



The Prospector

Prospect United Methodist Church

Ebony, Virginia

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<http://www.prospectumc-ebonyva.org/>

Reflections From our Pastor:

I just left the golf course on a beautiful spring day as our church golf league continues to be a growing ministry of the church. Spring reminds us of new birth, new life, and growth. The flowers are beginning to pop their heads out of the ground and we are reminded of the beauty of spring time. Spring is also a time we are reminded of the resurrection of Jesus Christ. From the tomb comes new life, new hope, and new promise.

When I came to Prospect I told Tony Conner to prepare us for 200 people in worship. Here we are 5 years later and the words God spoke to me are coming true. We are amazed when we come to church and see our old fellowship hall gone to make way for the new Education Wing and Fellowship hall that will be built this year. Yesterday we celebrated with a ground breaking ceremony, followed by a wonderful time of fellowship, including an awesome cake that portrayed the ground breaking and even included a little shovel. It is a time of renewal and great anticipation as we watch what God is doing in our community.

Not only are we growing in numbers, we are growing in our love for neighbor and in

our relationship with God. Our spiritual growth is paramount to our growth as the body of Christ and the continued success of our church. We are witnessing the blessings that God promises to His faithful followers. We are in this dance with Jesus and I really believe that we are enjoying it with all of our hearts. I look forward each day to God to continue to work with us, in us and through us to make disciples for Jesus Christ, for the transformation of the world. Come and join us as we continue to journey together.

We are following in the footsteps of all those folks who faithfully served God here as they gave us a legacy and secured our growth. We now have the opportunity to pass the mantle to those who follow us. The journey is and will be an adventure, filled with all kinds of twists and turns, but when we finish, for now, we can give thanks to God for offering us this most excellent life.

Love,

Ken Thrasher

Easter Season Special Services

Thursday, April 5,
Maundy Thursday Service with
Communion at 7:00 p.m.

Friday, April 6,
Good Friday Service at 7:00 p.m.

Sunday, April 8,
Sunrise Service 6:30 a.m. at the home of
Chip and Bev Hill, 115 Poplar Drive,
Lakeview Estates, Ebony, Virginia

Sunday, April 8,
Easter Worship Service, Prospect United
Methodist Church, 9:15 a.m.

Come and Celebrate Easter!

Building Committee

What a year this has been, and it's only March! In February, Annette & Charles Jones organized many helpers to pack up, and move, everything from the kitchen, pantry & fellowship hall. On February 25th we held a Charge Conference presided over by Rev. Bob Parks, our DS, which resulted in a unanimous approval to move forward with Phase I of the building project (the new fellowship hall & education building). A follow-up Charge Conference with the DS was then scheduled for March 18th, to approve Phase II : (to reside, repair & reroof the present Sanctuary to match the new building and the straightening of the steeple).

It has happened!!! Our old Fellowship Hall has been removed and we are well underway with our building project! Isn't it wonderful that this building, that has served us so well, will be "recycled" into a new home for the Old Store Hunt Club. Over 40 men from the Hunt Club and our Church worked diligently to make the building "disappear", setting the stage for

Prospect's future as we begin our NEW Fellowship Hall and Education Building. As of this writing, the footings have been dug and the cement is being poured today. We hope you are all as excited as we are! There is *much* work yet to be done, but we are underway!!!! On Sunday, March 11th the congregation had our official "GROUND BREAKING" Ceremony (followed by delicious "dirt" cake, complete with a shovel!) What a milestone this was for our Church! We thank God for the direction he is leading us and for all the good things that are happening here at Prospect UMC. For more details and photos check out our Church's web site, Anne Hartley is doing a wonderful job of keeping everyone informed!

We are just beginning and there is much to come as we work together to complete this task. We ask that you keep our Church in your prayers over these next several months. Our goal is to be "ready to go" for our next FALL FESTIVAL in Sept!

