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# THE PROSPECT TOWER

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### Message from Pastor

#### "Pour out My Spirit upon All People"

*"Then afterward I will pour out my spirit on all flesh; your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, and your young men shall see visions." (Joel 2:28)*

My brothers and sisters in Christ,

For about the past two years, the whole world has been living in a lot of physical and mental suffering from the Pandemic. And now we are almost free from the Pandemic to a certain extent. But the news of the war between Russia and Ukraine broke our hearts. Merciless missile and bomb attacks have left innocent citizens and children indiscriminately slaughtered. To win the war, the Russian government and the military are doing everything they can. Meanwhile, in the United States, vulnerable children and innocent citizens are being killed by gun shootings. The stock market is plummeting, prices are rising, and gas prices are soaring. Modern people living in the 21st century are suffering not only mental and physical pain, but also political and economic pain. It reminds me of the judgement day in the Bible.

Jesus said, "You will hear of wars and rumors of wars; see that you are not alarmed, for this must take place, but the end is not yet. For nation will rise against nation and kingdom against kingdom, and there will be famines and earthquakes in various places: all this is but the beginning of the birth pangs. (Matthew 24:6-8) Jesus said that it was the beginning of the judgement day when the nation and the nation caused war and famine and disasters everywhere.

When Joel predicted the presence of the Holy Spirit, South Judah was on the verge of being destroyed by the Babylonian Empire. When the kings of Judah were corrupted and the people of Israel abandoned God and served a Baal, God predicted the judgment of Judah through the prophet Joel. Joel prophesied that the locusts would eat up all the crops in the field, resulting in food shortages. (Joel 1:4) And then drought and famine would dry up all the crops and cause people to starve. (Joel 1:10) At the end, a large army would invade Jerusalem and all the people would be judged by God. But if Israel repents and returns to God, it will be saved from all the disasters. (Joel 2:12) However Israelites did not repent and did not listen to the prophets, so they were destroyed by Babylon and the king and many people will be taken into slavery.



But even after that, if Israel returns without betraying God, God gives them new hope and ability to rise again. The prophet Joel prophesied, "Then afterward I will pour out my spirit on all flesh." (Joel 2:28) It was during the Pentecost that all the people received the spirit of God. The presence of the Holy Spirit in the Old Testament was confined to special people and prophets. The appointment of the Holy Spirit happened when leaders such as Saul and David were anointed as the king. It was also a mysterious event experienced by prophets like Isaiah when they were called by God. However, in the New Testament era, the presence of the Holy Spirit was given to not only special people, but also everyone from young children to old people. Each of us is available for God's mission as a prophet and a leader.

On this season of the Pentecost, I hope that the presence of the Holy Spirit will be not only as a history of the past, but also as that of the present to receive God's power to change the world covered with wars, disasters and pandemics. Young children will get their dreams, young men will be filled with their hopes, and old people will be filled with a vision to see the new kingdom of God.

A ceremony was held June 12 to appoint Lay Pastors; this Saturday we will have a family Fun in the Sun Day at Hammonasset Beach; and Vacation Bible School with a Food Truck Party is scheduled for 5:45-7:45 p.m. from Monday to Friday, (June 20 to 24)..

In the season of Pentecost,  
*Pastor Yongyeun Lee*

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## Notes of Interest

### ■ Summer Service Schedule

The summer schedule will begin on Sunday, July 3, through Labor Day weekend, September 4. The joint service will begin at 9 a.m. Pastor Lee will be on vacation in August for three weeks. We will have guest speakers on August 7, 14 and 21. Our two new Lay Servants, Don Orcutt and Corey Nagle, will speak on two of the Sundays and a guest speaker will speak on the third Sunday.

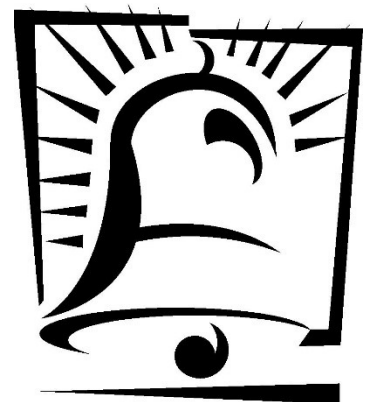
### ■ Nurture Team Update

The Nurture Team's two groups (Arts/Crafts and Third Wednesday Luncheon) is taking the summer off. The last session for the Arts and Crafts group was a breakfast get-together on June 7 and the last luncheon was June 15. Hope everyone has a fun and blessed summer and can join us in the Fall.

