



# Tidings June, July, and August 2014

## TRAPPE/FAITH CHAPEL NEWSLETTER JUNE, JULY, AND AUGUST 2014



### PASTOR'S PIECE

I've been wondering for the past few days just how to start this article, as it is not an easy one to write. So, I decided to start with the words of Thomas S. McAnally, as found in the booklet: *Questions & Answers About The United Methodist Church*. In this booklet, McAnally, writes this about "itinerant" clergy or the "itineracy": "Historically, Methodism has had an 'itinerant' clergy, meaning that all clergypersons of the annual conference are subject to annual appointment by a bishop. **Being part of the itineracy means that a clergyperson is willing to go where sent. This system assures every pastor a church and every church a pastor.** It also matches the gifts and graces of an individual with the needs of a particular church or area of service." (p. 24)

Seven years ago, I itinerated to the Trappe-Bruceville Charge and began a journey in ministry that has been a great trip. Together, we have cried and laughed, rejoiced and encouraged. We have stood side-by-side in ministry and I hope you have felt that you have grown in your relationship with Jesus, as I feel I have grown. I have had the privilege to baptize, marry and lead services to celebrate a saint's life. I have never stopped being amazed at the generosity of spirit that I have been witness to in the many mission/outreach projects we have undertaken. It is so inspiring to see the people of God serving the people of God. As a project came to completion, I was always excited to see those bags and shoeboxes surrounding the altar railing.

I have seen and personally experienced your great outpouring of love and compassion. I cannot think of a better place to be and more caring people to surround me and Dad when Mom passed away. Your kindness helped me to be able to return to the pulpit and continue to proclaim the Good News of our Living Savior, Jesus Christ.

Now the time has come for me to itinerate again. I can leave here knowing I have been loved and I want you all to know that I love you. It has been a pleasure to be a part of this charge and community. I am going to miss the fellowship we shared after services, in meetings and at the Saturday morning breakfasts. It has also been a blessing to see the community come together in worship with our special services throughout the year. The joint Bible studies that we have been holding the past couple of years were always lively and educational.

I am heading off into a new journey, an adventure. I will be part of something new. I will be serving two charges (four churches in total) in Laurel, DE. I will have a Certified Lay Minister assisting me and sharing the preaching duties. And I get to live with Dad in our home in Greenwood.

Dad and I will always carry fond memories of our time with you. It is with sadness that I leave you, but I go carrying my life verse in my heart: "For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the LORD, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope." (Jeremiah 29:11)

I leave you with these familiar words: **Remember who you are and Whose you are!**

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> Wednesday

UMW Meeting

UMM Meeting

3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays

Administrative Council

\*(Subject to change for summer)

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## PASTOR'S POOCH

I imagine by now most of you have heard about the move that Mom and I will be making in June. I can't believe that I have lived in the parsonage with Mom for five and a half years. It seems like just yesterday I arrived to sniff out every nook and cranny of the house. But now we are off on a new adventure. I am both sad and excited. Sad to leave so many friends, yet excited that I get to live with Pop-Pop (and Mom).

I remember my first home visit was with Mrs. Wesley, who said my ears felt like velvet. And after my first visit with Mr. Roy and Ms. Gladys, Mr. Roy instructed Mom that I was to come on all her visits with them. I've had so much fun visiting with folk and being in the Pets On Wheels program (which I hope to continue after we get settled in DE and get connected with the group there). And if you hadn't heard before, I really liked to visit the sanctuary whenever I went over the church with Mom to do something like make copies. I want all the breakfast workers to know that I will miss the sausage Mom would bring me to dine on after I woke up for the day. But now, I will be able to have Scrapple cooked by Pop-Pop. And I'll miss checking out the deals in Martha's Closet. There was always something new to sniff.

So, as a new chapter is about to begin in my life, I want to thank everyone for letting me be a part of this Charge. Mom and I are grateful that we go to serve here and get to know so many wonderful people of God. I wish you all God's blessings in all that you do.

Woof! Woof!

