



Tidings April/May 2014

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PASTOR'S PIECE

In our Lenten Bible Study this year, we are using Adam Hamilton's book, *Final Words From The Cross*. We are looking at the seven statements Jesus made while dying on the cross. In this article, I am going to focus on the first word: "Then Jesus said, 'Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing.'" (Luke 23:34a, NRSV). Here is Jesus, beaten, bloodied, bruised, and in excruciating pain from being nailed to the cross and the first words he speaks are of forgiveness. Stop for a moment and let this sink in. Tortured, ridiculed, rejected, and hung up to die in front of everyone and Jesus speaks of forgiveness.

Who was he asking God to forgive? The soldiers who beat him? The Israelites who rejected him and shouted, "Crucify him!"? The religious leaders who felt threatened by him? The thieves hanging beside him? The crowd watching and taunting him? The disciples who ran away in fear? The answer to all these questions is yes. But they were not the only ones that Jesus was asking God to forgive. Adam Hamilton writes: "But there is someone else included in Jesus' prayer, someone for whom Jesus was pleading from the cross for God's mercy to be extended: *We* are among the 'them' Jesus was praying for as he said, 'Father, forgive *them*; for they do not know what they are doing.'...He was offering himself to God his Father as an offering of atonement. In this moment he was both the High Priest pleading for atonement for the human race and the offering itself. This sacrificial act was for those who had come before and for those who would come after just as much as for those who heard his words that day." (pp. 19-20)

Jesus was praying for our forgiveness and is calling us to learn to forgive just as He did. The forgiveness that Jesus prayed for came at a great cost and a lot of pain. Must be why it is so hard for us to offer forgiveness to others. I know for myself, that when I realize that I have caused someone pain through something I said or did my heart begins to break. It hurts. Yet, there is this very human element that slips in and tries to justify the grudge I am carrying. I try to ease the pain by justifying to myself the grudge I am feeling. It is not until I either give forgiveness for a wrong committed against me or ask for forgiveness for a wrong I caused that I can find healing and an easing of the pain in my heart.

Through the music that Dan has chosen for our new Praise & Worship service, I have been introduced to the music of Matthew West. Matthew wrote and sings a song called, *Forgiveness*. I think he best expresses how we are to try to offer others the same forgiveness Christ offers us and that we cannot truly forgive without the help of the Holy Spirit. Here is what he wrote.

Forgiveness

*It's the hardest thing to give away
And the last thing on your mind today
It always goes to those who don't deserve*

*It's the opposite of how you feel
When the pain they caused is just too real
It takes everything you have to just say the word...*

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ONGOING CALENDAR*

1st, 2nd & 4th Thurs

Senior Choir Practice

2nd & 4th Saturdays

Breakfast and Yard Sale

2nd Sundays

Fellowship following 11:00

Worship

2nd Wednesdays

UMW Meeting

UMM Meeting

3rd Thursdays

Administrative Council

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PASTOR'S POOCH

As the New Year started, so did the new monthly Praise & Worship Service. Mom usually listens to a CD of the music to be used at each service when we are riding in the car. I really like the music, as does Mom. She says that so far, there has been an increase in people attending each service. That is really cool. I hope more will come out and experience this service that uses a more contemporary style of music.

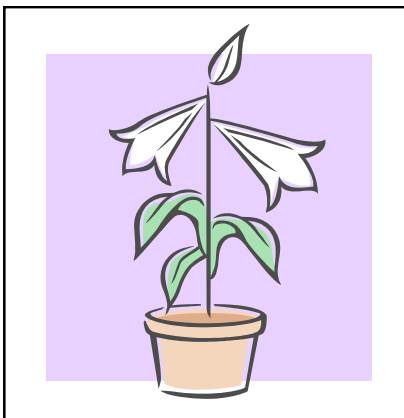
The churches once again prepared a dinner for St. Patrick's Day. Even though it snowed, folks still came out to eat. Even though Mr. Dan cooked up a storm (no pun intended), it is still hard to know how much to prepare. Mom said she couldn't bring me home a piece of corned beef because they sold out. That is good news for the church and sad news for my stomach. I know from other dinners that Mr. Dan is a good cook. Maybe we ought to sign him up for the show "Chopped" or for a corned beef throw-down with Bobby Flay.

On Fridays during Lent, Mom is out of the house and headed over to Trappe UMC to set up for the weekly prayer vigil and to pray. The church is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. for people to come and pray. Mom puts up a list of suggested topics to pray about but of course everyone is free to pray for anyone or anything else on their heart. The reason for having the vigil throughout Lent is encouraging folks to give up something (some time to come to the church) and take on a spiritual discipline (prayer).

Mom told me that Trappe UMC will have some special visitors on April 13 for worship and fellowship afterwards. The residents of the Board of Child Care Denton Facility will be coming over to worship with us. These are young men who have encountered some situations in their lives that makes it best for them to be away from their families. The goal is to be able to reunite the boys and their families in a healthier relationship. The Board of Child Care is a ministry of the United Methodist Church that began in the Baltimore-Washington Conference and been supported by the Peninsula-Delaware Conference as well. It will be so nice to be able to spend some time with these young men.

