

# The Prospectus

JANUARY 2010



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# The Pastor's Page

*They shall come and sing aloud on the height of Zion,  
And they shall be radiant over the goodness of the Lord...  
I will turn their mourning into joy, I will comfort them,  
And give them gladness for sorrow...says the Lord.  
Jeremiah 31:12, 13b*

For the first time in decades my family, now four generations, sat around the table Christmas Day. We ate prime rib, salmon, and roast turkey with all the trimmings. Dessert was a mad dash to a two-tiered buffet table offering four varieties of pie. My father gave the first toast: his recollections of Dante's *Inferno* (we have not yet figured out what that was all about). I am the firstborn and offered the second toast, one more suitable for the season!

At the other end of the dining room a table occupied by residents of the Arbors watched my nephew and granddaughters. Eventually they approached us, introduced themselves, and took great delight in welcoming us. Two women wanted us to know what a "kidder" Dad is. We laughed. It had not taken long!

Since my parents moved in I have had several occasions to watch the interaction between staff, residents, and my folks. Since my parents made the decision to relocate from Florida to Connecticut, I have had mixed feelings, most of them mourning. Dad adjusts to change easily; Mom is not so socially tuned in. Not only is New England weather something to be reckoned with after thirty-one years in Southern climate. Leaving all that is familiar for a new land must be a tough move.

Epiphany came early for me this year. The Magi literally walked into the Arbors Christmas Day bearing gifts of joy, love, and acceptance for my father and mother. My brother, daughter and son-in-law, nephews and granddaughters became apart of the greatest picture of love I have seen in many years. My mother is truly happy. My Dad is so busy he has not had a chance to get to his beloved computer!

My mourning was turned into joy. Comfort and gladness are the new order for 2010. There is a new song to sing—I cannot wait to hear what the words will be!

*In Christ,*

*Phyllis*

# Disciples in Epiphany and Lent

## Worship

January 3, 10:00 AM Epiphany Worship and Communion  
5:00 PM Informal Worship and Communion  
January 10, 10:00 AM Worship & the Baptism of Christ  
5:00 PM Informal Worship and Communion  
January 17, 10:00 AM Worship & Second Hour Mission Program  
5:00 PM Informal Worship and Communion  
January 24, 10:00 AM Worship—Silver Lake Sunday  
5:00 PM Informal Worship and Communion  
January 31, 10:00 AM Worship  
5:00 PM Informal Worship and Communion  
February 7, 10:00 AM Worship and Communion  
5:00 PM Informal Worship and Communion  
February 14, 10:00 AM Worship  
5:00 PM Informal Worship and Communion  
February 17, 7:00 PM Ash Wednesday Service  
February 21, 10:00 AM Worship  
5:00 PM Informal Worship and Communion  
February 28, 10:00 AM Worship  
5:00 PM Informal Worship and Communion

## Fellowship and Celebration

Evening Women's Assoc. Meeting, 6:30 PM January 20  
Texas Bar-b-q January 23, 5:00 PM

## Spiritual Enrichment During Epiphany and Lent

Ash Wednesday Service February 17, 7:00 PM  
Morning Prayer Wednesday February 24, 8:00 AM @ St. Anthony's

## Mission Opportunities

Homeless Awareness Sleep-out Noon January 16 to Noon January 17  
Second Hour Program concerning Homelessness January 17  
Casserole Sunday January 24 during Coffee Hour

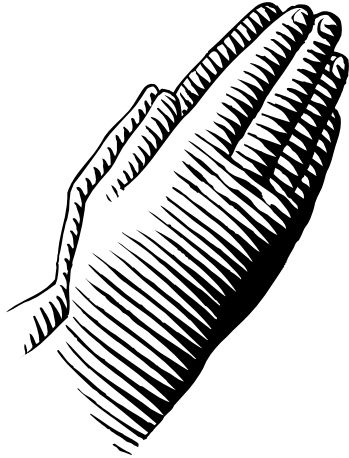
## Christian Education

Confirmation Classes Wed., Jan. 6 & 20, Feb. 3 & 17, 6:30 PM

## "Called to Care" Chronicles

### Health Concerns

Gloria Benson  
Louise Beach  
Carmen Cavallaro  
Ruby DeCosta  
Helen Donovan  
Scott Doolittle  
Shoshe Drapin  
Jake Dzubak  
Gayle Gourley  
Ruth Hansen  
Althea Hubbell  
Joyce Kathan  
Roy Schellhardt  
Tina Sierra  
Joan Slapikas  
Dave Stewart  
Andrew Vilardo  
Bernice Wilson  
Sherie Wilson



