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TRAPPE/FAITH CHAPEL NEWSLETTER
JUNE, JULY, & AUGUST 2017



MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Friends,

I have been thinking a lot about this summer and fall. The motivation for the focus is what happened 100 years ago. The War that had engulfed much of the world had not affected the United States in terms of death and destruction. For much of the war our country prospered in supplying war materiel to Europe and elsewhere. That changed when President Wilson and Congress entered the War on the side of the Allies.

My grandfather was one of those who went to France with the Rainbow Division made up of soldiers from varied areas of our country. In honor of his service my brother asked me to join him in going "Over There" on the 100th anniversary. In preparing for our pilgrimage, I have been following a YouTube video series, The Great War. It is a ten-minute presentation on what happened that week 100 years ago. When we are there, the series will present the situation he was in a century ago. It will be a kind of "You Are There" experience.

It seems like a long time ago, until I see what continues to go on in our day, especially in the Middle East. Part of the troubles there stem from the Treaty that ended WW1. For all the chatter on the Middle East, no one reminds us that the United States has been militarily involved there since President Carter, over 35 years. It makes me pray: "How much longer?" What has our sacrifice really achieved?

The door to war is tragically easier to walk through than the door to peace and diplomacy. A war is easier to start than to end. Historians still argue today about what caused that war. With such ambiguous causes and its harsh long-term effects, don't we have to ask: "Did WW1 ever end?"

My grandfather shared that one night during the war his unit was surrounded by the Germans and they thought they would not live to see another day. It was a terrifying experience. So much, that his hair became white from fear.

The grandfather I knew was a kind man who worshipped God every Sunday. But I also knew that at the time of WW1 he was a real tough, river culture fighter. He never shared with me when he met Christ. The circumstances are not important. The peace and change that came to him was Jesus. The death of the old self and putting on Jesus was his discovery of peace. The door of war and the door of peace in Jesus is always before the world. "Help us, O God, to be willing to pay the price and choose the door of peace!"

See You in Church This Sunday!

Rev. Gary L. Moore

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.

ONGOING CALENDAR

SEE BULLETIN FOR SUMMER
SCHEDULE

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

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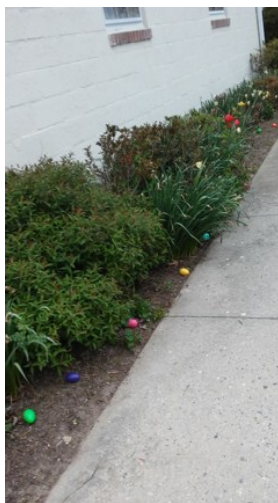
PRAYER FOR JUNE, JULY, AND AUGUST

Our heavenly Father, we thank You for the wonderfulness of Jesus Christ and for all the incredible things that can happen in human experience when we get out of the realm of the material and deeply into the area of the spiritual. Help us to put our lives and whatever is bothering us into the hands of the One who can really give us the power to change, to overcome, to grow and to be. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Easter Egg Hunt 2017



Can you find the eggs?
Someone in pink found
one!



A very popular
Bunny!

FINANCIAL SUMMARY

Faith Chapel:

January 1 – May 14, 2017

Offerings \$4,168.67

Fund Raisers \$2,558.00

TOTAL INCOME: \$6,726.67

TOTAL EXPENSES: \$5,895.45

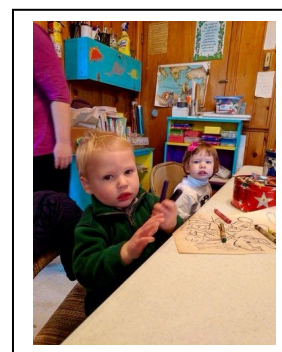
BALANCE \$ 831.22

Trappe:

Income \$35,763.93

Expenses \$25,567.15

BALANCE \$10,196.78



Sunday School Fun with Knox and Laura

Many thanks to all givers and workers to the Lord's ministry at Faith Chapel and Trappe Churches! Your gift makes a difference.

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

ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL/TRUSTEES HIGHLIGHTS MAY 2017

