



Tidings

TRAPPE/FAITH CHAPEL NEWSLETTER JUNE, JULY, AND AUGUST 2015



MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

To all the Saints in Christ Jesus who are in the Trappe-Bruceville Charge: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ,

I thank God for you with joy as I consider all of the good works you do out of love through the power of the Holy Spirit in the name of our risen Lord, Jesus Christ. As I sit here and review in my mind the last year during which it has been my privilege to be in ministry, with, to, and among you, a smile comes easily to my face. I have greatly enjoyed us getting to know each other a bit as you have shared your life and faith stories with me and I, mine, with you.

I have learned much from you and can confidently say that I have grown in my own relationship with God while here. I deeply appreciate your willingness to bear with me and my questions at those times when it was very clear that I was "not from around here." As I consider some of my learnings about life on the Eastern Shore it occurred to me that my ministry here has served some of the same purposes as crop cover. Like crop cover, I served here during that uncertain time in the life of the Charge between harvest and new planting. When I arrived there was much uncertainty in the air as to what the future would hold for the fields of the Lord known as the Trappe-Bruceville Charge.

As you know, one of the roles of crop cover is to protect the field from the erosive forces of winter as the field rests between seasons. Part of my ministry here has to been to encourage you to remember the blanket of God's love and grace that constantly cover this community holding the fertile soil of faith found here in place. Such knowledge can and does offer each and every one of us the reassurance that God has not finished with us yet. This reassurance allows the love and grace that is planted here to continue to take root and grow and bear fruit instead of being eroded away by the fear and doubt that can be born of uncertain times.

As you also know, crop cover does not stay on the fields any longer than it is needed. When the time comes, it is worked back into the soil to provide nourishment for the next growing season or allowed to go to seed to be used in the next season of winter. Having served its purpose, the ground protected and nourished, a new season of plowing and planting and growing and fruit bearing begins. Like it, trusting that my work here is done, my time among you has come to an end. It is time to prep the soil for the seeds that will be sown by you and Rev. Moore in the new planting season that is upon us.

I hope that in my time with you that God has both nourished and strengthened your faith and that a foundation has been laid that will help carry you through any uncertain times that may come your way in the future. I encourage you to even more boldly proclaim in both words and deeds the Good News of Jesus Christ to family, friends, strangers and neighbors so that they too may come to believe, know and abide in the love of God that is in Christ Jesus through the power of the Holy Spirit!

Your Sister in Christ,

Pastor Mary Catherine Miller

*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

*Summer schedule may vary; check the bulletin for changes/details.

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MEET OUR NEW PASTOR: REV. GARY MOORE

Rev. Gary Moore is no stranger to our charge. Many of us met him when he was pastor at St. Mark's in Easton, and then he served as the Easton District Superintendent. This also means he comes to us with an understanding of our charge which is unique. Here is some more information about our new pastor.

Rev. Moore was born on May 20, 1947, in Olney, IL. He received his call in the ministry as a young child in the Mt. Gilead Congregational Christian Church. In 1971 he came to Philadelphia to finish his last year of seminary and joined the Peninsula Delaware Conference in 1973. Having completed 42 years of full time pastoral service, he is now a Retired Elder.

Married to Jeanne on February 14, 1986, they have between them four children and four grandchildren. They have custody of their fifth grandchild, David. David, Jeanne, and Gary enjoy traveling to Hawaii for vacations. Their daughter Courtney is an elementary school librarian who is moving this summer from Casablanca, Morocco, to Dusseldorf, Germany.

Rev. Moore has served the following charges: 1973, Magnolia; 1973-1974, Church Hill-Price; 1975-1977, Quantico-Rockawalkin; 1978, Greensboro-Burrisville; 1979-1988, Kingwood; 1989-1998, Elkton; and 1999-2010, Easton: St. Mark's. From 2011 to 2015, he has served as Easton District Superintendent, and will retire July 1, when he comes to our pulpit.

Here is Rev Moore's Philosophy of Ministry: I believe the Spirit makes aware within us what needs to be done as a church. The role of the pastor is to bring the church together in such a way that brings out what the Spirit wants to happen in the life of the church and the community.

The glory of God in a community is found among God's people, the laity. It is crucial to be about the business to build up the laity in Christ.

It is necessary for the church to become more aware of itself and the community to fully live out what it means to be the body of Christ. This requires self-examination and continuous conversation. Churches over-estimate what can be done in one year and under-estimate what can be done in five years. Throughout this process the pastor will sometimes lead from the front, the middle, or the back.

Today we are confronted with challenges the church has not had to face in our lifetimes. The life of the church in the coming days is becoming very different from the past. But none of this is unknown to God or beyond his ability to shape us anew.

