

**Prospect-Marvin Chapel UMC Newsletter**  
**January-February 2022**



## **GOOD NEWS MESSENGER**

**PASTOR YOUJUNG JUNG –PASTOR**

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

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### *Letter from the Pastor*

Seriously? A new variant of Covid-19, the Omicron variant? Are we again going back to the past? We are so tired of wearing masks for over two years. We are sick of lockdowns and restrictions. We ask ourselves: will this ever end?

Once again, our world has been thrown into turmoil by a tiny virus. The emergence of a new variant of the Covid-19 virus has resulted in renewed fears of illness and death, closed borders, financial and health instability, and new restrictions to prevent the spread.

This new variant of the Covid-19 virus, Omicron once again reminds us that the world is out of our control even though the world attempts to prevent it. We feel out of control and we are weary of whole things.

But, you know what? There is one who is greater than Omicron. Our God! Our God who is Alpha and Omega is greater than this virus. This emergence of a new variant reminds us that God is in control of everything. So what do we do? Hold tight onto God who is Alpha and Omega. Hold onto Jesus who overcomes the world. Hold onto the Holy Spirit who empowers us to live in the world. Don't let this truth pass you by. Hold onto this truth really tight!

Even the letter Omicron is Greek for 'little o (o mikron)' while Omega is Greek for 'great/big o'. See? God (Omega) is greater than omicron. Even though this variant Omicron seems big, the truth is that they are not as big and great as God, the beginning and the end, the Alpha and the Omega. Omicron may disrupt our

plans and may leave us feeling weary and anxious. But, in God who is Alpha and Omega, we are safe and secure. Fear not, God is with you (Isaiah 41:10).

I pray and hope we all rest on our security in God and share the love of God to our neighbors by doing our parts.

*Emmanuel,  
Pastor YouJung Jung*

### **SUNDAY SCHOOL**

*Marvin Chapel 10:15am after services  
Prospect 9:45am before services  
(except Jan.9<sup>th</sup> and Feb.13<sup>th</sup>)*

### **MARVIN CHAPEL WORSHIP LEADERS**

Mark Arrington & Debi Constantinides

Kaitlyn, Tatiana and Delylah help decorate the Christmas tree.



### **PROSPECT WORSHIP LEADERS**

**Jan. 2** -Mary Behanna

**Jan. 9** -Mike Peterson

**Jan. 16**-Joe Slovikosky

**Jan. 23**-Peggy Slovikosky

**Jan. 30**-Laura Schmidt

**Feb. 6** -Mary Behanna

**Feb.13**-Joe Slovikosky

**Feb.20**-Laura Schmidt

**Feb.27**-Peggy Slovikosky

### **Decorating the Sanctuary First Sunday in Advent at Prospect**



On November 28th, the Valle family lit the first candle on the Advent wreath. Everyone joined in hanging Chrismons on the tree.



## CHARGE CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE

Our congregations joined together in a beautiful Christmas Eve service in which members of both churches played an active part.



Tisha  
leads us in  
worship

Mary Kay relays Mary's story



Laura sings "Mary, Did You Know?"



Kaitlyn tells us of the birth  
of the Christ Child



Mark reads Prophecy of the Messiah



Richard on dobro, Mark and Mona  
sing "Go Tell it on the Mountain"



Mike reminds us how the shepherds  
found the Baby Jesus





A Christmas dance by the Valle sisters



Pastor YouJung gives us a message of hope and love on Christmas Eve



The combined church choir sings "Good Christian Men Rejoice!"



Heywon Shin blessed us with a Christmas medley on piano



Mona tells of the announcement of Jesus' birth to the shepherds



Pastor YouJung talks to the children about the real meaning of Christmas



Congregation sings "Silent Night" by candlelight





### **Marvin Chapel News**

Thank you to all who donated and supported the Christmas Shop this year. It was greatly appreciated! Please let Sandy Mull know if you would be willing to help in the future.

The Marvin Chapel Thrift Store is open Friday and Saturday 10am-2pm weather permitting but we request mask wearing and social distancing while in the store. We may need to close periodically, however, for COVID related reasons. Contact Myrna Highland for details.

### **Ladies Club**

All ladies of both churches 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 not meet until March. *Prospect* will meet on Jan. 9<sup>th</sup> and Feb. 13<sup>th</sup> at 9:45am in the library.

### **Prospect Trustees Meeting**

Prospect Trustees meet the first Monday of each month at 2:00pm in the library weather permitting.

### **NEWSLETTER ARTICLES**

**Due Feb. 20th  
for March-April 2022 Edition  
Give to Laura Schmidt  
Or send to Charge email  
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### **Prospect Witness/Outreach News**

Many thanks to all who supported the holiday outreach activities at our churches this season including Thanksgiving and Christmas dinners and gifts for a Parr's Ridge Elementary school family, and assorted small gifts for residents of Pleasant View Nursing Home in Mt. Airy.



In addition, 17 gift bags were donated for the children of families supported by the Salvation Army. Thanks to Kari Borgealt for organizing this outreach and to all who helped brighten Christmas for these children!

*~Laura Schmidt, Chair*

### **Opportunities to Serve**

During the months of January and February we will be collecting wish list items for the Alan P. Linton Emergency Shelter in Frederick. Some items needed include toilet paper, paper towels, hot cups of instant soup, Maruchan "instant lunch", large cans ground coffee, hot chocolate, adult mens/womens underwear, white bath towels, cleaning supplies. A complete shelter wish list is posted in the Prospect library.





### **Christmas Caroling and S'mores at Prospect-Fun for All!!**

On Dec. 11<sup>th</sup> Prospect planned to host Christmas caroling with hot chocolate and s'mores roasted over an open fire in the church parking lot. However, we had to move indoors due to high winds and rain. Fortunately, thanks to Janessa Valle's idea, we discovered we could make s'mores in the microwave!



A wonderful time of fun and fellowship was had by all-singing Christmas carols led by Kari at the piano,



drinking hot chocolate, eating delicious cookies served by Mike



and devouring those goey s'mores which put everyone in the Christmas spirit! Thank you to Peggy Slovikosky for this great idea-let's make it a Prospect holiday tradition!

