



The Prospectus

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ELEVATOR DEDICATION AND RIBBON CUTTING CEREMONY

**MAY 15, 2016
1:00 PM**

The Elevator Committee will be having a Dedication and Prayer
for our New Elevator!

Come and be a part of the Celebration!



Church World Service Blankets for Mother's Day

CWS Blankets; Comfort in times of crisis.

Help people around the world recover from disasters and get a fresh start.

Someone like Karen, a senior citizen in Michigan whose home was flooded in 2014, or Nerline, a mother of four in Haiti, who lived in a tent for several years after the 2010 earthquake destroyed her house.



When you partner with the CWS Blankets program, you are helping our neighbors in need recover from disaster, giving them hope and the tools they need for lasting change. You are providing necessities and cleanup supplies to Karen and others impacted by stateside disasters, working with the community to rebuild their lives. You are coming alongside Nerline and others in Haiti, to construct a new home and accompany them on the long road to recovery.

Last year over 7,800 blankets were distributed worldwide. And of those 5,000 were sent to homeless shelters and agencies that help the unhoused here in the United States. Many have been sent to refugee stations in Serbia during the winter months of waiting to cross borders.

We will be taking an offering for the Blanket Ministry on May 8, Mothers Day Sunday, in recognition of the many displaced families often headed by women. Mothers Day and all-purpose cards will be available in Fellowship Hall on May 1st and May 8 during coffee hour for those who would like to take one.



The Sr. High Youth Group is selling PCC Window stickers to raise money for them to attend the National Youth Event in July. Sticker are available during coffee hour or in the Church Office. They are \$5.00 each. If you have any questions, please contact Sue Hudson, Kayla Reilly, Jon Normand or any member of the youth group.

Fifth Sampler Dinner



Bob Harvey and Diana Trumbley will be hosting another Friday night dinner on Friday May 13th, 2016 at 6:00pm. This dinner will be a **Stuffing** Sampler Dinner, where we will have the chance to sample several different stuffings. They will be made by different people, and you will be given a sample of each. We may even vote for your favorite one. We will also have roasted turkey breast, green beans, drinks, and desert. The cost will be \$8.00 per person. Please sign up by placing your name on the sign-up sheet in Fellowship Hall, so we know how many to plan for. And if you think you have a great stuffing recipe and want to enter it, please contact Diana or Bob.

ION Bank Community Rewards

Congratulations! It is our pleasure to notify you that the customers of Ion Bank have voted Prospect Congregational Church as one of their **2016 Community Award Program Winners**. Each award winning organization will receive a grant from the **Ion Bank Foundation**.

Members of the church are invited to attend the Community Awards Program reception where grant presentations will be made to the winning organizations.

When: Wednesday, May 11, 2016, 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm

Where: Ion Bank, 87 Church Street, Naugatuck



Discount Power Update

The Prospect Congregational Church continues to be a Broker for Discount Power. Discount Power is a discount electricity supplier located in Shelton, CT and has now gone to a policy of only offering fixed rates to their customers.

Recently Discount Power introduced a new fixed rate program for residential customers. See below for details. .Currently the Eversource rate is \$.0955/kWh. As you may or may not know, Discount Power supplies only the electricity. Eversource or UI will continue to supply your bill and all service. Discount Power will give the church \$.002 for every kWh used by our customers. This is a WIN/WIN for both the church and our customers.

Whether you are purchasing your electricity from Eversource, UI or another discounted electricity supplier, please check a recent bill to see what rate you are currently paying to determine how much money you can save. Then go to our Discount Power web site at discountpowerinc.com/pccenergy, click on the green get started button and follow their directions. There is also a link on the church's website at www.prospectucc.org. You can also email us at pccucc@snet.net and we will email or call you back to answer any questions you might have. We would also be happy to sign you up if that is what you would like. Feel free to speak to Tina Soderberg or Gary Arndt about Discount Power during coffee hour after church on Sundays.

NEWEST RATES

4/11/2016

All Customers	\$.062/kWh	6 months
All Customers	\$.076/kWh	12 months

We hope to hear from you soon.



