



# The Prospector

Prospect United Methodist Church

Ebony, Virginia

November 2015

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## Reflections from our Pastor:

*Grace and Peace to you in the name of Jesus.*

*Fall has come and the time to remember to be thankful for all that God has given us. Fall brings us many opportunities to provide for others and get our work gloves on and help our neighbors with fall projects.*

*The Veteran's Day Service went very well, even though the computer offered us a few challenges. There were 105 in attendance. We have had a few services with 100 participants.*

*The trip to Raleigh to see Dr. David Jeremiah was an excellent trip. It was so great to be a part of 20,000 enthusiastic and excited Christians. Imagine, 20,000 attending Carol Marshall's birthday.*

*Our Fall Festival was a great success although the weather gave us a challenge. Our Christmas Cantata is scheduled for Dec. 20th. The choir has a big surprise in store for us.*

*I'm looking forward to our next Dr. David Jeremiah Bible Study: The Joy of Encouragement. Signup sheets are posted and the more people attending the better the study is.*

*I'd like to thank Herb and Judy Moore for all they have done and for their involvement in our church family. We will miss them as they move to Florida.*

*As we look forward to Advent and the greatest story ever told, let's look for every opportunity to put Christ back in Christmas. Our angel tree will be put up soon and we need to look at the needs around us and consider our part of how to make them brighter.*

*Let's make 2016 the year we really commit to reaching out to our communities and making disciples for Jesus Christ. God Bless you.*

*Ken Thrasher*



*The members of Prospect UMC join Rev. Ken in extending our thanks and appreciation to*

***Herb & Judy Moore***

*for everything they have done for our Church. We love you and will miss you. We wish you God's blessings as you start your next chapter in Florida. And remember...*

*Goodbyes are not forever.  
Goodbyes are not the end.  
They simply mean we'll miss you  
Until we meet again!*

## *United Methodist Women*

The United Methodist Women would like to thank all members and friends of Prospect United Methodist Church who participated in our Tribute to Veterans on Sunday, November 8th. This was our final fundraiser of 2015. We appreciate everyone who took part in the service....without your help it wouldn't have been the great success that it was! Donations were made in honor and memory of friends and family who have served or are serving in the military. We collected about \$350. This money will be used to assist women, children and youth all over the world as well as supporting local organizations. We will give you an account of where our funds were used at the beginning of 2016. Because of your loyal support of our three fundraisers this year we will be able to give assistance to many needy and deserving individuals. Thank you!!

In October we had Luanne Hill to speak with our unit. She works at United Methodist Family Services in South Hill. They are always looking for families who are willing to keep foster children or give respite care to children so the foster families can take a break for a week-end. As United Methodist all of us have heard of United Methodist Family Services and know of the wonderful work they do in assisting children and youth who are experiencing problems in their families. If you are interested in knowing more about how you could help, talk to a UMW member. There is UMFS information in the Fellowship Hall.

Our final UMW meeting of 2015 will be held Monday, November 23rd. We will have a meal for our members at 6 p.m. All women who plan to attend should let Elaine know if you weren't present at our October meeting. Rev. John

Jones, Pastor of Lawrenceville United Methodist Church, will be our speaker. He will speak on "Food Insecurity-Food Assistance" while explaining to us about the work of The Brunswick Food Bank. We will also have election of officers for 2016.

We ask all women of the church to think about joining us in 2016 for our monthly meetings. We are "mission minded women" and really try to live by our purpose. Come and visit with us in January. We'll be planning some new activities that we hope all will enjoy.

Elaine Chipley, President



**The monthly amount needed to meet our budget in 2015 is 10,283.00.**

Following are the amounts received for the budget through October 31, 2015.

	<b>Received</b>	<b>Difference</b>
Jan	9,886.28	-396.72
Feb	7,272.50	-3,010.50
Mar	12,655.03	+2,372.03
Apr	12,200.38	+1,917.38
May	14,720.28	+4,437.28
Jun	10,197.29	- 85.71
Jul	8,937.78	-1,345.22
Aug	12,225.32	+1,942.32
Sep	8,139.25	-2,143.45
Oct	<u>10,568.39</u>	<u>+ 285.39</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>106,002.50</b>	<b>+3,972.50</b>

## MISSION GROUP ACTIVITIES



The Mission group has been staying busy cooking meals for shut-ins due to illness or rehab and for some that are just plain lucky to receive one of our "Happy Meals". With the help of our congregation, Thanksgiving meals will be provided for families in need of food. Social Services provided the names and we will help with food being delivered the Sunday before Thanksgiving. A special thanks to all who help.

There is talk of some yard work which needs to be done (raking leaves) so volunteers are needed and of course Christmas is right around the corner. Remember the angel tree will soon be in the Narthex so don't forget to support Holly Haven by picking an angel. Also remember "Can Sunday" which also helps Holly Haven.

Thanks for your continued support with the nickel jar. We send the money from the nickel jar to the Society of St. Andrews which provides a hot meal for just six cents.

