



# Tidings

## TRAPPE/FAITH CHAPEL NEWSLETTER FEBRUARY AND MARCH 2018



### MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Friends,

For Christians there is no season closer to our hearts than Lent and Easter. That is because it demonstrates to us how close God's heart is to us. As individuals, we will respond in our own way, but we have only one desire: to know our Savior more fully.

Here are some suggestions that may help you focus on Jesus:

- Read a Gospel or all four.
- Make an anonymous gift to someone.
- Refrain from something you like to do and make it an offering to God.
- Make yourself available to serve a member of your family (or a friend or another person). Do whatever that person wants without protest and don't tell why you are doing it.
- Affirm a scripture or sing a simple tune to yourself several times a day.
- Practice seeing the presence of God everywhere.
- Take a walk with the purpose of seeing God in the creation.
- When faced with a difficult situation, pray and wait for God to work first before you act.
- Be open to do what the Spirit is leading you to do.

On Sunday, April 1 (Easter, not April Fools!) we will gather at 7:00 am in the Memorial Garden at Trappe; 8:45 am at Faith Chapel and 11:00 am at Trappe; we will sing the resurrection song of our God who is Eternal Life!

See you in church on Sunday!

Rev Gary L. Moore

### PRAYER FOR FEBRUARY AND MARCH

#### Prayer of St. Ephrem the Syrian

O Lord and Master of my life!

Take from me the spirit of sloth,  
faint-heartedness, lust of power, and idle talk.

But give rather the spirit of chastity,  
humility, patience, and love to Thy servant.

Yea, Lord and King! Grant me to see my own errors  
and not to judge my brother,  
for Thou art blessed unto ages of ages. Amen.



Have a Prayer Request? Prayer Line: 410-822-5095

#### 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.

#### ONGOING CALENDAR

##### 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

##### 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesdays

UMW Meeting

##### 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays

##### Every other month

Administrative Council/Trustees

Meeting

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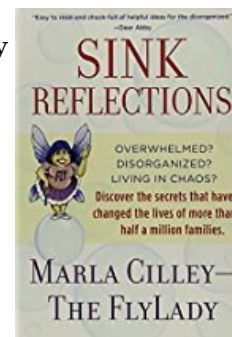
## LIBRARY NEWS by Charlotte Edwards

It's a New Year and a special time. We have almost a year in front of us until the next one. Time to set and get started on goals for the rest of the year. Whatever your goals are, there is a book to help in our library.

Be it weight loss, more exercise, improved dispositions, or better organization, the words are there for guidance and support. There are books on social problems, alcoholism, and ways to help with the raging drug epidemic. These are not exactly pager turners, but good, solid words of wisdom. We have a shelf of books to help with any goals for improved Christian living or facing general turmoil.

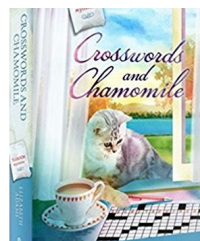
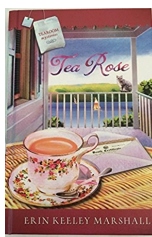
If your goal is to read the Bible more, there are two shelves of concordances and commentaries. They offer more explanations and broaden our understanding of the Bible. There are also several versions of the Bible for whatever your preference may be.

A memorable book for January reading is ***Sink Reflections*** by Marla Cilley—The Fly Lady. I have mentioned this book before and am re-reading it myself. One suggestion for getting in control is the chapter on decluttering. This time of year inspires us to get rid of the old, put away the new, and take care of all the tasks in between. The Fly Lady says to dispose of twenty-seven things a day until you can look around the house and feel satisfied. Then relax and read a book. The list can include items no longer needed that can be passed on (think “Martha’s Closet”), tossed out, recycled, or put in their proper place and kept there. Items can also be paperwork to be dealt with and permanently sort out those piles setting here and there.



Another great suggestion is “fifteen minutes per room” until they are totally re-freshed. Set a timer and see how much can be done in fifteen minutes. Six rooms in one and a half hours is doable before or after going out and about. You can still have the time to read and relax over coffee or at the end of the day.

Additions to the library for pleasure reading are ***The Tearoom Mysteries***. This series of twelve books is published by Guideposts. You can be assured of a good story and good mystery “sprinkled generously with faith, family and friends.”



**Stay Warm and Happy Reading!**

## Important Dates to Note

### Disciple Bible Study

What started out as one Tuesday evening class, the Disciple Bible Study now is two classes: one in the afternoon (1:00 – 2:30 pm) and in the evening (6:30 – 8:00 pm) with 12 people each. Twenty-four people have signed up to study the Old Testament for 12-weeks ! Thanks be to God!

