

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

These days, with the rapidly changing times, we naturally encounter a wealth of diverse news from all around the world, almost in real time. It naturally leads me to reflect on many things as a Christian, as one entrusted with a mission given by God. Furthermore, after spending several weeks reading, listening to, and preaching on the topic of "faith" with scriptures, it feels as if everything around us is filled with obstacles designed to trip up or embarrass God's children. Then, I suddenly recalled Murphy's Law, a confession that even in a world unrelated to faith, life is challenging, though its forms and appearances differ from those of Christians, God's children who live by faith. And on the other hand, I wondered why Murphy's law is so

readily shared by so many people around the world. I concluded that perhaps the reason is that difficult and challenging experiences leave a more profound and longer-lasting impression on our hearts than joyful ones. I believe that everyone living on this earth experiences similar things in life. It is because we are all creations of one God. Likewise, I, too, experience similar experiences every day, much like many others in the world. However, if there's one difference between those who don't know God and Christians when they encounter such experiences, I believe it is that the perspective is different from that of those who belong to the world. It means that Christian's gaze is focused on a different place than that of those who don't or can't believe in Jesus Christ. There's a question deeply engraved in me from a long time ago. I often ask myself this question: "My dear

son, Pastor Lee Bok-geun, do you believe in Jesus Christ?" Before I came to the States, my parents lived here, but my sisters, brother, and I lived in Korea for about ten years. When I first embarked on my ministry, I would write letters to my father, complaining about the many difficulties I was experiencing, and he would write this question in large letters as the first line of his reply. At the time, my father's question sounded like an accusation, as if he were rebuking me for doing ministry without faith, and I was deeply hurt. So, I lost the desire to write to my father again, and for a while, I stopped writing. And then, when I wrote another, more vehement letter, he replied with the same question, in slightly larger font, at the very beginning. It had happened repeatedly for years. Now, years later, I still remember that question and ask it myself. Do you remember this verse? "Looking to Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith (Hebrews 12:2a)." Our gaze should naturally be on the kingdom of God, Jesus Christ. It is because we are children of God and citizens of the kingdom of God. Even though we may be experiencing various things that are overwhelming in various ways right now, our ultimate destination is not this earth, but the kingdom of God. In that sense, among the things we are experiencing or will experience in the future, rather than blaming those experiences, it is more important and precious than anything else to readjust and confirm our perspective so that we can look further and higher to the kingdom of God and God's plan through those experiences. I dare to ask you a question. Beloved, do you believe in Jesus, who is alive and working beside you even now, as the Christ and the Messiah? ~ Rev. Keystone Lee

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

**Sept. 7** - Mike Peterson  
*Coffee & Donuts PUMC 10:30am*

**Sept. 14** - *Joint Contemporary Service  
at **Prospect 10:00am***

**Sept. 21** - Mary Behanna

**Sept. 28** - Peggy Slovikosky

**Oct. 5** - Mike Peterson  
*Coffee & Donuts PUMC 10:30am*

**Oct. 12** - *Joint Contemporary Service  
at **Marvin Chapel 10:00am***

**Oct. 19** - Laura Schmidt

**Oct. 26** - Devin Shaver

**MARVIN CHAPEL WORSHIP LEADERS**  
Mark Arrington/Debi Constantinides

**ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL**  
*Marvin Chapel 10:45am after service*

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

Prospect and Marvin Chapel members and friends gathered for our annual summer **charge worship service on Sunday, August 10<sup>th</sup>**. The heavy rains during the week flooded the Derr farm so we had to adjust our plans and have the service outside at Marvin Chapel.





The praise band opened with song...



Rev. Lee led us in worship.....



Rev. Bill Boyer came for the service and shared memories of his years serving our charge.



We then went inside for a delicious potluck "picnic" of fried chicken and delicious homemade side dishes and desserts.



Rev. Boyer, Joan, Hilda & Rose

Everyone enjoyed a wonderful time of worship and fellowship together.

On August 3<sup>rd</sup>, Jaxon Lampe assisted Rev. Lee with communion at Marvin Chapel. It is wonderful to get the younger generation involved early in the service!



### **MARVIN CHAPEL NEWS**

Marvin Chapel is so blessed in having wonderful members and nonmembers organize, lead and work hard on projects that provide income for our church. Most recently **123 jars of "Rose's Relish"** were made under the leadership of **Donna Rhodes**. Also **Thrift Shop workers** led by **Myrna Highland, Theresa McThenia, Becky Brown** and many of our church members work diligently in our Thrift Shop. Thank you to all for their help!

