



The Prospector

Prospect United Methodist Church

Ebony, Virginia

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Reflections from our Pastor:

As we close out 2016 we give thanks to God for the many blessings, the people we have been fortunate to meet, the work we have been able to do, and the love to which we have been able to share Jesus Christ.

We invite you all to partner with us to make disciples for Jesus, for the transformation of the world.

May 2017 be a year of grace and peace as we follow Jesus into all the world.

Ken



Worship Opportunities and Activities

Sunday morning worship is 9:15 a.m. Sunday School begins at 11:00 a.m. If there is snow or ice, watch your email for announcements concerning services. If you have not received an e-mail by 8:15 a.m. and you wonder if service will be held, call 434-636-2297.

Choir practice is each Tuesday evening at 7:00 p.m. Contact Mary Gugler for information concerning the hand bells.

Bible Study continues at Charlie French's, 810 Siouan Road each Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.

The third Thursday of each month the United Methodist Men meet at 6:30 p.m. All men are welcome.

Patricia Conner is the new president of the United Methodist Women. They meet the fourth Monday of each month (except July and December) at 7:00 p.m..

Fellowship luncheons and birthday cake are on the last Sunday of each month.

Watch the bulletin for special services for the Easter Season.

Mark your calendar and be a part of as many opportunities as you can.

Wishing you a Happy, Healthy, Blessed New Year,

Annette Jones

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN NEWS!!!

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN COMES TO AN END

During the January 2017 Administrative Council meeting, a decision was made to close the Campaign at \$600,000. As of the end of 2016, we have raised \$599,135 that allowed us to complete Phase I and II in 2012 and accumulate funds toward Phase III.

To recap, when we started our campaign in 2010, our goal was \$700,000 which was intended to cover:

- Phase I – new Fellowship Hall, Offices and Classrooms
- Phase II – reroof and reside Sanctuary section to match the new section
- Phase III – reconfigure the Sanctuary to accommodate more people and have \$100,000 left in the building fund for ongoing maintenance of the building and future needs

Phase III reconfiguration has been put on hold and will be revisited at a future date aligned with membership growth. When that time comes, we will determine the best way to raise the funds needed and whether a new Campaign may be initiated based on actual cost projection of Phase III design and plan.

All unused Campaign funds (approximately \$37,000) will be transferred and managed through the Building Fund. Contributions to the Building Fund are always welcomed.

Our church can now turn focus, energy and resources on using our facility to its fullest -- to do God's work to transform the world through our church ministries, teaching and learning, coming together as a church family and missions work.

We are eternally grateful for your support and commitment throughout this multi-year campaign. We have much to be proud of as a church family.



NEW STAINED GLASS WINDOWS

One of the final touches of the new fellowship hall that was in the plans from the beginning became a reality this year. We installed two beautiful stained-glass windows in the Choir room and in the double Classroom.



These windows were custom designed, using some of the patterns from our Sanctuary windows, and hand crafted by local artist, Janene Rehder, a resident at the lake. These windows are light and airy and designed to provide a complementary accent to each room. Janene also prepared an album for us which shows the step-by-step progress involved creating these windows. If you have not already seen them, be sure to stop, look at the album and appreciate their beauty and symbolism to these rooms. They will be consecrated at a future date.



The **WALL OF CROSSES** has transformed the Narthex into a very special place where you can come sit and reflect on your friends and family. If you would like any information on how to add a cross, please see or call Peggy Donochod, 636-2494.

COOK BOOKS ARE ALMOST SOLD OUT

Thanks to you, and our fantastic hard working, cookbook committee, we have sold almost 500 ***Recipes and Remembrances*** cookbooks! Thank you all for your support and we hope you will enjoy your cookbook as much as we do ours.

Peggy Donochod & Anne Hartley



The church extends a special thank you to the cookbook committee as well as all those who contributed. This was no small task and definitely a labor of love and pride in our special church and its legacy.

