

**Prospect-Marvin Chapel UMC Newsletter**  
**JULY-AUGUST 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*

As of July 1, 2025, I have been reappointed to the position of pastor of Marvin Chapel UMC and Prospect UMC. Every year, United Methodist Church pastors are assigned by their annual conference to fulfill their mission, and I was assigned to this position again at the 241st session of the Baltimore-Washington Annual Conference. As a result, I naturally look back on the past year and dream about the year ahead. Including my past pastoral experience, I have had the opportunity to participate in church life and pastoral work in a diverse range of positions and environments. And through those experiences, one of the thoughts about the church that has settled in my heart is 'a fun church.' Then, what does that mean by the 'fun church'? It means that

although one attends church once a week for Sunday service, that Sunday service and those moments in the church are so enjoyable and fun that one thinks about the church and those times all week, and one wants to attend there again and hopes that time comes soon. It is a 'fun church.' So, if the fun church realizes, the church will naturally become the center of one's life, and all one's time and life revolve around the church. Long ago, I dreamed that a church was at the center of a village, and the majority of the villagers were church members who gathered at any time and in any place in the town to pray, sing hymns, worship, and serve others. Now, although my past dream may sound vain, I hope and pray that my church will be a fun place and that church members will think about it at least once or twice a week, wanting to come to church and experience the church as

soon as possible. You might criticize me, saying, "You, as a pastor, have to spend your life working in the church, so you may have to be comforted by that." I will gladly accept that criticism. Still, I will spend the coming year dreaming of a "fun and enjoyable church." In that sense, I would like to share a few small pastoral wishes.

First, I hope that the Bible study, which was held after the service and ended last spring, will resume in the coming year. The location and the content of the materials will be discussed in the future, but I hope to have a good time with you all again. Second, in order to make the worship service more enjoyable, I would like to have time with worship leaders and those who want to participate as worship leaders, once every three months. Third, along the same lines as the current worship services, which include communion services and contemporary praise, I would like to have a worship service through various ways that are enjoyable, fun, and yet meaningful and honest in confessing to God. It would be through a unique worship order tailored to each service. Of course, it would be discussed with the worship committee first and proceed step by step.

My ultimate goal as a pastor is to strive to make the church, where I attend and serve, a place that pleases God. I hope that God will be pleased when He looks upon my church and its members. Thank you for accepting me as your pastor.

~ Rev. Keystone Lee

#### **ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL**

Marvin Chapel 10:45am after service

#### **CHARGE WORSHIP CALENDAR & PROSPECT WORSHIP LEADERS**

**July 6** – Joe Slovikosky  
*Coffee & Donuts PUMC 10:30am*

**July 13** - *Joint Contemporary Service*  
at **Prospect 10:00am**

**July 20** – Laura Schmidt

**July 27** – Peggy Slovikosky

**August 3** - Mike Peterson  
*Coffee & Donuts PUMC 10:30am*

**August 10**-*Joint Contemporary Service  
& Charge Picnic 10:00am, Derr Farm*

**August 17** - Laura Schmidt

**August 24** – Jenny Ahalt

**August 31** - Mary Behanna

#### **MARVIN CHAPEL WORSHIP LEADERS**

Mark Arrington/Debi Constantinides



#### **PROSPECT-MARVIN CHAPEL UMC COMBINED SERVICE & PICNIC DERR FARM, AUGUST 10<sup>th</sup>**

Please join us for our annual **Charge Worship Service and Picnic** on **Sunday, August 10<sup>th</sup>**. We will gather to worship at **10:00am** at the **Derr Farm, 12560 Quiet Stream Ct, Mt. Airy**, followed by a pot-luck picnic. Please bring a lawn chair and a dish to share. The pond is open for swimming and all are welcome! Hope to see you there!

**Report from the Baltimore-  
Washington 2025 Conference of The  
United Methodist Church  
May 13-15, 2025**

The theme this year comes from Philippians 4:49 as United Methodists from 563 churches in Washington DC, Maryland, Panhandle of West Virginia are by the presence of God. Our Dialogue Session was "Restructuring for Vitality". DS Jim Miller discussed the topics of new chapters and new districts in Hub relationships, providing fresh opportunities to work side by side with other churches in the hub. Vitality is strongly related to living our shared values, which arise from the hopes voiced by United Methodists across the area. They are rooted in Scripture and part of our Wesleyan heritage.

