

THE PROSPECT TOWER

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LEADERSHIP BOARD UP AND RUNNING

Prospect's new Leadership Board has held two meetings since the first of the year. The Leadership Board consolidates Church Council, Finance, Staff Parish and Trustees into one committee responsible for those areas of church governance.

The following were elected to serve as officers of the Leadership Board: Susan Powers is the overall chair; Tim Krauss and Beth Provost, co-treasurers; Jackie Palance, president of the Trustees; Don Workman, vice-chair and treasurer of the Trustees.

The various program areas of Prospect's ministries continue to carry out their missions: Education, Worship, Member Nurture and Outreach (including Days for Girls, Snack Packs, Sandwiches for Brian's Angels.)

The Leadership Board members are committed to this new structure and will keep church members informed as its work develops. Rev. Carol Bloom and Rev. Ken Keiffer continue to offer their expertise and guidance to the important issues facing the church.

The board will meet Thursday, March 20 at 7 pm at the Parsonage.

LENTEN STUDY PLANNED

A four-week Lenten Study will be held each Monday starting March 17 at 10:30 a.m. at the Parsonage, 50 Oehler Drive, facilitated by Mary Rogers, Lay Leader. This study will review four parables of Jesus and discuss how they pertain to modern life. The parables are: The Lost Sheep/Coin; the Workers in the Vineyard; The Prodigal Son; and the Good Samaritan.

Mary Notes, *"We will read each parable in class and then follow up with a discussion of its meaning. Then we will discuss how we can relate this to our modern lives. Bibles will be available at the Parsonage. This will not be a deep study but more of a discussion among friends. If you are interested, please put your name on the sign-up sheet in Sessions Hall."*

ASBURY LENTEN STUDY

Asbury United Methodist Church 2025 Lenten Journey: The worship team at Asbury UMC invite members of Prospect UMC to journey together under the banner of "Spirit of Love: Loving Self" during Lent is year.

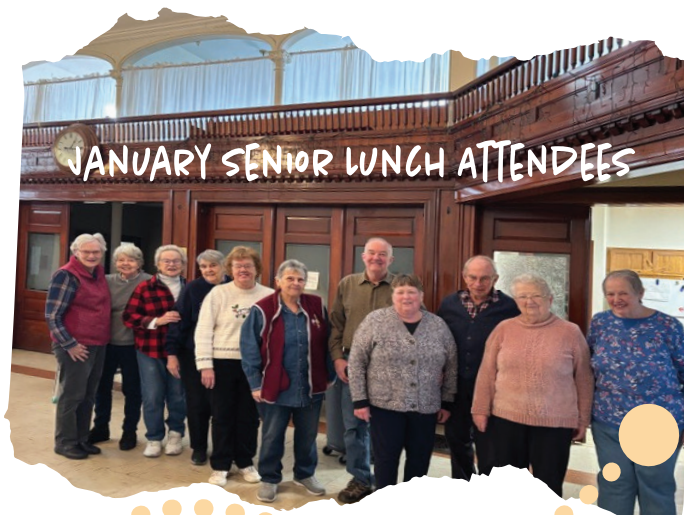
During the Journey, we pray that God may give us wisdom to learn "self-examination," "self-development," "self-control," and "self-care," so that we can better practice true self-giving toward God and others.

There will be 5 gatherings on Wednesday evenings (March 12, 19, 26 and April 2 and 9).

The program will begin at 5:00 with prayer. You may come only for the dinner and speaker or join at any time during the evening.

ARTS AND CRAFTS

The Arts and Crafts Group worked on wooden hearts during the last two meetings.



CARE OF THE PARSONAGE

The Board of Trustees determined the Parsonage needed some attention for safety and preventive reasons. A very large tree on the back side of the house was trimmed removing many branches that were above the roof. Branches from three trees in front of the house which were near the roof were also trimmed. In addition six trees were cut down at no cost to us. The roof was replaced as many of the shingles were curling.

This work was completed in October after the Trustees negotiated very reasonable prices. In addition we have obtained a sticker from the City of Bristol for an outdoor barrel for the removal of brush and small branches as the town picks up yard waste every week from April to the beginning of December. We are now looking into pest control companies to service the house and property. For security, lamps with timers were put on the first and second floors and we are putting in an entry keypad.

EVENTS OF NOTE

- **Pretzel Sunday:** April 6
- **Maundy Thursday:** April 17, Meatloaf Potluck at 6 p.m. Grace UMC, Southington
- **Good Friday Service:** April 18, 7 p.m., Plainville UMC
- **Easter Sunday:** April 19, Pastor Eric Fjeldal will be our preacher.

EDUCATION

Prospect's Church School children collected \$115.32 for the Souper Bowl Of Caring on Feb. 9. The funds were put towards the Meals for Neighbors Food Pantry!

The Education Team also hosted a Make Your Own Taco lunch in Sessions Hall on Feb. 23rd following the 10 a.m. service.



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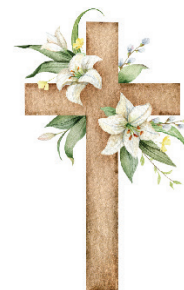
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Easter Flowers

Orders are currently being taken for Easter flowers. The cost is \$15 each. For those wishing to take the plants home, they will be available after the worship service on Easter. Please submit orders during worship service or to the office no later than April 15. Please indicate number of plants, in honor or memory of, and given by in the your order.



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