

**Prospect-Marvin Chapel UMC Newsletter**  
**NOVEMBER-DECEMBER 2023**



## **GOOD NEWS MESSENGER**

**PASTOR YOUJUNG JUNG –PASTOR**

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

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### *Letter from the Pastor*

Dear family of God,

Life is an incredible journey, filled with twists, turns, and surprises. In the midst of this adventure, we encounter a simple yet profound commandment that calls us to "Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice!" (Philippians 4:4). This commandment is not a strict rule but a loving invitation from God for all of us to find joy and give thanks, even in the most unexpected moments.

I'd like to share a funny story with you to uplift your day and remind us of God's call to find joy in unexpected places.

One rainy Sunday morning, the church

roof suddenly sprang a leak, right above the pastor's pulpit. As the water dripped down, the pastor, unfazed, started his sermon with a smile. He said, "Today, we have two options. We can let this leak ruin our service, or we can thank God for a well-timed baptism!"

Laughter filled the church, and they did indeed find a reason to give thanks, even as they scrambled for buckets.

This story reminds us of the commandment to give thanks in all circumstances. Life might throw us curveballs, and sometimes, things may not go as planned. However, within those unexpected moments, there are

often hidden blessings waiting to be uncovered.

As we journey through life's twists and turns, let's hold on to the joyful command to always find reasons to rejoice and give thanks. We can discover joy and gratitude in life's unique and surprising moments.

Wishing your life to be filled with God-given smiles, laughter, and joy!

With a joyful and grateful spirit,

*Pastor YouJung Jung*



### **SUNDAY SCHOOL & BIBLE STUDY**

*Marvin Chapel 10:45am after service*

*Prospect 9:45am before service on  
**November 12 and 26 and December 10th.***

### **CHRISTMAS "EVE" MORNING SERVICE**

Please note that because Christmas Eve is on a Sunday, we will have a combined special morning service at Marvin Chapel at 10:00am that will include many of our Christmas Eve traditions. There will not be an evening service this year.



### **PROSPECT WORSHIP LEADERS**

**Nov. 5** – Mary Behanna  
*Coffee & Donuts 10:30am*

**Nov. 12** – Peggy Slovikosky

**Nov. 19** – Jenny Ahalt

**Nov. 26** – Laura Schmidt

**Dec. 3** – Mary Behanna  
*Coffee & Donuts 10:30am*

**Dec. 10** - Mike Peterson

**Dec. 17** – Joe Slovikosky  
**\*Caroling after service\***

**Dec. 24** – Combined  
**Christmas "Eve" Service**  
**10am @ Marvin Chapel**

**Dec. 31** - Laura Schmidt

### **MARVIN CHAPEL WORSHIP LEADERS**

Mark Arrington/Debi Constantinides

### **HIGHLIGHTS of SPECIAL SERVICES**

Pastor YouJung recently spent a well-deserved month visiting her family in Korea. During that period we were blessed by many guest pastors and speakers **including Pastor Brian Remsch** from the Nazarene Church on **September 10<sup>th</sup>,**



lay minister **Debi Constantinides** on **September 17<sup>th</sup>**,



On **September 24<sup>th</sup>**, Mt. Airy NET Board President **Julia Manolios** spoke to our congregations about **the food pantry and outreach programs** provided by the **NET** that support families in need in our community. We encourage everyone to **bring in nonperishable food** for the pantry on the **1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of each month**.



Pastor **Vicki Curry** on **October 1<sup>st</sup>**,



**October is Pastor Appreciation Month**

On **October 22<sup>nd</sup>**, we **presented Pastor YouJung** with a small **token of our appreciation** for her strong spiritual leadership and constant support of our congregations.

and **Mark Arrington** on **October 8<sup>th</sup>**.



***We love you, Pastor YouJung!***



**Marvin Chapel Honors**  
**Joan Derr**



Joan Derr was recently honored by her church family at Marvin Chapel as one of the **longest attending members**. She was born on April 20, 1932 and has been at Marvin all of her years. Joan has **given so much of her time and energy** to her church and the members wanted to thank her for her dedication and constant support.  
**WE LOVE YOU, JOAN!**

**Prospect Witness & Outreach News**

Prospect recently donated 15 hygiene kits to the **United Methodist Committee on Relief** who provide personal care items to people experiencing conflict and natural disasters. **Thank you to all who donated** so generously to this important outreach.

During the holiday season, we have a number of **opportunities to serve:**

- 1) **Support a family** from the Parr's Ridge Elementary School for **Thanksgiving dinner and Christmas dinner and gifts** for the children
- 2) **Donate gifts for children** supported by Salvation Army in Frederick



3) **Fill a shoebox** with small gifts for a child sponsored by **the Operation Christmas Child program**

Information and signups are in the Prospect library. Let's bring some Christmas cheer to families in need this year!

*~Laura Schmidt, Chair*

**Ladies Club**

The ladies of the church recently **got together for a Hawaiian luau** complete with grass skirts and leis! A great time was had by all!



