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# THE PROSPECT TOWER

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### Message from Pastor

#### Season of Thanksgiving and Sharing Has Come!

*"Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap, for the measure you give will be the measure you get back." (Luke 6:38)*

Dear friends!

I like the season of fall the most out of the year. The leaves turn indescribably beautiful, and the weather is good for a walk. It is also the season when Thanksgiving and Christmas are approaching. Just as trees and mountains turn into different colors and some flowers bloom and some flowers float, we are changing. The type of clothes we wear changes. Sleep time also changes. The days are getting shorter and we had to turn the clock back an hour.



Our lives in this season also need to be changed. Autumn is the season when trees and vegetables bear fruit. And they're willing to share their fruit. Therefore, autumn is a season that gives out abundantly. The church resumes the potluck that it has stopped from the last week of November. You prepare your favorite food and share it together to taste the feast of heavenly banquet. The Days for Girls team is making and selling apple and pumpkin pies. They are raising funds for poor girls and women in Africa. Sunday School does Trick or Treat for UNICEF. It is to share Jesus' love to every child living in conflict around the world. In less than three months, 7.7 million people were internally displaced and more than 6.4 million people — including nearly two-thirds of all children in Ukraine, at a rate of one child every second — had crossed into Poland, Romania, Moldova, Slovakia, Hungary and other neighboring countries. They will have access to safe water, nutrition, health care, education and protection. Our little devotion saves many lives.

Recently, I read about the history of the United Methodist Church and found a very moving story. On June 25, 1950, at 4 a.m., North Korea under Communist rule invaded South Korea with Soviet-made tanks. Three days after the war broke out, the South Korean capital, Seoul, fell, and less than a month later, 90 percent of the South was occupied by North Korean troops, except for small parts of the South. Then, when the UN heard this news, it dispatched troops in a hurry.

The United Methodist Church opposed sending soldiers against war, but instead sent many Methodist Chaplains to the Korean War. And the United Methodist Church launched a nationwide Trick or Treat for UNICEF movement to help orphans and widowed people in the war ... for widows and orphans who lost their husbands and

their fathers due to the war, the Methodist Church set up a "Care Center for Mother and Children" to take care of them. My mother-in-law lost her father because of the war and she stayed with her younger brother and sisters. She lived there and sewed and she supported one younger brother and three younger sisters for their college. His younger brother became a Methodist pastor, one sister became a nurse and all became faithful Christians.

In this abundant season of sharing, I hope to participate in the activities of sharing and become good neighbors who save dying lives and multiply beautiful fruits.

In the season of thanksgiving and sharing,  
*Pastor Yongyeun Lee*

## Nurture Team

By Mary Rogers, Nurture Team Chair

**Arts and Crafts Group:** The Arts and Crafts group under the Nurture Committee had fun in October painting fall scenes. The pictures were posted on the wall in Sessions Hall for viewing. In November the group will be decorating oatmeal boxes and toilet paper rolls for Christmas decorations and making Christmas cards for the homebound.



**Donation to Bristol Police Department:** The Prospect Church Nurture Team Arts and Crafts Group donated this heart-shaped wreath to the Bristol Police Department with the following message according to Mary Rogers, Nurture Team Chair: "This Heart Wreath is presented to the Bristol Police Department from the Prospect United Methodist Church Nurture Team Arts and Crafts Group. Our Congregation is greatly saddened by the loss of two of our police officers and the injuries to a third. We hold them and all of you in our hearts and prayers. We truly appreciate what each and every member of the Bristol Police Department does for our community. May God protect you and keep you in His loving arms."



## Notes

**Collaborating With AME Zion:** The Racial Reconciliation Group has reached out to our brothers and sisters at Beulah AME Zion Church seeking to collaborate in some way according to committee member Jill Wilson. The first outreach is assisting AME Zion with their Nov. 30th Blood Drive from Noon to 5 p.m. at their church, 13 Circle St., Forestville. "We encourage all to donate if they are able, and/or if they wish to assist at the drive, that is fine also. Tasks may include room set up, checking people in, snack table, and room take down. If anyone wishes to assist, they can contact me."

**Bible Sunday:** Prospect United Methodist Church has a long-standing tradition of giving each third grade Sunday School student a gift of the Holy Bible. Education Superintendent Christa Zaldivar reports: "If there are any children above 3rd grade who have not yet received a Bible from us, we would certainly like to include them too! We will mark this faith milestone by presenting Bibles during the 10 a.m. Worship Service on Sunday, November 20. It is essential for families to sign up in advance to reserve their child's Bible. Registration Deadline is November 6. Please contact Christa Zaldivar at (917) 386-8599 or [cjw02@hotmail.com](mailto:cjw02@hotmail.com) to reserve your child's Bible. Thank you!"

