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Pastor's Page

At Besor Valley: "He Does Not Deserve It"

This is what I often hear when I ask one of my boys to share something with each other. The other day I told my kids I would let them watch TV after cleaning up their room. An hour later, I turned on the TV and told them to come and watch. Then David asked me,

"He did not clean up the room. I am the only one who cleaned the room. Why should I share this with him?"



Same thing happened among King David's men. In the book of 2 Samuel, the Amalekites raided a city David and his men settled down, burned it and took the women and everyone else in it as hostages. When David and his men reached their city, they found it destroyed and their wives and sons and daughters taken captive. Then David and 600 men pursued them. But when they reached at Besor Valley, 200 men were too exhausted to cross the valley. So they stayed at the valley. 400 men continued to pursue the Amalekites and fought them. David recovered everything the Amalekites took. Then David came to two hundred men who had been too exhausted to follow him and who were left behind at the Besor Valley. He asked them how they were. At the very moment some among David's followers thought, "Because they did not go out with us, we will not share with them the plunder we recovered. However, each man may take his wife and children and go."

David did not even ask them to share what they got from the Amalekites. But they said, "They do not deserve anything." David replied, "No, my brothers, you must not do that with what the Lord has given us. He has protected us and delivered into our hands the raiding party that came against us. Who will listen to what you say? The share of the man who stayed with the supplies is to be the same as that of him who went down to the battle. All will share alike."

Be merciful,
JUST AS YOUR FATHER
is merciful.
LUKE 6:36

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The men with David pursuing the Amalekites asked for justice: you can get only what you deserve. But David showed grace and mercy: You do not deserve anything but you can get everything. We often share our lives with people who deserve our respect. At Besor Valley, we can take a peek into what God's grace is like and what the real sharing is like. So I want to ask you, "Are you at a place of justice or grace?" "Is your home is a place of justice or grace?" "Is our church a place of justice or grace?" "Where are you at now, at Besor Valley?"

I pray that God keeps pouring his love upon us so that our church can be a Besor Valley sharing the love with everyone!

*At Besor Valley,
Pastor Kim*

Thank you

Dear PUMC
Volunteers,



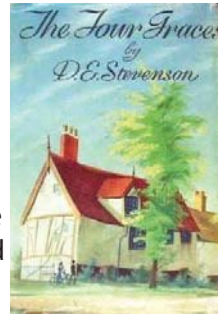
Thank you so much for your support as meal providers and Susan, as both meal provider and dinner host. Know that you are appreciated and a valuable member of the Family Promise tea

*Sincerely,
Donna
First Congregational Church*

Worship Committee Update

Mary Rogers, who chairs the Worship Committee, has an update for several topics of note:

- **Book Review:** “The Four Graces” by D.E. Stevenson, 249 pages. Originally published in 1946 and republished in 1914 by Sourcebooks Inc. This story of four sisters takes place in Pre-WWII in a small English town and covers the relationships between the sisters who have a close bond with each other and with their father who is a widowed pastor. It is a lovely story; a light enjoyable read.
- **How To Borrow Books From The Church Library:** The library books are now set up according to category. You can find a yellow binder on the coffee table in the library that lists books available in each category. You can also find a clip board with a sign- out sheet. Find the book you want and sign it out on the sign-out sheet. Please return books within two weeks. Place returned books in the basket on the coffee table and we will replace them on the shelves. We will be publishing the listing of books in the Bulletin by category. If you have any questions or if you wish to donate books, please contact Mary Rogers or Carla Heister so we can add the books to our computerized listing. Let’s keep the Library clean and neat so it is easier to access for all of us! Thank you.
- **Pot Luck Lunch:** The luncheon scheduled for October 28th will be an Asian theme. You may bring a salad, bread and butter, or a dessert. We hope everyone will participate so we can have a wide range of dishes. The children will be collecting for UNICEF after the lunch so be sure to bring your change.
- **Founders Day:** Founders Day will be held on November 4th. The Worship and History committees are planning a special service so don’t miss it.



We grow up when we see our life and our role from God's perspective; when we thank God for the role he has assigned us and begin to see our cup as a gift instead of a cross; when each morning we ask, "God, how can I glorify you today in my given role?" —Linda Dillow, Calm My Anxious Heart

History Corner

Prospect Mourns Hurricane of '38 Victims

by Kathy Dube



September 21st marked the 80th anniversary of the devastating Hurricane of 1938, which left death and property damage from New England into Canada. Among the seven Bristol deaths were five long-time members of Prospect Church, then known as Prospect Methodist Episcopal Church. The September 2011 account is republished here:

Members of Prospect Episcopal Church (today, Prospect United Methodist Church), were deeply saddened 73 years ago at the deaths of five church members in the Hurricane of 1938, which struck without warning on September 21. The five were staying at a cottage on Jepson's Island in the Thimble Islands, off Stony Creek.

