



# Tidings Feb/Mar 2014

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## PASTOR'S PIECE

In the book of Exodus, the story of the Israelites leaving Egypt can be found. The Israelites had been held as slaves in Egypt for hundreds of years and cried out to God for freedom. God heard their cries and responded by sending Moses to lead the people after bringing a series of plagues upon the Pharaoh for not granting Moses' request to let the Israelites go. When they were finally free to leave Egypt, what began next could be described as a "desert wilderness experience". Even though they had been freed from slavery, they still griped and complained and as a result wandered in the desert for 40 years.

Today, when a person seems to be going through a spiritually tough time or a faith crisis, it can be referred to as a "desert wilderness experience" because the person feels alone, that even God is not listening. Jesus had his wilderness experience when he spent 40 days in the desert being tempted by Satan. Thankfully, Jesus, even though he might have felt alone, still drew upon the word of God and held out hope that he would be set free from the wilderness. Because of his example, we too can hold out hope in our wilderness experiences.

As we are about to move into the season of Lent, we can also enter into a wilderness experience. Lent is a time to examine ourselves and ask that anything that is not pleasing to God be removed. It is a time to repent of sin in our lives. For some, it becomes a time to give up something sacrificially, like sweets, an unhealthy habit, or maybe even ourselves as we accept Christ as Lord and Savior. (It was during the season of Lent that I realized the need for Christ as my Savior and made the commitment to follow him).

Whether or not we are in the season of Lent, these wilderness experiences can occur and the way for us to deal with them is to remember Christ's experience. We have to have hope and understand that although we may not think so, God is with us, and God will bring us through. For the last several days, I've had the beginning of the hymn, "My Hope Is Built" running through my mind: "My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness." Let your hope be built on Jesus and just like him, you will emerge from your wilderness experience feeling revived, refreshed, and ready to serve God in any way you are called.

Grace and peace,

Pastor Maleia



### ONGOING CALENDAR\*

1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Thurs

Senior Choir Practice

2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Saturdays

Breakfast and Yard Sale

2<sup>nd</sup> Sundays

Fellowship following 11:00

Worship

1<sup>st</sup> Sundays

UMW Meeting

TBA

UMM Meeting

3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays

Administrative Council

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## PASTOR'S POOCH

Last time, I mentioned that I was looking forward to greeting folk as they came to the parsonage for the Advent Bible Study. Well, thanks to it being such a wonderful turn-out of participants, I didn't get to greet everyone, but I did try to study with Mom. And I know a Lenten Bible Study is around the corner, but if things work out like Mom hopes, I won't be attending that one either. Mom is hoping that once again it will be a joint Bible Study with the folks at Scott's UMC. I know Mom had a good time doing it last year, so I hope it takes place.

When I got to visit the sanctuary before Christmas, I noticed something new. There was a white Christmas tree with white lights and clear balls with tags attached. Mom explained that it was a "Memorial Tree" to honor loved ones who have passed away. I liked that idea and Mom showed me the ball that had my Mom-Mom Rust's tag on it. The tree was really beautiful.

As the New Year begins, I have heard that a new service is also going to begin. It is going to be a Praise & Worship Service held once a month in the evening of the last Saturday of the month. Mom says it is a little more casual than the Sunday morning service, so I wonder if that means I can attend. I doubt it though since I tend to get carried away and not only bark off-key but send out a few woofs when I shouldn't.

By the time you read this, I will have spent a week hanging out with Pop-Pop. Mom will be attending the Bishop's Mid-Winter Retreat in Ocean City, MD, so I get to be spoiled by Pop-Pop. I have a good time with him and like it when he takes me out to visit a friend that has chickens. Pop-Pop has to hang on tight to the leash because those chickens dare me to try to chase them.

Oh, and before I go, I do hope everyone will try to attend the "Everybody's Birthday Party" on February 23 at 4 p.m. I can tell by the smile on Mom's face when she comes home that everyone has a great time and a lot of laughter was shared. I also hear that this year that are going to be gifts involved, so visit Martha's Closet and pick up a gift to share that night. Can't wait to see what Mom gets. And a little reminder, I like cake too.

I hope everyone has a great year and I look forward to hearing what wonderful outreach projects that churches will be doing this year.

Woof! Woof!

Scamp



### ANNOUNCING. . .

**February 9:** Fellowship following 11 am service will feature soup. Everyone welcome!

**February 22:** Praise and Worship Service 7 pm in Wesley Hall

**February 23:** Everybody' Birthday: Covered dish dinner. Bring a wrapped gift purchased at Martha's Closet (under \$5).