~ submitted by Joan Derr



### ROSE'S RELISH IS READY FOR SALE!



The hard working **Marvin Chapel kitchen crew, Becky, Myrna, Hilda, Joan, Rose, Donna, Eddie, Eva, Bob...**



The finished product-  
**123 jars of relish....**  
ready for sale!



### RECENT VISIT FROM MARVIN CHAPEL MEMBER FROM FLORIDA



**Shelly Angell** up from Florida and her aunt **Ganel Jewell** recently came to Marvin Chapel **for a visit**. Here they are catching up with **Richard Arrington**. It was great to see them both!

### CONGRATULATIONS, EDDIE & EVA!

Marvin Chapel members **Eddie and Eva Chaney** celebrated their **64th wedding anniversary on August 4<sup>th</sup>** and were celebrated by their church family. Congratulations to Eddie and Eva for their long and happy life together!



**NEWSLETTER ARTICLES**  
**Due October 26th for November-  
December 2025 newsletter**  
**Photo credits for this edition to  
Mona Meely & Mark Arrington**





## PROSPECT UMW NEWS

The **Prospect UMW** had a **successful yard sale this year, \$429.51**. We want to **thank Mike Peterson** for her hard work for this event. Her organization skills were wonderful. Each item was priced and assigned to a particular table for easy set up and sale to customers. **Laura Schmidt** was Mike's **right hand** throughout the planning and assistance before and after the event. It was a very hot day and we **appreciate everyone** who turned out to set up tables, unpack all the items and, of course, take down at the end.

~ *Peggy Slovikosky, President UMW*

## PROSPECT WITNESS & OUTREACH NEWS

A huge **thank you to all who donated school supplies** during the summer drive organized by Mary Hushour at Re/MAX Realty and local businesses. These supplies will be **distributed to the Mt. Airy school teachers** and other staff to assist them in getting everything needed for a great start to school year 2025-2026.



### ***Opportunities to serve this fall:***

1) **UNICEF provides food, shelter and medical assistance to children all over the world** and this year with many international conflicts and disasters, their help is needed even more than ever. **UNICEF boxes** are available at **Prospect** for your children and grandchildren to take around with them for trick or treating on Halloween. No kids? Leave a box on your kitchen counter and collect your pocket change for the next month. Every cent helps, so please give generously! Boxes are **due Sunday Nov. 2nd**.



2) The **Mt. Airy CROP Hunger Walk** will take place **Saturday October 25<sup>th</sup>**. Walkers can collect donations from family and friends before the walk, or make donations online, then meet at **St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church**, 609 Center St. at 8:30am to register. **Walk around the Watkins Park Trail begins at 9:00am. 25% of all donations remain locally** in Mt. Airy to support families in need **through Mt. Airy NET**. Come walk with us and make a difference in the lives of those in need! No one should go to bed hungry! **See Laura Schmidt or Debi Constantinides** for donation envelopes and information.



## **PROSPECT'S ANNUAL CHICKEN BBO**

**SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 20th**  
**Noon -6pm**

**Prospect UMC Social Hall**  
**\$13**

**¼ chicken, choice of 2 sides**  
**baked beans, cole slaw, potato salad**  
**roll, drink**

**Desserts from the bake table**  
**Come on out and join us!**

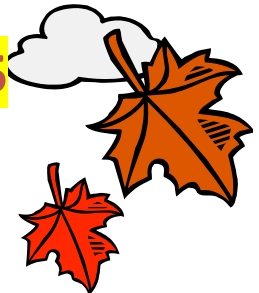
## **UNITED METHODIST CHARGE CONFERENCE**

The Baltimore-Washington United Methodist **Charge Conference** will be held **Saturday, November 1st, at 11am at the Damascus UMC**. More details to come.

# October Daze Bazaar



**SATURDAY OCTOBER 18, 2025**  
**10:00 AM TO 2:00 PM**



**PROSPECT UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

**5923 WOODVILLE ROAD**

**MOUNT AIRY, MD**

## **LUNCH SPECIALS**

**SANDWICHES, HOMEMADE SOUPS, COFFEE, TEA, SODA**

## ***FEATURING:***

**FALL and CHRISTMAS SHOP**

**Vintage and Handcrafted Items**

**BAKE SALE**

**Homemade Rolls, Cakes, Cookies, Bread**

**PROCEEDS TO BENEFIT THE UNITED METHODIST WOMEN  
MISSION TO WOMEN AND CHILDREN LOCALLY AND WORLDWIDE**

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