

Prospect's Good News

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May 2018 – Jun 2018

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

1 Corinthians 1:1-8 "Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes, To the church of God in Corinth, to those sanctified in Christ Jesus and called to be his holy people, together with all those everywhere who call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ-their Lord and ours:

Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I always thank my God for you because of his grace given you in Christ Jesus. For in him you have been enriched in every way-with all kinds of speech and with all knowledge-God thus confirming our testimony about Christ among you. Therefore you do not lack any spiritual gift as you eagerly wait for our Lord Jesus Christ to be revealed. He will also keep you firm to the end, so that you will be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful, who has called you into fellowship with his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord."

This passage from Paul reminds me of a letter of recommendation. Letters of recommendation can be powerful things. When the person who requests it reads it, it can be uplifting to see themselves through the eyes of another. They see what they are doing well and also get a glimpse of areas that need improvement.

As my final letter to you, as your former pastor and now friend, here is my

letter of recommendation.

To whom it may concern,

I understand Prospect is applying for the position of making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world; I highly recommend Prospect for this position. I have known Prospect for 4 years and have seen Prospect's dedication, service and love that is vital in the disciple making process.

Several attributes that Prospect has that would help them excel at this position would be:

- 1) A willingness to reach out beyond their doors to the surrounding community
- 2) A sense of family connection among the congregation that allows room for visitors to feel like they are part of that family. The way they care for one another epitomizes the love of Christ.
- 3) Prospect possesses a deep desire to follow the will of God for the future of their church.
- 4) Prospect honors their strong history as a church but allows for change and growth for the future.
- 5) Prospect utilizes their spiritual gifts well to make sure that the church functions as it should

On a personal level, as mentioned earlier Prospect is a shining example of the love of Christ. I have seen it in the cards of encouragement, the special gifts, the hugs on Sunday morning and especially the support I have had from this church the last 4 years; as my first charge, they were

patient and allowed me time to grow as a pastor. There is great love and a sense of self-sacrifice in the congregation of this church, there are many hands, and hearts that keeps this church thriving in ministry.

One of the questions asked was what are areas that could be strengthened. The areas I believe Prospect could strengthen are:

- 1) Many hands make light work; there are many who wear multiple hats and if everyone dedicated time to ministry the work load would be lighter, even an hour a week can make a difference.
- 2) Sometimes a light reminder that pastors are people too and need grace goes a long way.

With that said, I highly recommend Prospect for the position of making disciples for Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. Their active worship, small groups and vital ministries make them an ideal candidate for congregants that want to know they are loved by God and their church, grow in their knowledge of God and love of neighbor, and are willing to go into the world to spread the Gospel message using words if necessary.

Love and Blessings,

Shannon Harris

FAMILY MINISTRIES



On Sunday, June 17, 2018, Reed Gerardi was baptized. Reed is the son of Neil and Shannon Gerardi

On Sunday, June 24, 2018, a picnic was held in honor of Pastor Shannon and Jim. We have been blessed to have had at Prospect for 4 years and wish them well in their new journey. A good time was had by all!





Christopher Gates was 1 of 35 students who recently graduated from the Correctional Employee Initial Training & K9 Unit. Chris earned the award for outstanding Cadet. Chris graduated as Corporal of Physical Plant Maintenance (Mechanic 1). He is the Son of Stehani & Tom Gates and the grandson of Anna Mae & Alan Draper.



YOUTH CHOIR:

Calling All Youth!!!!

Choir practice will begin on Thursday, September 6 in the Prospect UMC Fellowship Hall.

Youth ages 3-9 practice 6-6:30 p.m. Ages 10-17 practice 6:30-7 p.m. All practices are held at Prospect UMC. During this first practice, we will update youth information and confirm a day/time for practice that is accommodating to all members.

The choir will continue to sing every month on the 3rd Sunday from September – June.

We are so blessed to have these children share their musical gifts. They are always eager to learn new music, even by memory as many are just learning to read. We have also included playing hymns with hand bells. The children are so excited to play, and we will be using the hand bells more and more in the coming year. I look forward to teaching the youth more about music as they grow.