**March 5:** Ash Wednesday—Watch the bulletin for announcements about a service and a Lenten Bible Study

**March 9:** Time Changes—Spring Ahead!

## THANKSGIVING WINDOWS

TUMC has a tradition of decorating the sanctuary windows to show what we are thankful for. This year Nancy Dunn chose the back window with Jesus holding a lamb. She shared the story of her in-laws falling in love during World War II. Mrs. Dunn came to America on the Queen Mary, and Nancy displayed a picture of her mother-in-law holding a 6-month old Mike in her arms.

Charles and Mary Rae Adams decorated the “Adams window” on the side, which depicts Christ as a young person. They shared pictures and ideas of grandparents with past activities of the church.

The window behind the choir shows Jesus kneeling in prayer. Pat Harden is thankful for the farm she and Kenneth had, so she displayed items from the farm such as animals and equipment.

Sisters Libby and Estelle Slaughter and Ida Hickman chose the window beside the piano where Jesus stands with open arms. It was attractively arranged with flowers in one corner. The sisters are thankful for their family and church.

In the Ornett window on the side of the sanctuary, Jane Brooks depicted the Rural Life Museum of Trappe with thanks for all the history it will save in a notebook of Defender House. Many of TUMC’s church members have volunteered time, items, and expertise to the museum.

We have much to be thankful for in our church family. Start planning now for how you can decorate a window when next November rolls around.



## A NEW TRADITION: THE MEMORIAL TREE by Nancy Dunn

A new tradition began with the Memorial Tree placed in the sanctuary during the Advent and Christmas season. People were asked to select a decorative ball, fill it with memories of someone, and place it on the tree, which was also decorated with white lights. Everyone seemed to like this change from the traditional tree, and so Nancy plans to start collecting balls at the fall Fellowships. Here is a list of who was remembered on this first occasion:

Frances and Earl Coleman

Pastor Hank and Ann Charlton

Ralph and Roy

Sheral Whitby

Albert Bergen

Jim Frampton

Linda Edwards

Christopher Sewell

Betty Rust

Elizabeth Gertrude Sewell and Clarke Wilson Sewell, Sr.

Slaughter, Hickman, Webb, and Baker Families—“A Family Sewn Together”

Jim and Ruth Neidert—wonderful youth leaders

Memories of parents and Sonny—“All the sand we came home with”

Jane Carroll Metz, RN “Caring for the Sick”

“Mama” Elizabeth B. Wesley

Joan Van Wyers

Cliff Green

Marci Dayton

Ethel Whitney

Mom, Dad, and Loved Ones

Sylvia Griffith

Jimmy W



## **MEMORIES OF MY SECOND SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS** by Charles Adams, Jr.

The November issue of the *Tidings* included the report about my First Sunday School Class, and since many people spoke to me about enjoying reading that report, I will undertake to do a report about my second Sunday School Class. This class was held in the small room on the right side of the Church, which is now used as a utility room, and is the location of part of the heating equipment for the Sanctuary. Also, anyone coming into the Sanctuary in a wheel chair normally uses the ramp that is outside of the exterior door to this room.

The class was for boys and girls that were in School Grades two and three, and many times the teacher of this class was the wife of the minister. In my case, the teacher was Rev. Henry Schauer's wife, who was named Frances. Each Sunday, we would receive a small pamphlet with a picture on the front page, and a story that related to the picture. Also there were questions that we had to give answers to that related to this picture and story. We got to take our pamphlet home with us at the end of the class.

Each year the Sunday School had a Christmas Program on Sunday night, about a week before Christmas Day. We students would each have a "piece" to learn and say at this Christmas Program which was conducted by the Sunday School Superintendent. Santa Claus would arrive just as this program was ending, and he would have a small box of candy and an orange to give to each of the children present.

Easter was also a special time for the children in the Sunday School. On Easter Saturday, there would be an Easter Egg Hunt for all of the Sunday School children. Each of the children had to have a basket to carry when we were searching for the eggs that were hidden around the Church Yard. It was always great fun to see who found the most eggs. We were in this class for two years; then we were ready to move to either the Junior Girls Class or the Junior Boys Class. Hopefully I will be able to give you a report about the Junior Boys Class in the next *Tidings*.

## **NEW SATURDAY NIGHT PRAISE AND WORSHIP SERVICE AT TUMC**

Please be in prayer as we prepare to launch a new Praise & Worship Service at 7pm in Wesley Hall on Saturday, January 25th. I can personally testify to the power of Praise music while attending recent contemporary Christian artist concerts! If you focus on the words of the music, it has amazing healing powers! We are planning to offer these worship services on every fourth Saturday evening to see if we might be able to reach out to our local community as an outreach ministry in the future. Make a joyful noise unto the Lord! The order of the new Praise and Worship Service:

Welcome  
Traditional hymn  
Four praise songs  
Message and prayers  
Four more praise songs  
Traditional hymn  
Benediction

As you can see from the order of worship, if you like to sing, this is the service for you!

