



# Tidings

## TRAPPE/FAITH CHAPEL NEWSLETTER SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER 2013



### PASTOR'S PIECE

The ring is sapphires and diamonds set in white gold. Have you noticed it on my left finger? Have you noticed that no other ring goes on that left ring finger? The ring is on public display, but the reason has always remained private, until now.

Almost sixteen years ago I picked out this ring. It had to be sized to fit properly. After it was sized, I placed the ring on my finger and made a commitment to God. You see, this ring is a wedding ring and represents my marriage to God as I fulfilled His calling to be a minister. I promised that unless He sent me an earthly husband to place a ring on my finger, I would always consider this ring I wear to be a sign of our covenant.

The only times I take the ring off are when I am doing something that could damage it and when I go to bed. (I've never been one who likes to wear jewelry to bed). On rare occasions I have left the house and forgot to put it on. It feels so weird when this happens. I find myself rubbing the spot it should be in and feeling like something is missing and disconnected. Sometimes that is how my relationship with God feels. Something is missing. There is a disconnect. Thanks be to God that He always allows a reconnect.

There are times when I am unfaithful in the relationship. By this I mean I am not giving enough attention to the relationship. Isn't that how many marriages wind up ending in divorce? Again, thanks be to God that he has never asked for the ring back or for a divorce. Instead He offers forgiveness and restores the relationship.

At the spiritual retreat I recently attended, one of the speakers reminded us that as individuals and as the Body of Christ, we are Christ's bride. We are married to Him. He desires us. We were invited to come forward and either for the first time accept Him as our bridegroom or renew our commitment to Him as our bridegroom. As I stood there, I gazed at the ring and prayed that I would be a faithful bride. I hope all of you reading this will make the same commitment.

So now you know about the ring. No more wondering. It is my wedding ring. Every time I look at it, I know to Whom I belong. He is my beloved and I am His. The good news is you can be too.

Grace and peace,  
Pastor Maleia

### WELCOME TO THE TRAPPE COMMUNITY

**Rev. Lucille Nichols**, Scott's UMC & **Rev. Jack Mason**, St. Paul's Episcopal

We look forward to fellowship and worship with you and your congregations!

### 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> Wednesdays

UMW Meeting

3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays

UMM Meeting

3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays

Administrative Council

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## PASTOR'S POOCH

I know that by the time you receive this, our latest outreach project will be over, but I still want to talk about it. The churches collected items that will be distributed to school kids as they leave for the weekend, so that the student will have meals to help them be able to concentrate on their studies and not worry about an empty belly. I did see some of the items brought in already and it made my mouth water. But I was good and left it alone. I am blessed to have plenty of food, but really thrilled at how the churches are reaching out a helping hand. Two paws up for your generosity.

This summer, because of Mom's schedule with conferences and appointments, I have spent a lot of time over at Pop-Pop's. That's not a complaint mind you. Pop-Pop gives me the best belly rubs (don't tell Mom) and occasionally takes me out to a friend's farm where I can try to chase chickens.

I also look forward to the veggies from Pop-Pop's garden each year, but this year has not been so good. All the rain followed by all the extreme heat followed by more rain, just made it hard to get a good crop. At least the cherry tomato plants on his patio have produced a few tomatoes. I really like it when Mom breaks them into smaller pieces and gives them to me. Yummy!

The next joint worship service is coming up on September 8, 2013. It is the Annual Community Worship Service being held in Veteran's Memorial Park, located next to St. Paul's Episcopal Church. Rev. Jack Mason, the new pastor at St. Paul's will be bringing the message for the day. I haven't had a chance to meet him, but Mom has and says he is a very nice man. The service will begin at 10 a.m. and be followed by a box luncheon. Hope somebody will save a little for me. Mom said to be sure to remind you that if it rains, the service will be held at Scott's UMC.

Speaking of new pastors, there is another new pastor in town. Her name is Rev. Lucille Nichols and she is serving Scott's UMC. Again, I haven't met her, but Mom has and says Rev. Nichols will be a wonderful addition to the community. So, be looking for more opportunities for the churches in Trappe to come together in worship and service.

That's about all I have for now. Hope you are enjoying your summer and remember to be careful driving as the students are heading back to school.

Woof! Woof!

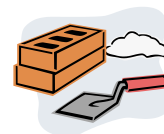
Scamp



## FOUNDATION OF OUR FUTURE by Nancy Dunn



Soon we will have ten new bricks in our memorial garden. Thank you to everyone who purchased a brick for their loved one. Each brick represents lasting memories of special people—the foundation of our future!