Dan Donochod
& your Building Committee

Story of Building Initiative Journey

Please see (and follow) the continuing story of our building initiative journey on our website at: <http://www.gb-gm-umc.org/prospectatebony/PUMC-BuildingInitiative-Journey.pdf>

Fundraising

Hand in hand with our Building Project is the need to raise funds to pay for this wonderful addition to our Church, as well as the need to reroof and reside the Sanctuary to match: We thank you for your generosity and faithfulness in the past, and hope that we can count on you to go that "extra mile" to make this happen. I am excited to say that as of the end of February we have \$406,077.58 (cash & pledges) in our Capital Campaign.

Over the Lenten season we are asking you to be

prayerful about your commitment to Prospect and its future as we begin the *third year* of our *Capital Campaign* with our "I BELIEVE.....WE CAN CLOSE THE GAP" Easter drive. We've distributed colorful envelopes for you to use (and will again on Palm Sunday). If you have one of the Historic Lenten Church Banks please bring your donation in it and place it on the Altar (be sure to put your name on it!). Easter Sunday Reverend Ken will dedicate this special offering to the Building Fund. (If you're not going to be here, any Sunday will do.....just be sure to write Building Fund on your check). We are so blessed here at Prospect. I believe God has given us this opportunity to work, worship and grow together for the good of His Kingdom.

- The Williamsburg Getaway Weekend was such a great fundraiser for us. Thanks to Rev Ken and Jan we can do it again.....even better!!!! The weekend this year will include the Sunday night of the Grand Illuminations!! This is one of the most popular attractions in Colonial Williamsburg, and the Villa is located only a half block away. More information will be coming as well as tickets for you to sell.
- Ymmmmm....another Pig-Pickin' will be scheduled in the Fall!
- Ongoing is your opportunity to sign up for a Capital One Credit Card and/or register with Food Lion. In both cases the Church will receive a percentage of dollars spent. It's free and it's easy! For more information please see Peggy or Jan Thrasher.
- Other events will be planned, but rather than have constant fundraising events, we would like to have only a few and ask that the entire Church family help to make them really successful. Remember, as we reach out with our events into the Community we represent Christ and our Church. Perhaps this may be *your* opportunity to invite our next "new member" to come join us at Prospect.

Peggy Donochod & Anne Hartley

Mission Moments

Prospect has already had some exciting mission projects, ending the year 2011 with a big Christmas celebration and caroling with the residents and staff at Holly Haven in South Hill.

We were able to supply wrapped Christmas gifts, stockings stuffed with all sorts of goodies, as well as lots of decorations and edible goodies.

In January we learned of some of the needs for United Methodist Family Services, and received an offering to help with some of UMFS's expenses. We will continue to learn more about the services UMFS provides to children in the state who are in desperate need of some stability and necessities.

During Lent we have been asked to share once again, this time in an effort to help keep UMCOR

(United Methodist Committee on Relief) "keep the lights on". UMCOR's administrative costs are paid by this once a year collection, so that every penny of one's donation to a specific relief effort goes to that disaster. We will be accepting these donations on March 18, 2012, which has been designated as One Great Hour of Sharing.

There are other exciting events in the planning stages, such as an April work day at Holly Haven when we will help with "spring cleaning" at the residence. We will work along side the residents, and fellowship while spreading God's love with those who are so eager to receive it.

Please keep your ears, eyes and hearts open to heed the call of Jesus Christ to transform the world by making disciples of all people. We are going out into the world to do as we have been commanded.

In His love,
Pam Pickard

"Christ Is Risen. He Is Risen Indeed!"

United Methodist Women

The United Methodist Women have started the new year with two new members. We are so happy to have these ladies join us. We welcome any lady of the church to come join us. Our December cookie sale was a success and we had a successful bake sale in February. At this time we are taking orders for two year calendars that are magnetized for the refrigerator. There are many choices and some of them are in beautiful colors. All our profits from fundraisers go the help women, children and youth through our mission giving. If you have questions concerning our giving, please call Annette Jones, 636-2297.

Blessings and Peace,
Annette Jones, President

United Methodist Men

The United Methodist Men continue to meet even though the Fellowship Hall is no longer in place. For March the meeting will be at the Ebony Volunteer Fire Department meeting hall. The men have gained three new members and are happy to have these men on their team. The UMM entertained their wives and widows of the church with a great Sweetheart Dinner in February. Entertainment was provided by Homegrown Bluegrass band from the Blackridge area.

