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Pastor's Page

Thanksgiving

What does Thanksgiving mean to you? I heard one boy say, "It means a big dinner." I think we all agree with him. Who does not welcome and enjoy a good dinner!? I hear Daniel say, "Thanksgiving means a day off from school." I guess he is right too. School is not such a charming place that girls and boys are unwilling to have an occasional holiday.



Now I am going to ask some of the older people what the day means to them. There is a young woman who is a stenographer. She says, "Thanksgiving means a day away from the office. I am at the office every day except Sunday, and I do appreciate, now and then, a day that is really my own." Steve is a traveling salesman. What does Thanksgiving mean to you? He says, "It means a day at home. Last year I spent one hundred and sixty-nine nights away from home. I have three children. I would like to see them every day. There are times when many days pass and I do not see them. Thanksgiving week I plan to be at home."

There are others I could ask. All have their answers. But Thanksgiving has a special meaning for us. It is the Harvest time. I have here an apple. Isn't this a beautiful apple? What color! Who mixed the paints, who handled the brush to give such color to this apple? God! God, in God's infinite love and wisdom, has provided, through the unfailing laws of nature, for the growth, sweetness, coloring and beautifying of all the products of the fields. This apple is but one of many kinds of fruits.

Praise, then, is the great meaning of Thanksgiving. God, our heavenly Father, sends us every good gift. From his bountiful hand come our daily and nightly mercies. We should praise him every day. But the day for the united chorus of praise is Thanksgiving.

*Thank you,
Pastor Kim*

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Stewardship Corner

■ Season of Thanksgiving Stewardship Moment ~ Stuart Brown, Stewardship Chair

"We are entering the holiday season, when we look back on the year that



has passed and reflect on all of the joys and blessings God has given us. We also thank God for giving us the strength we needed in difficult times. Part of that strength comes from our church: For when two or three gather in God's name, the Lord is there with them. For the church to do its work, though, we each need to do ours.

"Soon, all members of Prospect United Methodist church will be receiving a letter and pledge card for the coming year. I ask that you consider how you can support our church in 2020.

"You may also wish to consider changing how you contribute. Many members of the congregation find it more convenient to give electronically. If you have questions about how that works, you can ask me or any member of the PUMC finance team.

"I look forward to hearing from all of you! Thank you!"

History Corner

■ Tower Clock, Bell Date to 1893 ~Kathy Dube

Prospect Church's Tower clock and bell are links to earlier days of this church. A copy of the November 1939 Tower details the history as related in a record found by then church member Bertha Porch:

"For more than 60 years Prospect Church has been of service to the people of Bristol by furnishing time by means of the church Tower clock. While this was a much more important service a generation ago, before the day of radio with its time signals there are still many people who listen to the strokes of the clock to set their own timepieces. For many years the clock was generally referred as the 'town clock.'

"Mrs. Bertha Porch recently found certain notations of record concerning the church clock which were written in the back of a record book of the Sunday School secretary ... 'Mr. J.H Sessions has donated to the Methodist Society a new church and S.S. Chapel. Today, May 18, 1893 Mr. L.L. Stewart came to me to help him take down the Tower clock in said church which I have had the care of since Apr. 1881. ...

"Nov. 24, 1893: Today the Bell and Clock were hoisted into the tower of the new stone church built by Mr. J.H. Sessions. Nov. 26: The bell was rung this morning for the first time since May '93; Dec. 7th, 1893: The clock 'In the Steeple' was set running today."

[Editor's Note: Benefactor J.H. Sessions first funded construction of a church building on the corner of Summer and Center streets around 1880, as the West Street church where the first Methodist Society was established was too small for the growing membership. The new bell and clock funded entirely by J.H. Sessions were first erected in the original building at the present location. They were taken down during construction of the present sanctuary and then erected in the new steeple.]

History Committee Chair Vivian Brackett reports that Mr. Sessions paid for the best of any product, including the bell and clock, in his funding for the new church. But neither has been operational for several years. The 1,044-lb. bronze Jones Clock was cast in 1879 in the Troy, NY, Bell Foundry. It won't be rung until there is more support for it in the steeple. The clock was made by the Howard Clock Co. of Boston. It needs newly constructed parts to operate again. The estimated cost to do all this work on the bell and clock would be around \$20,000. As yet there is no budget line item for this project.



Middle-Ages Group

■ Middle Ages Activities Announced ~ By Chair Luisa Gladu

Breakfast With Santa, Saturday, December 14th:

!"Santa has told us he had so much fun last year that he wants to come back and have Breakfast with us again! And more good news, Anna and Elsa will be joining us too!



"Breakfast with Santa Tickets Will Go On Sale Sunday, November 24th! They will be available in Sessions Hall after the 10 a.m. service. This is a reserved ticket event, so no tickets will be sold at the door and tickets need to be paid in full when ordered or within one week of reservation date. This will allow us to be fair to everyone as we usually have a waiting list.