## SOUTHERN METHODIST: ANOTHER FOUNDATION FOR THE FUTURE

As we are thinking about bricks and foundations, there is another part of our history to discover: the Southern Methodist Episcopal Church here in Trappe. Charles Adams shared the following:

The Southern Methodist Episcopal Church was on Maple Avenue back in the Forties. During 1939, the Southern Methodist Church which was on West Maple Avenue and the Northern Methodist Church united as one Church in the Town of Trappe. They held services in one building on one Sunday, and then in the other building the following Sunday. This arrangement went on until 1943, when they discontinued services in the Southern Church, and all services were held in the building that we are still using today. The Southern Church building was soon restructured as a Community Building, and was used for many different activities. In 1946, it was put up for sale by the Auctioneer, Ira Nelson who had recently returned from Army Service. The buyer was Charles B. Adams, Sr. Prior to the sale, the four stained glass windows had been moved from the Southern Church to our present church. These are the two windows at the street end of the Sanctuary, and the two windows close to the organ and the piano, in the front part of the Church. The other three large stained glass windows, the two round rose windows, and the stained glass window in the narthex, and the two stained glass windows by the pulpit were all placed in our Sanctuary in 1947 while Rev. Jervis Cooke was serving as our Pastor. Back now to the Southern Church Building, which by 1948 was also used as a furniture warehouse in which Ira Nelson stored some of his furniture inventory. A mysterious fire destroyed the building on the cold, windy night of February 25, 1954.



During the early '50s, the Southern Methodist (shown above) was also known as the "Fellowship Hall". Vacation Bible school was held there, as were community events, such as Halloween parties. The building was destroyed by fire in 1954.

*Photo from Trappe The Story of an Old-Fashioned Town © 1976*

### OWN A PIECE OF THE PAST



Several years ago the United Methodist Women started a project by ordering small wooden replicas of the Southern Methodist church which would be sold as a fund raising activity.

Not long ago a box full of these replicas was found in the church and now once again can be sold as a fund raiser. If you have an interest in purchasing a replica of the Southern Church, contact Charlotte Edwards, treasurer of the UMW, at 410-476-4771, and she will take your order.

## CREATIVITY IN THE SANCTUARY

The Sanctuary at Trappe has two bulletin boards in the back that used to be empty spaces. John Sewell saw the potential for creativity in the spaces, and so for some time now, he has transformed the bulletin boards into works of art. For your enjoyment, here are some pictures of the work. Remember that the pictures can be viewed in color on the church website: <http://trappefaithchapel.org/>



Nativity Scene with the  
Wisemen following the Star



Advent candles and  
their meaning



Three Christian Seasons



Who fulfills God's purpose?



Easter



Thanksgiving



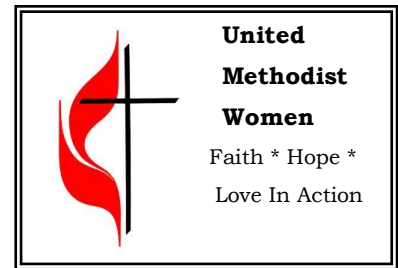
Easter



Pentecost

## UNITED METHODIST WOMEN NEWS

The United Methodist Women will resume their regular meeting schedule on Wednesday, September 11, at 7 pm in the Evelyn O. Carter room. All women in the charge are welcome to attend. This very active group has many projects which demonstrate "Love in Action." If you want to be part of a productive group, come to the meeting!



Watch for news about this year's "shoebox" collection for Operation Christmas Child!



## UNITED METHODIST MEN NEWS

The United Methodist Men meet the third Wednesday of the month. Check the bulletin for details. Open to all men in the charge, this group also has many projects and studies the Word. Come out and enjoy the fellowship, as well as helping to make a difference in our church, our community, and the world.

*Tidings*

Next *Tidings* deadline: October 15  
Next Edition for November/December/January  
published at the end of October

## **LIBRARY NEWS** by Charlotte Edwards

A new addition to the library is an old book by C.S. Lewis called *The Screwtape Letters*. A subtitle could be "How a Senior Devil Instructs a Junior Devil in the Art of Temptation." This is a book of letters from Screwtape to his nephew Wormwood giving him advice on how to tempt his victim and keep him from salvation. It shows us how we can be distracted from God and points out the dangers of not living purposeful lives in Christ. This book is fun and very thought-provoking. Every reader will find situations that you can relate to. You also want to keep reading to find out how the "victim" meets his challenges. This book was written in 1943 and is more pertinent today than ever. What a wealth of temptations Mr. Screwtape could throw at us today.

We have several books written by C.S. Lewis. If anyone has any DVDs of *The Chronicles of Narnia* series to donate, they will be greatly appreciated. Especially *The Lion, The Witch, and the Wardrobe*. We have a children's animated version of it on a VCR tape but a copy of the latest movie on DVD would be wonderful for all ages.

Visit the library for spiritual guidance, advice on troubling matters, education, or pleasurable reading and viewing. It's all there. Happy reading.

## **SHARING ONE'S TALENTS**

Scripture tells us that God has given each of us talents to be shared with the rest of the body. For some, it is the creativity to design and create interesting bulletin boards. Others sing, make pancakes, or keep the Martha's Closet inventory attractive and selling. Most of the people sharing their talents do so without fanfare, just because they love the Lord. One such person is Bobby Crowell who has the gift of understanding and using computers and computer programs.