### Prayers for our Military, including

Gerard Boulay, England  
Thomas Brunetti, Jr., Iraq  
Christopher Chucta, Biloxi, Mississippi  
A1C Johnny Dee, Germany  
Darren Hale, Jr., Italy  
Edward Hall, Iraq  
Robert Holley, Iran  
Jim Jackson, Marines  
PFC James Kabusk, Cherry Point, NC  
Lcpl Alex Theil, Ft. Leonardwood, MO  
Robert Tuohy, Bagdad  
Michael Worden, Infantry in Afghan.  
Zac Favocia, Ft. Leonardwood, MO  
Jon Conlon, Iraq  
SFC Steven Norekia, Baghdad

### The Village at East Farms

Myrtle Hintz

### Highlands Healthcare Center

Nancy Robinson

### Glendale

Jo Collins

### Elim Park

Arrol Drew

### Beaconbrook

Roy Schellhardt

**Congratulations to:** Robert and Deborah D'Aniello on the baptism of their daughter Allison Jenna December 27th.

Ken and Sheryl Mann who renewed their wedding vows on the occasion of their 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

Harry and Jenny Rowe, and grandma Barbara, on the birth of Falon Grace December 17<sup>th</sup>.

**Condolences to:** Linda Theriault on the death of her mother Elizabeth Hotaling.

Mary Ellen Pearce on the death of her mother Eileen Sweeny

### Prayers of Concern for our Extended Family

Barbara Andrews (daughter of Eileen Flanagan)  
Bonnie (dear friend of Shoshe Drapin)  
Kevin Ackerman (nephew of Judy and Martin Niatopsky)  
Yves Allard (Erik Soderberg's Uncle)  
Norman Anderson (Babette Strumpf's brother)  
Edna Beach (Tim Beach's mother)  
Harriet Blakeslee (Charlie Blakeslee's sister-in-law)  
Susan Boyle (Pete Creasey's sister)  
Joe Cavallaro (father of Carmen Cavallaro)  
Arthur Compton (Alice Palen's brother)  
Judy Czarkowsky (neighbor of Charles Peach)  
Marcia Curtis (Dave Curtis' cousin)  
John Curtis (Dave Curtis' brother)  
Dean Charles Drapin (Shoshe Drapin's brother-in-law)  
Christine Edmondson (friend of Bernice Wilson)  
Gary Esposito (friend of Rick and Liz Normand)  
Justin Fortin (grandson of Alan and Charlotte Geary)  
Lloyd Hannula (Diana Trumbley's father)  
Dane Hassan, Sr. (dear friend of the Slapikas family)  
Sean Healy (Ruby DeCosta's step-grandson)  
Beth Hochman (Shoshe Drapin's daughter)  
David Nathan Hochman (Shoshe Drapin's grandson)  
Peter Horsky (Shoshe Drapin's brother)  
Conall Hurley (Howie Steeves' nephew)  
Earl Iffland (Kathy Vander Eyk's brother)  
Irene Kamila (Diana Trumbley's grandmother)  
Robert Kathan (son of Joyce and Barney Kathan)  
Benjamin LeBlanc (Edna Talmadge's grandson and Gwenn Fischer's nephew)  
Heather Mallon (friend of Bernice Wilson)  
Jeff Malm (Sue Wilson's brother)  
Benny Mazzucco (Kelly Shaffer's dad)  
Carmel Mazzucco (Kelly Shaffer's aunt)  
Beth Osborn (Pete Creasey's sister)  
Hank Pavlowski (Sandi Pavolwski's Dad)  
Dorothy Plankey (mother of Paul Plankey)  
Jared Price (Pete and Chris Creasey's nephew)  
Marion Raven (Kim Palmerie's sister-in-law)  
Hulda Risdon (mother of Marge Biercevicz)  
Sally Dunnigan Scott (Joan Slapikas' sister-in-law)  
Grace Sederquest (mother of Barbara Rowe)  
Yvonne Theriault (Linda Theriault's father-in-law)  
Nancy West (dear friend of Joan Slapikas)  
Arthur Wood (Christine Creasey's Dad)

