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Prospect United Methodist Church

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Bristol, CT 06010

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Pastor Emeritus

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of Music & Organist

Worship
10:00 am Sanctuary

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Update On Our New Pastor Lee

Recently our new Pastor, Saebuek Lee, visited Bristol to tour Prospect's and Asbury's churches and parsonages. A few members of your Leadership Board met him for lunch and escorted him on his tours of the Prospect buildings before he went on to Asbury. We have included his bio for your perusal.

Pastor Lee has called a meeting for May 21 of Prospect and Ashbury leaders to discuss the Pastoral sharing effective July 1. Following that meeting we will hold a Town Hall Meeting for congregants of Prospect PUMC on June 1 following services. This will be your best opportunity to learn of any upcoming changes. Please be sure to be there. For those who cannot attend we will also publish the information in the Monday update and the Tower.

Thank you.

Mary Rogers, Acting Chair, Leadership Board



(From left to right: Mary Rogers, Beth Provost, Jackie Palance, Gerry Lee, Saebuek Lee)

Saebuek Lee Biography

Saebuek was born and raised in South Korea. As the son of a Methodist pastor, he grew up attending worship services and spending much of his time at church.

A pivotal moment in his faith journey occurred at Yanghwajin, a foreign missionary cemetery in South Korea, where he deeply experienced God's calling. There, he was moved by the dedication of missionaries, pastors, and ministers who had sacrificially responded to God's call. In that moment, Saebuek recognized his own calling to live a life devoted to God's mission and kingdom.

God later led him to pursue theological studies in the U.S., further shaping his faith and ministry. He earned a Master of Divinity from Drew Theological School and has since served churches in the Catskill District of the New York Annual Conference.

In his free time, Saebuek enjoys playing guitar, writing songs, and singing. He also loves playing soccer, running, hiking, and going on road trips.

Saebuek earned his Bachelor of Christian Education at the Methodist Theological University in Seoul, South Korea, in February 2016. He earned his Master of Divinity at Drew Theological School in May 2020 where he earned the John Heston Willey Prize in 2020 and 2022 which is awarded to a student who excels in pulpit oratory and manner.

Days for Girls Update

The Days for Girls Bristol team is no longer in place. According to Carol Rivard, who spearheaded the project at PUMC: "We have merged with the Orange CT Chapter. We will continue to sew at our leisure and send our components to Orange. We will gather a few times a year to catch up on any news or changes. We already were working with the Orange Chapter. I travel down there about every two weeks to sew with them. Our work is still vital, and we will continue as long as we can." Days for Girls sews reusable feminine hygiene kits.



Prospect Church Handbell History

By Music Director Heidi Flower



Prospect United Methodist Church is blessed with beautiful musical instruments. I am very fortunate to be able to play our mighty three-manual Austin Organ and our Kawaiii baby grand piano each week.

We also have a three-octave set of Malmark handbells that were gifted to our church by Merle Mitchell in April of 1978 in memory of her late husband. Graceann Grindal recalls that Merle grew up at Prospect and was the sister of Virginia French Wall. Both sisters participated in the choirs.

Handbells require special care, such as wearing gloves when handling the bells as touching bell castings with bare hands will cause stains and tarnish due to the acids and salts from skin. Also, when being put away, the bells need to be wiped down with special jewelers cloths to remove any imperfections.

The bells were refurbished in July of 1990 and again in April of 2019. A few ringers and I drove to Plumsteadville, PA, to drop off the bells. We were treated to a tour of Malmark factory and learned a lot about the casting and tuning of handbells.

We also have a 4-octave set of Malmark handchimes that were given by the Fasci family in October 1997 in memory of Anthony Fasci, Jr.

The PUMC Handbell Choir plays one Sunday a month and we welcome anyone who might be interested in playing the handbells.

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