

Prospect-Marvin Chapel UMC Newsletter
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GOOD NEWS MESSENGER

REV. KEYSTONE LEE –PASTOR

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

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Letter from the Pastor

At some point, reading became very hard without wearing glasses. Then, as I continued to use them, a few things began to bother me; chief among these was when something got on the lenses. The causes can vary: perhaps I accidentally touched the lenses with my hands, or natural oils from my face smudged them—there are countless ways the lenses can get dirty. Consequently, I always keep cleaning solutions or various tools close at hand—both in my immediate surroundings and right near my glasses—so that I can wipe the lenses clean at any moment. In truth, in some respects, the smudges on the lenses do not significantly hinder my ability to read. I could simply ignore them, and it wouldn't make much difference. Yet, the

moment I spot even the slightest speck, I immediately wipe it away. Suddenly, I find myself reflecting on myself—the person who so boldly and confidently declares, "I am a child of God." How often do I attend to—and how diligently do I strive to cleanse—the impurities that tarnish the faith within my own heart? Am I truly tending to my inner spirit—my spiritual "lenses"—with the same ceaseless care and attention I devote to my physical glasses, to clearly discern God's plans? In 1 Corinthians 13:12, we find the following passage: "or now we see only a reflection, as in a mirror, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known." I believe this verse conveys some meanings. If I pick two meanings among them, one is that no matter what methods we employ now, our

understanding cannot be perfect; and two, that it holds the hope that when God's day finally arrives, we will be able to perceive and fully comprehend His will clearly.

As the year 2026 unfolds, we now receive, as a sacred mission from God, this fifth month. Although the changing seasons feel unusually unsettled, causing us some concern, we nonetheless step forward with courage, anchored in the faith that God will continue to govern the world through His creation—specifically through the unique missions entrusted to each of us. Even though formidable challenges still lie before us—obstacles that seem utterly insurmountable or impossible to overcome—we begin each day believing that these, too, are part of the mission God has entrusted to our care. If we continue to purify our spirits through faith—never losing that spiritual diligence and attentiveness required to follow God's divine plan with ever-greater precision—I believe we will experience, in every passing moment, the warm and powerful touch of His grace: a hand that walks alongside us, grants us strength, and at times, gently lifts and supports us. In the name of Jesus Christ, I earnestly bless you that the faithful congregation will be well-prepared for the summer season that now approaches. Even now, I still diligently wipe my glasses and pray.

~ Rev. Keystone Lee

MARVIN CHAPEL WORSHIP LEADERS

Mark Arrington/Debi Constantinides



ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

Marvin Chapel 10:45am after service

CHARGE WORSHIP CALENDAR & PROSPECT WORSHIP LEADERS

May 3 - Mike Peterson

May 10 - *Joint Contemporary Service*
@ Prospect 10:00am

May 17 - Laura Schmidt
Guest Preacher: Rev. Ernest Snyder
@ Prospect at 11am
Prospect UMW 9:45am

May 24 - Mary Behanna

May 31 - Joe Slovikosky

June 7 - Devin Shaver

June 14 - *Joint Contemporary Service*
@ Marvin Chapel 10:00am

June 21 - Wanda Walter

June 28 - Marlene Barbour

EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE

Easter Sunrise Service was held at Marvin Chapel on April 5th together with members of the Church of the Nazarene.





Debi Constantinides led the service.



Mark Arrington led us in song as a beautiful sunrise unfolded before us!



Rev. Keystone shared the pulpit with Rev. Jeff Tavares from the Nazarene Church delivering an uplifting Easter message.



CHRIST IS RISEN!! HAPPY EASTER!!

Following the service everyone enjoyed a delicious breakfast prepared by the men of Marvin Chapel (with a little help from the women!)