**LECTIONARY READINGS FOR JANUARY & FEBRUARY, 2010**

**January 3** Psalm 147  
Jeremiah 31:7-14  
Ephesians 1:3-14  
**John 1:1-18**  
**Theme: Close to God's Heart**

**January 24** Psalm 19  
Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10  
1 Corinthians 12:12-31a  
**Luke 4:14-21**  
**Theme: Good News, Good Ways**

**January 10** Psalm 29  
Isaiah 43:1-7  
Acts 8:14-17  
**Luke 3:15-17, 21-22**  
**Theme: Affirmed by Love**

**January 31** Psalm 71  
Jeremiah 1:4-10  
1 Corinthians 13  
**Luke 4:21-30**  
**Theme: Prophet on the Edge**

**January 17** Psalm 36  
Isaiah 62:1-5  
1 Corinthians 12:1-11  
**John 2:1-11**  
**Theme: Extravagant Sign**

**February 7** Psalm 138  
Isaiah 6:1-13  
1 Corinthians 15:1-11  
**Luke 5:1-11**  
**Theme: Into the Deep**

**February 21** Psalm 91  
Deuteronomy 26:1-11  
Romans 10:8b-13  
**Luke 4:1-13**  
**Theme: Wilderness Companions**

**February 14** Psalm 99  
Exodus 34:29-35  
2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2  
**Luke 9:28-43**  
**Theme: Astounding Glory**

**February 28** Psalm 27  
Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18  
Philippians 3:17-4:1  
**Luke 13:31-35**  
**Theme: Strong and Tender**





## January Birthdays

1	Katie (Blakeslee) Cyr	21	Kristy Holley
2	Linda Theriault		Elaine Steeves
4	Amy (Greatorex) Corvino	24	Gary Arndt
7	Arrol McGarvey		Peg Goddard
	Darlyne Wadhams	26	Christopher Mattice
11	Nicholas Dirga		Robin Wright
	Ruth Voegeli	29	Megan Wester
12	Loriessa Holley	31	Al Hamilton
13	Dayna Chucta		
14	Craig Mann		



## CHRISTMAS BAZAAR 2010

Yes we are already thinking of next years bazaar. A new feature will be a re-cycled, inexpensive, fun jewelry table. So, ladies if you got a lot of new jewelry for Christmas, and it is time to clear out the excess, drop them at the church. Ladies, if you got jewelry you "could live without" and want to get rid of it, drop it at the church. Mark the jewelry **FOR ARLENE**. Only "YOU" can make this table a success!! **THANKS!!!**

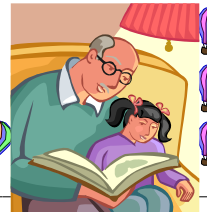
DIRECTORY PHOTOS...



Don't panic! If you weren't available to have your photo taken in November to include in the upcoming Church Directory, all is not lost!

We really want this to be a "user friendly" directory for all of us at church to really get to know one another. And if you and/or your family missed the chance to have your photo taken, we will be scheduling candid photo opportunities in January for those who weren't able to sit for the Olan Mills photo shoots. If you would like to set up a convenient time to have your family gather for a photo, please contact Gwenn Fischer at (203) 206-3373 (cell) or email a message to ProspectPages@aol.com. Please try to be part of this wonderful, colorful resource for our church! Thank you.

**Reminder - The Foster Grandparent program is starting January 3, 2010, at Paradigm Health Care Center. This will be held the first Sunday of the month from now until May 2010. We will meet in the Nursery Area following announcements. Parents will need to sign a permission slip for their child/children to go, if you have not done so already. We will be at the health care center from 10:30-11:30am. Please see Jan Snyder or Maryellen Pearce.**



**Attention all members who work with our children or youth in any capacity -** On January 10 following the Worship Service will be our next Safe Church training. If you have not gone through the training please be sure to attend this class as it is mandatory for you to attend the updated Class. There are to be **NO** exceptions. It is a revised curriculum therefore there must be documented attendance with sign in sheets. If you have not attended one of the classes you will **NOT** be able to work with our children or youth until this requirement has been met.

If you have attended Safe Place Training and have not yet turned in your paperwork, please do so right away.

For further information, please contact, Kelly Shaffer, Rick Normand or Louise Beach (Board of Christian Education).