Debbie, Joan, Rose, Myrna, Sandy, Hilda, Penny, Alice

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 meet on the **4<sup>th</sup> Monday at 6pm**. Bring a sandwich and come enjoy the fellowship.

**Prospect** will meet on **November 19<sup>th</sup> and December 17<sup>th</sup> at 9:45am** in the library.



## **Prospect Annual Chicken BBQ** **A Great Success!**

On **September 16<sup>th</sup>**, Prospect held its **annual Chicken BBQ**. We had a record turnout, **selling 150 dinners by 5pm!** Thank you to **Doug and Marlene Barbour** for being **super grill masters** again this year, to **all** those who helped in the kitchen, served customers, manned the bake table, donated items and came out and ate chicken! **We appreciate everyone's support!**



**Doug, Vern and Joe grilling those delicious birds!**



**Kathryn and Kristen serve up the chicken**



**Laura and Molly serve drinks to customers**



**Kitchen crew is ready to serve customers-Mary, Barbara, Debbie, Diann, Alice, Mike and Roger**



**Roger chooses his favorite confection from the bake table with help from Connie and Peggy**



## Preparations for the Christmas Bazaar Keep Marvin Chapel Busy

**Marvin Chapel's homemade relish is always in demand** this time of year! The **ladies** of the church have been **working hard to make enough relish** to sell at the Bazaar and Thrift Store.



**Penni, Myrna, Penny, Cliff, Joan and Rose busy chopping vegetables and adding spices**



**Joan kneads the dough.....**



**Mona, Penni, Rose and Hilda (right out of sight) assemble the apple dumplings now ready for sale!**



**Penny, Myrna, Joan, Fran and Rose admire the 80 pints of relish ready for sale!**

**Next, they made apple dumplings.....**

**Rose and Hilda fill the apples...**



## **MARVIN CHAPEL CHRISTMAS BAZAAR-NOV. 4<sup>th</sup>!!**

**The Marvin Chapel Christmas Bazaar opens on November 4<sup>th</sup> from 10am-2pm with lots of gift items for sale, **homemade relish and delicious apple dumplings!** The **Christmas Shop** will continue to be **open Friday & Saturday 10am-2pm until December 16<sup>th</sup>.****



***COME OUT AND SHOP!!***



### **Prospect UMW October Daze**

Prospect's United Methodist Women held their **October Daze Bazaar** on **October 21<sup>st</sup>** for the first time since the pandemic. The bazaar was a **complete success**. Our bake sale was the star of the show. The homemade rolls, cupcakes, breads, and cookies were outstanding. I have to say we have some excellent bakers at our church. We want **to thank Sue and Wayne Spencer** for baking their famous homemade rolls and Texas Sheet cake and coming from southern Maryland to help for the day. **Alice Hancock's chicken noodle soup and Connie William's chicken salad** were declared the "**best ever**" by our customers and were sold out early in the day. **For the children**, we provided **simple fall crafts** for them to put together with **the help of two teenage volunteers**. Both our indoor **yard sale and Christmas shop** did a **brisk business** with customers looking for that special item. This year we made **homemade Christmas ornaments** for the bazaar. It was a lot of fun getting together and working on the crafts together. We are especially **thankful to** a friend of our church, **Joyce Correll**, who provided our signs, posted personal Facebook posts to advertise our bazaar, made desserts and donated yard sale items. Most important of all, **we raised the funds we needed to continue our mission to support women and children** both locally and worldwide. Food sustainability, maternal child health and our annual Easter Egg Festival are just a few of the activities that are near and dear to our hearts. We have been **blessed by support** of our **members and community**.  
~Peggy Slovikosky, UMW President



Alice and Barbara in the Christmas Shop



Mike offered great bargains at the "Indoor" Yard Sale



Emma and Jayden helped with the kids' crafts



Wayne and Connie made sweet treats for the Bake Table

Our kitchen crew-  
Diann, Peggy,  
Debbie & Michelle



## MOUNT AIRY CROP HUNGER WALK



The Mount Airy CROP Hunger Walk will be held on **Saturday, November 4th** at **Watkins Park**. Registration begins at 8:30am in the parking lot of **St. Andrews Presbyterian Church**, 609 Center St., Mt. Airy with a walk around Watkins Park starting at 9:00am. Register on site or online at [www.crophungerwalk.org/mountairy.md](http://www.crophungerwalk.org/mountairy.md). Donations to the Mt. Airy CROP Hunger Walk can be made online or in person at the event (or checks payable to CWS/CROP mailed to Prospect ) with 25% of all funds raised remaining in our community to support the assistance programs of Mt. Airy NET. Please help us stamp out hunger one step at a time!

THANK YOU!!

*~Laura Schmidt, coordinator*

### NEWSLETTER ARTICLES

Due December 31 for  
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Give to Laura Schmidt  
or send to Charge email.  
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Mark Arrington

## PROSPECT PANCAKE BREAKFAST COMING SOON!

### **PANCAKE AND SAUSAGE BREAKFAST**

**SATURDAY,  
DECEMBER 2, 2023**

**7:00 am-12:00pm  
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**