"That I belong, body and soul, in life and in death, not to myself
But to my faithful Savior Jesus Christ"

Is as true today as it was in the sixteenth century!

Please plan to meet Rev. Moore on July 5 when he preaches his first Sunday with us.



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

In the last edition, an article by B. Gosden suggested five things small churches can uniquely offer, and then we asked people to respond in a survey included in the bulletin. Here is a compilation of the responses:

1. Inter-generational Ministry

What we are doing: Sunday School for all ages; Youth group once a month

What we might try: We need more adults to interact with youths. Maybe we could round them up for help on special occasions and have a buddy system for guidance and socializing. We need the labor and they need the service hours. Reinstate Vacation Bible School with classes and activities for all ages, including adults. Have a Saturday Night Movie Night when the youth group is not meeting.

2. Welcome special needs persons and families with special needs children

What we do now: Welcome everyone.

Something new we can do: Make our church truly accessible with a ramp that meets regulations and make bathrooms truly accessible for those with handicaps. Stress to the community that we are accessible.

3. More people can help lead worship

What we do now: Many laity are involved in the worship services as readers.

Something new we can do: Invite the youths to participate in worship. We just need to ask. Also initiate a children's sermon, perhaps led by a lay person.

4. More focus on community outreach

What we do now: Quarterly Giving Projects; Pastor's Purse

Something new we can do: We need to become a hub of activity for all ages. Maybe day time Bible studies. Game times. We have basketball outside and are on our way to a pool table. We do a lot with Scotts but it would be great service to the whole community if we were one Charge. We could be a stronger presence for the youth. We could also distribute needed items to select community members. Gift bags for new babies, those hospitalized or shut in. The Little Free Library may help too. Maybe distribute a questionnaire. Become more involved with Habitat for the Humanities.

5. Offer a family feel to others

What we do now: Fellowship time, breakfasts, opening Martha's Closet to people needing assistance.

Something new we can do: Visit more intentionally. Occasional family nights with music, movies or programs of interest. Serve easy stuff to eat. Again address how to find out what people want. Maybe be prepared for youth sermon or just chat time with the kids for parents to follow up on. We need to gather the families somehow.

It is remarkable considering our size and resources, all that our charge accomplishes. However, we need to be open to the Spirit and discern where we are being led. Then we need to share ideas and decide on new actions we can take. Consider the thoughts shared here (and thank you to those who sent in responses!). Then talk in Sunday School, at a breakfast, or whenever a few of us come together. Who knows what ideas will be generated? Great things lie ahead for us. There's much work to be done for our Lord. Get excited, join in, and grow!



2015 PENINSULA DELAWARE CONFERENCE NIGHT
July 17TH @ 7:05 PM - ARTHUR W. PERDUE STADIUM
6400 Hobbs Road, Salisbury, MD 21804

This year's event promises to be our best yet. Come out and join our United Methodist friends and their families for our 5th annual night of fun and fellowship on the Picnic Deck at the ballpark!

The all inclusive cost for the event is only \$23.00!

The price includes a ticket to the game, a 90-minute buffet in the Picnic Deck and the best fireworks show on Delmarva. Children three years old and under are free. Be sure to call in advance to secure your tick-ets for this special night. Deadline for ordering tickets is July 10.

PICNIC DECK BUFFET
• Hamburgers • Watermelon
• Hot Dogs • Mac & Cheese
• Chicken Legs • Refreshments
• Popcorn

MAIL YOUR TICKET ORDERS TO:

Charlotte Hastings
Salisbury District Office - UMC
211A Phillip Morris Drive, Salisbury, MD 21804

salisburydistrict@comcast.net
[410-749-3331](tel:410-749-3331)

Make Checks payable to Peninsula-Delaware Conference



MEANINGFUL LETTERS by Jane Brooks

A number of years ago, Rev. Ray Graham impressively preached on GRACE and based the sermon on the letters. Each letter represented a word, which when put together described what the original word meant.

G—God's

R—riches

A—at

C—Christ's

E—expense

Put together the letters spell grace, and the words delivered the theme of the sermon.

I remembered this sermon and the use of the letters of the word ever since. Now I have collected other words:

PUSH

FROG

HOPE

P—Pray

F—Faith

H—Hold

U—until

R—relies

O—on;

S—something

O—on

P—pray

H—happens

G—God

E—earnestly

Maybe you know some words you could share with me. I hope you will enjoy knowing and remembering these words and their meanings as you live each day loving Christ and God.

BRIGHT FUTURES!

Congratulations to our Graduates!



We applaud your accomplishments and pray for continued success in your futures!

