

**Prospect-Marvin Chapel UMC Newsletter**  
**MARCH-APRIL 2023**



## **GOOD NEWS MESSENGER**

**PASTOR YOUJUNG JUNG –PASTOR**

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

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### ***Letter from the Pastor***

Greetings in the name of Jesus Christ!

I am currently reading the book, *He Chose The Nails* by Max Lucado (which we will be studying for this Lent). In the second chapter, he draws a parallel between the characters of a famous fairytale, Beauty and the Beast, alongside Jesus and human beings. The way that Lucado put these two stories together gave me a new meaning of Easter. Jesus' love and desire to save us were much more powerful than our comprehension.

Here is an excerpt from the book:

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"What would have happened to the Beast if the Beauty hadn't appeared?

You know the story. There was a time

when his face was handsome and his palace pleasant. But that was before the curse, before the shadows fell on the castle of the prince, before the shadows fell on the heart of the prince. And when darkness fell, he hid. Secluded in his castle, he was left with glistening snout and curly tusks and a bad mood.

But all that changed when the girl came. I wonder, what would have happened to the Beast if the Beauty hadn't appeared?"

Better yet, what would have happened if she hadn't cared? Who would have blamed her if she hadn't? He was such a ... well, such a beast. Hairy. Drooling. Roaring. Defying. And she was such a beauty. Stunningly gorgeous.

Contagiously kind. If ever two people lived up to their names, didn't the Beauty and the Beast? Who would have blamed her if she hadn't cared? But she did care.

And because the Beauty loved the Beast, the Beast became more beautiful himself.

"The story's familiar, not just because it's a fairy tale. It's familiar because it reminds us of ourselves. There is a beast within each of us.

It wasn't always so. There was a time when humanity's face was beautiful and the palace pleasant. But that was before the curse, before the shadow fell across the garden of Adam, before the shadow fell across the heart of Adam. And ever since the curse, we've been different. Beastly. Ugly. Defiant. Angry. We do things we know we shouldn't do and wonder why we did them."

...here the correlation with Beauty and the Beast ends. In the fable, the beauty kisses the beast. In the Bible, the Beauty does much more. He becomes the beast so the beast can become the beauty. Jesus changes places with us. We, like Adam, were under a curse, but Jesus "changed places with us and put himself under that curse" (Gal. 3:13).

What if the Beauty had not come? What if the Beauty had not cared? Then we would have remained a beast. But the Beauty did come, and the Beauty did care.

The sinless One took on the face of a

sinner so that we sinners could take on the face of a saint.

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I pray that this Lent be a chance for all of us to find our beastliness within each of us and let Jesus come and change us into The Beauty like Jesus.

*Blessings,*  
*Pastor YouJung Jung*

### **PROSPECT WORSHIP LEADERS**

**March 5** - Joe Slovikosky

**March 12** - Mary Behanna

**March 19** - Mike Peterson

**March 26** - Laura Schmidt

**April 2 - Palm Sunday**   
Joe Slovikosky

**April 7 - Good Friday Service**  
7:30pm Prospect

**April 9- EASTER SUNDAY**  
**HE IS RISEN!**  
Laura Schmidt



**6:30am Sunrise Service-Marvin Chapel**  
*combined with the Nazarene Church*  
**11:00am Service- Prospect**

**April 16** - Mike Peterson

**April 23** - Mary Behanna

**April 30** - Peggy Slovikosky

### **MARVIN CHAPEL WORSHIP LEADER**

Mark Arrington/Debi Constantinides

## SUNDAY SCHOOL

*Marvin Chapel 10:45am after service*

*Prospect 9:45am before service except  
UMW meeting days (3/19 & 4/16).*

## HIGHLIGHTS of SPECIAL SERVICES

**On January 22nd**, our congregations were blessed with the uplifting music of the **First Fruits Bluegrass Gospel Band** of which **Richard Arrington** is an **original member**.



A **combined service** was held on **January 29<sup>th</sup>** at Marvin Chapel. **Debi Constantinides** led us in worship followed by a discussion with **District Superintendent Rev. Dawn Hand** to answer questions regarding the issues facing the United Methodist Church today(here with **Pastor YouJung**).



Following the service, we all shared a **pot luck luncheon** together made extra special by the **delicious Korean kimbob** prepared by **Pastor YouJung**



and **dumpling soup** made by **Inae Kim**. Thank you both!



**Hilda McPherson** and **Rose Harne** enjoy the food and good fellowship.





On February 5<sup>th</sup>, Prospect UMC officially welcomed **Joe Slovikosky** and **Roger Thomas** as new members. **Congratulations, Joe and Roger!**



### **LENT BIBLE STUDY**

**Pastor YouJung** will hold a 5-week Bible Study beginning **March 9<sup>th</sup>** in-person at **2:30pm** at **Prospect** and on **Zoom** at **7:30pm**. We will be studying *He Chose The Nails* by Max Lucado.