Gift Card Fundraiser



The next order for retail cards will take place **Sunday, May 15th**. Buy Gift Cards as Gifts for others or for yourself to use at retailers that you frequent. They are also a safe way to shop on the internet. Gift Cards ordered through the church will generate a percentage of the face value of the card back to the church. Lists of cards available are on the website (www.scripzone.com). **Unfortunately, Friendly's cards are being discontinued and will no longer be available.** Order forms are available in the Narthex and down in Fellowship Hall. If a retailer is on the website and not on the order form, please write it in on the bottom of the form. Checks should be made payable to Prospect Congregational Church. Completed forms can be given to Sandy Pavlowski or Diana Trumbley (Debi can hold them in the Church Office if neither of us is available). Thanks in advance for your support. Sandy & Diana

May Birthdays and Anniversaries



1	Debi Mastroni-Kenyon	18	DJ Hale
2	Adrienne Renee Kelly	20	Victor Visockis
4	Rick Normand		Charles Barnes
	Barbara Rowe	23	Lou Vander Eyk
5	Dana Krofssik	24	Jean Barnes
8	Melissa Blakeslee		Betty Lou Foley
12	Kim Palmerie	25	Zachary Sweet
14	Diana Trumbley	27	Jonathan Krofssik, Jr.
	Brandon Peach	28	Ruth Hansen
	Megan Minkara		Judy Zhitomi
16	Arlene Hamilton	30	Alyssa Lukeski

Happy Anniversary to Rev. Doreen & John Horstman on May 14th
and Louis and Judy Zhitomi on May 15th!

Pure joy and thankfulness in completing another Boston Marathon!

Both feelings started before Louise and I even left for Boston. Thankfulness goes back to that fateful day of my first Boston in 2013. Yes, the year of the bombing. I'm not only thankful for every Boston I'm able to qualify for and complete, but for every step and breath I take. Joy is always in my heart as well, but it peaked with all the prayers and good wishes that I received from my church family that Sunday morning before leaving. This past Sunday service was about love and I can say that Louise and I feel it all the time from our church family and we feel blessed to be part of it.

Now for the race. While the secret to a good race is to run happy and relaxed, well it's easier said than done. I measured my heart rate while "relaxing" before the race and it was 78 BPM and I had not started to run yet. It's usually 58, by the way. Anyway, once the race started I think I did calm down. After all, 13,000 runners had already started and there were 17,000 behind me so I had plenty of company. Add to that probably a half million fans along the sidelines, the joy comes back fast, even though it's hard work. When it's really feeling hard, I don't stay too long in the pity party as I think about Louise and how real hard it is for her to walk just a short distance, so the thankfulness for my blessings come back fast as well.

Again to the secret for running a good marathon in particular is to run "comfortably" for the first 10 miles and I thought I accomplished that, even with the warm weather, as I crossed that mile marker in under 1 hour and 20 minutes, a nice pace. Soon after though I realized it was getting difficult to keep that pace. Luckily, just 2 miles ahead would be Wellesley College, where the girls come out and literally scream continuously for all the runners. Love is certainly in the air there! In my case, with my hearing, when I pass the last girl, since they have been screaming up the course, it goes totally silent for me.

I hit the half marathon mark at 1:46, 4 minutes off my desired pace, 3 of those planned because of the heat and the other, well actually planned also as I intended to enjoy myself thoroughly through Wellesley's "Scream Tunnel". Tiring at mile 15 I remember wishing for the downhill at mile 16 to come soon, even though right after it comes the most difficult part of the course. Four hills through the town of Newton. Only the last one has a name, "Heartbreak", but the others wear you down. Read the Prospect Pages for the details of my negotiation to make it up and over Heartbreak Hill and to mile 21. I can say here though that even with the wind coming in from Boston in my face at that point I was thankful it wasn't cold and raining like last year.

