



The Prospector

Prospect United Methodist Church

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Reflections from our Pastor:

I am very excited about many of the events, special services, mission work, evangelism, membership, stewardship, and every time we get to lift the name of Jesus. There are some things that I would like to do as we continue throughout the second half of the year. We have been challenged by Bishop Cho to pray more, study more, and to make a covenant to Spiritual Practices for at least one hour per day. He has also asked that we pray every Sunday for Revival in our church and for all churches. Revival in spirit is much needed in our country and world. We have to find a way to minister to younger people. If not, when we are gone, who will tell Jesus' story? I would like to ask some of you to come in and pray for the service prior to the service. If The Lord leads you to do this, please let me know. We will set a schedule and get started.

One of my meetings weekly was changed to Tuesday and so that open hour of prayer time is being changed. Instead, I want to start a Wednesday Morning Prayer Group. We would meet at Church

on Wednesdays to pray, share a cup of coffee, and get to know one other better. All are welcome. I'm thinking 9-11 AM.

I have also made a commitment to take Communion to our shut-ins on a monthly basis. I often take others with me on these trips. If you would like to go with me to serve communion and visit, I would enjoy your company. The shut-ins love to have company visit as well.

I am so proud of your efforts to be in fellowship and lift Jesus' name. I urge you to tell your story. Looking forward to seeing what God has in store for Prospect UMC. God Bless.

Ken Thrasher





Fall Festival time is fast approaching!! September 27, 2014 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 2014, Nancy West will be handling the advertising. Auction chairperson is James Lynch who will be assisted on the festival day by Bev Hill and Nancy West. Carlies Little 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 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, \$25.00 or \$50.00 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 home baked goodies and items for 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!!

Donations for the Fall Festival Mystery Chest are needed! Please place your donations of new or gently used items in the white Mystery Chest boxes located in the Narthex and Fellowship Hall. Tickets for a chance to win one of the Mystery Chests are available to buy or sell to family or friends and may be purchased after church in the fellowship hall on most Sundays between now and the Fall Festival in September. Contact Jan Bintliff at 434-636-3934 if you have questions or items to donate.



Norma Jean Matthews has tickets for the beautiful queen size quilt that has been sewn by the piece makers of Prospect UMC. The ladies need help selling tickets! See Jan or Norma Jean to lend a hand.



We all love Ruby's Treasures which will again be tended by Linwood and Clara Dell Mills. Joyce Rector with her great 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 13. A signup sheet will be available the third Sunday of August. 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 26th.

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 chairpersons listed or Charles Jones, 434-636-2297 or Bev Hill 434-636-5101.

FALL FESTIVAL (continued)

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 do so again this year.

Charles Jones and Bev Hill
Co-chairpersons

United Methodist Women

The UMW sponsored a special event on July 17th!!! We had a wonderful Ice Cream Social and invited all the women of the church to join us for some delicious peach and banana homemade ice cream (thanks so very much Naomi Hammond!!!!). It was a special red, white and blue event with festive decorations and wonderful fellowship. We had a great attendance---close to 30 women and Ken. (11 or 12 non members in attendance). It was fun eating ice cream and cookies, drinking pink lemonade, and having lots of talking and laughing!!! We presented our visitors with plants and bookmarks.

All women are invited to our next meeting on August 25th in the fellowship hall at 7 p.m. We hope to see some of our visitors who attended the ice cream social at our next meeting. If you were unable to attend this special event, maybe you will be able to attend our next social event.....Plans are already being discussed!!! If you are a "Mission Minded Woman" and wish to participate in God's mission in all areas of life, we invite you to come to our unit's meetings. We need YOU!!

Elaine Chipley, President

Adult and Family Ministries and Holiday Worship Opportunities

In July a group of church members and friends met at the Carolina BBQ in Bracey for a time of good food and fellowship. Requests were made to visit this establishment again so watch for a date in September.



Our Family Fun Night will be on October 26 beginning at 5:00 p.m. Costume and pumpkin carving contest will begin at 5:00 p.m. and the covered dish meal will begin at 5:30 p.m. After the meal we will enjoy cake walks and other games. This is a great time for fun and fellowship.