### **United Methodist Women**

**Marvin Chapel UMW** will meet **4<sup>th</sup> Monday** of every month at **6:00pm**.

**Prospect UMW** will meet on **March 19<sup>th</sup>** and **April 16<sup>th</sup>** at **9:45am**.

### **Time to Update Prayer Chain**

Our **Prayer Chain** is in need of **updating** so if you would like to be added please let **Peggy Slovikosky** at **Prospect** or **Penni Back** at **Marvin Chapel** know that you are interested.

**COME FELLOWSHIP WITH US**

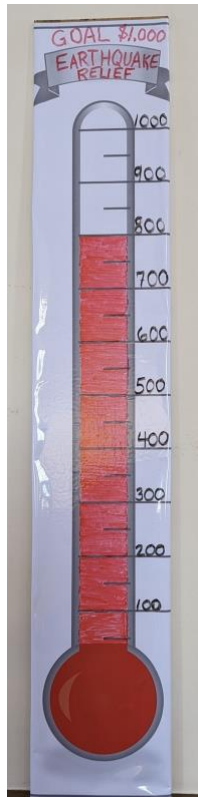
**COFFEE & DONUTS  
HOT CHOCOLATE & JUICE**

**Before Prospect Service  
10:30am  
1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month**

### **Prospect Witness & Outreach News**

Thanks to everyone who donated wish list items for the **Alan P. Linton Emergency Shelter** in Frederick which provides a warm meal and place to sleep for those who are unhoused. **Your generosity was greatly appreciated!**

The recent devastating 7.8 magnitude earthquake has killed over **50,000** people in **Turkey and Syria** and left **thousands more without food and shelter**. At **Prospect** we are **collecting monetary donations** to help purchase food, medical supplies, tents for shelter and cleanup efforts. **Our goal is \$1,000** and we are getting very close! If you would like to donate, **checks can be made out to "Prospect UMC"** and will be combined in a single donation to **UMCOR**. We ask that you **prayerfully consider donating-the need is so very great!**



*Other opportunities to serve during Lent:*

- 1) Prepare **Easter baskets** for **women and children** at **Heartly House** who have experienced domestic violence
- 2) **Donate foods** for **Easter dinner** for a **Parr's Ridge Elementary family in need.** ~ *Laura Schmidt, Chair*



## **SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER- a SUCCESS!!**

**Thanks to everyone who supported Prospect's Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper** by donating supplies, serving, cooking or coming out for pancakes. It was a great success and wonderful time of fellowship-not to mention eating those delicious pancakes! A **special thank you to Alice Hancock** for organizing the event!!



**Joe and Vern** manned the **griddle**,



while **Alice, Kristen, Roger, and Debbie** (not shown) made up the kitchen crew.



**Diann, Mike, Mary and Laura** (behind camera!) **served** our guests,



**Connie** tended the **bake table** and **Peggy** took care of **ticket sales**.



A great time of **fun and fellowship** was had by all and **no one** went away **hungry!**



**MARVIN CHAPEL THRIFT SHOP**  
**OPEN WITH BARGAINS GALORE!**

The **Marvin Chapel Thrift Shop** is having a " **Winter Clearance Sale**". Hats, gloves and scarfs are 25 cents each. A bag of clothes is \$3 for adults and \$1 for children's bags. Lots more specials are going on so come on out and visit us!

*~Linda Clay*

The  
true  
meaning  
of  
Easter

.....Love

.....Hope

.....Giving

Christ's resurrection offers a  
promise of renewed life.

Go  
out  
and  
spread  
the  
good  
news  
for  
Christ  
has  
risen!

**Happy  
Easter!!**

**EASTER FESTIVAL at PROSPECT**

The **Prospect United Methodist Women** will host their **2<sup>nd</sup> annual Easter Festival on April 1st at 10:00 a.m.** The traditional **Easter egg hunt** will **begin promptly at 10:10 a.m.** In addition to the egg hunt, we will have a **puppet show, games, and crafts.** Our **outside games** will include an Easter egg roll and balance an egg on your spoon race. We will have both **indoor and outdoor crafts** including a pinecone peanut butter ornament to feed the birds, spring animal magnets and door hangers and an Easter sticker scene. What child wouldn't want to decorate their own sugar cookie and eat it on the spot! The **children's activities are free**, but we will also have a **bake sale table and an inside yard sale.** The funds raised will **benefit our family sustainability program** and the **UMCOR earthquake disaster effort** on behalf of the Turkish and Syrian people. **Please distribute the attached flyer** to your neighbors and friends. We hope to see you there!



**NEWSLETTER ARTICLES**

**Due April 23 for May-June edition**  
**Give to Laura Schmidt**  
**or send to Charge email.**  
**Photo credits for this edition:**  
**Mark Arrington**





# **Easter Festival**

**Saturday, April 1, 2023**

**10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.**

**Easter Egg Hunt - 10:10 a.m.**

**Children's Crafts and Games**

**Animal Puppet Show**

**Decorate Your Own Cookie**

**Inside Yard Sale & Bake Table**

**Inside activities rain or shine. Bring your own basket.**

**Children must be accompanied by an adult.**

**For information, call (301) 829-9244**

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