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Message from Pastor

"Feed My Sheep!"

When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my lambs." (John 21:15)

Hi, brothers and sisters in the Prospect faith community, Our Good Shepherd has risen!

There are three cats in my house. They are Knox, Makki, and Mashu. Knox and Makki are biological sisters. My first and second sons adopted them. My older son moved to Nashville, Tennessee, and he left Knox at my house, so we took care of him. This spring, my second son, who went to Atlanta, Georgia, adopted one more cat and so brought two cats. Now, we have three cats to take care of them. Makki and Mashu always follow their janitor, Ben. But Having lost his janitor, Knox comes up to my bed every morning and evening, rubbing himself together, starting the day and finishing the day. Anyway, Ohyeun and I became foster parents who take care of them.

After Jesus died on the cross, his disciples returned to their homes with disappointment and despair to lose their shepherd. And they went out to sea to fish again. They tried to catch fish all night but failed. Then, Jesus came to them. Jesus asked them, "Did you catch a fish?" And they say, "No, we didn't." Jesus said to them, "Throw the net on the right side of the ship." When they threw the net, they caught so many fish that the net was almost torn apart. Jesus encourages them to start again.

Easter is a time to start again whether you are successful or failed. When they cast the net again with the word of Jesus, they could catch a lot of fish. Jesus gave them courage and hope to catch the fish. Jesus provided breakfast for his disciples. He provided daily food. For the last three years, Jesus, as a good shepherd, fed them, took care of them, and gave away his life to them and to us.

Now, he asked Peter, "Do you love me?" And Peter answered, "Lord, you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep." Before his ascension to heaven, he commended his call and mission to his disciples to feed his sheep as he did. He asks them not to stay at the stage of sheep, but move forward to the stage of the shepherd. That is why Jesus is risen and come to his disciples and to us.

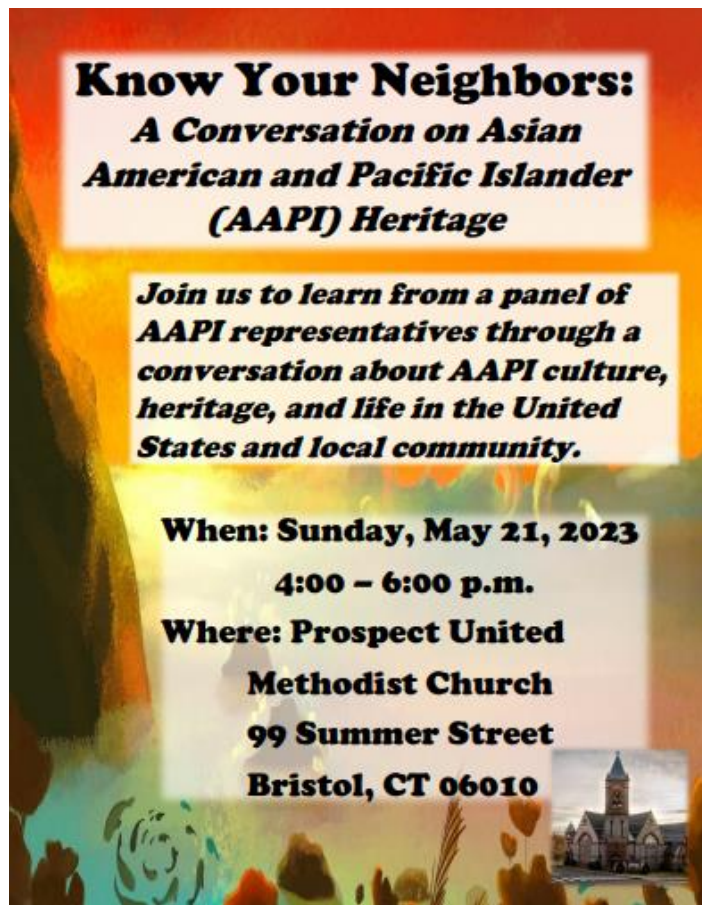
◀ **BE STRONG** ▶
and
▶ **COURAGEOUS** ▶
*Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged,
for the Lord your God
will be with you wherever
you go*
John 1:3

In May, there are Children's Sunday and Mother's Sunday. We have to fulfill our duty and responsibility of caring for our children and parents. We should also focus on our neighbors and take care of them. In May, there is "Know Our Neighbors" event on Sunday, May 21, at 4 p.m. to share and celebrate the heritage of Asian immigrants. We will invite Asian pastors and community leaders to have a conversation in panels and taste Asian food and culture. We're also collecting hygiene kits for refugees in New York City.

I hope you will participate together and become a good shepherd to "feed his sheep" to taste the joy and goodness of God.

