



The Prospector

Prospect United Methodist Church

Ebony Va.

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<http://www.gbgn-umc.org/prospectatebony/index.html>

From our Pastor

It is going to be a great year at Prospect UMC. I cannot wait for school to be out and for many visitors to come to the lake and to Prospect. I would ask all of you to keep your eyes peeled for new construction in our area. There is a real opportunity for us to do some evangelism as new people come into our community.

Get ready to discuss the plans for the new building project as we are going to get the ball rolling. I will be attending a meeting to get approval for the project and then we will be looking for opportunities to raise some capital.

The number that God continues to share with me for attendance is 200. I have prayed a lot about it and that seems to be the number that God has set in my heart. What are we going to do to reach out to those who are unchurched or those who wait for our arrival? There are many people within our neighborhoods that used to attend a church or just decided that it is easier to watch it on tv. We need to share with them what they are missing by not being active and alive in the body of Christ. When we get to heaven, we will surely not be put into a room to worship God by ourselves. God chose the nation of Israel, not one Israelite to worship Him. Let's find ways in which we can invite them,

maybe you could bake them a friendship bread (ask Jan for the starter).

We are also looking to increase our attendance in the Contemporary Worship Service. We are having 6 or 8 on a regular basis. It is a time in which we can really worship God on a more personal level. There is a lot of interaction between the congregation and me. One Sunday there were only three of us and we had one of the most uplifting services. We were really in the midst of God's presence. If you have not tried that service, you need to at least once.

I also want you all to pray about your gifts and graces and how you are sharing them with the church. Are you doing what God has asked you to? Are you actively pursuing a loving, living relationship with Jesus? He requires us to be active in our walk with him. There is a movement of the Holy Spirit in our country, I can feel it. You and I are called to look for it and to help it to reach out to others. When is the last time you went to your neighbors for a chat and maybe delivered them a goodie basket? Take time to sit on your porch and listen in the silence to God's call. God is doing a great work in you.

Love,

Ken Thrasher

Vacation Bible School—VBS August 11 –15

SURF'S UP!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Get ready for a fun-filled week "surfin' through the scriptures" at Vacation Bible School with lots of fun in store for kids of all ages!!!! **Prospect will host VBS this summer August 11 through August 15 at 6:30 to 8:30 each evening.** We are hoping to include not only kids who currently attend Prospect, but all friends, neighbors, relatives and grandchildren of those who do - even those you do not know. Talk to anyone you come into contact with and let them know what's happening at Prospect the week of August 11th.

You may pick up registration forms in the Fellowship Hall or from Pam Pickard.

We will need, of course, lots of volunteers to pull this off. The children will be moving to a different area for each activity -

- welcome,
- scripture story-telling,
- snack,
- games/recreation,
- music and
- closing.

Prayerfully consider helping, and listen carefully for God's leading and nudging - there will be something for everyone who would like to be a part of this ministry. There are volunteer forms available in the Fellowship Hall or from Pam Pickard. If you have any questions, please feel free to call

Pam at 434-636-3453.

Thank you all for listening to God's call to be a part of this exciting time at Prospect!!!!!!!!!!

THE PROSPECTOR IS BACK

The Prospector is back. It will be published every other month beginning with the June edition; (August, October, December, February, April). We are excited to announce that Harold Heiser will be the "editor". All articles need to reach Harold at the following e-mail address:

prospectnewsletter@embarqmail.com There will be a hard deadline for each edition.

More exciting news.... If you would like to receive your Prospector via e-mail contact Harold at this site. This is a wonderful way to receive it. Not only will you be "the first to know" but it will save the Church a considerable amount of \$ on postage! If you live near a Church member that cannot attend, let us know if you could bring them their copy of the Prospector.....a wonderful outreach opportunity.

Please give all of this your consideration.

This and other previous Prospectors will be available on our website

<http://www.gb-gm-umc.org/prospectatebony>

AUGUST- PROSPECTOR DEADLINE
JULY 28TH - NOON

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.

Missions

The MISSIONS COMMITTEE just want to remind you that Communion Breakfasts will NOT be served during the Summer (July & August).....BUT we will be back in September!

We welcome all that would like to help us! If you would like to prepare a menu and cook a breakfast for the congregation, please let a Committee member know so that we can sign you up!!!! If you're not a "cook" but would be willing to stay a little while after breakfast and roll-up your sleeves to help clean up, we would surely welcome you too! Many hands do make light work, and we do have fun too!

Unfortunately, as the cost of "everything" has gone up we will be asking for a \$3.50 donation. The money collected is always put to a very good use. In addition to local ministries it helps cover our "Christmas Angel" tree project and more.

