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Message from Pastor

He is Risen!

"In fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died." (1 Corinthians 15:20)

In the 18th century, there was a famous British poet named Gilbert West. He was the son of a pastor. However, he once decided to attack Christianity as a non-Christian against Jesus Christ. In order to attack Christianity, he could attack the resurrection of Jesus Christ, the core truth of Christianity. Without the faith of resurrection, Christian's propagation would be in vain. Faith would also be in vain because we are to be found as false witnesses of God.

Therefore, he began to collect evidence that Christ Jesus had not been resurrected with his anti-Christian prejudice. If he denied the resurrection, everything in Christianity would be in vain, and Christianity would collapse. But while collecting and studying the data, he found that the resurrection of Christ was an undeniable truth. So he converted to Christianity, and in 1747, he wrote a great book called 'Observations on the History and Evidence of the Resurrection of Jesus Christ' for which Oxford University awarded him an LLD. He said that there was enough evidence to prove the resurrection of Jesus Christ to overwhelm and further correct his distrust.

Evidence of resurrection can also be found in the principles of nature. Ohyeun planted the roots of the flowers in the garden that our church members gave her last year. As the leaves and the roots dried up, however, the fresh sprouts sprout, and they come back to life. Last fall, we saw a caterpillar enter a cocoon during the winter and be reborn as a butterfly flying through the sky with the warmth of spring. God has already shown us the reality of resurrection through many natural environments and lives.

We don't know when the Pandemic will end, but it's already losing its power. I feel a new energy of revival in people's faces and lives. Still, the world suffers from constant wars and natural disasters, but we live on the faith and power of resurrection because we have the hope of Jesus' resurrection. Our church is risen as a desire for the resurrection of Jesus. Sunday worship is returning to normal, and we are singing hymns, the choir is praising, and the fellowship is enjoyed every Sunday. All the meetings and activities are now attended in person.

On this Easter Sunday, I hope all believers will come out in front of God to experience the resurrection of Jesus Christ and enjoy the life of resurrection. On



Maundy Thursday, we will have in-person worship service and on Easter, we will celebrate Jesus' resurrection with celebrating new members. And after worship, our children will have an Easter Egg Hunt. On Saturday, April 23rd, we will celebrate the Easter party with a family karaoke night.

Please attend and experience the Resurrection Festival of Jesus Christ!

Pastor Yongyeun Lee.

Notes of Interest

■ Virtual Passover Seder

On Thursday April 21st at 7 p.m. the Bristol Interfaith Coalition will be holding a one-hour model Passover Seder on Zoom. It's open to all who want to attend. This will be instructive and there will be time for questions.

If interested, email us at BristolInterfaith@gmail.com. On the Bristol Interfaith Coalition Facebook page, there will be a post with a link to a registration form. Printable versions of the Haggadah (booklet with the service in it) and instructions for what to have at home to participate will be sent out a few days before the event to those who register.

Please contact Christa Zaldivar at cjw02@hotmail.com or 917-386-8599 with any questions!

■ Racial Reconciliation Dialogue

The Dialogue for Racial Reconciliation Group at PUMC has been meeting each month and would like to share several items with you for your consideration. The group was formed among Prospect members as an outgrowth of a book discussion.

PUMC Racial Diversity Coordinator Corey Nagle, along with Pastor Lee, comments, "In the group, we have discussed diversity and the fact that the C.R.O.W.N. Act (Create a Respectful and Open World for Natural Hair Act) has been passed in the U.S. House of Representatives; it's currently in the U.S. Senate and is a way that we can support beauty in all of God's diverse creation.

Also, at the recommendation of the Bristol Board of Public Works, the Bristol City Council is considering the adoption of a flag policy that would limit the flags that can be flown at City Hall. If you would like more information or to express your position, you can reach out to your City Council member and/or the mayor.

If you are interested in learning more, please visit: <https://www.thecrownact.com>. If you would like to join the Dialogue for Racial Reconciliation, our next meeting

will be on April 26th on Zoom. Please email Pastor Lee or Corey Nagle (cenagle@hotmail.com) for the Zoom link and more information.

■ Ringers Coming to PUMC

Save the Date: June 5 at 4 p.m. the Shoreline Ringers, Inc. will give a concert at Prospect Church. The group has been amazing audiences with what handbells can do since 2006 when it was founded and is comprised of 13 to 16 ringers whose professional backgrounds include computer, social work, teaching, ministry, chemistry, and more!



Handbell Concert

You don't want to miss this incredibly talented group of handbell players. Jean Degan (organist/choir director from St Joseph's Church) and Kristen Russo (handbell director at Asbury UMC) are members.

■ Team Clean Water

In 2020, the Jacques Family, organizers of Team Clean Water, visited PUMC and shared their annual pasta dinner fundraiser. The event was cancelled in 2020 and was not held in 2021. If you purchased tickets for the pasta dinner in 2020, they are providing free tickets to this year's event.

