

Prospect-Marvin Chapel UMC Newsletter
March-April 2022



GOOD NEWS MESSENGER

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

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Letter from the Pastor

Time to draw nearer to Jesus

He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me." Mark 8:34

Lent is the season of forty days, not counting Sundays, that we prepare ourselves for the celebration of Jesus' resurrection from His death. Lent begins on Ash Wednesday and ends on Holy Saturday before Easter Sunday. Forty days represents the time that Jesus fasted forty days in the wilderness before his official ministry.

As Jesus went to the wilderness to be apart from the worldly life and focus more on God's will, we also want to spend this time more with God and find God's will for us. Thereby, we can

celebrate Easter and rejoice in the full measure of redemption and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

I choose Mark 8:34 as the devotional verse that God calls us to draw nearer to him during Lent. This verse reminds us that we are all called to carry our cross and follow Jesus. This verse says that we must die to our own desires and live for Jesus Christ alone if we want to be genuine disciples of Jesus. Even though this is quite difficult, we want to try our best to place Jesus Christ at the center of our life with more intentionality during this Lent.

Jesus' call for us to the life of cross-bearing seems painful since it requires us to lay down our lives, comforts, possessions, and obsession. However, cross-bearing is the way of life that draws us nearer to God and the power that makes us commune with God forever. As Paul preached about the

cross, the cross is the power of God to the believers. But, the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing. Also, without death on the cross as the result of Jesus submitting himself to the Father's will, there would not be the resurrection of Jesus. Thus, cross-bearing is a must-do spiritual practice that enables us to rejoice in the redemption and resurrection of Jesus. I hope we all find the daily acts of cross-bearing that draws nearer to God, make us focus on God's will for us, and prepare ourselves to submit to God's will.

Pastor YouJung Jung



SUNDAY SCHOOL

Marvin Chapel 10:15am after services

*Prospect 9:45am before services
except March 13, April 10, & April 17.*




BIBLE STUDY

Bible Study focused on the Book of Ruth will be held for 5 weeks beginning **March 10th at 2pm at Prospect and 7pm via Zoom.** Pastor YouJung will lead the study.

PROSPECT WORSHIP LEADERS

March 6 -Joe Slovikosky


March 13-Laura Schmidt
DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME BEGINS
Spring Forward! 

March 20-Mary Behanna
MC Congregational Meeting

March 27-Mike Peterson
Special UMCOR Offering for Ukraine

April 3-Joe Slovikosky

April 10 -Palm Sunday
 Mary Behanna

April 17-Easter Sunday
Sunrise Service 6:30am
Marvin Chapel 

Worship Service 11:00am
Prospect - Denny Ahalt

April 24 -Peggy Slovikosky

MARVIN CHAPEL WORSHIP LEADER

Mark Arrington/Debi Constantinides

SPECIAL WORSHIP SERVICES

On **January 30th**, our churches were blessed by the music of **Richard Arrington and the FIRST FRUITS GOSPEL BAND.**



THANK YOU TO MARVIN CHAPEL FROM THE NAZARENE CHURCH

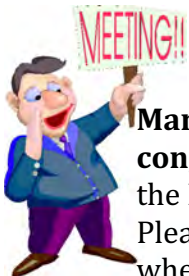
On February 20th, New Beginning Nazarene Church held their last service at Marvin Chapel. After 7 months of renovations and addition, their church was ready to celebrate and worship in their new facility.



The children made a banner thanking Marvin Chapel for letting them use our building. Pastor Brian spoke saying, "this is a small token from our whole congregation to say thank you. I'm amazed at the Kingdom mind of a church that without being asked said we can move our church service up a half hour to help out. A church that said come on and join us, and is about the Kingdom of God more than our individual kingdoms that we have as congregations. We are thankful and blessed." Several members from Marvin joined in New Beginning's dedication services and potluck the following week.

~Mark Arrington

Marvin Chapel Congregational Meeting



Marvin Chapel will hold a congregational meeting following the March 20th Sunday service. Please plan to join us to discuss whether to return to the 9:30am worship service time.

MARVIN CHAPEL THRIFT STORE BARGAINS FOR EVERYONE!!



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. If you would like to help with sales on Friday or Saturday or with in-store sorting and organizing on Wednesdays, please contact Myrna Highland.

Ladies Club

All ladies of both churches 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 March 13th and April 10th at 9:45am in the library.

Mark your calendars for the Prospect Easter Festival!

On Saturday April 9th from 10am til noon, Prospect will host an Easter Festival on the church lawn. Events include crafts and games for the children, puppet show, cookie decorating and an Easter egg hunt! Bring the kids and grandkids and stay for the Yard Sale and Bake Table! Come on out and join the fun!



~Peggy Slovikosky, organizer



Prospect Witness & Outreach News

Thanks to everyone who **donated items for the Alan P. Linton Emergency Shelter** in Frederick. The response from our church members was wonderful and the many donated items will greatly benefit the shelter's homeless clients.

Opportunities to Serve

During the Lenten season, there are a number of ways in which Prospect members may serve our communities both near and far.

1) We will be providing a festive **Easter dinner and Easter baskets** for a **Parr's Ridge Elementary School family** with 3 young children. Sign up sheets for donations are in Prospect library.

2) **Heartly House** in Frederick is a place of **refuge and support** for **victims of domestic violence** and abuse. **On Palm Sunday**, we will be **preparing 50 Easter baskets for the women and children served** by this important outreach program. If you would like to help assemble the baskets, please see Laura Schmidt.



3) We are **raising funds for Heifer International** that provides livestock to families in need to provide a food source as well as a potential source of income. For every **50 cent donation**, a paper **bee or bunny** will be placed **on the sanctuary wall**. Donation basket is in the vestibule. Please help us encircle the entire church with bunnies and bees by Easter!

~Laura Schmidt, Chair

Prospect Trustees Meeting

At the last meeting of the Trustees on Monday, March 7th, it was reported that the **new sign has been completed**. New larger letters have been ordered to enable passing motorists to see the messages about our church's activities.

The **old hickory tree was removed**, and fill dirt is going to be laid to even out the lawn from the removal of the tree. The trustees are continuing to request **estimates for the repair** of the stained-glass **windows** and **painting** of the outside trim. With warmer weather, the trustees plan to paint the lines in the parking lot.

A **new blower** is needed for the **HVAC** system of the church. Plans were already in progress to **paint the tin roof of the hall** when a windstorm blew off part of the tin roof over the kitchen. The insurance company has been contacted so the damaged roof can be repaired and then painted.

Next Trustees meeting is **Monday, April 4th at 2pm** in Prospect library.

~ Joe Slovikosky, Chair



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Due April 24 for May-June
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Easter Festival

Saturday, April 9, 2022

10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Easter Egg Hunt - 10:10 a.m.

Children's Crafts and Games

Animal Puppet Show

Decorate Your Own Cookie

Yard Sale and Bake Table

Inside activities rain or shine.

Children must be accompanied by an adult.

For information, call (301) 829-9244

Prospect United Methodist Church

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