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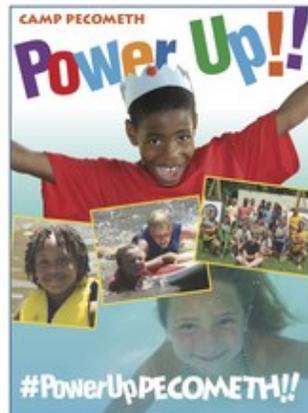
TRAPPE/FAITH CHAPEL NEWSLETTER
APRIL AND MAY 2015



MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

Did you know that the Peninsula Delaware Conference of the United Methodist Church has an awesome camp and retreat center that offers a wide array of day and overnight summer camp programs for children and youth? Summer camp provides a unique opportunity for children and youth to connect with creation and to explore their faith in a fun and encouraging outdoor environment.

Now is the perfect time to begin planning for summer fun! Pecometh Camp & Retreat Ministries partners with over 400 churches of the Peninsula Delaware Conference of The United Methodist Church to provide camps, retreats and outdoor programs to persons of all ages and from all walks of life. Pecometh has operated continuously since 1946 on the Chester River near Centreville, Maryland. We are a place where people play, learn and grow for a lifetime. This year's summer camp theme is:



How will a week at Camp Pecometh help campers to **Power Up**?

Fun: non-stop camp activities are filled with excitement, joy and laughter.

Faith: campers learn about themselves and their relationship with God.

Friendship: living in Christian community helps campers make fast friends, some that last for a lifetime.

Fresh Air: the outdoor focus helps campers appreciate God's Creation and their place in it.

Freedom: campers frequently say camp is the only place they can be themselves; they develop confidence and independence.

Start planning to POWER UP with a week of camp now!

To learn more go to <http://www.pecometh.org/>

Pastor Mary Catherine



ONGOING CALENDAR

1st, 2nd & 4th Thurs

Senior Choir Practice

2nd & 4th Saturdays

Breakfast and Yard Sale

2nd Saturdays

Youth Group 6:30

2nd Sundays

Fellowship following 11:00

Worship

2nd Wednesdays

UMW Meeting

UMM Meeting

3rd Thursdays

Administrative Council

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ANNUAL CHARGE CONFERENCE by John Sewell

Trappe/Bruceville Charge Conference for 2014 was held on Tuesday, January 27, 2015, at 7:00 PM after being postponed from January 21, 2015, by snow. Those in attendance were Easton District Superintendent Rev. Gary Moore; Rev. Mary Catherine Miller; Dan Gustafson, Faith Chapel Lay Leader; Anne Gustafson; Charles Adams; Mary Rae Adams; Jane Brooks, Ad. Council Chair; Nancy Dunn; Charlotte Edwards; Charmel Hickman; Russell Leonard; Elizabeth Slaughter; and John Sewell, Trappe Lay Leader.

Rev. Moore opened the conference with a message from Luke. Why wait to go out into the world to walk with the Lord after asking for repentance? It may not be as easy as the 'Staples Easy Button,' but the steps are clear: Wait... to be clothed with the Spirit... Pray... Discern... then go out with the Lord.

Rev. Miller presented the Pastor's Report which included what the first half of her year with us has been like and then how the churches may see God's vision for the Charge continuing to strengthen and grow. She mentioned the need for others to become involved in the leadership of the ministries and administration of the two churches on our Charge.

The other reports given were the Trustees Reports and Financial Reports of both churches. The Lay Leadership (Nominations) Report was presented with additions and approved by vote. The Lay Servants were approved by vote.

The Charge Conference was ended with a closing prayer and with a positive feeling about the church year ahead for Trappe and Faith Chapel United Methodist Churches.



EASTER WEEK SCHEDULE

Mark your calendar for meaningful worship experiences:

March 29: Palm Sunday Services—8:45 am at Faith

11 am at Trappe

April 2: Maundy Thursday Service—7 pm

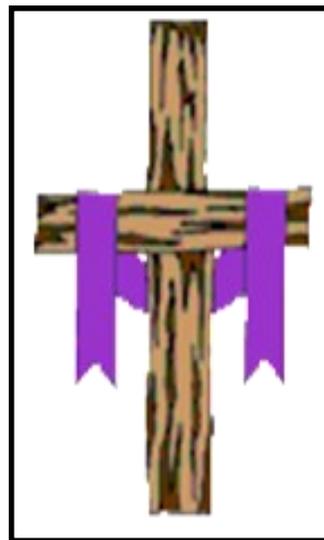
April 3: Tenebrae Service—7 pm

April 5: Easter Services—7 am Sunrise Service in the

garden at Trappe

8:45 am at Faith

11 am at Trappe



FASHION SHOW AND TEA PARTY: PICTURES BY CHRISTIE EDWARDS



Mary Rae Adams and Friends enjoying tea.