**Pies Benefit Sewing Project:** Days For Girls Bristol Team has been busy making holiday pies Coordinator Carol Rivard reports: "We made 138 pies all together. We have a few left. So not a bad fundraiser for our team. A big thank you to all who helped make the pies and supported our mission with purchasing them. This is our seventh year and we could not do this without all the awesome support. We have now had our sewing components distributed in Kenya, Ecuador, Peru, Tanzania, and Guiana. With one girl at a time able to stay in school and further her education. That is why we do this. Just one period!"

## Middle Ages Update

By Luisa Gladu, Chair

### ■ Breakfast With Santa: Dec. 10, 8:30 am to Noon

Enjoy a delicious hot breakfast and spend the morning doing Arts and Crafts, shopping at Elf Mart, watching a Magic Show, listening to a Christmas story, meeting Mrs. Claus and then getting to talk with Santa and get a photo with him to take home.

Tickets will go on sale November 6 in Sessions Hall and will be advertised throughout the community. This is a reserved ticket event which sells out very quickly as there are limited seats. No tickets are sold at the door. Profits this year will go towards the church's Heating Bill. Ticket Prices are: Adults, \$15; Children ages 3 to 10, \$10; Children under 3, \$5 to cover the photo costs. If you can't attend the breakfast but would like to help, donations to offset the food and supply costs are always welcomed. We also have had donations from PUMC Angels to purchase tickets for families in need.

To volunteer, please contact Luisa Gladu at [thegladus@comcast.net](mailto:thegladus@comcast.net)

### ■ PUMC Christmas Open House: Dec. 16, 5 to 7 p.m.

We will open our beautifully decorated Church to the community on Friday Dec. 16. Santa and Mrs. Claus will welcome our guests as they enjoy some cookies and hot chocolate and the beautiful decorations that will be in Sessions Hall, the Parlor and our Sanctuary. We hope you will help us welcome our neighbors and we're calling on our wonderful church bakers to help us with cookies and snacks. We would love to showcase our church and spread some Christmas cheer. To sign up to bring cookies contact [Luisa@thegladus@comcast.net](mailto:Luisa@thegladus@comcast.net).

### ■ Relay for Life Life Annual Valentine's Dinner Dance Fundraiser:

Tentatively set for Feb. 11 or 18. But we may have found a bigger venue to host our Valentine's Dinner Dance depending on availability. This fundraiser has always been a great start to our Relay for Life. My sister Angie and I co-host this event. In the past we have raised over \$1,500 which was split between Team PUMC to honor our PUMC survivors and those we lost and Team Patty's Pride which is in memory of our mother Patty Orefice who lost her battle May 2015.

Tickets are \$40 per person and the cost will cover dinner, coffee, tea, dessert and a DJ. There will be a cash bar, raffles, prizes and fun! More info to come.

### ■ Annual Renaissance Dinner Show Fundraiser: April 29 & May 6, 2023.

We are hoping to be able to bring back our Annual Renaissance Dinner Show Fund Raiser. It all depends on the interest, if we get enough volunteers and if it will be safe to do so. Our



Annual Dates are always the last Saturday of April, which will be April 29 and May 6. The theme will be a Scottish fling. We will ransport you to the Scottish Isle, for a fun Celtic Fling! Men in kilts, savory food and intrigue will abound. You will feast on a delicious 7-course meal with their majesties and perhaps some visiting royal guests while being entertained.

Once again this is a reserved ticket event. No tickets are sold at the door. Ticket Prices are: Adults, \$30; Children 10 and under, \$20. Tickets will go on sale the end of February. Renaissance costumes are not required but encouraged.

We have sold out both evenings in the past and it is limited to 90 guests so reserve your tickets or a table early by contacting Luisa at [theGladus@comcast.net](mailto:theGladus@comcast.net)

### ■ Relay for Life 2023: June 3 and 4 at Norton Park

Team PUMC is already signed up as a participant and we will be bringing our now "infamous" Magical Bakery back. We won best site last year and we hope to do so again. We're already planning some tasty new treats and our plan is to wow the Relay crowds once again. All profits raised go to the American Cancer Society and we walk in honor and in memory of those we love, those who survived, those still fighting and those we lost. Closer to the event we'll let you know what we could use to help our bakers do what they do.

Thank you for your support this year and we know we can count on our PUMC family to help us in 2023! No One Fights Alone!



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