The last 5.2 miles of the course are the easiest, on paper, but that's if you have somehow managed to keep fresh legs to that point. Only in 2014, a perfect weather day, did I ever come close to it feeling "easy". At mile 24 you start to see the famous Citgo sign near Fenway Park and if you're actually fresh, even though it's a mile away, it gets bigger pretty fast. This year, well, it took awhile, but I got there and soon you pass under a big sign on an overpass, newly painted in blue and yellow, that says 1 mile to go! I don't know how fast my heart was beating at that point, but it was filled with joy and thankfulness as I knew no matter what the clock would say, I would finish the race, 2 Timothy 4:7. As you take a right on Hereford St. and the final left on Boylston St. to run the last quarter mile to the finish, it doesn't matter what condition you're in, the high spirit of the crowd makes it truly easy. 3 hours and 45 minutes was my time.

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Louise and Dan met me after the finish on church steps, of course, and when I learned later that Louise had a good day walking around Boston Common and the Public Garden and got to watch people getting paddled around in the Swan Boats, I was just so thankful to God for all the blessings He's given to my family. Thanks again everyone, for your caring. You carry out the Lord's commandment that we were reminded about this week so well. God bless you.

Tim Beach

Elevator Loan Update

The construction loan we had from Ion Bank to cover the supply and installation of the elevator has now turned into a fixed rate mortgage. The bank will now charge a fixed monthly amount for payment of the principal and interest. Any new donation made to the elevator loan will be applied directly to the principal which will reduce the duration of the loan.

The current principal balance owed on the elevator loan is \$81,980.90. The monthly note due on May 1 is \$629.90. Please consider any donations to help pay down the principal. Updates will be provided monthly showing the new principal balance.

Ken Mann – Financial Advisory Committee



GWIM Fundraising Night at Panera Bread



Help support Greater Waterbury Interfaith Ministries, Inc. on May 2, 2016 from 4:00-8:00 pm at the Panera Bread bakery-café at 920 Wolcott Street, Waterbury. There are flyers in the Narthex at the Church that you must bring with you when you dine there and a portion of the proceeds from your purchase will be donated to GWIM.

GWIM Hunger Walk

Join us on May 22, 2016 from 1:00-3:00 pm to Walk Against Hunger! There will be a cook out, 50/50 raffle, and music after the walk. Help feed our friends and neighbors by donating. Only \$15.00 feeds a family of three (3) for a week; \$20.00 feeds a family of four (4) for a week; \$25.00 feeds a family of five (5) for a week. ALL donations are welcome and any donation of \$15.00 or more gets you a GWIM Walk Against Hunger T-shirt!



Church Food Pantry



The church has a Food Pantry up in the Office which helps folks a few times a month. We appreciate and accept donations anytime and are currently in need of Peanut Butter, Jelly, and Coffee. So if you are out and about and notice any of these things on sale, consider a donation!

GWIM Food Pantry Drive

Let's help keep the shelves at the Food Pantry stocked. On a weekly basis, the children will be collecting non-perishable items from the congregation when they are called up for the Children's Message. On a monthly basis we will be collecting the following items to help stock the shelves (feel free to use this as a guide but any and all items are welcome at any time). Miscellaneous items will also be collected to be added as a "treat" to these stock items.

January—Pasta & Sauce

February—Cereal

March—Canned Fruit/ Vegetables

April—Soup

May—Macaroni & Cheese

June—Canned or Dried Beans

July—Canned Tuna/Salmon

August—Juice or Dry Milk

September—Rice or Instant Potatoes

October—Peanut Butter & Jelly

November—Beef Stew or Chili

December—Canned Chicken or Hash

There are envelopes in the pews if you would like to make a monetary donation. These will be collected by the children along with perishable items each week. Any questions, please see Diana Trumbley or any member of the Board of Missions

From the Church Office

Articles for the Newsletter and Bulletin can be emailed to me at pccuccoffice@gmail.com. The deadline for the June Prospectus is **Wednesday, May 18th** and information for the Bulletin should be sent by 10:00 am on Thursdays for inclusion in that week's Bulletin.

