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Pastor's Page

Rise and Shine!

"Sleeper, awake! Rise from the dead" (Eph. 5:14)

A hopeful new year of 2021 has come. This year is the year that needs hope more than any other year. Many people are living in despair. We are still threatened with health and life due to the Pandemic. There are neighbors who lost their jobs or are suffering financial difficulties due to the Pandemic. There are people who suffer from mental stress and depression due to the Pandemic. There seems to be no hope in the world, but Jesus, our hope, is still with us.



I had a spiritual sabbath for a week recently. It was a spiritual break for me and the first trip my wife and I took for almost two years. I took a walk on the beach early in the morning with Ohyeun and looked at the rising sun. Even on bright days, the sun burned red. It was flying over the sea early in the morning, shining brightly on birds looking for food. On a cloudy day, the sun was still floating behind the clouds and shining on the sea. The sun was still shining through the cracks in the clouds. It was shining through the morning waves toward a fishing boat.

Regardless of whether the sun was visible or invisible, the sun was still shining brightly toward the world. At that moment, I realized that the light of God's grace was still shining upon us. God is looking at us with the heart of the father and mother, who always remember, love, worry, and pray for their children, and God is shining the light of grace with the heart of love.

Jesus Christ, the Son of God, came to this land and raised people in despair. One day, when he was passing by Nain Castle, there was a widow who lived in Nain with her only son. She fell into despair as if the sky were falling. She lost her husband earlier and lived with this only son. Many people followed as she followed her dead son, weeping sadly and wailing. All the people in the neighborhood felt sorry for her and followed her

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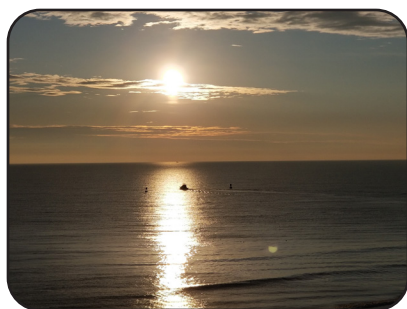
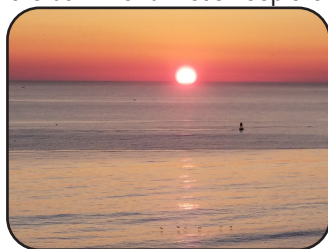
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in despair, but when Jesus passed by, he looked so pitiful. Our Lord approached the dead young man. He got close and touched the coffin and said, "Get up, young man." At that moment, the dead young man kicked out of the coffin and woke up. No matter what death situation we are in, if the Lord says, "Get up," we can rise above all desperate situations and wake up.

You must remember the voice of the Lord whenever you are in trouble while living in this world this year. 'Get up.' 'Get up from the seat of despair.' 'Get up from your sad seat.' 'Get up from trouble and difficulty.' 'No more sitting down and sighing, but get up from the cross.' 'Don't stay in the past, get up and walk toward the tomorrow of hope.' In the new year, we must listen to the voice of the Lord and rise from the seat of despair. No matter what problems, pain, and difficulties you are in, wake up today and shine on the dark world. Let's keep the momentum going!

In peace,
Yongyeun



Church Member Achieves Milestone

By Kathy Dube

A special lady at Prospect Church has reached the Century Mark: Jane Snowdon turned 100 on January 7. Jane and her late husband Art became active members of this church after moving from Chicago to Bristol in 1945 when Art got a new job at the former Superior Electric Co.



Jane said they checked out other churches but felt at home at Prospect, which she describes as “the best church ever.” Jane hails from Pittsburgh and was raised in the United Presbyterian Church.

The first pastor she knew personally at Prospect was Rev. Paul DuBois, who ministered to the church and community during the Depression and into the later 1940s. Jane became involved in various committees, trying to get new members to come and stay in the church and also the Book of Remembrance Committee. Jane reportedly also served with women’s groups on various projects including church suppers and the annual church fair.

Jane and Art, who died 19 years ago, have four children: Doug and his wife Donna of Stafford Springs; Art and wife Aurie of Tinton Falls, N.J.; Scott and wife Diane of Amherst, N.H.; and Sheri Smith and her husband Peter of Narragansett, R.I. She has six grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.



Jane still uses a computer and reads emails. She used to read books but not so much any longer. She thanks everyone who sent birthday cards and birthday emails to her. Jane’s email address for anyone who wants to contact her is jasnowdon@comcast.net.



Middle Ages Relay For Life

By Luisa Gladu, Captain, Team Prospect

Save The Date: The date for our Relay for Life Event is Saturday, June 5th at Norton Park in Plainville. I should know more details after the official kickoff date to get all our information. We will try to raise money the best way we can this year.



Of course it goes without saying our Annual Valentines Dance Fundraiser will not be happening due to the pandemic. So we're going to have to get creative this year to raise money for the American Cancer Society. If you would like to donate towards team PUMC, please make a check payable to The American Cancer Society and in the memo section Relay for Life — Team PUMC. You can mail it to me at:

Luisa Gladu
600 Clark Ave. #39
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If you are coming to the Sunday service and want to donate there, please put your donation into an envelope with a note from you so I know who to thank and put Attn: Luisa Gladu - Relay for Life on the envelope. I will check my folder weekly. I'll make sure all your donations get posted to Team PUMC and I'll keep you all posted on our progress.

