

Prospect United Methodist Church

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Bristol, CT 06010

Rev. Saebuek Lee
Pastor

Heidi Flower Director
of Music & Organist

Worship
9:00 am Sanctuary

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Pastor Lee Settling In For Dual Assignment

Rev. Saebuek Lee is getting acquainted with Connecticut in general and Bristol specifically since he moved here in late June to prepare for his new assignment to assume pastoral duties for both Prospect and Asbury United Methodist churches.



Saebuek, who just turned 34, followed in the footsteps of his father and great grandfather who were both Methodist pastors in South Korea. As a child of a pastor he spent considerable time in churches his father served largely in Seoul, South Korea. He has an older sister who has two daughters ages 4 and 2.

He admits growing up as a child he wasn't attracted to the ministry at first and thought he wanted to be a scientist or an ambassador serving in other countries. A pivotal moment 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.

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 New Jersey in May 2020 where he earned the John Heston Willey Prize in 2020 and 2022 awarded to a student who excels in pulpit oratory and manner.

He previously served four churches in the Catskills region of New York and likened the experience to that of the circuit riders in the early days of Methodism except by car instead of horseback. He worked closely with lay leaders of the Catskill churches since the churches were a distance apart.

The District Superintendent approached him in the spring about the need to serve the two Bristol churches. "God gave me hope and passion to help the two churches thrive," Saebuek says. His email address is Saebuek.Lee@nyac-UMC.com.

In his free time, Saebuek enjoys playing guitar, writing songs, and singing. He also loves playing soccer, running, hiking, exercising in the gym, going on road trips and visiting coffee houses.

Your Leadership Board at Work:

Mary Rogers acting chair

Our first half year has been very active and productive. Below is a summary of some of our work:

In January we had our first meeting, elected our Chair, Susan Powers; and the Chair and Vice Chair of the Trustees, Jackie Palance and Don Workman, respectively; the Treasurer of Trustees, Don Workman; and Co-Treasurers of the Church, Tim Krauss and Beth Provost. Various other matters were discussed such as the parsonage, phone systems, and investments.



In the following months, we decided on the following (not in order of importance):

Communication: Someone from the Board will report on our meeting on the Sunday following our meeting. Minutes will be posted, and a summary of activities will be published in the tower.

Ministry Plan: Pastor Carol gave us a document on Transitioning to a new Pastor. Assignments were made to investigate the various items in the document in preparation Pastor Lee's coming to Prospect. Assignments were completed so we will be able to review and update our ministries.

Safe Sanctuaries: We decided we need to update our Safe Sanctuaries Policy. This is underway and should be completed before September along with a plan for training on the new policy.

Building: Fire extinguishers have been refurbished.

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