

**Prospect-Marvin Chapel UMC Newsletter**  
**MARCH-APRIL 2025**



## **GOOD NEWS MESSENGER**

**REV. KEYSTONE LEE –PASTOR**

**SUNDAY WORSHIP: MARVIN CHAPEL 9:30AM & PROSPECT 11:00AM**

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### *Letter from the Pastor*

Spring flowers bloom among the Christmas decorations still placed on my front doorstep because of the laziness dressed up in the cunning guise of the excuse of cold weather. It is March. Regardless of the temperature outside, it is spring. As we know from experience, spring is when the life that shrinks during the cold winter stretches out. It is not that things that were not there at all appear. However, it may be different from what was there last year. No, it is different from the previous year. That is why spring is good. At the same time, March is also a time for Christians to have a precious new experience. It is a good opportunity to see the actual value of Jesus Christ and to reexamine ourselves as Christians. That opportunity is Lent. Lent is a period set by the church to visualize the

culminating moments when Jesus finished his mission on this earth. Naturally, it is a period when the essence of Jesus' ministry is almost entirely contained. So many churches encourage Christians to awaken and compare their lives to the life of Jesus during this period. This year, Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, March 5. Many churches gather together on this day to make a resolution for the period ahead, and our church will also be trying to have that moment. It may be a little difficult, but I hope that you will also attend this moment and make this a place where our church and its members can make a resolution to spend precious and blessed Lenten moments together this year. In addition, one way to make this Lenten period a more intense opportunity to experience the life of Jesus Christ is to read the entire Four Gospels every day during

the 40 days of Lent. As you know, the Gospels contain the contents of Jesus' ministry on earth and the words of Jesus. Therefore, if you can read the entire Gospels during Lent, it will be a more meaningful time than ever. If someone wants to have a better moment than reading them all, writing the Gospels with your hands would be a good experience. One of my memorable experiences during the Lenten periods was that all church members took charge of each part of the Bible, transcribed it with their hands, and bound it into a complete Bible. Reading the Bible with your eyes is a good experience, but writing it with your hands will also be a different experience. During this Lenten season of 2025, whether you read the entire Four Gospels or transcribe it yourself, I hope it will be a moment of experiencing and communicating with Jesus Christ more seriously and sincerely than before and that you and the church will reaffirm the true Christian life.

~ Rev. Keystone Lee

**PROSPECT-MARVIN CHAPEL CHARGE BIBLE STUDY**

Rev. Lee will continue leading **Bible study**, which meets Sunday mornings **after the Prospect worship service at 12:00 noon in the Prospect Social Hall.** A light lunch is served. Please let Mike Peterson know if you would like to order a study book. Hope to see you there!



**CHARGE WORSHIP CALENDAR & PROSPECT WORSHIP LEADERS**

**March 2** - Mary Behanna  
*Coffee & Donuts PUMC 10:30am*

**March 5- Ash Wednesday Service**  
*at Marvin Chapel 7:00pm*

**March 9** - Joint Contemporary Service  
*at Prospect 10:00am*

**March 16** - Mike Peterson

**March 23** - Jenny Ahalt

**March 30** - Laura Schmidt

**April 6** - Mike Peterson  
*Coffee & Donuts PUMC 10:30am*

**April 13 - Palm Sunday**  
*Joint Contemporary Service  
at Marvin Chapel 10:00am*



**April 18 - Good Friday Service**  
*at Prospect 7:00pm*

**April 20 - Easter Services**  
*at Marvin Chapel 6:30am  
at Prospect 11:00am*  
Jenny Ahalt, WL



**April 27** - Laura Schmidt

**MARVIN CHAPEL WORSHIP LEADERS**

Mark Arrington/Debi Constantinides

**ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL**

*Marvin Chapel 10:45am after service  
Prospect TBD in the new year*

**HIGHLIGHTS of SPECIAL SERVICES**

On **Sunday, January 5th**, as the Christmas season came to a close, **Rose Harne** read the story beloved by all known as **“The Christmas Guest”**.



On the **second Sunday of each month**, our churches **join** together for a **contemporary service** making joyful music under the leadership of Candy Shaver with Mike Peterson, Laura Schmidt, Mona Meely and Mark Arrington. Come join us-we would love new members!!



**Our next contemporary services** will be held at **Prospect on March 9th** and at **Marvin Chapel on April 13th**, both at **10:00am**.