### Lenten Study with Scott's Church

Lent begins with an Ash Wednesday (February 14) Service and Lenten Bible Study at Scott's Church. The classes will be held in the evening on February 21, 28, March 7, 14, 21 & 28. See the Sunday Bulletin for more details.

### District Ash Wednesday Service at Noon

The Easton District is sponsoring a District-wide Ash Wednesday Service on February 14, 12:00 pm (noon) at St. Mark's United Methodist Church, 100 Peachblossom Road, Easton, MD 21601.

Daylight Savings Begins on March 11: set your clocks ahead one hour.

St. Patrick's Day is March 17.

Easter is April 1.

## WELCOME!

We welcome **James Ruff** who was baptized at the Trappe service on Christmas Eve morning. Following the service, everyone was invited to Wesley Hall for cake. Guess which part of the celebration James liked best! Welcome to the Body of Christ, James.



On January 21, Trappe Church welcomed **Sharon Moore** into the church's membership. She lives in Cambridge and is married to Richard. Welcome, Sharon, to the Body of Christ at Trappe. Richard has often tuned the piano for us.



Speaking of tunes, we also welcome **Lynn Helgason** as the newest member in the choir. And welcome back to the choir, **Janice Oakhill**. You both add so much to the singing.



## MARTHA'S CLOSET AND COUNTRY BREAKFAST

A big thanks to **Shirley Adams** and all who work to organize and present the wide variety of treasures available in Martha's Closet every Wednesday morning and every Country Church Breakfast Saturday (2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup>). Thanks also to those who donate, to those who shop, and to those who spread the word that Martha's Closet and our Country Church Breakfasts are fun experiences.

Did you know that Martha's Closet is open to families in need? If you know of a family that has lost their home to a fire or other disaster, or who has a crisis and needs help, please let Shirley and the Pastor know. They are welcome to see what is available and take what they need.

Part of the fun on Saturday mornings is a birthday celebration. Volunteers bake delicious birthday cakes to serve following the singing of "Happy Birthday" to the anyone present who has a birthday. Thanks go out to **Wilma Miller** who oversees the schedule for baking, and to everyone who provides the cake. Cake Bakers are needed for the coming year. If you are willing to provide a cake, please contact Wilma via text or phone at 410-829-7177. She will send you a reminder beforehand.

Thanks go out to **Janice Oakhill** for baking cakes in October, November, and December, and to **Nancy Dunn** and **Janice** in January and February.



**Martha's Closet**  
Trappe 79,750.75  
Faith 75,539.75  
Total 1998 to 1/13/18  
\$155,290.50

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



## UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

Everybody's Birthday will take place on Sunday, February 11, at 4 pm. Bring a covered dish and stay to hear the guest speaker, Rev. Gary Moore. This is always a fun event with beautifully decorated tables and a cake for each month of the year.

Pictures from Cookie Night: Thank you to all the bakers and packers!



## APPRECIATION FOR THE CHRISTMAS SEASON

In regard to our Christmas celebrations, I want to thank each member for their attendance and participation in our Special Christmas Programs, such as the Christmas Tree Lighting Program prepared by Nancy Dunn and Jerry Adams. Jerry also sang at Faith Chapel's Christmas Candlelight Service. We appreciate the special Christmas music by our Choir and its leader, David Hickman, our organist, Dr. Dottie Nave, our pianist, Sarah Sewell. Plus thanks to our greeters, our ushers, and to Bobby Croswell who keeps our webpage running and Faith Chapel's music rockin'! All this talent is dedicated to our Lord who is Immanuel!

- Rev. Moore

## OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHIES

In the hope of Jesus who is our Resurrection and Life, we offer our prayers and sympathies to Sharon Moore and Rickey Cockran in the passing of their mothers.

# 2017 FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

We give God thanks for each person’s financial support and sharing of their time and gifts in supporting the ministry of Christ at Faith Chapel and Trappe Churches.

This report features only the operating expenses for both churches. Faith Chapel pays \$2,640 to Trappe Church for their shared common expenses outside of pastoral support and that amount is not included in either Trappe’s income or expense figures.

## Faith Chapel (1/1/17 – 12/31/17)

|              |              |
|--------------|--------------|
| Giving       | \$7,949.98   |
| Fund Raising | \$6,465.00   |
| Income       | \$14,4134.98 |
| Expenses     | \$13,673.89  |
| Balance      | \$ 741.09    |

## Trappe Church (1/1/17 – 12/31/17)

|          |             |
|----------|-------------|
| Income   | \$73,894.34 |
| Expenses | \$64,088.26 |
| Balance  | \$ 9,806.08 |

[The income and expense figures on the new Sanctuary HVAC system and the energy efficient lights will be published in a later Tidings.]

