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Prospect United Methodist Church

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From Summer Street to Church Avenue

How good and pleasant it is when God's people live together in unity! - Psalm 133:1

As I woke up to some cooler mornings recently, I began to realize that summer is slowly coming to an end. For some reason, this summer seemed to go by quickly for me, but it was also a very fruitful and meaningful season.

During the months of July and August, Asbury and Prospect Churches gathered for combined Sunday morning worship. We worshiped together at Prospect in July and at Asbury in August.

In these combined services, we gathered in one sanctuary and one fellowship hall. We had opportunities to learn each other's names, become familiar with one another's worship styles, and discover more about the ministries of each congregation. But we did more than simply learn about one another. We experienced the beauty and joy of gathering and serving together.

We worshiped the same God, sang the same hymns, heard the same Scripture, and shared a common message calling us to go out and proclaim God's love and purpose in the world. I am especially grateful that our cooperation, fellowship, and unity extended beyond our Sunday worship. We shared our struggles, participated in mission projects together, supported one another's ministries, and enjoyed wonderful fellowship at our picnic.

So, what's next?

As the Psalmist celebrates the unity of God's people on their journey to the temple, I believe that Asbury and Prospect are also on a shared journey of faith in our time and in our community. I believe there are many opportunities for us to discover new ways of worshiping, serving, and witnessing together. There may be ministries and missions that neither congregation could pursue alone but that we can undertake together.

I am excited to see how God will guide our churches in the days ahead. I hope we will continue to listen, pray, discern, and faithfully envision our next steps together.

Let us continue to pray for both of our churches as we gather, serve, and walk together. God has called us to proclaim the Good News and to share the love of Christ with one another and with our community.

May the Holy Spirit continue to guide our steps as we journey together.

Blessings,
Pastor Lee



Reflections On Combined Services

By Mary Rogers, Interested Party

I heard several congregants from both Asbury and Prospect mention things they enjoyed at the services of the church they don't normally attend. I also asked a few other people to tell me what they particularly liked about the "other" church's services and I would like to share these comments with you.

From Asbury congregants regarding Prospect's services:

- **Comment 1:** Loved the way we do communion, guided to the altar to receive communion, receives communion bread from pastor (with tongs), Pastor says prayer, and congregants return to their seats.
- **Comment 2:** Loved the lighting of the candles. Pastor follows the acolyte down aisle and goes up to pulpit when acolyte comes down from altar. Also loves the way the acolyte puts out the lights on the altar after services end and carries light of Jesus down aisle with Pastor following. Congregants sit after pastor passes. She felt this showed great reverence.
- **Comment 3:** Liked using pita bread in communion as it is easy to swallow.
- **Comment 4:** Liked the way a lay leader opened service doing most of the announcements.
- **Comment 5:** Really liked the candles.

All commenters said they would like to do combined services again next summer.

From Prospect Congregants regarding Asbury services:

- **Comment 1:** Really liked the bell ringing. It really centers people.
- **Comment 2:** Liked the way they have the greeters welcoming people to the services
- **Comment 3:** Liked the way they pray for several families and one child. I asked about that practice and they select the families alphabetically so each week some families are blessed with prayer.
- **Comment 4:** Liked the lively, upbeat special music.
- **Comment 5:** Liked the way the worship leader walks down the aisle with the Pastor and goes up to altar.

Group would also like to do combined services in the summer. Someone mentioned they felt it brought the churches closer together. We are more like sister churches now.

■ Prayer Walk Set for September 12

Pastor Lee is sponsoring a prayer walk at Barnes Nature Center on Sept. 12 at 10 a.m. This is open to both Prospect and Asbury members. Members can walk together or alone and enjoy God's creation, relax and refresh yourself.



Leadership Board Report

Mary Rogers, Chair, Leadership Board

The Leadership Board met on Thursday, August 20th. We reviewed our finances and discussed a more simplified finance report which would be available monthly and published quarterly. We also reviewed our current ministries and missions in preparation for our budgeting in September.

We announced that there will be a site-visit to our church by Partners of Sacred Places on Monday, August 24th. This is part of the United Methodist initiative of which our Cooperative Parish is a participant. The purpose of the visit is to evaluate the state of the building and provide suggestions of ways we can use available spaces toward our missions and ministries.

