

Prospect-Marvin Chapel UMC Newsletter
JULY-AUGUST 2026



GOOD NEWS MESSENGER

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

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Letter from the Pastor

Long ago, when I was in high school, one of our class mottos was a phrase from an ancient Chinese book: “If you can be new one day, be new every day, and ever be renewed again.” The reason this old phrase comes to mind now is that July is the month when United Methodist Church pastors begin a new year of ministry at their assigned posts. It is like renewing the appointment. Although it has been a little more than 20 years since I was ordained as a full member pastor within the United Methodist Church, this time of receiving a new calling is both a period that fills my heart with excitement and a time when my earnest desire to fulfill the mission entrusted to me feels more precious than ever. That is likely why this old phrase from my memory came to

mind—as a way to reflect on myself and engage in self-examination. Just then, a praising song, 'The Steadfast Love of the Lord,' I sang long ago, comes to mind—one that quotes the verse from Lamentations 3:22-23: “The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.” As I think of this, I realize anew that being renewed is not something I can achieve through my own efforts alone; it is only possible when accompanied by the gracious hand of God. Even amid the hardships he endured while carrying out the missions entrusted to him, the prophet Jeremiah found daily renewal in God’s faithfulness. Often, when we face difficult situations, we find ourselves blaming our own mistakes or the faults of those around us. The prophet

Jeremiah's experience, as seen in Lamentations 3, was not much different. Yet in the end, he sang that even that situation was part of God's guidance and that, through it, he was being renewed, growing, and maturing. "Life" does not always come easily to us. We must be vigilant, cautious, and rise to the challenge every day. However, the way to prevent such things from discouraging me or leading me into despair and disappointment is to lift my eyes and look to God the very moment I face such situations. It is to look to God, just as described in Numbers 21:8: "Make a poisonous serpent, and set it on a pole, and everyone who is bitten shall look at it and live.", where the Israelites in the wilderness, dying from snake bites, were told to look at a bronze serpent raised on a pole and would live. Ultimately, no matter what circumstances we face, looking to God and turning toward Him is the right way for us to be renewed, for our lives to be renewed, and for us to experience a new life. For me, this July marks the beginning of a new ministry, but for all of you, it is also a month in which you begin another year alongside a pastor entrusted with this new calling. I earnestly hope that we will all faithfully fulfill the mission God has entrusted to us, as well as the mission entrusted to us by the Baltimore-Washington Annual Conference. Thank you for accepting me as your pastor again.

~ Rev. Keystone Lee

CHARGE WORSHIP CALENDAR & PROSPECT WORSHIP LEADERS

July 5 - Mike Peterson

July 12 - Candy Shaver
***Joint Contemporary Service
@ Prospect 10:00am***

July 19 - Mary Behanna
***Guest Preacher: Carly Garver,
Linganore FFA***

July 26 - Joe Slovikosky
***Joint Service, 10am @ Prospect
Speaker/Music-TBD***

Aug. 2 - Laura Schmidt
***Joint Service, 10am @ Marvin Chapel
Guest Preacher: Debi Constantinides***

Aug. 9 - Candy Shaver
***Joint Contemporary Service
& Picnic @10am, Derr's Farm***
Bring a chair and dish to share

Aug. 16 - Wanda Walter

Aug. 23 - Devin Shaver

Aug. 30 - Peggy Slovikosky

MARVIN CHAPEL WORSHIP LEADERS

Mark Arrington/Debi Constantinides



ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

Marvin Chapel 10:45am after service

SPECIAL SUNDAY SERVICE



On May 17 our churches were blessed with a visit from **Rev. Ernest Snyder**. “Ernie” is a 90 years young **retired Church of the Brethren pastor** from Tucson, AZ. His parents were from Mt. Airy and are buried in the Prospect cemetery. He was born on the farm behind the church and came back to visit his younger brother who has a farm near the Pennsylvania border. His wife recently passed away and he felt that a visit back to his roots might help him get past his heartache. He **shared his story and an uplifting message** with our congregations, after which some of the church members enjoyed more visiting time with him over lunch. We hope Rev. Snyder will come back to see us again in the near future!

~submitted by Debbie Barneski

Jaxon Lampe is always ready to **help** Rev. Keystone **serve communion** on the first Sunday each month at Marvin Chapel. He is very proud of his role as communion steward!



PROSPECT UMW HOSTS APPRECIATION LUNCHEON

On June 2nd, Prospect UMW hosted an **Appreciation Luncheon** for the ladies of the church and their family members who have supported our programs for many years. We had a delicious lunch at **Memories Charcoal Grill** in Mt. Airy and a lovely time of fellowship together!