Scamp



## BEST WISHES FROM THE TRAPPE/BRUCEVILLE CHARGE

As we say, "Farewell" to Pastor Maleia and Scamp, we give them our very best wishes in their new charge. Thank you both for all the articles you wrote for the *Tidings* newsletter. May you find happiness and success in your new home.

# Best Wishes!

## WELCOME FROM THE TRAPPE/BRUCEVILLE CHARGE

As the *Tidings* goes to press (May 20), we do not know who will fill the pulpit in our charge, but we extend a warm welcome to our new pastor and a promise to continue together with God's work in our community.

# Welcome!

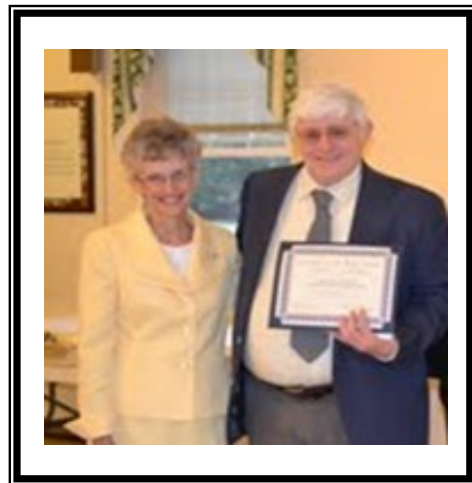
## **YARD SALE AND BREAKFAST WORKERS RECOGNIZED AS NEW ST. BARNABAS MEMBERS** by Dan Gustafson

Eleven members of the Trappe/Faith Chapel yards sale and breakfast crews attended the Peninsula – Delaware Annual Conference Clergy Laity banquet on Friday, May 2, held at Calvary UMC in Milford, DE to receive the St. Barnabas Award. They were recognized for outstanding stewardship in the four T's: target prayer, time, treasure, and talent. All recipients received a lapel pin with recognition by the Bishop and Board of Laity. The guest speaker for the event was former Lay Leader, Demetrio Beach who had a miraculous recovery from brain cancer. It was a fun evening filled with good food and fellowship. The end of the evening was filled with songs of praise for our Father God and Lord Jesus Christ. Those who could not attend the event were honored at worship services on May 4 in each church.



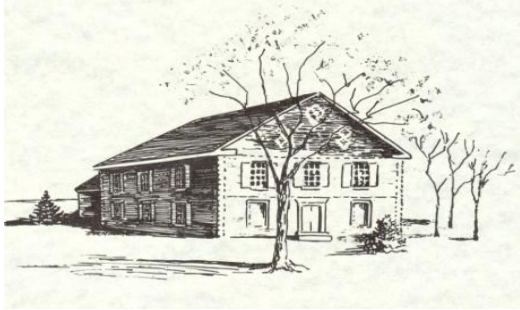
Front row: Charles Adams, Mary Rae Adams, Pat Harden, Leona Schmidt, Libby Slaughter  
Second row: Jane Brooks, Bo Nelson, Charlotte Edwards, Nancy Dunn  
Third row: Jerry Adams, Dan Gustafson, Pastor Maleia Rust

Bishop Johnson presents the St. Barnabas certificate to "Captain" Jerry Adams



*Congratulations!*

## SUMMER WORSHIP SERVICES



2nd Annual  
Summer Worship Services  
at  
Historic Barratt's Chapel  
6362 Bay Rd. (Rt.1), Frederica, Delaware

Each Thursday evening, from May 1 through September 25, at 7:00 p.m. worship services, led by ministers of the Peninsula-Delaware Conference, will be held at Barratt's Chapel. Various musicians will provide special music and lead congregational singing. Light refreshments in the Vestry will follow the service. For more information please contact Barratt's Chapel at 302-335-5544 or barratts@aol.com.

