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Prospect Congregational Church

by *Tim Beach*

The colors are coming, the colors are coming! Paul Revere did live in New England, right? Yes, summer is over, but not only does that mean that God will soon be making the trees turn lovely colors around here, it also means that many friendly faces thankfully are back in church. We missed you all and invite everyone to attend our weekly 5 p.m. contemporary service at least once. It really is a great way to ease back into the work week.

The contemporary service on Sunday, September 10, was dedicated to the memory of all those who lost their lives on that dreadful day five years ago. There were prayers of remembrance, for great courage, selfless service and the loss of human life. There were prayers of thanks as well, for all the people who helped with their blood, sweat, tears and money. The service ended with prayers for unity, love, kindness and most of all, peace.

Many children came and registered for this year's Sunday School program. Since it was called Sundae Sunday, there was plenty of ice cream to go around. Also, during coffee hour, many of the church committees took the opportunity to demonstrate what their roles are in the life of the church.

Sunday School is up and running! It was so nice to see all the young faces come up front for the Children's Message before they left the sanctuary to go to their first class of the year. Earlier in the service, there was a dedication of this year's teachers, about twenty of them. Sunday classes are for children ages pre-K through eighth grade, and the high school class meets on Tuesday nights this year, still at 5:45 p.m. If you haven't started your child in Sunday School, it's never too late to start learning about God and Jesus, so please ask Reverend Phyllis or our new Sunday School Administrator, Mark Wilson, how to get started.

It certainly was special that on the official first day of Sunday School this year, our former long time Sunday School Administrator, Kim Wadhams, would start his new career as a Student Minister in our church. During the worship service he was officially recognized and the congregation promised to support him as he continues to study and do God's work.

This past month's Fund Raiser Game Night had Bunco come back and it was perfect weather for the little toy ducks. Luckily the rain was outside and the game was inside. It was a fun night, as the teams get changed every round and you never know if the dice are going to be your friend or not, but you know who your new teammate will be. The food at half time was great. The Super Bunco winner got a real nice prize, while other categories were awarded as well. This

month, it's Halloween Game night for kids. Come and enjoy another special night.

The Senior Youth Fellowship held their long awaited Bottle and Can Drive last month. Thankfully many people had saved their returnables which made a very nice donation to the group. The youth are saving the proceeds to put toward helping the church become more handicap accessible. The kids and their advisors thank everyone for helping them help our church.

As promised, there was lots of fun up on the Town Green as the Fall Festival had another successful day. The chicken barbecue was excellent and the country music by The Trail Riders was fantastic. There was plenty of other food besides chicken, and more bands, too. And of course, a good old fashioned Fall Festival had to have fun games and a baking contest with every entry so delicious, the judges kept saying they needed to try more to decide. Another classic was the Pie in the Face booth. Thanks to everyone who came out and joined in the fun.

Sunday Evening Bible Study will take place each Sunday evening in October at 6:15 p.m. The Tuesday Morning Bible Study will take place in the parlor from 9:30 to 11 a.m. each Tuesday.

The Monthly Healing Service will be on Tuesday, October 3 at 7 p.m. Everyone is invited to come and feel the spirit in you and around you.

The aforementioned Children's Halloween Game Night will take place, most appropriately, on Friday the 13th at 6:30 p.m. The Reminisce Club will gather on Saturday, October 21 at 1:45 p.m. at the church. And there will be a Halloween Family Costume Party/Dinner at the church on Saturday, October 28 beginning at 5:30 p.m.

The Annual Haunted House is also set again this year. It will be set up and take place over the last two weekends of October in the Grange Hall building. Look for posters around town for more info.

If anyone would like any more information about our Church, please call the office at 758-4872. Prayers continue to go out for all the men and women serving our country, and the firefighters and policemen that protect us in our lovely town of Prospect. God bless.

DEADLINE

for All Ads & Articles for the November Issue of The Prospect Pages is October 21

St. Anthony's Religious Education News

By *Katie Blinstrubas*

September was a big month for St. Anthony's Religious Education. We had book day, book fair, Catechetical Sunday, then finally the first day of classes on September 23. After the Religious Ed class, approximately 15 parish youth and adults attended the Catholic Youth Spectacular at St. Thomas Seminary in Bloomfield.

On September 24, Frank Runyeon came to St. Anthony's to speak on Hollywood vs. Faith. He was very entertaining and raised some thought provoking ideas to everyone in attendance. What a day ... what a week!

Now we're all settled into classes and on our regular schedule. I would like to remind our youth in the program that we are guests in the schools. The same rules apply for Religious Education as during the week. Thank you to all the catechists, students, and parents who work so hard to make our program a success.

The first CYO meeting will be held on Sunday, October 1 at 6 p.m. in the Religious Education office. There will be an informal meeting at 7 p.m. for those high school students who are interested in attending the Young Neighbors in Action Program in July. Parents are encouraged to attend this meeting.

On October 14 and 21, the third graders will attend a presentation of the Child Lures Prevention Program. This program will help teach children about safety and how to avoid situations that have potential for harm. Parents are strongly encouraged to attend. If you have any questions, please feel free to call the Religious Education office or stop in to look at the materials.

The Annual Pumpkin Fest will be held on October 27. Any young person in seventh grade through high school interested in helping out, should contact the Religious Education office or send an email to ktblin@aol.com

On October 28, the sixth graders will enjoy their retreat at the Church Hall from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. If any parent or ninth grader is interested in helping out, please call the Religious Education office. If there is a funeral in the church on that day, the retreat will be held in the Long River Middle School cafeteria. Parents should note that there will be no classes on November 4. Catechists are invited and encouraged to attend the Catechetical Congress at St. Paul's in Bristol. The fee will be reimbursed once you have attended. Those interested in attending will meet in the church parking lot at 8:45 a.m. to car pool.

Upcoming spiritual events include a Healing Mass on October 17 at 7 p.m. and the All Souls Prayer Service on November 2 at 7 p.m. Students are invited to attend, along with the entire parish.