



The Prospector

Prospect United Methodist Church

Ebony, Virginia

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Reflections from our Pastor:

I am so excited about the movement of The Holy Spirit that I see and feel in our church family. Acts 2 is the Day of Pentecost and speaks to us of the birth of the Christian Church. This day is a High and Holy Day in the life of the church. I am witnessing the movement of that Spirit at Prospect. During the original Pentecost, when all the disciples were in the Upper Room locked away, the Mighty Wind of God blew through those disciples and empowered them to be Ambassadors for Jesus Christ. Immediately following that, 3000 were saved and baptized. They then went around baptizing and offering a relationship with Jesus for the forgiveness of sin. Many more were brought into this relationship.

We are now in need of that kind of power to take control of our country again. We are in a time and place that needs a Savior. We, the church, must step into the role that our relationship with Jesus calls us to live out on this earth. John Wesley claimed the entire world as his parish.

If we adopt that mindset for our church and for the needs of others we can do great things for the glory of God.

I am so excited to see what God has in store for us as a community of faith. As we reach out to a hurting, lonely, lost world, may we feel the mighty Winds of Pentecost blowing fresh upon us.

Go in the name of Jesus and make disciples.

Love,

Ken Thrasher

*Upcoming
Events*

**FALL FESTIVAL
SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 28TH**

**FAMILY FUN NIGHT
SUNDAY OCTOBER 27**

**A VERY SPECIAL HOMECOMING
SUNDAY NOVEMBER 3RD
ALL SAINTS DAY**

Save these dates!! Details on next pages!!



Fall Festival time is fast approaching!! September 28, 2013 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 2013, 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. Chris and Valerie Ruch will be offering books, CD's, DVD's and more at their booth. The morning will start off with a great country breakfast co-chaired by Bev and Chip Hill. 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 and Don Broome 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, 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. Norma Jean Matthews has tickets for the beautiful queen size quilt that has been hand crafted 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 helpers will be serving up good food at the Snack Shack. The UMM will cook up the stew this year. The stew will be cooked on September 21. A signup sheet will be available the first Sunday of September. 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 27th.

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 Norma Jean Matthews for tickets for the beautiful quilt. These ladies need help selling their tickets.

Looking forward to the 27th and 28th 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 bless us again this year.

Charles Jones and Bev Hill
Co-chairpersons

A VERY SPECIAL HOMECOMING!

On Sunday, NOVEMBER 3RD we will celebrate “HOMECOMING” as well as DEDICATE a “WALL OF CROSSES”.

This wall will be in “honor” or in “memory” of an individual or family and will become a part of Prospect’s history! It will be the inside wall of the Narthex and will look something like this.



There will be a sign up sheet for those who would like to participate. We will ask that each member/family bring a cross (not longer than 12” please). This is so meaningful because some may bring a special cross which reminds them of their loved one while others may bring a family heirloom. They will be all sizes and shapes and made from different textures, much like our Church family. But when you put them together they will create a beautiful statement about our Church and how we blend together in the name of God and the Body of Christ.

We ask a \$5 fee for the plaque that will be engraved and placed by your cross. *Additional donations will be very much appreciated and will help as we continue to move forward with the Capital Campaign and our Phase III goal.*

This special wall will be dedicated after our Church service on “All Saints Sunday” November 3rd and followed by a covered dish luncheon in the Fellowship Hall. We hope you will ALL be with us on this Sunday as we come together once again to celebrate our Church and our families.

Peggy Donochod & Anne Hartley

LAY LEADER NEWS– And what wonderful news it is! We are growing, and we would like to welcome the many new members that have joined our Church since the Prospecter was last published.

Herb and Joyce Rector. George and Barbara Grant. Dixon and Elaine Chipley. Chris and Valerie Ruch. Roy Taylor. Ray and Chris Barden. Rev. Myron and Louise Simmons. Genia Read and her son Alfred Prentice Read. Linda Shelton. Chip Hill. WE ARE SO VERY GLAD TO HAVE YOU AS A PART OF OUR CHURCH FAMILY!

Peggy Donochod

READERS & GREETERS: We have so many people willing to be “Readers & Greeters” on Sunday, and we welcome you to participate, too! If you would like to be a “Reader” we hope that you will also be a “Greeter”, but, if you can’t let us know and we will find someone to fill in for you. If perhaps, you would just like to be a “Greeter” please let Peggy Donochod or Judy Moore know and we will be glad to call on you also. It is such a nice way to become a part of our worship service. Thank you.

Adult and Family Ministries

Charles and Annette Jones, co-chairs of this committee, have arranged several fellowship times for members and friends of the church during this year. All that have attended the fellowship time have enjoyed good food and just getting to know each other better. The church had a picnic at the pavilion of Twin Oak Shores on Saturday, July 20. Although it was hot everywhere else, God blessed us with a wonderful cool breeze which was a delight to all. Games were enjoyed by those who wished to play and all enjoyed hot dogs and hamburgers with all the fixings along with other dishes brought by those in attendance.



