



# The Prospector

Prospect United Methodist Church

Ebony Virginia

February 2009

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## From our Pastor

**I am so excited about the things going on at Prospect UMC.** The numbers have continued to grow, people are involved, the directory is reaching completion with the next photo shoot on Feb. 7th, and The Holy Spirit has been ever present during our times together.

You will note that our average attendance numbers were 94 for November and 99 for December. It is so great to preach to a full house and a lively congregation. We had several services in which we had well over 100 in attendance. This is because The Holy Spirit is alive and well and dwelling with us. God had given me the number 200 as our number. The community is abuzz about the things they see at Prospect. Jesus invites us to continue to share his love with our neighbors. We do not need to go on a crusade, just show the love of Christ in our lives, our homes, and our families. With the excitement and enthusiasm that you all have, we can reach others for Christ.

I am excited about doing some fund raisers and getting the building committee going. We can build this church to the level that God wants it to be by being good stewards of our time, talents, and money. If God is behind it this will happen. I was reminded of the text in Matthew 17: 24-27. Jesus and Peter were talking about the temple tax and

who should pay. It is apparent that money has significance only to allow us to live, not to be our life. Jesus instructed Peter to go to the lake and to catch a fish. Inside the mouth of the fish there will be coins to pay the tax. Money is a tool to be used to build and to provide for us. Jesus understood it that way, too. If we continue to be stewards and work for the kingdom we will see this project through. We have solicited the help of some very talented people to work with us and to guide us through the process. We are called to be faithful and to continue to plant, while some will water, allowing God to provide the harvest. I do want you to pray earnestly for God to show you what part He wants you to play in this project and the further development in our church and His kingdom.

In closing, I want to tell you the results that were drawn from the sheets that we filled out a few weeks ago about prayer, reading, stewardship, etc. Most everyone stated with their numbers that they do not read spiritual material or their Bible much. I guess it is an excellent time to get the library going. I will be providing some opportunities for spiritual growth through study ideas, some classes are going to begin and we can all grow in our relationship with Jesus by knowing him better and discerning his word. The words of scripture will help you to develop your home life and your family life too. They are as relevant now as they were when they were written. God is everywhere His children inhabit.

I am sitting in my condo looking out over the ocean. We serve a BIG GOD. We also serve a God who has a deep, wide, high, and broad love for us, that is why He sent Jesus to set us free. Grow in your love for Jesus and for one another and we cannot help but make our Lord and Savior happy.

God Bless You All.

Pastor Ken

*Ken Thrasher*

## Upcoming Events

### February events

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|---------|------------------------------|-------------------|
| Feb. 1  | Communion Breakfast          |                   |
|         | Youth Group                  | 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. |
| Feb. 2  | Crafts                       | 9:00 a.m.         |
| Feb. 3  | Peggy's Cleaning Team        | 9:00 a.m.         |
|         | Choir Practice               | 7:00 p.m.         |
| Feb. 6  | UMW visiting                 | 10:00 a.m.        |
| Feb. 9  | Crafts                       | 9:00 a.m.         |
| Feb. 10 | Choir Practice               | 7:00 p.m.         |
| Feb. 15 | Youth Group                  | 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. |
| Feb. 16 | Crafts                       | 9:00 a.m.         |
|         | Administrative Council       | 7:30 p.m.         |
| Feb. 17 | Choir Practice               | 7:00 p.m.         |
| Feb. 19 | UMM                          | 6:30 p.m.         |
| Feb. 22 | Fellowship Supper            | 6:00 p.m.         |
| Feb. 23 | Crafts                       | 9:00 a.m.         |
| Feb. 24 | Choir Practice               | 7:00 p.m.         |
| Feb. 25 | <b>ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE</b> |                   |
|         |                              | 7:30 p.m.         |
| Mar. 2  | Youth Group                  | 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. |
| Mar. 3  | Choir Practice               | 7:00 p.m.         |
| Mar. 8  | UMW Bake Sale                | After Worship     |
| Mar. 10 | Choir Practice               | 7:00 p.m.         |
| Mar. 15 | Youth Group                  | 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. |
| Mar. 16 | Administrative Council       | 7:30 p.m.         |
| Mar. 17 | Choir Practice               | 7:00 p.m.         |
| Mar. 19 | UMM                          | 6:30 p.m.         |
| Mar. 21 | Fellowship Supper            | 6:00 p.m.         |