## Thank You

### ■ Clock and Bell Tower Repaired

Through the wonderful generosity of Vivian Brackett and her family, work has been completed on our Clock Tower and Bell. The clock is now showing the correct time and the bell is ringing on the hour. A dedication in memory of Vivian's husband and her parents will take place at a future date. in the fall.



## Middle Ages Update

### ■ Relay for Life Surpasses Goal

By Luisa Gladu, Team Captain Team PUMC and Cancer Survivor

"I am so pleased to report that once again our small team has surpassed its goal for our annual Relay for Life event that took place on June 4th and 5th at Norton Park, Plainville.

"After COVID sidelined us for 2 years and last year the event was a small version, we were able to Relay for 24 hours! The event was held Saturday, June 4th from 10 a.m. to Sunday, June 5th at 10 a.m., at Norton Park in Plainville and it was wonderful!

"With the support of our amazing bakers and friends, Scott and Cheryl McNeal, and the donations of baking supplies from our church family and donations the team PUMC's Magical Bakery raised a total of \$1,363! Our goal for the bakery was \$1,000 so we were pleased to have exceeded that goal. We literally sold out of everything we brought to the event!



"Our overall Team goal was to raise \$3,000 and as of June 7th we have raised \$4,808 and we are now a Silver Team. We have until August to still raise money and accept donations and I'm told all we need is \$192 to make it to GOLD.

"We were asked to join Plainville as the towns merged into one Relay, the Plainville/ Bristol Relay for Life and we were truly blessed. Norton Park is a lovely shaded site and the town and organizers were very kind to us. I am part of the Event Leadership Team as the Publicity Coordinator, and I couldn't ask for a better group of people to work with. Plainville/Bristol Relay had set a goal of \$120,000 and as of June 7th we have raised, \$146,746.36!

"If you came out to support us and walk a few laps, you saw for yourself what a fun event it was. I am so pleased to say that during the event our team went from

Bronze to Silver and our PUMC Booth was awarded The Best Site Award!

"When we opened at 10 a.m. on Saturday, we literally had people in line at our booth waiting for the goodies and we were busy and steady all day. We sold out of everything we brought including cakes, cookies, gourmet cupcakes and donut creations, mini brownie "cauldrons", brownie and biscotti bites, mega brownies and muffins, three types of biscotti, chocolate "frogs" and salted caramels. Everything we had was made from scratch, nothing was store bought.

"There are no words to thank our core support group of people who step up to help us make whatever we do look amazing and perfect. Thank you to my husband, Gary, as he is usually is the unsung hero and it's often forgotten the amount of work that he puts into this event or any event we do. He builds the props, loads and unloads the tents, makes sure the tents are secure and that electricity is coming in and everything is working properly. He puts up with me coming up with ideas and he somehow makes them work. I'm so grateful for him and his dedication to Relay, he does this in memory of my mom and in honor of me and it means the world to me.

"I can't thank Scott and Cheryl McNeal enough for their hard work and dedication as well to Relay. Scott's vision made our booth stand out among all the other booths and displays. I know how many hours it takes to make a booth look like you

stepped onto a movie set, which it did, and we heard that comment at least 100 times during Relay. Then there are the delicious amazing baked goods that Scott and Cheryl made from scratch. The home made baking and decoration of each item offered was the key to our huge success! They had been tirelessly baking for weeks for this event. People could not believe we didn't purchase what we sold from a bakery, and that it was home made, that's how perfect and delicious everything was. I had to tell people that we were not a "business" several times as they thought we had a "fancy" bakery storefront somewhere.



"A very special thank you to Cliff Schilling who we can count on to help us at any time we need help. He prefers to be in the background and do his thing but without his help we would have had to make several trips back and forth to get what we needed to Norton Park. Not only did he help, but he took the day off from work Friday to help Gary and Scott bring all we needed to set up at Norton Park, and he did it again Sunday morning at 8 a.m. to help us bring it all back to church.

"Thank you to Corey Nagle who let us borrow two pop-up tents so we had one for our Team to relax under and the other so we could have a staging/prep area for baked goods; Wendy Carros for the Thrivent Grant which was a tremendous help; and of course thank you Team PUMC that included Kathy Benoit-Barken, who travels from Rhode Island to Relay with us, Nancy Bentley, Gary Gladu, Cheryl and Scott McNeal, Mali Nunley, Suanne McMahon, Mac Paul and Laura Taylor, for your support.

"And to ALL of our amazing church family who helped by donating baking supplies, money for baking supplies, donated to the American Cancer Society, helped us stage the props by bringing things downstairs and will

help us again by bringing things back upstairs, thank you, thank you, thank you!