### Schedule of Ministers

May 1 Rev. Earle Baker, Bethel UMC, Lewes  
May 8 Rev. Alice Ervin, Whatcoat UMC, Dover  
May 15 Rev. Darlene Dixon, Director Strengthening the Black Church/CDC  
May 22 Rev. Vicki Gordy-Stith, Dover District Superintendent  
May 29 Rev. Gary Meekins, Bridgeville Charge  
June 5 Rev. James Van Der Wall, Retired Minister  
June 12 Rev. Bruce Rogers, Ellendale Charge  
June 19 Rev. Laura Martin, Hockessin UMC, Hockessin  
June 26 Bishop Peggy Johnson, Bishop of Peninsula-Delaware & E. PA Conferences  
July 3 Rev. Tom Passmore, Avenue UMC, Milford  
July 10 Rev. Jerome Tilghman, Lewes Charge  
July 17 Rev. Bo Gordy-Stith, Asbury UMC, New Castle  
July 24 Rev. Bonnie Shively, Cecilton Charge  
July 31 Rev. Mike Hurley, Conley's UMC, Angola  
Aug. 7 Rev. Karin Tunnell, St. Paul's UMC, Odessa  
Aug. 14 Rev. Howard Embert, Hartly UMC, Hartly  
Aug. 21 Rev. Scot McClymont, Director Young People's Ministries  
Aug. 28 Rev. Ed Kuhling, Grace UMC, Millsboro  
Sept. 4 Rev. Rick Vance, St. Luke's UMC, Denton  
Sept. 11 Rev. Fred Duncan, Salisbury District Superintendent  
Sept. 18 Rev. Jack Shitama, Pecometh Camp & Retreat Ministries  
Sept. 25 Rev. Shirlyn Henry Brown, Director Connectional Ministries

## KUDOS TO THE CHOIR

Thanks to all those who make up our choir. It is a delight to see how our choir has flourished and grown. Those who have been in the choir for years are an example in faithfulness. Those who are new are an inspiration to use our gifts where we are able. David Hickman has united them in a way that continues to reach new levels.

I am not musical – at all. There was a time when I thought the music we hear, and hopefully participate in, on Sunday mornings was not so very important. Then, to my joy, amazement, and amusement, I found myself humming hymns during the week that I heard on Sunday. It finally dawned on me how important our music is in keeping us close to God between Sundays. There is so much scripture in our music and it is much easier to keep the knowledge that comes with that scripture in our minds and hearts through music than through mere memorization.

Kudos and blessings to all who have served in our choir, each and every one of you – past, present, and future. You have a special place in our church and in our lives.

Thank you all.

A grateful member of the congregation

## TRAPPE METHODIST CHURCH—MY CHURCH by Ellen Whitby

Trappe Methodist Church has been my church since I was a baby. Mom and Daddy took me with them. Mom had the Nursery Class. So I had to be in her class until I got bigger. Then I went up to Mrs. Martha Adams. She told us about God and Jesus. She also told us about Christmas and Easter and what they meant.

When Mom got sick, she passed the job of Greeter to me. When Mr. Roy (Sullivan) passed away, I was asked if I would take his place organizing Greeters and Ushers. I hope I have filled his shoes; that is something I can now do. He was a good man.

As long as I live, I will do the best I can. God bless everyone.

## HELP FACING DAILY CHALLENGES by Jane Brooks

Having some bits of Scripture memorized and carried in your mind certainly helps when faced by daily problems or challenges. These are my favorites. Look them up”

John 3:16      Philippians 4:19      I Corinthians 2:9      2timothy 1:7      Psalm 23.

Jane adds, “I’d like to know what some of your Scripture favorites are.” (Editor comment: Send your favorites to Jane or to me to forward to her. Let’s show her our love and support as she recovers from surgery on May 19.)

### **The "Valuable Trash" Collection Continues!**

Please continue to turn in your Box Tops for Education and Labels for Education. The next distribution will be Fall 2014.

### **Yard Sale Report:** (inception to May 15, 2014)

Trappe: \$63,446.40

Faith Chapel: \$59,222.50

Total: \$122,748.90



**Please join us for dinner**  
prepared by **Brian Schmidt**  
of **Garden and Garnish**  
on **Wednesday, June 11**  
at **6 pm**  
In **Wesley Hall**

**\$15 per person**

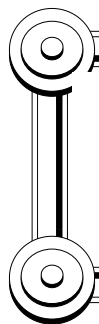
**Contact Leona to make your reservations by June 8**

**VALUABLE TRASH PROJECT** by Ida Hickman

White Marsh Elementary School receives 10¢ for each Box Top for Education coupon they redeem. You can find the coupons on General Mills cereals, Pepperidge Farms products, Ziplock products, Kleenex, and Chex Mix snacks. Check all packaging for other sources.

