

Prospect Presbyterian Church
Maplewood, New Jersey
December 9, 2018

December's Deacon of the month is
Nancy Yourkoski (973) 327-4395.
If you know of any church member in need, please
call the DOM.



OUR MISSION:

*To be a family in Christ, reaching out to all
with love, prayer and service...
through worship, education, mission and
fellowship, we experience God's love,
forgiveness, grace and call.*

*Today's flowers are given in loving memory of
Harris, Lillian and Jennifer Sinclair from the
Sinclair-Thompson family.*

Liturgist: Allison Bisbey

Advent Candle Lighters: Rick Noll and Nancy
Shields

Ushers: Kathie Osborne and WillieMae Charles
with help from Good Neighbor Coffee Ministry.

Fellowship Time Host: Allison Reid

Multi Media Ministry: Luke Bailey, Olivia
Morgan

Readings:

Malachi page

Luke 1:68-79 page

Philippians 1:3-11 page

Luke 3:1-6 page

Hymns:

#113 *Angels We Have Heard on High*

#163 *Wild and Lone the Prophet's Voice*

96 *On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry*

Rev. Dr. Rick Boyer
will give today's sermon entitled,
"Welcome Hope: Hearing".

Please remember in your prayers...

*In an effort to keep the prayer list current, names are
removed each month unless specifically requested
to remain.

Announcements

Prepare for Worship: Please take this time to fill in the yellow form included in the announcement sheet. All information you will need for the service is projected on the screens at the front of the sanctuary. For this week, congregational responses on the screen are printed in **bold white**. If you do not wish to keep today's bulletin, kindly dispose of it in the recycling baskets located at the exit door. Thank you!

ANNUAL ADVENT CAROL-SING will take place in SENSATIONAL SUNDAY, December 16 at 9:15 AM in Fellowship Hall. We will also pack cookies to include in the lunches that will be distributed in Newark later that morning. If you are able to donate 2 (or more) dozen nut-free cookies by 9:30 AM on the 16th, please let Rita or the church office know **TODAY**. Thank you!

WOMEN'S MONTHLY BIBLE STUDY meets TOMORROW at 10:00 AM in the Conference Room upstairs. We will continue to look at God's promise of presence by asking if God turns away when we aren't faithful. We will consider 1 Chronicles 28:1-21 and 1 Kings 11:1-13, 29-39 in this session titled, "God with Us When We Seek God." This informal conversational Bible study takes place from 10:00-11:30 AM the second Monday of every month. All women are welcome to come as able!

ConnectEd CLASSES DO NOT MEET December 30. Please join us for worship at 10:30 AM and return to ConnectEd by attending the January 6 Sensational Sunday.

Presbyterian Women-Would you like to learn how to knit? **PW will be starting a beginner's knitting project in 2019.** No knowledge needed. The first project will be a baby blanket comprised of individually knitted squares sewn together. The knitting project kick-off will take place on Sunday, 1/13/2019 following Fellowship time. Further details will be provided regarding subsequent meeting dates, yarn and knitting needles. If interested, please contact Ileana Griffiths on YogaGriff2015@gmail.com, call or text 973.818.4220.

Like to plan ahead? **Liturgist, Fellowship Host and Usher sign-ups** are out through January. See the clipboards on the table at the entrance/exit of Fellowship Hall.

Prospect Book Club will be reading *The Hate U Give* by Angie Thomas. We will discuss this today at 12 noon in the Multipurpose Room in the basement.

Would you like to honor or remember someone through a **poinsettia** this year? Meredith Ribeiro will be arranging the purchase of the plants this year that will decorate the sanctuary for Christmas. Please contact her with the information and payment by December 10. mlribeiro@verizon.net or 201-207-7106.

December 23rd is the Children's Christmas Pageant during worship. After service, Presbyterian Women will be hosting a **Pot Luck Brunch** in Fellowship Hall; sign up with Connie Guida today or next Sunday.

Meeting Essential Needs With Dignity (MEND) is an interfaith network of donors and food pantries serving Essex County. Prospect provides food donations and funds to MEND all year long, and during the holidays we participate in a unique MEND program called "**Help-a-Family**". Through this program, a Prospect family can volunteer to be matched with a critically in-need family that has been identified by MEND food pantry staff and, through the use of a client profile prepared by the staff, buy Christmas gifts for all the members of that family. If you want to hear more about this program, or think you might want to volunteer, please email Sara Smith at sarasawyersmith38@gmail.com, or call her at 973-378-8093 as soon as possible.

Attendance last week was 76.

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Staff Directory

Name	Phone Extension	Office hours
Rev. Dr. Rick Boyer	Pastor X204	Monday- Thursday 10:30-12:30
Rita Boyer	Certified Educator X205	Monday, Wednesday, Thursday 9:00 – 3:00
Peter Ncanywa	Director of Music X 206	Sunday 8:00 -12:00, Monday 11-5:30, Thursday 2:00 – 9:00
Lisa Abdill	Secretary X202	Monday – Thursday 9:00 – 2:00
Jose Orjuela	Financial Secretary X201	Monday, Wednesday, Friday 9:30 – 2:00
Lorenzo Brooks	Sexton contact office	Saturday – Wednesday 8:00-4:00
Co-Op Nursery School	Dana Cavanaugh Co-Op director X210	Monday-Friday 9:00 – 3:00

Church Office Hours Monday-Friday 9:00 – 2:00.

Email Responses at Prospect – In an effort to develop clear expectations and healthy lifestyles for Prospect Church staff, staff are expected to respond to email during normal work hours. In the case of urgent needs, please call Rick at 862-485-0512. On Sunday morning, staff will be focused on being present with the gathered community; therefore, they are not likely to see Sunday morning email. We encourage our staff to use evenings and days off as times of refreshment, rest and recreation.

Calendar for Week of December 9, 2018

Today	9:15 am	ConnectEd 
	9:30 am	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
	10:30 am	Worship
	12:00 pm	Prospect Book Club
Monday	10:00 am	Women's Bible Study
	7:30 pm	Worship Ministry
Tuesday	7:00 am	Commuter Breakfast
	7:30 pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
	7:30 pm	Co-Op Nursery School Board
	8:00 pm	Recovery
Wednesday	8:30 am	Good Neighbor Coffee
	7:00 pm	Cub Scout #3 Den meetings
	7:30 pm	Finance Ministry
Thursday	7:00 pm	Cub Scout #3 Den meetings
	7:30 pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Friday	7:00 pm	Girl Scouts #22908
Saturday	3:00 pm	Children's Pageant Rehearsal
Sunday	9:15 am	ConnectEd  Sensational Sunday
	9:30 am	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
	10:30 am	Worship
	11:45 am	Prospect Hunger Program-make lunches
	1:30 pm	Girl Scouts #22856

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