Joyce Leonard and Kathy Green



Bo Nelson providing music



Middle left: Brenda Handleman modeling

Middle right: Mary Wilson brings Downtown Abbey to Trappe

Lower left: Sister Act

Lower right: Shopping

THE EARLY HISTORY OF TRAPPE UM CHURCH AND THE BOLINGBROKE CONNECTION by Robert Crowell

In his *History of Lebanon M. E. Church 1812-1912*, Rev. John C. B. Hopkins wrote, "The Society of Methodists was organized in Trappe about 1781, just eight years after the first Methodist Conference was held in America". 1781 also appears to be the date for the organization of the Talbot Circuit of the Methodist Church. Bishop Thomas Coke recorded in his journal, "In this vicinity, in which Trappe, Maryland, is located, a Dr. Allen was the leader in one of the earliest societies, from which **Bolingbroke Chapel** took its name". Coke recorded in his journal under December 6, 1874,

I preached this day at noon at a place called *Bolingbroke*. Our chapel is situate in a neighboring forest. I had this morning a great escape in crossing a broad ferry. After setting off, *Harry* persuaded me to return back and leave our horses behind us, to be sent after me the next day, on account of the violence of the wind. One of the ferrymen, of that dangerous ferry, (who, I suppose, owns the boat) is half a methodist; and he therefore supplied us with a couple of horses to *Bolingbroke*, which is about seven miles from the ferry: and one William Frazer carried me in his carriage from *Bolingbroke* to Dr. Allen's.

E. C. Hallman wrote in *The Garden of Methodism* "We are not certain as to when the church was built, but it was in existence by 1784, in that we have record that on Dec. 6th of that year, Bishop Coke preached and administered the sacraments".

So just where was this place called *Bolngbroke*, where was **Bolingbroke Chapel**, and what is its connection to the present day Trappe UM Church? *Bolingbroke Creek* runs from the Choptank River northward toward the village of Barber (also known as Hughlett and Manassas), but never quite reached Barber. *Bolingbroke Neck* is generally the lands on both sides of Chancler's Point Rd. from Barber to Chancler's Point. There is no record of any town or village named Bolingbroke. We know that Bolingbroke Chapel was about seven miles from the ferry at Cambridge which leaves several possibilities knowing that some present day roads had not yet been constructed.

Local tradition has a small church located on the west side of Chancler's Pt. Rd. Just north of Money Make Rd. Could this have been Bolingbroke Chapel? A small cemetery survives there but the mid-19th century dates on the stones suggest that this was a more recent church. Apparently this church was moved to Barber and became a shop. It was likely not a Methodist church and probably short lived as it does not appear on maps showing other known churches.

Some remember the remains of a church, at Barber. That church was *Emory Chapple*, also known as "Emory ME Church, Bolingbroke", and "the church at Bolingbroke" – *Bolingbroke* being the location and not part of the church's name. Some records from the church survive along with land deed records. Emory Chapple, likely named for Bishop John Emory, existed from the mid-19th century to the first decade of the 20th century and it appears that some historians writing about the early churches in Trappe may have mistaken it for the 1784 Bolingbroke Chapel. In 1901 the Rev. Floyd Bloxton was pastor of Emory Chapple and Lebanon ME Church, Trappe, making Emory Chapple part of our church family but it clearly was not, and did not evolve directly from, Bolingbroke Chapel.

Trinity M. E. Church, a Southern Methodist Congregation, acquired land on May 22, 1867 at the west side of town and established a church. Around 1940 Trinity ME Church merged its congregation with that of the Lebanon ME Church (northern Methodist), becoming known as the Trappe Methodist Church. The Trinity building was sold and burned around 1954. Like Emory Chapple and the unnamed church on Chancler's Point Rd, Trinity ME Church was much more recent than Bolingbroke Chapel. Faith Chapel at Burceville was a Southern Methodist Congregation associated with Trinity M. E. Church.

