

# THE PROSPECT TOWER

## Prospect United Methodist Church

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### Pastor's Page

#### Out of Comfort Zone

"Am I dying?" That was the first thing that I heard from my first patient visit during my Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) program. As you know I did an internship as a chaplain at St Francis Hospital. The patient I first visited thought a pastor would be needed only when there was bad news. Some other patients asked me who I was and what I was doing in their room even if I introduced myself as a chaplain and a pastor. It was an eye-wide-opening experience.



A patient usually does not expect someone to visit him or her. You are sick or get injured and are lying on a bed in a cloth which only covers a part of your body. Then someone who is totally strange to you walks into your room and asks some questions like, "How are you?" "How do you feel?" Do you feel like having a deep conversation with the person who is not even a doctor or a nurse. Some patients directly expressed their uncomfortableness. Some just kept saying, "I am fine," which means please leave my room.

*"For I am about  
to do something  
new. See, I  
have already  
begun! Do you  
not see it?  
—Isaiah 43:19 (NLT)*

I as a chaplain was a total stranger to patients. In a church people have an idea who I am, what I am supposed to do and why I am talking to them. Even if they are new to a church, they are ready to encounter me as a pastor. That has been very comfortable to me and an advantage for me. But in a hospital setting, everything was totally different even if I was using same relational skills I am used to at a church. For the first couple of weeks it was so difficult to walk in and to try to talk with a patient. Nurses there looked so scary to me that I could not even talk to them. Then during a conversation with my supervisor, I realized that I have confined myself within a church setting. It has been comfortable to just deal with people within a church.

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I witnessed people's facial expression or attitude changing whenever I introduced myself as a pastor. Some people felt uncomfortable with a pastor being around them because they thought I would try to convert them. Some people thought a pastor would be a hypocrite. So I just did not want to bother people. Whenever I was outside of church, I tried not to reveal who I was. I just tried to be one of them. but during CPE program I felt I limited myself within a church setting.

I need to get out of my comfort zone. CPE training kind of liberated me from myself. Near the end of the training, I felt more comfortable with myself as a chaplain and as a pastor regardless of what people thought I was. I became natural in talking with a stranger. I felt something new inside of me. In September everything gets ready for another year. This September will be my fourth one here in Prospect UMC. I am so grateful to you for your prayers, your presence, your gifts, your service, and your witness for our church as well as your support for me for the last three years.

I believe we have gradually been growing. But we are not going to be complacent. We are going to keep getting out of our comfort zone and to keep growing and thriving.

*Let's go forward!!*  
Pastor Kim

## Church Happenings

### ■ Internship Completed

*Susan Powers, Chairperson,  
Staff Parish Relations*

Pastor Kim experienced a busier than usual summer. He pursued needed Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) credits during an 11-week course. He interned in the chaplaincy office at St. Francis Hospital in Hartford, five days a week (including several overnights).

The CPE's are required by the United Methodist Church as PK fulfills the requirements for ordination. August 16th marked the completion of PK's program! Now his days can return to the normal state of busy!

PK's partners — all of us — are extremely proud of him. We celebrate his accomplishment!

### ■ Worship Report

*By Mary Rogers, Worship Chair*

We have just completed our summer having only one service at 9 a.m. with good attendance each week. Although very busy with his internship, Pastor Kim provided his usual on-the-mark sermons with only two weeks of substitutes. The first

was supplied by the team of Jeanette Baker and Susan Thayer reporting on the Annual Conference with remarks by Tim Krauss. The second was the Rev. Bill Barnes, pastor emeritus, providing a sermon on the Good Samaritan and who is your neighbor. This year we had wonderful volunteers provide refreshments after services. It was delightful to see so many people staying and socializing. Thank you all.

### ■ Human Sexuality Update

*By Mary Rogers,  
Church Council Chair*

On Sunday, August 11th, the Core Committee held a brainstorming session for any interested congregants in order to develop a Welcoming Statement. There were a total of 21 people participating with many excellent ideas put forward. The Core Committee met the following Monday and developed a preliminary statement based on those ideas. The preliminary statement was sent via Email Blast to members for their vote on it. The Core Committee will adjust the statement as needed based on the feedback from the preliminary vote. The revised statement will then be mailed on Sunday, September 8th, along with ballots. Final ballots are due back by Sunday, September 22nd. We will be able to celebrate our accomplishment on Sunday, September 29nd.



## Mission Corner

### ■ Homeless Outreach At PUMC

Brian's Angels Homeless Outreach has moved into two lower classrooms, formerly housing our Bargain



Center. This Homeless Outreach Center is open 1 to 5 p.m. every day of the week. Brian's Angels is a warming/cooling center that provides respite for those who need it. A small lunch is also served. Please do not drop off any items for the Bargain Center. The Bargain Center closed operations in 2019. If you have any questions, call Chris Wilson, Trustee Chair, at (860) 681-8274.

### ■ Days for Girls Update

The Prospect UMC Days for Girl project, part of an international movement empowering women and girls worldwide through sustainable menstrual care and health education, will resume in September. According to Carol Rivard, PUMC coordinator, the team will be taking orders for apple and pumpkin pies for the holidays beginning the first of September in Sessions Hall. Orders will be taken for three weeks. You can also call Carol at (860) 589-3575 to place an order or speak to any team member.

Mary Ann Stroup at the Ct Chapter of DFG reports that from January

through July the Connecticut program donated 879 shields, 302 bags, 2,835 liners and 227 transport bags. All of the supplies were boxed and shipped to Kenya at the beginning of August. Mary Ann and her team will meet up with the ship later in September. She notes: "It takes about two months to arrive on the coast of Kenya. Thank you again for all you do to help this mission. Many hands make light work. May God Bless you all." Carol Rivard adds, "Well done ladies."