A road clean up will be scheduled for January. Listen for a date to be announced soon.  
Your Mission Group

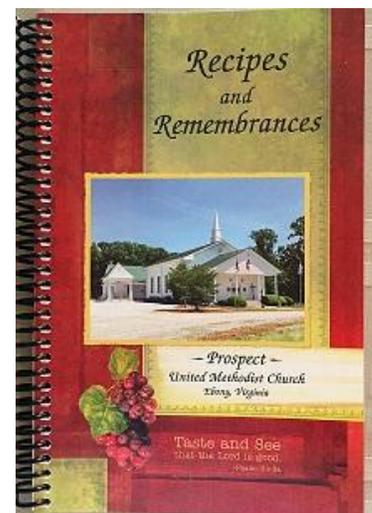


## CAPITAL CAMPAIGN NEWS

Hard to believe that it's been five years since we began our Capital Campaign here at Prospect UMC and we've come a long way! Sometimes I can hardly remember our Church before the Bell Tower and new addition, it looks like it's "always been" there. This has all happened thanks to GOD and the wonderful people he has put together here at Prospect. The bulletin now reflects some really good news.....our "loan balance" has been paid off and stands at \$000.00! Congratulations! BUT. ..don't get too excited, we still have additional fundraising to do to meet our Capital Campaign goal of \$700,000 and I'm sure that as time goes on we will continue to work together to "close the gap" and make that happen.

As our Capital Campaign continues, our latest fundraiser is our "**Recipe and Remembrances Cookbook**". These books have been so well received and are really being enjoyed. They are more than just a Cookbook; they are a *pictorial history* book of our Church.

If you haven't already picked up your preordered copies, please contact Peggy to get them now. They are a wonderful Christmas gift for anyone! We also need to continue selling them and would appreciate any and all suggestions as to opportunities of where we might sell and, of course, we would love some help to sell them.



We have other continuing fundraisers that we hope you will participate in, if you haven't already. The beautiful "Wall of Crosses" welcomes additional crosses and donations at any time. Please contact Peggy for further information. The Holidays will be here soon, and another lovely gift for a friend or loved one (or perhaps yourself) is a numbered watercolor print especially created for our fundraising efforts by William Ward Moseley, when our Campaign had just begun. They are lovely framed on the wall or sitting on a desk or table. We thank you for all your continued support as a Church family. We need your continued prayers and financial help as we begin to look into yet another new year. May God continue to bless each and everyone?

Thank you, Peggy Donochod & Anne Hartley

**CAPITOL CAMPAIGN GOLF OUTING**

This event was played at the Kerr Lake Golf Course in Henderson The golf course allowed us to play all day for \$20.00 each golfer. Karl the manger of the course was very happy to help with this event. We played on Monday, October 5<sup>th</sup> teeing off at 9am.

Some sponsors made a one-time donation to the church of whatever amount they wanted. Some paid two dollars others paid 200 dollars. Most of our sponsors paid by how many holes a golfer played on that day. The sponsors pledged anywhere from 25 cents to one dollar for each hole played. **The total of all donations received was \$627.00.**

**The golfers who participated were:**

Pastor Ken Thrasher	36 holes
Pastor Pam Pickard	18 holes
Barbara McCaughey	36 holes
Gary Ayers	36 holes

- Sponsors were:** Dick & Jan Bintliff  
 Gary Buchan  
 Sharon Shuttleworth  
 Ray & Chris Barden  
 Dan & Peggy Donochod  
 Mike Ayers  
 George & Christine Ferguson  
 Chris & Valerie Ruch  
 Frank & Judy Williams  
 Hal & Dorinda Paxton  
 Chip & Bev Hill  
 Ed Clark  
 Linda Biggs  
 Ken & Jan Thrasher  
 Paul Carroll  
 Robert Gunderson

And Gary Ayers & Barbara McCaughey

It was a fun day and all proceeds went to Prospect UMC's Capital Campaign.

Seeing it went so well we will be attempting to set up another golf outing in the Spring. We have inquired about using the following golf courses in the future: Kerr Lake, Tanglewood, Lake Gaston. Other courses will also be asked in the future.

Thank you to all for your support to our church, Gary & Barbara





On November 25 at 7:00 p.m. the Thanksgiving Worship Service will begin. Come and spend a quiet time in prayer thanking God for all our many bounties during the past. We all have so much to be thankful for.

The choir practices each Tuesday evening in preparation for the Christmas Cantata on December 20 at 9:15 a.m. A covered dish fellowship lunch will follow and we have invited Jolly Ole Saint Nick to come visit with us. Bring a dish and enjoy a time of good food and fellowship.

Christmas Eve at 8:00 p.m. there will be a Christmas Eve Candlelight Service. Holy Communion will be celebrated.

If there should be inclement weather during the upcoming months, watch for an email even on the Sunday morning before leaving for church regarding any announcements about events for the day or evening. If you do not have a computer, feel free to call 434-636-2297. If you have a computer and wish to share your email address for church announcements and information, please see Annette Jones.

A Blessed Thanksgiving, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all.  
Annette Jones

**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 23<sup>TH</sup> @ 6PM**



United  
Methodist  
Women

*Last Meeting of 2015  
Meal and guest speaker*

**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 25<sup>TH</sup> @ 7PM**

**THANKSGIVING  
SERVICE**

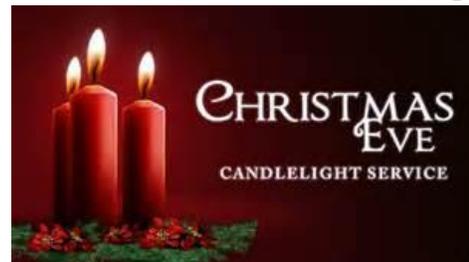


**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 20<sup>th</sup>**



*Bring a Covered Dish  
Visit from Santa*

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 24 at 8 pm**



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