

# THE PROSPECT TOWER

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## Pastor's Page

### Hope in Suffering!

Hello, my beloved friends! Peace and grace to you during the harvest season, when trees and leaves change into various beautiful clothes and bear abundant fruits. Covid-19 seems to be declining and rising again and again around the world. The Pandemic is causing our bodies and souls to shrink more and live in fear. Also, some of us have been infected with Covid-19 in our community of faith, so individuals, families, and the whole church are sharing pain and suffering and praying together.

With the flu season's coming, more attention and caution are needed. If you have a fever, cough, or have any health issue, please stay at home for 2 weeks and let the pastor know if you have a positive test result. For personal privacy, we will not disclose personal information about the infected as much as possible. However, for the safety of the church, please understand that we need to inform the church members who were in contact with the infected person. But we will respect the individual opinion of the infected person whether to disclose it or not. We are human beings and everyone can be infected by the virus. Please understand and pray that all of this is for the health and safety of individuals, families, and the community of faith. Above all, thank God for protecting our life and health so far in the face of the Covid-19.

During November, we would like to offer a service of gratitude and vision feast every Sunday. We give thanks to God for our creative methods and new ways to fulfill the mission of the Church in the midst of all these difficulties. And we share our plans and visions in the future. On the first Sunday, November 1st, we had time for the Education Ministry team to share its gratitude for the past events and share its future plans and visions. The second Sunday, November 8th, we will share and celebrate the mission and outreach team about its serving activities and plans; the third Sunday, November 15th, the ministry team of nurturing and caring will share its ministries of love; lastly, the fourth Sunday, November 22nd, the board of trustees team will share its active ministries and future plans.



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On the 22nd we also will hold our Thanksgiving service and give our pledges to God. Our hope and peace do not depend on this world and the circumstance but on the faithful covenant of God, who promised to give us His inheritance. Our difficulties and trials are a preview of grace and blessings that we will receive in the future. I bless you in the name of the Lord that you may trust in the promise and vision of Jesus Christ, our Lord and live a hopeful life.

(Rom. 5:3-4) "Not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope."

In peace,  
**Yongyeun**

## Thanksgiving and Vision Feast

Pastor Lee has arranged for the following presentations on what has been done during the year and what is planned for the next year:

Nov. 1 — Education Team  
Nov. 8 — Mission/Outreach Team  
Nov. 15 — Nurture and Care Team  
Nov. 22 — Board of Trustees

# Mission Corner

## Prayer Shawls Blessed

On October 25 at the 10 a.m. service, Pastor Yongyeun Lee blessed 25 prayer shawls which were handmade by some of our congregants. Thanks to everyone who made shawls and those who share them with loved ones in need.



## Giving Sunday 2020

The PUMC Sunday School children will host a collection for Brian's Angels Homeless Outreach Center on Sunday, November 22nd. Please consider contributing to help the less fortunate in our local community! You may drop the items off at any entrance that morning.

Suggested items include the following:

- Pudding cups
- Fruit cups
- Peanut Butter crackers
- Cheese crackers
- Protein bars
- Mayonnaise packets
- Mustard packets
- Potato chips
- Tuna packets
- Powdered creamer
- Coffee
- Pop tarts
- Rain ponchos
- Umbrellas
- Paper plates
- Cold cups
- Hot cups
- Napkins
- Toilet paper
- Paper towels
- Antibacterial Wipes
- Kleenex
- Men's and ladies' deodorant
- Body spray
- Hair brushes
- Combs
- Men's Boxers
- Men's T-shirts
- Thermal Underwear
- Heavy gloves
- Hand, foot, and body warmers
- \$5 DD and McD gift cards

## THE PERKS OF GIVING

*As volunteers can attest, sharing one's time and talents leads to many intangible benefits. Givers report an improved sense of well-being, lower stress levels, better physical health, an enriched sense of purpose in life and increased happiness.*

*As Ralph Waldo Emerson said, "It is one of the beautiful compensations of life that no man can sincerely help another without helping himself."*

# Education Corner

## Bible Sunday

Affirming that the Bible is the Living Word of God, Prospect United Methodist Church has a long-standing tradition of giving each third grade Sunday School student a gift of the Holy Bible. Education Director Christa Zaldivar announces, "We will mark this faith milestone by presenting Bibles during the 10 a.m. Worship Service on Sunday, November 22nd.

## Church School Resumes

*"We had 14 kids in Sunday School and 1 in the nursery as both programs resumed on November 1st. Education Director Christa Zaldivar notes, "Everything went smoothly and we were so pleased with how the children followed our Covid-19 protocols. We are so excited to be back together learning about God and the Bible."*

"It is essential for families to sign up in advance to reserve their child's Bible. The Registration Deadline is November 8th. Please contact Christa Zaldivar at (917) 386-8599 or [cjw02@hotmail.com](mailto:cjw02@hotmail.com) to reserve your child's Bible. Thank you!"

Note: If there are any children above 3rd grade who have not yet received a Bible from PUMC, please contact Christa Zaldivar so they can be included as well.