Fall will be arriving before we know it and along with the season comes our Family Fun Night. The fun starts at 5:00 p.m. for those who wish to carve a pumpkin and bring it for the pumpkin judging contest and also the costume contest. We will add in some cake walks before our covered dish supper starts at 6:00 p.m. After supper games and more cake walks will be available. This is a family event so come on out and enjoy the evening on October 27, 2013.

Now comes winter. Plans are in the making for a trip to Blackstone to Bevell's Hardware, home of a wonderful train display. We will probably go on a weekday and we are looking for a good restaurant so that we may have supper before returning home. Look for more details closer to December. Charles and Annette Jones

United Methodist Women

The United Methodist Women have had a very busy year. Our year starts in September so I will fill you in from that time on. Members attended the District meeting. The unit received a Gold Mission Today award, a Six Star Unit award and reading certificates for those ladies in the reading program. Donations were made to Red Bird Mission, Henry Fork Service Center, Agape Christian Children's Center, John 3:16, Jackson-Feild Home, Ebony Volunteer Fire Department, Central Rescue Squad, Relay for Life, money was sent to support Alene Carroll's granddaughter for a mission trip and we support Holly Haven as needed. Two Special Mission pin awards were made, one to Nadine Evans and one to Hattie Baird. Kits for Conference was sponsored by the UMW. The unit purchased items for four layette kits and members of the unit and members of the church supplied kits and money to be sent to conference for kits and shipping of the kits to their destination. The unit has had several fundraisers—our annual cookie sale in December and we sold garden and house flags. The UMW unit has coordinated the serving of meals after funerals. Cards are sent to church members and those in the community. The unit led the worship service one Sunday during the year. Unit members attended district meetings for Advent and the spring Prayer Breakfast. The UMW of Prospect hosted the district Mission Study in April. Lunch was served. Several other churches were asked to help with food for this occasion. There were about sixty ladies present from the district. Our district president, Betsy Hanmer visited with us in May and in July Rev. Paul Beighley gave a program on Prison Ministries. Rev. Beighley is the Chaplain at Greenville Correctional Center in Jarratt,

Virginia. We have a mission opportunity to help with the Chaplains being able to continue with their service to the prisons. The church members will be asked to help with this project. The Farmville District Pastor's Association met at Prospect in August. The UMW prepared and served the meal for this meeting.

Unit members will attend the District meeting in September and other district events as they are announced. Our upcoming fundraisers will be a spaghetti sauce sale, sale of holiday flags and our annual cookie sale. We will make our annual donations in the fall.

The UMW unit meets on the fourth Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. We enjoy our fellowship and being able to learn how we can help women and children and men throughout the United States and abroad. We invite any lady who is not a member of our unit to come and join us. You will receive many unexpected blessings.

Annette Jones, President

United Methodist Men

The United Methodist Men meet on the third Thursday of each month except July and December at 6:30 p.m. for a meal, fellowship and meeting. Most of the men are on other committees of the church and are always busy helping out whenever and wherever needed.

Earlier this year the men cooked a Brunswick stew as a fundraiser and are planning another one the early part of 2014. The men are already helping to collect items for the Fall Festival and will be available to help in any way during the festival time.

The men have made donations to the local fire departments and rescue squad as well as other organizations. They include Ebony Volunteer Fire Department, Gasburg Volunteer Fire Department, Lake Gaston Volunteer Fire Department, Central Rescue Squad, Hunters for the Hungry, Society of Saint Andrews, Hospice, the Veterans and donate food for Holly Haven during Thanksgiving and Christmas seasons.

Bill Paxton will be visiting the UMM meeting in August to give them information on the Old Brunswick Circuit which includes the Drumgoole House in the Valentines area. Work to restore this house and grounds is being done by volunteers from the Virginia Conference. If you are interested in this mission, please let Charles Jones know that you would like to attend the meeting so there will be plenty food prepared for the meal. It is most interesting to have a several places of historic interest in Brunswick County.

We invite all men to come and join our fellowship.

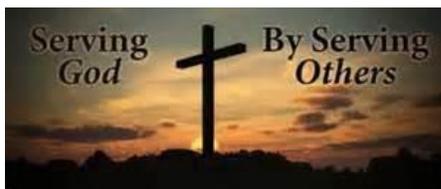
Charles Jones, President

FINANCE

The monthly amount needed to meet our budget in 2013 is 9,294.08. Following are the amounts received for the budget through June 30, 2013.

