



The Prospector

Prospect United Methodist Church

Ebony, Virginia

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Reflections From our Pastor:

I write to you today to remind you that God is with you each and every day! He is in the Supermarket, Hardware, Golf Course, on your job, on the road with you. God's Grace covers us and sometimes convicts us!

It was a real pleasure to baptize 4 people at the lake in the last month. I started by baptizing Jane Smith and her son Jordan down at the docks in Siouan Shores. I also went last Sunday and baptized Naomi Hammond and her son Bobby at Naomi's lake home. When the Holy Spirit rest upon an event it become a high and holy moment. Those in attendance I beleive felt that.

I went this morning to get a haircut in Bracey. Larry knows that I am the preacher and he promises me he will come one Sunday. As I was sitting in the chair a man came in and his language was pretty rough. As I was getting finished I turned the conversation towards more "lofty" things. Larry called me Preacher Man and the guy told me that he was a Christian and that he attended church each week. He went from curling the preacher's hair to witnessing to me. He told me that he read a chapter of Proverbs every day. There are 31 chapters, one for each day. At the beginning of each month he starts again on the first chapter. He said that he always got something different out of them. I guessed he got what he needed for that day. Scripture says that the name of Jesus can turn away wrath. It can also totally change conversations, if you have the courage to mention it.

As I read the introduction to Proverbs in my Bible it stated 3 important theological truths about the book:

1) Wisdom is a gift from God. 2) Wisdom begins with the fear of the Lord, an awe and respect for God. 3) Living by God's wisdom leads to a certain kind of life, a life keeping with God's will. I recommend that you take 5 minutes a day and read the corresponding Proverb for that day. Maybe the wisdom of Solomon will enhance your life.

May God's Grace shower you this day and every day He gives you.

Love,

Ken

Ken Thrasher

Lay Leader Report

What an exciting time it is here at Prospect as we begin the second half of 2011! We are growing in our numbers as we continue to grown in our faith. We are very glad to welcome four new members into our Church family: Please welcome Herb & Joyce Rector, 442 Pine Top Drive, Valentines, VA 23887, (434) 577-2214 and Barbara & George Grant, 104 Warren Oaks Ct, Littleton, NC 27850. We would like to "highlight" some of our members, old and new. We are a very diverse Church family and we hope this will be an opportunity to learn more about each other. I hope that you will be willing to share your "story" with us.

Peggy Donochod – Lay Leader

Capital Campaign Commitment

"All things are possible to him who believes." (Mark 9:23)

We kicked off year 2 of our 3-year campaign with the "I Believe" Easter Drive and raised \$25,000! Significant progress is being made with more and more believers getting onboard.

Continuing on with this theme, it is important for us all to remain focused and committed to its success and BELIEVE in ourselves, Rev. Ken, and the building committee leadership...and the future of God's work at our special church. It is contagious!

For all of us, this absolutely means taking a leap of faith and sacrificial giving. It also means reaching out to others in our personal and professional networks — and getting outside our comfort zone. For those who are already believers and fully committed, we THANK YOU for your leadership and confidence in this campaign and setting our stage for success.

We must all serve as role models and ambassadors for this important undertaking. If you are still on the fence or have not fully committed, NOW IS THE TIME.

Together, we must and will get this over the finish line.

We still have a few of these wonderful banks were made by Bob Wilson and several men of the Church, from the original wood from Church rafters that were recently replaced, dating back to 1887! The banks are numbered and come with a wonderful informational insert of the history of our Church. We asked for a donation of "at least" \$10. If you do not have a bank but would like to purchase one, please contact Bev Hill or Peggy Donochod.



You can contribute painlessly to our Capital

Campaign by applying for and using our Church's "Capital One Credit Card".



When you receive your credit card, the Church will receive \$50 the very first time you use it, and then the Church will continue to receive a % of your all your purchases after that. Used wisely, this is a

wonderful way to help! You can apply online from Prospect's website or pick us an application in the Fellowship Hall at Church.

Purchase, for \$20, a limited edition Capital

Campaign matted print created and donated to our campaign efforts by William Ward Moseley. Having this print visible in your home will be a visible sign for all who see it that you are



William Ward Moseley fundraiser print created to support our Capital Campaign for Prospect's future.

actively supporting the Campaign and Prospect's future. It also makes a great gift to get others excited and onboard! Please see Peggy Donochod to purchase a print.