If any of our church youth are interested in joining the choir, we would love to see you at the first choir practice in September! We learn many new songs, and we have fun!

Please join us for fun and fellowship as we sing to the Lord!
Ms. Cheryl

MISSIONS

The Communion Offering for May was designated to DAPI in Camden, DE. \$112.52 was given and \$150.00 was forwarded. The Communion offering for June was \$154.00 and was sent to the Home of the Brave in Milford. July's Communion Offering of \$150.00 was sent to The Veterans Home in Milford.

The Communion Offering for August will be for the Salvation Army and September will be for the Fellowship of Christian Athletes of Lake Forest School District.

Jean Miller, Mission Chairperson

FOOD PANTRY

Remember the 3rd Sunday to bring powdered milk to church. We'll deliver it.

"Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver." 2 Corinthians 9:7

DATES TO REMEMBER

Asbury's Sunday school is planning to go to Frontier Town Western Theme Park on Saturday August 11. We will be leaving Asbury's parking lot in separate cars at 8:30 and meeting at the gate around 10 am. The group rate is \$10 per person for groups 10 or more. If you are interested in going, we invite you to make arrangements for your children/church. We look forward to opportunities of sharing times of fellowship with you.

You are invited to Wednesday Word & Worship at 7pm on Wednesdays, July 11, 18 & 25, 2018 in Collins Hall, Asbury UMC, 200 Weiner Avenue, Harrington, DE 19952.

This one hour service of spiritual uplift features:

Fellowship and Prayer

Praise songs led by Salt N Lyght (the Asbury Praise Team)

Bible Study led by the Rev. Dr. Larry Jameson

Come as you are to this informal and contemporary service designed to encourage and build up your faith.

For more information call the Asbury Church Office at 302-398-3390.

2018 Heritage Day

Trinity UMC will hold their annual Open House during Harrington Heritage Day scheduled on Saturday, August 25.

Scrapple sandwiches and chicken salad will be available for purchase.

This year's theme is "**Treasured Gifts and Music from the Heart**".

"Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs singing and making melody in your heart." Ephesians 5:19

We will be focusing on "Treasured Gifts" received from someone special and the "Gift of Music". We plan to focus on Trinity's pipe organ (first played on December 21, 1924) and original church bell (cast in 1905). Both will be played throughout the day. Items on display will include treasured gifts received from someone special as well as anything musical (i.e., music boxes, musical instruments, music memorabilia, phonographs, records, sheet music, choir robes, choir pictures, cantata programs, etc.)

If you would like to loan any items that we can share with our community, a sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board, or you may contact Cheryl Deering. Loaned items can be dropped off on Thursday and Friday evenings (August 23-24) from 6-8 p.m.

Heritage Day Open House Schedule:

7:30 a.m. - Noon	Scrapple Sandwiches
9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.	Chicken Salad (Pints & Sandwiches)
9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.	<i>"Treasured Gifts and Music from the Heart"</i>

Looking forward to seeing you at the Open House!

2018 Trustees Meetings:

July 12th 7PM
Sept 13th 7PM
Nov 8th 7PM

2018 Council Meetings at 7 pm:

Sept 18th
Nov 20th

Light Up the Night 2018:

July 21 st	Reunion Quartet
September 15 th	the Veasey Family
November 17 th	Michelle Reynolds

*Walking Miracle will be the host for each event and will also be the closing artist for the night.

This is a reminder to everyone that we have prayer shawls to give out. Baby blankets are needed if anyone would like to make one.

Thank you,
Linda Cooper

THANK YOU

Dear Prospect:

Thank you all for the lunch we received. It was delicious! Also, for all of the prayers and thoughts the past two years for my husband and I.

Gary and Jeanette Harrington

Dear Secret Pal???

Thank you so much for the lovely messages with very thoughtful gifts. I am so proud to be your secret pal.

