

Prospect-Marvin Chapel UMC Newsletter
MAY-JUNE 2025



GOOD NEWS MESSENGER

REV. KEYSTONE LEE –PASTOR

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

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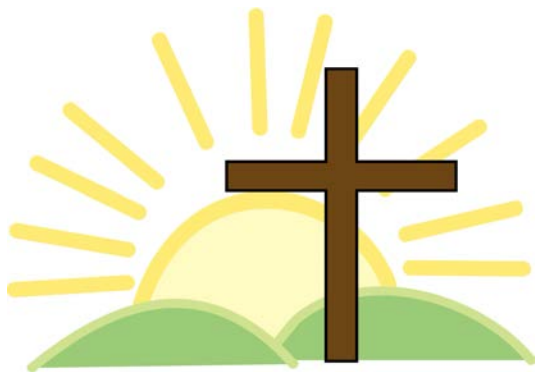
Letter from the Pastor

While serving the church in Moscow, Russia, the small joy of growing plants in my dormitory room while studying at a Korean seminary expanded a little, and now that joy has grown to the garden in the backyard of my house. Even though the plot is just enough to plant a few vegetables, which are tomatoes, cucumbers, and peppers, I am filled with joy as I purchase seedlings for the garden with my wife and discuss the date to plant them. This year, I am planning to plant some corn in one corner, in addition. However, the biggest obstacle to realizing this dream while having this joyful dream is that I must cultivate the hardened soil and take care of the plot full of weeds from last winter into a plot where I can plant vegetables.

It would be so much more joyful if I could just plant vegetables in the plot that is already well prepared. Taking care of the plot is not so easy, but it is the one thing I must do to prepare the plants. Suddenly, I thought about my heart that yearns for God's grace every day and moment, and compared it to the plot. When I let my mind wander for a moment, my heart is filled with weeds that I don't know where they came from, so in order to receive God's grace, I have to pull out those weeds and cultivate my heart like I cultivate the hardened ground with those weeds. However, the important thing is that after going through that process, the joy I feel when I plant new vegetable seedlings is like having everything already. When I clear out the weeds that filled my heart and am ready to receive God's grace, the grace I receive is so joyful and thankful

that it is difficult to express. That's why I always long for Sunday when I have the opportunity to preach the word. The 241st Baltimore-Washington Annual Conference will begin and be held on May 13-15. There, all the saints in our conference will confess and be thankful for the grace that God has given us over the past year with one heart, and it will be a time to dream about how to prepare and proceed in the coming year. Please pray together that the conference, the churches, and the saints will be able to manage their hearts well and accept the grace of God that is newly given to them, just like planting new seedlings. And I hope that our church will also cooperate and participate in the work of building the Lord's kingdom. And I hope that we all dream together and achieve that dream. Amen.

~ Rev. Keystone Lee



MARVIN CHAPEL WORSHIP LEADERS

Mark Arrington/Debi Constantinides

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

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

CHARGE WORSHIP CALENDAR & PROSPECT WORSHIP LEADERS

May 4 - Mike Peterson
Coffee & Donuts PUMC 10:30am

May 11 - *Joint Contemporary Service*
at **Prospect** 10:00am

May 18 - Jenny Ahalt

May 25 - Mary Behanna

June 1 - Mike Peterson
Coffee & Donuts PUMC 10:30am

June 8 - *Joint Contemporary Service*
at **Marvin Chapel** 10:00am

June 15 - Jenny Ahalt

June 22 - Mary Behanna

June 29 - Laura Schmidt

HIGHLIGHTS of SPECIAL SERVICES

On April 6th Mason Lampe assisted Rev. Lee in **serving communion** at Marvin Chapel. It is always wonderful to get our young people involved in the service.



Our Charge **Easter Sunday Sunrise service** was held at Marvin Chapel together with the Church of the Nazarene. Rev. Keystone Lee



and Pastor Jeff Tavares



led the service with **nearly 90 worshipers** in attendance. Everyone enjoyed a **delicious breakfast** following the service.



Caitlyn Ward & Jason Meely scrambled eggs.... while everyone filled their plates!



For the less hardy souls who wanted a bit more sleep, a **traditional Easter service** was held at Prospect at 11am



with **communion** served by **Mike Peterson and Rev. Lee**.

CHRIST IS RISEN INDEED!!

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

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

Prospect UMW will meet on **May 18th and June 15th** at **9:45am** before service.