- Donations from Combined Ash Wed. Service of Faith Chapel, Scott's, and Trappe UMC's went to Mid Shore Fresh Start for Opioid Addiction.
- Wesley Hall will be cleaned once a month along with the regular church cleaning, beginning May 29 or June 5. The floor will be waxed as needed.
- Thanks to all who participated in the Quarterly Giving in April to resupply kitchen items.
- Rev. Moore and Treasurer, Charmel Hickman gave a church Financial Report stating that all is okay for now, but stressed that our finances need to be watched carefully to remain in financial order.
- The Peninsula/Delaware Annual Conference will be May 22-24, 2017 in Wilmington, DE. Rev. Moore will be attending for at least one day.
- Rev. Moore attended the Nace Hopkins Day Celebration at Scott's UMC, as well as the opening of the Harriet Tubman Museum in Cambridge.
- Nancy Dunn reported the Easter Egg Hunt was a success. 50 to 60 children were in attendance, and 1,000 eggs were found within 15 to 20 minutes.
- Vacation Bible School will occur this summer. The adult helpers of last year have expressed interest with helping this year also.
- TUMC is supporting Trappe Community Activities, which began with the showing of the movie *Airbud* on Movie Night Friday, May 19 in Wesley Hall. Another Movie Night will occur this summer. On June 3, a Steel Band will be featured.
- Continued gratitude was expressed for all that Rev. Moore does for Trappe and Faith Chapel UM Churches.
- Rev. Moore requested, with notice that we could say no, that on June 18, he would like attend something meaningful to him for Father's Day. He asked if there would be members of the congregation who would speak for about 2 minutes of special moments they had with their father. It was agreed that this was possible, several people spoke up saying they would be a part of this and we hope **others in the congregation will share a 'father' memory or write something to be read. Please contact John Sewell so that the worship service can be planned.**
- The UMW the June 14 meeting will be a catered meal open to all. Reservations are required; cost will be announced in upcoming bulletins. Rev. Heistand will speak of the Central Congo Partnership which is the Upcoming Mission Project that the UMW along with both churches hope to support, Rev. Heistand has been to the Congo. This is one of the Special Projects of our Peninsula Delaware Conference.
- Next meeting will be July 19 at 6:30 pm. Watch the bulletin for announcements.

EASTER BEAUTY



St. John's Sanctuary at Easter where Rev. Dan Gustafson is pastor.

Thank you to Shirley Windsor for finding the Easter lilies and to everyone who placed them in the sanctuary.



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 the March and April breakfast cake bakers: Pat Hardin, Janice Oakhill, and Nancy Dunn.

Thank You!

MISSING JANE—BUT THE BEAT GOES ON by Cathy Sewell, **Tidings** Editor

No matter where I look at Trappe UMC, I can find something to make me think of my dear friend, Jane Adams Groves Brooks. I can see her sweeping the floor in Wesley Hall after one of the breakfasts. How many birthday cakes did she bake for those events? She was always looking for ways to celebrate people and see that they had a good time.

Jane enjoyed gardening at home and at church. Outside the door is the memorial garden where she loved to work so that the flowers and shrubs would look pretty and provide a place of beauty where people could remember loved ones or just sit peacefully with God. She particularly looked forward to the Sunrise services in the garden on Easter mornings.

In the Evelyn O. Carter Room, I can hear Jane's voice challenging a Sunday School class to think more deeply about God's word and find a way to apply it to today's circumstances. We often "discussed" our varied viewpoints, and no matter how heated those discussions got, we always left that room as good friends who respected each other. One such "discussion" revolved around the words happiness and joy. I felt that happiness was fleeting and "of this world," but joy was deep, lasting, and resulted from trusting God. Jane said there was no difference—happiness and joy were the same. Round and round we went, but I never convinced her that there was any difference. Also, she just did not like Paul. We had many discussions about him, and I think she finally appreciated some of what he said, but she still did not care for his opinion of women. Often she asked us to name the Gifts of the Spirit, and if we missed one, she said that's the one we needed to work on developing more fully. As a teacher and as a participant in the class, Jane always got us engaged with the Word and had us thinking about the meaning it held for us.



And the music! Jane had such a gift, accompanying anyone who sang at our church. She could match the tempo, mood, and spirit of the singer, supporting the performance so that anyone could do his or her best. She played for so many years, taking over when she was very young and continuing until July of 2016. Not only did she give her time playing for services, but she put in many hours at choir practice and practicing at home. She kept the choir going when we were without a director, and she added a real sparkle to any event when she played. How many weddings and funerals did she play for? She played "Ode to Joy" at our wedding. At John's father's funeral she played "I Wore a Tulip" because it was the song Papa sang for Grandmom, and for my mother's funeral she played "I Met a Million Dollar Baby in a Five and Ten Cent Store" because that's where my parents met and this became their song. Jane cried right along with us on those occasions, but she never missed a beat. Many other families were blessed with her musical gifts.

Somehow we assumed Jane would never miss a beat and would be on that organ bench every Sunday morning. But God must have needed her in heaven, so he called her home. We miss her so much, but Dottie Nave and Sarah Sewell have stepped forward to keep the music going. As a tribute to Jane, the beat goes on—in our Sanctuary and in our hearts. Thank you Jane, for all you did for us here at TUMC and for living such a full, generous life. ❤️

RING THE BELL by Russell Leonard

I like to ring the bell to remind Trappe folks it is time for church. Shut-ins, busy parents, and others may hear the ringing and take some time to pray or do devotionals right in their living room or back yard. When I ring the church bell, I think of Tyler Coyne and Brandon Coleman when they liked to ring the bell to remind their friends of church service and God.

I hope everyone will invite some young children to come to Sunday School and ring the bell to proclaim the Good News of Jesus and his saving Grace!



BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Birthdays and Anniversaries
are not included in the on-line
edition of The Tidings



Happy Anniversary!

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Next deadline for articles, etc., is August 15.
Next issue for **September and October** available at the end of August.