Mission

Missionary Helen Camarce Posts Updated Newsletter

Missionary Helen Camarce, who serves Prospect U. M. Church among others, shared a recent newsletter about her latest mission work. To read the latest newsletter go to:

<https://anewprospect.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/08/March-2026-Newsletter.pdf>

She plans to itinerate, visiting churches she serves in her mission work, during 2027. In addition, there will be a "Still in Mission" Zoom episode with Helen via Global Ministries on Thursday, Oct. 8, at 7 p.m.

Prospect Church's Jill Wilson, who has gone on a number of mission trips, encourages everyone to mark your calendar and listen in during the Zoom program. To register for this virtual event go to:

<https://zoom.us/meeting/register/b7ht5-SHQYWsc0vVhIZiqA#/registration>.

Upcoming Events

■ Luncheons Schedule

Debbie Fasci, Chair, Outreach

The Friends of Prospect luncheon is scheduled for 11:30 a.m. September 3 at BARC. The October lunch will be held on October 1 place TBD.

The Senior luncheon will begin on October 21 at 11:30 a.m. in Sessions Hall. The theme of the lunch has not yet been determined. If you have any suggestions, please contact Debbie Fasci. Please note there will be no senior luncheon in September. Also, please plan to come 30 minutes early for the Wednesday luncheons as we have brief prayer services led by Pastor Lee.



Thank You

■ Backpack Drive Success

Susan Thayer, Outreach

Thank you to everyone who supported the Backpack Drive with your generous gifts, your time and talents. Asbury members joined Prospect in this mission project, and we collected an abundance of backpacks, school supplies, beautiful quilts and transition bags and gift cards.



Prospect Scholarship Recipient

A \$3,000 scholarship has been awarded by Prospect U.M.C. to **Harrison Riker** who plans to attend Western Connecticut State University in their 4-year Bachelor Program for Accounting. Harry and his family have attended Prospect UMC for generations. He has been active as a trumpet soloist, with the Brian's Angels sandwich-making, and other activities. In high school Harry was an Honor Roll student and has also received awards for both music and baseball.

Harry submitted the following essay with his application for the scholarship. The question posed for the essay was: *"Excluding Jesus, which historical figure do you most admire, and why?"*

By Harrison Riker

Roberto Clemente was an amazing athlete, but he was a better human being. During his career in Major League Baseball from 1955-1972, his accomplishments were impressive. Some of his incredible accolades include such things as achieving 3,000 career hits, 15 All-Star selections, 12 Gold Gloves awards, 4 National League Batting Titles and even winning two World Series Championships with the Pirates (in back-to-back years). Roberto was an amazing person who tried his best to help anyone he could, no matter what. Unfortunately, his desire to help others in need led to his tragic passing in 1972. He died in a plane crash while bringing relief supplies to earthquake victims in Nicaragua. Being such a compassionate human, he went personally to make sure the supplies reached people that needed it most. This is partly the reason why the MLB honors him every year with an award named after him. The Roberto Clemente Award is given to one player each year. The winner is someone who is an amazing person both on and off the baseball diamond.

Roberto Clemente matters to me not just because he was a great baseball player but because he was an incredible person. He felt it was his obligation to help people in life and use his financial resources from his success in baseball. If someone asked for help he would always find a way to lend a helping hand. I deeply admire his athletic accomplishment, but feel inspired by his humanitarian work too. We should all aspire to be as great of a person as Roberto Clemente was. His legacy celebrates his dedication, compassion and generosity. I will endeavor to do my best to help others in all the ways I can, as long as I can.

Education

■ New Sunday School Year

By Christa Zaldivar, Education Superintendent

The beginning of the new Sunday School year is nearly here! Sunday Sept. 13 is our Rally Day. We will meet the Sunday School students on Sept. 20.

On Rally Day we will hold an all-church ice cream social as a fundraiser for Heifer International following our 9 a.m. service. The event will be cash only Sundae Sunday.

- \$5: bowl of ice cream;
- \$10: ice cream sundae with toppings;
- \$12: brownie ice cream sundae.



If you have any questions about our programs, please contact Christa Zaldivar at cjw02@hotmail.com or (917) 386-8599.

PUMC/AUMC Family Fun in the Sun Day



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