Dear Prospect,

Thank for your kindness and generosity expressed through the phone calls, texts, cards and gifts honoring our ministry among you. Jim and I have been privileged to be part of your family and you will always remain in our hearts. We will be anxious to see how the ministry of this church continues to grow. I may not be your pastor but I will always be your friend. Jim and I will continue to pray for you and we hope you will pray for us as we continue on God's path.

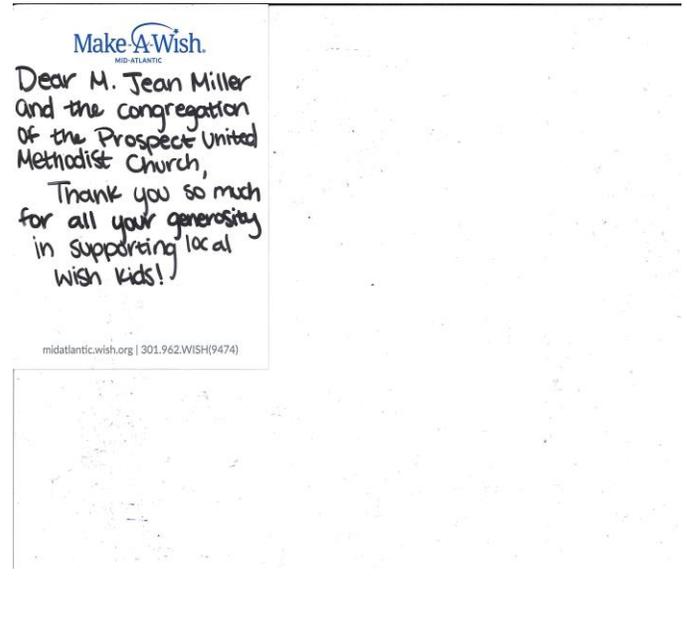
With love and blessings,
Shannon and Jim Harris

Prospect UMC,

We want to say thank you for the sacrifice you made to build the Kingdom of God. Your financial contribution enables us to reach out and touch people who are hurting and broken. The needs of McDowell County are vast and with your help we can continue meeting those needs one person, one family, one community at a time.

May God bless you immensely!
W. Jay Wilson
Executive Director, The Community Crossing Inc.

Linda Cooper and Vivian would like to thank the youth group for helping with the snack bags. We made over 100.





May 18, 2018

Prospect United Methodist Church
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Dear Friends,

On behalf of Central Delaware Habitat for Humanity, thank you for your donation of \$200.00 on March 10, 2018 to be used to help create affordable homeownership here in Kent County. Your support of Central Delaware Habitat for Humanity is greatly appreciated!

Our team of volunteers and staff are hard at work to make 2018 the most impactful year that CDHFH has ever had. We currently have 7 homes under construction, and another 3 homeowners whose homes are scheduled to begin construction later this year!! With the support of generous friends like you we plan to partner with a total of over 10 homeowners in 2018!! The homes will be built in Downtown Dover and Frederica, DE.

Thank you for your continued support of Habitat for Humanity, we are looking forward to an exciting year and with the support of friend like you, I know we can accomplish all of our goals!!

Families that live in unsafe, unhealthy homes or have high cost rent burdens are just a few of the reasons why we build. Your support of our mission through your donation is how we build.

Warmest Regards,


Chris Cooper
Development Director

This letter serves as your charitable gift receipt. For IRS purposes, no goods or services were provided to the donor by Central Delaware Habitat for Humanity in consideration of this charitable contribution.

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Dear Church family,

I want to say thank you to everyone in Prospect and Trinity Churches for the warm welcome Sue and I have received since I began serving the churches on July 1st.

Many thanks to Pastor Shannon for taking me around for two days to visit folds who are unable to get to church. The Vacation Bible School has been a delight to attend! The enthusiasm of the young people has inspired my faith in Christ, and the dedication of the VBS staff is amazing too.

I could really use your help when I visit at the State Fair. Please let me know who is working or showing an exhibit so I can drop in and say a prayer.

In Christ's love,
Pastor Larry Jameson