



# *Tidings*

## TRAPPE/FAITH CHAPEL NEWSLETTER APRIL/MAY 2012



### PASTOR'S PIECE

As we approach Easter, we look forward to gathering together to celebrate the empty tomb and the Risen Christ. We smile. We sing "Alleluia!" We feel joy bubbling up in our spirits. It is a glorious celebration.

Unfortunately, too many times we focus on the triumphant entry of Christ into Jerusalem and the Resurrection, but not so much on the events of the week in between. We don't want to remember the pain and suffering Christ endured. We turn away from the anguish in the garden, the gruesome punishment and the horrendous death of Jesus.

Twila Paris sings the song, "God Is In Control." This song is not about the events of Holy Week, but it's meaning is exactly as the song title says: God is in control. This is what we need to remember as we travel from the entry into Jerusalem to the empty tomb.

Jesus enters Jerusalem. God is in control.

Jesus clears the Temple and teaches the people. God is in control.

Christ prays with such suffering he literally sweats blood. God is in control.

He is betrayed by Judas and arrested. God is in control.

The Messiah is mocked by the guards with a crown of thorns and beaten with reeds. God is in control.

Jesus is nailed to a cross and breathes his last. God is in control.

The tomb is empty and Mary meets the Risen Christ. God is in control.

Through all of Christ's suffering, death and resurrection, God was in control. We all have times in our lives where it feels like life is spinning out of control. We feel like we have been abandoned, just as Christ must have felt abandoned on that cross. Yet, we know the story doesn't end there. Praise God! God was in control and death was not going to have the final say. Just as God was there for Jesus, God is still here for us today.

We have to learn to trust that God is in control. God can bring us out of the trials and tribulations we encounter if we will let go and let Him.

Let's celebrate the beauty and the ugliness of Easter for it was all necessary for our salvation and to show us exactly how God is in control.

Happy Easter!

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> Thursdays

Administrative Council

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Please join us at the May Fellowship when we recognize and celebrate our students who are moving to a higher level of education or who are graduating from high school or college. We are proud of their achievements.



## PASTOR'S POOCH

Hi Everyone!

I hope you have been enjoying the warm weather that has come to town. I know I have. Mom has been opening the front door so I can look out and see the world go by. Although sometimes she has to remind me not to bark so much at the other dogs or cats that pass by. I can't help it. I just get so excited I get carried away.

Warm weather means spring is on the way and so is Easter. I've heard that the Easter Egg Hunt will be held on April 7<sup>th</sup> at 1 p.m. I wonder if they will let me help hide the eggs. I promise not to sneak some for myself. Even if I don't get to help hide, it will be lots of fun watching the kids run around the church and parsonage yards looking for them.

I recently heard Mom using a very strange word: Zumba. At first I thought she was talking about the way I sometimes race through the house: zumba, zumba. But I soon found out it is a type of exercise, along the lines of Latin dance. I like to dance and according to the vet I could stand to lose a few pounds, so maybe I can join. Anyway, keep an eye out for further information about when the classes begin. They will be held in Wesley Hall. Think the instructor will accept doggie cookies as payment?

Here's a heads up for May. There will be another Bags for Breakfast drive. I'll help Mom attach a list of items used for the Country Church Breakfast to paper grocery bags. Then the congregations will be asked to take a bag (or two) and fill it with any of the items on the list. This is a great opportunity to help defray the cost of supplies for the breakfast. Look for the bags to be available on May 6 and returned on May 20.

Well, I need to head off and check the back yard for squirrels. They like to sneak into my pen, so I have to be vigilant in my patrols to keep them out.

I hope everyone has a very **HAPPY EASTER!**

Woof! Woof!

Scamp



### Martha's Closet 100,000

Seated at left: Dolly Taylor, Shirley Adams, Joyce Leonard, and Kathy Green. Standing: Senator Rich Colburn and Delegate Addie Eckardt.

If you donated, bought from, or helped with Martha's Closet, drop by to sign the card in the pictured in the background.

## **UNITED METHODIST WOMEN NEWS** by Kathy Green, UMW Secretary

Do you save aluminum tabs from soup cans and soda cans? The United Methodist Women have been collecting them for about 10 years for a good cause. The money from the tabs is sent to help support the Ronald McDonald house in Baltimore. This is an on-going project. If you would like to contribute tabs, you will find a large jar in Wesley Hall for this purpose.