Please make checks payable to PUMC and in the memo section Breakfast W/ Santa.

Ticket prices are: Adults \$15; Children 3-12 years old, \$10.; Children under 2 years, \$5 to cover the cost of the photo. Doors will open at 8:30 a.m. for seating and Breakfast will be served promptly at 9 a.m. If you would like to reserve your table and tickets please email Luisa Gladu at TheGladus@comcast.net.

"We also need donations for Elf Mart and are always looking for help to make the event run smoothly. A Sign-Up Sheet will be in Sessions Hall . Please let Luisa know if you would like to help out in any way, such as decorating, breaking down and clean up, donations for food or crafts or if you'd like to purchase tickets for families in need.

"We will need some help getting ready for Santa. On Sunday, November 24th we'll be bringing down the Christmas Trees that we will need decorated for the Breakfast with Santa and for Christmas cheer!

"Adopt A Tree: We will need some help getting ready for Santa. On Sunday, November 24th we'll be bringing down the Christmas Trees that we will need decorated for Breakfast with Santa and for Christmas cheer! We are looking for people to "Adopt A Tree".

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"You pick the theme and decorate your tree by Sunday, December 1st. We only have two trees left that are up for adoption, The Chapel and The Library. Decide on how you want to decorate it. You can decorate it on the 24th or choose a night and have a tree trimming party. The Sanctuary Tree, Sessions Hall Tree and Parlor Tree are already spoken for. You will also need to take your tree down by Saturday, January 11th so that on the 12th we'll be able to get the trees back upstairs."

"Please let Luisa Gladu know by Nov. 18th if you will be adopting a tree @ TheGladus@comcast.net."

Thank you all in advance for your help!



■ Acolytes Needed

Anyone middle school age and up, including adults, who have an interest in becoming an acolyte, please see Mattie Verzino to have a brief lesson on the procedure and meaning of an Acolyte's participation in our service.

Thank You

Dear Prospect United Methodist friends,

We, at First Congregational Church appreciated the support your provide for the guests of Family Promise. Your support is so important. I especially appreciate the though you put into the special dietary needs of our guests.

*Yours in Chris,
Donna*



NOVEMBER

Calendar

Wednesdays:

- Bell Choir Rehearsal (6 pm)
- Choir Rehearsal (7 pm)

November 16: Days for Girls Meeting

November 21: Meals for Neighbors (4pm)

November 24:

- Thanksgiving Sunday
- Turkey Trot Canned Goods Collection
- Annual Charge Conference at West Hartford United Methodist Church (2pm)

November 27: Interfaith Thanksgiving Service at St. Joseph's Church (7pm)

December 6: Parent's Night Out

December 14: Breakfast with Santa

Youth Corner

■ Turkey Trot Can Collection

The PUMC Sunday School children will be having a "Turkey Trot Can Collection" on Sunday, November 24th. The Sunday School will collect nonperishable food items for the Zion Ecumenical Food Pantry during coffee hour. Please consider contributing to help end hunger in our local community! Especially needed: soup, peanut butter, jelly, tuna, cereal, canned fruit and vegetables, and pasta. Thank you!



■ Bible Sunday

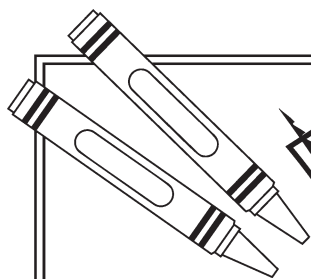
Prospect Church will present Holy Bibles to third grade Sunday School students during the 10 a.m. worship service on November 24th, Bible Sunday. Education Superintendent Christa Zaldivar said it's essential for families to reserve the Bibles in advance. The deadline to reserve a Bible for the children is November 10th. Please contact Christa Zaldivar at (917) 386-8599 or cjw02@hotmail.com. If there are any children above 3rd grade who have not yet received a Bible from the church, they can be included in this faith milestone as well.



■ UNICEF Party

The annual Children's Unicef Party and a spooky Pot Luck followed the 10 a.m. services on Sunday, October 27th. They changed into Halloween costumes after Sunday School to collect coins and dollars for UNICEF. !!





PUZZLE

A feast of praise

Throughout the Bible, God's people give thanks and praise for his goodness.



Directions: Draw lines to match the scriptures (all NIV) with the correct speaker.

"I thank my God every time
I remember you." Philippians 1:3

Hannah

"My soul glorifies the Lord and
my spirit rejoices in God my Savior."
Luke 1:46-47

David

"He is my God, and I will praise
him, my father's God, and I will
exalt him." Exodus 15:2

Mary

"My heart rejoices in the LORD."
1 Samuel 2:1

Paul

"I will praise God's name in song
and glorify him with thanksgiving."
Psalm 69:30

Moses

Answers: Philippians 1:3, Paul; Luke 1:46-47, Mary; Exodus 15:2, Moses;
1 Samuel 2:1, Hannah; Psalm 69:30, David

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