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TRAPPE/FAITH CHAPEL NEWSLETTER FEBRUARY & MARCH 2017



MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

My Dear Friends,

I first want to thank God our Father and our Lord Jesus Christ for all that you do in his name!

Faith Chapel and Trappe Churches are very faithful in their worship and service. At Christmas this year there were over 100 people who attended the three services between the two churches. We will continue to seek the good Lord's guidance on how we can reach out to more people. And this does not count the Christmas Lighting Program nor the Shoeboxes or the cookies!

As we prepare for the Lenten Season starting on March 1, I ask you to check the Sunday bulletin and the webpage for our services with Scott's Church.

Maundy Thursday Communion will be held on April 13 at 6:30 pm.

Easter Services will be on April 16 at 7:00 am in the Memorial Garden with coffee and donuts following in Wesley Hall. Faith Chapel celebrates the Resurrection of our Lord at 8:45 am and Trappe at 11:00 am.

Keep the ministry of the churches in your prayers!

Rev. Gary L. Moore

PRAYER FOR FEBRUARY AND MARCH

Dear Lord, my Savior, I have sought forgiveness and to such prayer, when it is utterly sincere and humble, You never turn a deaf ear. Keep me free from sin, unspotted from or by the world. I thank You for Your forgiveness. I also surrender my remorse and misery of mind and ask You to flood my mind with peace. How good You are. I thank You, O God, in the Name of Jesus Christ, my Savior. Amen.



ONGOING CALENDAR

Thurs

Senior Choir Practice

2nd & 4th Saturdays

Breakfast and Yard Sale

2nd Sundays

Fellowship following

11:00

Worship

2nd Wednesdays

UMW Meeting

3rd Wednesdays:

Every other month

Administrative Council/Trustees

Meeting

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Pastor's Office Hours

The Pastor's Office is inside Trappe Church. When you enter the side door into the Education Unit, it is immediately on your left.

Here are the hours I am planning to be in the Office:

*Tuesdays: 10:00 – Noon *Wednesdays: 9:30 – Noon *Thursdays: 10:00 – Noon

If you need to meet with me at other times, please call me at 410-714-2004.



ANNOUNCEMENTS



Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner: Tuesday, February 28, 5-6:30 pm at St Paul's Episcopal Church, Trappe



St. Patrick's Day Dinner: Friday, March 17, 4-7 pm, at Trappe UM Church



Community Forum: March 20, 6 pm, at the firehouse.

Sherriff Gamble, ER employees, and EMTs will host a discussion on local concerns. Chicken and drinks will be provided. Bring a dish or dessert and join the discussion.

Easter Festivities: Saturday, April 15, 11 am **Parade** in Veterans Park followed by an **Easter Egg Hunt** at Trappe UM Church at noon



Watch for announcements of future activities:

Music in the Park returns

Family Movie Night

Check out the Charge web site at <http://www.tfcumc.org>

FROM THE ALTAR GUILD

We want to thank everyone for placing poinsettias in the churches during the Christmas season. This year we elected to go with a local grower for the plants. I was so amazed at the beauty of the plants when I went to pick them up. We even had several people from the church wanting to know where we got them.

Ball Greenhouses
20981 Hog Island Rd Preston, Md 21655
(formerly known as Ed Collins Greenhouses).



They are a local grower which I have bought plants from for our personal usage. I talked to Trevor Ball (the owner) in December and he explained that they will have Easter Lilies and many other Spring plants available. We will be looking for their price list next month. Look for the price in the March news letter and in the insert of the church bulletin.

Thanks again,
Ken and Elizabeth Myers

ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS: JANUARY 2017

- Attendance at the Faith Chapel and Trappe Church Candle Light Services was more than 100.
- The Christian Education Committee Report by Nancy Dunn stated that their treasury was very low and it is hoped that the giving, *and attendance*, will increase in the future.
- There will be a St. Patrick's Day Dinner on Friday, March 15, from 4 to 7:00 pm. Please help if you can.
- This year the Easter Egg Hunt will be at Noon on Saturday, April 15. The Town of Trappe is having the Parade at 11:00 am and it will end at Trappe UM Church for the Egg Hunt.
- The UMW reminds us this Sunday Evening at 4:00 pm is Everybody's Birthday in Wesley Hall.
- Handicap Accessibility for the Trappe UM Church is under investigation with the potential of interior portable ramps and exterior access to the Sunday School Area. A 21-foot ramp would be needed outside and an estimate is being sought.
- The Wesley Hall new exterior kitchen doors will be installed soon.
- The church cleaning schedule should soon be established, and the cost is within budget.
- Leaking faucets throughout the Church and Wesley Hall will be fixed.
- To meet Maryland requirements for Trustees a 2017 (yearly) election by the Admin. Council was completed.
- Next Meeting: Wednesday, March 15, 2017.