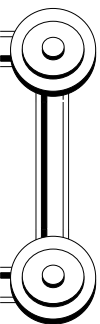
The Board of Child Care—Denton can redeem Labels for Education for computers and other electronics, sports equipment, and other items. You can find these labels on Campbell's soup and baked beans, V-8 products, and Swanson products.

Please continue checking all packaging for Valuable Trash and put it in the containers at church.



*Tidings*

Next *Tidings* deadline: August 15  
Next Edition for September and October published  
at the end of August.



## **LIBRARY NEWS** by Charlotte Edwards

Did everyone see the movie *Heaven Is for Real*? If you missed it --: don't worry. We have the book and we all know that the book is always fuller and richer than the 2 hour movie version. Written by his father, Pastor Todd Burpo, this book is about 4-year old Colton who has a near-death experience during emergency surgery and visits Heaven. His simple childlike accounts of people he met and things he saw and learned there are "compelling and convincing." While on a pastoral visit with his father to a dying man, Colton said as they were leaving, " It's going to be okay. The first person you're going to see is Jesus." His simple revelations throughout the book describe the "wonders, mysteries and majesty of Heaven."

As they say on Amazon, "People who like (this book) will also like( this book)." We have 2 other books on the same topic. One is *To Heaven and Back* by Mary C. Neal, MD. The other is *The Boy who Came Back from Heaven* by Kevin and Alex Malarkey. Both are true stories and give remarkable accounts of Heaven, Angels , life beyond this world, and their ongoing personal witness when they returned. All of these books will "encourage those who doubt and thrill those believe." Visit the Library for a Happy Summer of Reading!!!

## **CHRISTIAN EDUCATION REPORT** by Nancy Dunn

On May 4, we celebrated our students' achievements. Following worship service there was a reception in their honor. These students were recognized:

Brady Gustafson—graduating from Shepherd College

Tyler Coyne—completing Easton Middle School

Emily Christopher—completing Easton Middle School

Karli Abbott—completing White Marsh Elementary

Congratulations—we are proud of your accomplishments!

The last day for Youth Sunday School will be May 25. We will resume classes on September 21. (The Adult classes continue to meet throughout the summer.)

## **CHOIR NEWS**

The Choir will practice on Thursday evenings at 7 pm through June 12. Then practices will stop for the summer and resume September 4. New members are always welcome.

Welcome to our newest members: Wilma Miller and Elena Murphy. You both add so much to the singing!



## **ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS: MAY 15 MEETING**

- Pastor Maleia presented the Annual Conference Resolutions for the June 5-7 conference.
- John Coleman is the Lay Representative to the Conference.
- A Shorebirds Game trip is being planned.
- Next Special Giving project is for supplies for the Country Breakfast July 6-July 20.
- Planning is underway for the Community Service on 9/14/14.
- Pastor Maleia's vacation days are June 2, 3, and 4 followed by Annual Conference on June 5, 6, and 7.

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.

## **FUEL FUND**

Treasurer Charmel Hickman reports that all of the Fuel Fund monies were used—it was a cold winter! And even though we are just beginning the warm summer months, it is not too early to begin preparing for the next winter. Your contributions to the next Fuel Fund Drive are needed and greatly appreciated!



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

I want to thank the greeters and ushers for arch, April, and May.

Greeters and Ushers for June: Ruth Adkins and Ellen Whitby

Greeter and Ushers for July: Estelle Slaughter and Jayne Wesley

Greeters for August: Mary Rae and Charles Adams

Usher for August: Newton Williams and Bo Nelson

God bless everyone,  
Ellen



**PRAISE WORSHIP SERVICE**  
**SUSPENDED FOR THE SUMMER, BUT YOU CAN STILL**  
**MAKE A JOYFUL NOISE!**  
**COME TO SING ON SUNDAY MORNINGS!**



