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Pastor's Page

Come Back Home!

As you know, we traveled to South Korea this summer. Thanks to your prayers, we had a great time!

It was wonderful to see my parents and Sophia's family again. My father was happy to see the baby girl. The two boys loved to play at my father's farm.

They took eggs from the chicken coop. Daniel tried to incubate them. David asked my mother to cook them. In the end all of the eggs had to be on a fry pan. We met our relatives, who treated us very well. I was touched by their generosity. We all enjoyed everything in Korea except the heat and humidity. When we got there, the temperature in the morning was 95 degrees. During the day, it was over 100. For two weeks, it was the same every day. There was no AC in my parents' house because my father does not believe in it. I think I lost some weight, believe it or not!



While I was there, I felt comfortable but I did not feel at home. What was funny and weird, when I got on the plane back to America, I felt like I was coming home. It has been only 12 years since I came to America. But I have a life here, my people are here, my church is here, and my family in Christ is here. When I got at the parsonage, I said in my mind, "I am home." I was able to wind down and rest. Jet lag made me awake all night though. My two boys can make a mess around the house in 5 minutes after were back home. Anyway, I am home. It was good to be back home!

September is upon us. It's time to come home where our life is, where our friends are, where our people are and where our family in Christ is. You might have been away during the summer, but it's time to come back. You can wind down, make some messes around, and take a rest. I cannot wait to see you again, my family in Christ! I hope to see you in church, our home!

Waiting for you at home,

Pastor Kim



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■ Music Notes

Heidi Flower, Prospect's Director of Music, announces music plans for the new church year: "Summer worship in Sessions Hall has provided me with a different perspective than the Sanctuary. I heard much joyful, hearty and wonderful singing! I am encouraging any interested folks to come and sing and ring with our choirs!

"Senior Choir will begin rehearsals on Wednesday, September 5th at 7 p.m. in Room 208. We have lots of laughs and really enjoy our time together. Our first Sunday singing for worship service will be September 9th. We practice at 9: a.m. and coffee is always available."

"Handbells will also begin on September 5th at 6 p.m. in the sanctuary. The music is chosen is based on how many bells can be played. We always welcome new ringers to join the fun!"

"Kids Praise God will begin on September 16th after Sunday School. All children are encouraged to take part. We try to sing once a month in worship, as well as special music at Christmas, Easter and Children's Day."

"Enjoy these last few summer days!"

■ Middle Ages Group Update

By Luisa Gladu, Middle Ages Group Chair

"Renaissance Dinners: Both Renaissance Dinners were sold out! We entertained and fed 200 guests from our church family, surrounding areas and from Massachusetts, New York, Las Vegas, and Florida.

"Thank you to all the volunteers who made both shows a huge success. It's a huge undertaking that could never go off as smoothly as it does without everyone's dedication and hard work.

"We've kept the ticket price the same as when we started this event. Unfortunately, food costs don't stay the same, but we have some savvy shoppers who try to get the best deals for what we need. We also had \$500 in seed money from the Trivent grant which helped a great deal and \$50 in gift cards from Price Chopper and \$25 from BJ's.

"We raised a total of \$5,544. After expenses were paid for food and supplies, the profit was \$3,739.56, of which \$3,000 will go into the General Fund, \$186.98 to the Kitchen Fund and the balance to the Middle Ages Group account for future projects.

"Laura Taylor took over 400 pictures and we hope to have a slide show to present to everyone.

"The dates for next year's dinners are May 4 and 11.

"Relay for Life: The Middle Ages Group sponsored the Relay for Life Walk, held at Memorial Boulevard June 8 to June 9. The group paid for baking supplies and beverages that we sold to raise money in our booth.

Our team was small but mighty, raising a total of \$3,526 for the American Cancer Society.



"Our team was rated 5th this year. We hope the 2019 event will be even better and that we get a few more team mates to help bake some goodies to sell at the PUMC booth and help us walk the laps.

"Thank you to everyone who donated towards this cause. We would love to see cancer wiped out in our lifetime.

"Breakfast With Santa.... Save the date, this year's breakfast with Santa will be on Saturday, December 15th. 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're looking forward to our future projects and we thank you all for your support."

■ Days For Girls

By Carol Rivard, Co-Team Leader

"A few of us at Prospect Church have been working with Days for Girls (DFG) for over two years. We are a small group but are also committed to this cause. DFG is a non-profit organization that started up 10 years ago. The founder went to Africa on a mission trip and had a thought while there: 'What do the girls do at 'that time of the month'? The answer was not pleasant. She went home and together with a lot of friends and time she came up with DFG program. It's all volunteer people with over 1,000 teams and chapters worldwide, reaching over one million girls and women.

"In August I was asked to share the program with 100 girls from the age of 11 to 18. I talked about what the program means to groups of 10 girls at a time. Then, I had each group trace and cut shields for sewing. The leaders of the group were from the Church of Christ of Latter Day Saints, from Vernon and surrounding towns, then camping at Camp Mattatuck in Plymouth. Each church was asked to donate at least one yard of stain-hiding, 100 percent cotton fabric per girl attending. They collected 196 yards in donations. These are the numbers of each component that we have sent to a chapter in Orange, a nonprofit called Kenya Healthcare Initiatives. Kenya Initiatives partnered with DFG but also helped build schools, clinics, enterprises that can make the kits over there, and birthing

huts so the women don't have to give birth on a dirt floor.