The "Valuable Trash" Collection: Thank you for supporting this project of the Trappe/Faith Chapel UMW for so many years. The Board of Child Care is no longer collecting, and Ida advises that we can now take our labels and box tops to the schools that are collecting. We all thank Ida for her faithfulness in gathering, sorting, and delivering the "valuable trash" and making a difference for the Board of Child Care and local schools.

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN AND UNITED METHODIST MEN

Final gathering before the summer break:

**Catered Dinner by Garden and Garnish
6 pm**

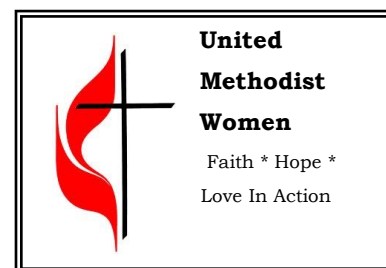
Wednesday, June 10

Wesley Hall

Cost \$15

Make your reservations with Leona

(410-476-3362) by June 3



UMW NEWS by Leona Schmidt

UMW had a busy 10 months starting in September after a summer of fun. Throughout this year we have helped with some of the youth group expenses that meet with Kristy Edwards and Rev Mary Catherine. We continue to pay for the weekly cleaning of the Trappe Church and monthly cleaning of Wesley Hall. We had a booth at the Trappe-October Festival with a bake table and silent auction. November we had a Thank Offering in conjunction with World Missions. We baked cookies for the inmates at the Talbot County Detention Center; we even had our pictures and an article in the *Star Democrat*. In January we had a Fashion Show and Tea at which everyone had a great time and everything was festive. We decided to have Everyone's Birthday in February but snow and ice got in the way and it was postponed until May. The May birthday party did not include presents but instead money was donated to the Emergency Fund of the Church. The entertainment for the night was the Choir --not only did they entertain hymns but also contemporary music. We donated paper and cleaning products to Hospice of Talbot County throughout the year which they appreciated very much. In June we will close the year with a catered dinner at the Church. (See announcement above)

This year our group decided to recognize Dan Gustafson with The Special Mission Recognition pin and certificate for his continued support as a lay speaker and reader for both churches. He is faithful cooking breakfast on the 2nd and 4th Saturdays. He initiated a contemporary praise service on Saturday evenings. He will be starting classes this fall to become a lay minister. Dan was instrumental in obtaining the St. Barnabas recognition for the kitchen and yard sale members. He continues to attend numerous training sessions sponsored by the Peninsula and Delaware Conference to further his knowledge and education. He is chairman of the PPR committee. Dan serves as master of ceremony for various celebrations at the Church. Dan is Professional Training and Volunteer Coordinator for the Smithsonian and Environmental Research Center. He and his wife Anne have two sons—Brady and Shawn. Dan has been to the North and South Pole. Dan is an all-around good faithful guy for the churches.

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Next *Tidings* deadline: **August 15**

Next Edition for **September and October** published
at the end of August.

LIBRARY NEWS by Charlotte Edwards

Look for The Little Free Library near the curb over by the Town Hall bench. I hope it gets a lot of use as there are many good books available. There will be fiction, biographies, self-help books, Bibles and study guides. Please stop: take a book for yourself and one to share with a friend. It does not have to be returned.

I will have a slot on the inside of the box to submit any specific requests, comments or suggestions you may have. For a wider selection, you may call me anytime or ask at the Yard Sale for access to the Church Library. Books can be left in the box or donated at the yard Sale. They can also be left on the table near the church library shelves. As It says on the poster over the shelves :

The more you read,
The more you know.
The more you know,
The smarter you grow.
The smarter you grow,
The stronger your voice
When speaking your mind
Or making your choice.



Happy Summer reading!

ALTAR GUILD NEWS by Ken and Elizabeth Myers

Elizabeth and Ken Myers would like to thank Drake and Elizabeth Ferguson and Elena Murphy for setting up for Communion while we were not available to be in church.

We also would like to thank everyone who bought lilies for the Easter Service and allowing them to stay another week in the Sanctuary so that everyone could enjoy their beauty an extra Sunday.

Please remember the Flower Chart in the back of the Sanctuary on the back bench. Sign up to share your home grown flowers or other arrangements in the Church for Sunday Service. Flowers beautify the Sanctuary.

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

ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS: MAY 21, 2015

Administrative Council Highlights: May 21

Funds are still available for Camp Pecometh Scholarships. A decision about distribution will be made soon.

Native American Sunday is June 14, with fellowship time following the 11 am service.

The Annual UMW Closing Dinner is June 10. All are welcome. See more information on the first age of this insert.

Charles Adams has volunteered to see that the Garden Prayer Box is looking good. All prayers placed there are read and lifted up.

