



Tidings

TRAPPE/FAITH CHAPEL NEWSLETTER FEBRUARY AND MARCH 2013



PASTOR'S PIECE

At the recent Bishop's Mid-Winter Retreat, one evening our worship experience was lead by Boe Harris and Raggatha Calentine, conference co-chairs of the Committee On Native American Ministries. During this time, they shared stories and songs related to healing. They shared how laughter, dance, stories, and tears can be healing. They also emphasized how, if we would all look beyond color and physical build and listen to one another's stories, we would be Christ-like to one another.

Raggatha shared a story of an event that happened to her in her childhood, where ultimately she realized how her actions lead to the destruction of another person. At the end of her story, she shared how she has cried tears of sorrow for her actions and tears of repentance. We were asked to share with someone near us about a time when we were bullied and then about a time when we were the bully. We were asked to think about our tears: the ones we cried and the ones we caused.

Then a very powerful moment occurred. Raggatha sat upon a blanket. On the altar table were cups with small amounts of water in them. These cups were to represent our tears. We were invited to come forward, take a cup and pour it over Raggatha. She was going to take upon herself all our tears as we sought repentance and healing. As we came forward, some poured the water and moved on. Some touched Raggatha as they poured the water. Some spoke words to her as they poured the water.

Before I took my turn pouring the water, I sat and watched. As I did this, I found myself thinking of Jesus. In the Garden of Gethsemane, Jesus wept in prayer. He wept for all of our sins. His sorrow was so deep, it is said he sweated blood. He cried out as he submitted himself to doing God's will.

On the cross, Christ took all of our sins upon himself in order to offer us forgiveness and salvation. He also cried out from the cross. He cried out for God's forgiveness for everyone. As Christ died on the cross and was buried in the tomb, his followers were filled with sorrow and shed tears of grief.

Then on the third day, the women found the tomb empty. Jesus appeared and speaks to Mary. Later he appeared before the disciples. He spoke to them to give them assurance that he was alive. Jesus turned their sorrow into joy.

When we go before Jesus and pour out our confessions of sin, Jesus begins to heal our sorrows and restore our joy. We are about to embark on our Lenten journey, a time for us to look deep inside, through the help of the Holy Spirit and see what sins we are allowing to interfere in our being the person God has called us to be. When we realize these sins, we need to name them, claim them, confess them, receive forgiveness and be healed. During this season of Lent, let us pour out our tears of sorrow and allow Jesus to turn them into tears of joy and healing.

Grace and peace,
Pastor Maleia

ONGOING CALENDAR

1st, 2nd & 4th Thurs

Senior Choir Practice

2nd & 4th Saturdays

Breakfast and Yard Sale

2nd Sundays

Fellowship following 11:00

Worship

2nd Wednesdays

UMW Meeting

3rd Thursdays

Administrative Council

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PASTOR'S POOCH

As 2012 came to a close the churches came together in a mission project to help make it possible for people who are struggling to have food to feed their families. A food drive was held in December and the bags were delivered to the Neighborhood Service Center in Easton. The folks there were delighted to receive this wonderful gift.

A new year is beginning. It is a new year filled with new possibilities. I am so excited. I've heard Mom say that the next mission project will be to for the people in Crisfield who lost so much during Hurricane Sandy. As I write this, a definite project has not been decided, but I'd like to toss in my two Milk Bones. I hope they will include something for the pets in that area. As their human's lost homes, so did they. As their owners lost furniture and prized possessions, they lost their beds and toys. I am so blessed and I hope we can be a blessing to these folks and their animals.

As one Bible study is finishing up, another one will soon begin. Can you believe that Ash Wednesday is right around the corner on Feb. 13th? That means Lent will begin right after. That means the Lenten Bible study will begin. Mom said that the Lenten Bible study will be Adam Hamilton's "24 Hours That Changed The World." Not only do I enjoy getting to learn about Jesus, I love to greet the people coming to the study. I'm already working on my greeter dance.

I hope everyone is looking forward to a New Year and that everyone has a blessed year.

Woof! Woof!

Scamp



TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE by Kathy Green

A few years ago the Administrative Council decided to form a Transportation Committee for anyone in the congregation who found themselves unable to get to their doctors' appointments or the grocery store. Now it would be possible to call for a ride. I was asked to coordinate, so please call me (410-476-3060) should you find yourself in this situation. The volunteer drivers are

Kirby Metz

Brenda Handleman

Nancy Dunn,

John Coleman

Joyce Leonard

Charlotte Edwards

Barbara Coleman

Shirley Adams.