The dinner will be held on Saturday, April 23rd from 5 to 7 p.m. at the St. Gregory CCD Center (1043 Stafford Ave., Bristol, CT). In addition to benefitting Charity: Water, the proceeds will also support the Ukraine Solidarity Fund.

To get your replacement tickets, please see Corey Nagle or contact him via email (cenagle@hotmail.com). To learn more about this year's Team Clean Water fundraiser, you can visit www.facebook.com/TeamCleanWaterWeCare/

Nurture Team News

By Mary Rogers, Nurture Team Chair

■ Lenten Prayer Center

Ohyeun Lee set up a Lenten Prayer Center. The posters were prepared by the Nurture Arts and Crafts Group led by Colleen Shover. Ohyeun also set up the cross for Ash Wednesday that has been used for prayers and hanging black ribbons as a symbol of remembrance.



■ Arts and Crafts

The group made Easter cards during March. Ohyeun Lee played some lovely background music to enjoy as we concentrated on our cards. There was the usual conversation and socializing. All card-making supplies were provided. Please join us in April. We will be meeting the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month (12th and 26th) at 10 a.m. in the meeting room. The activity has not been chosen yet but it will be fun.



■ Third Wednesday Luncheon

The first Third Wednesday Luncheon of the year was held. We started with Pastor Lee offering a blessing. Sue Powers made her famous corn chowder and Carol Rivard made her tasty minestrone soup. Of the 13 people in attendance, a few were new to the group. We hope to get back to our record of 21 people attending. Please feel free to join us on April 20th. We will have two different soups and desserts served. Beverages will be available. Bring your own sandwich or salad and bowl/mug.

Middle Ages Update

By Luisa Gladu, Chair

■ Family Fun Karaoke April 23rd

Middle Ages Group will be hosting a Family Fun Night Karaoke on Saturday April 23rd from 6 to 9:30 p.m. The cost would be \$5 per person, or \$25 maximum per family. The cost will include Pizza, Salad, Drinks and Water. Families can bring snacks and desserts to share if they wish.

Come dressed as your favorite rock or country star and take the PUMC stage and sing your hearts out! If you plan on eating there will be a sign-up sheet in Sessions Hall so we can order enough food.



■ Relay for Life June 4th and 5th

We'll be asking for donations of brownie mixes, chocolate chips and other baking items to start prepping for our Bakery at Relay. There is still time to sign up to be on our team and walk the laps.

We also could use help setting up on the 4th and breaking down on the 5th. See Luisa Gladu for more information or email her thegladus@comcast.net

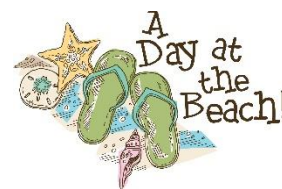
Sign up sheet and Relay info will be in Sessions Hall.

Education

Christa Zaldivar

■ Family Fun Day

The PUMC Family-Fun-in-the-Sun-Day will take place on Saturday, June 18th Rain or Shine from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. at Pavilion #2 at Hammonasset Beach State Park, Madison. The cost is \$10 per person, \$25 max per family. The price includes 1 hot dog, 1 hamburger and all the fixings, drinks and water. The invitation is open to everyone and everyone, but we do need the head-count so we know how much food to purchase. Cost will be collected that day at the beach.



Chris Kingsbury announces, "We will have games, contests, music, and plenty of time in the sand. Families can bring food/snacks/ side-dishes to share if they wish." Please reach out to Chris Kingsbury, there will also be a sign-up sheet in Sessions hall after Church starting April 3rd.

■ Scholarship News

Scholarship applications will be available on April 17th according to Carol Rivard, chair of the program. They are due back by May 22nd.

Youth News

Calling All Kids!



For Prospect United Methodist Church's Easter Egg Hunt!

Easter Sunday
April 17th

Outside on our church grounds
Following 10 a.m. Worship
Please bring your own basket.

We will have separate sections for different ages.

Easter Baskets for Covenant to Care for Children

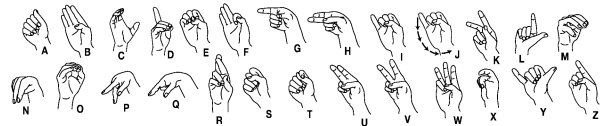
Thank you so much to all who donated baskets to this years Easter Basket drive. We were able to donate 17 baskets to our adopted social worker, Aleks, on Sunday April 3rd. The baskets were beautiful and greatly appreciated.

June Schilling



Puzzle!

Hands play a key role in the biblical accounts of Jesus' crucifixion and resurrection. Use this sign-language alphabet to retell what happened.



Jesus' _____ were _____
_____ to the tree. Two criminals were also crucified,

one on the _____
and the other on the _____ of Jesus. Jesus

cried out with a loud voice, "_____
into your _____ I commit my spirit."

(Luke 23:46) Jesus' friends _____
him from the cross to the tomb. Jesus showed

_____ his _____ to prove
he was Christ. Bring your _____ together
in _____, and thank God for his
Son, Jesus!

Answer: hands, nailed, right, hand, left, Father, hands,
carried, Thomas, hands, hands, prayer



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