**NEWSLETTER ARTICLES**  
due **April 27th** to **Laura Schmidt** or  
church email  
for **May-June 2025** newsletter  
Photo credits for this edition to  
**Mark Arrington**

**MARVIN CHAPEL THRIFT SHOP NEWS**

**Ann Morgan** made **contact with Clinton PA Historical Society** to see if they wanted a **vintage Woolrich hunting suit** donated to the Thrift Store. They were very pleased to receive it.

Under the banner of Marvin Chapel Thrift Store volunteer and as her Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) Chapter’s history committee chair, **Ann contacted the Pennsylvania Clinton County Historical Society**. The woman who is **Director of Donations** happened to be a **retired teacher** from her school system and a regular visitor to family in that area.



They met in a parking lot near Ann’s home (Ann on the left, the director on the right) where the director said that this will be the **only full suit they have**, and that it will be **added** right away to a **current exhibit**.

**Win for PA Clinton County Historical Society!**  
**Win for Marvin Chapel Thrift Store!**  
**Win for Thomas Stone Chapter DAR!**

~ Myrna Highland

### LADIES CLUB

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

### UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

*Marvin Chapel* will be meeting as a congregation on the **4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month** after church.

*Prospect UMW* will meet on **March 16<sup>th</sup> (not in April)** at 9:45am before service.



### PROSPECT UMW HOSTS EASTER FESTIVAL APRIL 12<sup>th</sup>

*Prospect UMW* will again host our **Easter Festival** for children in the local community on **April 12<sup>th</sup>** from **10am-noon at the Social Hall**. There will be a puppet show, games, crafts, cookies to decorate, pine cone bird feeders to make, and of course, an Easter egg hunt! **Please come on out**, bring your children and grandkids, and **join the fun!**

### PROSPECT WITNESS & OUTREACH NEWS

**Thanks to all who donated** wish list items for the **Alan P. Linton Emergency Shelter in Frederick** that offers homeless adults a safe place to sleep, shower and receive laundry assistance. The shelter greatly appreciated your help with these items that are always needed.

**Thank you to all who donated** magazines to **Pleasant View Nursing Home in Mt. Airy**. The Home was very **appreciative** but has enough magazines for the moment.

### Opportunities to Serve

**Mt. Airy NET Food Pantry needs our help!** The food pantry shelves are very bare right now. Please consider picking up extra food when shopping and place in Prospect's food donation box for the Mt. Airy NET.

**During the Lenten season, Prospect will be participating in several mission activities:**

1) We will be **collecting donations for Heifer International to purchase animals** such as cows, goats, sheep and pigs and even bee hives for families across the world who are in need. The livestock will provide meat for their tables as well as a source of income. **Our goal is \$500** which will buy a heifer or 4 goats or 25 flocks of chickens or 17 bee hives! Donation basket is located in Prospect library-please help us to help those in need!



2) Prospect will be **providing Easter dinner and cheerful Easter baskets for a Parr's Ridge Elementary School family in need**. Signups are in the library.

3) Prospect will be **filling Easter baskets for the women and children supported by Heartly House**, a safe refuge for those who have experienced domestic violence and abuse. Please watch for signups for donations and to help assemble the baskets. We hope these baskets will bring a little cheer to those who have suffered such difficult situations.



*~Laura Schmidt, Chair*



**PROSPECT ITALIAN BUFFET**  
**A GREAT SUCCESS!!**

Prospect tried a new fundraising idea this February-an Italian Buffet-planned and organized by our celebrity chef Debbie Barneski...



with 4 kinds of lasagna, assembled by Mary, Laura, Peggy & Diann,



rigatoni, tortellini, spaghetti and meatballs-all you can eat! Bread and salad with homemade dressings by Jane topped off the delicious meal!



Peggy was our cashier....



while Laura, Debbie, Mike, Diann, Mary and Marlene served our guests.



The hall was transformed with checkered tablecloths and candles into an Italian "bistro"!



Thank you to everyone for their help & support!! See you next year!!



# Shrove Tuesday



Tuesday, March 4, 2025

4:00 pm – 7:00 pm

Prospect United Methodist Church  
5923 Woodville Road, Mount Airy, MD

**\*\*\*\* All You Can Eat \*\*\*\***



**\$12.00 adults 13 and Up**

**\$6.00 Children 6 to 12 years**

**Free for children under 5 years**

**Buckwheat & Regular**

**Pancakes**

**Plus Sausage, Applesauce or Fruit Cup, and a Drink**