

Prospect-Marvin Chapel UMC Newsletter
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GOOD NEWS MESSENGER

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SUNDAY WORSHIP: MARVIN CHAPEL 9:00AM & PROSPECT 11:00AM

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Letter from the Pastor

You who fear the Lord, trust in the Lord!

He is their help and their shield
(Psalm 115:11)

There is a famous story about gifted Italian violinist Niccolò Paganini. One day, he was performing a difficult piece of music in front of many audiences. While his playing astonished the audience, all of a sudden, one of his four strings snapped. Everybody in the hall was frozen with shock and stared at him with worries about how he would handle this unexpected crisis. He frowned briefly, but he continued playing with three strings. A little later, the second string snapped, and shortly afterward, another string

broke. The crowd started to murmur because just a single string remained sticking on his violin, which is impossible to finish his performance with it. However, he was unfazed by these unfortunate incidents. Instead of giving up playing music, he kept playing with the remaining string. After he successfully completed his performance with only one string, a full house rose and gave him a round of applause because his performance with one remaining string surprised and fascinated the audience.

In our lives, we have many strings- a string of health, a string of wealth, a string of fame, or a string of knowledge and wisdom. Someone might have more strings while others have fewer. Or someone might have more powerful strings, while others

have weaker ones. Even though everyone has different kinds of strings in each one's life, the fact is that someday our strings would snap and hang limply from our lives. All strings that we hold are not going to last forever. Those strings that we rely on so much and trust more than God are not worthy to do so.

Psalm writer says that all you who fear the Lord, trust the Lord! He is your helper and your shield. It teaches us we should not lose "the string of faith" that connects us to God. Unless we cut or lose, God will keep our string of faith which never breaks, never tangles, never slackens, and never becomes eroded. By trusting the Lord, the string of faith will be our help when we are in trouble and will be our shield when facing danger because God is mighty and powerful to handle all situations. I hope we hold the string of faith tight, rather than let go of it.

*Blessings,
~Pastor YouJung Jung*



SUNDAY SCHOOL

Marvin Chapel 10:15am after service

*Prospect 9:45am before service
9/4, 9/18, 10/2, 10/16.*

CHARGE CONFERENCE IS COMING!

October 22nd, 11:00am via Zoom
Marvin Chapel will host the Zoom call in the church for those who prefer to gather there. Watch for link in bulletin.

PROSPECT WORSHIP LEADERS

Sept. 4 - Joe Slovikosky

Sept. 11- Laura Schmidt

Sept. 18- Mary Behanna

Sept. 25 -Mike Peterson

Oct. 2 -Peggy Slovikosky
SPRC meeting after service

Oct. 9- Denny Ahalt

Oct. 16- Mike Peterson

Oct. 23- Mary Behanna
Combined service 10am Prospect with Rev. Lorraine Brown

Oct. 30- Laura Schmidt

MARVIN CHAPEL WORSHIP LEADER

Mark Arrington/Debi Constantinides

CHARGE WORSHIP SERVICE & PICNIC

On **August 7th**, our churches joined together to worship God in a lovely outdoor setting at **Joan Derr's home**.



Rev. Lorraine Brown blessed us with her **uplifting message**.



Mark, Richard & Mona led us in song.



Following the service we shared lunch together and enjoyed a great time of fun and fellowship.....



....and lots of water play!



Max on the zip line

Bethany and Jemma wading in the creek



Thank you to Joan for sharing this lovely outdoor setting for our charge picnic!

Ladies Club

All ladies of both churches are invited for lunch and fellowship on the **3rd Monday of every month at noon at Marvin Chapel.** Bring a sandwich and come have fun with us!

United Methodist Women

Marvin Chapel will meet on the **4th Monday at 6pm.** Bring a sandwich and come enjoy the fellowship.