	Received	Difference
Jan	7,101.63	- 2,192.45
Feb	8,354.72	- 939.36
Mar	11,525.00	+ 2,230.92
Apr	8,921.50	- 372.58
May	8,532.00	- 762.08
Jun	<u>10,535.00</u>	<u>+ 1,240.92</u>
Total	54,969.85	- 794.63

Mission Committee Activities



We continue to support Holly Haven. Please drop off food goods in the box in the narthex. And any magazines will be appreciated by the residents (mostly men). We are planning on another Angel Tree for the residents and employees this coming November. More information will follow.

Our volunteers have done a great job helping out some members of our congregation with yard and house work. We have installed a handicap ramp, raked and trimmed yards, cleaned gutters, power washed and done some landscaping. If you are in need of some sprucing up inside or outside your house (or know of someone who could use our help), please let us know.

Our church has adopted a section of route 903 from the NC/VA border – past the church – left on Hendrick’s Mill Rd – up to Siouan Road. You may have noticed the 4 signs that highlight Prospect United Methodist Church and the proud “parents”. ***A cleanup workday has been scheduled for Wednesday August 21 at 9 AM.*** We will meet at the church and send groups out in both directions for litter pick up. Safety vests and garbage bags will be supplied, as well as refreshments.

If you are interested in helping with any mission activities please fill out the volunteer’s forms located at the church.

We are concentrating on local mission work at this time and if you see a need or have any suggestions let us know!

God has blessed our church. Our prayer is to have our mission outreach meet the needs of those in need!

In His name,
Chris & Valerie Ruch

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN NEWS

What a difference a year makes!!!! This time last year we were in full swing with our building project and here we are today with a wonderful new Fellowship Hall and Education Building AND a beautiful “face lift” on our 1887 Sanctuary. We thank GOD for allowing this to happen. It must have finally been in “His Time”, and now... it is “our time” to effectively use this facility to ***spread God’s word*** and ***to do God’s work!*** THANKS TO ALL FOR A TREMENDOUS TEAM EFFORT THAT HAS MADE THIS HAPPEN!

While our beautiful new building is finished we need to remain focused on the financial goal of the Campaign. We have raised over \$500,000.00 towards our goal of \$700,000.00 – and that shows what an extraordinary Church family we are and that we can do this! When we reach the \$700,000 goal it will mean that we have successfully: built our building (Phase I), re-sided and re-roofed our Church Sanctuary to blend with the new building (Phase II), repaid an internal Church loan, paid off our outstanding bank loan balance, AND have residual funds to use for Phase III, ongoing maintenance for the future and as we continue to grow.

Last year we surpassed our goal to raise \$100,000.00. This year our incremental goal is \$50,000 and we currently have over \$18,000, so you see there is still work to be done. We have several fundraising efforts throughout the year, and we need your support to be successful. Our focused “I Believe” mini campaigns have been a great success, and they will continue. Here’s a list of ongoing opportunities in which you can participate (for more info, please see Peggy):

- Sign up with your Food Lion card and the Church will get a percentage of certain products purchased.
- Sign up for a Capital One Credit Card and the Church will get a percentage.
- Recycle your aluminum cans and plastic at the Church (please separate), also heavy metal items and motor parts, etc.
- We have several items to purchase: Lovely hand-made **Glass Crosses** made from the original windows taken from the Church after our renovation; Beautiful **watercolor prints** of the Church by Bill Mosley; and **Happy Home Flavorings**.
- Eat at Chef’s Korner in Ebony anytime on any Sunday and mention you attend PUMC. 10% of what you spend will be donated to our building fund.
- And don’t forget to contribute to our “**change**” jug each Sunday!

The **WILLIAMSBURG WEEKEND GIVEAWAY** is back again this year. Here is an opportunity to win a weekend at a lovely 2 bedroom 2 bath fully equipped condo. It is within walking distance to Colonial Williamsburg. Celebrate the **Grand**

Illumination Weekend of Dec 7th & 8th!

Tickets are \$5 each or 5 for \$20. *The winner will be announced at the Fall Festival, Sept. 28th!* Please see Peggy to buy or help us sell tickets.

We have received many donations through Memorials and we want to again thank those families and friends for caring about Prospect and its future. We will gladly accept contributions to the Capital Campaign at any time. For those who made a pledge and have fulfilled it, please consider making another pledge if you are able to do so. Also please keep businesses and corporations in mind and don’t hesitate to ask – you never know! We are all ambassadors for this campaign and together we will make this happen! Let us know if you know of a possible source and would prefer someone else to reach out.

As a reminder, checks are to be made payable to Prospect United Methodist Church. Indicate Building Fund or Capital Campaign in the memo section.



*The members of Prospect UMC extend our thanks and appreciation to **Harold Heiser** for the excellent job he did as editor of the church newsletter for many years. Harold went above and beyond the call of duty by continuing to prepare the newsletter even after he had moved out of state. And he has made the transition to a new editor very smooth by providing useful tips and background information. Our love and best wishes go out to you, Harold and Diane!! We miss you and hope you will come and join us anytime you’re in the area!*

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