I believe the Lord does work in mysterious ways because a few months after the committee was set up, Cliff and I were both told to stop driving. We were devastated until we realized we had drivers willing to take us where we needed to go. So on a personal level I offer a heart-felt thank you to the Council for seeing the need—another thank you to the drivers who were always there when needed—and still another thank you to all those not on the committee but who still offered rides. What a generous, caring congregation we have!

Call
410—476-3060
for a ride.



UNITED METHODIST MEN (UMM) LIGHT THE WAY by Charles Adams



On Tuesday, November 28, 2012, six men of the TUMC and Faith Chapel met at Wesley Hall to discuss projects that the men could do to benefit the activities of the Church. The suggestion was made that we should put lights on the Evergreen Tree in the Church yard during this Christmas Season. The following Saturday morning, December 1st, the men got out the old boxes of Christmas lights that had been stored in the Wesley Hall attic and checked these six strings of lights, plus some extra strings of lights that Jerry Adams had available, and had them all ready to place on the tree. Since the Oxford Fire Co. had their Ladder Truck at the Trappe Fire Company Building, placing lights up there, they quickly agreed to come to the Trappe United Methodist Church Yard to put up the lights on the evergreen tree in the church yard before returning to Oxford. Many people have commented that it is good to see lights on this tree again this year, and are happy that the United Methodist Men, with the aid of the Oxford Fire Company, were able to have Christmas Lights on our tree in 2012.

Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser
Monday, Feb. 11, 2013. The Trappe Summer Youth Program will be holding a spaghetti dinner fundraiser at Wesley Hall from 6-8 p.m. The cost of the dinner is \$10 for adults and children under 12 is \$5. Please come out and help support this program that provides jobs for the youth of Trappe during the summer.

Lenten Bible Study
24 Hours That Changed The World by Adam Hamilton focuses on the last 24 hours of Jesus' life. The study will begin on Tuesday, February 19 at 7:00 p.m. at the parsonage. The deadline for signing up is February 10th. The cost of the book is \$12.

Box Tops for Education



Clip and place in box in back
vestibule to benefit
White Marsh Elementary

Labels for Education



Clip and place in box in back
vestibule to benefit
Board of Child Care

COUNTRY BREAKFAST/CHURCH BLESSING by Jane Brooks and Jerry Adams

Open the door to Wesley Hall on a cold Saturday in February, and you will be greeted by mouth-watering aromas, warm greetings, and good conversation, all of which entice you to come in and spend the morning. There is quite a story behind how the Country Breakfast came about.

At a meeting in January, 1998, Dan Gustafson suggested having a church breakfast for fund raising. Drake and Elizabeth Ferguson played an important part in promoting and working to have the first breakfast and tickets were sold. More monthly breakfasts followed.

Soon the Country Breakfast was a successful event and the schedule was changed to have one the second and fourth Saturdays of each month. Over time the price has also changed. Originally the cost was \$5, but then it was increased to \$6. Currently the cost is \$7 but senior citizens are still \$6. This price is still a bargain because it is "all you can eat!"

There have been changes in leadership over the years, yet all have been good, strong leaders: Drake Ferguson, Tab Brannock, David Hickman, and Jerry Adams who has stepped up to the job twice.

Besides changes in frequency, cost, and leadership, there have been a series of other changes over the years. In the early stages the biscuits were prepared by the Ladies of Faith. The biscuits were enjoyed by all, but it quickly became impractical to continue the homemade treats. Of course many marketing themes have been used, including George Doty's Hunters Breakfast. The concept was that we would open early and hunters could get some breakfast before heading out to their blinds. Apparently the hunters preferred breakfast AFTER they completed hunting. And so our workers arrived early (4:00 am!), but the hunters, probably not believing we would be up so early, did not flock to our event. Needless to say, there were a lot of very sleepy breakfast cooks.

Other innovations included the method of preparations. Many thanks to Les Groves for coming in early to cut potatoes and onions for the hash browns. We added French toast; we added sausage gravy; we added homemade fruit preserves. These innovations show our commitment to provide a high quality meal at a good price. Most of all, it keeps our creative spirits up and makes the event enjoyable for all of our customers and workers alike.

Many people help obtain supplies for the breakfast. The whole congregation donates bags of supplies once or twice a year. Charles Adams has brought tomato juice, and Nancy Dunn goes to Trappe Frozen Food to get different food stuffs. Shirley Adams gets other items as well as seeing there are enough eggs. Pastor Maleia brings the scrapple.

