



# THE PROSPECT TOWER

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Prospect United Methodist Church

*A Growing Christian Community of Faith in Action*

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## **Pastor's Page**

*"And [Jesus] sent them out to proclaim the Kingdom of God and to heal." Luke 9:2*



Why do we do missions? I remember being asked that question shortly after I entered into the ministry. It was asked by a very active and outgoing man who really participated in the life of the community. He was involved in social groups. He volunteered for fund raising activities for good and important causes. In many ways, he was a model citizen. But somehow, the church never communicated the reason why we do ministry. Clearly, I had to find a good answer for this good man.

There are many good and noble causes which draw support from the community. As I type out this article, I am looking down at my right wrist and the red rubber band that shows my support for organizations fighting cancer. I made a small donation and that gave me the right (and privilege) to show my support. Maybe my wrist band will inspire someone else to make a donation. There are other causes out there—all of them important—all of them inspiring.

There is a difference, however, in Christian Mission. Yes, it could make us feel better about ourselves. Yes, the cause may be worthy of people's support. But the real difference is Jesus. Mission is our way of communicating Jesus' love. It is one thing to tell someone that Jesus loves them—it is another thing to actually show them that Jesus loves them. Simply put, mission is bringing the Gospel message to the world through our actions.

When things go terribly wrong, or a disaster strikes, or when people face life and death issues, people ask questions about God. Why is God doing this to me? Where is God? Maybe, you've asked these questions at some point in your life. Mission answers those questions. God is found handing out food in a soup kitchen. God is found teaching children in a far off land.

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God is found  
helping  
someone in a  
health clinic.  
God is found  
in a million  
different



places with a million different  
faces. When we support mission  
projects, or when we participate in  
a "Volunteers in Mission" program,  
the Gospel comes alive and God's  
presence becomes real for countless  
people.

The United Methodist Church  
has had a rich history in missions.  
Mission-minded people built Africa  
University. The United Methodist  
Church trained local Pastors in  
Africa, Central and South America  
and Eastern Europe. Mission  
trips, from the New York Annual  
Conference, helped restore lives in  
the wake of Hurricane Katrina, and  
today in the Catskill Mountains in  
the wake of Hurricane Irene.

When we talk about missions in  
church consider what you can do.  
You can donate money to support  
missions. You can lift up the  
missions in prayer. You can even  
participate in mission trips. There  
are many ways you can support  
missions. Do you hear God's call to  
the mission field?

*Grace and Peace,  
Bob Sorozan*

# Mission Activities

## ■ Crop Walk 2011

Joyce Rioux, Laura Taylor and Jeanette Baker (pictured l. to r.) participated in the 2011 Crop Walk on October 23. The four mile walk began and ended at Zion Lutheran Church in Southington. About 200 people participated to raise donations



for hunger programs through Church World Service. One quarter of the CROP Walk proceeds benefit local hunger efforts, the rest of the money is used to aid refugees, victims of natural disasters, and to fight hunger worldwide. PUMC raised \$240 for the event. In 2012, we invite new participants as well as welcome our former walkers.

## ■ Mission Concert

On September 24, Jason Castonguay performed at Prospect United Methodist Church. This was the second annual benefit concert at Prospect to raise funds for a mission project. This year \$350 was raised, which will be sent to the New York Annual Conference's Hurricane Relief work.

## ■ Covenant to Care/DCF Foster Children's Christmas Party

This is an opportunity to directly help bring a special evening of joy to 200-plus Foster children. The volunteer sign-up sheets are on bulletin board in Sessions Hall. Contact Susan Lee with any questions.

**Date:** Friday, December 2

**Time:** 3:30. - 9 p.m.

**Location:** PUMC

### **Opportunities available:**

Your presence to help children

- At craft tables;
- Serve pizza & juice boxes;
- Photo w/ Santa cards table;
- Parents' Room;
- Clean Up (sweep floor, rearrange tables),
- Parking Lot Duty

You must be 14 years old to work this party and all teens must attend a mandatory 20 minute training provided by DCF re: confidentiality,etc.

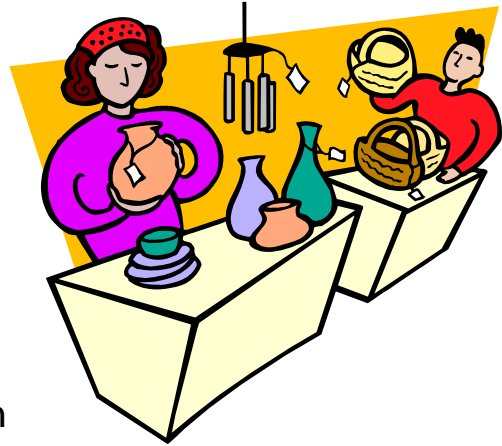
**Food Donations:** 400 individual juice boxes; 200 UNFROSTED cupcakes.