In November we give thanks on the Wednesday evening before Thanksgiving Day. The service begins at 7:00 p.m.



The Christmas celebration will be on December 14. Following the celebration and worship we will enjoy a covered dish lunch along with a visit from Saint Nick. Mark your calendars now. The Christmas Eve Service will begin at 8:00 p.m. The service includes a time of worship and Holy Communion.

Peace to all,
Charles and Annette Jones

Mission Committee Activities



The mission group continues to prepare food for members and friends. Please note that you do not have to be “in need” to receive a meal. Sometimes you just may need a pick me up to brighten your day! If you know of someone who would enjoy a “happy meal”, just let us know! We will be getting together on August 19th at 1:00 PM to cook and deliver some more delicious food.

And guess what time it is? Yep, time to clean up our road again. We have adopted 3.2 miles of route 903 and the next cleanup day will be Wednesday, August 27th. If you want to help, let us know. We will meet at the church at 9:00 AM. Rain date will be the following day if needed.



How can we help?

Do you or someone you know need some help around the house? We are available for yard clean-ups and other maintenance. Just let us know how we can help.



And we will be getting involved with a new mission for our church....The Society of St. Andrew. Their mission is to glean America’s farm fields and feed America’s hungry. It only takes 6 cents for the Society to get three servings (one pound) of food from farm to table. We will share more information at church and future Prospectors. If you want to get a head start in this effort, please start saving your nickels now! We will be collecting these donations to send to the Society.

Thanks for all you do!
Chris & Valerie Ruch

FINANCE

The monthly amount needed to meet our budget in 2014 is 9,801.00. Following are the amounts received for the budget through July 31, 2014.

	Received	Difference
Jan	8,584.16	- 1,216.84
Feb	8,974.00	- 827.00
Mar	11,875.76	+2,074.76
Apr	10,295.50	+ 494.50
May	9,607.35	- 193.65
Jun	10,197.13	+ 396.13
Jul	<u>10,131.25</u>	<u>+ 330.25</u>
TOTAL	69,665.15	+ 1,058.15

EVANGALISM

The Song Fest on May 31st was a wonderful event although there was not a large attendance. The singers and performers did an outstanding job! What a wonderful group of very talented individuals! The United Methodist Men provided the hot dogs and the condiments. Food Lion provided the hot dog rolls. The drinks and bottled water were donated by various church members. Delicious cookies and brownies were made by the great cooks at Prospect UMC. Steven Austin, along with his helpers, did a great job preparing the food.....the hot dogs with "the works" were delicious and what a surprise to everyone to have vanilla and strawberry homemade ice cream!!! People were still asking for strawberry ice cream cones long after they were gone!!!! Jan Thrasher made popcorn which was also a hit!!

While the donations were good for the Song Fest, we were able to "sweeten" our donations with a Hot Dog Luncheon a few Sundays after the Song Fest...Thanks to all who attended and thanks to all who made donations. We collected a total of \$1,224.50. The Council voted to add \$275.50 to our donations so that we were able to give a total of \$1500 to three individuals (\$500 each) to help with their large medical bills. Checks were sent to Dede Simpson, Carmen Smith (Sawyer Smith's grandmother), and Virginia Speer.

The Evangelism Committee would like to thank everyone who helped in any way with this event.....there were lots of helpers.... and we appreciate your support so very much. Being the hands and feet of Christ is what Evangelism is all about!!!! THANKS AGAIN!!

Fall and Winter Activities are being discussed by the Evangelism Committee. Please watch your church bulletin for finalized plans.

Elaine Chipley



United Methodist Men

The UMM will meet on August 21 at 6:30 p.m. for a meal, fellowship and meeting. The men will be helping cook the stew on September 13 for the Fall Festival and final plans will be made at this meeting. If you are not a UMM member but would like to help, contact Charles Jones at 434-636-2297. Help will be needed on Friday afternoon cutting up potatoes and onions as well as preparing some of the meat. The men will also be helping with any projects during the week of the Festival such as moving items from the containers to the church and picking up and bringing items to the church for the auction and other booths

All men of the church are invited to come join our fellowship. We work hard and also have lots of laughter and fun.