In the midst of Spring,
Pastor Yongyeun Lee

Outreach



Personal Hygiene Kits

Prospect Church is supporting refugees who have arrived in NYC by collecting personal hygiene products, an initiative of the New York Annual Conference and its Parish Ministry Program. PUMC is one of seven churches in the Central CT Cooperative Parish. The following items are needed:

- shampoo (travel)
- bar of soap (travel)
- nail clippers
- bandaids (travel)
- Tylenol packet (travel)
- antacid packet (travel)
- razor
- deodorant (travel)
- wipes or hand sanitizer (travel)
- toothbrush,
- toothpaste (travel)
- brush or comb
- feminine hygiene products.

Each church is collecting 30 of each item needed. Don Orcutt and Gary Gladu are our representatives to the Central CT Parish. The deadline is June 4.

NUTURE TEAM

Senior Luncheons:

May 19 11:30 a.m. Parsonage for Asian Dinner
June 1 11:30 a.m. Parkside Restaurant
June 21 11:30 a.m. Sessions Hall for Super Salad Luncheon

Arts and Crafts Group

Last full meeting for the season will be Tuesday, May 9, 10:00 a.m. If you missed a session earlier in the year, you

will have a chance to do a craft you may have missed: painting wood blocks, lavender caches, raffia decorative fans, etc.

These decorative fans were done at our last meeting.



Middle Ages Update

By Luisa Gladu, Chair

■ Renaissance Dinners

"The Middle Ages Group entertained 72 guests for the first weekend of the Renaissance Dinner event on April 29. Attendees came from Bristol and surrounding communities plus Massachusetts and Rhode Island. Then, 82 tickets were sold for the May 6 repeat event purchased by guests from the same areas plus New York.



"We are pleased at these numbers. After COVID shut us down for three years we wondered how we would do with putting on the dinners. We had requests to put on the dinner so we rallied the volunteers and we are worked hard to put on a fun show and raise funds for the PUMC Oil and Heating bill.

"A heartfelt thank you to all the volunteers who have stepped up, our church family, our family and friends, St. Paul HS volunteers. We have over 50 people working on the dinners. Cast, servers, food prep and cooks, runners, staging prep, sound, props, costuming, decorating. It takes a village and we hope everyone will appreciate the hard work that is done in God's name to help us keep our beautiful church home heated and running.



"What always surprises me is the dedication of everyone who is helping a church member or friend. This we are dedicating our performance and Renaissance Dinners to the memory of Bill Baker, the Ultimate Prop Master, who passed a short while ago at age 94. When Gary and I started doing fundraising for the church, we didn't have a budget. Bill always asked us what we needed for any event we did. We had no idea that Bill was the self proclaimed Tag Sale King of Bristol.

"Every Sunday he would bring in treasures he had find. Porcelain tea cups for the Victorian Tea, decorations and Christmas lights for the Breakfast with Santa, decorations, material and paint for the Renaissance Dinners. The shields, made by Gary, were painted with the paint Bill brought us, using found material for some of the banners that Gary made as well. The flowers that are on the main banquet table for the Renaissance Dinner and centerpieces all have flowers that Bill found.

"We miss this incredible man and I hope to honor his memory always by being like him — genuine and kind. "

■ Relay for Life — June 3, 2023 - Norton Park, Plainville

"Team PUMC is doing great! Our goal this year is \$3,000 and at present we have raised \$2,005!

"This past March there was a state-wide fundraising challenge. Teams had to get members to join. Not only did PUMC get 10 new team mates but one of our own, Cheryl McNeal, won the \$250 to go towards her fund-raising goal which helped out our team goal.

"In May we'll be asking for baking items including flour, sugar, brown sugar, eggs, brownie mixes, etc. to help us bake our goodies for our set up at Relay. We did extremely well last year and we hope to surpass our goal this year. We are a small but mighty team.



"Luminary Bags are on sale in Sessions Hall after service. The donation is \$5 per bag. You can decorate it in memory or in honor of someone. Hand it into Luisa by May 21st and it will be on the track in front of the PUMC site and lit during the luminary lap.

"We will also need help on Friday, June 2nd to set up our site. We need someone to help us load up our tents and props and items needed for our bakery. We pack up at church at 9 a.m. on Friday morning. If we get enough help we can bring everything in one load.

"On Saturday, June 3rd the event starts at 10 a.m. We can always use your support to walk laps, buy a goodie, walk some more laps. It's a great day to come out and honor those we love and lost. We are all touched by cancer in one way or another. This is a 24-hour event and teams are encouraged to stay overnight. There is always someone walking the track; it's truly an inspiration.

"On Sunday, June 4th we need help breaking down and bringing everything back to church. Breakdown starts at 8 a.m.