Sandy serves a variety of juices



while Dale and Caitlin scramble eggs for the crowd



Mary and Dale enjoy breakfast with niece Gracie



Caitlin and Joan share a hug ☺



MARVIN CHAPEL HELPS WATERBOYZ

Marvin Chapel funded a project that the Waterboyz recently completed in Mt. Airy area. The Waterboyz does many projects for seniors, foster families, and families with needs in the area. Their labor is donated and projects range from yard maintenance to extreme home makeovers. Another project they



recently completed was a bathroom replacement for two seniors to prevent slips and falls.

THANK YOU, WATERBOYZ!!

~Mark Arrington

NEWSLETTER ARTICLES
Due June 21 to Laura Schmidt
or church email for
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PROSPECT WITNESS & OUTREACH **NEWS**

We achieved our goal!!!
We appreciate everyone who contributed to the Heifer International Lenten project! Together our two churches raised enough funds to purchase a heifer, a goat, a sheep and 2 flocks of chickens, providing families with nutrition and a source of income as well as the opportunity to become self-sufficient. THANK YOU!!!



Many thanks as well to those who donated Easter dinner foods and filled Easter baskets for a Parr's Ridge Elementary School family in need. The family enjoyed a wonderful holiday meal and the children were delighted with their sweet treats!



On Palm Sunday, a hard working group of Prospect ladies assembled 87 Easter baskets for clients of Heartly House, a support program and refuge for victims of domestic violence. We delivered them the next day to the social work team who were delighted to receive them and said how much the children and women supported by their programs appreciated the cheerful baskets.



Debbie, Mike, Diann, Wanda, Peggy, Laura and 87 Easter baskets!!!



Shannon and Alex, staff at Heartly House, were all smiles when we delivered the baskets ☺

Opportunities to serve

Remember that the first Sunday of the month is "Food Sunday"! Prospect members donate nonperishable foods and paper items to Mt. Airy NET each month. Please consider adding a few items to your shopping list this week!

Prospect will hold its annual "baby shower" for CareNet Pregnancy Center in the coming weeks. Please consider purchasing diapers, baby lotion, shampoo, wipes and new or gently used baby clothes and supplies for this important outreach. Watch the bulletin for date/time details!

Prospect will again be collecting school supplies for the Mt. Airy School system in July. Details to come soon, but please keep an eye out for those back-to-school sales!

Prospect will hold their annual Yard Sale on August 1st. Please contact Laura Schmidt or Mike Peterson if you would like to reserve a table for \$20 or donate.

PROSPECT'S EASTER FESTIVAL **FUN for the COMMUNITY!!**

Our church was so blessed with the joyful noise from thirty-five children who attended our Easter Festival this year. Although once again, Mother Nature sent us very cold windy weather, we were able to use five of our classrooms to hide the eggs. Mike Peterson shared her experiences with rescuing injured wild animals as everyone gathered.



The children were so excited when they lined up in the church to move over to the education building for the hunt.



They quickly found every egg and were ready to play the games and participate in crafts.



Making a pinecone bird feeder



and decorating your own cookie....



were two of the big hits of the day.



The kids love balancing an egg on a spoon and following the blue line on the floor through the hall, into the kitchen and back. I think every child did it at least 3 or 4 times. We introduced a new Easter Plinko game. Helping the little ones do the math to figure out which prize they won was fun.



The Bunny Tail Toss, Do What the Bunny Says and Guess How Many Jellybeans (see the little winner below!) are still favorites.



I enjoyed watching one little guy bark softly like a dog until he was encouraged to bark loudly when everyone could hear him. We had families participate from all over our community and one family visiting from West Virginia attended. Whole families attended with both parents and grandparents. The grandparents especially enjoyed watching their grandchildren have so

much fun. The Prospect United Methodist Women want to say many thanks to all the people who helped prepare – from donations of candy and supplies to running the games and craft tables. We had two new teenagers help us this year –



Troy and Lydianna, Debbie Barneski's grandchildren. Having young people hide the Easter eggs is a blessing to the UMW ladies.



We hope to see everyone again next year!!

~Peggy Slovikosky, UMW President