**Paper Goods Donations:** 30 Plastic Tablecloths (long rectangle white); 300 Plastic Spoons; 500 napkins (= 2 pkgs of 250 each).

# PROSPECT IN EARLIER DAYS

*Prospect Bazaar Featured Art, Doll Exhibit - Kathy Dube*

Since the new church year began, "Prospect In Earlier Days" has explored history reported in issues of the 1938 Prospect Tower. The church fair was called the Prospect Bazaar, which featured two unusual new events that November: an Art Exhibit and a Doll Exhibit.



As is the case today, most all of the church organizations were involved in the event which took place on Thursday and Friday afternoon and evening — November 17 and 18 — instead of on Saturday which is the case today. Every member of the church was asked to help make the Bazaar a success.

A tea hosted by Mrs. Paul Sessions opened the Prospect Bazaar on the 17th, along with a musical program. A turkey supper followed Thursday evening, served by the Welker Club, showcasing the church's new kitchen facilities. On Friday, a "cafeteria supper" was held featuring creamed chicken, cold roast pork, salmon loaf, several salads, baked beans, clam chowder, pie and cake for dessert.

The Art Exhibit featured 20 art works by Mary Hagarty, an English artist who was related to church members. The paintings were watercolors of the English countryside and ancient cathedrals. The public as well as church members with doll collections were invited to enter dolls in the Doll Exhibit. **[Does anyone have photographs from the Art or Doll exhibits? If so, the History Committee would love to see them.]**

"Fine entertainment" was offered free of charge each evening. Thursday night, the full Junior Choir presented a musical play, "The Life of Franz Schubert," under the direction of Lois Gillilan and Virginia DuBois, wife of pastor Paul DuBois. On Friday evening, the Adult Choir directed by Allan Smith presented the Gilbert and Sullivan operetta "Trial by Jury."

The Bazaar's many activities reveal the primary role Prospect Church played in the life of members and friends in the 1930s.

# Make Plans For Victorian Tea

December 10, at 4 p.m. in Sessions Hall.

The cost of tickets is:

\$15 for Sessions Hall; and \$25 for the Parlor.

*Sessions Hall is named for the early benefactors of our church, John Humphrey and William E. Sessions. Emily Sessions, wife of W.E., was known for the teas and special events she hosted at Beleden, the brownstone Sessions "manor house" on Bellevue Avenue owned by the couple.*

*Join us for our annual holiday tea as Sessions Hall is transformed into an English Manor.*

*Servants will surround you with an array of assorted delectables as you sip your tea and are transported to a time of elegance.*

*The event is open to all ages and both women and men. Proper attire and tea hats are encouraged. For reservations call Mrs. Hudson at (860) 214-4663.*

## MUSIC MADNESS

- Come and see what playing handbells is all about. This unique way of making music is truly a cooperative effort, and lots of fun. Rehearsals are immediately after the worship service. Please talk to Heidi or any handbell players for more information.
- Bristol Brass and Wind Ensemble, under the direction of Richard Theriault, will present a Holiday Concert on December 4 at Prospect United Methodist Church.





## ■ Bud Funk Receives Award

Prospect Church member Arthur “Bud” Funk was one of three community activists honored recently at the 27th Annual Humanitarian Awards Dinner, organized by the Bristol Boys and Girls Club and Family Center. This year’s honorees were cited for being active in community groups for years, often working in quiet ways and volunteering many hours of service to the community.

Bud Funk, a Burlington resident, is the President and Treasurer of Fourslide Spring and Stamping, Inc. of Bristol. He has been active with the Bristol Lions Club, Main Street Community Foundation, NESMA, Tunxis Community College Foundation, Bristol Hospital Development Foundation, Bristol Chamber of Commerce and the United Way.

## ■ Lighting of the Tower

For \$15 the outside of the Church Tower will be illuminated for the week of your choice. It is a very visual way to highlight our church in our community. Recognition will occur in the Sunday Bulletin.

## ■ Thanksgiving Services

*Let us remember that, as much has been given us, much will be expected from us, and that true homage comes from the heart as well as from the lips, and shows itself in deeds. ~Theodore Roosevelt*

Thanksgiving Services will be at St. Joseph’s Church on November 23rd at 7pm.