The Country Breakfast is a success because the cooperation of all involved is outstanding. People take the different tasks from cooking, to serving, to cleaning up, to receiving money at the door, to sweeping floors without being urged. The tables are set by Ida Hickman, Estelle Slaughter, and Libby Slaughter on Fridays before the breakfast scheduled for the next day. They have been doing their tasks for a long time now. Shirley Windsor's Seasonal Flowers has provided flowers for the tables for a long time. And although there has never been a formally designated hostess, for quite a while Ida has worked in the dining room talking with the people, keeping the tables wiped and reset, as well as seeing that the guests can visit in the church sanctuary if they wished. Everyone finds that working together makes this project a blessing for all the workers from Trappe United Methodist and Faith Chapel and a good way of being involved in outreach to the community, too.

A final innovation was holding a yard sale in conjunction with the breakfast, and speaking of outreach, both have provided household goods and sustenance to local families who lost their homes to fires or other disasters.

We would like to recognize those who have worked on the breakfast over the years. If we have inadvertently left any names out, please tell Jane Brooks or Jerry Adams so that those people can be recognized in the next issue of *Tidings*. Thank you to Les Groves, Jane Brooks, Charlotte Edwards, Anne Haxstun, Rose Palombo, Shirley McNeal, Brenda Handleman, Ross Swann, Roy Sullivan, Sonny Leonard, Joyce Leonard, Kirby Metz, Ida Hickman, Estelle Slaughter, Bill Edwards, Cindy Burkert, Charles Adams, Mary Rae Adams, Leona Schmidt, Bo Nelson, Nancy, Dunn, Cliff Green, Hanna Schmidt, Tony Lewis, Debbie Asmussen, George Simpson, Pat Harden, Rachel Coyne, Rosemary Cole, Virginia Towers, and Shirley Adams.

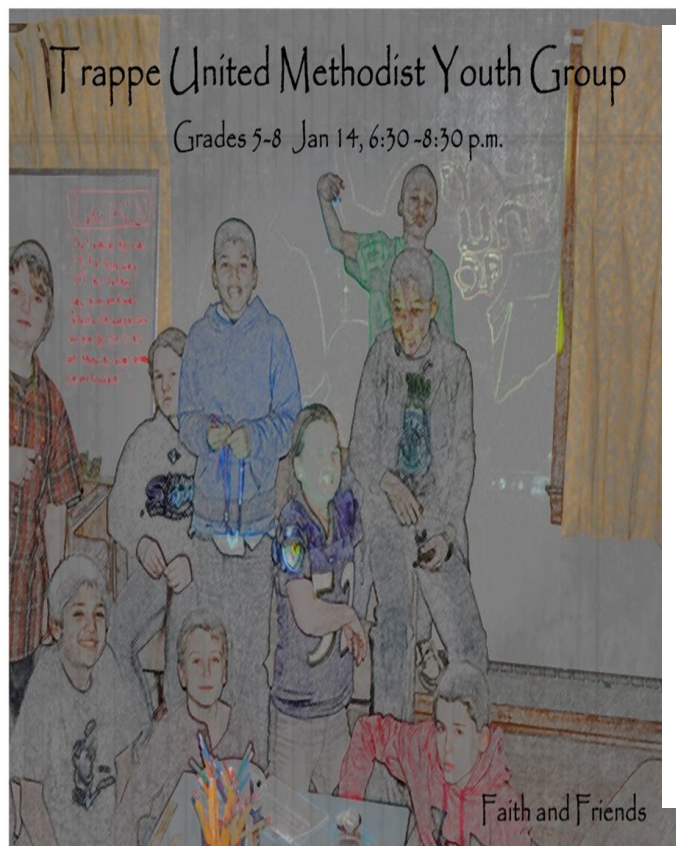
TRAPPE UMC OPENS ITS DOORS FOR A NEW YOUTH GROUP

by Christy Edwards

The second Saturday night of each month, you will find a lively group of kids ranging in age from 5th – 8th grade in the upstairs hall of Trappe United Methodist Church. The middle school youth group is directed and supported by my husband and me and additional rotating volunteers. Each week the kids meet for dinner, a Bible lesson, crafts, and games. Total, we have seen 22 different souls walk through the door, with an average over the past 3 months of 12 people per meeting. I invite the children from approximately 40 local families each month via phone calls and Facebook. Many of the families, who have not yet attended due to scheduling conflicts, are interested in participating in the future. The kids seem to enjoy themselves. They show up early and would stay later if we let them.