Regarding Building Use, please fill out the Building Use Forms provided by the Board of Trustees. You can find these forms in the Coat Closet in the top right mail box. The event is penciled in on the Calendar and the form is submitted to the Trustees for their approval. The Trustees meet the second Tuesday of each month so please submit Applications in a timely fashion. After Trustees' approval the event is then set on the Church's Schedule.

Regarding email communication, my goal is to send only one or two emails per week to everyone so that you don't become flooded with emails from the Church. Getting information to the Office will enable me to compile a weekly e-newsletter of sorts to keep you all in the loop.

Many thanks,

Debi

In Our Prayers

Roger Allen
Joan Hart
Mary Ellen Pearce
Jennie Bayse
Al Hamilton
Tina Sierra
Louise Beach
Joan Slapikas
Gloria Benson
Barbara Koshier
Dave Stewart
Kirsten Berube
Lindy Jacobson

Babette Strumpf
Rev. Carmen Cavallaro
Linda Jerzierny
Fred Strumpf, Jr
Janet Cronn
Georgianna Tata
Jillian DiTommaso
Michael Lohne
Andrew Vilaro
Jake Dzubak
Sheryl Mann
Kathy Vander Eyk
Peter Creasey

Sherie Wilson
Judy Fiengo
Barbara Menturweck
Ellen Woods
Ed Mitoraj
Gayle Gourley
Lois Nemet
Katie Reed
Dennis McGuire
Glenn Warne

Prayers for our Military, Including

PFC Marissa Bainer
Thomas Brunetti, Jr.
Christopher Chucta, Turkey
Jon Conlon
Anthony DiTommaso
Thomas Greene, Afghanistan
Darren Hale, Jr., Afghanistan
Jim Jackson, Marine

Kenny Jeannin, Ft. Drumm, NY
A1C Johnny Dee, Washington
118th Med Bn FC James Kabusk, Cherry
Point, NC
Jonathan Saxton, Fairfield, CA
Lcpl Alex Theil, Ft. Leonardwood, MO
ACAN Jessica Zielonka, Norfolk, VA

Prayers of Concern for our Extended Family

Glendale

Jo Collins
Roy Schellhardt

Paradigm

Raymond & Shirley Stewart
Edna Talmadge

Prayers of Concern for our Extended Family

Tabitha (Lindy Jacobson's niece), **Uncle Howard** (David Bell's uncle), **Yves Allard** (Erik Soderberg's Uncle), **Norman Anderson** (Babette Strumpf's brother), **James Bayse** (Jennie Bayse's father), **Anita Capen** (friend of Diane Cavallaro), **Robin Carlson and Joyce Cronin** (friends of Sandy Pavlowski), **Mabel Caudill** (Linda Jerzierny's mother), **Mary Grace Cavallo**, **Donald Covino** (brother of Carm Villani), **Justine Egan** (Kelly Evon's cousin), **Agatha Falcone** (Tina Sierra's