Blessings be upon you,
Charles Jones, President

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN UPDATE
“CLOSE THE GAP CHALLENGE”
For the Remainder of 2014

We are so thankful to God for this opportunity and for all that you have done to help make our Capital Campaign that began four years ago, such a success! Look where we have come! Because of YOU and your *faith and support* for our Church we are excited to announce that we were able to recently pay down a good portion of our “bank loan” which will save us a considerable amount of interest, and leaves us with an outstanding balance on the loan of approximately \$26,000.

We would like to make \$26,000 to pay off the mortgage our “close the gap challenge” for the end of the year!



There are several ways that **TOGETHER** we can make this happen. We CAN do this!

☞ **A NEW WAY TO HELP!!**

During the month of October we will have a “50/50 CASH FOR GOLD” fundraiser!

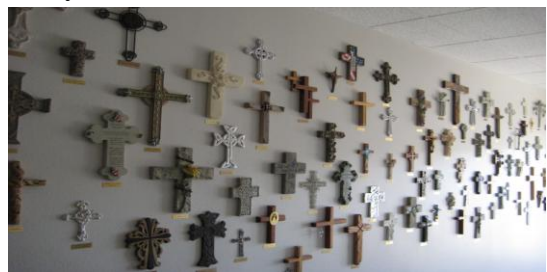
This will be a new and exciting opportunity to be part of our “close the gap challenge”. For this special event we will be working with “**Harpers Jewelry**” in South Hill (a well known, established and trustworthy business). We will be collecting **gold jewelry** (rings*, settings, single earrings, broken pieces, chains, bracelets, cufflinks, etc). **If you would like stones returned there will be a small charge.*



Each Sunday Peggy will have a register with a description

of all the pieces that are brought in and place them in individual bags with your name on it. These pieces will be taken weekly to Harper’s Jewelry to be examined and weighed. They will then give us “cash for gold”. We will in turn give the money to you, and ask that you make a donation, of at least half of your proceeds, back to the Church! Take a little “treasure hunt” in your old jewelry boxes and drawers and help us to turn your old unused pieces into cash, it’s a win/win opportunity!

- ☞ The **WALL OF CROSSES** is an ongoing project and if you would like to add a cross to the wall please see Peggy and she will see that your cross is included.



- ☞ It is only \$5 for the plaque and then we ask that a “donation” be made to the Campaign, please write “Wall of Crosses” in the memo.
- ☞ Of course the **Fall Festival** is another fundraiser that supports the Capital Campaign so please help in any way that you can. It’s a great day and an all Church effort. We truly are a “church family”.

Our “Old Glass Crosses” has proven to be a wonderful fundraiser and we thank Bill & Anne Hoofnagle and Hal Keeney for all their work on this project. If you would like to purchase one, or more, please sign on the form in the NEW Fellowship Hall.

The winner of the **Williamsburg Weekend Giveaway** is once again going to be announced at the Fall Festival. Tickets are available for sale now. Tickets are \$5 each or 5 for \$20. If you would like more information or if you could help us out with this fundraiser by selling some tickets ahead of time please see Peggy. Thanks again to Rev Ken and Jan for donating the condo for this fundraiser!



Of course a donation is welcome at any time. Be sure to write “capital campaign” or “building fund” in the memo.

We truly appreciate your faith in our Church and its Mission. We also appreciate your loyalty to this Capital Campaign project, we have accomplished much because we work hard and support each other. Our work as Christians is never done and we are so blessed to have a new building in which we can assemble and work together to serve our Lord. Please continue to pray for our Church and for the plans God has for us and its future.
TO GOD BE THE GLORY!
 Peggy Donochod & Anne Hartley

Upcoming Events



MEAL PREP & DELIVERY
TUESDAY, AUGUST 19TH @ 1 PM



MEAL AND MEETING
THURSDAY, AUGUST 21ST @ 6:30 PM



MONDAY, AUGUST 25TH @ 7 PM



ROAD CLEAN-UP
WEDNESDAY,
AUGUST 27TH @ 9 AM

BRUNSWICK STEW PREP
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 13



SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 27TH

FAMILY FUN NIGHT
SUNDAY OCTOBER 26



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