## Youth Service Project

We have some wonderful young people who are looking for ways to be of service to the members of our congregation! Do you have a project or task that they could help you out with? We will be happy to work with your schedule to accommodate your needs!

Projects may include:

- lawn mowing
- weeding
- fall yard clean up
- painting
- dog walking
- house/pet sitting
- car washing
- garage cleaning
- window washing
- technology problem solving

Please submit your requests for our youth volunteers to Christa Zaldivar by e-mail: [cjw02@hotmail.com](mailto:cjw02@hotmail.com) or call/text 917-386-8599.



## In-Person Nursery Care Resumes

Nursery Care resumed on Sunday, November 1st, joining In-Person Sunday School which also started that same morning. Susan Powers, on behalf of the Staff Parish Relations Committee (SPRC), which handled details of the Nursery Care, reports: "Our nursery staff is excited to



resume their duties of caring for your little ones. Please read the details of our reopening plan below. Note that we are following our New York Annual Conference (NYAC) guidelines, which were developed in conjunction with the CDC and CT state guidelines to keep safety and well-being at the forefront of everything we do.

"Please know that these plans are subject to change, as this is a work in progress. We appreciate your patience and support.

Please do not hesitate to contact the church office with any concerns or questions."

## Nursery Reopening Guidelines

1. We will encourage proper handwashing by staff and the children (with supervision).
2. We will encourage proper covering of coughs and sneezes.
3. We will provide hand sanitizer for use by all upon entering and exiting the nursery.
4. We will insist that you stay home if you are not feeling well.
5. We will insist that you stay home for 2 weeks upon return from any states on the CT Travel Advisor, which is updated weekly.
6. We will keep a nursery window and door open for proper ventilation and flow of outdoor air. A baby gate will be in place at the open nursery door for safety.
7. We will avoid unnecessary physical contact (NO shaking/holding hands, hugging, high fives, etc.)
8. We will take attendance each session and the attendance sheet will be housed in the church office for contact tracing purposes.
9. We will not allow any food.
10. We will sanitize all tables, toys and high-touch surfaces after each session.
11. Anyone over the age of 2 years will be required to wear a mask or other face covering while in the nursery.
12. We request that only one parent bring and retrieve their child to and from the nursery.

## FROM THE DESK OF SANTA CLAUS

*Hello Kids!*

*I know things have been very strange and a little different right now and I hear that many of you are asking if you're going to get a visit from me this year. Not to worry, we may all be social distancing but Christmas isn't canceled!*



*First of all, we celebrate the birth of Jesus, the real reason for the season. We can never forget that.*

*I am blessed that I am a part of the Christmas season and we at the North Pole have been working very hard to make sure we are safe and following all the guidelines.*

*The elves have been wearing their masks and their work stations are 6 feet apart, thankfully we have a lot of room in our workshop.*

*You'll be happy to hear that the doctors have confirmed that all of us at the North Pole do not have COVID-19! We even had our Reindeer team checked out and they got a clean bill of health.*



*So to keep everyone safe and healthy, I won't be able to come and have breakfast with you this year. I'll miss our photos and our one on one visit. But I want you to know that I will be checking my lists to make sure you are all behaving and staying safe.*

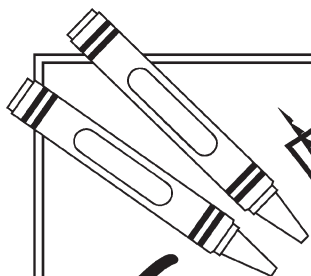
*I look forward to getting your letters so please send them along. I'm hoping you'll still leave out some cookies and milk for me on Christmas Eve and don't forget some carrots or reindeer food outside. It's very important to make sure that you will be in bed sleeping when I come Christmas Eve.*

*Remember to always keep the spirit of Christmas in your hearts, be kind to one another especially this year!*

*Be healthy and stay safe!*

*Love always,  
Santa Claus*

*P.S. Mrs. Claus sends her love and hopes you are all doing well. She heard about what you are doing for Thanksgiving this year, collecting food and items for Brian's Angels and she thinks that is wonderful.*



# PUZZLE

## Glad gatherings

The first Christians met together over a meal. Today church families still gather to break bread and thank God.

Follow the instructions below. Then write the remaining words in order from left to right and top to bottom to complete the verses.

	A	B	C	D	E	F
1	They	found	broke	bread	acts	in
2	houses	their	homes	beautiful	and	round
3	ate	world	beginning	together	follow	thought
4	with	numbers	glad	happiness	lesson	and
5	thanks	sincere	disciples	gathering	hearts	tradition
6	celebrate	good	praising	Christian	God	river

Cross out all words in column E with double letters.

Cross out all words that are books of the Bible.

Cross out all words in column B that end in d.

Cross out all words in column A that have more than 4 letters.

Cross out all words in row 5 with 3 syllables.

Cross out all words in the table with 9 letters.

Cross out all words in column F with 2 or more vowels.

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Answer: They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, praising God. Acts 2:46-47, NIV

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