9<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL  
HOMELESS SLEEPOUT

JANUARY 16<sup>TH</sup> TO 17<sup>TH</sup>  
SATURDAY TO SUNDAY  
NOON TO NOON

SPONSORED BY  
THE PROSPECT CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH  
SENIOR HIGH YOUTH GROUP

THE MEMBERS OF THE YOUTH GROUP WILL BE CAMPED OUT IN MAKESHIFT SHELTERS  
AT THE INTERSECTION OF ROUTES 68 AND 69 IN PROSPECT

THEY HOPE TO HELP RAISE AWARENESS ABOUT THE PLIGHT  
OF THE HOMELESS IN OUR COMMUNITIES.

PLEASE STOP BY WITH  
**CANNED GOODS OR MONEY**  
TO SUPPORT THEIR WORTHY CAUSE

**CASSEROLE MINISTRY UPDATE**—Next Casserole Sunday is January 24<sup>th</sup>. We are in need of peanut butter & jelly, cooked ground beef, and boxes of pasta.

February will be our 3<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary of making casseroles, salads, buttered bread and loaves of sandwiches for the GWIM Soup Kitchen. What an amazing accomplishment for all of us.

To keep the pantry stocked, we are always in need of the following items: creamed soups (we will now be using them in 2 of the 4 casseroles we are preparing), canned beans (not baked), olives, Italian dressing, peanut butter and jelly. Scheduled below is our Casserole rotation and what is used each month.

January, May, September—Ziti with Sauce (Ziti, sauce, cooked ground beef)

February, June, October—Tuna Casserole (Egg noodles, peas, tuna, cream soup)

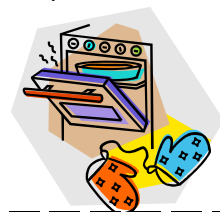
March, July, November—Chicken Casserole (Pasta, cooked chicken, cream soup)

April, August, December—Macaroni and Cheese (elbows, cheese sauce, hot dogs)

We always need monetary donations to purchase the lettuce, tomatoes, cucumbers and cheese for the salads—This costs approx \$75/month. Thank you again for all your continued support.

**TOGETHER** we continue to make a difference.

Any questions please see Diana Trumbley.



## Annual Reports

To All Church Officers, Board and Committee Chairs - Can you believe that a whole year has past and it is once again time for us to compile our Annual Report for this past year?

Please have all reports to the office by Friday January 15<sup>th</sup>. If at all possible, I would like to have them emailed to me or submitted to me on a flash drive. This will make it easier to put shorter reports together on one page, make margins and fonts all the same.

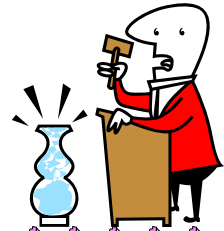
Thank you for all your help in putting together our Annual Report.



### Mark your Calendars:

January 31, 2010 - The CE Committee will be sponsoring a Potato Bake. More information to follow in the Bulletin.

March 6, 2010 - The CE Silver Lake Auction



### **Important Information About Our Prospectus**

It is time to renew your subscription to the Prospectus. Like last year, there are several ways to receive the Prospectus. Please mail or drop off this form to the church office or put in the Prospectus Mailbox in the coatroom.

You will be able to receive the Prospectus in the following ways:

- As a subscription mailed to your home for \$10/year (checks made payable to the Prospect Congregational Church with "Prospectus" in the memo line).
- Pick-up at church (limited copies)
- Via email (please provide your email address)
- By clicking on the link on the Church's Website ([www.prospecttucc.org](http://www.prospecttucc.org))

If you have any questions, please contact the Church Office at 203-758-4872.

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## Historian's Page

### **W. RONALD MORSE ENDOWMENT FUND ESTABLISHED IN 2005**

(This is the ninth in a series of articles by the Church Historian in order to expand on or, in some cases, to correct narratives told in the 200-year history of the Prospect Congregational Church, *A Church Set Upon a Hill.*)

The W. Ronald Morse Endowment Fund was established by the church in 2005 as a result of the sale of about 77 acres of land in Cheshire, which had originally been given to the church in 1951 by W. Ronald Morse. The donation represented the largest gift in the history of the Prospect Congregational Church. Dividends of \$20,000 or more have been added each year to the budget of the church to further its ministry and mission. Since the time of the 1951 grant there had been many discussion, committees and projected uses of the property; these are detailed on pages 210-211 in the church history. Mr. Morse had been invited by Dr. E. Irene Boardman to make a contribution to the steeple fund in 1950. He attended the dedication of the new church building in 1951 and told Dr. Boardman about his land in Cheshire and wondered what to do with it. She referred him to the church's moderator, and the congregation was informed of the gift on Sept. 6, 1951.

