

Prospect-Marvin Chapel UMC Newsletter
JANUARY-FEBRUARY 2023



GOOD NEWS MESSENGER

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

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Letter from the Pastor

A boy told his father, "Dad, if three frogs were sitting on a limb that hung over a pool, and one frog decided to jump off into the pool, how many frogs would be left on the limb?" The dad replied, "Two." "No," the son replied. "There are three frogs and one decides to jump, how many are left?" The dad said, "Oh, I get it, if one decides to jump, the others would too. So there are none left." The boy said, "No dad, the answer is three. The frog only DECIDED to jump."

Does that sound like last year's resolution? Every year, we take the time to sit down and write about how to live more happily or successfully. We make a plan and try hard to achieve our goals and resolutions, but months later our resolutions are

forgotten. Despite our best intentions, it is so difficult to achieve the whole resolution.

There are so many suggested methods that we can achieve the resolution, such as making a specific plan, being positive, getting social help, taking baby steps, etc. However, I realize and believe that the main reason that we fail is that there is just ourselves planning our resolution without asking God or trying to achieve it without God.

There is a difference between the resolution and the covenant. The resolution is a promise that one makes to oneself to start doing something good or stop doing something bad, but the covenant is the promise that God had for each one of us. The covenant is

a promise that He will fulfill, not us, and it is backed by His power, not solely by our own power. So which one is easier for us to achieve? The covenant is much easier to achieve than the resolution because the word of God never fails and never fades away. In Psalm 89:34, God promised that "I will not violate my covenant or alter the word that went forth from my lips."

I hope and pray that we all win this year. I pray that our hopes and dreams become true this year. So before you write down your vision and plan, ask God first. Lay down your own will and ask God. How would you, God, like our 2023 to be? Don't make the new year's resolution. Make the covenant with God. I strongly encourage all of you to take time to find out the covenant that God made for you. Each one of us will have a different covenant. I am sure mine differs from yours because God has created each one of us uniquely with different purposes. So ask God. Once you find your covenant, you are ready to run. All the promises are granted and will be fulfilled by the grace and power of God. Even a few months later, we will not fail because if we stick to God and God's driven covenant, God will keep you and give you wisdom and power to keep going on it. I pray and hope that the vision of God for you turns into reality this year.

Blessings,

Pastor YouJung Jung

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Marvin Chapel 10:15am after service

Prospect 9:45am before service



PROSPECT WORSHIP LEADERS

Jan. 1- Laura Schmidt

Happy New Year!



Jan. 3-Tuesday meeting at 6pm for MC to vote on One Committee format. Zoom link will be sent out.

Jan. 8- Mary Behanna

Jan. 15- Mike Peterson

Jan. 22 -Peggy Slovikosky

Jan. 29 -Joe Slovikosky

Feb. 5- Laura Schmidt

Feb. 12- Mike Peterson

Feb. 19- Peggy Slovikosky

Feb. 22- Ash Wednesday
Lent begins

Feb. 26- Mary Behanna

MARVIN CHAPEL WORSHIP LEADER

Mark Arrington/Debi Constantinides

HIGHLIGHTS of SPECIAL SERVICES

On **November 27th**, **Won Cho**, president of **Friendship Beyond Borders (FBB)**, visited our churches at a combined service **to thank the congregations for supporting the work of FBB**. We have **contributed books for Syrian refugee children** in a U.N. camp located in Jordan who are learning to speak English. We **provided monetary support to purchase Christmas gifts** for children attending a Christian school in the refugee camp **and for FBB projects** including the English Education Program and Diabetes Prevention Initiative.



On **December 24th**, a beautiful and inspirational **combined Christmas Eve service** was held at Prospect. The **Valle sisters lit the Advent candles**.



Mike Peterson read the **Prophecy** from **Isaiah**, and....



Richard Arrington and Mona Meely sang **"Go Tell It on the Mountain"**.



A reading from Micah by Mona...



was followed by **"O Holy Night"** sung by **Natalie Shane**.

Peggy Slovikosky told how the angel foretold Jesus' birth to Mary and.....



Laura Schmidt sang "Mary, Did You Know?"

and Pastor YouJung shared an inspirational Christmas message.



Then everyone sang "Silent Night" as we received the Light of Christ and were reminded to take it with us out into the world!