~Peggy Slovikosky, UMW President



PROSPECT WITNESS & OUTREACH NEWS

Prospect held its annual “baby shower” on June 28th in support of CareNet Pregnancy Center in Frederick. Ladies from both churches enjoyed a delicious lunch followed by some fun “shower” games with prizes for the winners!

Many items on CareNet’s wish list - diapers, wipes, lotions, blankets, sleep sacks-were donated which will be greatly appreciated by the new mothers and moms-to-be who rely on CareNet for support. A huge **thank you to Amy Hands and Alice Hancock** for organizing the shower and providing the delicious lunch **and to all those who supported** this important outreach.



PROSPECT YARD SALE COMING! MARK YOUR CALENDARS!



Prospect UMW will host a YARD SALE on Saturday August 1st from 8:30-noon in the church yard-rain or shine. Lunch items and baked goods will be on sale. If you have items to **donate** or would like to **set up your own table** for a \$15 donation, please **see Laura Schmidt or Mike Peterson** or leave a message on the church phone 301-829-9244.

PROSPECT TRUSTEES NEWS

Prospect was blessed to be able to participate in a program through Potomac Edison to assist non-profit organizations. A majority of our **light fixtures were replaced** in all three of our buildings in addition to thermostats and exit signs at virtually **no cost** to Prospect UMC.

~ Joe Slovikosky, Trustees Chair

NEWSLETTER ARTICLES

**Due August 23 for Sept-Oct edition
Give to Laura Schmidt
or send to Charge email.
Photo credits for this edition:
Mark Arrington**



CHARGE PICNIC AT THE DERR FARM
SUNDAY AUGUST 9th



On August 9th, we will have a **combined contemporary worship service at 10:00am at Joan Derr's home**, 1250 Quiet Stream Ct, Mt. Airy followed by a **pot luck lunch. Bring a dish** to share and your **swim suit for a dip in the pond!** We hope to see everyone there for a time of worship and fellowship in this beautiful natural setting. Please **bring a chair** for seating.



BALTIMORE WASHINGTON
UNITED METHODIST CONFERENCE
2026

To Members of Marvin Chapel and Prospect Church:

Thank you for the privilege of attending the 242nd Session of the Baltimore-Washington Conference. Bishop Latrell Easterling mentioned this year that we are grounded in Christ. The scripture mentioned was Ephesians 3:16-19. We gathered as United Methodists from 558 churches across Maryland, Washington DC, and the panhandle of West Virginia. We are connected with one another joyfully and confident that God is present and is among us. The theme this year is Rooted in Christ and to Love Boldly. Love boldly means we must learn to passionately love God. We gather as people who love boldly and embrace individual people of every age, nation, race, gender, and walk of life. Words of encouragement were felt throughout the conference. My favorite part of Conference was the Laity's

Session. It was a wonderful opportunity to meet new folks in our home hubs. This year we were blessed to have a guest speaker Ken Willard, a life coach, author, and consultant. He read from the Bible Proverbs 16:24 "Pleasant words are a honeycomb, sweet to soul and healing to the bones". The book he wrote is called *Beacon of Hope*. The book refers to a "guide to reaching, witnessing, and welcoming new people". Now it's time to figure out how to share our faith with our neighbors. Ken talked about Fresh Expressions Ministries as a new idea in the church. He suggested to meet new folks at Starbucks, Watkins Park, or Mt. Airy Tavern!

Pastor Lorraine Brown was pleased to announce that the blood drive was a huge success. Over 42 donors volunteered to donate. It was more than she expected to help with her Project Spirit. God is working through Pastor Lorraine to reach those people who suffer with Sickle Cell Anemia. Scripture says Psalm 31:24 "Be strong and take heart, all you who hope in the Lord".

The conference was blessed to have Bishop Gregory Vaughan Palmer deliver his inspirational Bible study. In the early morning, the ballroom was full of Christians hungry for the truth and word of God. The Bishop's Bible study was teaching us all about scripture. Matthew 22:36 says "Thou shall love thy neighbor as thyself". Now it's our time to share love boldly with our neighbors and get busy doing God's work. Information about the conference is online. Any questions please call me 410-905-2949 or drop me an email.

Respectfully submitted,
Deborah Morris Constantinides, CLM

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!

PROSPECT CHICKEN BBQ

**Saturday
September 19, 2026
Noon-6pm**



**1/4 CHICKEN (WHITE OR
DARK)**

**CHOICE OF TWO SIDES:
BAKED BEANS, COLE SLAW,
POTATO SALAD**

ROLL AND DRINK

BAKE TABLE



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