



# Tidings

## TRAPPE/FAITH CHAPEL NEWSLETTER APRIL AND MAY 2013



### PASTOR'S PIECE

Having just celebrated Easter, our thoughts turn to the Resurrection of Jesus and , I would like to share with you a couple of excerpts from the book, *O Ye Jigs & Juleps!*, which is a collection of essays written by 10-year-old, Virginia Cary Hudson (an Episcopalian), in 1904.

"Most of the things you get somebody dies so you can get it, but you have to die your own self to get Everlasting Life.

When you are as dead as a doornail, God gives it to you, and you can't get rid of it. You can't buy it, or sell it, or trade it. You have to keep it whether it suits you or not. When you take it to Heaven with you, that's good, but when you have to take it along with you to Hell, that's different. Bishop Jordan told me Everlasting Life was God's precious gift, and I told him if it was just the same with God, I could think of things I would like better." (p. 22)

"There is not a thing you can do about your Everlasting Life. You are going to get it, and you have to keep it. God sure was good to make Heaven for us, as long as we can't stay dead, but have to go somewhere, but why he doesn't do something about the devil, and close up Hell, I don't know. If I have to go to Hell, I sure hope I go to the one for Episcopalians, and don't, by mistake, get pushed in that horn punching, and tail wagging, red hot blazing one the Baptists are going to have." (p. 25)

Virginia is absolutely correct in that once Christ rose from the dead, all of humanity was given Everlasting Life. God has also given us the choice of claiming an eternity filled with rejoicing, praise and riches beyond our imagination or an eternity filled with suffering, misery and agony.

This little girl makes a statement that caused me to stop and ponder. She wonders why God doesn't do something about the devil and close up Hell. Here is what I thought about this statement. When people accept Jesus as their Savior, they become workers, helping to build the Kingdom of God. How we do this is to become Christ-like in our words and actions. As we grow in our faith, we will be able to share our faith with others and invite them to accept Jesus as their Savior. Now, we won't close Hell, but we can surely decrease the number of people who might end up there.

Let's not be like Virginia and think that there are better gifts out there. God's love for us demonstrated in Jesus' death and resurrection, which allows for us to have Everlasting Life, truly is the most precious gift we can be given. Receive the gift. Embrace a life with God forever. Celebrate the Risen Christ!

In the words of Virginia: *"The Lord have mercy. Christ have mercy. Lord have mercy. God bless the Bishop. God bless my mission box, and Jesus be my friend and help me if you can, please. Amen, and Be It So."* (p. 25)

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

2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesdays

UMW Meeting

3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays

UMM Meeting

3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays

Administrative Council

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## PASTOR'S POOCH

Oh Happy Dog! Oh Happy Dog! I am a happy dog! I give two paws up to everyone for their support of the Hurricane Sandy/Crisfield Relief. I heard \$500 was collected for the purchase of Food Lion gift cards. Rev. Rich Walton was so happy to receive them that he sent a hug home for Mom via Ms. Charlotte. Let's all do a happy dance for this wonderful outpouring of love and support for the people of Crisfield.

Another thing that I heard about that has my tail (or lack thereof) wagging is the upcoming 15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration of the Country Church Breakfast and Martha's Closet Yard Sale on April 27<sup>th</sup>. Wow! It is so wonderful that so many have volunteered their time over the past 15 years to keep these projects alive and well. Because of the silly rules of the Health Department, I can't go over to the breakfasts, but I sure do love it when Mom brings me some of the sausage. Yum! Yum!

But I do get to go over the Yard Sale sometimes. There are so many things to sniff and check out. And it keeps changing. It seems like as soon a spot is empty, it is filled again. The people of the community sure are great at buying and contributing. So you never know, when you drop by I just might be there looking for a scratch on the head while I point out the merchandise.

Oh and please try to convince Mom to bring me home some sausage and maybe a sweet treat from the anniversary celebration and I wish you 15 more years of success.