Each year we honor someone for their work in the church. This year we presented Charlotte Edwards with the Special Mission Recognition pin and certificate. Charlotte wears many hats and is always ready to help (lately working in Martha's Closet). Way to go Charlotte!

As I write this, daffodils are blooming, spring is "bustin out," and my thoughts turn to our last meeting before summer. In June we bring our spouses and friends and have dinner together. It's a no-work-all-fun get together and you all are invited. Details will be announced later.

## **EASTERN SHORE BOARD OF CHILD CARE CAMPUS IN DENTON, MD** by N. Dunn, Sunday School Superintendent

Pastor Maleia and I delivered Trappe UMC's donations to the Denton Board of Child Care (BCC) facility on Valentine's Day. We enjoyed presenting our "love gifts" of 16 cotton twin blankets, 3 basketballs, 2 air pumps, and 2 packages of air needles, the first gifts donated to the new facility. Later another church donated 25 Bibles and 10 bicycles.

Annette, the assistant site director, took us on a tour of the campus. There are two cottages with the Administration Building between them. Each cottage will house eight young men, ages 12 to 18 years old. The cottages are bright and colorful with skylights to stained glass portholes. The living area and kitchen is surrounded by eight bedrooms. There are two large bathrooms with two showers and a laundry room. The students will prepare their meals and do their own laundry. Beside the Administration Building there is a beautiful basketball court with four baskets. I can see the balls we delivered getting a lot of court time!

Rev. Earl Baker from Denton gave the benediction during the dedication service for the new facility, saying, "O Lord, we pray this is a place where love lives, hope is born, and lives are transformed." Pastor Maleia and I left the campus feeling that vision and are proud that our churches are supporting the school. We look forward to taking everyone over to visit.

As a follow up, on Saturday, February 25 I attended the first Auxiliary meeting for the Denton campus of the BCC. This group will provide fundraising to plan extra activities for the students. Please continue to save your Campbell's labels as they will support the Denton campus. (Photos of glass porthole and basketball court on next page.)



### **LENDING A HELPING HAND . . .**

Ida reports that 169 Labels for Education were sent to the Board of Child Care and 100 Box Tops for Education were delivered to Whitmarsh Elementary School. Thanks to all who contributed—this is an easy way to lend a helping hand to others!



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

There are only a few books in the Easter section of the Church Library so far. There would probably be more if a subject catalogue was completed. This will be remedied as soon as possible. An author catalogue is also planned. At present however, just perusing the shelves will provide something for everyone to read. Book donations have been generous and are greatly appreciated. Thank you to all for all the fine books we now have.

The fiction section now includes The "Left Behind" series. This is a very popular series written by Tim LaHaye. It gives dramatic accounts of the end days including the Rapture and the years of Tribulation. There are 10 separate books, all exciting reading leaving a lot to think about. Also new to the fiction section are two books by Wanda E. Brunstetter. These books present an ongoing saga of the "Sisters of Holmes County" and present life in an Amish community. Love and drama abound in each book and ultimately faith heals broken hearts and goodness prevails. These books are a pleasant escape from the mystery, mayhem and conspiracy theories of the best seller list.

The inspirational section is packed with good reads and many a favorite author. The family section includes my favorite *Building Men Who Matter* by Brother James Kelly, a teacher at Mt. Saint Joseph Academy in Catonsville. May I shamelessly point out that our grandson Adam (who helped at Bible School one year) is pictured front and center on the cover. Brother Kelly was quite an Irish storyteller, which is how he presents the subject of teenage boys.

Read and enjoy these selections, but always read discerningly. All opinions are welcome.

## **CONFIRMATION CLASS NEWS** by N. Dunn, Sunday School Superintendent

On Saturday, February 25 the Confirmation Class travelled to Barrett's Chapel in Frederica, DE, where they learned that in 1784 at this location the Methodist Church officially claimed their independence from the Church of England. The group enjoyed a visit from a Circuit Rider who told them about lives in the early church. To round out the trip, the group stopped for pizza and drove by the new Board of Child Care campus before returning home. Thanks to Pastor Maleia and John Coleman for driving and also to Nancy Dunn and Rachel Coyne for supervising.

