



The Prospector

Prospect United Methodist Church
Ebony Va.

Fall 2007

From our Pastor

The fall season is upon us. It is time to rake leaves, prepare for winter, enjoy the fruits of our harvests and to celebrate what The Lord has given us. Thanksgiving is a time of year when we get nostalgic about family and all the ways in which we have been blessed.

We are thankful for the opportunity to come and live among the people of Prospect Church and to have the opportunity to share our lives with you and to become a part of your lives. We are thankful for answered prayer.

We are also thankful for the addition of a grand daughter, (as soon as she decides to come.) We have experienced a lot of changes this year. The move brought about a lot of work and a lot of excitement. Dan just signed the paperwork to buy himself a place to live in Meridithville. He is spreading his wings and flying into adulthood. Josh will be graduating soon and Jan and I will have to get used to being empty nesters soon. Life continues to give us adventures, challenges, tear filled moments, and blessings. We cannot stop time even though we would like to be able to throw out the anchor and slow it down some.

As you prepare for the harvest season may you continue to look for adventures in your lives and open your hearts to the blessings that God looks forward to pouring out on you. May the harvest be abundant. May God

richly bless you, and may you share the richness of giving Thanks with others.

Ken Thrasher

The **Fall Festival** was GREAT!!! We had a beautiful day, lots of people, lots to sell and a great big bundle of fun was had by all. We give praise to GOD for all!!!! Thank you to all of those who helped in ANY way. The festival committee voted to ask the Administrative Council to allow \$500 to be sent to the United Methodist Church in Kittrell, North Carolina that burned to the ground. This gesture was received favorably so money we raised has already helped the community and our fellowman.

A wrap up meeting will be scheduled soon and any suggestions are welcomed as we start to plan for 2008.

Your Fall Festival Co-Chairman
Charles Jones and Bev Hill

Invite a Friend

Prospect has added a weekly Contemporary Worship Service to our Sunday morning schedule. It starts at 11:15 a.m. Traditional worship and Children's Church is held at 9:15 a.m. All are welcome so invite someone to go to church with you.

Christmas is coming soon!

Children's Christmas Program and Chancel Choir Cantata will be December 16, 2007 at 10:00 a.m. All are invited to participate. Bring a covered dish for lunch afterward and enjoy a visit from Santa.

Prospect UMC each year sponsors an Angel Tree to provide gifts for the children of incarcerated parents. For more information, contact Lee Cunningham. Giving is the heart of Christmas.

BUMMMMMMMMMER!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

"It is with sadness that we will be leaving Prospect U.M. Church in January. We will be moving to "Pennybyrn", a new retirement home in High Point, NC, just 1 1/2 hours from each of our daughters and families.

We thank you for your friendship and Christian love over the years. We will miss each and everyone of you.

Fondly,
Howdy and Jan"

Volunteer Opportunities

Do you have a place in your life and heart for helping as a Volunteer at our local Hospital-CMH? If so, please contact Betty Hicks at 636-5067. Questions and/or opportunities. Only 8 hours per month is requested. If we all pitch in....we make a tremendous difference in the lives of our patients and their loved ones.

ROAD TO RECOVERY. Keith Carlson, (husband of our Carol Carlson), along with Betty Hicks & Patricia Conner invite you to share in this Program sponsored by American Cancer Society. Training is available for those interested in helping to give rides to cancer patients. Please call us for info/questions. You have our numbers. Thank you.

Our **Children's** Group would like to have an erasable chalkboard and CD player. We hope some of you will consider this when shopping. Our children and youth are our future and our constant delight as we share the stories of our Savior and Friend.

Gratefully,
Children's Church Leaders and your Church Children and Youth

The **UMW** unit continues to meet on the fourth Monday night at 7:30 p.m. We will not have a meeting in December.

Our food box is still located in the sanctuary for collection of nonperishable foods to take to our three bread box stations: Good Samaritan in Roanoke Rapids, Lawrenceville Food Bank at the Lawrenceville United Methodist Church and The Bread Box in South Hill. Thank you for your donations and remember that there are hungry people all year, not just on holidays.

The members appreciate your support at our bake sale. From your donations that day, \$100 will be sent to "Nothing But Nets", the program to buy nets to help stop malaria. Our unit will also sponsor an angel for the Angel Tree program sponsored by the PUMC Missions Committee. We have made donations to several missions such as Red Bird and Henry Fork Center. Other donations will be made later this year.

December 9, 2007 will be the day that you may pick up your Christmas cookies. The ladies make homemade cookies and you may place your order for a Christmas container of these cookies. Watch for the sign up sheet in November. The cookies make great gifts and if you don't have time to bake, just get a couple containers of cookies for your holiday festivities.

Annette Jones, President

FINANCE

The monthly amount needed to meet our budget from January through June is \$8,500.75. Following are the amounts received for the budget in the first half of 2007.

	Received	Difference
Jan	14,991.93	+ 6,491.18
Feb	9,161.31	+ 660.56
Mar	6,599.01	- 1,901.74
Apr	9,239.76	+ 739.01
May	7,872.53	- 628.22
Jun	6,850.50	- 1,650.25
Total	54,715.04	+ 3,710.54

These figures include two gifts of stock totaling \$8,258.83. The monthly amount needed to meet our budget from July through December is \$7,996.50.

Following are the amounts received this quarter.

	Received	Difference
Jul	7,619.95	- 376.55
Aug	6,854.75	- 1,141.75
Sep	8,547.05	+ 550.55
Total	23,021.75	- 967.75

Adult and Family Ministries

have now sponsored an outing to the Silo and to the 220 Seafood Restaurant. Those that attended enjoyed great fellowship and food.

Glorious Christmas Nights will again present a play at the West End Assembly of God Church in Richmond, Virginia. Tickets are already on sale. The tentative date planned for a group from Prospect to attend is December 8, 2007 at 1:30 p.m., tickets are \$18.00. If you wish to go, please see Annette Jones for more information. Tickets need to be purchased soon.

Annette Jones

NEWS FROM MISSIONS:

Our "Missions" family have been very successful this year. We have served many delicious Communion Breakfasts which have been enjoyed so many of our members. By the way, you don't have to be on the "Missions Committee" to help with the breakfasts, and we would LOVE to have some extra help! As you know, these breakfasts raise the money for our other Missions projects.

Several handicap ramps have been installed for our brothers and sisters in Christ. We hope to have a Boy Scout camp fire sing along in the parking lot before it gets too cold for all of us. And, once again, Christmas is fast approaching! We look forward to sharing our Christian love with those less fortunate. Watch for the "Angel Tree" to appear in the foyer and help us to help these special children have a Merry Christmas too. More details will be announced as soon as we have them. We DO know when we, as a Church family, will take these "Angels" Christmas shopping. Mark your calendar for Wednesday, December 19th, 7 p.m. and join us for this very special evening. We will once again meet and greet these families at Roses in South Hill. If you would like to join us "elves" for dinner before, please meet us at 6 p.m. at the Hometown Buffet across from Roses. We know that you have always been very supportive of this program in the past and we look forward to blessing these children yet another year.

Lee Cunningham, Chairman

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