As I write this it is the night before the St. Patrick's Day Dinner. Again, I wish I could attend, but I'll just wait for Mom and Pop-Pop to come back and tell me all about it. It always sounds like so much fun. I do have to admit that I am glad Mom doesn't dye my fur green for the day. I don't think it would be a good look for me. I hope everyone whether you are Irish or not had a great time munching on the corned beef, ham, cabbage, potatoes, carrots, onions, Irish soda bread and green desserts. Can you tell that I love food?

And there is one more party to tell you about. It is the "Everybody's Birthday Party" on April 14<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m. in Wesley Hall. I hear there might be some singing going on. Maybe the weather will be nice and Mom can crack the window open so that I can howl along.

Before I go, I do have to say that I have missed seeing everyone for the Lenten Bible Study. But at the same time, I think I would wear myself ragged trying to entertain 30 people for a couple of hours. That is if we could have even fit them into the parsonage. But Mom has come home after each session very excited about all the discussion and sharing that took place.

One more thing: please pray for my Mom. She is having wrist surgery on April 19<sup>th</sup>. This time not only are they removing the cyst; they are going to go down into the joint and clean some stuff out. Pop-Pop and I will be taking care of her afterwards (pray for us too). Anyone have a nurse's cap I can borrow?

Enjoy Spring! Enjoy Life! Enjoy Jesus! And I'll write again in a couple of months.



Woof! Woof!

Scamp

## **SIGNS, SIGNS, EVERYWHERE SIGNS** by Elizabeth Ferguson

Not long after the church breakfast started in January of 1998 Drake Ferguson wanted signs – lots of signs. So he and coconspirator Dan Gustafson gathered about 8 sheets of plywood and made three 4x8 signs, three 4 x 4 two-sided sandwich board signs on stilts, and some other 4 x 4 signs. After they had the signs put together and coated several times with white stain, Drake wanted me to letter the signs. I didn't know anything about lettering signs so we dragged out my Dad's old overhead projector, composed wording for each sign dependent on its intended location, and projected the wording onto the sign to be painted. Each sign was brought into our kitchen where the projector was set up and I lettered signs in bright "lipstick red" custom paint. The idea sounded like it would work better than it actually worked. It was a slow, painful, process. The necessary sign repainting has gotten much easier with time and practice.

The whole "Country Church Breakfast" concept was a stroke of genius. People would come to the breakfast on their way to Ocean City or someplace else south of here, say they saw our sign (actually two signs about 50 feet apart) north of Easton, and skipped McDonald's. It was easy to tell when the signs were not up – usually because the Highway Department made one of their rare Saturday forays out of the office and snagged our signs. We could go pick them up the following Monday – but it was sure bad for the breakfast business.

Originally the task of putting up the signs was a two person job generally done in the dark on Friday night. As I was frequently one of those two people I was thrilled when Bo Nelson volunteered to take over the job. It became a one person job in his hands. Bo has used various vehicles—some have seemed to me to be wholly unsuited to the task—but he always makes it work. Bo has amazed me with his inventiveness. He accomplishes the task of putting up and taking down those heavy signs from the north side of Easton all the way to Trappe by himself consistently and faithfully without complaint or excuse. In between the sign putting up and taking down, Bo manages the greeter, cashier, attendance tracking, and trash details at each breakfast. He has all of these tasks so efficiently and effectively organized that, if things get slow, he also delights us with his piano playing skills.

The sign detail is very important because it makes a serious difference in breakfast attendance. The signs encourage travelers and remind locals. It does not matter how good your product is if people don't know about it.

We are blessed to have Bo – AND he puts up signs.



## HELP PLEASE: A CALL FROM ELIZABETH FERGUSON

- We are soliciting one or two line remembrances for a display on April 27 when we celebrate 15 years of The Country Church Breakfast.
- We are also trying to make a list of all the people who ever worked on the breakfast. The following is what we have so far.