"I know it's a lot of hard work, we've been told that many times, but it's not about the work. It's about raising money to help beat Cancer, it's about supporting those who are fighting, supporting our survivor's and remembering the people we lost. The funds we raised stay in our Community.

"Team PUMC stood out among the teams, because of this hard work. I was able to talk about our church, our mission and how welcoming we are. Hopefully we'll see some new faces.

"Gary, Scott, Cheryl and I have already started planning next year's Relay, what we'll add to keep it exciting and make our team stand out. We are shooting for GOLD in 2023!

"Thank you again everyone and remember No One Fights Alone! "

## Education

Christa Zaldivar,

### ■ Summer Sunday School Teachers Needed

Education Superintendent Christa Zaldivar is seeking volunteers for Summer Sunday School to teach Pre-K to Grade 7 during June, July and August:

"We are looking for volunteers to teach Summer Sunday School to Pre-K-7th grade throughout the summer months of June, July, and August. No experience necessary, just a love of children and a desire to share the love of God with them! All curriculum materials will be provided. Please consider signing up for one or more Sundays! We need two adults per Sunday." Please contact Christa Zaldivar at (917) 386-8599 or [cjw02@hotmail.com](mailto:cjw02@hotmail.com) to sign up or for more information.

### ■ Father-Daughter Dance

A Father-Daughter Dance was held on Sunday, June 12th from 4 to 7 p.m. in Sessions Hall. The ticket price covered dinner, dessert, dancing, and a keepsake photo, all sponsored by the Jr. MYF.

### ■ Fun in the Sun Day

All are invited to our "PUMC Family Fun in the Sun Day" at Hammonasset Beach State Park, Saturday, June 18th from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. We are asking for a \$10 donation per person (\$25 max per family) to cover the cost of renting the pavilion, to be paid upon arrival. Hamburgers, hot dogs, drinks, ice cream, and paper products will be provided. Please bring a side dish to share. Activities will include water balloon fight, relay races, pie eating contest, watermelon exploding and more! Please sign up in Sessions Hall by 6/11. Sponsored by the Education Team.





## ■ Food Truck VBS Party

We invite all pk-5th graders to Prospect United Methodist Church's "Food Truck Party" Vacation Bible School, where kids will enjoy an interactive, energizing, Bible-based good time! The fun begins Monday, June 20th, and ends Friday, June 24th, from 5:45 to 7:45 p.m. at Prospect United Methodist Church, 99 Summer St. Bristol, CT.

To be a part of all the (free) excitement at Food Truck Party VBS, please visit our website to register a child: <https://prospect-united-methodist-church.mycokesburyvbs.com/> or contact Christa Zaldivar at (917) 386-8599 or [cjw02@hotmail.com](mailto:cjw02@hotmail.com).



# Puzzle!

Solve this cryptogram puzzle, using the clues R=I and M=T, to complete Psalm 111:10, NIV.

M Y L C L O Q Z C M Y L

P Z Q N R V M Y L

H L D R F F R F D Z C G R V N Z U ;

O P P G Y Z C Z P P Z G

Y R V B Q L T L B M V

Y O K L D Z Z N

J F N L Q V M O F N R F D .

M Z Y R U H L P Z F D V

L M L Q F O P B Q O R V L .

PSALM 111:10, NIV

Answer: The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; all who follow his precepts have good understanding. To him belongs eternal praise. Psalm 111:10, NIV

# Puzzle!

Find the names of these fathers and sons from the Old Testament.

ADAM	REUBEN
CAIN	DAN
ABEL	ASHER
SETH	JUDAH
NOAH	LEVI
HAM	GAD
SHEM	NAPHTALI
JAPHETH	SIMEON
ELKANAH	ISSACHAR
SAMUEL	ZEBULUN
AARON	BENJAMIN
NADAB	JOSEPH
HUR	MANASSEH
CALEB	EPHRAIM
ABRAHAM	SAUL
ISMAEL	JONATHAN
ISAAC	DAVID
ESAU	SOLOMON
JACOB	

M I A R L A H P E C I T O A N C J  
A B E L A P H L G S S M B I O A O  
N I A C M R K A S S R E S L S  
A D A V I D A D A M N H M E E  
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U E H F O D J A C O B L U B  
A L E V I N A D A B E S K E  
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Note: A completed puzzle is in a file called puzzleb\_0622 on this month's CD and on the website, [www.NewsletterNewsletter.com](http://www.NewsletterNewsletter.com).



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