

The Prospector

Prospect United Methodist Church

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May/June 2007

From the Pastor:

Forty Days

(+ Seven Sundays)

Dear Sisters & Brothers,

Forty Days (plus 7 Sundays), otherwise known as Lent 2007 were highlights for Prospect United Methodist Church. During those few short weeks the church celebrated at Worship, Witness and growing in our faith.

Highlights of Worship included our Ash Wednesday and Maundy Thursday services. Worship each Sunday and a High Day in Easter Worship wrapped up our 40 days plus 8 Sundays. Our Maundy Thursday service was a great learning experience as we read the scriptures and experienced a Passover ritual similar to what Jesus experienced when the Communion Service was instituted. Easter arrived with bitter cold and an attendance of 45 at the Lake. Worship followed with an attendance of 126. Almost 150 individuals attended at least one of our Easter Worship experience.

Witness experiences included the giving of luggage to UMFS. Prospect UMC filled the bed of my S-10 Chevrolet pickup. We also increased our Communion Offering to share with others with the giving of staples. The third witness experience was the Lenten Self-Denial Offering. We have received enough gifts to purchase an upgraded copier and the purchase of a new computer and accessories. Thanks for you giving.

Growing our faith has occurred as we have wrestled with Bible Study and does the Sunday School meet the needs of this day and time. We did start two new Bible Study Groups (Sunday Morning at 8 a.m. and Wednesday mornings at 10 a.m.) with a combined average attendance of 15. People are responding well to the opportunity to study God's word.

God's Richest Blessings,

Pastor Myron

Myron I. Simmons

Prayer Ministry

The Prayer Ministry is designed to uplift people who are in need of prayer and to have as many dedicated prayer warriors as possible praying for a person, family or situation. In cases of emergencies, it is designed to function quickly. Twenty three people have signed up to be pray for the needs of our church family. Thanks to each of them and thanks be to God.

Ellie Parrish has volunteered to head this prayer ministry. Please let Ellie or Pastor Myron know of your prayer requests and they will be passed along to the Prayer Ministry team. Ellie's phone number is 434-636-3000 and her email is elliejoey@aol.com. There are prayer request cards available in the Narthex next to the prayer request box and a prayer request form is available online.

Please take advantage of this opportunity to have people of faith pray with you as you face your joys or sorrows, successes or failures, and the many ups and downs of life. Jesus said in Matthew 7:7-8 "Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives; he who seeks finds; and to him who knocks, the door will be opened." Again prayer is Jesus's topic in Luke 8:1 "Then Jesus told his disciples a parable to show them that they should always pray and not give up." (Read the rest of the parable in your Bible).

Thank you for the **wonderful** response to the Lenten Offering. We have been able to purchase a new copier and a computer and are in the process of acquiring the desk for the computer.

AND... Thanks to all who turned out for the "Spring Cleanup". Many hands made a **big** difference for our Church home, inside and out.

JUST LOOK WHAT WE CAN DO!!!

United Methodist Men

Mark your calendar for May 5 Ham Dinner sponsored by the UMM. You can get your tickets from any member of the UMM or call Charles Jones at 434-636-2297.

The next UMM meetings will be May 17 and June 21 at 6:30 p.m. Come join our time of fellowship.

Charles Jones, President

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY GENTLEMEN!!

FINANCE

The monthly amount needed to meet our budget is \$8,500.75.

Following are the amounts received for the budget in 2007.

Received Difference

Jan 14,991.93 + 6,491.18

Feb 9,160.81 + 660.06

Mar 6,599.01 - 1,901.74

Total 30,751.75 + 5,249.50

These figures include two gifts of stock totaling \$8258.83. Thank you for your faithfulness and generosity.

United Methodist Women

The UMW will continue to collect canned food for the food closets in the area. You may bring your food anytime during the month but Sunday May 6 and June 3 the box will be out for donations to be made during the communion time. Thank you for supporting this project in the past and in the future.

The next meetings of the UMW will be on May 21 and June 25 at 7:30 p.m.

All ladies are invited to attend and join our fellowship. The pledge is \$20 which helps to pay our mission pledge to our district.

Annette Jones, President

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY LADIES!!

SUNDAY SERMONS:

Sunday May 6, 2007 -- *All Things New* -- Revelation 21:1-6

Sunday May 13, 2007 -- *The Gates Are Open* -- Revelation 21:9-10, 22-27

Sunday May 20, 2007 -- *The Divine Invitation* -- Revelation 22:12-21

Sunday May 27, 2007 -- *Unscrambled* -- Genesis 11:1-9, Acts 2:1-21 (Pentecost Sunday)

Sunday June 3, 2007 -- *I Have Found You* -- Revelation 21:1-6

Sunday June 10, 2007 -- *The Gates Are Open* -- Revelation 21:9-10, 22-27

Sunday June 17, 2007 -- *The Mantle* -- II Kings 2:1-14

Sunday June 24, 2007 -- Rev. A.D. Goodson, guest speaker

Adult and Family Ministries

Watch for news concerning the lunch buffet at the Silo Restaurant, Henderson, North Carolina. Two trips are being planned, one in July and one in September. We leave after worship and Sunday school to arrive around 12:30 or so. We can of course carpool and it is a Dutch treat.

Tickets will be on sale October 1 for the Christmas pageant at the West End Assembly of God Church, Richmond. I will be ordering tickets by the 15th.

Mark your calendar and let me know if you wish to go. Tickets in the past have been \$18.

Annette Jones, Chairperson

Did You Know that Prospect UMC has a WEB SITE? Do visit it at:

<http://home.earthlink.net/~prospectumc>

You can also receive the "Prospector" via e-mail. If you are interested please let Peggy Donochod know.

The Kitchen Corner:

Our next fellowship suppers will be May 20 and June 24 at 6:00 p.m. Bring a covered dish and enjoy fellowship around the table.

Annette Jones, Chairperson

New Members:

On March 25th, we warmly welcomed Richard (Dick) & Jan Bintliff into our Church **family**.

Their address is: 59 Divot Ct., Bracey, VA 23919

Celebrations & Concerns in our family:

Happy Anniversary wishes to:

Glenda & Jim Gibbs - May 5th

Nila & Larry Miller - May 12th

Jan & Howdy Tomlinson - May 16th

Bev & Chip Hill - June 24th

Becky & Bill Paxton - June 30th

Happy Birthday to:

Jesse Crutchfield - May 5th

Betty Hicks - May 14th

Earl Mills - May 23rd

Pastor Simmons - May 26th

Chip Hill - June 9th

Dustin Donati- June 12th

Christine Carlson - June 14th **...and many more!**

Our Prayers for:

Our World; Our Nation; Our Military; Our Homebound members and those in hospitals or assisted living.

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