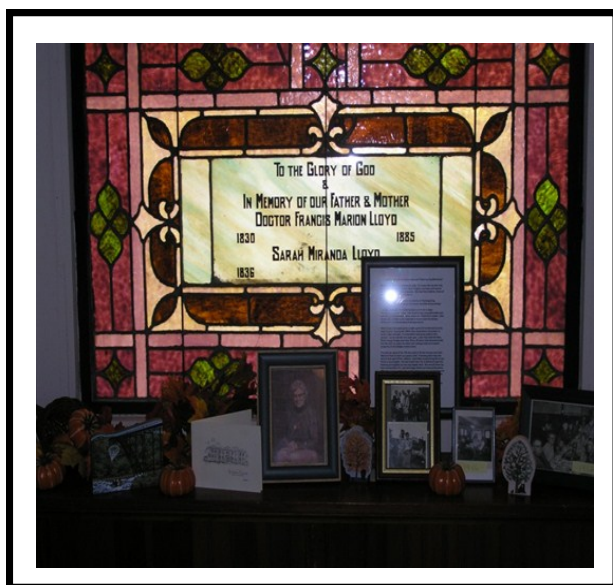
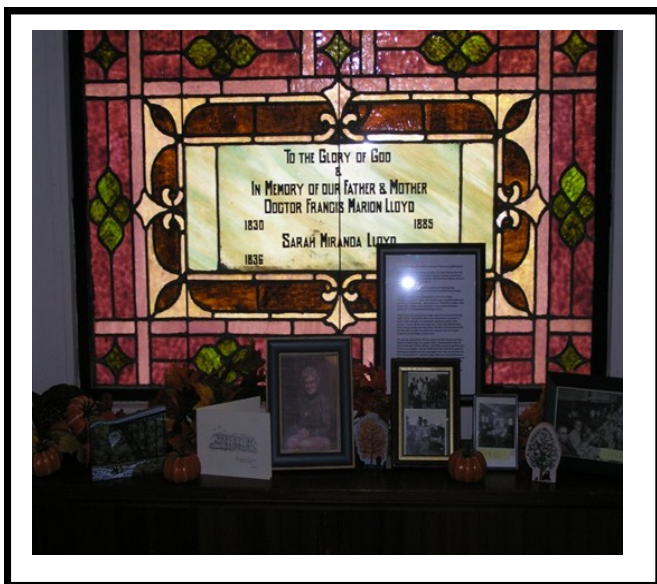
There is a strong love of music amongst this group. We have been borrowing the church's projector to show the kids Christian music videos to reinforce the scriptures that we have been studying. During the first three months we have learned about God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. During the study of God the Son, we watched the music video for "Mary Did You Know?" I heard two boys say the video made them cry. One mom told me that her daughter wanted to download the song for her I-POD. Other Christian artists that the kids love include: Toby Mac, Mercy Me, and Kirk Franklin. It brings joy to my heart to hear them singing along and asking to hear the songs again. The songs really seem to hit home the idea that God made us, God dwelt among us, and God lives in us when we receive him.

I know God is working when these tween age kids skip the big Ravens game, ride their bikes and scooters to church and show up with smiles on their face. Working with this group is a highlight in my life. I want to thank the congregation for opening the doors and paying for the heating and air conditioning and allowing us to use the upstairs kitchen. We are blessed by you!! If you would like to help any further please call me at 410-476-4996. Two ways that you could help would be to send in baked goods or to donate money for an extra bulb for the video projector. Most importantly we ask for prayer to cover our efforts and for the children of the community. Thanks again for opening your doors.



A TRADITION CONTINUES: DECORATING THE SANCTUARY WINDOWS AT THANKSGIVING

Pastor Cindy Burkert began a tradition at Trappe that has continued almost every year since then. She asked the congregation to select windows and decorate them, showing what they were thankful for. As the pictures in this article demonstrate, we have much for which to be thankful.



Thanksgiving



Blessings



To view the [pictures in color, go to the website: trappefaithchapel.org

A BIG THANK YOU!

As most of you may know, the Asbury Hall Heating/AC system has been completely installed and paid for without applying for a loan or borrowing money. I just want to take another opportunity to thank all the individuals/families who donated money toward the new system. I also want to say thank you to the Trustee Committee and Administrative Council for their faith, prayers and believing, as well as their hard work to get this task accomplished. Also, thanks to Service Today, the company who installed the system, for helping us to get the heat turned on before it got cold. This major project reminded me of the book of Matthew Chapter 21 verse 22. And Jesus answered to his disciples, "And all things, whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer, believing, ye shall receive."