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| Mar. 23 | UMW  | 7:30 p.m.         |
| Mar. 24 | Choir Practice   | 7:00 p.m.         |
| Mar. 31 | Choir Practice   | 7:00 p.m.         |
| Apr. 5  | Palm Sunday  |                   |
|         | Youth Group  | 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. |
| Apr. 7  | Choir Practice   | 7:00 p.m.         |
| Apr. 9  | Holy Thursday Service                                      | 7:30 p.m.         |
| Apr. 10 | Good Friday Service  | 7:30 p.m.         |
| Apr. 12 | Easter Sunrise Service                                     | 6:30 a.m.         |
|         | Hosted by Chip and Bev Hill,<br>At Lakeview Estates, Ebony |                   |
|         | <b>EASTER SUNDAY SERVICE</b>                               |                   |
| Apr. 14 | Choir Practice   | 7:00 p.m.         |
| Apr. 16 | UMM  | 6:30 p.m.         |
| Apr. 19 | Youth Group  | 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. |
| Apr. 20 | Administrative Council                                     | 7:30 p.m.         |
| Apr. 21 | Choir Practice   | 7:00 p.m.         |
| Apr. 26 | Fellowship Supper  | 6:00 p.m.         |
| Apr. 27 | UMW  | 7:30 p.m.         |

## UMYF is at Prospect!!

Prospect Youth Group is starting to ROCK! Starting the year off with a pizza party, moving onto painting the mural in the nursery and soon a get-together with other youths from surrounding Methodist churches. Rather than going upstairs during Children's Church on Sundays, the youth will be staying in church listening to Rev Ken and his rousing sermons!!

The group meets the first and third Sunday of the month from 6:30-8. Bible Study and discussion time will be followed by fun and fellowship and some deeds thrown in! Fundraisers will be abounding soon, as the group is working towards attending a super retreat In Blackstone this summer.

## Girl Scout Cookies:

Cici and Kirsten are helping one of Kirsten's friends sell Girl Scout Cookies. They are \$3.50 per box and will be delivered on March 5th. If you are interested in ordering any, please let one of them know.

## Missions:

Remember....."Love" is a verb, not a noun.....

Your Missions Committee would like to take "action" on yet another "Mission", and we really hope that you will join in and participate in it. We are very excited because this is an "ALL Church project" that we're sure everyone will care about! Let's "Adopt Our Military" family members!

We would like to, periodically, put together packages to send to members of our families, or close friends, that are serving overseas. Wouldn't it be wonderful to fill these packages with cards and letters from all of you, and maybe some special art work or photos from our children, perhaps some special memento from our Church service, or even a phone card or two. I know the special "goodies" are always welcome!!!

We will need to compile an address list, so if you have someone serving in the military that you would like to include, please contact Peggy Donochod or Larry & Nila Miller. What a special opportunity to show these men and women how much we care, and thank them for doing so much for us!!

Looking back we had a wonderful turn out for our Angel Tree Project. Thank you all for your generosity and support.

Don't forget to come and enjoy the Mission Breakfasts on the first Sunday of the Month. And if you would like to help us out in the kitchen, we really would love to hear from you.