### ■ Forum Set on Disaster Preparedness

Prospect UMC is hosting a Disaster Preparedness Forum on September 28th. The forum is open to all church members and friends in the Conference. PUMC is one of three sites where Rev. Tom Vencuss, Coordinator of Mission Ministries for the NYAC, will conduct the forums. Hours are 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Training and workshops will include: Early Response Training (ERT) Basic and Recertification; Care Teams, including Disaster Emotional and Spiritual Care; Connecting Neighbors; Basic tool use and safety; and Community Emergency Response Team (CERT), including the emergency telephone #211. Most every town in Central Connecticut has CERT team, including Bristol. CPR may be another worship offered.

Jill Wilson, who has gone on

many mission relief trips, said Connecting Neighbors is perhaps the most applicable to our church and community in the event of a disaster. The Connecting Neighbors curriculum helps churches assess their vulnerabilities, their ability to respond, conduct safety surveys, have an action plan on what to do if there is an active shooter in church, local church responsibilities, etc.

If you would like to become certified in Early Response or would like to learn how PUMC can BE the church in the event of a disaster, please join us. Jill Wilson can provide more information to anyone who has interest in helping our church Be Prepared!



### ■ Mission Trip to P.R.

Jill Wilson is returning to Puerto Rico as a team leader of a Connecticut District Team from October 14th to the 24th. A team of nine is going. Participants will get their work assignment one week prior to travel.

## Music Ministry

### ■ Musical Rehearsals Announced

Senior Choir rehearsals will commence on Wednesday, September 4th, at 7 p.m. in Room 208, Music Director Heidi Flower has announced. New singers are always welcome, from Grade 7 on up! Please speak to Heidi if you have any questions.

"Our handbells have been refurbished this summer. I can't wait to see and hear them again. New ringers are always welcome to join us! Don't worry if you are not a music reader — anyone can play handbells.

"I will be having a handbell clinic after church service on September 8th. If you are new to handbells, this will be a great way to learn how to ring and play!

Regular handbell rehearsals will start on Wednesday, September 11th at 6 p.m. I hope to have many hands playing our beautiful bells!"

## History Corner

### ■ History Program

The History Committee will be back with a new historical perspective this fall. This will be a biographical program about Carrie Reynolds, a deaconess at the church in the early 1900s. We look forward to this talk.

# Middle Ages Activities

## ■ Middle Ages Group Update

Luisa Gladu, chair of the Middle Ages Group, reflects on activities of the year past as it gears up for the year ahead: "Unfortunately we could not put on the Renaissance Dinners as we did not have the volunteers needed. We would like to put out the dates early and get a commitment for help. If we can get definite commitments for help the dates for the dinners will be Saturday, April 24th, and Saturday, May 1st.

"Once we know if we have the help needed we'll be able to decide if we can put the dinners on in 2020. It's it's a huge fundraiser for our church and we hope we'll have the help needed to put them on. For more information on what's needed please talk to me or Gary or email us at [TheGladus@comcast.net](mailto:TheGladus@comcast.net). We raised over \$5,000 in 2018 and we'd love to top it for 2020.

"Relay for Life: The Relay for Life Walk was held on Memorial Boulevard on Friday, June 7th, to Saturday, June 8th. The Middle Ages Group paid for baking supplies, and beverages that we sold to raise money in our booth. PUMC Cancer Survivors were asked to head the Survivor Walk and we held the Relay for Life banner with other survivors. We laughed, we cried and we honored and remembered our loved ones. Our team once again was small but mighty, we raised a total of \$3,726 for the American Cancer Society. We were ranked 5th at the



event and are now a Silver Team, so we are considered 'A Rising Star Team.' Thank you to everyone who donated towards this cause.

"Breakfast with Santa: This year's breakfast with Santa will be on Saturday, December 14th. Santa has told us he had such a great time last year and he is looking forward to his annual pancake breakfast at PUMC. Anna and Elsa are looking forward to it as well. We'll need elves to make this happen so please contact Luisa or Gary at [TheGladus@comcast.net](mailto:TheGladus@comcast.net) to let us know if you can help.

'The Middle Ages Group also donated towards helping a family at Christmas and towards the Family Fun Pack this summer for a family in need. Our goal is to reach out and help whenever we can and hopefully raise some funds for the General Fund.

"We're looking forward to our future projects and we thank you all for your support."



## ■ Rally Day Almost Here

The beginning of the new Sunday School year is nearly here! **Sunday September 15th is our Rally Day!** On this date, parents will fill out registration forms and meet the teachers. During our 10 a.m. worship service, children ages 3 and up are invited to participate in some fun activities and games. Sunday School classes at Prospect United Methodist Church will begin on Sunday, September 22nd, and will occur during the 10 a.m. worship service. In addition to nursery care for children, ages 6 weeks to 3 years old, there will be a one-room Sunday School class this year for Pre K to the 5th Grade. If you have any questions about our programs or would like to serve as a volunteer please contact Christa Zaldivar, Education Superintendent, at [cjw02@hotmail.com](mailto:cjw02@hotmail.com) or (917) 386-8599.




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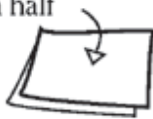


*You will need:*

- a square piece of paper
- a pen or pencil

*How to make:*

1. Fold paper in half and then again. 



2. Open it and then fold the corners to the center.



3. Turn it over and fold the new corners to the center.



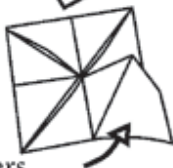
4. Write a letter (A-H) on each triangle.



5. Lift each flap and write a verse from Proverbs on it.



6. Pull out flaps on underside to make four little cones to hold your fingers.



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