

## PROSPECT-MARVIN CHAPEL UMC CHARGE NEWSLETTER-AUGUST 2021

### ***Greetings from Pastor YouJung Jung***

Every day we check the news about the covid. Even though I have been with you here just one and half month, I know the church has been working so hard to make the church a safe place and you have been eager to go back to normal before Covid. For a fleeting moment this summer, it seemed like we were going back to normal. However, we've faced a future of the uncertainty again because of the Delta Variant Covid. Life with Covid and so much uncertainty in our world makes it so tough that anxiety and depression can come upon us all of a sudden. Then how should we deal with these negative feelings and uncertainty?

Look closely and recognize the daily joys that God brings into our lives, and actually laugh out loud with and within God, our Father. God gives us the gifts of laugh and joy, so we want our mouth to be filled with laughter and tongues with the song of joy (Psalm 126). So have faith in God, stay cheerful and positive and don't let this new variant pull us down with negative feelings.

*A cheerful heart is good medicine,  
but a crushed spirit dries up the bones (Proverbs 22:17).*

*Pastor YouJung*

### ***A Message from Rev. Lorraine Brown, Ministry of Caring***

We all have had a bumpy ride to get us to this point. I enjoyed being on this journey with you all, sharing learning, laughing, crying, caring, praying. As of July 1 your new pastor will be available to provide your pastoral needs. I wish you all the best - praying for speedy recoveries, praying for healing of wounds, praying for comfort for those who have empty places in your hearts and mourning loved ones who it seems are too soon gone, praying for increased strength and resolve for each one of you. And as the traditional Irish blessing reads:

*May the road rise up to meet you. May the wind be always at your back. May the sun shine warm upon your face; the rains fall soft upon your fields and until we meet again, may God hold you in the palm of His hand.*

Peace and blessings until our paths cross again, (and they will),

*Pastor Lorraine*



### ***Opportunities to Serve***

Thank you to everyone who donated school supplies and backpacks for the children in need served by Advocates for Homeless Families in Frederick County. The staff were overwhelmed with your generosity and many children supported by AFHF will be blessed to receive all the school supplies they need for a successful school year!

Our backpack drive for 13 specific children in need who attend Parr's Ridge Elementary School in Mt. Airy will end on August 29<sup>th</sup>. If you picked up one of the 13 labels with a school supply list

attached that were on the table in Prospect's library, please attach that label with the specific child's sex and grade to your backpack and return by Sunday, August 29<sup>th</sup> and THANK YOU!

### ***Marvin Chapel Worship Service Now at 9:00am***

Just a reminder that Marvin Chapel will hold services at 9:00am for the foreseeable future as they share their sanctuary and Sunday School rooms with the Church of the Nazarene who are undergoing renovations to their sanctuary and will hold their worship services at 11am in Marvin Chapel.

### ***Marvin Chapel Thrift Store is Open and Busy!***

Marvin Chapel Thrift Store continues to offer great bargains in clothes, toys and household items so come take advantage of some super deals! The store is open Fridays and Saturdays from 10am-2pm.

### ***Charge Conference Information***

Charge conference will be held on Wednesday, November 3, 2021 at 7pm via Zoom with new district superintendent Dawn Hand. Please turn in all paperwork to Tisha by September 19.

### ***COVID-19 Guidelines Update***

As everyone is well-aware the number of cases of COVID-19 is on the rise again, mainly due to the highly contagious and rapidly spreading Delta variant of the SARS-CoV 2 virus. For this reason, our Charge COVID-19 Task Force met to discuss whether our churches should alter our guidelines for protection against COVID-19. Here is what the Task Force recommends:

- 1) First and foremost, please consider getting vaccinated. The majority of new cases caused by the Delta variant are in the unvaccinated. The vaccine is widely available at many of our local pharmacies without an appointment.
- 2) If you are unvaccinated, please wear a mask and maintain social distance inside church buildings. Extra masks and hand sanitizer are always available at both churches.
- 3) Masks for those individuals who are fully vaccinated are not required but may be worn if you are more comfortable doing so or to increase the protection of those with whom you live or spend time.
- 4) Be mindful of the fact that children under 12 cannot receive the vaccine yet, and therefore are more vulnerable to infection if exposed to the virus. Consider masking up when spending time with small children where social distancing is difficult to maintain.