*Lee Cunningham*

Mission Committee Chair

## Green Church

**We are headed toward being a green Church!! You can help!!**

As committee chair for the fundraising, I have officially kicked off our journey toward a new building and being a "green church". PUMC is participating in a recycling project with Ecophones. This company is committed to the environment with efforts to reduce waste. I hope that each of you will take part in this wonderful project to help clean up our environment and de-clutter some of your drawers at home as well. See the list below for items that we are currently collecting. We are paid for every item sent working or not. Feel free to reach out in your community, workplace and family members to share in our mission. Items can be dropped in the recycling container in the social hall (look for the box wrapped in newspaper). Any questions, please contact CiCi Carroll 434-636-3781.

\*Cell phones with batteries working or non-working (no cords or accessories)

\*Ink Jet Cartridges-No laser or toner cartridges (if the cartridge is larger than the palm of your hand it is not an ink jet cartridge)

\*Laptop/Notebook computers-Working or not- no accessories or cords, no desktop/tower computers & monitors (note: hard drives are removed & destroyed immediately when Ecophones receives the items, you may remove your own hard drive but keep the hard drive holder intact)

\*Ipods-working or not (no cords or accessories)

\*Digital Cameras-Working or not. (no cords or accessories)

# RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR USE OF PROSPECT UNITED METHODIST CHURCH FELLOWSHIP HALL

Submitted by Kitchen Committee June 5, 2006.

Annette Jones, Chairperson

Mary Lynch, member

John Cox, member

Nancy Cox, member

Betsy Baird, member

Dede Snead, member

Robert Wilson, member

Charles Jones, member

Marilyn Reed, member

**These rules and regulations apply to all users of the fellowship hall, without exception.**

## SCHEDULING

The Chairperson of the Kitchen Committee or the Pastor must clear all functions in advance. Priority in scheduling will be given to functions of the Church and Prospect Church organizations.

## FEES

Church members pending scheduling may use the fellowship hall. Donations will be appreciated. Non-church affiliated groups must request in writing for use of the hall, be responsible for any damages, and make a donation to the Kitchen Fund.

## EQUIPMENT USAGE

Use of tables and chairs is implied with use of the hall. Use of dishes, pots, appliance, etc. may be granted upon request of the user. The person making the request will be held responsible. **When serving food, use plastic tablecloth on all tables. When working with paints, oils, crayons, pens, etc., please use heavy plastic to prevent damage to the tables. Please vacuum carpet and sweep kitchen floor.**

## CLEAN UP

**All dishes, pots, pans, appliances must be clean and returned to the proper place. Spills on the floor must be mopped up. Ovens, stovetops and counters should be wiped clean of any spills. Please remove all trash. Do not leave leftover food in refrigerator. All used kitchen towels and dish cloths should be taken home by one person, washed and returned to the church in a timely manner.**

## CLOSE UP PROCEDURE

One predetermined individual must assume responsibility for property, locking ALL doors and activating the security system. Make sure ALL lights are turned off. When heat is used, leave thermostat set at 65 Degrees and when the air conditioner is used leave the thermostat set at 78 degrees.

## ALCOHOL

ABSOLUTELY NO alcoholic beverages are allowed anywhere in the entire church or on the grounds at ANY TIME. Violation of this regulation will mean no further use of the hall by the offending group.

## DECORATIONS

**All decoration is to be attached with tape. Pins, tacks, staples, etc. are not allowed.**

## YOUTH GROUPS

The Pastor must approve all youth functions and all Child Abuse Policies followed.

## MUSIC

Music for entertainment is permissible. Use of offensive music or volume may be restricted.

*Jan Tomlinson, Chairperson Administrative Council*

*Rev. Kenneth Thrasher, Pastor*

## **Kitchen Committee**

By the time you receive this newsletter, the January 25 fellowship supper will have passed. But, mark your calendar for February 22. There is always good food and good fellowship. This supper night will also feature a program/entertainment. Bring a dish, come hungry and be prepared to have a great evening.

There have always been rules and regulations for use of the fellowship hall. The previous page of rules has always been adopted by the Administrative Council when we have a new pastor to come.