Thank you, stay safe and be well!

Notes of Interest

■ A Different Way to Celebrate Valentine's Day

Though not a fan of making New Year's resolutions, Jen Kramer decided to add meaning to 2018 by declaring it #theyearoflove. Each day she wrote a "love note" to a different person, expressing gratitude and offering encouragement. Recipients ranged from waiters and custodians to relatives and a terminally ill friend.

The experiment may have stemmed from the sudden, unexpected death of Kramer's father while she was away at college. "Why don't we say those things to people while they're here?" she tells the Chicago Tribune. "It's easy to be kind, and it's easy to tell people how you feel."

Kramer's campaign didn't cost a cent, yet it changed her life and touched hundreds of people in the process. Wherever she went, she discovered that "love showed up." It's simple, Kramer says: "You just have to look."

Here's a challenge to you. This month, write a "note" to someone expressing gratitude and offering encouragement.



Mission Corner

■ Thank you for your generosity.

Thanks to everyone who contributed gifts/gift cards to our Covenant To Care For Children Christmas Gift drive. Aleks, our adopted social worker, picked up 28 items for children in need from our congregation on December 20th. Along with gifts, food, and gift cards for an “Adopted” family, coordinated by Luisa G., provided by her supervisor and employees of her workplace. Aleks was so grateful!



Thank you!
June Schilling

■ Thanks for Helping a Family in Need!

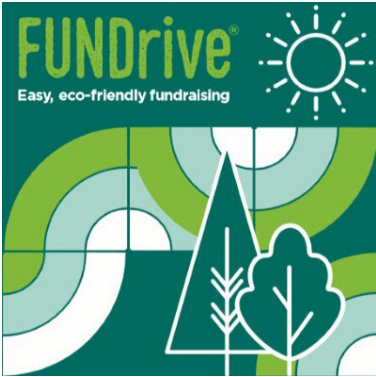
Our Covenant to Care social worker made a request – asking if we could help a family with 2 boys in need of winter coats/hats/gloves. Carol Rivard , Martine Wiecek, and June and Cliff Schilling were able to fulfill this request. A great big thank you for your help!

■ Clean out your closets for Prospect United Methodist Church!

The PUMC Faith in Action team is raising money to help support our local (Bristol community) outreach programs. We donate food and dollars to programs such as Brian’s Angels, Zion Food Pantry, Meals for Neighbors, Agape House.

We Are Collecting

- men’s, women’s and children’s clothing
- shoes, handbags, fashion accessories, belts, backpacks
- Household Textiles
- blankets, sheets, towels, tablecloths, curtains



Please gather clothes and household textiles in bags. All items must be clean and in sellable condition. Collection ends March 3, 2021.

Our Goal: \$500; 3 bags per person

Education Corner

By Christa Zaldivar, Education Director

■ Freezing Fundraiser

On Sunday January 24th, the coldest day of the year at that time, members of our Jr. MYF plunged into the freezing Farmington River. Why? Because they held a fundraiser for Brian's Angels Homeless Outreach Center, for which they had agreed to take the polar plunge if they raised \$100.

They did it, raising \$155.83! Thank you for your donations and support!

■ Souper Bowl Of Caring

A projected 111 million people tuned in to watch the 55th Super Bowl game on Sunday, February 7th, while around 53 million Americans will be struggling with hunger. Souper Bowl of Caring gives people the chance to help those who are in need and to think of those who do not even have a bowl of soup to eat.

This year marks the 31st anniversary of the first Souper Bowl of Caring, when 22 churches in Columbia, SC raised \$5,700 for local hunger-relief charities. Since then, young people have rallied schools, churches, businesses and community leaders to work together to raise over \$163 million.

Please bring your loose change or dollar bills to worship any Sunday through February 14th for this cause. PUMC will forward our donations to The Agape House, a Christian nonprofit organization which serves the homeless and people

in need in the Bristol community through multiple ministries.

■ Thanking Heroes, First Responders

Our Sunday School students and Jr. MYF are joining forces



EVERYDAY HEROES

to honor local health care heroes and first responders. We will be making gift baskets with goodies for the Bristol Police Department, Bristol Fire Department, Bristol EMS, and Bristol Hospital.

We are asking for the congregation's help in donating items for the four baskets. We will be collecting items at the church entrances from February 21 — March 7.

Suggested Items are listed below. We are looking for high-quality, gourmet, or specialty type items in order to create these special gifts!

Please note: only store-bought, pre-packaged items sold be donated:

- Baked Goods (single serving)
- Breakfast Bars
- Jam or other spread (small container)
- Sweets (single serving)
- Salty Snacks or Crackers (single serving)
- Coffee (i.e. K-cups)
- Tea Bags (small quantity)
- Small decorative paper plates, napkins, plastic knives, forks

Please contact Christa Zaldivar (call/text (917) 386-8599; e-mail: cjw02@hotmail.com if you have any questions!



A famous friendship

In the Bible, Ruth and Naomi are known for their loving friendship.

Directions: Using the key, fill in the blanks to see what Ruth says to Naomi.

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RUTH 1:16, NIV



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Answer: “Where you go I will go, and where you stay I will stay. Your people will be my people and your God my God.” Ruth 1:16, NIV

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