Although I enjoyed getting to run and play in the snow we had this winter, I am looking forward to warmer days. Warmer days means Mom will open the inside front door so that I can watch the world go by through the glass door. It is so much fun sitting in the sun and watching people walk down the street or birds fly by. So keep an eye out when you go by the parsonage and I just might wave my paw at you.

Woof! Woof!
Scamp



Easter Week Events

Sunday, April 13: Palm Sunday: Denton Board of Child Care will be our guests—Fellowship following 11 am service.

Thursday, April 17: Maundy Thursday Service, 7 pm at Scotts UMC

Friday, April 18: Seven Last Words of Christ, 6 pm at Trappe UMC

Easter, April 20: Sunrise Service, 7 am, followed by regular services at Faith (8:45 am) and Trappe (11 am).

All are welcome at these events—come remember the Sacrifice and the Celebration!

PASTOR'S PIECE (CONTINUED)

*Forgiveness
Forgiveness*

*It flies in the face of all your pride
It moves away the mad inside
It's always anger's own worst enemy
Even when the jury and the judge
Say you gotta right to hold a grudge
It's the whisper in your ear saying 'Set It Free'*

*Forgiveness, Forgiveness
Forgiveness, Forgiveness*

*Show me how to love the unlovable
Show me how to reach the unreachable
Help me now to do the impossible*

Forgiveness, Forgiveness

*Help me now to do the impossible
Forgiveness*

*It'll clear the bitterness away
It can even set a prisoner free
There is no end to what it's power can do
So, let it go and be amazed
By what you see through eyes of grace
The prisoner that is really freed is you*

*Forgiveness, Forgiveness
Forgiveness, Forgiveness*

*Show me how to love the unlovable
Show me how to reach the unreachable
Help me now to do the impossible
Forgiveness*

*I want to finally set it free
So show me how to see what Your mercy sees
Help me now to give what You gave to me
Forgiveness, Forgiveness
(CD: Into the Light)*

In this season of Lent, may we all experience the healing of forgiveness that will allow us to truly celebrate the Risen Christ on Easter.

Grace and peace,
Pastor Maleia

TRAPPE UMC NURSERY SCHOOL: A NOTE FROM THE EDITOR

A number of years ago, Joan Adams and Chris Eareckson started a nursery school at our church. Many people helped get things started, and we continued offering a quality program into the 1990's. That means a lot of three and four-year olds began their school journeys here. We thought it might be fun to find out where some of those students have ended up—and it lets the church know how much we contributed to our community and this world as we surrounded the little ones with love and care. On the next page, Miss Diana has an article about her time with the nursery school and some of her students. We hope you enjoy hearing about them!

I know I had a great deal of fun taking my little girls to “school,” and then later as Director, it was terrific to watch the students grow and learn. I want to take this opportunity to once again thank everyone who helped in so many ways over the years with nursery school, as well as the parents and families who shared their children with us.

If you would like to share memories or tell us where some of our former students are and what they are doing now, please email me at cswsewell@gmail.com or call me at 410-476-3000, and we will include that information in future issues of *The Tidings*.



SATURDAY NIGHT PRAISE AND WORSHIP SERVICE AT TUMC

Make a joyful noise unto the Lord!

The order of the Praise and Worship Service:

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



Please join us on the fourth Saturdays, April 26 and May 24 at 7 pm in Wesley Hall.

WHERE ARE THEY NOW? By Diana Bojko

Trappe UM Nursery School existed several years before I became a teacher/director there. When I was hired the church pastor was Dale Evans, and after he was transferred, Pastor Hank Charlton came on the scene. Both pastors played an active role in the everyday operations of the school, as did Cathy Sewell, who was director when I was hired. Later when Cathy's responsibilities at Chesapeake College increased, she turned the position to me.

The time spent at school and the planning at home was a wonderful experience for me after having been a full time housewife and mother to our 3 sons. I love children and watching the progress of each little one from September to May was a delight. Some of these little ones are now parents, and I enjoy so much receiving graduation and birth announcements from them

Last year I attended the wedding of Julie Baynard, who was in both the threes and fours classes. Julie earned a BS from Salisbury University and is now pursuing her Masters in Biology from Towson University. She uses her education working at Horn Point in the oyster hatchery. She and hubby Matt Trommater reside in Trappe.

Julie's cousin Nick Baynard also resides in Trappe after graduation from Wyotech in Pennsylvania with a degree in Motorsports Chassis Fabrication & Collision Refinishing Technology. He works at Crystal Signs and has a special girlfriend.

Patrick Cooney now resides in Rhode Island after graduating from Fairfield University with a degree in Sociology. Patrick works as an inventory Control Clerk and plans to pursue his MBA in Business. He spends his spare time skiing, strumming his guitar, and enjoying his little brother Jordan.