At the February meeting, Annette Jones presented a program on the Local Emergency Planning Committee(LEPC) for Brunswick County. The information discussed was the Citizen Emergency Response Team (CERT) program that will soon be offered to the citizens of Brunswick County. The CERT team would assist during disasters and any other time needed. The Emergency Management Coordinator would call the team to duty as necessary to assist with county emergencies or other projects. CERT is a national program so the teams could be called to other areas as well. This program is a lot of neighbor helping neighbor. The district president of the UMM will be invited to the April meeting.

Charles Jones, President

Finance

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

Following are the amounts received for the budget through Dec 31, 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	8,728.15	+ 436.15
Jul	9,522.00	+1,230.00
Aug	5,930.60	- 2,361.40
Sep	8,626.25	+ 334.25
Oct	9,839.00	+1,547.00
Nov	7,283.67	- 1,008.33
Dec	<u>7,828.27</u>	<u>- 463.73</u>
Total	100,059.22	+ 555.22

The monthly needed to meet our budget in 2012 is 9,108.17.

Following are the amounts received for the budget through Feb 29, 2012.

	Received	Difference
Jan	8,710.60	- 397.57
Feb	<u>8,696.61</u>	<u>- 411.56</u>
Total	17,407.21	- 809.13

Readers and Greeters

I'm sure you noticed that we have lots of folks participating in our Sunday service as "readers & greeters". If you would like to help out, please let me know, it's a wonderful way to get to know each everyone!

Peggy Donochod – Lay Leader

Easy and Effective Ways To Support Our Campaign Anytime

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 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.

Celebrate the Resurrection of Christ Jesus.

He Lives!

Food Lion Community Rewards for Prospect UMC

We are now enrolled in the Food Lion Rewards Program. Now YOU can help us earn addition funds by enrolling today and it’s really easy! Just follow these simple steps.....

- Go to foodlion.com
- Click on Community Outreach
- 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 will earn cash. THANKS, THIS IS REALLY PAINLESS GIVING AND WE CAN ALL PARTICIPATE. SIGN UP TODAY!!!!

Peggy Donochod – Fundraising Chair

Church Events

Since the fellowship hall is gone there is not much going on at church but the essentials. We look for walls to be up in two weeks, Yeah!!!!

Administrative council meetings are the third Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m.

Choir practice is each Tuesday night at 7:00 p.m.

UMM meets on the third Thursday at 6:30 p.m., place to be announced on Sunday before meeting.

UMW meets on the fourth Monday night at 7:00 p. m. at the church.

Crafters meet on each Monday morning, 9:30 a.m. at church.

Mark your calendars accordingly.

March 2012 Birthday and Anniversary

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
				Bill Hoofnagle Judy Carroll Ruth Moseley	Robby Carroll	
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
	Freida Davis			Nadine Evans		
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
Robby and CiCi Carroll	Keenen Broome	Ray and Barbara Sublett				

April 2012 Birthday and Anniversary

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Mary Morris			Linda Marrone	Robin Griffin		
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
	Joyce Rector Glenda Gibbs	Lorraine Beaulieu	Tony and Lisa Conner			Ray Sublett
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
Gene Austin Tim and Barbara Knox		Hal Paxton		Joyce Trask		
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
				Bill and Ann Hoofnagle		
29	30					
Hal and Betty Keeney						

May 2012 Birthday and Anniversary

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
						Ken Thrasher
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
			Howdy and Jan Tomlinson			
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
Barbara Gilmartin	Larissa Conner	Steve and Marilyn Reed	Linwood Mills		Josh Thrasher	
27	28	29	30	31		
Jean Barnette						

June 2012 Birthday and Anniversary

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2
					Bill and Linda Faulk	
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
			Tim Knox	Alyssa Harper		Lisa Conner Chip Hill
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
Dustin Donati Joey Barbour					Barbara Grant	
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
						Dan Thrasher
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
Chip and Bev Hill	Judy Moore					Mary Luck

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