Also many thanks for all the donations to projects like Care Packs, Shoeboxes, and many others.

# BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

To protect the privacy of individuals anniversary and birthday dates are not included in the on-line edition

Happy Anniversary!



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

## A TRIVIA CHALLENGE

During the very early 1900's there was a Methodist church at Barber. The pastor there was also the pastor at the Methodist church in Trappe. Can you name that church, who it was named for, and the pastor? Hint; the pastor also published a newspaper. The answers can be found on the church website [www.tfcumc.org](http://www.tfcumc.org).

## SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

The altar was filled with shoe boxes in November. Just think how these treasures will bless children's lives. We pray that they will come to know the generosity of God through these gifts! The Children's Sunday School filled twelve boxes and there were over 60 altogether.



The children also presented a Christmas program during the morning service at Trappe on December 17. They made "a joyful noise" to get the service started and then sang *Away in the Manger*, reminding us of the true meaning of Christmas.



## Interested in travel and an opportunity to learn about the Methodist heritage?

Join Dr. Shirlyn Brown, Easton District Superintendent, along with others from the District, November 6-14, 2018, on a **Wesley Heritage Travel Study Tour**. Cost is \$3098 from New York, which includes Basic Tour and Guided Sightseeing, Roundtrip International Airfare, Admin. Fees, Entrance Fees, Hotel Gratuities, and Program Fees, Daily Buffet Breakfast and Dinner, Deluxe Motor Coaches, First Class Hotels, and more.

More information is available on the District website: <https://www.pen-del.org/easton>  
and at [www.eo.travel](http://www.eo.travel) (800-247-0017)

## AFTER CHURCH FELLOWSHIP

We need your help. To increase the fellowship of Christ's Body (the Church), a fellowship time was started a number of years ago. Refreshments are provided by volunteers after the 11:00 a.m. worship service on the Second Sunday of most months. (In May, that Sunday is Mother's Day, so we have Fellowship another Sunday in order that people can be with their mothers.) Lately roughly 20 people stay for Fellowship. Hopefully, this number will increase, and it has been suggested that new members be recognized on the second Sunday so there will be extra time to spend with them.

Here is where your help is needed: we need more people participating in overseeing Fellowship. Refreshments can be whatever you choose. In the past it has been as simple as donuts and coffee or as elaborate as three different kinds of soup, sweets, and a variety of drinks. Whoever volunteers gets to decide what to have and asks others to help. Others offer to help whoever volunteers. There is coffee and tea in Wesley Hall already, or you can do something else for drinks. If you are not comfortable with the kitchen, there are people who would be happy to team up with you and show you how to operate the coffee maker and find supplies. There never seems to be a shortage of folks willing to lend a hand with clean-up, but we generally try to keep dishes to a minimum. You will be helping to provide an opportunity to build the fellowship of the congregation and make newcomers feel welcome. Faith Chapel members are welcome to attend the Fellowship and take part in overseeing a Sunday! Please sign up for a Sunday on the chart in the back of the Sanctuary in Trappe.



## WATCH THE BULLETIN AND THE CHURCH WEBSITE FOR INFORMATION ABOUT EASTER LILIES.



## GREETER SCHEDULE FOR FEBRUARY AND MARCH

|          |    |                              |                |
|----------|----|------------------------------|----------------|
| February | 4  | Drake and Elizabeth Ferguson |                |
|          | 11 | Charles and Mary Rae Adams   |                |
|          | 18 | Eleanor Oakhill              | Janice Oakhill |
|          | 25 | Russell and Joyce Leonard    |                |
| March    | 4  | Peggy Frampton               |                |
|          | 11 | Wilma Miller                 | Caitlin Miller |
|          | 18 | Pat Harden                   |                |
|          | 25 | Sharon Moore                 |                |



## 10 WAYS TO LOVE

1. Listen without interrupting. (Proverbs 18) 2. Speak without accusing. (James 1:9) 3. Give without sparing. (Proverbs 21:26) 4. Pray without ceasing. (Colossians 1:9) 5. Answer without arguing. (Proverbs 17:1) 6. Share without pretending. (Ephesians 4:15) 7. Enjoy without complaint. (Philippians 2:14) 8. Trust without wavering. (Corinthians 13:7) 9. Prove without punishing. (Colossians 3:13) 10. Promise without forgetting. (Proverbs 13:17)

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Thank you Pastor Dan and Congregation)