At the January meeting, the previous page of rules was presented and adopted by the council. If you wish to schedule an event, please contact the chairperson of the kitchen committee or Rev. Ken. We always share requests with each other in order to not book two events at the same time. The rules and regulations are included at the end of this article. Someone at the council meeting asked "What will happen if these rules and regulations are not followed?" and my answer was "Nothing, we are not good stewards of our church property." If we all work together, we will ALL be good stewards.

*Annette Jones*

## **Adult and Family Ministries**

Adult and Family Ministries sponsored the Family Fun Night in October, 2008 which was enjoyed by all in attendance. There was good food, good fun and good fellowship. Please mark your calendar for the Family Fun Night for 2009. It will be October 25 beginning at 5:00 p.m.

A progressive dinner is planned for May 18, 2009. We will not progress from house to house as we have in the past but will meet at

the Ebony Fire House meeting room. The meal will consist of soup, salad, main course and dessert. More information concerning cost and sign up will be available in April. Once again mark your calendar for this date.

*Annette Jones*

## **Volunteer!**

Wish you could spend a little bit of time with some babies? Think you might like to do some Sunday School lessons with youngsters? Well now you can!!! Introducing the Prospect Sunday Wish Granting!! Just sign up with Pam Pickerd and have your choice of Sundays to spend quality time with the little ones at Prospect! Plus give the regular teachers a break! If many pitch in to help, it might just be a once every few months deal! Please give a Sunday here and there to our little people!

## **Prospector Supplement**

New email list at Prospect! Get current relevant information on meetings, church activities, happenings at the recent service, ask for help, offer help, whatever you want or need! To sign up, please send an email to Ellie Maynard Parrish at [elliejoey@aol.com](mailto:elliejoey@aol.com). If you do not have email but have a request, give it to her in writing and it will be put on the list. This is NOT the prayer request email list; however, prayers requests may be made here and will be sent on.

## **Donate Magazines**

Magazines continue to be collected. They are being distributed amongst the hospital, nursing homes, Veterans hospital and shut ins. If you have any you would like to dispose of, please either give them to Ellie Maynard Parrish or set them on the pew by the desk in the fellowship hall where they will be picked up weekly. Thank you to all who continue to donate their magazines!

## United Methodist Women

The UMW mission statement is as follows:

“The organized unit of the United Methodist Women shall be a community of women whose purpose is to know God and to experience freedom as whole persons through Jesus Christ; to develop a creative supportive fellowship; and to expand concepts of mission through participation in the global ministries of the church”

Harold Heiser for

*Annette Jones, President*

### Relay for Life

It is the beginning of another great year for the American Cancer Society, Relay for Life, and I would like to first thank each of you that helped make the past nine years such a success for Tricia's Troops. Over the past nine years, our team has been very fortunate to have raised over \$ 90,000 for the Brunswick County Relay. It has been a pleasure working with all the team members and supporters and I would like to let you know how much I have enjoyed working with each of you during this time.

I find it necessary to resign as Captain of the team this year and I am looking for someone who would be interested in organizing a team from our church and the surrounding area. There are a lot of survivors as well as caregivers in our church and community and it would be nice to have our community represented in the county event. I will continue to work with the county committee and will be glad to help with organizing a team if someone is interested. It is a very worthy cause and as many of us know, cancer effects every family in someway. If anyone is interested, please contact me at 434-636-2043.

Thanks again,

*Patricia Conner*

## Birthdays and Anniversaries

### January Birthdays

Jan. 12 Bev Hill  
Dickie Parrish  
Jan. 13 Pam Pickard  
Marilyn Reed  
Jan. 20 Betty Keeney  
Jan. 27 Kirk Reilly  
Jan. 29 Clara Dell Mills

### January Anniversaries

Jan. 21 Dan and Peggy Donochod

### February Birthdays

Feb. 1 Ellie Maynard  
Feb. 2 Jean Sherman  
Feb. 3 Barbara Sublett  
Feb. 5 John Cox  
Feb. 11 Jean Wilson  
Feb. 14 Aubrey Baird  
Feb. 18 George Ferguson  
Feb. 20 Naomi Hammond  
Feb. 21 Dan Donochod  
Feb. 26 Sue Beazley