Several missing pieces of the puzzle have been discovered and the location of Bolingbroke Chapel and what happened to it now seem clear. The first clue is in a 1771 land transfer of a parcel called *Abbington*, "lying between the road that leads from Island Creek Neck to the Church, and the road that leads from Bullingbroke to the Church..... on the upper side of the *seven mile stone*". This seems to place the seven mile stone, and "the church" in or near the center of Trappe. Could this mean that Bolingbroke Chapel was in Trappe and not in Bolingbroke neck?

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THE EARLY HISTORY OF TRAPPE UM CHURCH AND THE BOLINGBROKE CONNECTION

by Robert Crosswell

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The second clue is a 1784 deed from Jesse Mullikin to the Trustees of the ME Church at Trappe. That land was once a part of Yorks Destruction all of which was north of Barber Road. The lot was considerably larger than the present Trappe UM Church lot and was later subdivided. Could the Methodists have built TWO- churches in 1784 – one in Bolingbroke Neck, and one in Trappe? That seems highly unlikely.

The third and most important clue, as strange as it may seem, involves the 1661 division of Talbot County as described in, *From Pot Pie to Hell and Damnation: An Illustrated Gazetteer of Talbot County* by Laurence G. Claggett; Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum; St. Michaels, Md. 2004.

Geographically, Talbot County was divided into early administrative districts called "hundreds." Each hundred had its own constable for keeping the peace and other duties. The term is Anglo-Saxon in origin and was used to describe a circumscribed geographic area that could produce 100 soldiers. In 1661 the nine original hundreds included:

1. Bay; 2. **Bollingbroke**; 3. Island; 4. Kent Island; 5. Lower; 6. Mill; 7. Third Haven; 8. Tuckahoe; 9. Worrell. Following the partition of Queen Annes County in 1707, Talbot County retained seven hundreds: 1. Bay; 2. **Bollingbroke**; 3. Island; 4. Kings' Creek; 5. Mill; 6. Third Haven; 7. Tuckahoe.

In 1784 Trappe, and much of the southern half of Talbot Co., was a part of "Bolingbroke Hundred", and Maple Avenue (East Street) and Powell Avenue (which did not exist at that time), were indeed a part of Bolingbrook and near the seven mile stone which is apparently lost to time. The present Trappe United Methodist Church building, also known as Lebanon ME Church, is the second or possibly the third church building at this location. The first was almost certainly **Bolingbroke Chapel**.

Rev. Hopkins' *History of Leabon M. E. Church 1812 – 1912* (see 173rd Anniversary of TUMC), and the records of Emory Chapple may be viewed on our church website www.tfcumc.org

ST. PATRICK'S DAY DINNER REPORT

Praise the Lord!

Thanks to the generosity of the Trappe community for a successful St. Patrick's Day dinner that served 85 folks! With expenses paid there were enough proceeds raised to support two camperships at Pecometh this summer! Meal was well received and the fellowship was grand as the Lord provided us a beautiful day!

Blessings to all who helped out with this wonderful event.

Nancy, Brenda, Charlotte, and Dan



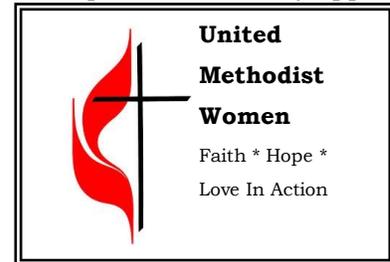
The "Valuable Trash" Collection will be distributed after April 20!

Please continue to save Box Tops for Education for White Marsh Elementary School in Trappe and Labels for Education for Board of Child Care Eastern Shore in Denton BCCES in Denton.

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN by Charlotte Edwards

The United Methodist Women had a Tea and Fashion Show on January 31. It was great fun and a true respite from our cold, dreary winter. The tables were beautifully arranged and set with glassware loaned to us by Marlana Groves. We served small, delicious sandwiches and fancy desserts. There were a variety of teas and teapots. The fashion show featured clothing chosen from Martha's Closet. Our lovely models were Mary Wilson, Brenda Handleman, Wilma Miller, Kaitlyn Miller, Megan Murphy, and Holly Turlington. They were all smiles and energy. We thank everyone who donated food and time to help us. We certainly appreciate Elizabeth Ferguson, our MC, Bo Nelson for his piano selections, and Joyce Leonard for modeling an amazing muskrat coat made by Pauline Dickerson. It was a lovely afternoon.