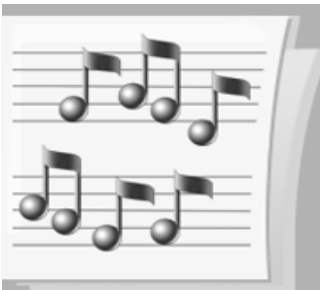
**CALLING ALL SINGERS** BY H.J. Brooks

The choir of Trappe United Methodist Church is important in helping all of us worship. Lay Reader John Sewell introduced the anthem the other Sunday by saying that it was to the glory of God.

I see all the members of the choir using their talent as dedicated singers who faithfully come to practice as well as be present for the Sunday morning services. They do their very best.

The director plans for future presentations and choir members are encouraged to participate in naming favorites or taking solo parts. Do you recognize that the music lifts up the themes of the sermons or celebrates the Christian year? The church is blessed with a loyal choir.

Now you can help. More members are needed, and the choir would like to know what some of your favorite songs are so that they can be incorporated over the summer. Do you like to sing for the glory of God? Come sing with the choir and submit your song suggestions for the coming summer months. Please fill out the form on the right, clip it out, and give it to a choir member or place it in the offering plate.



List your song requests for summer below, clip out this form, and place it in the offering plate. Thank you for your input!

Please include the following:

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I am interested in joining the choir. Please contact me at \_\_\_\_\_

Please sign so that we can contact you: \_\_\_\_\_

## ADDING MEANING TO THE WORSHIP SERVICE by Cathy Sewell, Tidings Editor

Each Sunday during the worship service we see rituals that symbolize significant aspects of our faith. One ritual holds very special meaning for me: the lighting and extinguishing of the candles on the altar. Fortunately we have a dedicated acolyte who sees that this ritual occurs at each service, Mr. Brandon Coleman.

When Brandon lights the candles, we are reminded that the Holy Spirit is present during our worship. This is a reverent time filled with the significance of that Entity in our lives. The candles burn throughout the service, and as the benediction is given, Brandon returns to the altar, lights the wick on the candlelighter, extinguishes the altar candles, and carries the flame to the back of the sanctuary, signifying that we are to carry the Holy Spirit out with us into the world. We hope to share that light with others throughout the week ahead and let it control the way we live out our witness.

The way Brandon serves is a witness for all of us. He is faithful, consistent, and respectful as he approaches and leaves the altar. We can see that he takes this job seriously. It's no surprise to me that he would do this job so well.

You may remember that Brandon wrote an essay about Frederick Douglass and was selected to help Maryland Governor O'Malley unveil Douglass' statue at the Talbot County Courthouse. He is now an eleven year old fifth grader at Whitmarsh Elementary who enjoys learning about the planets. He has a passion for the Titanic and recently showed me a detailed drawing he made of the ocean liner. Not only is he a good student, but Brandon also enjoys soccer, basketball, and riding his bike.

No wonder Brandon is so talented: his family is, too. And when I asked him why he does that acolyte job, he replied, "Because my sister and my dad did it, too." We are fortunate to have the Coleman family in our church. They all are talented and giving.

If you have a chance, have a conversation with Brandon. You will find he has much to share. And watch him as he lights the candles. The reverence with which he carries The Light is an inspiration and example for all of us. Thank you Brandon for framing our worship service with the Light of the Holy Spirit, for reminding us to carry The Light into the world, and for enriching our lives.



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

I want to thank all the Greeters and Ushers for January, February, and March. They all did a very good job. I am very happy with the way they do their job. God bless them.

### Greeters

April: Lib Slaughter and Ellen Whitby

May: Jayne Wesley and Estelle Slaughter

June: Drake and Elizabeth Ferguson

### Ushers

April: Ida Hickman and Lib Slaughter

May: Jayne Wesley and Estelle Slaughter

June: Drake and Elizabeth Ferguson

### **HIGHLIGHTS OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL, MARCH 15, 2012**

- Church Usage Policy to be clarified at April meeting
- Pledged requested \$300 for new Pecometh Conference Center
- Discussed "Summer Youth Work Program" that our pastor has been asked to be a part of
- Next brown bag project for kitchen items; collection from May 6 to May 20
- Zumba Exercise group to use Fellowship Hall for 3 months
- Charles Adams to be inducted into the Order of St. Barnabus on May 11

April Meeting at 7 pm on Thursday, April 19

May Meeting a 7 pm on Thursday, May 17

(Meetings are held in Wesley Hall.)