Prospect will meet on **September 11 and October 9th at 9:45am.**

LISTEN LOVE PRAY

Thank You to Marvin Chapel



Listen Love Pray (LLP) ministry led by **Lucinda and Ken Nelson** has been holding prayer services at Marvin Chapel. Recently they **presented** the church with a beautiful **handmade table runner** to show their appreciation. LLP offers **healing prayer services every Tuesday** either on Zoom or now at the New Beginning Nazarene Church at 7pm.

~Debi Constantinides

Prospect Witness & Outreach News

Thank you to all who **donated backpacks and school supplies** for children in need at **Parr's Ridge Elementary School.** Special thanks to **Marsha and Bill Lively's granddaughter Emma** and



Laura Schmidt's granddaughters Lucy and Molly for all their help, too!



A big thank you to everyone who **donated books** for the **English reading program for Syrian refugees** in Jordan organized by **Won Cho and the Friendship Without Borders** program. We received quite a few books and will be shipping them overseas shortly.

~Laura Schmidt, Chair

Marvin Chapel Relish
Ready for Sale!!

Marvin Chapel ladies gathered in the church kitchen recently to **prepare** their famous **homemade relish-yum!**



Penny, Alice, Joan and Myrna chopped the vegetables.....



while **Rose and Carol Jean** measured the sugar and vinegar....



and **Mark and Carol Jean** supported the team effort!

Pints of relish sell for \$5 and are available at the Thrift Store or by calling Joan Derr or Myrna Highland.

Apple Butter Making Time is Near Marvin Chapel will be **preparing apple butter** again this year together with the **New Beginning Nazarene Church** in early October. Watch for details in the bulletin-coming soon!



Marvin Chapel Sign Refurbished



The **Marvin Chapel Church sign** was given by **Joan Derr's family** many years ago **in memory of Blanch and Carl Clay**. The paint had faded and the plexiglass windows had become cloudy. **Dale Clay, Keith Mull and Mark Arrington** removed and **reinstalled** the plexiglass windows. **Tracey McPherson and Tom Hilton** (Ridgeville Carwash) **donated** the **repair** of the plexiglass windows. A fresh coat of paint was added to the post and frame to complete the project. **Thanks to all** who helped make this sign look great again!

~Mark Arrington



Marvin Thrift Store
Bargains for Everyone!

Don't forget to **stop by Marvin Chapel's Thrift Store** - Fridays and Saturdays from 10am-2pm and find some **great bargains!** If you **would like to help** with sales on Fridays or Saturdays or sorting during the week, please **contact Myrna Highland or Joan Derr.**

PROSPECT CHICKEN BBQ
BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND

With COVID behind us (we hope!) **Prospect** is again planning our **Chicken BBQ** fundraiser for **September 10 from noon to 6pm** at **Prospect Social Hall.** Come enjoy a ¼ chicken (white or dark meat), 2 sides (baked beans, cole slaw, potato salad), roll and drink for **only \$8!!** What a deal! Find a delicious dessert at the bake table! Hope to see you all there!



NEWSLETTER ARTICLES

Due Oct. 30th for Nov.-Dec. edition
Give to Laura Schmidt
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MOUNT AIRY CROP HUNGER WALK

Please **join our local churches** and our community for the **Mount Airy CROP Hunger Walk** to be held on **Saturday, October 22nd at Watkins Park.** Registration begins at 8:30am in the **parking lot of St. Andrews Presbyterian Church, 609 Center St., Mt. Airy** with a **walk around Watkins Park starting at 9:00am.** Register on site or online at www.crophungerwalk.org/mountairy.md. **Donations to the Mt. Airy CROP Hunger Walk** can also be made **through team leaders Debi Constantinides or Laura Schmidt or online** with **25% of all funds** raised remaining in our community to **support** the assistance **programs of Mt. Airy NET.** Please **contact Debi or Laura** if you would like to walk or make a donation. With so many experiencing food insecurity right now, **please help us stamp out hunger one step at a time!** THANK YOU!!

~Laura Schmidt