United Methodist Men

The UMM met in December. Jim Pohlman, a volunteer with Kairos presented a program. Kairos is God's Special Time and is a ministry to incarcerated individuals, their families, and those who work with them. Kairos leadership is drawn from lay persons, although clergy play a vital role in the program. The mission of Kairos ministries is to bring Christ's love and forgiveness to all incarcerated individuals, their families, and those who work with them, and to assist in the transition of becoming a productive citizen. If this interests you, talk with Charles or Rev. Ken and they will put you in touch with Jim.

The men meet again in January and invite all the men of the church to come be a part of this organization.

The men held several fundraisers in 2016 and the funds were used for donations to the following organizations:

Ebony Volunteer Fire Department,
Lake Gaston Volunteer Fire Department, Gasburg
Volunteer Fire Department,
Central Rescue Squad, Hunters for the Hungry,
Society of St. Andrew,
Hospice and Veteran's Home.

Thanks to each of you for participating in our fundraisers so that these donations were possible!

Charles Jones, President

Mission Committee Activities

The mission group has kept busy this time of year with food being the main objective. Each month we have prepared twelve meals for members and friends of the church. Some of the recipients of our "Happy Meal" are shut ins but some are just lucky enough to be chosen at random. We hope everyone enjoys these meals and understands it is just an extra smile and hug from friends at Prospect in the form of food!

Mission also coordinated Thanksgiving meals that we delivered to Brunswick County Social Services in Lawrenceville. The congregation provided food (and money to buy food) for 10 complete meals for needy families. There was money left over and Pastor Ken and some helpers purchased 4 more meals and delivered them closer to our church home.

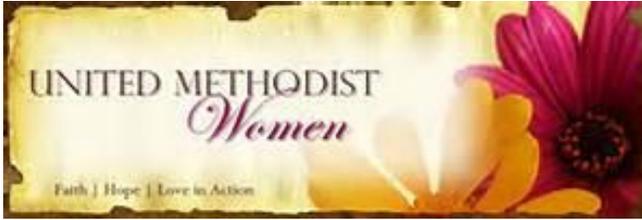
A road clean up will be scheduled soon and "Happy Meals" will continue to be provided. We hope 2017 brings good health and prosperity to all.

Your Mission Team

HOLLY HAVEN

Thanks to the folks of Prospect who made generous donations to be used for Holly Haven. Food was provided for a Thanksgiving meal as well as a Christmas Eve meal, Christmas morning breakfast and a Christmas Day meal. The Angel Tree provided gifts for all the residents and a gift card for the staff members. Rebecca says that the residents were so happy some exclaimed "I got everything I asked for". We are the ones that are blessed to be able to make someone else happy for a while. Much thanks to those who helped shop and wrap the gifts.

Rebecca will be retiring December 31 and she will bring Cheryl to Prospect to introduce her. Cheryl will appreciate our continued support for the residents of Holly Haven as she cares for them as Rebecca did. Thank you for continued prayers and support for this facility.



Happy New Year. Hope your year will be a healthy, happy and prosperous one. Also, hope that some of you church ladies who have not attended a meeting of the United Methodist Women will join us to learn more about the work that we do for women and children around the world and right here at home.

Our programs are usually planned for the entire year and we try to find programs that will be informative and interesting. If you should have a program that you are interested in, please let us know and we will try to include that in our planning, if appropriate.

I am the new president for 2017 and I hope that we can grow in number with the addition of some of the women that have not tried this great organization. You do not have to be a member of the church to join us. There are many opportunities for everyone to get involved if that is what you would like to do and if not, just attending the meetings and helping with projects would be great. It is also a great way to get to know the other women in church on a completely different level. We visit shut-ins once a month and have lunch afterwards at different restaurants. Let me or any member of the UMW know that you would like to attend or just show up on the fourth Monday night of each month except July and December. We meet at 7:00 P.M. unless notified of a different time.

This group has been in existence in the United Methodist Church for many, many years and Prospect U.M. Women have been a part of this group even before it was called the UMW. Some of our members have passed away or moved, and it would be great if we could interest others in filling these seats and becoming involved.

There are opportunities in the local unit as well as the district level to get involved and I am sure we could find something that would interest you.