## ■ Health Forum

The Men’s Group is sponsoring a Health Forum on Saturday, November 12, from 8 a.m. to Noon. There will be speakers, if there is sufficient interest, on such topics as pilates, yoga, tai-chi, etc.

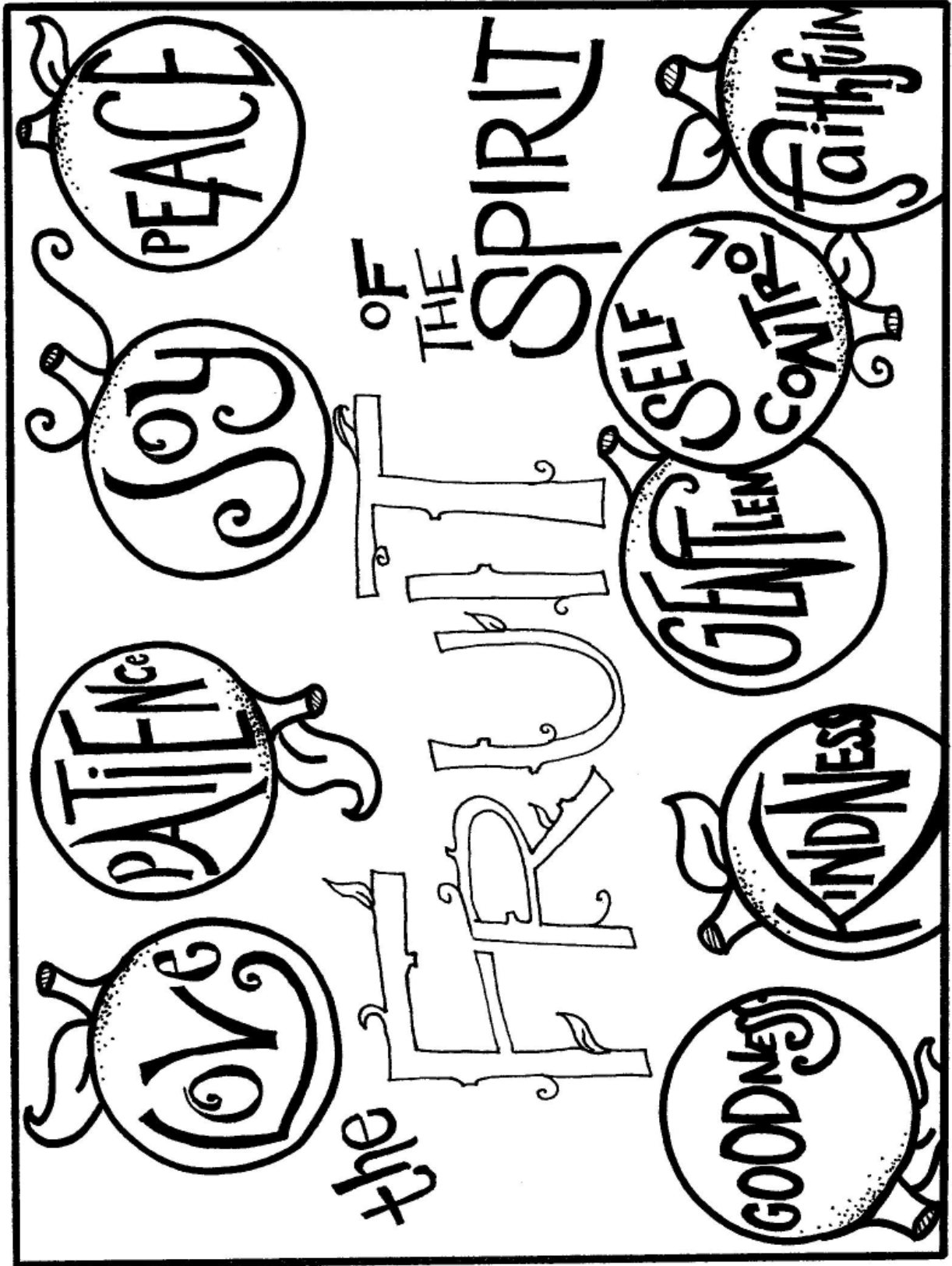
## ■ Advent Study

Pastor Bob will offer an Advent study on four consecutive Tuesday evenings, November 29 and December 6, 13, and 20, at 7 p.m. The focus will be the book “The Journey” by Adam Hamilton.

### SUNDAY SCHEDULE

8:30 a.m.	Chapel Service
10:00 a.m.	Sanctuary Service
10:00 a.m.	Church School
10:00 a.m.	Nursery School
11:00 a.m.	Fellowship

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