Please call Elizabeth Ferguson [410-476-4857](tel:410-476-4857) or email [eaftalbot@aol.com](mailto:eaftalbot@aol.com) with additions to the list or your remembrances.

|                    |                     |
|--------------------|---------------------|
| Charles Adams      | Noreen Hamner       |
| Chuck Adams        | Brenda Handleman    |
| Janie Adams        | Pat Harden          |
| Jerry Adams        | Anne Haxstun        |
| Mary Rae Adams     | Bianca Hollinger    |
| Shirley Adams      | Dan Hollinger       |
| Charles Asmussen   | Don Hollinger       |
| Debbie Asmussen    | Nathaniel Hollinger |
| Lindsey Brannock   | Bolt Ivan           |
| Tab Brannock       | Lois Ivan           |
| Terri Brannock     | Joyce Leonard       |
| Jane Brooks        | Sonny Leonard       |
| Cindy Burkert      | Tony Lewis, Jr      |
| Ann Charlton       | Al McNeal           |
| Hank Charlton      | Shirley McNeal      |
| Rosemary Cole      | Kirby Metz          |
| Barbara Coleman    | Bo Nelson           |
| Rachel Coyne       | Rose Palombo        |
| George Doty        | Hanna Schmidt       |
| Marty Doty         | Leona Schmidt       |
| Nancy Dunn         | Sonny Schmidt       |
| Charlotte Edwards  | George Simpson      |
| Ann Farwell        | Ruthann Simpson     |
| John Farwell       | Estelle Slaughter   |
| Drake Ferguson     | Libby Slaughter     |
| Elizabeth Ferguson | Roy Sullivan        |
| Les Groves         | Gladys Sullivan     |
| Anne Gustafson     | Ross Swann          |
| Dan Gustafson      | Virginia Towers     |
| Ida Hickman        | Charmel Hickman     |
| David Hickman      | Stephen Hickman     |

## **FAVORITE BIBLE VERSES** compiled by Cathy Sewell, *Tidings* Editor

Like most of you, for years I attended Sunday School and church, listened to Scripture, committed verses to memory, and ended up with the Word of the Lord deep in my soul. It is such a comfort to have those words as spiritual support in both good and bad times. So I thought I'd ask people to share their favorite verses and why they mean so much to them in this month's newsletter as a way of spreading that spiritual support.

I was struck by how important it is to have this spiritual support of the Word when I heard Terry Waite speak shortly after 9/11. Wait is an English humanitarian and author. In the 1980's he was an envoy of the Church of England and had great success negotiating for the release of hostages held in the Middle East. However, between 1987 and 1991, he became a hostage himself in Lebanon. During those years, it was hymns, memorized pieces from the Anglican Book of Worship, and what he knew of the Lord's Word which kept him alive through torture, depravation, and loneliness. He commented that he existed in his head during his time of captivity, recalling what he had learned and that he had no idea he had internalized so much until he really needed it. His sharing helped me make a deeper commitment to gaining more of the Word in my memory.

As I recalled Waite's talk, I remembered a time when a special piece of scripture undergirded me. Our first child, Elizabeth, had been born prematurely, and the doctors called for the helicopter to transport her to the neonatal unit at the University of Maryland Hospital because she needed specialized critical care. I was too sick to go to the helipad to see her off, but as I lay in my bed and listened to the thump-thump of the rotator blades, I began to pray and gave Elizabeth to the Lord. Softly a voice repeated these words to me, "And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God." I certainly love God, and I was filled with immeasurable comfort. Most of you know that good did come: Elizabeth is now a wife, school teacher, and mother of our first grandchild. That's a lot of good! And the scripture is Romans 8:28. I have stood on it many times since then.

Other people in our congregation have shared Bible verses that have special meaning for them. Ellen Whitby says hers is Psalm 23, a favorite of many. She writes, "My cup runneth over with many blessings. When I have a problem, God is always with me, and I know in my heart he will always be by my side and in my heart." Jerry Adams' favorite is no surprise, considering the enjoyment he gets from singing. (And we get plenty of enjoyment listening to him sing!) Jerry likes Psalm 98, "Make a joyful noise." Jerry shares, I've always found a joy in music, and church music is especially joyful. It helped me through low times of life (divorce, death of my father, death of my spouse). It is like the glue that keeps my life together, so Psalm 98 has a lot of meaning in my life and joy is the most descriptive word to use!" Music does carry us closer to the true source of joy!