Getting to Know Our Church Family

Charles and Annette Jones - Annette was born at MCV in Richmond and I have lived my entire life on the family farm, Brunswick County, Ebony, Virginia. I attended Brunswick County Public Schools and graduated from Brunswick High School in 1966. In 1967, I married Charles Jones. Charles was born at home in Mecklenburg County, Blackridge, Virginia. He lived there until we were married. Charles attended Mecklenburg County Public Schools and graduated from Park View High School in 1962. Since our marriage, we have lived on the family farm. Annette worked for two family practitioners for twenty-eight years in Lawrenceville and since then has worked part time for several other doctors and Sally and Sonny's Florist. Charles worked for a mobile home manufacturer, Freeman Auto Parts and the Virginia ABC Board. He now works part time for Williams Funeral Home. Both

of us are supposed to be retired.

Our lives have centered on volunteering in our community. We love our church, Prospect, and have served in many capacities. Both of us volunteered at the Central Rescue Squad and both of us are still active in the Ebony Volunteer Fire Department. We are retired from the Squad but still work for our county EMS/Fire services, Charles being chairman of the Emergency Services Advisory Board, Annette the secretary and Annette also the chairperson of the Brunswick County Local Emergency Planning Committee. As you can see, we stay busy.

Praise God, Charles is a healthy person. I have had several illnesses. In 2000 I had lung cancer. I am now cancer free. In 2010 I suffered a cerebral vascular accident and have recovered. This was caused by being born with small arteries feeding my brain stem.

God Is Good, ALL The Time and He Is Our Rock!!

Charles and Annette Jones

Hello, my name is Barbara Gilmartin. I was born Barbara Lois Montney in Washington, DC and moved to Falls Church, VA where I lived until my marriage. I worked for the military for 15 years, including 3 years in Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Public Affairs during Donald Rumsfeld's first term as Secretary of Defense. I then worked for 12 years at the Smithsonian Institution for the American History Museum and the American Indian Museum. I have a daughter, a son, two stepsons and 12 grandchildren. My second marriage was performed at River Ridge on Lake Gaston and I loved the area, so when I retired, I came here and joined Prospect United Methodist Church. I love it here in Bracey.

Barbara Gilmartin

Kathy & Dave Marles - Dave and I met in Mansfield, OH. He's an original Buckeye and I spent my first 30 years in Chicago.

After retirement we headed to Palm Harbor, FL.

For 1991 - 1993 we were Snowbirds, having the best of both climates for six months a year. That became cumbersome – keeping up two homes. We stayed year round until September of 1999 (I couldn't take the long summers and the heavy traffic).

We knew about Lake Gaston, having lived for a year in Emporia, VA. We found our home in Tanglewood Shores and have been here ever since.

We started attending Prospect UMC in 1999, guests of neighbor Jean Sherman. Dave & I grew up as Lutherans but find that the caring people at PUMC make up for the difference in theologies.

Kathy & Dave Marles

“Dining to Meet You”

Our first “Dining To Meet You” dinner group was a great success with 28 people signed up to share a meal together. We dined in 4 homes in groups of 6, two of 7 & one of 8 on dates between April & June that suited each individual group. The meal responsibilities were shared, and I hear all the meals were just delicious, and the fellowship was even better! It will be kept interesting, as the individuals dining together will vary with each session. If you would like to join us for this next session, July –Sept, or if you would just like more information, please contact Peggy Donochod (434) 636-2494 or pdono@buggs.net and I will be glad to include you.

Adult and Families Ministries

A group of church members and friends traveled to 220 Seafood Restaurant on June 23. All had a great time with good food, lots of laughter and just getting to know each other better.

Mark your calendars for October 13. Plans are being made for another evening of good food and sharing friendships.

Annette Jones

Building Committee

We are continuing to move forward in our Building Project Plan. Exciting things are happening as we are preparing for our first of two District Land & Building Committee reviews from our new District Superintendent and Staff from Farmville, VA. We will also be holding a “Called Church Conference”, presently scheduled for July 24th following Sunday Service, to “officially” approve our building project for the new Farmville District. These are important steps in our progress. Following this approval we will be able to develop the formal architectural/mechanical plans which will then enable us to select a general contractor.

To date, we have \$362,753.31 in cash & pledges (approx \$51,000 of the pledged amount is still outstanding). While this is a significant amount we still have a sizeable amount of funds to raise to enable us to accomplish both Phase I and II of our building project. We will continue to look into ways to finance this project through financial institutions as well as continued fund raising activities.

We appreciate your continued support as we work together to “Preserve The Past While Building The Future” here at Prospect United Methodist Church. Thank you!

