



The Prospector

Prospect United Methodist Church

Ebony, Virginia

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Reflections From our Pastor:

Psalms 125 states that we who abide in the Lord are like Mount Zion, never shaken, lasting forever.

I am so excited about the growth and progress of our new Education Wing and Fellowship Hall, but am more excited about our growing together as a community of Faith. We continue to grow as disciples and get to see lives changed. We no longer hope that our prayers will be answered, we know they will. We have seen so many wonderful and miraculous things happen through our prayers that we proclaim victory. Our worship continues to be exciting and drawing others into the fold. We have taken in new members, baptized a baby, anointed, and celebrated birthdays and anniversaries together. God continues to grow in our church and in our hearts.

The building will be done soon and we can look for opportunities to use it to serve God in new and exciting ways. I would like to see the lights on every night. Wesley developed the Methodist Church by setting up small group studies and the

way in which we will grow will be through education, fellowship, and evangelism.

May we see Jesus in everything we do.

Love,

Ken Thrasher

Time For Fall Festival!

Saturday September 22, 2012

Fall Festival time is fast approaching!!

September 22, 2012 on the front lawn of Prospect United Methodist Church will be the hustle and bustle of our church members and friends getting ready to have fun and offer exciting bargains to all.

The festival committee is co-chaired by Charles Jones and Bev Hill. If you have items to store or know of someone who would like

to donate items, please call Charles Jones, Bev Hill, Corey Lett, or James Lynch.

For 2012, Nancy West will be handling the advertising. Auction chairperson is James Lynch who will be assisted on the festival day by Bev Hill, Nancy West and Jan Tomlinson. Pam Pickard will be offering books, CD's, DVD's and more at her booth. The morning will start off with a great country breakfast co-chaired by Bob and Jean Wilson. Chip Hill will be out and about canvassing for support from individuals and businesses along with his helpers. If you know of anyone or a business that would like to advertise in our booklet for a donation of \$10.00, please contact Chip Hill to make sure we don't have double contact with this entity. Annette Jones, Don Broome, and Howdy Tomlinson will be cashiers again this year. Christine Ferguson will be asking for donations of all the good home baked goodies and all the items we find in the country store. Dot Ford, Mert Ross, Marilyn Reed and Dede Snead along with all the help they can get are busy working on crafts. If you can stuff cotton, they need your help!! Joyce Trask will have tickets for the mystery box drawing. If you have new items that you would like to donate for the boxes, please see Joyce. Mert Ross has tickets for the beautiful queen size quilt that has been pieced by the piece makers of Prospect UMC. We all love Ruby's Treasures which will again be tended by Linwood and Clara Dell Mills. George Ferguson with his good help will be serving up good food at the

Snack Shack. Rudy Conner is the "stew man". The stew will be cooked on September 15. Please see Rudy for more information. And last but not least the UMM and any men of the church will be helping to set up the tents and whatever needs to be done on Friday, September 21st.

We know all the committee people have already starting lining up their help for the day but if you have not been asked and would like to help, please, please get in touch with any of the committee persons listed or Charles Jones, 434-636-2297 or Bev Hill 434-636-5101.

We ask that you contact Joyce Trask for tickets for the mystery boxes and Mert Ross for tickets for the beautiful quilt. These ladies need help selling their tickets.

Looking forward the 21st and 22nd of September. The proceeds of this festival will benefit the special mission projects of the church and the building fund. It takes ALL of us to have a successful day. God has blessed us in the past with beautiful weather and we pray that HE will again this year.

Charles Jones and Bev Hill
Co-chairpersons

Lay Leader's comments

We are so blessed here at Prospect as we experience our Church family continuing to grow. We welcome those who have recently joined our congregation; Roy Taylor, Ray and Chris Barden, Myron and Louise Simmons, and Carlies Little. Now we are starting with yet another generation! It was a very exciting Sunday on August 18th as Rev Ken baptized our youngest new member, 8 month old Alfred Prentice Read. He and his Mother Genia became part of our church family that day. AND his Great-Grandmother JoAnn Smith is planning on transferring her membership to Prospect also. Welcome one and all! We are very glad to have them with us. Our Church has also been blessed with the gift of a wonderful Lay Speaker. Elaine Chipley lead the congregation and shared her message with us in Rev Ken's absence. We sincerely thank Elaine, Pam Pickard and Charles Jones for being willing to help share God's Word and lead the congregation when needed.