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

CareNet Pregnancy Center provides assistance for mothers and mothers-to-be who are in need of baby supplies and pregnancy related support services.

Prospect will host a "baby shower" following the Joint Contemporary Service on June 8th. Donations of baby items (age 0-2yr) including diapers, wipes, new or gently used clothing and other baby necessities **are appreciated.** **Lunch will be served and shower games will add to the fun! Thank you to Amy Hands and Alice Hancock for organizing this fun time!**



LADIES CLUB

In April, the **Ladies Club** enjoyed a **festive luncheon** and **celebrated the birthdays of Myrna Highland, Penny Leo and Joan Derr.** Happy birthday to these special ladies! Remember, **all ladies are invited** for lunch and fellowship on the **3rd Monday of every month** at noon at Marvin Chapel. Bring a sandwich and come have fun with us!

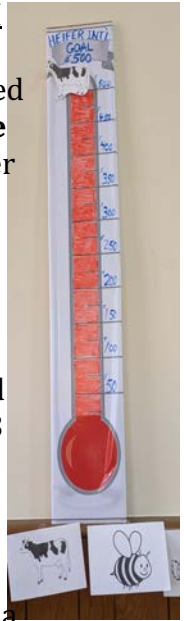


PROSPECT WITNESS & OUTREACH NEWS

Thank you to everyone who supported our Lenten mission activities. **With the help of Marvin Chapel, we raised over \$500 for Heifer International.** These funds will be used to purchase a heifer for a family in need as an important source of protein.

Heartly House is a safe refuge for those who have experienced abuse and domestic violence. We **assembled 173 Easter baskets** for the women and **children served** by this important outreach program. We hope these cheery baskets brought smiles to the faces of these folks who have had such a hard time! **Thanks to everyone who donated supplies, assembled the baskets and helped with the deliveries.**

~Laura Schmidt, Chair



Basket assembly crew-Debbie, Mary, Mike, Wanda, Diann, Peggy, & Laura

The **delivery vehicles** were driven by **Peggy, Anne, Laura & Jim.** **Heartly House staff Patrick & Lindsey** were very happy to receive the baskets!



PROSPECT EASTER FESTIVAL
FUN FOR ALL!!!

Prospect's UMW's Easter Festival was a **wonderful success**. We estimate between **35 and 40 children attended**. **Mike Peterson** opened our event with a fun animal **puppet show** with the children participating with questions and answers about different animals.



The weather was not cooperating, so we held all our events inside including the egg hunt. We used five of the classrooms to hide the eggs. Our **teen volunteers, Emma.....andJayden,**



hid the six hundred eggs at the last minute, and held off one of the classrooms so children who arrived late were still able to participate. Once again, the **"Decorate Your Own Cookie"**



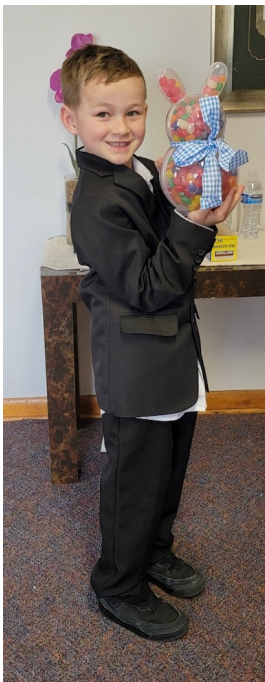
and **"Make a Pinecone Bird Feeder"**



were the highlights of the activities. In addition to an **Easter craft,**



the children were able to try the Bunny Tail Toss, Do What the Bunny Says, and **Balance the Easter Egg**. The children had to balance their egg on a spoon while following a blue line down through the other games and into the kitchen. Inside the kitchen where the children were decorating their cookies, they had to shout "Happy Easter."



Jaxon Lampe from **Marvin Chapel** won the "Guess How Many Jelly Beans Are Inside The Bunny".



Michelle... and ...Wanda helped the children with cookie decorating.



I want to **thank the Prospect United Methodist Women and all the volunteers** who worked so hard to make it a success.

Thanks, everyone, and see you next year!

~Peggy Slovikosky, UMW President

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN'S MOTHER-DAUGHTER BANQUET ALL WELCOME!!



Mark your calendars! UMW's annual **Mother-Daughter banquet will be held on Monday, May 19th**, starting at **6pm at Prospect's Social Hall**. Come with your daughter, a friend or just bring yourself! Please bring a dish to share. Fried chicken will be provided. Everyone is invited! Come out for a night of fun and fellowship!

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