"So let Luisa or Gary know if you can help in any way. Remember, no one fights alone!"

Notes of Interest

■ Church Member Reflects On Norway Conference By Corey Nagle

[Editor's Note: Corey Nagle, one of Prospect's Lay Servants, was one of three co-presenters at a Conference in Trondheim, Norway, in mid-February of a paper seeking to help students improve writing about science. The paper was presented at a Writing Research Across Borders (WRAB) Conference. Corey collaborated with two professors, Dr. Sally Drew at Sacred Heart University and Dr. Jeffrey Thomas at CCSU. He was accompanied on the trip by his wife Johanna and daughter Ella.]

"After relatively smooth travel, we arrived in Trondheim, Norway, on Friday, February 24th. We were thankful for only a slight delay leaving Boston that allowed us time to explore Trondheim in the afternoon and evening on Friday. The following Saturday morning kicked off the Writing Research Across Borders (WRAB) Conference with a welcome to Norway and engaging keynote speaker.

"The conference was attended by people from all over the world that came together to share research and discuss the many aspects of writing. On Sunday morning, the research team of which I am a part presented on strategies to teach and improve students' writing in science. We implemented a strategy designed to help students support their claims with evidence when writing an explanation or argument in science, which showed that it aided students in improving their use of evidence and structuring their writing. Our presentation was well received as we got positive feedback from attendees, including from the opening keynote speaker who attended our presentation. Overall, I was able to learn a lot from the conference, especially since I have not attended a writing conference prior to WRAB in Norway.

"Johanna and Ella had more time to explore the city than I did, but I was able to see some sites. Trondheim was a nice city with scenic views and temperatures that were not too different from a winter day in Connecticut. The city was clean and the people were friendly. We went on a guided morning walk led by some of the conference organizers where we crossed the "Bridge of Happiness." On our own we also saw the Nidaros Cathedral, visited the NTNU Vitenskapsmuseet (Viking Museum) and Trondheim Maritime Museum, and sampled several local restaurants. Johanna and Ella saw even more during the days when I was attending the conference.

"Overall, the trip was enjoyable and educational. We appreciate the prayers and support of everyone as we traveled. The next steps involve finishing a paper on our research and submitting it for publication. If anyone is interested, I will keep you informed of the process as the research team works toward that goal. Again, thank you for all of your prayers and support!"



Education

By Christa Zaldivar, Education Director



Easter: On Easter Sunday, 16 eager children scrambled across our church grounds in search of their share of over 600 Easter eggs to fill their baskets! Thank you to all who donated filled Easter Eggs!!

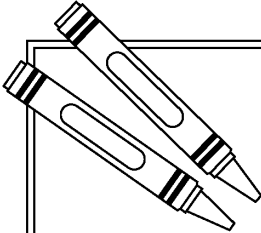
Summer Sunday School Teachers Needed: We are looking for volunteers to teach Summer Sunday School to Pre-K-7th grade throughout the summer months of June, July, and August. No experience necessary, just a love of children and a desire to share the love of God with them! All curriculum materials will be provided. Please consider signing up for one or more Sundays starting June 4th! We need 2 adults per Sunday. Please contact Christa Zaldivar at (917) 386-8599 or cjw02@hotmail.com to sign up or for more information.

Family Fun Day: All are invited to our "PUMC Family Fun in the Sun Day" at Hammonasset Beach State Park, Saturday June 17th from 11am-4pm. We are asking for a \$20 donation 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 balloons, relay races, pie eating contest, watermelon exploding and more! Please sign up in Sessions Hall by 6/11. Sponsored by the Education Team.

Vacation Bible School: We invite all pk-5th graders to Prospect United Methodist Church's "Hero Hotline" Vacation Bible School, where kids will enjoy an interactive, energizing, Bible-based good time! The fun begins Monday June 19th and ends Friday June 3rd from 5:45-7:45 p.m. at Prospect United Methodist Church, 99 Summer St. Bristol, CT 06010.

To be a part of all the (free) excitement at Hero Hotline VBS, contact Christa Zaldivar at (917) 386-8599 or cjw02@hotmail.com.





Just for KIDS

A legacy of faith

You're blessed when you have a mother, a grandmother or any relative or friend who passes down a strong faith to you. In the Bible, Timothy was influenced by his grandmother and mother.

Complete 2 Timothy 1:5 (NIV) below by filling in the blanks with the correct vowel.

VOWELS: 1 = a 2 = e 3 = i 4 = o 5 = u

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2 TIMOTHY 1:5 (NIV)

Answer: “I have been reminded of your sincere faith, which first lived in your grandmother Lois and in your mother Eunice and, I am persuaded, now lives in you also.”



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