Weather forecasting was a primitive science in 1938, and the hurricane struck without warning. The island and cottage were owned by Arthur Jepson and his wife, Adelaide, both members of the church since 1907. Visiting them that fateful day were fellow church members Myra Miller Spicer (widow of Walter Spicer), a member since 1899, Mrs. Harry White, a member since 1897, and Mrs. Ellie Perkins Wright, a member since 1883. Mrs. Spicer had moved to Nova Scotia but was visiting Mrs. White that summer while recuperating from surgery at Hartford Hospital. Although Jepson's Island is quite close to the shore, the water rose so

high so fast they had no way to get to the mainland. The foundation of the cottage gave way due to the incessant pounding of the sea, the cottage and its occupants were Jepsons and Mrs. White apparently drowned instantly. The women's bodies were recovered after they washed ashore, although they were not immediately identified. Mr. Jepson's body was never found. Nellie Wright miraculously was rescued after hours in the water, but developed pneumonia and died on September 25. They were among seven Bristol residents who died in the hurricane.

The Bristol Press of 9/22/1938 states: "Such a tragedy comes as a terrific blow to this community in which all of these people lived and were so much respected and so much loved." A triple funeral service for the three women who were immediately identified combined with a memorial service for Mr. Jepson was held at Prospect Church on the 25th of September. The funeral for Mrs. Wright was held on the 27th.

The Press on the 26th published the following under the heading “Three Firm Friends”:

“Sad indeed was the gathering on Sunday afternoon. Three firm friends were there at the altar rail where many times in previous years each knelt to partake of Holy Communion but this time there were three gray caskets and in each casket lay one of these three members of the local church.”

“The church was filled with people paying their final tribute and everyone could not help but think of the fact that if the sea had given up another of its dead there would have a fourth casket at the altar rail. Mrs. W.E. Spicer, Mrs. Harry G. White and Mrs. Arthur W. Jepson were in the gray caskets. Mr. Jepson, also drowned, was still missing.

“The afternoon was beautiful, the shining sun was so calm and so bright it hardly seemed possible that only four days ago nature was in such a tumult that the terrible catastrophe could happen. These devoted Christian women who had in previous years given so freely of their time and thought for the work of the church go out of this life together to carry on.”

“Lovely and pleasant in their lives, and in their death they were not divided.”

Middle Ages Activities

The Middle Ages Group has set dates for activities planned for this year. Save The Dates for the 2018–2019 year:

- **Breakfast With Santa** — Saturday, December 15th, Sessions Hall;
- **Valentines Dinner Dance Relay for Life Fundraiser** — Saturday, February 9th, Lola's Bistro & Grill;
- **Annual Renaissance Dinners** — Saturday, April 27th, and Saturday, May 4th, Sessions Hall.
- **Relay For Life** — Friday, June 7th, Memorial Boulevard.



Youth Page

■ Good Start to Sunday School Year

Sunday School is off to a great start, with 15 children registered for Sunday School, according to Superintendent Christa Zaldivar. "They participated in fun games at our Rally Day festivities. We are so grateful to the congregation for providing a potluck luncheon for everyone to enjoy. Also, extra thanks go out to the Education Team for preparing a wonderful experience for us all!



■ Trick or Treat for UNICEF

On Sunday, October 28th, during Fellowship Hour, our Sunday School students will be dressed in their Halloween costumes and trick-or-treating for UNICEF in Sessions Hall, reports Superintendent Christa Zaldivar.



UNICEF is an organization that works in cooperation with governments and non-governmental organizations to save and protect the world's most vulnerable children, working to ensure child rights and providing health care, immunizations, nutrition, access to safe water and sanitation services, basic education, protection and emergency relief.

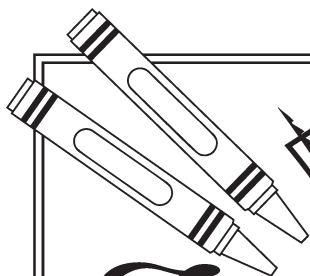
"We are asking for the congregation's help in collecting loose change. Please bring as much loose change (or dollar bills) as possible, to help our children fund raise! Thank you!!!"

■ Tory's Den Hike

Would you like to participate in a recreation activity that strengthens your spiritual, emotional, physical, and social well being? Prospect United Methodist Church has just the outing for you: Fitness, Faith, Friends, and (Free) Fun, all in one event! All Ages Welcome!

Let's get out and enjoy the beautiful gift that God has given us in the wilderness and wildlife that surround us. Please join us on a hike at Tory's Den on Saturday October 13th, from 10 a.m.-noon! We will meet there.

Please contact Chris Kingsbury at orin2376@yahoo.com to sign up (if you haven't already done so) or if you have any questions.



PUZZLE

From the heart

We all need people who share godly wisdom with us.

Directions: First, unscramble the bold letters to spell another word for “pal.” Write that word in the first empty row. Then move the words under each bold letter to that letter’s new column. The result will be Proverbs 27:9, NIV.

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to	bring	Perfume	incense	and	joy
Perfume					
of	the	the	and	heart,	pleasantness
the					
advice.	their	a friend	from	springs	heartfelt
A friend					

Answer: FRIEND; Perfume and incense bring joy to the heart, and the pleasantness of a friend springs from their heartfelt advice. Proverbs 27:9, NIV

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