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## Prospect United Methodist Church

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**Summer Worship**  
8:30 am Chapel  
10:00 am Sanctuary

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## Joy to the World

*"Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son, and shall name him Immanuel." (Isaiah 7:14)*

There was a prophet 700 years ago. His name is Isaiah. He said, "The young woman will conceive and give birth to a son. His name is Immanuel." God in the Old Testament era was the One who looked down at the world from above on high, watched, and delivered his words through prophets if necessary. We couldn't see his face in person, couldn't hold his hand, and it was almost impossible to feel his love close. Only those who experienced God's special grace and calling could know. But Isaiah Prophet predicted that such a transcendent God would come to us with the image of human beings among us. It is Jesus Christ, Immanuel God who is with us forever.



A Light to the Nations

He is here to shed light on the dark world and to give a new truth and life to the world in chaos, disorder, and darkness. In this season of Advent, I hope you will enjoy hope, joy, love, and peace while waiting for the baby Jesus to come again.

We are planning to decorate the altar with Poinsettia again. I want to remember your loved ones and thank them for experiencing God's love and grace. Also, I hope to give a beautiful gift to Jesus on his birthday and share it with his neighbors. I remember a beautiful legend about Poinsettia. On the eve of Christmas, people came to church with gifts for the baby Jesus. Pepita, a Mexican girl who headed to church with her cousin empty-handed without having anything, was full of sadness. To Pepita, who is discouraged by sadness, his cousin comforts, saying, "No matter how humble a gift is, if it is prepared with sincerity and love, he will happily accept it." However, the girl, who had nothing to offer to the altar, bent down the weeds growing on the side of the road facing the church to make a small bundle. Looking at the shabby bunch of weeds in her hand, the girl became more desperate and couldn't control the tears pouring out as she entered the church. Walking toward the altar, the girl remembered her cousin's words.

"No matter how humble a gift is, if it is prepared with sincerity and love, he will happily accept it."

Reflecting on this, she dedicated a bunch of weeds to the altar with all her heart and sincerity. In front of a girl kneeling down and putting her hands together with sincerity and love, a bunch of weeds on an altar made a miracle of Christmas. With red flowers like the blood that he shed.

The miracle of Christmas took place in front of the church members laughing at the bunch of weeds. It is Poinsettia, a flower with a beautiful legend that creates a miracle of Christmas that blooms around Christmas.

I hope you give a beautiful gift of heart in the season when the baby Jesus was born and share the joy of his birth with neighbors. To celebrate Christmas, there are the following church events: Breakfast with Santa (9 a.m. on Saturday, December 11th); Christmas Pageant (10 a.m. on December 19th); Christmas Eve Candlelight Service (7 p.m. on Friday, December 24th); and Christmas Joint Service (10 a.m. on December 26th). Let's all attend and celebrate the birth of Jesus!

In the season of Advent Pastor  
*Yongyeun Lee*

## Middle Ages Group

### Breakfast With Santa Returns

Breakfast with Santa returns to Prospect Church after a one-year hiatus on Saturday Dec. 11th from 8:30 a.m. to 12 noon. The event is sponsored by the Middle Ages Group. Tickets are on sale now in Sessions Hall following 10 a.m. services Sunday mornings. This is a reserved seating event and no tickets will be sold at the door.

Tickets are \$15 for Adults, \$10 for children age 3 - 12, and \$5 for children under 3 to cover costs for photo. For tickets to reserve your spot please call coordinator Luisa Gladu at (860) 582-8383 or email her at [TheGladus@comcast.net](mailto:TheGladus@comcast.net)

Doors will open at 8:30 with elves waiting to seat you for a hot breakfast which will be served at 9 a.m. as we wait for Santa to arrive. As soon as Santa gets here and we're done with breakfast, your Group Leader Head Elf will be taking you on your North Pole adventures. Groups will rotate to the different activities, Arts & Crafts, The Interactive Magic Show, Story Time and every child will get to meet Santa in his workshop and have their picture taken with him! Photos will be placed in a photo card frame to be taken home. Mrs. Claus will be there to chat with the boys and girls and Elf Mart will be open as well.

To make sure we are safe, our groups will be as small as possible and we will follow social distancing and observe mask requirements. Adults who are vaccinated do not need to wear a mask, if you aren't vaccinated you must wear a mask. Children must wear masks at all times except while eating and they may take their mask off for their photo with Santa.

## Education Activities

Education Director Christa Zaldivar

### Christmas Pageant Planned

All are invited to the Sunday School's Annual Christmas Pageant, "WOW!" "WOW!" on Sunday December 19th. The pageant is a short Christmas play that faithfully tells the story of Jesus' birth in a contemporary style.



There are 5 hymns throughout that allow participation by the whole audience!

The pageant will be performed during the 10 a.m. worship service. We hope to see you there!

### Ring in the New Year at PUMC

All are invited to come ring in the New Year — 2022! Bring your family and celebrate the New Year with PUMC!

**Date:** Friday December 31st

**Time:** 4 to 6 p.m.

**Place:** Sessions Hall

**Cost:** Free!



**\*\*Please bring a snack to share (store-bought/individually packaged) \*\***

Party Includes:

- Pizza, Drinks,
- Make-your-own-ice-cream-sundae,
- Crafts, Games, and More!
- Special "Ball Drop" at 6 p.m.

Activities are geared towards PreK-5th grade, however, all are welcome!

If you have questions email Christa Zaldivar at [cjw02@hotmail.com](mailto:cjw02@hotmail.com).

### Order Your Poinsettias

Orders are currently being taken for poinsettias. These flowers will adorn our altar on Christmas Eve and Christmas morning. The cost is \$15 each. For those wishing to take the plants home, they will be available after the worship service on Christmas Day. This form must accompany payment. Please submit orders during worship service or to the office no later than December 20. Thank you.



Poinsettias

In Honor of \_\_\_\_\_

In Memory of \_\_\_\_\_

Number Requested \_\_\_\_\_

Given by \_\_\_\_\_

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