Walter Ronald Morse was born on Sept. 2, 1888 in Waterbury, and graduated from Yale in 1910 and from the Sheffield Scientific School at Yale in 1915 with a degree in engineering. He served as a Captain in the U.S. Army with the 301<sup>st</sup> Engineers in the First World War. He married Mildred Ketcham and the couple had three children, Richard, Anne and Dorothy. Most of his career was spent at the Stanley Works in New Britain, where he became the executive vice president before retiring. He was a member of the First Church of Christ, Congregational, in New Britain and was active in the Boy Scouts and other organizations. He died on Feb. 6, 1958 and was buried in the Prospect Cemetery. His wife died on Sept. 21, 1977.

On Sunday, Oct. 9, 2005, the church held a special reception after the church service to recognize the Morse family. Attending church that morning was his daughter, Mrs. Anne Pritchard, and her two daughters, Joan and Carol. At coffee hour there was a beautiful cake with the inscription, "In appreciation to the Morse family." Copies of the church history were given to them as well as to Richard K. Morse of Kansas City, Missouri, and Mrs. Dorothy Cooper of San Antonio Texas. In a letter to the Rev. Phyllis Norman, Anne Pritchard wrote: "Many thanks from the Morse family members for the recognition that you gave to your congregation of the gift that our father and grandfather gave to the church. Having kept the land for so many years has given Prospect Congregational a valuable legacy today."

W. Ronald Morse came from a long-standing Prospect family. His grandfather was Harry Moss (the name was later changed to Morse) and his father was Walter Gillette Morse, who lived in Waterbury for a period of time, but moved back to Prospect in 1910 and lived on Matthew St. just north of the intersection with Juggernaut Road. Morse is listed with the World War I veterans on the monument on Prospect Green, but there is no record of his military service on his tombstone in the Prospect Cemetery, nor any marker or medallion. For the cemetery tour last June a flag and flowers were placed at his gravesite. With an outstanding career as a noted industrialist and a high rank in military service, he was one of the most distinguished "sons of Prospect."



# January 2010



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p><i>Deacon On Call:</i></p> <p><i>Debbie Colaci</i></p>					<p>1</p> <p><i>New Year's Day</i></p>	<p>2</p>
<p>3</p> <p>10a Worship 11a Coffee Hr 5p Contemporary Service</p>	<p>4</p> <p>7p Deacons' Mtg</p>	<p>5</p> <p>9:30a Bible Stdy</p>	<p>6 <i>Epiphany</i></p> <p>10:30a Memorial Service— Paradigm 6:30 Confirmation Class</p>	<p>7</p> <p>7:30 Sr. Choir</p>	<p>8</p>	<p>9</p>
<p>10</p> <p>8:30a Pancake Brkfst 10a Worship 11a Coffee Hr 5p Contemporary Service</p>	<p>11</p> <p>7p Finance Committee 7p Committee Night</p>	<p>12</p> <p>9:30a Bible Stdy 7p BOT Mtg</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p> <p>7:30 Sr. Choir</p>	<p>15</p>	<p>16</p> <p><i>Noon-Noon 9th Annual Homeless Awareness Sleepout</i></p>
<p>17</p> <p>10a Worship 11a Potluck Luncheon 5p Contemporary Service</p>	<p>18</p> <p>11a Worship—Village at E Farms 7p Council Meeting</p>	<p>19</p> <p>9:30a Bible Stdy</p>	<p>20</p> <p>6:30 Confirmation Class 6:30 Evening Women's Assoc</p>	<p>21</p> <p>10:30 Worship - Paradigm 7:30 Sr. Choir</p>	<p>22</p>	<p>23</p> <p><i>5 p Monthly Dinner</i></p>
<p>24</p> <p><i>Silver Lake Sunday</i> 10a Worship 11a Coffee Hr/ Casseroles 5p Contemporary Service</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26</p> <p>9:30a Bible Stdy</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p> <p>7:30 Sr. Choir</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30</p>
<p>31</p> <p>10a Worship 11a Coffee Hr 5p Contemporary Service</p>						