Please give us a try.



Patricia Conner

FINANCIAL UPDATE

The monthly amount needed to meet our budget in 2016 was \$11,558.67. Following are the amounts received **through 12/31/ 2016.**

	Received	Difference
Jan	9,346.00	- 2,212.67
Feb	10,993.58	- 565.09
Mar	10,569.07	- 989.60
Apr	10,078.85	- 1,479.82
May	10,448.00	- 1,110.67
Jun	9,765.25	- 1,793.42
Jul	10,904.61.61	- 654.06
Aug	8,227.55	- 3,331.12
Sep	7,880.00	- 3,3678.67
Oct	10,431.00	- 1,127.67
Nov	11,077.00	- 481.67
Dec	10,196.54	- 1,162.13
TOTAL	119,917.45	-18,786.59

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

During 2016 four of our members went to Heaven: Naomi Hammond, Mary Morris, Tina O 'Berry and Jean Sherman. We miss them and pray for peace and comfort for their families.

In November, 2016, Bobby Hatcher was welcomed as a new member. The fellowship will nurture Bobby on his faith journey. We welcome you to Prospect Bobby.

Ryan and Sandy Nash's son, Westin Nash was baptized. It is great to have children among us.
Annette Jones, Membership Secretary



As of 12/31/2016,
Prospect is on Facebook!
The name of the page is

Prospect UMC in Ebony, VA. Please be sure to "like" and make it a favorite. We will continue to maintain the website as well.

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Know How to Tell a Cold from the Flu

A typical head cold will cause a runny nose, stuffiness and sometimes a scratchy throat. A typical cold lasts 3-4 days and it's okay to continue with normal activity (including exercise), but only if you feel up to it.

Flu symptoms are more severe, causing body aches, chills and a fever. The symptoms can come on quickly—and they'll hit you like a ton of bricks. Flu sufferers are usually exhausted and achy at the onset. The flu can last 10 days to two weeks.

If you really suspect you're coming down with the flu, make a quick trip to your doctor or to a walk-in clinic to get a prescription for [Tamiflu](#) which can reduce the duration and severity of the illness.

Whether you have a cold or the flu, hydration is important. Water is nature's magical elixir, flushing your system out and helping you heal. Taking a multivitamin every day as well as a pro-biotic will help keep your immune system strong. Rest, rest and more rest. Give yourself permission to take time off to heal.

Broccoli-Cheese Chowder

This is a low-fat version of a traditional favorite. Not only is the flavor vibrant, but a single serving gives you over half of the daily recommendation for vitamin C. Makes 6 - 1 cup servings

Ingredients

- 1 tablespoon extra-virgin olive oil
- 1 large onion chopped
- 1 large carrot, diced
- 2 stalks celery, diced
- 1 large potato, peeled and diced
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 tablespoon all-purpose flour
- ½ teaspoon dry mustard
- ⅛ teaspoon cayenne pepper
- 2 14-ounce cans vegetable broth, or reduced-sodium chicken broth
- 8 ounces broccoli crowns, (see Ingredient Note), cut into 1-inch pieces, stems and florets separated
- 1 cup shredded reduced-fat Cheddar cheese
- ½ cup reduced-fat sour cream
- ⅛ teaspoon salt (optional)

Preparation

1. Heat oil in a Dutch oven or large saucepan over medium-high heat. Add onion, carrot and celery; cook, stirring often, until the onion and celery soften, 5 to 6 minutes. Add potato and garlic; cook, stirring, for 2 minutes. Stir in flour, dry mustard and cayenne; cook, stirring often, for 2 minutes.
2. Add broth and broccoli stems; bring to a boil. Cover and reduce heat to medium. Simmer, stirring occasionally, for 10 minutes. Stir in florets; simmer, covered, until the broccoli is tender, about 10 minutes more. Transfer 2 cups of the chowder to a bowl and mash; return to the pan.
3. Stir in Cheddar and sour cream; cook over medium heat, stirring, until the cheese is melted and the chowder is heated through, about 2 minutes. Season with salt.

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