Dan Donochod
Building Committee Chairman

Fundraising

Saturday, June 4th was certainly a day to remember here at Prospect! It was a beautiful Saturday morning and the front lawn was filled with tents and people listening to inspirational music played from the front porch of our

Church. “Thank you” just doesn’t seem enough to say to all the wonderful people that so freely gave of their God-given talents: The Blackridge Boys; The Bowman Sisters; Bill Lewis and our own Ronnie Wright, Liz Johnson and Alene Carroll, to make our first “GOSPEL SONG FEST” such a memorable event. “Thank you” also to everyone that donated food items and gave of their time that day. It was truly a blessed event and added over \$700 to our Building Fund, but more important, it was an opportunity for us to reach out as a Church into our community.

Mark your calendar.....SEPTEMBER 24TH. The FALL FESTIVAL is always the “grandest” fund raiser of the year. We have three different items that will be given away at the FALL FESTIVAL. We are selling tickets now and they will be sold up to the day of the Fall Festival for: a beautiful HAND-MADE QUILT; a WEBER GAS GRILL and the ever popular “MYSTERY CHESTS”. We need your help selling tickets in advance, if you can help us please let us know. I’m always amazed at how hard the entire Church works for this event. As you know, this year we are in the middle of a building project so, we NEED to make it BIGGER, BETTER and MORE SUCCESSFUL THAN EVER!!!

In October we are planning to have another delicious “pig-pickin” along with wonderful music. At this time we have a tentative date of October 22nd, more details will be forthcoming.

Fundraising is not an easy job, but at this stage it is necessary to help us accomplish our objective. I welcome your suggestions and certainly YOUR HELP! Thank you,

Peggy Donochod

Fall Festival

Saturday, September 24

It's time to start collecting your "stuff" – remember, one person's junk is another person's treasure"! Neighbors are constantly moving in or moving out – they probably have "stuff" too and the Fall Festival Committee will *gladly* pick it up and store it for the auction. (Tax receipts are available upon request.)

We are still looking for volunteers to help with the book sales table; a breakfast clean-up crew; strong backs to carry things over from the storage unit; early birds (and by "early" I mean about 5:00a.m.) on the day of the sale to help clear the sanctuary; quilt raffle ticket sellers (and buyers); people to sort and price items for Ruby's Treasures on Thursday and Friday; volunteers to contact businesses for Mystery Chest items and the advertising booklet and other jobs too numerous to mention.

For more information please contact Charles Jones (636-2297) or Bev Hill (626-5101) If we don't hear from you, you may hear from us!

Bev Hill , co-chairman

It's Fall Festival time!!! Mark your calendars for Saturday, September 24 at 8:00 a.m. The festival will offer beautiful hand made crafts by the women of the church, and home cooked pies, cakes, cookies, candy and other delicious items in the country store. Ruby's Treasures will have an array of items that might just be something you are looking for. Books galore along with CD's, puzzles and more will be offered in the book store. The auction will begin at 10:00 a.m. A country breakfast will be served starting at 8:00 a.m. and the snack shack will offer hot dogs, hamburgers and more for lunch. There will be activities for the children as well.

The proceeds from the Festival will benefit the church's mission project and the Capital Campaign for the new fellowship hall, class

rooms and office. Please plan to come spend a fun filled day with us.

If you wish to give a helping hand please contact Charles Jones, 434-636-2297 or Bev Hill, 434-636-5101.

Charles Jones, co-chairman

Many Hands Make Light Work!

If you can lend a hand once every three months we NEED YOU! We currently have three "cleaning teams" who take turns cleaning the Church every third month, usually on the first Tuesday morning . Please contact one of the team leaders and let them know that you will be willing to help: Dede Snead, Pam Pickard or Peggy Donochod. By the way, we are "equal opportunity teams", and men are always welcome! Thank you!

Food Lion Community Rewards Program

We are now enrolled in the Food Lion Rewards Program. Now you have to enroll to help us earn money for the building fund.

- Go to foodlion.com. Click on MVP Rewards.
- Click on MVP registration. Enter your MVP card number. Enter our organization code – 251744.
- Enter Prospect Church and click search.
- Complete enrollment.

Now, each time you shop and purchase Food Lion Private Brand, Healthy Accents, Home 360, Nature's Place, On the Go Bistro, Smart Options, or Taste of Inspirations products our church can earn cash.

SIGN UP TODAY!

United Methodist Men

The UMM would like to thank those who supported the ham dinner in May. The food that was left was served to the church members the last Sunday of June for a time of fellowship.

The men are making plans to help with the Fall Festival in September.