Jane Brooks shares the following about her favorites. "I really have several verses that are favorites and ones that encourage and bless me daily.

- Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man the things which God hath prepared for them that love him. (Corinthians 2:9)
- And my God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus. (Philippians 4:19)
- For I am sure that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor heights, nor depths, nor anything else in all creation will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. (Romans 8:38-39)

There is one more verse that I always remember and probably it is the most important one. Do look up John 3:16."

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## FAVORITE BIBLE VERSES CONTINUED

Jane Brooks isn't the only one who has John 3:16 in her heart. So does my sister, Jayne Wesley, who shares that it is the first verse she was asked to memorize in Sunday School. When the big day came to recite what they had learned, she acted like a typical shy four-year old. She stood in front of the audience and nervously twirled the hem of her skirt—but she got all the words right!

One other person shared a favorite, my husband, John Sewell. Here is what he writes: "One of the verses that is one of my favorites is John 8:7, 'He who is without sin among you, let him cast the first stone.' It is a favorite not because it is uplifting, but because it is convicting. It teaches me and reminds me that we all sin and fall short of the glory of God. And if I follow its instruction I will be 'more like' what God expects and hopefully intends for me 'to be' (my favorite phrase from Shakespeare)."

Many thanks to everyone who contributed to this article. I hope their sharing will convict you to think about the Word, how it is the glue in your life, and the many ways it blesses and encourages you each day. Then make a renewed commitment to add to your storehouse. Hopefully we will not find ourselves in such difficulties as Terry Waite did, but we all will experience difficult times. We will be able to hold together with the Word deep within.



### 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.
- UMM study: "Living the United Methodist Way" every third Wednesday of the month (4/17 and 5/15) at 7 pm in the Evelyn O Carter Room. Confirm the dates with Dan Gustafson.

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Articles and information welcome!

## A MARK KNOWN THE WORLD OVER

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Suppose you are vacationing far from home. You drive around, looking for a church in which to worship Sunday morning. Suddenly you see a familiar sight: a Cross and Flame insignia on a sign, pointing you to the nearest United Methodist Church. You've just proved how symbols and pictures provide instant recognition, meaning and a sense of belonging.

Indeed, the Cross and Flame emblem is a powerful reminder of who and Whose we are as United Methodists. That's why protecting and preserving its use and integrity are just as important today as when the insignia was created and registered as No. 917,433 with the United States Patent and Trademark Office more than three decades ago.

### History and Significance

The history and significance of the Cross and Flame emblem are as rich and diverse as The United Methodist Church. The insignia's birth quickly followed the union of two denominations in 1968: The Methodist Church and the Evangelical United Brethren Church.

Following more than two dozen conceptualizations, a traditional symbol—the cross—was linked with a single flame with dual tongues of fire. The resulting insignia is rich in meaning. It relates The United Methodist church to God through Christ (cross) and the Holy Spirit (flame). The flame is a reminder of Pentecost when witnesses were unified by the power of the Holy Spirit and saw "tongues, as of fire" (Acts 2:3).

The elements of the emblem also remind us of a transforming moment in the life of Methodism's founder, John Wesley, when he sensed God's presence and felt his heart "strangely warmed." The two tongues of a single flame may also be understood to represent the union of two denominations.

The insignia, one with lettering and one without, was formally adopted by the General Conference in 1968 and registered in 1971 with the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office. Since 1996, the General Council on Finance and Administration (GCFA) of The United Methodist church has supervised the emblem's use.

### Use and Integrity

#### Who May Use the Cross and Flame?

Only official United Methodist agencies, including local churches, may use the insignia to identify United Methodist work, programs and materials. It should not be used by individuals for personal purposes.