Thanks and God Bless,

Ken Myers

Trustee Member 2012

OUTREACH PROJECTS: OUR CHARGE IS FULL OF GENEROUS GIVERS



At left is Barbara and John Coleman's van, loaded with the bags of items for the Neighborhood Service Center. Note that the second row seats are folded down to accommodate all the boxes!

At right is again the Coleman's van, this time loaded with all the Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes. Many thanks to all the givers and to Barbara for delivering the donations, as well as for the pictures!



LIBRARY NEWS by Charlotte Edwards, Church Librarian

It's a New Year! Time for new approaches to old concerns and maybe attitude checks in our personal lives. The library is packed with inspirational books to help accomplish all manner of resolutions and challenges. There is a shelf of daily devotionals for ongoing enrichment of our prayer life in order to tackle any situation. I was perusing the library and found books addressing many specific issues.

- *Dare to Discipline* and *Bringing up Boys* by Dr. James Dobson are in the family section. One is self-explanatory and the other is a great guide for the unique challenge of raising normal, active boys.
- *The Power of a Praying Woman* by Stormie Omartian shows us how to draw closer to God and know his plans and purpose for our lives. It tell us how to draw comfort, help and strength for each day.
- *What Makes a Man* by Bill McCartney: Today's society needs men of conviction, integrity and action. This book offers 12 promises that will help apply those traits across the span of our adult responsibilities
- *Get Out of That Pit* by Beth Moore gives us straight talk about God's deliverance from hopelessness.
- *Life's Healing Choices: Freedom from your Hurts, Hang Ups and Habits* by John Baker.
- *You Can't Be a Smart Cookie if You have a Crummy Attitude* by John Maxwell: This book gives bits of life changing wisdom from very wise people. (similar to *Life's Little Instruction Book*). I love simple quotations that say it all in a nutshell.
- *Is There Life After Stress?* by James Moore offers creative ways to deal with life's many challenges and burdens." How to make stress work for us - not against us."
- *You Never Stop Being a Parent* by Helen Hasur discusses the challenge of parenting adult children. "Cutting the apron strings does not make you a non -parent."
- *God is in the Small Stuff- and it all Matters. Stop Worrying and Invite God into the Details of your Life* by Bruce and Stan.
- *Spiritual Economics* by Eric Butterworth. This will help reshape attitudes about "money, spirituality and your personal prosperity."

For students - a video *Where There's a Will There's an A* tells you how to get better grades in high school but can be constructive for all grades.

Looking for a life changing challenge? Read *Voices of The Faithful* by Beth Moore. This is a daily devotional with inspiring stories by people serving around the world

Don't forget to look over the video and fiction sections for those long dreary winter days when you may just want entertainment.

The library is difficult to access except on Sundays but you can always get into the church on yard sale and breakfast days or by special request.

Happy Reading in the New Year.



POINSETTIAS AND LILIES by Barbara Coleman

Thank You to everyone that purchased Poinsettias. The Sanctuary was beautifully adorned with Poinsettia and greenery with candles in the windows for the Christmastide! Thank you to John Sewell for making up the Church Flower & Fellowship calendar. Please see the new calendar for altar flowers (honor special occasions i.e. birthdays anniversaries, and remember loved one). Lily orders will be due on March 24th (Psalm Sunday) for placement in church on Easter Sunday March 31st (Not that far away).

Easter Lilies Order Form

If you wish to place Lilies in the church for Easter, please fill in the information below and give to Elizabeth Myers or Barbara Coleman OR place it in the offering plate with your payment of \$ (TBA) each by March 24, 2013. **PLEASE MAKE THE CHECK PAYABLE TO TRAPPE UMC** and mark it Lilies.