mom), **Charlie Fortier** (brother of Anne Marie Burr), **Justine Fortin** (grandson of Charlotte Geary), **Eddie Hannula** (Diana Trumbley's uncle), **Lloyd Hannula** (Diana Trumbley's dad), **Dianne Hart** (sister of Joan Hart and Janet Searles), **Fran Hart** (Mother of Joan Hart and Janet Searles), **Pam Hartnett** (Bob and Kathy Hartnett's daughter-in-law), **Ellie Held** (Barbara Rowe's sister), **Russell Held** (Barbara Rowe's nephew), **David Holley** (John Holley's dad), **Mary Hudson** (John Hudson's mother), **Paul Hudson** (John Hudson's dad), **Douglas Hughes** (Arlene Hughes' son), **Conall Hurley** (Howie Steeves' nephew), **Ingrid** (Sharon Blair's Sister), **Edna Kainer** (Sandy Pavlowski's grandmother), **Jackie LaCroix** (friend of Melissa Saxton), **Robert Luddy** (neighbor of Gwenn and Brad Fischer), **Bertha & Charles McCollough** (Sharry Sargeant's mother and father), **Madalyn McDaniel** (Barbara Menturweck's niece), **Dolores Mikishko**, **Carol Miner** (friend of Christine Creasey), **Christina Mitchell** (Mary Ellen Pearce's daughter-in-law), **Mary Nelson** (Barbara Menturweck's cousin), **Dolores Paonessa** (Sue Hudson's aunt), **Mark Peel** (friend of Mary Ellen Pearce), **Tiffany Perry** (friend of Kim Palmerie), **Doreen Proul** (dear friend of Edie Sherwood), **Marion Raven** (John Raven's daughter-in-law, Kim Palmerie's Sister-in-law), **Matthew Raven** (John Raven's son), **Bill St. Jean** (Denise Masulli's brother), **Henry Sarbeski**, **Michelle Scotto-Lanzoni** (John Hudson's Cousin), **Jim Scully** (Howie and Deb Steeves' brother-in-law), **Dotty Searles** (John Searles' mom), **Ryan Sierra** (Rick and Tina Sierra's son), **Edward Smith** (son of Janet and Steve Cronn), **Lauren Stanczyk** (Friend of Lindy Jacobson), **Bob Steeves** (Howie Steeve's cousin), **Leslie Studwell** (Debbie Steeves' cousin), **Sharon Trumbley** (Diana Trumbley's sister-in-law), **Bob Wallin** (friend of Rev. Carmen & Diane Cavallaro), **Jack Walsh** (student at Woodland High School), **Beverly Wyman** (Debbie Brooks' sister and Joan Slapikas' cousin), **Arthur Wood** (Christine Creasey's father), **Joan Wood** (Christine Creasey's Mom)





Save the Date!
Sunday, June 12th



Flower Sale!

Prospect Volunteer Fire Station Plant Sale!

Saturday, May 7th, from 8:00 am to 5:30 pm

Sunday, May 8th, from 8:00 am to 2:30 pm

At St. Anthony's Parking Lot, Prospect



Flower Sale!

May Scripture Readings

Sunday, May 1st - "Disciples Together" Acts 16:9-15; Psalm 67; Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5; John 14:23-29 or John 5:1-9

Sunday, May 8th, Mother's Day - "Breaking Chains" Acts 16:16-34; Psalm 97; Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21; John 17:20-16

Sunday, May 15th, Pentecost Sunday - "Gathered and Scattered" Acts 2:1-21 or Genesis 11:1-19; Psalm 104:24-34, 35b; Romans 8:14-17; John 14:8-17, (25-27)

Sunday, May 22nd - "Wisdom Calls" Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31; Psalm 8; Romans 5:1-5; John 16:12-15

Sunday, May 29th - "Faith of an Outsider" 1 Kings 18:20-21, (22-29), 30-39; Psalm 96 or 1 Kings 8:22-23, 41-43; Galatians 1:1-12; Luke 7:1-10



May 2016



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Worship; Foster Grandparents 10a Coffee Hr. 11a CE Mtg. 11:15 Children's Choir Sr. Youth 6p	2 Deacons, 7p	3	4 Choir 7:30p	5 Boy Scouts	6	7
8 Worship 10a Coffee Hr. 11a Children's Choir Sr. Youth 6p	9 Committee Night 7p	10 Trustees 7p	11 Confirmation 6:30 p Choir 7p	12 Boy Scout Committee 6:00 p (Parlor) Boy Scouts	13 Stuffing Sampler Dinner 6p	14
15 Confirmation Worship 10a Coffee Hr. 11a Finance 11:15a Casseroles Children's Choir	16 Council 7p	17	18 Evening Women 6:30p Choir 7:30 p	19 Boy Scouts	20	21
22 Worship 10a Coffee Hr. 11a Children's Choir Sr. Youth 6p	23	24	25 Choir 7:30 p	26 Boy Scouts	27	28
29 Worship 10a Coffee Hr. 11a Children's Choir Sr. Youth 6p	30	31				Deacon of the Month is Marge Biercevicz

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