



Tidings

TRAPPE/FAITH CHAPEL NEWSLETTER
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MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Friends,

We hear all the time about the disruption in the economy and in life. Some people see it as a positive good that brings innovation to the economy; others experience it as disturbing the peace of their lives by taking away that which they once depended on for living. My grandfather raised a family on 135 acres of farm land. Today, it is only a small portion of land that one farmer tills. The fence rows are gone. The two community stores are gone. A different set of people now live in the houses that once were filled with farmer's children.

However, we feel about it or have experienced it, disruption has caused all of us to reexamine how we understand our lives.

The Resurrection of Jesus by the Father is the most disruptive event and truth for our living. The difference with this disruption is that it only truly affects us if we chose to believe that Jesus is who he said he was. Our current societal disruptions have come to us without choice. The Resurrected Jesus stands at our doors and asks to enter. It is one thing for us to try to manage the chaos of our age; it is another to live in love like Jesus.

Amid our angers and societal disappointments, may we as followers of Jesus be Jesus to our families, communities and the world. 'He is Risen' is our call to stand in the midst of disruptive lives with the One who is the Peace.

See You in Church This Sunday!

Rev. Gary L. Moore

ONGOING CALENDAR

Thurs

Senior Choir Practice

2nd & 4th Saturdays

Breakfast and Yard Sale

2nd Sundays

Fellowship following

11:00

Worship

2nd Wednesdays

UMW Meeting

3rd Wednesdays:

Every other month

Administrative Council/Trustees

Meeting

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PRAYER FOR APRIL AND MAY

Lord God, in whom I find life, health, and strength, through whose gifts I am clothed and fed, through whose mercy I have been forgiven and cleansed, be for me guide, strength, Saviour, and Lord all the days of my life. I offer my prayers through Christ. Amen.



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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Easter Festivities: Saturday, April 15, 11 am **Parade** in Veterans Park followed by an **Easter Egg Hunt** at Trappe UM Church at noon

Maundy Thursday Service April 13, 6:30 pm

Sunrise Service in the Garden at Trappe UMC, April 16, 7 am, followed by coffee and donuts.

Easter Celebration Services: 8:45 (at Faith Chapel) and 11 am (at Trappe UMC)

Fellowship Tea after 11 am service May 21



ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL/TRUSTEES HIGHLIGHTS MARCH 2017

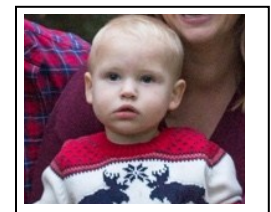
- Trappe, Scotts, and Faith Chapel UMC's Combined Ash Wednesday Service was well attended. The offering that evening will be donated to help with Opioid Addiction resources locally.
- The new Wesley Hall Kitchen exterior doors have been installed. Six leaking faucets have been replaced in the Church and Wesley Hall and under the budgeted amount. This will conserve water and save on the water bill. Church cleaning schedule has been implemented and a Wesley Hall cleaning schedule was approved. Wesley Hall painting was discussed which may be done in stages with the kitchen area perhaps completed first. This project will take precedence over the Wesley Hall roof replacement. Thanks to everyone for your regular support of the church, which has made these projects possible.
- Trappe and Faith Chapel UMC's Apportionment adjustments were granted.
- Our next Quarterly Giving will be resupplying the kitchen needs with collection on Sunday, April 9, 2017. A needs list will be supplied.
- Sunday School will be having an Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 15, 2017 at Noon. Donations of plastic eggs and individually wrapped candies are requested. No chocolate or chewing gum please.
- The PPRC Chair expressed our gratitude for all the talents Rev. Moore brings in service to God and our church.
- There are additional items of interest within the Christian Education and UMW reports.
- Next meeting: May 18, 6:30 pm

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

We have good news! Knox Bertrand has been attending Sunday School. Our room is full of fun and activity each week as Sarah manages to get a lesson and craft completed.

Please see the pictures of the St. Patrick's Day Dinner on page 7. Profits benefits Sunday School and VBS activities.

Please keep praying for our children and all the children in Trappe.



WELCOME KNOX!

Check out the Charge web site at <http://www.tfcumc.org>

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN by Leona Schmidt

The United Methodist Women usually hold their meetings the second Wednesday of the month at 6 pm at Trappe UMC. Each meeting we discuss various subjects on how to help our churches and missions.