Blessings, Dan

## A HUGE THANK YOU TO OUR UNSUNG HEROES!

It takes many people pulling together to make the church run smoothly. Most of those people are not named in the bulletin or newsletter, but they still do the jobs that need doing. Have you thanked any of these “unsung heroes” who use their talents and time for the church?

Bo Nelson plays the prelude each Sunday before the 11:00 worship service and sees that many small “caretaker jobs” like replacing light bulbs and repairing broken doors are completed.

Ellen Whitby, Head Usher, sees that there are greeters and ushers for the 11:00 service, and she faithfully gets her *Tidings* article in on or ahead of time.

Cathy Sewell word processes the bulletin, as well as serving as *Tidings* Editor.

Ken Myers oversees the heating and air conditioning systems in the church so that members are comfortable during services, classes, and meetings.

Ida Hickman comes early to church to unlock doors and distribute bulletins.

Brandon Coleman performs acolyte duties, lighting the candles before the service and carrying the light out at the close of the service, which symbolizes our carrying the light of Christ into the world.

John Sewell, a good singer in the choir, does fine art work for the bulletin boards in the rear of the sanctuary, runs off the bulletins each week, and changes the numbers on the hymn boards so we will know where to turn in the hymnal during the service.

David Hickman, new Choir Director, selects interesting anthems and brings out the individual talents of the faithful choir members for the glory of God.

Libby Slaughter counts the collection and makes the bank deposits.

Jerry Adams can be called “Captain” because he heads up the Country Breakfasts every second and fourth Saturday of the month.

The Ladies of Faith and TUMC faithfully oversee Martha’s Closet.

The UMW and Earlene Foster keep the church and halls clean.

IF you were to ask these people why they voluntarily work so hard, they all would say because they love God and care about their church family. Do you know others who are unsung heroes? Let the *Tidings* know so that we can thank them in future issues of the newsletter.

## TV STARS IN OUR MIDST

Almost daily I see Bo Nelson on TV in an ad for Shore Health. He does a great job! Charles Adams has appeared several times, talking about the Trappe Rural Life Museum, and just recently, Drake Ferguson was being interviewed by a reporter from WBOC about the pizza place in Trappe. You all sound articulate and make a good impression for our community. Thank you for appearing on TV. Maybe we should create a TV ad or show to promote the church?!!

### **The "Valuable Trash" Collection Continues!**

Please continue to turn in your Box Tops for Education and Labels for Education. The next distribution will be April 2014.

### **Yard Sale Report:** (inception to January 11, 2014)

Trappe: \$61,926.47

Faith Chapel: \$57,762.50

Total: \$119,748.90

# UNITED METHODIST WOMEN NEWS: LOVE, JOY, PEACE, HOPE

by Mary Rae Adams

United Methodist Women celebrated "cookie night" (Dec. 8, 2013) in Wesley Hall amid food, men, and long tables of cookies! Oh, so many cookies, all shapes, sizes, different flavors and colors, some decorated, some too pretty for us to sample - all supplied by folks interested in helping to share God's love with those who may not have had an opportunity to be with family during Christmas, and some who are residents of Talbot County Detention Center. Following our time of enjoying food and fellowship, the women began their careful selection of 12 cookies to a zip lock bag, while the men placed a Christmas message ( prepared by Pastor Maleia) in a small bag to include with each bag of cookies. Mr. Lee Roberts was with us, and we helped him load his vehicle to transport 100 bags of cookies to their destination. How do we express our "thanks" to those who provided cookies to fill 120 bags? Perhaps it can be said best by the recipients of the cookies:

To the United Methodist Church,

I would like you to know just how much your Christmas comforts really mean to me, especially as an inmate here at the Talbot County Detention Center. I am extremely grateful for being here and I am now thinking with a clear enough mind to appreciate second chances. I know that God placed me here to save my life. If not for being placed here when I was, I fear that my outcome would have been grim. I also know that the good Lord will keep me here no longer than He sees fit. I want to thank you all for keeping people/inmates, like myself in your hearts at this joyous time of year. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from my heart to yours, Brandy

Trappe United Methodist Church,

My name is Charlie and I am currently incarcerated at the Talbot County Detention Center. I am 24 years old. I just wanted to say THANK YOU for the delicious cookies you made for all of us here! I want you to know that we all appreciated them very much. I am well aware that I am incarcerated because I broke the law. However, I firmly believe that God is using me so I can learn from this and help someone in the future going through a similar situation! Once again, thank you very much for thinking of us on Christmas!

Pastor Maleia took 20 bags of cookies to the Board of Child Care (near Denton) residents and staff to enjoy. Many of the residents would spend Christmas there. Thank you, Pastor Maleia, for assisting us in bringing Christmas joy to the Board of Child Care.

UMW will continue to prepare and serve dinner to the Trappe Lions. Next dinner will be January 22.

