

**Prospect-Marvin Chapel UMC Newsletter**  
**SEPTEMBER-OCTOBER 2024**



**GOOD NEWS MESSENGER**

**REV. KEYSTONE LEE –PASTOR**

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

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*Letter from the Pastor*

I have developed a habit of talking to myself. Strictly speaking, it is not talking to myself, but rather, I have a habit of mumbling as if Jesus were right next to me and talking to Him. It is not always the case, but it often appears when I am alone. It may have been because I read a book titled "What Would Jesus Do?" long ago, and I naturally followed that question and acted accordingly. That is why I naturally developed a habit of being a little careful and sometimes very careful about what I think or do. Some people may point out or say that "because you are a pastor, you probably be mindful of other people." On the other hand, I cannot wholly ignore that criticism, but I believe that Jesus is right next to me and acts

cautiously and sometimes courageously, so it is not so bad. In the past, when I drove alone, I used to listen to political broadcasts most of the time. Then, I listened to the songs I used to enjoy when I was young and classical music that made me feel good when I listened to it. And then, from some time ago, I listened to gospel hymns, especially country-style gospel hymns, and now I listen to the Bible. When I think about it carefully, I believe my habits have gradually changed since I took on a new ministry at a new church site. And thinking about it makes me feel good for no reason. I feel like I am slowly returning to my former full-time ministerial form, or rather, a more mature full-time ministerial form. At this point, from the first Sunday of September, we will have time to examine the word that God has given

us on five Sundays with a new central theme, 'Uncommon Wisdom.' I sincerely hope this opportunity will be an opportunity to take a step closer to God. I also earnestly pray that this hope will be revealed as precious and blessed fruit in my ministry with you.

*Blessings,  
Rev. Keystone Lee*

**CHARGE WORSHIP CALENDAR  
& PROSPECT WORSHIP LEADERS**

**Sept. 1** – Peggy Slovikosky  
*Coffee & Donuts PUMC 10:30am*

**Sept. 8** – *Joint Contemporary Service*  
at **Prospect** 10:00am

**Sept. 15** – Mary Behanna

**Sept. 22** – Mike Peterson

**Sept. 29** - Laura Schmidt

**Oct. 6** - Mike Peterson  
*Coffee & Donuts PUMC 10:30am*

**Oct. 13** - *Joint Contemporary Service*  
at **Marvin Chapel** 10:00am

**Oct. 20** – Mary Behanna

**Oct. 27** –Laura Schmidt

**MARVIN CHAPEL WORSHIP LEADERS**

Mark Arrington/Debi Constantinides

**\*\*CHARGE CONFERENCE\*\*  
October 26th, 12:30-2pm on Zoom**

**SUNDAY SCHOOL & BIBLE STUDY**

*Marvin Chapel* 10:45am after service

*Prospect* 9:45am before service  
beginning in January 2025.



**HIGHLIGHTS of SPECIAL SERVICES**

On July 14<sup>th</sup> our congregations joined together at Marvin Chapel for a contemporary service with music led by our praise choir including Mark Arrington at the piano, Mona Meely, Laura Schmidt, Mike Peterson and Candice Shaver on vocals and guitar.



Following the service, we honored our new pastor Rev. Keystone Lee and his wife Jinyoung with a potluck lunch and chance to fellowship together.



Welcome Rev. & Mrs. Lee!

We enjoyed a very special joint service in God's beautiful, natural "sanctuary" on August 11<sup>th</sup> at Joan Derr's home.



A lovely afternoon of fellowship was enjoyed by all! Thank you, Joan, for sharing your home for this favorite outdoor service & picnic tradition!



Our praise choir provided uplifting contemporary music.....



Rev. Lee shared an inspirational message.....



and then we enjoyed delicious fried chicken and homemade sides and desserts shared by the many great cooks in our charge!



### **PROSPECT WITNESS & OUTREACH NEWS**

Thanks to all who helped fill 12 backpacks for children in need at Parr's Ridge Elementary School. The backpacks were so colorful and bright and filled with all of the supplies needed for a great start to the new school year. We are sure there will be some big smiles from the kids who will receive them!