Debbie Constantinides told of the birth of Jesus



and Pastor YouJung and Inae Kim sang "The First Noel" in Korean- so beautiful!



On December 25th, we gathered at Marvin Chapel for a short service singing favorite carols, and wishing each other a very Merry Christmas!



Mary Behanna told of the angel appearing to the shepherds telling them of Jesus' birth....

United Methodist Women

Marvin Chapel UMW will not meet during the winter months.

Prospect UMW will meet on January 15th after service to plan for the year and on February 19th at 9:45am.

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.

Cleaning Buckets Filled for UMCOR

Prospect and Marvin Chapel congregations met the challenge and filled 27 cleaning buckets (so far!) to send to UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief) for distribution to families who have experienced weather-related disasters such as tornados, floods, and hurricanes.



Joan Derr checks bucket contents



Thanks to John and Debbie Constantinides, here with Mona Meely, for organizing this effort and to all who donated supplies, funds, and their time assembling the buckets!

Prospect Pancake Breakfast

A Success!!

Thank you to all who donated supplies, cooked, served, and supported Prospect's Pancake Breakfast on Dec. 10th. It was a great success and a wonderful time of fun and fellowship! A special thanks to Alice Hancock for organizing the fund raiser and keeping everyone on task!



Servers Mary Behanna, Mike Peterson and Marsha Lively deliver pancakes to customers



Connie Williams, Diann Linton and Peggy Slovikosky work the bake table and ticket sales



The kitchen crew, Roger Thomas, Debbie Barneski, Vern Behanna (hidden), Kristen Barneski, Joe Slovikosky and Alice Hancock, hard at work!

United Methodist Women Christmas Party-Fun for All!

The **United Methodist Women** held their **annual Christmas party** at the McPherson home on **Dec. 11th**. It was a lovely **time of fun and fellowship for all!**



Much to her surprise, the **ladies also celebrated Hilda McPherson** with a cake and lots of well wishes **in honor of her 96th birthday !**



Congratulations to Hilda, here with Rose Harne and Joan Derr, on this milestone birthday!

Prospect Witness & Outreach News

Thanks to everyone at Prospect for supporting our outreach activities during Advent. A monetary **donation was sent to Friendship Beyond Borders** to **purchase Christmas gifts for school children** in the Syrian refugee camp. **Gifts on the family wish list and foods for a festive Christmas dinner were donated to a Parr's Ridge Elementary School family in need.** **Nine UMCOR cleaning buckets were assembled** with supplies donated by our congregation.



A total of 36 Salvation Army gift bags were donated to brighten Christmas morning **for Frederick County children in need** who otherwise would not have a very bright Christmas. **Thank you to Kari Borgealt** for transporting the bags to the Salvation Army **and to everyone for the outpouring of love shown to those in need this Christmas!**

A new opportunity to serve in 2023: **During January** we will be **collecting wish list items for the Alan P. Linton Emergency Shelter** in Frederick. List is available in the library.

Join us for our **next meeting** after service **Jan.22nd**. *Laura Schmidt, Chair*

Marvin Chapel Christmas Bazaar **Another Successful Year!**

Marvin Chapel held its annual Christmas Bazaar on Nov. 5th with the Christmas Shop remaining open on Saturdays until Christmas. It was a great success and an opportunity to reach out to and interact with the local community. A huge thank you to Sandy Mull for coordinating everything and to all who donated items, worked at the bazaar, and supported this fund raiser!



Getting items ready for sale are Rose Harne, Joan Derr, Sandy Mull and Hilda McPherson



The kitchen crew-Deb and John Constantinides, Penni Beck, Eric Haegele and Mona Meely

Sandy Pickett offers many craft items to customers



These ladies are ready to help the customers with their shopping-Penny Leo, Sandy Mull, Katrina Hula, Mary Kay Mull, Mary Runkles



Sandy chats with Bill Wrightson



NEWSLETTER ARTICLES

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SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER

TUESDAY, February 21, 2023

4:00 pm-7:00pm

PROSPECT UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

5923 Woodville Road, Mt. Airy, MD

ADULTS \$10.00 CHILDREN 6-12 \$5.00

Children 5 and under FREE

Bake Table

Buckwheat and Regular Pancakes

Country Sausage

Milk, Juice, Coffee

*****ALL YOU CAN EAT*****