Patrick's sister Briana is a junior studying Biology at Clark University in Massachusetts. Brianna love animals and will probably remain in pre-health studies, possibly veterinary school. She volunteers at a low-cost animal clinic and loves every minute of it. She also works in a lab where she is doing research on three-spined stickleback fish. Brianna is a Big Sister through the Big Sister Program.

Jacob Shores graduated from Virginia Tech where he studied history and leadership. Now he is studying at Radford for a graduate degree in criminal justice. On May 9 he will be commissioned 2nd Lieutenant and then will report to Alabama for flight training. He plans to make Army his career. Jacob is smashingly handsome in his uniform.

Jacob's sister Savannah is attending St. Francis University in Pennsylvania after being recruited to play hockey for them. She is studying nursing and hopes to become a labor/delivery room nurse. Later she may pursue advanced studies to become a NICU nurse.

Samantha Asmussen attended Old Dominion University on a ROTC scholarship where she studied psychology and Military Leadership. Graduate studies at Fayetteville have earned her a Masters in social work. She is presently a Lieutenant/Social Worker in the US Navy and will soon be stationed in Pearl Harbor, Hawaii. Samantha met her husband Shawn Penney when he served in the Marines, and they married in 2012. They have two dogs and two cats. Samantha was recently featured in the video [navy.com/behind the ribbons](http://navy.com/behind-the-ribbons) that promoted social work in the Navy.

The Endzel family wins the award for having 3 children at Trappe Nursery School. Douglas is now 20, married, with two beautiful children, and the owner of Chesapeake Lawn & Garden Services. Justin is 26, a graduate of Easton High School, and employed by Dixie Company. Megan graduated from EHS and Chesapeake College. She will graduate this spring from Salisbury University with degrees in Finance and Management. She is employed at Shore Bancshares, Inc. in the Loan Department. Megan will marry Paul Callahan in June.

There are certainly many more successful young people who had their beginnings at Trappe but many could not be contacted for lack of addresses. It was a privilege to work at the nursery school, and I am grateful for Cathy Sewell and the encouragement she gave me over the years.



EASTER LILIES

Dear Church Friends,

We will be placing lilies in the church on Easter Sunday as a way to honor someone or remember someone special in our lives. If you wish to place a lily in the church for Easter, please fill out the form below and give it to Barbara Coleman/Elizabeth Myers OR place it in the offering plate in church before April 13, 2014. The cost of a lily is \$6.50. Please make your check payable to Trappe UMC and mark it for lilies.

Sincerely,

Barbara Coleman

Elizabeth Myers

EASTER LILY ORDER FORM

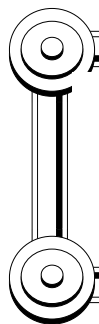
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Number of plants _____ Total Amount _____

Donor's Name _____

Circle one: In Memory of (for those not living)

In Honor of: (for those living)



Tidings

Next *Tidings* deadline: May 15
Next Edition for June, July, and August published
the end of May. News needed for all summer events.



GREETERS AND USHERS by Ellen Whitby, Head Usher

I want to thank the greeters and ushers for February and March. I want to thank Mary Rae Adams for taking over for me when I was sick. Also, I want to thank everyone for their cards and prayers.

Greeters and Ushers for April: Charmel Hickman and Libby Slaughter

Greeter and Ushers for May: Jane Giest and Debbie Howard

God bless everyone,
Ellen



ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS: MARCH 20 MEETING

- The District Apportionments for Trappe UMC (2014) have been paid in full--\$528.
- Rev. Rust announced these activities for Easter Week:
 - Maundy Thursday (Apr. 17) Service, 7 pm at Scotts UMC
 - Service of Seven Last Words, 6 pm at Trappe UMC
 - Sunrise Service, 7 am on Easter
- The St. Patrick's Day Dinner was a sell-out, raising over \$600. The Council voted to give Faith half the funds and the Sunday School the other half.
- Board of Child Care students and personnel from the Denton Facility will attend the Palm Sunday (April 13) 11 am service and stay for the Fellowship afterwards. Garden supplies are being collected to give to them—seeds, fertilizer, gardening tools, etc. Check with the pastor to see what is needed.
- Kirby Metz is the new Finance Chairman and can sign checks, as well as the treasurer.

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.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

Want to know more about the Bible? Want to find out how to deal with life's ups and downs? Want to be part of a group that is learning and having fun? Come to Sunday School. We have classes for all ages that meet from 9:45 to 10:45 am each Sunday:

- ◆ Senior Adult Class led by Charles Adams in the Sanctuary,
- ◆ Adult Class led by class members in the Evelyn O. Carter Room, and
- ◆ Children's Class led by Nancy Dunn and Sarah Sewell in the Children's room across from the EO Carter Room.

Nancy Dunn is currently the Chairman of Christian Education. If you have questions, see Nancy or any of the teachers. New classes can be formed to meet different needs or if the classes grow too large.

We also have a Youth Group meeting the second Saturday of each month upstairs in Asbury Hall. They are a growing, learning, fun group, too. All Youths in the Trappe area are welcome.