We are now planning Everybody's Birthday in April, our Hospice donations, and continuing our regular meetings on the second Wednesday of the month. We join the United Methodist Men for a covered dish meal and then hold our meetings these evenings. All are welcome.



YOUTH GROUP by Christy Edwards

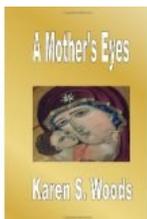
The youth group has a new cook! Her name is Charlotte Edwards. The children love her brownies and cupcakes. Since Charlotte has relieved my duty as cook, I have been able to prepare crafts for the children to make. My own, mom, Linda Hutson, from Bozman, has agreed to help the children carry out the craft during youth group. This frees me up further to DJ the music, which they enjoy so much. Those who don't do the craft, play ping pong or other table games. If anyone is interested in donating a second ping pong table or a pool table, it would be a blessing to the children. I can't wait to be able to get back outside with them. They are a bundle of energy. Thanks to all who worked on the St. Patty's Day dinner to help raise money to send the youth group children to camp. As always we appreciate your support.



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Next *Tidings* deadline: **May 15**
Next Edition for **June, July, and August** published
at the end of May.

LIBRARY NEWS by Charlotte Edwards



There are two more books in our library inventory. One has actually been passed along to many in our congregation. (Many thanks to Ida for bringing it to our attention.) This book is a journey through Mary's life after she has met the angel Gabriel. See her life, her Son, and His church through *A Mother's Eyes*. It is written by Karen S. Woods, and is a great supplement to our Advent Bible Study, *Not a Silent Night*. It gives a lot of perspective to many of our discussions. It also truly resonates all our Easter messages. A very interesting and insightful read.

Our second book was written for young adults but will be enjoyed by all. It's called *Matilda's Bone* by Karen Cushman. It is a novel of medieval times. An orphan at an early age, is apprenticed to a bone setter. She has been raised by servants and educated by a priest, and had to live by every letter of every law known to the manor. She was definitely adrift in "Blood and Bone Alley." She slowly realizes that becoming attached to people may take her mind from heaven, but she is learning to live in God's world and to love people.



Happy Reading!

EASTER LILIES

Dear Church Friend,

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 Ken/Elizabeth Myers, John/Sarah Sewell OR place it in the offering plate in church before March 29, 2015. The cost of a lily is \$6.00. Please make your check payable to Trappe UMC and mark it for lilies.

Sincerely,
Elizabeth Myers

EASTER LILY ORDER FORM

If you wish to place a lily in the church for Easter, please fill in the information below and give to Ken/Elizabeth Myers, John/Sarah Sewell, OR place it in the offering plate with your payment of \$6.00 each by March 29, 2015.

Please make your check payable to Trappe UMC and mark it Lilies.

Number of plants _____ Total Amount _____

Donor's Name _____

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

In Honor of: (for those living)

ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS: MARCH 19, 2015

- Red Stocking collection, \$176, was sent to the Board of Child Care.
- A number of requests for help from the Emergency Fund were met during the winter. Please consider making a donation to build up the Fund.
- Approximately 85 dinners were served at the St. Patrick's Day Dinner, and the profit was \$591 to benefit scholarships for campers to go to Pecometh this summer.
- The 2015 apportionments were set at \$5000, \$3000 of which have already been paid.
- A Garden Work Day is set for Saturday, April 18, at 9:00 am. Volunteers are needed.
- The Special Gifting for the second quarter will be supplies for the Country Breakfast. The collection runs from April 18 through May 17.
- Talbot Interfaith Shelter is seeking help from anyone interested in volunteering at the Shelter. For more information, see Pastor Mary Catherine or Jane Brooks.

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.