Projects for the next few months include:

- **Soup Day** at the breakfast on April 8. Soups will include Chicken Taco Soup, Split Pea with Ham Soup, and Vegetable Soup. Biscuits will be provided with each soup purchase. Prices for a pint of soup will be \$3.00 and for a quart of soup, \$6.00.
- **Sunrise Service**, April 16 at 7 am. Light refreshments will be provided after the service. We hope to see you there to watch the sun come up and to hear the message provided.
- We will sponsor a **Fellowship Tea** on May 21 after the 11 am service in Trappe. This replaces the second Sunday Fellowship (the second Sunday in May is Mothers Day) and the annual Tea Party. More information will be provided in the bulletin or ask any of the UM Women.

June 14 will be our last meeting until September. We will have a catered dinner in Wesley Hall as in the past. Also David Heaton, a retired minister, will speak on missions in The Congo. We are considering a project involving Congo missions in the fall.

A memorial gift was made to the Music Fund in memory of Hilda Jane Groves Brooks. We do miss her. Thanks to everyone for all the support given to any of our projects this year.

Next Quarterly Giving: Resupply the Kitchen

Paper towels	toilet paper	bleach
Cinnamon	nutmeg	409 spray
Pam (no off brands)		
Hand soap (antibiotic, gallon size)		

Collection date: April 9

(See Jerry Adams for other items.)



WCS: Women's Society of Christian Service

Trivia Question:

What was the name of this group

MARTHA'S CLOSET by Elizabeth Ferguson

Martha's Closet has officially topped 150K. I made a mistake several Sundays ago and announced that prematurely. I was apparently anxiously to see that number and doubled sales earnings of a particularly good period. OOPS! I am so sorry for this faux pas.

Martha's Closet, our perpetual indoor yard sale, serves our charge and our community so well and has now earned. Shirley Adams and her volunteers, Charlotte Edwards, Diana Bojko, Debbie Asmussen, Joyce Leonard, Leona Schmidt, and Darlene McNeal, do a magnificent job faithfully week in and week out. I'm not sure I could get dressed without wearing some great find or another.

Thank you to those dedicated volunteers, and thank you to all who donate items. Without your donations, there would be no goods to sell. Finally thank you to our customers. Many return regularly to see what we have and then leave with bags full of treasures.

Martha's Closet

1998 to present

\$150,264



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

FROM THE THANK YOU BOX



Thank you to everyone who contributed to the
Community Memorial Service for
Hilda Jane A Groves Brooks.
Your support and kind words
were a wonderful tribute.

Thank you to the January and February breakfast cake bakers: Pat Hardin, Joyce Leonard, Brenda Handleman, and Janice Oakhill.

Thank You!

LIBRARY NEWS by Charlotte Edwards

Movie goers anyone? Now playing in theaters near you: **The Shack**. It is a powerful movie and lesson in faith, trust, love, forgiveness, and redemption. Now on DVD and often on TV is **Heaven Is for Real**. Both of these movies are the good Christian movies we always hope to see more. Both of the original books are in our library. Look for them on the shelves. Some people read the book and are excited when the movie comes out. Others see the movie and then read the book for further elaboration or explanation. Many people do both.

As we welcome Easter, we have several prominent books. **Seder Stories: Thoughts on Food, Family, and Freedom** by Nancy Rips is the Passover story told with thought provoking and funny anecdotes about this Jewish celebration.

A Mother's Eyes by Karen S. Woods is the story of Mary's life and message through the Crucifixion and her teaching in the years afterwards.

Another good book for the Easter season is the Readers Digest book, **After Jesus: The Triumph of Christianity**. It follows Paul and the disciples as they spread the Word. A story of early Christians and how they lived, it demonstrates God's plan in action.

The Very First Easter by Paul L. Maier is for all ages with very colorful illustrations. During family devotions, the parents tell their son the story of Easter. They answer the questions he raises as he hears the story. This is a great read-aloud for the whole family.

If anyone still has a VCR, we have some great videos. **The Robe** and **Ben Hur** are traditional at Easter for many of us. More DVDs that show faith in action would be nice to have and share through our church library.

A recent Facebook post said: "Reading gives us someplace to go when we have to stay where we are."



Hoppy Reading!

FLOWERS AND FELLOWSHIP by Elizabeth Ferguson

Anyone who wishes to provide flowers for the beatification of the church, the glory of God, or in remembrance of a loved one can simply pick the Sunday or Sundays they want and jot their name by that date on the Flower Chart in the back of the Trappe Church.