The Free Little Library is in place: See Charlotte's article in the latest edition of the **Tidings**.

The Memorial Fund is pleased to announce a new fund has been established by a donation in honor of the marriage of Diane Griffith to John W. Mathews. This fund is for the inspection, repair, and maintenance of the stained glass windows.

Several changes in leadership roles were announced:

Stepping off	Committee	Coming on
Dan Gustafson	SPRC	Dottie Nave
Jane Brooks	Admin Council	Dan Gustafson
Kirby Metz	Finance	Elizabeth Slaughter

MEMORIAL FUND NEWS by Peggy Frampton

The Memorial Fund is pleased to announce that a new fund has been established through a donation made to Trappe United Methodist Church for the inspection, repair, and maintenance of the stained glass windows. This new fund is in honor of the marriage of Diane Griffith to John W. Matthews, III, on June 12, 1963 in TUMC. Rev. Don Knight officiated at the wedding. John wanted to honor the late Diane and their marriage in a way that would be pleasing to her.

Diane will be remembered as the daughter of Zadith and Mathews Griffith, who along with her brother Glenn, attended TUMC as a child. Her grandparents, Harry and Beryl Griffith, were faithful and dedicated members of TUMC.



Greeters and Ushers by Ellen Whitby

I want to thank everyone that sent me cards and prayers for the loss of my son. I want to thank the ones that did my job while I was sick. Here are the ushers and greeters for the next three months:

June: Mary Wilson and Nancy Dunn

July: Libby Slaughter and Jayne Wesley

August: Jane Geist and Debbie Howard

Thanks to everyone for helping me.

God bless, Ellen



BIRTHDAYS



Happy Anniversary!

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.

June 2015

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7 Faith Chapel 8:45 Sunday School 9:45 Trappe 11	8	9	10 Martha's Closet 8-12 pm UMW/UMM Dinner 6 pm Wesley Hall	11	12	13 Country Breakfast 7-10:30 am PPRC 10 am Attic Youth 6:30 pm
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July 2015

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Notes: No Children's Sunday School in July

Happy July 4th



All You Can Eat
Country Breakfast
2nd and 4th
Saturdays
7:00-10:30 am

August 2015

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GET TO INSTEAD OF HAVE TO

Elizabeth Ferguson shared the following from a blog. The message is a good one for us to consider!

Who knew that two simple words could change one's mind set, perspective, and approach to work and life? Just two words have the potential to enhance joy, productivity, performance, and change a complaining voice to an appreciative heart.

So often we say things like, "I have to take the kids to practice." "I have to go to this meeting." "I have to finish this project." "I have to go to work today." "I have to take care of this customer." "I have to share this new information with my team." "I have to see my family this weekend." We act as if we don't have a choice. As if we are imprisoned by a paycheck and the expectations of a world that forces us to do thing we don't want to do.

But in reality we do have a choice. We can choose our attitude and our actions. We can choose how we view our life and work. We can realize that every day is a gift. It's not about what we have to do. It's about what we get to do. We get to live this life while so many like my Mom, who passed away at 59, left this world far too early. We get to drive in traffic while so many are too sick to drive a car. We get to go to a job while so many are unemployed. We get to raise our children even if they drive us nuts at times.

We get to interact with our employees and customers and make a difference in their lives. We get to use our gifts and talents to make a product or provide a service. We get to eat three meals a day while millions of people are starving. We get to work on projects, answer phone calls, serve customers, participate in meetings, design, create, share, sell, lead and suit up every day for the game of life.

When I'm mentoring leaders I encourage them to focus on "get to" each day. I encourage them to focus on feeling grateful instead of stressed. The research shows we can't be stressed and thankful at the same time so when you are feeling thankful and focusing on "get to," you fuel up with the positive emotions that uplift you rather than the stress hormones that slowly drain you. People who do this, report feeling more energized, productive and engaged at work and home.

Sure there will be challenges and life isn't easy, but if we approach each day as an opportunity to learn, grow and be thankful, we will live a more meaningful and powerful life.

So today join me in saying that *my life is a gift not an obligation, and I Get To make the most of it.*

Source: The Positive Dog: A Story About the Power of Positivity by Jon Gordon

More info at:

<http://www.jongordon.com/blog/the-positive-dog-a-story-about-the-power-of-positivity/>

<http://www.jongordon.com/blog/feed-the-positive-dog/>

Many thanks Pastor Mary Catherine as you move to Allen UMC.

You are in our hearts and will take our sincere prayers with you for success in your new charge and throughout your studies to become a Doctor of Divinity! Thank you for all you have done for us!

Welcome Rev. Moore!

We look forward to working with you and becoming an even stronger beacon for Jesus Christ in our communities!