### February Anniversaries

Feb. 4 Kirk and Mary Margaret Reilly  
Feb. 15 Tony and Jean Barnette  
Feb. 23 Linwood and Clara Mills

### March Birthdays

Mar. 8 Judy Carroll  
Ruth Moseley  
Mar. 9 Robby Carroll  
Mar. 15 Nadine Evans

### March Anniversaries

Mar. 25 Robby and CiCi Carroll  
Mar. 27 Ray and Barbara Sublett "50th Anniversary"

### April Birthdays

Apr. 1 Mary Morris  
Apr. 4 Linda Marrone  
Apr. 5 Robin Griffin  
Apr. 14 Ray Sublett  
Apr. 20 Matthew Edwards

### April Anniversaries

Apr. 11 Tony and Lisa Conner  
Apr. 29 Hal and Betty Keeney

If you haven't signed the calendar in the fellowship hall for your birthday and/or anniversary, please do so soon. If your birthday or anniversary was in the four months listed above, please include them also. They will be used next year. We don't want to leave anyone out--you may get some kind of a surprise on YOUR special day!!

## FINANCE

Following are the amounts received for the budget through December of 2008

	<b>Received</b>	<b>Difference</b>
<b>Jan</b>	<b>9,025.58</b>	<b>+ 1,127.58</b>
<b>Feb</b>	<b>7,305.50</b>	<b>- 592.50</b>
<b>Mar</b>	<b>7,921.65</b>	<b>+ 23.65</b>
<b>Apr</b>	<b>6,006.04</b>	<b>- 1,891.96</b>
<b>May</b>	<b>6,997.75</b>	<b>- 900.25</b>
<b>Jun</b>	<b>7,033.00</b>	<b>- 865.00</b>
<b>Jul</b>	<b>6,188.94</b>	<b>- 1,709.06</b>
<b>Aug</b>	<b>7,591.84</b>	<b>- 306.16</b>
<b>Sep</b>	<b>6,694.00</b>	<b>- 1,204.00</b>
<b>Oct</b>	<b>7,142.77</b>	<b>- 755.23</b>
<b>Nov</b>	<b>9,053.56</b>	<b>+ 1,155.56</b>
<b>Dec</b>	<u><b>7,535.00</b></u>	<u><b>- 363.00</b></u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>88,495.63</b>	<b>- 6,280.37</b>

**In January the monthly amount needed to meet the budget will be \$8,133 per month.**

## New

Check out the cool newly decorated bulletin board in the fellowship hall! Please note the birthday and anniversary calendar up there and add your special dates to it. A new bulletin board is being placed in the small (old) Sunday School room which will have church pictures (smile!) and personal fliers. The Youth will also have their own bulletin board alongside it so check out all the news!

## United Methodist Men

The United Methodist Men met on January 15. There were fourteen present including a new member. All men of the church are encouraged to come be a part of this fellowship.

The dues are \$12 per year and a small donation of \$3 for each meal on meeting night.

The men discussed plans for the year and set the date of May 2 for their annual Ham Dinner. Please mark your calendars for this event.

Rev. Sung Woon Yoo was guest for this meeting. He played his guitar and sang. What a wonderful evening.

Our next meeting will be February 19 at 6:30 p.m. Mark your calendar now!

Hoping to see you in February,

*Charles Jones, President*

## Prospector

The Prospector schedule is being changed to a quarterly document. Issues will be published around the first of the month for the following months: February, May, August, and November. All articles need to reach Harold by the deadline at the following e-mail address: [prospectnewsletter@embarqmail.com](mailto:prospectnewsletter@embarqmail.com)

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There will be a hard deadline for each edition of the Prospector. As such, the PROSPECTOR DEADLINE FOR THE MAY ISSUE IS NOON TUESDAY, APRIL 28th

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