

Prospect Presbyterian Church
Maplewood, New Jersey
December 16, 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
her grandparents from Michelle and Patrick
Miller.*

Liturgist: Allison Bisbey

Advent Candle Lighters: The Donaty Family

Ushers: Eric Bazilio, Ray Veghte and Interfaith
Hospitality Network volunteers Nancy Shields
and Mary Murphy.

Fellowship Time Host: Willie Mae Charles and
Kathie Osborne

Multi Media Ministry: Ryan Donaty, Rick Noll
and Aiden Pierre

Readings:

Zephaniah 3:14-20	page 816
Isaiah 12:2-6	page 596
Philippians 4:4-7	page 1024
Luke 3:7-18	page 891

Hymns:

#134 *Joy to the World*
#71 *Surely it is God Who Saves Me*
#132 *Good Christian Friends, Rejoice*

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

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!

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.

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.

Do you find the holiday season to be a difficult time? Does it cause you pain instead of joy? In recognition of this, Prospect joins the tradition of holding a "**Blue Christmas**" **Service on Friday, December 21 at 7:00 PM.** The service will have time for prayer, healing and readings reflecting our need for healing.

There WILL be **blood pressure screening** on December 23rd after worship, in the North Room. Make it your new year's resolution to get it checked!

Attendance last week was 91.

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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.

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Calendar for Week of December 16, 2018

Today	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
Tuesday	7:30 pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
	7:30 pm	Session (offsite)
	8:00 pm	Recovery
Wednesday	8:30 am	Good Neighbor Coffee
	7:00 pm	Cub Scout #3 Den meetings
Thursday	6:30 pm	Cub Scout #3 Pack Dinner
	7:00 pm	Prayer Group
	7:00 pm	Community Coalition on Race Board Mtg.
	7:30 pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Friday	7:00 pm	Blue Christmas Service
	7:00 pm	Girl Scouts #22908
Saturday	2:30 pm	Children's Pageant Rehearsal
Sunday	9:15 am	ConnectEd 
	9:30 am	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
	10:30 am	Worship
	11:45 am	Blood Pressure Monitoring
	11:45 am	PW Potluck Brunch
Christmas Eve	6:15 pm	Choir Rehearsal
	7:30 pm	Worship