Peggy Donochod

United Methodist Women

The United Methodist Women meet each month on the fourth Monday of the month. We gather for a business meeting and then one of our members or a guest will present a program centered on women, youth and children.

The group is planning to have a Spaghetti Supper on November 10, 2012 from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. The dinner will be held at the Ebony Volunteer Fire Department meeting

hall. In December we will have our annual Cookie Sale. Proceeds from all our fundraisers benefit lots of different mission projects.

All ladies of the church are invited to come join us.

Blessings and Peace,
Annette Jones, President

Our beautiful new addition is almost completed but the fundraising efforts need to be continued to enable us to pay for this wonderful building AND to plan for our future here at PROSPECT!

Our Fundraising Opportunities

There are several fund raising efforts currently under way. I'm sure each of you have received our latest mailing regarding the Capital Campaign, and we sincerely hope that you will prayerfully consider our need and what you can do to help. We also hope that you were excited to see the beautiful progression of our Church from 1887 to what it is today. PROSPECT is definitely a Church that is open to growth

and change, much like our Methodist motto: “Open Hearts, Open Doors and Open Minds ”, yet we enthusiastically respect and treasure our wonderful past. Our Capital Campaign total to date is \$469,027.92 Please continue to help, we need your support!

An Easy way to support your Church - Here is something to consider.....A couple of years ago I changed how we contributed weekly to the Church and began writing our check once a month for the number of Sundays in that month. I found this to be helpful to my budgeting and I’m sure it was helpful to the Church’s budget because sometimes I would forget a Sunday or two if we were away. **WE ALL KNOW THAT BILLS COME 52 WEEKS A YEAR!** Why not give it a try?

Colonial Williamsburg Getaway Weekend:

We have yet another fund-raising opportunity thanks to the generosity of Rev Ken and Jan. They have, once again, donated a weekend at a Villa in Colonial Williamsburg. The Villa is a 2 bedroom, 2 bath, including a kitchen and it sleeps 6. It is located only a half block from the Historic Colonial Williamsburg! This is especially exciting because it is the weekend of Sat. **Dec 1st & 2nd** which is the “**Grand Illumination Weekend**”!!! What a fantastic way to begin the Holiday season. The drawing will be held **Oct 28th**. The price of tickets is: \$5.00 each or 5 for \$20. Please see Peggy to get some tickets to sell to your friends and family. **These tickets will “sell themselves” all we need to do is ask!!!!**

Yummmmm...that time of year for **baking** is fast approaching. As a fundraiser, at our Fall Festival Country Store, we will be selling a

variety of delicious Happy Home flavorings (vanilla, lemon, maple, rum, coconut etc) that will sell for only \$3 a 7 oz. bottle. What a great price!!! This sale will continue into 2013. Please see, or contact Judy Moore for “more” information on how you may help sell, or purchase these items: (434)-577-2001, fishnskimore@earthlink.net

Not to rush the season but.... we are looking into a fundraiser that everyone will enjoy for years to come. I know we’re just getting through Summer, but it’s never too early to “**Think Spring**” with a “Flower Power” bulb fundraiser.

.Don’t forget the ongoing easy ways to make a difference: Get a **Capital One Credit Card** – Our Church will receive \$50 the first time you use it, 2% of gas and grocery purchases and 1% of all other purchases made thereafter. Plus up to 10% of purchases made at select merchants. **WHAT A GREAT AND EASY WAY TO CONTRIBUTE!!!!** To sign up just apply online from the Prospect Website: **www.prospectumc-ebonyva.org** or call 1-888-717-2271.

Yet another effortless way to support the Church is to be sure you have your Food Lion card registered to our Church.

If you have any suggestions for fundraising and would like to help us, please let me know. Thank you again for all your support, we couldn’t do this without YOU!

Peggy Donochod – Fundraising Chair

Building Update:

To GOD be the glory!!!!

We are almost there, and right on time, and doesn't it look wonderful! **Of course there is still work to be done and money to be raised!!**

As you know our committee has worked really hard to build the best building we could with the resources we have and we are all excited with the result. I can't say enough about Chris Weddington, our contractor, and how well he worked with the many challenges that came along during the building process. We are so pleased that we were able to complete Phase II at the same time by reroofing and residing our Sanctuary. Even our steeple was cleaned, painted and now is straight! We needed to take care of God's House, and now it has become the lovely "old" white Church in Ebony that we all should all be proud of. I look forward to seeing lights shining through the windows as it brings new life and new possibilities into our Church and into our community. **Thank you again for your continued support.**

Dan Donochod – Building Chair

United Methodist Men

The UMM continue to meet monthly. They have had new members join in their fellowship. The men continue to help around the church and are getting geared up to help with the Fall Festival which will be on

September 22. On June 2 the men sponsored a fish dinner which was enjoyed by many. The proceeds from this fundraiser will benefit many missions that the men support. The next meeting will be the third Thursday of October. The September meeting will be cancelled due to the Fall Festival being the same week. The men will be together helping the whole week. The men will also assist with the Song Service in October. We stay busy and continue to thank God each day for our many blessings.