"Since we began in late spring of 2017 we have sent 2,364 liners, 1,118 shields, 264 tote bags, and 317 transfer bags. Those are special bags for the girls to carry their soiled liners in until they get home. We sent 75 hotel bars of soap and 24 pairs of underwear. I would say 90-95 percent of the supplies are purchased by me. Thank God for his many blessings that allows me to do this. It's not cheap by any means. Please consider helping in any way you can.

"Volunteers choose what they like to do, and it's not all sewing. I have a friend who cuts pockets, Jill Wilson is our shield cutter, and Carla Heister cuts ribbon when we need her to. Liz Baker is our liner maker, Sue Powers, Lynn Limeburner, Beth Provost and I sew any other components.

"I'm very passionate about this cause because without these supplies the girls would not be able to go to school five days a month. That adds up to a whole year of school missed in four years. They fall so far behind they end up quitting and become child brides. Let's make the world a little better one kit at a time. It takes a village."



■ Missions Trip To Puerto Rico

By Jill Wilson

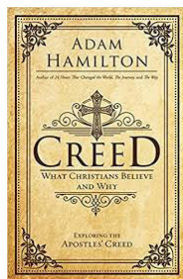
In June, Prospect's Jill Wilson, a Missions Trip veteran of the New York Annual Conference (NYAC), joined a NYAC Disaster recovery team of 11, led by Rev. Tom Vencuss, that traveled to Puerto Rico. "We worked 5 straight days on a second story metal roof that was wiped out when Hurricane Maria hit Puerto Rico in September, 2017. Challenged by roofing supplies, a team of volunteers, rain, and an ambitious second story roofing project, it was only by the grace of God were we able to complete the job in one short week.

"We were blessed with a couple of roofers from Massachusetts who were instrumental in our ability to get the job done. The homeowner was thrilled that his home is finally dry. The needs in Puerto Rico remain urgent and immense. It's estimated that 60,000 homes remain in need of new roofs. UMCOR continues to provide relief. At Annual Conference in June, Bishop Bickerton signed a Partnership Agreement with the Bishop of the Methodist Church of Puerto Rico. Our New York Annual Conference remains committed to Puerto Rico. Recovery teams continue to form. If you wish to hear more about what you can do to support a team member, or go on a team, please contact me. Jill Wilson jillmwilson@comcast.net."

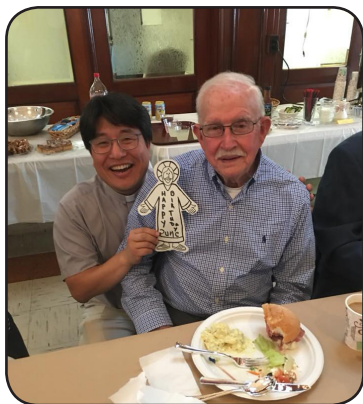
Check out our website for the latest newsletter from our missionary Helen Camarce at <http://anewprospect.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/09/HCJuly2018.pdf>.

■ Book Review

"Creed" by Adam Hamilton published in 2016 by Abingdon Press; 168 pages of reading and 20 additional pages of Appendices and Notes. Mary Rogers, our book critic and chair of the Worship Committee, reports, "It was my experience when I was young to memorize the Apostles' Creed without explanation as to the meaning or background. Have you wondered about the words 'holy catholic church' and whether that was referring to the Roman Catholic Church? It does not and this book explains the correct meaning. And what about the 'communion of saints'? Until this spring when the Women's Bible Study Group started reading and discussing 'Creed' I never did understand what that meant. We have found this book very informative and it has brought us a much deeper understanding of the Apostles' Creed. You too can find out the meanings to these and other phrases by borrowing the book from the Church Library.



Summer Highlights



■ Rolling River Rampage (VBS) Fun

PUMC was filled to the rafters this summer for **“Rolling River Rampage,”** Vacation Bible School, held July 9-13. Christa Zaldivar, Education Superintendent, reports: “Twenty-five children, from pre-school to grade 5, met Paddle Captain Sarah and Romper each evening and learned how they can seek adventure, acceptance, joy, rest, and peace. Experience the Ride of a Lifetime with God was the theme of this fun-filled and exciting adventure.



“We learned about Jesus calling the Disciples, Jesus accepting Mary and Martha, Jesus walking with Zacchaeus, Jesus sharing a special meal, and Jesus making a promise in our Bible story time. Game time centered on these same themes. Curiosity was piqued as we experimented with water and we were engaged in thoughtful mission work, collecting items for flood victim cleaning kits. Local lifeguard Luke Schilling shared his wisdom on water safety, PUMC member Carla Heister shared her knowledge about trees, and Bristol Firefighters shared campfire safety tips to complement our week of fun.

“Thanks to all the Prospect United Methodist Church adult and youth volunteers that helped guide our young rafters on their adventure!”

■ Sunday School Year Almost Here!

Sunday, September 9th, is **Rally Day** signaling the start of Prospect’s new Sunday School year! 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 will begin on Sunday September 16th during the 10 a.m. worship service. In addition to nursery care for children, ages 6 weeks to 3 years of age, there will be a one-room Sunday School class this year: Pre K-5th Grade.

If you have any questions about our programs or would like to serve as a volunteer please contact Christa Zaldivar at cjw02@hotmail.com or (917) 386-8599.

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