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Prospect United Methodist Church

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Pastor

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of Music & Organist

Worship
9:00 am Sanctuary

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ADVENT

I finally set up the Christmas tree at the parsonage! A church member kindly gifted it to me for this purpose. It may not be a giant tree, but it is charming and fills the space with the spirit of Christmas. I also placed the Nativity scene right beside it, completing the scene beautifully.



We are now in the Advent season, the beginning of the church year. The word Advent comes from the Latin *adventus*, meaning “coming” or “arrival.” Today, we observe this season as a time of preparation for Christ’s incarnation and a longing for His return.

From the very opening of the Christian calendar, the theme of “waiting” is woven deeply into our faith. We begin the year celebrating Christ’s first coming as the Savior of the world, even as we continue to wait for His return and experience God’s patient, surrounding grace.

Scripture is full of stories of faithful waiting—from Abraham and Joseph to the Israelites in the wilderness, from Hannah and Elizabeth to the long-awaited Messiah. Now, we too wait for His glorious coming again.

Waiting is part of our discipleship. God’s grace waits for us, shapes us, and nurtures us as we grow.

During this Advent season, our church is engaging in this sacred waiting together. Each Wednesday, we gather to reflect, pray, and consider the meaning of Christ’s birth and the promise of His return. We wait expectantly — not passively — by sharing peace, bringing joy to others, and living out the love of Christ. We do not simply count down the days; we allow this season to guide us into faithful action for those God places in our care.

The gifts of Advent — Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love — do not end at Christmas. They continue beyond the season and remain with us until Christ comes again. We are the people God calls to participate in God’s ongoing work in the world.

I encourage all of you to continue this journey together as a church. In this season of waiting, may we see and experience God’s presence in our lives, our congregation, and the world around us.

Blessings,
Pastor Lee





Annual Church Conference Report

By Mary Rogers, Leadership Board Chair

The Annual Church Conference that took place on Nov. 16 at Grace United Methodist Church in Southington began with a service opened by our Parish Leader, Pastor Carol Bloom. Our Pastor Saebuek Lee led the Call to Worship and Opening Prayer. Representatives of the seven churches of the Parish each gave a 2-minute presentation on their current ministries/missions within their church and the chairs of the Parish Council spoke on the common ministries and plans of the Parish.

Our new District Superintendent, Heather Sinclair, gave a sermon on the new mission of the United Methodist Church. As she said, it is not a complicated mission statement, just 6 words which are easy to remember, "Love Boldly, Serve Joyfully, Lead Courageously."

We then broke for individual church meetings. At our meeting, we elected/confirmed the following (the year indicates the last year to serve):

Nominating Committee

2026: Mattie Verzino, Jackie Palance

2027: Heidi Flower, Mary Rogers

2028: Debbie Fasci, Laura Taylor

Leadership Board (Board of Trustees, Finance, SPRC, Council)

2026: Rita Fasci, Beth Provost, Mary Rogers (chair)

2027: Jackie Palance (Pres., Trustees), Tim Krauss, Christa Zaldivar

2028: Wendy Carros, Gerry Rivard, Laura Taylor

Lay Leaders

2026: Mary Rogers

2027: Mattie Verzino

2028: Mark Adams

Worship Team Chair: Carol Rivard

Outreach Chair: (formerly Nurture and Faith in Action): Debbie Fasci

Education Chair: Christa Zaldivar

Scholarship Chair: Heidi Flower

If you are interested in working in any of these areas, please contact the Chair.

We decided that we would begin working on our church's vision as it relates to the new Mission Statement and our ministries at the January Leadership Board Meeting. We also agreed that we would start quarterly town hall meetings in January.

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■ The Twelve Symbols of Christmas

Christa Zaldivar, Education Superintendent

In lieu of a Christmas Pageant this year, the Sunday School Children and their helpers will be presenting the program "The 12 Symbols of Christmas." We have been busy preparing the program during Sunday School. All are invited to the program on Sunday, December 21st during the 9 a.m worship service!



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