Charles Jones,
President

Finance

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

Following are the amounts received for the budget through August 26, 2012.

	Received	Difference
Jan	8,710.60	- 397.57
Feb	8,696.61	- 411.56
Mar	7,742.00	-1,366.17
Apr	10,777.75	+1,669.58
May	9,034.25	- 73.92
Jun	7,826.00	-1,282.17
Jul	9,998.10	+ 889.93
Aug	<u>9,593.00</u>	+ <u>484.83</u>
Total	72,378.31	- 487.05

Adult and Family Ministries

Members and friends of the church have enjoyed fellowship and food at 220 Seafood Restaurant, Wilson Brothers BBQ, Golden Coral and Brian's Steak House. The next gathering will be in October or November. Stay tuned for more information about date, place and time. We all have a great time getting to know each other better and sharing with each other. Please plan to join us.

October 28 will be our Family Fun Night. The activities will begin around 5:00 p.m. with costume judging, pumpkin carving (carve your pumpkin and bring it with you), our pot luck supper, cake walks, and games. Please bring a dish to pass for our supper. This is a fun filled evening for all ages.

Charles and Annette Jones

Events

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

Bible Study at Charlie and Maxine French's home each Wednesday night at 7:00 p.m.

September 12 - Charge conference at 7:00 p.m. with Rev. Robert Parks presiding

September 15 - Brunswick Stew to be cooked at Bracey Hunt Club for the Fall Festival. Orders are being taken now. Cutoff date for orders will be Sunday, September 9. Price per quart \$7.00. To order call 434-636-2297 or 434-636-5101.

September 22 - FALL FESTIVAL 8:00 A.M. TO 2:00 P.M. AUCTION STARTS AT 10:00 A.M.

September 30 - Fellowship Supper 6:00 p.m.

October 13 - Song Service beginning at 10:00 a.m. ON THE FRONT LAWN OF THE CHURCH. Food will be available.

October 28 - Family Fun Night beginning at 5:00 p.m. Costume judging, pumpkin carving, games and pot luck supper.

November 4, 5, 6 Revival each evening beginning on Sunday with pot luck supper at 6:00 p.m. Services start at 7:00 p.m. Monday and Tuesday will have food provided by UMW and UMM at 6:00 p.m. Services at 7:00 p.m. Preaching and special music will be offered.

November 10 UMW Spaghetti Dinner \$7.00 donation 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. This dinner will be served at the Ebony Volunteer Fire Department meeting hall.

November 21 Thanksgiving Eve Service at 7:00 p.m.

December will celebrate the four Sundays of Advent. The choir will present the Christmas Cantata.

December 24, Christmas Eve Candlelight Service with Communion at 8:00 p.m.

Birthdays and Anniversaries

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 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

October Birthdays

October 1 Al Hartley
October 5 CiCi Carroll
October 7 Casin Whitehead
October 8 Herb Moore
October 9 Jeremy Thrasher
 Dot Ford
 Anne Hartley
 Nick Hartley
October 10 Isabella Broome
October 11 Ann Hoofnagle
October 12 Bobby Conner
 Tony Conner
Barbara Burgdoerfer
October 13 Tony Barnette
October 21 Annie Parrish
 Bryson Parrish
October 29 Hal Keeney

October Anniversaries

October 1 Rudy and Patricia Conner
October 2 James and Patricia Lynch
October 5 Hal and Dorinda Paxton
October 15 George and Barbara Grant
October 21 Charles and Annette Jones

November Birthdays

November 1 Amaya Thrasher
November 5 Richard Beville
November 14 Calvin Lynch
November 23 Don Broome
November 25 Robert Wilson
November 26 Dell Conner

The Word

Now our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God,
even our Father, which hath loved us, and hath
given us everlasting consolation and good hope
through grace, comfort your hearts, and
establish you in every good word and work.
II Thessalonians 2:16,17

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