

Prospect-Marvin Chapel UMC Newsletter
SEPTEMBER-OCTOBER 2023



GOOD NEWS MESSENGER

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

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Letter from the Pastor

Dear family of God,

I've been thinking about a quote I recently came across: "The true test of Christianity is not just loving Jesus, but loving Judas." It's been on my mind ever since, and I wanted to share it with you. Loving Jesus? That's the easy part! Once we grasp that Jesus loved us first, died on the cross for our sins, and gave us eternal life, it's not hard to love Jesus. But here's where it gets tricky– loving Judas. Judas, the guy who notoriously betrayed Jesus for a mere thirty pieces of silver even after spending three years with Jesus as one of His closest friends.

In our own lives, we encounter individuals akin to Judas–those who have hurt us deeply, shattered our

trust, taken advantage of our kindness, and then turned away when we needed them most. It's these people who challenge our ability to love unconditionally.

However, here's a twist. We were a bit like Judas too before we were saved by the grace of God. We hurt Jesus deeply, betrayed Him, took advantage of Him, and abandoned Him. Yet, Jesus never ceased to love us like he loved Judas. Jesus showed us how to love Judas. Despite knowing that Judas would betray Him, Jesus trained him as a disciple, treated him with the same kindness and care as He did His other followers, and shared a heartfelt kiss with him when arrested. This is so genuine and unconditional love of Jesus. Loving Judas is the true test of

following Jesus. So how about you?
How are you doing with this test?

By the way, here's a little reminder from Paul's words: "Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you." (Ephesians 4:32) Let's take up this challenge together – to love those who seem unlovable, just as Jesus loved Judas.

Blessings and Love,
Pastor YouJung Jung



SUNDAY SCHOOL & BIBLE STUDY

Marvin Chapel 10:45am after service

*Prospect 9:45am before service on
**October 1, 8 & 22. No Bible study in
September.***

****VIRTUAL CHARGE CONFERENCE****
Saturday, October 14th 10-11:30am
Details to follow in bulletin.



PROSPECT WORSHIP LEADERS

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

Sept. 10 – Joint Service
10am at Marvin Chapel
*Message by Pastor Brian Remsch,
Nazarene Church*

Sept. 17 – Peggy Slovikosky
Message by Debi Constantinides
Admin Board meets after church

Sept. 24 – Jenny Ahalt
Message- to be determined

Oct. 1 – Peggy Slovikosky
Coffee & Donuts 10:30am
Message by Pastor Vicky Curry

Oct. 8 - Mary Behanna

Oct. 15 - Mike Peterson

Oct. 22 - Joe Slovikosky

Oct. 29 - Laura Schmidt

MARVIN CHAPEL WORSHIP LEADERS

Mark Arrington/Debi Constantinides

HIGHLIGHTS of SPECIAL SERVICES

On August 6th, our churches joined together for our morning worship at the Derr Farm. It was such a lovely natural setting shaded by tall trees and filled with the music of song birds and a babbling brook. We felt we were truly in the presence of God!
Rose, Richard and Mark led us in hymn singing....

followed by an uplifting message from Pastor Youjung....



Then she shared her musical talents with us! Following the service, we enjoyed a potluck lunch....

We were so happy to have Rev. Bill Boyer and family fellowship with us!



Some of the young people enjoyed cooling off in the pond on that hot day....



Everyone enjoyed the opportunity to fellowship together in this beautiful setting! Thank you, Joan Derr, for sharing your home with your church family! (Photo credits: Mark Arrington)

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 **September 17th and October 15th at 9:45am** in the library.

Ladies Club

All ladies 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!

Prospect Witness & Outreach News

Thank you to everyone who **donated backpacks filled with school supplies for 13 children** in need at **Parr's Ridge Elementary School**. The children were excited to start school with everything they needed and their parents were very grateful for the financial help!



Prospect will continue to assemble hygiene kits for UMCOR through Labor Day. Thanks to all who have donated these materials.

~ Laura Schmidt, Chair

HAPPY 95th BIRTHDAY, ROSE!!



Many church members, friends and family gathered at the Nazarene Church **on August 5th to honor Rose Harne** on the occasion of **her 95th birthday**. There was a great outpouring of love and affection for Rose, who received over 60 cards that day! **Congratulations to Rose on celebrating this milestone birthday!!**

MARVIN CHAPEL THRIFT SHOP

The **Marvin Chapel Thrift Shop** continues to thrive thanks to the generous **donors** of saleable items.



It is with **great sadness** to tell you that **Linda Clay** will not be part of the shop for now. She **will be missed**.

We have put out our **fall/winter clothes**. They will be **priced \$5.00 a bag**. We also have an abundance of shoes, purses, books, housewares, toys and craft/sewing items. **All volunteers are welcome**. Our main **work day is Tuesday** and we are **open Friday and Saturday 10am-2pm**.

~Myrna Highland



**PROSPECT UMW'S
OCTOBER DAZE COMING!!**

Please come out and support
**Prospect UMW's October Daze on
Saturday October 21st, 10am-2pm.**
Shop for the perfect gift in our
Christmas Shop, enjoy a soup and
sandwich **lunch** with a sweet treat
from our **bake table**, and take home a
unique item from the **Country Store.**
HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!!

MOUNT AIRY CROP HUNGER WALK

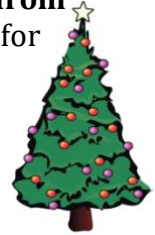


Please **join our local churches** and
our community for the **Mount Airy
CROP Hunger Walk** to be held on
**Saturday, November 4th at Watkins
Park.** Registration begins at 8:30am in
the **parking lot of St. Andrews
Presbyterian Church, 609 Center
St., Mt. Airy with a walk around
Watkins Park starting 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 also be made
through team leaders **Debi
Constantinides or Laura Schmidt** or
online with **25% of all funds** raised
remaining in our community to
**support the assistance programs of
Mt. Airy NET.** Please **contact Debi or
Laura** if you would like to walk or
make a donation. With so many
experiencing food insecurity right
now, **please help us stamp out
hunger one step at a time!** THANK
YOU!!

~Laura Schmidt

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS:
MARVIN CHAPEL CHRISTMAS
BAZAAR-NOV. 4th!!**

The **Marvin Chapel Christmas
Bazaar** opens on **November 4th from
10am-2pm** with lots of gift items for
sale. The **Christmas Shop** will
continue to be **open Friday &
Saturday 10am-2pm until
Christmas.** We can help you find
some great gifts!!



COME OUT AND SHOP!!

**PROSPECT CHICKEN
BBQ**



**September 16, 2023
Noon-6pm**

**1/4 CHICKEN
CHOICE OF TWO SIDES:
BAKED BEANS, COLE
SLAW, POTATO SALAD**

**ROLL AND DRINK
\$10**

BAKE TABLE

**COME ONE! COME ALL!
COME HUNGRY!!**