Martha's Closet

Trappe: \$75,146.40
Faith : \$70,932.50
Total 1998 to present \$146,078.90

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is also available (and in color) on line at
<http://www.tfcumc.org/>

FROM THE THANK YOU BOX

Dotty, Sarah, and Bo for providing us with beautiful music for our Sunday services.

Nancy for arranging the special music and dinner for the Christmas tree lighting ceremony.

Jerry for making sure the Christmas tree got lit!

Ken and Elizabeth our communion stewards.

Cathy for the bulletins and newsletters and much more.

To everyone who contributes to the Second Sunday Fellowships.

We are so thankful for your prayers and concern during David's recovery and upcoming PT. You've all been a blessing to us and I thank each of you—from David and Charmel

Thank You!

LIBRARY NEWS by Charlotte Edwards

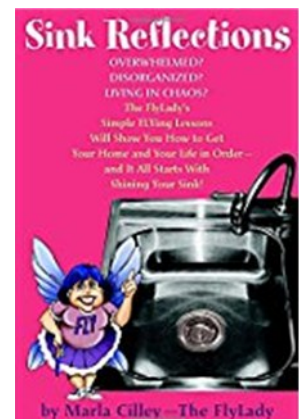
It's that time of the year again! Time to go into low gear and hibernate as much as possible. This rest will prepare us for spring's awakening so we can prepare for Easter activities and do our yard work and our spring cleaning. But, how to hibernate, do yard work, spring cleaning and just enjoy all the pleasures of any season when we are burdened daily with Chores, Chores, Chores? Guess what! It's not necessary to be so burdened. A new book in the library will help immensely. It's called **Sink Reflections** and is sub-titled, *The FLYLady's Simple Flying Lessons Will Show You How to Get Your Home and Your Life in Order -- and It All Starts With Shinning Your Sink*. The book is written by Marla Cilley better known as The FLYLady. It's an acronym for "Finally Loving Yourself."

Early in the book she relates the story of "God Breezes," telling us to "imagine yourself in a sailboat on a calm lake. Now think about the vision of God as being the Ole North Wind. If you have your sails up when the breeze comes, you can go anywhere it takes you. If you don't, you are dead in the water."

This book is about getting ready for all those breezes and not being dead in the water due to the stress of endless chores and STUFF (an acronym for Something That Undermines Family Fun.) The FLYLady's simple approach to housework and uncluttering will show you how to get your home and life in order, and it all starts with that clean sink. You will learn new terms and great ideas to simplify cleaning, and best of all how to get it done and stay in simple maintenance. Then we can all get back to low gear or hibernation with no feelings of guilt.

Meanwhile the indoor and outdoor libraries are packed with all kinds of books for those afternoons and evenings by the fire.

Happy Reading!



A PRAYER FOR OUR NATION

God our Father, Giver of life, we entrust the United States of America to Your loving care. You are the rock on which this nation was founded. You alone are the true source of our cherished rights to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. Reclaim this land for Your glory and dwell among Your people. Send Your Spirit to touch the hearts of our nation's leaders. Open their minds to the great worth of human life and the responsibilities that accompany human freedom. Remind Your people that true happiness is rooted in seeking and doing Your will. We ask this through Christ Our Lord. Amen.

[Source: Based on a prayer found at <http://www.catholic.org/prayers/prayer.php?p=800>]

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Birthdays and anniversaries are not available in the on-line edition to protect individuals privacy.

Happy Anniversary!



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Next deadline for articles, etc., is March 15.
Next issue for **April and May** available at the end of March.



Uncle "Sid" and the Music of Faith Chapel

by Robert Croswell

Long, long ago in a village not far away the people built a little chapel and named it "Faith" and placed a sign over the door to let it be known that it was a Methodist Church. The year was around 1885, and Mrs. Sadie Mullikin pumped the old reed organ "until it quivered," there being no electricity in the church until many years later. The church also had a Gulbrandsen upright player piano which was the first "self-playing instrument" but it was not to be the last.