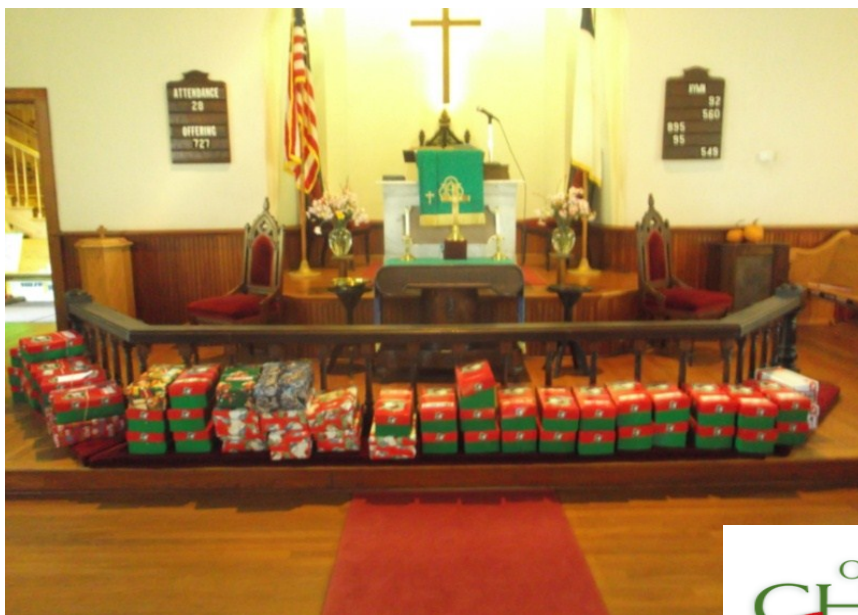
Number of Plants _____ Total Amount _____

Donor's Name _____

Circle one: In Memory of (for those not living)

In Honor of (for those living)

OUR ALTAR IN NOVEMBER



WHO ARE OUR CHURCH LEADERS?

Every year at the Charge Conference, new church leaders are installed, and a Charge Conference Report is handed out listing who will fill the different positions. You can get this report, which also contains information on our Mission Statement; reports from the pastor, lay leaders, and treasurers; and more from Pastor Maleia. The Lay Leadership Report contains the membership of the various committees. This article notes the committees and chairpersons.

We thank everyone who has agreed to serve. They dedicate time and service to see that church affairs run smoothly. They also face some big challenges like replacement of the furnace last year. Let's all give these leaders and committee members our strong support. If they call on you, do what you can to help them out!

Church Council Chairperson:	Jane Brooks	
Church Treasurers:	Trappe:	Charmel Hickman
	Faith:	Anne Gustafson
Memorial Fund:	Peggy Frampton	
PPR Chairperson:	Dan Gustafson	
Trustee Chairperson:	To be elected Jan. 27	
Finance Chairperson:	John Sewell	
Lay Member to Annual Conference:	John Coleman	
United Methodist Women President:	Leona Schmidt	
Christian Education Chairperson:	Nancy Dunn	
Church Librarian:	Charlotte Edwards	
Emergency Fund:	Charles Adams	
Altar Guild:	Barbara Coleman and Elizabeth Myers	
Native American Ministries:	Russell “Sonny” Leonard	
Communications:	Mary Rae Adams (Council Rep)	
Worship Committee:	Sarah Sewell (Council Rep)	
Hospitality Ministries:	Ellen Whitby	
Nominations Committee:	Pastor Maleia Rust	
Breakfast Coordinator:	Jerry Adams	

Watch the bulletin and this newsletter for announcements of meeting dates and projects. Administrative Council Meetings are open to all members of the congregation, although only designated members of the Council can vote. Your ideas are appreciated, so be sure to share them with a Council member. We are all parts of the body and are needed to make the church viable!

HELP WANTED: WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE BIBLE VERSE?

Often The Word gives us comfort and gets us through a troubled time. Then again, it is nice to have words to praise God for his goodness. Whatever the reason, most of us have something from the Bible that we have memorized and that carries personal meaning. What is your favorite Bible verse—and WHY is it your favorite? Please contact Cathy (410-476-3000) with your favorite so that we can include it in an article for the next newsletter. Inspire others by sharing what inspires you.

GREETERS AND USHERS by Ellen Whitby, Head Usher

I want to wish everyone a very Happy, Healthy New Year. I also want to thank everyone for their prayers while I was sick in the hospital. I God bless them all. Now that the school year is here, watch out for the children.

Greeters

February: Jane Geist and Debbie Howard

March: Brenda Handleman and Ellen Whitby

Ushers

February: Jane Geist and Debbie Howard

March: Brenda Handleman and Ellen Whitby

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES



WANT TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE BIBLE?

There are several opportunities to take part in classes and studies:
Sunday School Classes for all ages every Sunday from 9:45 to 10:45 am at
Trappe UMC

Tidings

Next *Tidings* deadline: Mar. 15

Next Edition for March and April published at the end of March
Articles and information welcome!

February 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3 Faith Chapel 8:45 Sunday School 9:45 Trappe 11:00	4	5	6 Yard Sale 8:30-noon	7 Choir Practice 7:00	8	9 Breakfast and Yard Sale 7:30-10:00
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March 2013

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