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## Pastor's Page

**Let's march together!**

*"The green sprouts are more beautiful than the flowers."*

I heard this saying from one of my friends at the first day of a field education at an elementary school. He must have found a beauty among elementary school students.



Why do we see beauty in sprouts and children? Honestly flowers are prettier than sprouts and adults are better looking and more mature than children. They fit more to a beauty. Then, why? It might be because of the fact that they are growing into a possibility and they have their future based on the growth; sprouts and children could be anything and anyone. When I see sprouts of daffodils in a small garden next to the church entrance, I am looking forward to their blossoming and spring's coming. When I watch my children play with each other, I smile imagining what is going to happen to them when they grow up.

We also find a beauty in sprouts and children because of their effort and persistence to deal with their challenges so far. A sprout has to break through frozen ground and a baby has to fall down thousands of times to walk on its own feet and has to experience a lot of failure. But they do not give up and they keep trying. Finally they show off their bright faces to the world. That might be why we find a beauty among those young and seemingly weak sprouts and children.

Over mountain valley here and there, the scent of spring is. I can hear the songs of the birds that were hiding for the winter. White snow over the ridge is no longer visible. Is this what it looks like in the spring promised by our Lord?

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As the Lord promises, there are no traces of past days I was concerned about and the cold winter that seemed to last forever. All things that my God has done are praised by all creation and by us. It is March. It is a season to walk forward. Spring is coming.

We have been through winter. You might have thought the winter would never end. However, while going through those dark and cold times, we got strong enough to break through frozen ground. We might have fallen thousands of times so far. but now we are ready to get up and move on. We are ready to continue to march on our feet. Spring is waiting for us. Greater things God prepared for us are waiting for us. Let's march!!

*Love,  
Pastor Kim*

*Sent has  
begun: a  
time for both  
walking with  
Jesus toward  
the cross  
and being  
strengthened  
in our faith  
and knowledge of God.  
Welcome to worship and to  
the Lenten journey.*



## Music Corner

### ■ The Barnstormers Are Coming!

Yes, once again, Prospect United Methodist Church will be hosting the Barnstormers Male Chorus the weekend of September 18, 19 and 20, 2020! This will be their third visit with us.

This all male chorus consists of gentlemen from many nearby states. They gather for a weekend, three times each year. They rehearse Friday evening, Saturday morning and present a wonderful concert on Saturday evening. They also provide music during the worship service on Sunday morning.

As hosts, we have certain responsibilities to ensure a great time for the singers and their companions. On Friday, we will have a craft session for the ladies while the guys are rehearsing. We also will provide dinner for the participants on Saturday before the concert.

If you are interested in helping with this, please be sure to let Heidi know.



# Easter Around the World

Easter traditions are important, but they vary widely. While Americans dye hardboiled eggs, Kenyans carve soapstone eggs and present them as gifts in banana-fiber boxes. In Bermuda, locals fly homemade kites on Good Friday — a tradition that began when a teacher illustrated Christ’s ascension to heaven using a cross-shaped kite.

Ethiopian Christians observe a 56-day fast from meat and all animal products. On Easter, they dress in white to worship in churches decorated with handmade fabric. Then they feast with non-Christians on roast chicken, goat and rice.

In France, church bells are silent between Holy Thursday and Easter to observe Jesus’ Passion. According to legend, the bells grow wings and fly to Rome to be blessed, returning on Easter with chocolate and presents. In one town’s main square, chefs make a giant omelet with 4,500 eggs to feed 1,000 people!



## ORDER YOUR EASTER FLOWERS



Orders are currently being taken for Easter flowers. These flowers will adorn our altar Easter morning. The cost is \$10 each. For those wishing to take the plants home, they will be available after the worship service on Easter Sunday.

This form must accompany payment. Please submit orders during worship service or to the office no later than April 5th. Thank you.

In Honor of	_____
In Memory of	_____
Number Requested	_____
Given by	_____

# Middle Ages Group Update

By Chair Luisa Gladu

## ■ Get Ready For Our Annual Renaissance Dinners! – The Queen Rules

Saturday, April 25th & Saturday, May 2nd

Tickets are \$25.00 for Adults, \$15.00 Children 10 & under.

This year's theme The Queen Rules! Join us for an evening of good food, fun & intrigue as we take you back somewhere and sometime in the 16th century.

Tickets will go on sale for the congregation on March 8th after service in Sessions Hall before being open to the public. This is a reserved ticket event and it will benefit the General Fund. It has sold out in the past and we hope to do the same again.

## ■ Relay for Life – Norton Park, Plainville

June 6th & 7th

Join us as TEAM PUMC walks in memory of and in honor of those we love. No one fights alone and we are a small but mighty team. We will have our "Patisserie" selling the finest gourmet cupcakes and treats with our flavored coffee and tea.



This year's event Bristol will be joining Plainville for a combined Relay in Norton Park which is a lovely location. Last year they had over 5,000 people attend! This will be a huge event for us to meet others in our community as well as Plainville. We're going to need some extra help this year, so look for sign up sheets in Sessions Hall.

Also, the competition between Laura, Jackie & Luisa has heated up! Don't forget to bring loose change, extra currency laying around semi-precious jewels etc. and put it in one of the lovely, unique collection "jars".

## ■ Annual Breakfast with Santa

Saturday, December 12th

Tickets sell out quickly so mark your calendar. Create wonderful, magical memories at this annual event.

We are in the planning stages for an Adult Fun Night, so ideas are welcome. And of course, we hope to do another Family Fun Night Karaoke.

# UPCOMING EVENTS

- March 10:** 0:30 Watercolor Painting in Meeting Room
- March 15:** Pretzel Sunday
- March 18:** Third Wednesday Lunch Group – Pasta lunch at 11:30 a.m. Sessions Hall
- March 24:** 10:30 Watercolor Painting in Meeting Room
- March 29:** Chili Cookoff following 10:00 a.m. Service
- April 5:** Palm Sunday
- April 9:** 6:30 Maundy Thursday Communion and Soup Supper
- April 10:** 7:00 Good Friday Service
- April 12:** Easter and Children’s Easter Egg Hunt
- April 25:** Renaissance Dinner
- April 26:** Tory’s Den Hike
- May 2:** Renaissance Dinner
- May 9:** Spring Tea, Sessions Hall 2:00-4:00 p.m.
- May 17:** Children’s Day



## Notes of Interest

### ■ Thank you Sunday

#### Volunteers!

If you would like to help out as a greeter on Sunday mornings, sign up sheets are found in Sessions Hall. Thank YOU for all you do!

### ■ Your Contact Info

Please let the office know if your phone number, address, or email has changed, so we can update our records (directory, Giving Records, etc.). Thank you!

### ■ Easter Egg Hunt

Calling all Kids! For Prospect United Methodist Church’s Easter Egg Hunt!

- Easter Sunday
- April 12, 2020
- Outside on our church grounds
- Following 10am Worship
- Please bring your own basket.

We will have separate sections for different ages.



# Easter Basket Donations

*Requested for*  
**Covenant to Care  
for Children**



Please fill a basket (*or 2, or 3...*) with candy, coloring books, crayons, crafts\*, books, toys\*, socks, stuffed animals, snacks, etc.

*Please don't forget the older children. Basket ideas: gift card, basketball, football, books, makeup, jewelry, etc.*

\* Please avoid toys with small parts.

Please bring Easter  
Baskets to Sessions  
Hall by March 29th

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