Meetings will be held the third Thursday in each of the following months at 6:30 p.m. in the fellowship hall of the church: August, September, October and November. If you are not a part of the UMM fellowship we invite you to come and join us.

Charles Jones President

United Methodist Women

The UMW ladies were busy this spring preparing and collecting kits for conference. Thank you to all who helped with this project. Prospect sent layettes, birthing kits, school kits, sewing kits and health kits along with funds to purchase more kits and for toothpaste for the health kits and postage. This is such a wonderful mission as these kits are used all over the world and right here in the United States.

The ladies will be meeting on the fourth Monday night of each of the following months at 7:30 p.m. in the fellowship hall of the church: July, August, September, October and November. We invite any lady of the church or friend of the church to come and join us. Our next planned fundraiser is our annual cookie sale to be held in December.

Blessings to each of you,

Annette Jones, President

Finance

The budget for 2010 was 98,696

Received	Difference
89,997.22	- 8,698.78

The monthly needed to meet our budget in 2011 is 8,292.

Following are the amounts received for the budget through June 30, 2011.

	Received	Difference
Jan	8,840.10	+ 548.10
Feb	8,577.60	+ 285.60
Mar	7,567.75	- 724.25
Apr	9,467.10	+1,175.10
May	7,848.73	- 443.27
Jun	<u>8,728.15</u>	<u>+ 436.15</u>
Total	51,029.43	+ 1,277.43

Church activities

July 2011

- July 11 Crafts 9:30 a.m.
- July 18 Crafts 9:30 a.m.
Administrative Council 7:30 p.m.
- July 19 Choir Practice 7:00 p.m.
- July 21 NO UMM
- July 23 VBS 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
- July 24 Fellowship Supper 6:00 p.m.
- July 25 Crafts 9:30 a.m.
UMW 7:30 p.m.
- July 26 NO Choir Practice

August 2011

- August 1 Crafts 9:30 a.m.
- August 2 Choir Practice 7:00 p.m.
- August 8 Crafts 9:30 a.m.
- August 9 NO Choir
- August 15 Crafts 9:30 a.m.
Administrative Council 7:30 p.m.

August 16 Choir Practice 7:00 p.m.
Fall Festival Meeting 8:00 p.m.
August 18 UMM 6:30 p.m.
August 22 Crafts 9:30 a.m.
UMW 7:30 p.m.
August 28 Fellowship Supper 6:00 p.m.
August 29 Crafts 9:30 a.m.
CHARGE CONFERENCE 7:30
P.M.

August 30 Choir Practice 7:00 p.m.

September 2011

September 6 Choir Practice 7:00 p.m.
September 12 Crafts 9:30 a.m.
September 13 Choir Practice 7:00 p.m.
September 15 UMM 6:30 p.m.
September 19 Crafts 9:30 a.m.
Administrative Council
September 20 Choir Practice 7:00 p.m.
September 24 FALL FESTIVAL 8:00 a.m.
September 25 Fellowship Supper 6:00 p.m.
September 26 UMW 7:30 p.m.
September 27 Choir Practice 7:00 p.m.

Birthdays and Anniversaries

July Birthdays

July, 2011

July 2 Kirsten Carroll
Alene Carroll

July 7 Dede Snead

July 9 Jan Thrasher

July 10 Patricia Lynch

July 13 Larry Miller

July 16 Dorinda Paxton

July 31 Howdy Tomlinson

July Anniversaries

July 1 Al and Anne Hartley

July 5 Dicki Parrish and Ellie Maynard

July 15 O. J. and Joyce Trask

July 21 Richard and Wanda Beville

August Birthdays

August 2 Patricia Conner

August 17 Nancy Cox

August 20 Susan Cunningham
Don Ross

August 22 Nila Miller

August 29 Bill Faulk

August 31 James Lynch

August Anniversaries

August 4 Paul and Alene Carroll

August 5 George and Christine Ferguson

August 15 Jerry and Barbara Burgdoerder

August 24 Don and Terry Broome

August 25 Robert and Jean Wilson

September Birthdays

September 2 Paul Carroll

September 7 Mert Ross

September 10 Jim Bartran

Gerry Cluett

September 14 Jan Tomlinson

September 17 Judy Bartran

September 21 Terry Broome

Barbara Knox

September 23 Ali Broome

September 24 Steve Reed

September 27 O. J. Trask

September 29 Linda Faulk

September 30 Peggy Donochod

September Anniversaries

September 1 John and Nancy Cox

Don and Mert Ross

**Next due date for Articles for the
PROSPECTOR is October 11TH, 2011
by "High Noon".**

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