

Prospect-Marvin Chapel UMC Newsletter
JANUARY-FEBRUARY 2024



GOOD NEWS MESSENGER

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

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Letter from the Pastor

What do you think of when you hear the words 'New Year'? Excitement or boredom?

Another new year is here. How will we approach it? Do we approach the New Year with excitement or despondency? Will we experience newness, or will it be a repeat of last year?

I hope that we approach the New Year with a positive perspective. However, there are some unresolved problems that we're carrying from last year into the New Year. Some of those problems will not be resolved shortly into the New Year. Then how can we have a positive perspective?

Our perspective of the New Year needs to be based on God's Word, which never fades away and stands forever. Psalm 65:11 says, 'You crown the year with Your goodness; Your ways overflow with plenty (HCSB).' God blesses the year with the fruits of His love. A new perspective has us seeing God's provision and generosity despite our circumstances. We better realize that no matter how bad our life seems to be going, we are still undeservingly blessed.

From a human perspective, life is a mixture of pain, worry, grief, happiness, and joy. That's why we have so many downs and ups in our lives. Carrying problems into the New Year is inevitable. Maybe we have to endure suffering and pain. But, from a Christian's view, we can be a new

creation. 2 Corinthians 5:17 says, 'So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; look, new things have come into being!' Anyone in Christ can experience newness. No matter how good your past is or how bad it is, you have a new beginning. God has that power, so don't set your gaze on the current situation. Set your gaze on God, whose love never fails, never gives up on you, and lasts forever. The goodness of God is still waiting for you in this new year. Hope we all anticipate with excitement how our new year will be filled and crowned with the goodness of God.

*New Year Blessings,
Pastor YouJung Jung*

PROSPECT WORSHIP LEADERS

Jan. 7 – Peggy Slovikosky
Coffee & Donuts 10:30am

Jan. 14 – Mike Peterson
*Prospect Advisory Board
meets after service*

Jan. 21 – Laura Schmidt

Jan. 28 – Joe Slovikosky

Feb. 4 – Mary Behanna
Coffee & Donuts 10:30am

Feb. 11 – Laura Schmidt

Feb. 18 – Peggy Slovikosky

Feb. 25 – Jenny Ahalt

MARVIN CHAPEL WORSHIP LEADERS

Mark Arrington/Debi Constantinides

HIGHLIGHTS of CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE

Our churches celebrated Christmas "Eve" with a combined morning service on December 24th at Marvin Chapel.



Pastor YouJung Jung lit the candles on the Advent wreath.

SUNDAY SCHOOL & BIBLE STUDY



Marvin Chapel 10:45am after service

*Prospect 9:45am before service on
**January 7, 14, 28 and February 4,
25.***



Mike Peterson read from Isaiah;
“Little Drummer Boy” was played
expertly on the clarinet by DJ Valle.



Joe Slovikosky read of the birth of
Jesus, then Kaitlyn Valle performed a
beautiful dance to “Silent Night.”



Peggy Slovikosky told of the birth of
Jesus and then Natalie Shane sang
“What Child is This?”



Myrna Highland shared Mary’s story
from Luke after which Laura Schmidt
sang “Mary, Did You Know?”



The Lampe children read the
Christmas story from Luke....
then we were blessed by our pastor’s
beautiful
piano
rendition
of “Angels
We Have
Heard On
High”.



Prospect-Marvin
Chapel Charge
wishes everyone a
Merry Christmas!



Prospect Witness & Outreach News

A small but hearty group from Prospect and Marvin Chapel turned out to walk in the Mt. Airy CROP Hunger Walk on November 4th. Thanks to all who donated to help end hunger one step at a time! Over \$5300 were raised through online and in-person donations with 25% going toward the Mt. Airy NET programs to help those in need in our local community. Thank you, everyone!



Thanks also to everyone who filled shoeboxes with gifts for the Operation Christmas Child program that brings Christmas cheer to children across our world, to those who donated gifts for Frederick families supported by the Salvation Army, and to those who donated Christmas dinner foods and gifts to brighten the holiday for the Parr's Ridge Elementary School family that we support. Your generosity has brought Christmas cheer to so many

in need this holiday season-thank you!

During the month of January, Prospect will be collecting items for the Alan P. Linton Emergency Shelter in Frederick. A list of needed items is available in the library.

~ Laura Schmidt, Chair

Marvin Chapel's November & December Birthday Celebrations



Everyone gathered after church to wish Dale Clay a happy birthday!



Rose Harne, Julie, Andrew, Joshua and Maria Remsch help Hilda McPherson celebrate her 97th birthday!!



Tisha and Kaitlyn help Tatiana Valle blow out 7 candles on her cake!



Mona Meely receives birthday wishes from Penny, Natalie and Debi!

Ladies Club

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!

United Methodist Women

Marvin Chapel will meet on the 4th Monday at 6pm. Bring a sandwich and come enjoy the fellowship.

Prospect will meet on January 21st and February 18th at 9:45am in the library.

NEWSLETTER ARTICLES

**Due February 25 for
March-April 2024 edition**

**Give to Laura Schmidt
or send to Charge email.**

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Mark Arrington & Mona Meely**

Prospect Pancake Breakfast Fun and Fellowship for All!

Prospect would like to thank all those who donated items and came out to support our December 2nd pancake breakfast. It was a great success!



Linda and Roger, our sausage cutters, wait for the meat to arrive.



Vern & Joe took charge of the griddles.



Debbie, Vern, Morgan, Alice and Joe kept the pancakes coming; Kristen finished up the sausage in the oven.





Mary, Diann and Barb served our guests.



Connie manned the bake table, here selling to Morgan, Joe and Alice, while Peggy took care of ticket sales.



**MARVIN CHAPEL
CHRISTMAS BAZAAR
A Great Success!**

Marvin Chapel held a very successful Holiday Bazaar and Christmas Shop from November 4th til December 16th.

Penny, Rose and Joan await customers...



Thanks to everyone who helped make this year's bazaar a success and especially these ladies- (front) Penny, Rose; (back) Trina, Joan, Carol, Mary, MaryKay, Penni, and Sandy!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

**SHROVE TUESDAY
PANCAKE AND SAUSAGE
SUPPER**

**TUESDAY,
February 13, 2024**

**4:00-7:00pm
PROSPECT UNITED
METHODIST CHURCH**

**\$12.00
Children 5 and under FREE**

**Buckwheat and Regular
Pancakes
Country Sausage
Milk, Juice, Coffee**

*****ALL YOU CAN EAT***
Bake Table**