UMW will meet February 2, following worship service. However, we will meet at 7pm on Wednesday, March 12 and will continue evening meetings through June, 2014.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR - February 23 at 4 pm - we will celebrate EVERYBODY'S BIRTHDAY in Wesley Hall. We encourage you to purchase a gift (not costing more than \$5) from Martha's Closet, wrap the gift and mark "F" or "M" and bring it with you on February 23 together with a covered dish of food. Anticipate a fun evening.

We are UMW on a mission: sharing and caring for others.

*Tidings*

Next *Tidings* deadline: March 15  
Next Edition for April and May published at the end  
of March.

## **LIBRARY NEWS** by Charlotte Edwards

Now on the library shelf: a new book by Stormy Omartian called *Seven Prayers That Will Change Your Life Forever*. The prayer topics are Confession, Salvation, Release, Submission, Praise, Promise, and Blessing. It is the author's story of her personal journey towards creating a deeper relationship with God through prayer. Only with prayer can we "receive God's best for our lives and push back the things that were never God's will for us." This is a wonderfully written book for anyone of reading age. It is simple but profound. The book does not reduce prayer to a formula but clarifies each type of prayer and explains how it will serve each of us as we communicate with God through our prayers.

The church library has had many duplicate books given to us and we are appreciative of this as we now have a new venture. There will be a table of books displayed in Wesley Hall. These books are offered for anyone to take home to read or give to a neighbor. They do not need to be returned. This is another way to share our books and God's word in the community. HAPPY READING!

## **FROM THE SATURDAY NIGHT YOUTH GROUP** by Christy Edwards

Thank you for the continued use of the upstairs hall. Each month we average 12 kids. Many of them are regular and repeat participants. November marked our one year anniversary as a group. We had five new faces on the November Saturday evening.

Over the summer, the group had an opportunity to go to the Cambridge community pool. The turnout was limited due to sporting events and other summer activities, but we had a great time nonetheless. I hope to take the group to a concert this winter. The Bridge, 88.7, is a local radio station out of Delaware, that you have heard Dan Gustafson mention. It promotes Christian concerts locally.

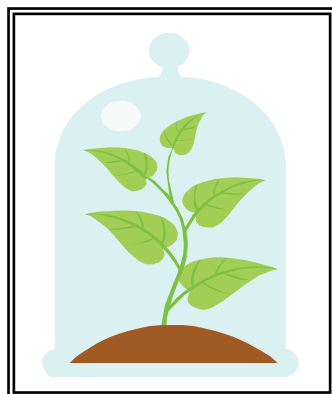
In October we planted terrariums. The project went along with the theme of the parable of the Seeds and the Sower. We have completed our first curriculum book, and I am looking for something like "Through the Bible" for teens as our next curriculum guide.

The enthusiasm of the kids is what drives my motivation to continue. They show up early with friends. I've heard through the grapevine that they call the Saturday Night Youth Group "The Club." God is certainly working because they come to hear His Word. Besides eating a quick meal, all we basically do is dive right into scripture and sing songs. . . So I know it is a work of God. I pray he blessed you for your support.

Thank you for the gimp (flat plastic cord), which was donated. The kids love that stuff.



Christy



## ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS: JANUARY 16 MEETING

- Funds from the Red Stockings will be sent at the end of the month, so additional money can still be collected. Benefit Board of Child Care.
- Sunday, Feb. 23 is Everybody's Birthday Party and covered dish dinner at 4 pm.
- Small Church Membership Workshop at Camp Pecometh on Saturday, Apr. 26. Cost is \$35 per five-member team, and we need two more people to attend.
- Rev. Rust will attend "Restoration 2014 on Mar. 27-29.
- Winter special giving on Jan. 26 to go to West Virginia Relief Fund.
- Admin Council declared February as "Book Lovers Month" and urge everyone to read a book from the church library.
- The church driveway will soon have the holes filled in.

Administrative Council Highlights are published monthly in the bulletin on the Sunday following the Council meeting to help members stay current on what is happening in the church. Everyone is welcome to attend the meeting. If you have an item for the agenda, get in touch with Jane Brooks, Administrative Council Chairman.

## OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD



Over 50 shoeboxes were prepared and delivered from TUMC and Faith Chapel!



## **GREETERS AND USHERS** by Ellen Whitby, Head Usher

I want to thank the greeters and ushers for November, December, and January. They all did a very good job. God Bless.

Greeters for February: Mary Rae Adams and Ellen Whitby

Ushers for February: Kirby Metz and Charles Adams

Greeter for March: Elizabeth Ferguson

Usher for March: Drake Ferguson

God bless everyone

Ellen



**NEW PRAISE WORSHIP SERVICE**  
**7 PM THE LAST SATURDAY OF THE MONTH**  
**IN WESLEY HALL**  
**MAKE A JOYFUL NOISE!**

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