Thank you so much for supporting our Breakfasts and your Missions Committee

Website Update

The church website is back up with a new address. Take a look at

<http://www.gbgm-umc.org/prospectatebony>

Send comments and suggestions to
prospectumc@embarqmail.com

Fellowship!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Come to the fellowship supper on Sunday night June 22, 2008. Bring a dish and enjoy the good food and get to know someone you may not know now. It is also a great time to chat with old friends. Pastor Ken promises us some work for this supper but knowing him it will be great fun!! There will be a basket for a free will offering which is used to purchase kitchen supplies and cleaning supplies for the church. There will not be a supper in July.

I look forward to seeing you.

Annette Jones, Chariperson

UMW News

The United Methodist Women will be meeting on June 23, 2008 at 7:30 p.m. in the fellowship hall of the church. All ladies of the church are invited to come join us. We work to support missions at home and abroad. The food that is donated to our food box in the narthex will go to Holly Haven, a home for mentally challenged adults in LaCrosse, Virginia. There will not be a meeting in July.

Annette Jones, President

It Is Fall Festival Time!!!!!!!!!!!!

The craft ladies have been working hard all winter for our upcoming Fall Festival. The date of the **fall festival is September 27, 2008** from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Wow!!!! Not a long time to get ready.

We will have the auction again this year and if you have or know someone who may have items for donation, we have a place to store the items. There will be the book store, crafts, country store, children's games, snack shack, Ruby's treasurers, drawings for the mystery chest and also a queen size quilt.

On Saturday, September 13, a Brunswick stew will be for sale. The proceeds from this stew go to the fall festival as well. Look for a sign up sheet in the fellowship hall the end of August. Don't be disappointed, sign up early as the stew sells out fast!!

Charles Jones and Bev Hill are the co-chairpersons this year. If you need information, please contact one of them, Charles 434-636-2297 or Bev 434-636-5101.

Festival time is fun time---come on out and enjoy the day!!

Charles Jones, Co-chairperson

UMM News

The United Methodist Men will meet on June 19, 2008, at 6:30 p.m. for a meal, fellowship and meeting. We invite all men of the church to come join with us. There will not be a meeting in July.

Charles Jones, President

Relay for Life

June 27-28 — The American Cancer Society Brunswick RELAY FOR LIFE will be held at the Brunswick High School. This celebration of life is your opportunity to honor or remember any loved ones that have been touched by cancer. You do not need to be an actual participant in RELAY FOR LIFE to take part in this tribute.

A Luminaria Ceremony will begin at dusk on Friday, June 27th and everyone is invited to attend. For a small donation (suggested \$10) a luminary will be labeled with the name of the individual you wish to honor or remember. Further information can be found by calling:

Pat Connor at (434) 636-2043

or Beth Woodard at (434) 577-2058

Kits for Conference

The UMW members will be assembling Kits for Conference. Flyers are enclosed in your bulletin with the instructions for each kit. However, there is a mistake in the HEALTH KIT section. Please wrap your items in your hand towel and place it in a one gallon zip-lock bag. Also do not place the \$1 for toothpaste in the bag, but give it to Annette Jones or Dede Snead. A check will be written for this along with our money used for shipping. All members of the church are asked to participate. If you do not wish to shop, a monetary donation made to the UMW will be used to purchase items for the kits. These kits will be taken to the Annual Conference for distribution.

Cleaning Teams

HELP.....WE NEED YOUR HELP!!!

The Cleaning teams alternate every third month, the first Tuesday after Communion Sunday at 9 a.m. and we can finish in about an hour if we have help. We really need additional help NOW. Most of it is not hard work, and if you are able to help at all, please contact one of our team leaders:

Dede Snead (June, Sept, Dec, Mar)

Betty Hicks (July, Oct, Jan, April)

Peggy Donochod (Aug, Nov, Feb, May)

It is a very special gift to clean "God's House", please join us!

United Methodist Communications

The **Interpreter**, the ministry magazine for lay and clergy leaders in local United Methodist churches, is available online.

Check it out at

<http://www.interpretermagazine.org/>.

Upcoming online courses

- "Exploring General Conference" is open for registration through May 31.
- "Turning Connectional Living into Connectional Giving" runs May 7-June 18.
- "United Methodism 101" runs April 2-May 14 and June 4-July 16.
- "Igniting Ministry Open Hearts Welcoming" runs May 14-June 25.
- "Web Ministry 101" is open all the time.

To see more courses or to learn more about those listed, go to training.umcom.org. All these online courses are free.

FINANCE

The monthly amount needed to meet our budget is \$7898.00.

Following are the amounts received for the budget through May 2008.

	Received	Difference
Jan	9,025.58	+ 1,127.58
Feb	7,305.50	- 592.50
Mar	7,921.65	+ 23.65
Apr	6,006.04	- 1,891.96
May	6,997.75	- 900.25
Total	37,256.52	- 2,233.48

Missions in Action

We at Prospect UMC are blessed with many caring young people. One of these great kids, Annie Parrish, will be traveling to Augusta, Georgia, on a mission trip to fix up elderly people's homes. As her church family, **our** mission is to pray for her in every way the Lord leads us to pray as she serves and shares her faith with others. Let us all commit to pray for her daily!

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.

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