5 THINGS SMALL CHURCHES CAN UNIQUELY OFFER...RIGHT NOW

The following is an excerpt posted by B Gosden on Jan 29, 2015 in [Leadership, The Church](#). Read the full article at <http://mastersdust.com/2015/01/29/5-things-small-churches-can-uniquely-offer-right-now/>

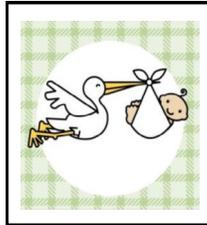
1. **Inter-generational Ministry.**
2. **Welcome special needs persons and families with special needs children.**
3. **More people can help lead worship.**
4. **More focus on community outreach.**
5. **Offer a family feel to others.**

The small church can offer something that might get lost in a large church where people don't always know one another by name — you can actually be a part of a family. . . . In our best moments, it's an expression of true love extended to anyone searching for a community who will love them enough to never let them go. Family is tough and it's messy. But it's also very beautiful. And so is small church ministry.

A Challenge from **Tidings**: List the 5 ideas above on a sheet of paper. Write down at least one item for each that we are doing right now. Then list at least one idea for something new we can do in each area. Send your list to Cathy at cswsewell@gmail.com The results will appear in the next edition. Who knows what great ideas we might come up with!

Births, Weddings, and Other Celebrations

We would like to include births, weddings, and other celebrations in future editions of **Tidings**, but we need your help. Please send information to the editor, Cathy Sewell, at cswsewell@gmail.com by the 15th of the month to have your information included.



WELCOME
LAURA ELIZABETH MYERS
MARCH 16, 2015

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES



Happy Anniversary!

MARTHA'S CLOSET

Trappe: \$67,771.40

Faith : \$63,547.50

Total 1998 to present \$131,318.90

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

April 2015

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

			1 Martha's Closet 8-12 pm Lenten Bible Study 7 pm	2 Holy Thursday Service 7 pm	3 Good Friday Tenebrae Service 7 pm	4
5 Easter Trappe Sunrise Service 7 am Faith Chapel 8:45 Sunday School 9:45 Trappe 11	6	7	8 Martha's Closet 8-12 pm UMW/UMM 6 pm	9 Choir 7 pm	10	11 Country Breakfast 7-10:30 am PPR 10 am Attic Youth 6:30 pm
12 Faith Chapel 8:45 Sunday School 9:45 Trappe 11 am Fellowship 12 pm	13	14	15 Martha's Closet 8-12 pm	16 Administrative Council 7 pm	17	18 Garden Work Day 9 am-12 pm
19 Faith Chapel 8:45 Sunday School 9:45 Trappe 11 am	20	21	22 Martha's Closet 8-12 pm	23 Choir 7 pm	24	25 7-10:30 am Country Breakfast Trustees 10 am
26 Faith Chapel 8:45 Sunday School 9:45 Trappe 11 am	27	28	29	30	Notes:	



May 2015

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

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3 Faith Chapel 8:45 Sunday School 9:45 Trappe 11 am Youth Recognition Fellowship 12 pm	4	5	6 Martha's Closet 8-12 pm	7 National Day of Prayer Choir 7 pm	8	9 Country Breakfast 7-10:30 am Finance Budget Review 10 am Attic Youth 6:30 pm
10 Mothers Day Faith Chapel 8:45 Sunday School 9:45 Trappe 11 am	11	12	13 Martha's Closet 8-12 pm UMW/UMM 6 pm	14 Ascension Day Choir 7 pm	15	16
17 Faith Chapel 8:45 Sunday School 9:45 Trappe 11 am	18	19	20 Martha's Closet 8-12 pm	21 Administrative Council 7 pm	22	23
24 Pentacost Faith Chapel 8:45 Sunday School 9:45 Trappe 11 am	25	26	27 Martha's Closet 8-12 pm	28 Choir 7 pm	29	30
31 Trinity Sunday Faith Chapel 8:45 Sunday School 9:45 Trappe 11 am	Notes:					

Real Churches Change and Grow!

Small Membership Church Seminar

with guest presenters **Rev. Dr. Lewis Parks & Pastor Mark Beidman**

This is a workshop for clergy and laity of any small membership church. Learn how your small church can spread God's grace to the masses in small, but mighty ways.

Union UMC, 2 N. Laws Street, Bridgeville, DE
Saturday April 18, 2015
9:00 a.m. — 3:00 p.m.

The Seminar's cost is \$25.00 per team
(up to 5 team members including pastor)

Please let Pastor Mary Catherine or Dan Gustafson know if you want to attend.