The 2026 Proposed Budget was discussed and the agenda for the future. See the website for details. There were 2025 Proposed Resolutions from 1-706 and information will be available to congregations at a later date. Our previous Pastor YouJung Jung is now ordained! A wonderful celebration and blessing to her and her family!

In addition, I would like to thank Bishop Easterling for her vision, leadership and dedication and faith that inspire us every day, and for all she calls us deeper into our life together as world - transforming disciples. Let us rejoice in the Lord!

*Respectfully submitted,  
Deborah Morris-Constantindes ,CLM*

**UMW MOTHER-DAUGHTER BANQUET  
FUN AND FELLOWSHIP FOR ALL!**

On May 19th, Prospect United Methodist Women hosted a banquet for the women of our two churches. Twelve ladies-mothers and daughters, church members and friends-gathered for a delicious dinner of fried chicken and homemade side dishes.



A beautiful cake provided a sweet ending to the meal. UMW president, Peggy Slovikosky, shared an entertaining slide show telling of her and husband Joe's travels to 41 National Parks over the past 55 years!



Thanks for that great presentation, Peggy! A great evening of fun and fellowship was had by all!





**MARVIN CHAPEL THRIFT STORE**  
**APPRECIATION DINNER**

**A THANK YOU TO ALL VOLUNTEERS!**

On May 3<sup>rd</sup>, a delicious pot luck dinner was provided by the Thrift Store team to thank the many volunteers who have given of their time and energy to keep the Thrift Store running smoothly. The Mt. Airy community appreciates the Thrift Store for gently used clothes, toys, kitchen and household items and for the smiles, prayers and well wishes of the store workers!



Mona, Mary and Sandy



Jinyoung, Debi, & Rev. Lee

Joan,  
Hilda,  
Rose,  
& Debi



Mary Kay, Becky and Teresa



Volunteers and families enjoying  
fellowship....



and a delicious meal together...

Marvin Chapel says THANK YOU to all who have volunteered their time this year! We appreciate YOU!



**BABY SHOWER DONATIONS for  
FREDERICK CARENET PREGNANCY  
CENTER APPRECIATED**

On June 8th, Prospect held its annual "baby shower" to support the Frederick CareNet Pregnancy Center. We collected many baby items, outfits, diapers and other consumables that were greatly appreciated by the new mothers and mothers-to-be who receive much needed support from CareNet. A huge THANK YOU to Amy Hands and Alice Hancock who organized the fun afternoon providing lunch and lots of fun party games! Thank you to all who supported this important outreach!



**PROSPECT WITNESS & OUTREACH  
NEWS**

Prospect is collecting school supplies for Mt. Airy Schools during the months of July and August. Most needed supplies are listed below. A collection box is in the church library. Thank you for helping local children start the school year off with everything they need for success!!!!

**2025 SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE**  
Benefiting Mount Airy Schools  
JULY 2 TO AUGUST 27TH

**ITEMS NEEDED**

 Crayons  Safety Scissors  Pencils  Note Books  Loose Leaf Paper  Ball Point Pens  Sharpie's (all colors)  Dry Erase Pens  Bulletin Board Supplies  Whiteboards  Reward Stickers  Post it Notes	 Boxes of Kleenex  Sanitizing Wipes  Construction Paper  Paper Clips  Binder Clips  Paper Towels  Glue Sticks  Scotch tape  Masking Tape  Hand Washing Soap  Hand Sanitizer
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Would be nice to have...  
Gift Cards to Target, Staples, Amazon

**PROSPECT YARD SALE COMING SOON!**

Mark your calendars! Prospect is organizing a **yard sale** to benefit church programs on **Saturday July 26th from 8-noon**. Vendors are welcome for \$20 per table. If you have any items you would like to donate, please leave a message on the church phone (301-829-9244), email [prospect.marvinchapel.umc@gmail.com](mailto:prospect.marvinchapel.umc@gmail.com) or contact Laura Schmidt or Mike Peterson.



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