#### Commercial Uses

Use of the emblem for commercial purposes (such as printing on T-shirts or note cards to sell) must be approved by the GCFA.

#### Integrity of Design

Because the Cross and Flame is the official insignia of The United Methodist Church, any reproduction must be faithful to the original design, especially in these areas:

- No other objects or designs shall touch or cover the cross and flame. It should appear to stand alone or apart from any other design.
- The base of the flame should be lower than that of the cross.
- The tip of the left portion of the flame must align with the left arm of the cross.
- The space between the flame and the upright of the cross is slightly wider at the top of the design than it is at the bottom;
- If using one solid color to print the emblem, include a thin line of space all around the arm of the cross that lies against the flame. The flame may be screened (shaded) to create a contrast between it and the cross.

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## **LIBRARY NEWS** by Charlotte Edwards, Church Librarian

The library has a new bookcase. Although it is not in place yet, there is hope for all the books to be shelved properly. There is also a new poster, very colorful with a great message for everyone. The Cambridge Librarian took it right off the wall when I expressed an interest in it.

I don't have any book reviews but I would like to list a few of the great authors that are represented on the shelves. We have 10 books by Max Lucado. He is a favorite of many for the inspirational books he has written. C.S. Lewis is well represented as is Beth Moore and Tony Evans. We have books by Dr. Charles Stanley, Dr. James Dobson and Robert Schuller.

Billy and Franklin Graham are there with Catherine and Peter Marshall. Another older name is Marjorie Holmes. We have several books of fiction by Jan Karon and Grace Livingston Hill. Lois Henderson has written a series of books about people of the Bible such as "Eve", "Hagar", "Ruth", "Merar- ie", and "Pricilla and Aquilla"

As the new poster says "The more you read, the more you know. The more you know, the smarter you grow. The smarter you grow, the stronger your voice. When speaking your mind and making your choice"

Happy Reading!



## **A MARK KNOWN THE WORLD OVER** CONTINUED

- Avoid using odd two-color combinations; use black and a second color such as bright red.
- Do not alter the words "The United Methodist Church" accompanying the design either in type style or placement.

### **How to Order**

You may order camera-ready proofs (reproductions) of the Cross and Flame insignia for your artwork needs.

Write to the General Council on Finance and Administration, Attn: Legal Department, Post Office Box 340029, Nashville, TN 37203-0029.

Call: 615-369-2334 begin\_of\_the\_skype\_highlighting 615-369-2334 end\_of\_the\_skype\_highlighting

Fax: 615-369-2330

[Download](#) EPS, TIF, GIF, or JPEG images from the official United Methodist Web site.

### **Internet Use of the Cross and Flame**

Questions have arisen as to how the emblem may be used on the Internet and in other settings. These guidelines should be followed:

1. Put the registration mark ® below the Cross and Flame, preferably to the right of the cross.
2. On your Web page, as close as possible to the Cross and Flame, print the following: "The Cross and Flame is a registered trademark, and the use is supervised by the General Council on Finance and Administration (GCFA) of The United Methodist Church. Permission to use the Cross and Flame must be obtained from the GCFA, Attn: Legal Department, Post Office Box 340029, Nashville, TN 37203-0029; phone 615-369-2334 begin\_of\_the\_skype\_highlighting 615-369-2334 end\_of\_the\_skype\_highlighting; fax 615-369-2330."
3. Make sure the dimensions of the Cross and Flame are correct.



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

I want to thank Jane Geist and Debbie Howard for being Greeters and Ushers for February. They did a very good job. For March Brenda Handleman and I were Greeters and Ushers. Thank you Brenda for your help.

For April:

Greeters and Ushers: Estelle Slaughter and Jayne Wesley

For May:

Greeters and Ushers: Libby Slaughter and Ellen Whitby

God bless!