**From "On Faith," at  
[washingtonpost.com/onfaith](http://washingtonpost.com/onfaith):**

**We need religious people who can see  
in people of all faiths—and people of  
no faith, too—the longings of the  
spirit.**

# April 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<i>1</i> <i>Palm Sunday</i> 8:45 am Faith 9:45 Sun. Sch. 11 Trappe	<i>2</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>4</i> Yard Sale 8:30-noon	<i>5</i> <i>Maundy Thursday Service 7 pm</i>	<i>6</i> <i>Cross Walk Noon</i>	<i>7</i> <i>Easter Egg Hunt</i>
<i>8</i> <i>Easter</i> <b>7 am Sunrise Service</b> 8:45 am Faith 9:45 Sun. Sch. 11 Trappe	<i>9</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>11</i> Yard Sale 8:30-noon  UMW 7 pm	<i>12</i> Choir Practice 7 pm	<i>13</i>	<i>14</i> Breakfast & Yard Sale 7:30 -10 am
<i>15</i> 8:45 am Faith 9:45 Sun. Sch. 11 Trappe	<i>16</i>	<i>17</i>	<i>18</i> Yard Sale 8:30-noon	<i>19</i> Admin Council 7 pm	<i>20</i>	<i>21</i>
<i>22</i> 8:45 am Faith 9:45 Sun. Sch. 11 Trappe	<i>23</i>	<i>24</i>	<i>25</i> Yard Sale 8:30-noon	<i>26</i> Choir Practice 7 pm	<i>27</i>	<i>28</i> Breakfast & Yard Sale 7:30 -10 am
<i>29</i> 8:45 am Faith 9:45 Sun. Sch. 11 Trappe	<i>30</i>					



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13 8:45 am Faith 9:45 Sun. Sch. 11 Trappe Fellowship Celebration of Students	14	15	16 Yard Sale 8:30-noon	17 Choir Practice 7 pm	18	19
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27 8:45 am Faith 9:45 Sun. Sch. 11 Trappe	28 <i>Memorial Day</i>	29	30	31		

## Easter Symbols



There are many symbols used during the Easter week and throughout the year that remind Christians of the original Easter events and their meaning. See if you can match the symbols below with their meaning.

(Answers will appear in the April 7 bulletin.)

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|--------------------------------------|--|
| _____ 1. Eggs                        | a. Light of Christ   |
| _____ 2. Egg shape                   | b. The moon: date of Easter depends on the full moon; also fertility, new life |
| _____ 3. Candles                     | c. Royalty   |
| _____ 4. Easter lilies               | d. The tomb  |
| _____ 5. Narcissus                   | e. Purity  |
| _____ 6. Empty cross                 | f. The life of Jesus   |
| _____ 7. Palm branches               | g. Eastre (Anglo-Saxon: goddess of Spring)                                     |
| _____ 8. Bunny                       | h. Death followed by new life  |
| _____ 9. Easter hats and new clothes | i. Spring  |
| _____ 10. Lamb                       | j. Christ  |
| _____ 11. Pretzel                    | k. Suffering; victory over death; Christianity                                 |
| _____ 12. Hot cross buns             | l. Rebirth; new life; spring   |
| _____ 13. Empty altar on Good Friday | m. Raindrop (spring showers) or seed   |
| _____ 14. Baby animals               | n. Life after death  |
| _____ 15. Rock                       | o. Welcoming Jesus to Jerusalem  |
| _____ 16. Flowers grown from bulbs   | q. Prayer  |
| _____ 17. Yellow                     | p. Spring (Greek myth: Demeter's daughter picked this)                         |
| _____ 18. Purple                     | r. New life offered through Jesus' resurrection                                |
| _____ 19. Butterfly                  | s. Jesus' death  |
| _____ 20. Easter                     | t. Sacrifice   |