Fellowship is important, so our Second Sundays are prime times to get together and just hang out. To the right of the Flower Chart is a sign up sheet for these fellowship Sundays. You can make/buy whatever you want. The food is just an excuse to get together. It is easiest if you partner with one or two others - especially someone who knows a little of where things are in the kitchen. Don't hesitate to recruit folks and put together a fellowship. You'll probably be surprised at how quickly people say, "Yes!" You have fun doing it, get to know people better, and the clean up is even fun because people just jump in and help.

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES



Happy Anniversary!

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Next deadline for articles, etc., is May 15.

Next issue for **June, July and August** available at the end of May.

PERSEVERING PRAYER by Bishop Peggy A. Johnson

Jesus told a parable about a man who was in need of bread to serve some unexpected guests. The man went to the home of a neighbor and continually knocked on the door until the neighbor got up and gave him the bread he needed. Jesus concludes the parable by saying, "Ask and it shall be given to you, seek, and you will find; knock and it will be opened to you." (Luke 11:9). Does this mean if we ask enough times we will get the answer we want? Does this mean that God is a sleepy neighbor who will not respond to our needs until we nag him to the point of annoyance? Does this mean that everything we ask for will be granted like a celestial mail order house? The answer to all of these questions is "no." God loves us too much to allow our prayers to be answered in any way but in the best way. Though it is difficult to watch a tragedy and question why God does not intervene, the meaning of prayer has much to do with the "sifting of the wheat" of our souls during the process of prayer than the "getting" the answer we seek. It takes time to pray. Prayer is slow work, as is the molding and shaping of our wills to God's will. It takes time to pray and as we do, our prayers can come into alignment with God's will so that we pray in the Spirit of God, rather than our own human desires. It means that prayer needs to be a lot more listening and a lot less talking.

I often find myself on conference calls using a toll-free number to connect various callers onto one conversation. One of the rules of conference calls is to use the "mute" button when you are not talking so that background noise does not interfere with the conversation. When the "mute" button is pressed, your voice cannot be heard but you can listen. As we pray we need to put the "mute" button on and listen to what God is saying about the things we are praying about. God's perfect will sometimes is for us to wait, sometimes it is a different plan altogether, and sometimes the answer is "no." In the act of persevering prayer, we hear back from God. As we do we can often find that disappointment is an appointment to a better plan given to us by the loving hand of God who cares enough to give us the best answer.



Peggy A. Johnson

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I have been praying about something for a number of years, so this message about persevering prayer really touched me. I hope it encourages you to KEEP ON PRAYING!

THE EASTON DISTRICT CONFERENCE

On March 4, our pastor, Rev. Gary Moore, and our Lay Leader, John Sewell, travelled to St. Luke's UMC in Denton, MD, to attend the annual Easton District Conference led by our District Superintendent, Rev. Dr. Shirlyn H. Brown. The District Conference is much like our local yearly conference where accomplishments are shared, officers are installed, and we look to the year ahead.

At right, Rev. Moore and Mr. Sewell receive communion as part of the worship service. Attending these conferences not only keeps us informed, but also renews the Spirit. If you are interested in attending, let Rev. Moore know.



EVERYBODY'S BIRTHDAY



A table for each month



Delicious food

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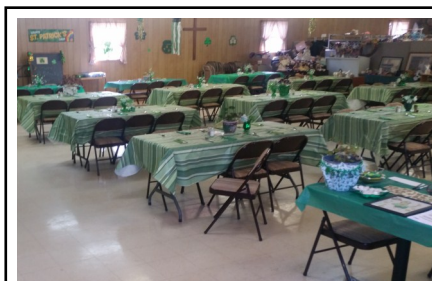
Birthday cakes galore!



ST. PATRICK'S DAY DINNER



Leprechauns, green decorations and good food!



Thanks to the hard work of many hands, we had a wonderful celebration on St. Patrick's Day. Over 80 people enjoyed the meals. The profit was \$561, which was deposited in the Sunday School account to support classes and Vacation Bible School.

Dan Gustafson, one of our chefs for a number of years, was missed, but the new team worked well together. We even had a few leprechauns join in to work their magic. (Pictured above are Jerry Adams and Bill Edwards.) Thanks to everyone who shared their time and talents!

