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## Prospect United Methodist Church

Founded 1834

99 Summer Street  
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

*“Therefore we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day. — 2 Corinthians 4:16(NIV)*

When I was appointed to Prospect, I shared the news with my parents in South Korea and sent them pictures of our beautiful church. They were delighted by the images of our stunning sanctuary and impressed by the long, faithful history of our congregation. The Methodist Episcopal Society of Bristol was formed in 1834—191 years ago!



For nearly two centuries, the clock in our tower has marked time, serving as a reminder of the church's enduring presence in the heart of Bristol.

It has now been over three months since I arrived at Prospect, and I feel truly blessed to be here, learning about our church and becoming part of this wonderful community. One day, Carol Rivard kindly gave me a tour of the building, though I'm sure there are still corners I have yet to explore!

While our church building is beautiful, I have also heard stories of how our congregation once overflowed with people, full of energy and service to God and our neighbors.

### Time has passed, and things have changed.

As your new pastor, I often ask God, “What can I do here?” and “What do You want me to do?” Over these past few months, I believe God has begun to answer these questions through the faith, commitment, and love of our congregation—those who continue to be the living church of Jesus Christ.

The city around us is always changing—buildings, neighborhoods, schools, and even values evolve over time. Yet, through it all, our church continues to adapt, finding new ways to serve through ministries like working with Brian's Angels, the Bristol Brass & Wind Ensemble, and many other community activities.

### Yes, time has passed, and God is still at work.

As we look ahead to our 200th anniversary, let us pray with hope for what's to come. God is not finished with us. God desires for Prospect to grow, to be renewed, and to shine as a light in Bristol. Let's join together—loving God, loving one another, and seeking God's vision for our church and community. I am deeply grateful to be part of this journey and to walk alongside each of you.

Let us continue to pray for our church and for one another. May the Holy Spirit guide and empower us as we carry forward Christ's mission. With faith, we will see our church become a vessel of God's grace in our time.

### Please join us—it's time.

Peace,  
Pastor Lee.

## Leadership Board News

Mary Rogers acting chair

“We arranged for the carpets in the church to be cleaned this summer. This included the library, the nursery, the parlor, and the secretary and pastor's offices.

“The Board approved an updated Safe Sanctuaries policy. That policy is available upon request. Contact Christa Zaldivar or Mary Rogers for a copy.

“The Board approved a lease with Immanuel Lutheran Church for the parsonage to run Nov. 1, 2025 through June 20, 2026. This is considered part of our mission to provide resources where needed when available. Also, leasing the Parsonage is important as we may lose insurance if it continues to be unoccupied.

“The Board voted to contract with D'Amato to replace the columns which support the bell tower section of the church. In addition, we voted to replace the back stairs and deck area at the parsonage. The current stairs are in a dangerous state of repair. That contact went to Windows and More LLC. We are still seeking someone who can address the safety issues around the altar in the sanctuary.

“We contracted with Sky Top Motors to tow away cars unauthorized to part in our lot. We had serious issues in clearing the lot of snow due to unauthorized parking.”

### ■ Annual Church Conference

Our annual church conference will be held November 16, 2025, at Grace United Methodist Church in Southington at 3 p.m. There will be a brief service and then there will be individual church meetings. This is where we discuss various church issues, approve our 2026 budget and elect our new Leadership Board members along with other positions. Your attendance and input would be greatly appreciated.

## Youth

### ■ Rally Day

Rally Day marked a joyful beginning to the new Sunday School season at Prospect UMC! It was a wonderful time for our youth to celebrate growth in faith, friendship, and service—while reconnecting with one another, welcoming new faces, and renewing our commitment to learning and living God's Word together.



### ■ UNICEF

On **Sunday, October 19**, Our Sunday School students came dressed in their Halloween costumes and went trick-or-treating through the congregation to collect donations for UNICEF.



## Faith in Action

### ■ PUMC Pie Sale

Prospect Pie Makers have been busy making delicious apple and pumpkin pies this Fall. Pies are being sold for \$15 each and the proceeds will be used to support our Covenant relationship with Helen Camarce, Missionary in Cambodia and other missions.

Please place your order on the order sheet at church or call the church office at 860-582-3443. Pick up date for pies will be Sat., Nov. 8, 10-11 a.m.



### ■ Covenant Care Backpacks

We extend our heartfelt thanks to everyone who donated backpacks to the Covenant to Care program. Your generosity helps ensure that local children start the school year equipped and encouraged—showing them the love and care of our church community in a tangible way.



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