## **BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES**

|       |    |                                     |
|-------|----|-------------------------------------|
| April | 1  | Emily Christopher                   |
|       | 4  | David Edwards                       |
|       | 6  | Marlena Groves                      |
|       | 8  | Charles Asmussen; Shirley Quidas    |
|       | 13 | Honey Townsend                      |
|       | 14 | Bill and Charlotte Edwards          |
|       | 17 | Ida Hickman                         |
|       | 20 | Dolly Taylor                        |
|       | 24 | Ron Coyne                           |
|       | 25 | Rev. David Hackett                  |
| May   | 28 | Kirby Metz; Morgan Dickerson        |
|       | 30 | George Doty                         |
|       | 1  | Ron and Rachel Coyne                |
|       | 5  | Jane Metz                           |
|       | 7  | Les Groves                          |
|       | 10 | Kirby and Jane Metz                 |
|       | 12 | Darlene McNeal                      |
|       | 16 | Caley Christopher; John Marshall    |
|       | 17 | Ryan Geist; Ken and Elizabeth Myers |
|       | 19 | Delou Sabin                         |
|       | 22 | Kelly B. Adams                      |
|       | 25 | Charles Adams                       |



# April 2013

| Sun  | Mon | Tue | Wed                                     | Thu                       | Fri | Sat   |
|--|-----|-----|---|---------------------------|-----|---|
|  | 1   | 2   | 3<br>Yard Sale 8:30—noon                | 4<br>Choir Practice 7:00  | 5   | 6   |
| 7<br>Faith Chapel 8:45<br>Sunday School 9:45<br>Trappe 11:00   | 8   | 9   | 10<br>Yard Sale 8:30—noon<br>UMW 7:00pm | 11<br>Choir Practice 7:00 | 12  | 13<br>Breakfast and Yard<br>Sale 7:30-10:00                                   |
| 14<br>Faith Chapel 8:45<br>Sunday School 9:45<br>Trappe 11:00<br><br>Everybody's Birthday Party<br>5:00 pm | 15  | 16  | 17<br>Yard Sale 8:30—noon<br>UMM 7:00pm | 18<br>Admin Council 7:00  | 19  | 20  |
| 21<br>Faith Chapel 8:45<br>Sunday School 9:45<br>Trappe 11:00  | 22  | 23  | 24<br>Yard Sale 8:30—noon               | 25<br>Choir Practice 7:00 | 26  | 27 15th Anniver-<br>sary Celebration<br>Breakfast and Yard<br>Sale 7:30-10:00 |
| 28<br>Faith Chapel 8:45<br>Sunday School 9:45<br>Trappe 11:00  | 29  | 30  |   |                           |     |   |

# MAY 2013

| Sun   | Mon                | Tue | Wed                                     | Thu                       | Fri | Sat   |
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|   |                    |     | 1<br>Yard Sale 8:30—noon                | 2<br>Choir Practice 7:00  | 3   | 4   |
| 5<br>Faith Chapel 8:45<br>Sunday School 9:45<br>Trappe 11:00              | 6                  | 7   | 8<br>Yard Sale 8:30—noon<br>UMW 7:00pm  | 9<br>Choir Practice 7:00  | 10  | 11<br>Breakfast and Yard<br>Sale 7:30-10:00 |
| 12 Mothers Day<br>Faith Chapel 8:45<br>Sunday School 9:45<br>Trappe 11:00 | 13                 | 14  | 15<br>Yard Sale 8:30—noon<br>UMM 7:00pm | 16<br>Admin Council 7:00  | 17  | 18  |
| 19<br>Faith Chapel 8:45<br>Sunday School 9:45<br>Trappe 11:00             | 20                 | 21  | 22<br>Yard Sale 8:30—noon               | 23<br>Choir Practice 7:00 | 24  | 25<br>Breakfast and Yard<br>Sale 7:30-10:00 |
| 26<br>Faith Chapel 8:45<br>Sunday School 9:45<br>Trappe 11:00             | 27<br>Memorial Day | 28  | 29<br>Yard Sale 8:30—noon               | 30<br>Choir Practice 7:00 | 31  |   |