The church was eventually wired for electricity and the old reed organ was replaced with an early electric organ. Mrs. Mamie Watts played the organ, and on the one occasion that I remember hearing it, I thought it sounded quite nice. But change is always good, or so some believe, so when the Trappe church was gifted a larger Hammond organ, the little chapel at Bruceville was gifted the Trappe church's small 1950s Hammond. Honestly, I'm not sure it was much of an improvement. The "new" organ was followed by a guest organist. Mrs. Ellie Swann faithfully came from Trappe each Sunday to play the Hammond at Faith Chapel. Mrs. Swann was loved by everyone but sadly due to failing health she became unable to continue playing. so the chapel became quiet except for the voices of a few faithful ladies singing the old hymns of the church without accompaniment. The year was 1992. and Henry "Hank" Charlton was the new pastor. "United" had been added to Methodist Church over the door but not much else had changed over the years. It was then that Charles Adams told me that no one was available to play the organ or piano at Faith Chapel and could I "rig up something" so they could have music again. At first the task seemed difficult to impossible with few options. Most of the keys on the old Gulbrandsen still played but it wasn't tuned to standard pitch. and THE player unit was hopelessly in disrepair so that was not an option. The solution was "Uncle Sid" and his brother "Vic" who you are about to meet.

In 1983 Commodore made the Commodore-64 computer, an amazing little machine with capabilities that were seldom fully utilized. It used real floppy disks and a microprocessor a few thousand times less powerful than a typical smart phone, but it came with two amazing characters – Sid and Vic. Sid and Vic are tiny silicon chips in black plastic with a dozen or so wire legs. Not much to look at, but Sid can produce almost any sound that one can imagine. Vic is responsible for the text and animations one sees on the little green computer screen. Our Commodore-64 is modified to use twin Sid chips and some special software that allow it to produce 6 voices simultaneously for stereo sound. One stereo channel is played through the old Hammond organ amplifier and speaker while the other channel plays through an external amplifier and 15" speaker. The sound is somewhat unique but not unlike a "real" organ. Each song is programed one note at a time and saved on a special high density 3.5" floppy disk. A single disk contains hundreds of songs.

Like people, computers get old and eventually die, and our Commodore is 34 years old so I am in the process of converting Uncle Sid's library of songs to MP3 format that can be played on a PC, iPad, or even a smart phone. We now have the ability to program and play music in MIDI format which allows many more sounds. Our entire MP3/MIDI library can easily be stored on an iPad or USB drive and used with our backup speaker system at any location where needed. A new control panel is currently under construction that will allow us to use the old Commodore seamlessly with an iPad and MP3 or MIDI so either system can do the job', ensuring that Faith Chapel will have music available for the rest of its days.

From the congregation at Faith: We at Faith are so very thankful for Bobby and his willingness to work out this music system for our services. We have no strong voices, and without the music provided by Bobby, it would sound very weak at Faith on Sunday mornings. Bobby often tells us interesting things about the writers of various hymns, making us aware of their origins. Bobby takes no credit, saying anyone could do this, but we know it takes someone not only technically adept but also someone who loves music and loves serving OUR LORD. **Thank you Bobby.**



CALLING ALL CAKE BAKERS by Wilma Miller

The twice monthly breakfasts continue the second and fourth Saturdays of each month in Wesley Hall at Trappe UMC. At each breakfast, there is a table for those celebrating a birthday in proximity to that date. In addition to other volunteers, we need cake bakers. If you are interested in baking a cake for the birthday celebration, please contact Wilma Miller via phone or text. You will be sent a reminder beforehand. Thank you for your consideration. The following are the dates for the breakfasts for the coming year:

January 14 and 28
February 11 and 25
March 11 and 25
April 8 and 22
May 13 and 27
June 10 and 24
July 8 and 22
August 12 and 26
September 9 and 23
October 14 and 28
November 11
December 9



We offer a heartfelt thanks to both Hilda Jane Brooks and Anny Williams who have provided cakes for the breakfasts for over 14 years. **Well done Jane and Anny!**

BULLETIN BLOOPERS—BUT NOT FROM OUR BULLETINS

These sentences (with all the BLOOPERS) actually appeared in church bulletins or were announced in church services:

The Fasting & Prayer Conference includes meals.

The sermon this morning: Jesus Walks on the Water.

The sermon tonight: Searching for Jesus.

Ladies, don't forget the rummage sale. It's a chance to get rid of those things not worth keeping around the house. Bring your husbands.

Remember in prayer the many that are sick of our community. Smile at someone who is hard to love. Say 'Hell' to someone who doesn't care much about you.

Don't let worry kill you off - let the Church help.

Miss Charlene Mason sang 'I will not pass this way again,' giving obvious pleasure to the congregation.

For those of you who have children and don't know it, we have a nursery downstairs.

Next Thursday there will be tryouts for the choir. They need all the help they can get.

Irving Benson and Jessie Carter were married on October 24 in the church. So ends a friendship that began in their school days.

A bean supper will be held on Tuesday evening in the church hall. Music will follow.