When Faith Chapel lacked music for worship services, Bobby came to the rescue and figured out a way to play the organ through a computer hook-up. For a long time now he has faithfully programmed the hymns into the computer for each service, and if you have been to Faith, you know that organ keeps the tempo and makes the congregation keep the right speed as they sing the hymns.

Bobby saw another need—a web site that keeps members informed as well as one that reaches out to the world. Gee, that sounds like the Great Commission—carrying Christ out into the world. Have you checked out all that is available on the web site? Here is the Table of Contents, copied directly from the home page:

[HOME](#)  
[This Week at T/FC](#)  
[Worship Schedule](#)  
[Tidings Newsletter](#)  
[Daily Devotional](#)  
[Help in Time of Need](#)  
[Mission Statement](#)  
[Contact Information](#)  
[Prayer Chain](#)  
[UM Women](#)  
[Church History](#)  
[What We Believe](#)  
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[Photo Gallery](#)  
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Explore all the site offers at <http://trappefaithchapel.org/>

We extend a big THANK YOU! to Bobby for all he does and to each person who shares his or her talents so faithfully. You each make a difference in the Trappe/Faith Chapel Charge and in the world!

## YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL TO RESUME

Sunday School sessions for our youths will resume on Sunday, September 15 at 9:45 am. (Adult classes were held throughout the summer and will continue as usual in the fall.) The teachers of the younger Sunday School attendees have selected an exciting new curriculum called *Claim the Life: Journey*, which has four main focuses:

- Spiritual Formation
- Discipleship
- Christian Community
- Faith knowledge

Lessons focus around a single word that is significant to the Christian life. Some examples for the fall sessions are Worship, Praying, Image of God, Commitment, Follow, Temple, Forgiveness, Kindness, and Servant. The lessons are provocative, engaging, effective and fun ways to help youths grow as fully devoted disciples of Jesus Christ.

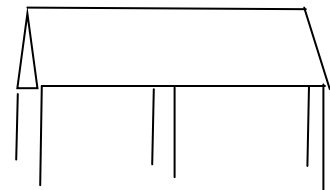
Every youth invited to join the group on Sunday mornings at 9:45 beginning September 15, and they are also welcome at the community service on Sunday, September 8 at 10 am at the Veterans Memorial Park next to St. Paul's Episcopal Church.

There is another opportunity to have fun and learn: the Youth Group meets the second Saturday of each month at 5:30 pm in Asbury Hall.

Please support each of these opportunities for our young people with your prayers. Volunteers are always welcome, as are donations of snacks and supplies.

## TRAPPE COMMUNITY WORSHIP SERVICE

- Where: Veterans Memorial Park, Trappe
- When: Sunday, September 8, 2013, 10 am
- Preaching: Rev. Jack Mason, St. Paul's Episcopal Church
- Box lunch following service
- In case of rain: Service will be held as scheduled at Scott's UMC
- Everyone is Welcome!



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

I want to thank Elizabeth and Drake Ferguson for being Greeters and Ushers for June; Leona Schmidt and Nancy Dunn for being July Greeters; and Ushers for July, Newton Williams and Bo Nelson. I want to thank Estelle Slaughter and Jayne Wesley for being Greeters and Ushers for August.

For September:

Greeters and Ushers: Brenda Handleman and Libby Slaughter

For October:

Greeters and Ushers: Jane Geist and Debby Howard

Thank you and God bless everyone!



## **BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES**

Happy Birthday and/or Happy Anniversary to everyone with these special celebrations in September and October!



# September 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>1</b> Faith Chapel 8:45 Sunday School 9:45 Trappe 11:00	<b>2</b> Labor Day	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> Yard Sale 8:30— noon	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>8</b> Community Worship Service 10 am	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> Yard Sale 8:30—noon UMW 7 pm	<b>12</b> Choir Practice 7 pm	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> Breakfast and Yard Sale 7:30-10:00
<b>15</b> Faith Chapel 8:45 Sunday School 9:45 Trappe 11:00	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> Yard Sale 8:30— noon	<b>19</b> Admin Council 7:00	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>22</b> Fall Begins Faith Chapel 8:45 Sunday School 9:45 Trappe 11:00	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> Yard Sale 8:30— noon	<b>26</b> Choir Practice 7 pm	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> Breakfast and Yard Sale 7:30-10:00
<b>29</b> Faith Chapel 8:45 Sunday School 9:45 Trappe 11:00	<b>30</b>					

# October 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> Yard Sale 8:30— noon	<b>3</b> Choir Practice 7 pm	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>6</b> Worldwide Com- munion Faith Chapel 8:45 Sunday School 9:45 Trappe 11:00	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> Yard Sale 8:30— noon UMW 7 pm	<b>10</b> Choir Practice 7 pm	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> Breakfast and Yard Sale 7:30-10:00
<b>13</b> Laity Sunday Faith Chapel 8:45 Sunday School 9:45 Trappe 11:00	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> Charge Conference 7 pm	<b>16</b> Yard Sale 8:30— noon	<b>17</b> Admin Council 7:00	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>
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