing:** Mark Reid

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

**OCTOBER 5, 2025**

**Officers on Call:** **Elder:** Mike Stacy (704) 746-4643

**Front Door Before & After Service:** Mike Stacy

**Offering:** Ushers Team 2

**Sound System Operator:** Nick Cornett

**Children’s Church:** Emily Moore

**OCTOBER 12, 2025**

**Officers on Call:** **Elder:** Connie Brown (704) 437-1860

**Front Door Before & After Service:** Connie Brown

**Offering:** Ushers Team 2

**Sound System Operator:** Adam Lyerly

**Children’s Church:** Emily Moore

**OCTOBER 19, 2025**

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

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

**Offering:** Ushers Team 2

**Sound System Operator:** Stephen Hart

**Children’s Church:** Emily Moore

**OCTOBER 26, 2025**

**Officers on Call:** **Elder:** Mark Reid (704) 877-2107

**Front Door Before & After Service:** Mark Reid

**Offering:** Ushers Team 2

**Sound System Operator:** Stephen Hart

**Children’s Church:** Emily Moore

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