**Opportunities to Serve**  
**Pleasant View Nursing Home in Mt. Airy** is looking for volunteers to help with residents. If interested, text Thais Derr, Activities Leader (no calls, please) 667-218-9192 or email [nascimento.derr@gmail.com](mailto:nascimento.derr@gmail.com). Prospect is collecting magazines and crafting materials for the Home. A collection box is in the Library.

**Mt. Airy NET Food Pantry** needs our help! The food pantry shelves are very bare right now. Please consider picking up extra food when shopping and place in Prospect's food donation box for the Mt. Airy NET.

**Mark your calendars! Mt. Airy CROP Hunger Walk** will be held on **October 12<sup>th</sup>** gathering at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church parking lot, 609 Center St., Mt. Airy, for an easy 1-mile **walk around Watkins Park** trail. Registration begins at 8:30a.m., with the walk **starting at 9:00am**. We walk to raise funds to fight hunger here and around the world. 25% of all donations will remain here to support the Mt. Airy NET food insecurity programs. Please see Laura Schmidt or Deb Constantinides to register, make a donation or go online: <https://events.crophungerwalk.org/cropwalks/event/mountairymd>. Please support this important outreach-no one should go to bed hungry!



*~Laura Schmidt, Chair*

### **Ladies Club**

All ladies are invited for lunch and fellowship on the **3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of every month** at noon at Marvin Chapel. Bring a sandwich and come have fun with us!

### **United Methodist Women**

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

Prospect will meet **on September 8<sup>th</sup> and October 13<sup>th</sup>** after the contemporary services **at 11:15am**.

### **PROSPECT UMW YARD SALE** **A SUCCESS!**

Thanks to everyone who donated and/or priced items, unpacked and then repacked the many boxes full of "treasures", donated baked goods, and contributed their time on August 24<sup>th</sup> for the UMW sponsored yard sale at Prospect!



Special thanks go to Mike Peterson for organization and many hours of dedicated work on this project



and to Connie Williams (here with Alice Hancock) for bake table duty! Proceeds from the yard sale will be used for Prospect UMW outreach activities this year.

### **NEWSLETTER ARTICLES**

Due October 27<sup>th</sup> for  
Nov.-Dec. 2024 edition

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**MARVIN CHAPEL THRIFT SHOP**  
**END OF SEASON SPECIALS!**



The **Marvin Chapel Thrift Shop** is open with great fall specials! Many items are ½ off! You can fill-a-bag of clothes for \$6.00. In addition, Rose's Relish and delicious homemade jams are available for sale. Come visit us!

**PROSPECT ANNUAL CHICKEN BBQ**

**Saturday, September 14<sup>th</sup>**

**Noon-6pm**

**¼ chicken, white or dark,  
2 sides (baked beans, cole slaw,  
potato salad), roll and drink**

**\$10**

**Bake table, too!**



**PROSPECT UMW OCTOBER DAZE!**

Please come out and support **Prospect's UMW's October Daze** on **Saturday October 19th, 10am-2pm**. Shop for the perfect gift or decoration in our Christmas Shop and enjoy a bowl of homemade soup and sandwich with a sweet treat from our bake table. Our Christmas Shop will have vintage items for sale in addition to new craft items made by the Prospect UMW members. Our bake sale will feature delicious homemade rolls, cupcakes, breads, and cookies. We will have simple fall crafts for children to put together and an outside scavenger hunt with prizes.



Hope to see you there!

*~Peggy Slovikosky*

**KOREAN EXCHANGE TRIP for**  
**Baltimore-Washington UMC**  
**Conference Delegates**

I would like to tell you about my Korean Exchange trip shared with the delegations of the Baltimore - Washington conference. We traveled with six Pastors and two laity to Seoul Korea- a 17 hour flight! We immersed ourselves in local attractions, cultural and historical sites and visited churches to learn about Korean Methodists. I had the opportunity to preach at Heavenly Gardens UMC in a contemporary service in Daejeon, South Korea. The translator



here, Rev. Lee, was the founder of the church years ago that now has 700 members!

*~Deb Morris-Constantinides, CLM*

**MARVIN CHAPEL**  
**CHRISTMAS BAZAAR**  
**COME ON OUT!!!**



**MARVIN**  
**CHAPEL**  
**CHRISTMAS BAZAAR**

**Saturday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>**  
**10am-2pm**

**Vendors, Bake Table, Lunch-to-Go**

**Also**  
**Nov. 8-9**  
**10am-2pm**