



Tidings

TRAPPE/FAITH CHAPEL NEWSLETTER SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER 2015



MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Members and Friends,

I am so thankful to our Lord and to our Bishop for the opportunity to serve as the Pastor of the Trappe-Bruceville Charge! I come standing on the foundation of those who have come before you and me. I have found the people of the Charge to be incredibly hard-working and highly dedicated people of God! I can see the living Spirit of our Lord in you. I hope this can be a long and fruitful relationship.

My first task is to get to know you and both of the communities in which the churches are serving. I want to be able to call everyone who comes to church by name. But I have found out that the older I get it takes more practice! So please do not feel offended when I may ask for your name more than once. I like to say that "I have a good memory, it is just short."

My second task is to discern the Lord's moving among us. What does God want to accomplish? I know that this takes time. It takes prayer. And it takes conversation among us to discern the movement of the Spirit.

There is already a keen awareness that we need to build the ministry around the generations younger than us. I have found that it is much easier to make that observation than it is to find the way to make a new way of ministry. The example of Israel going through the wilderness is one of many in Scripture that can be our guide in living out this task.

I pray that each service of worship is a holy time for all of us to come close to our living God. As the scripture states, where Jesus is lifted up people will be drawn to Him.

See you in Church!

Rev. Gary L. Moore, Pastor

*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:

Every other month

Administrative Council

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Pastor's Office Hours

The Pastor's Office is now 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.

A PRAYER FOR SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER

Dear Lord, help us to feel Your presence and to feel it now. Take from our minds the stress and confusion of this world, and give us peace of body, mind and spirit.

Help us to be very still for this moment that we are praying together.

Help us to meet the problems of our day and age, and to make a contribution to the life that is around us. We thank You, O Lord, for the creative vitality that you give to us. Help us to use our talents significantly and unselfishly.

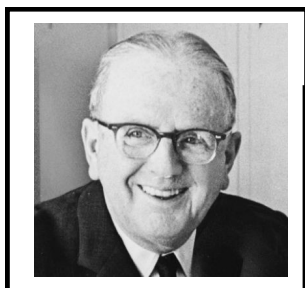
We ask you to come into our uprightness and help us to live in peace.

Help us to forgive ourselves, even as You forgive us.

Help us to let go of any cause of disturbance within us.

May we forget the past and live for today and tomorrow, and may you guide and direct us throughout this life. This we ask through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

(Dr. Norman Vincent Peale)



Norman Vincent Peale was a minister and author known for works like *The Power of Positive Thinking* and *A Guide to Confident Living*.

Born on May 31, 1898, in Bowersville, Ohio, he went on to serve as a Methodist clergyman who would later join the Dutch Reformed Church. He gathered a large following with his preaching style, sharing radio and TV sermons and editing the popular periodical *Guideposts*, which went on to spawn an entire philanthropic organization. His book *The Power of Positive Thinking* became a huge best-seller. He died on December 24, 1993, in Pawling, New York.



Trappe-Bruceville Charge Conference **Thursday, October 22 at 6:00 pm at Trappe UMC**

Members of the Administrative Council are voting members and any member is invited to attend and ask questions. This is the highest level of decision-making on the Charge. I would like for us to have a good turn out. And it is an opportunity to meet our District Superintendent, the Rev. Dr. Shirlyn Henry Brown.

A MESSAGE FROM NEWTON

This is a synopsis of a letter from Newton Williams to the churches in our charge received on August 13, 2015:

Things are going well for Newton on the health front and he sends 'thanks' for the letters, cards, and prayers.

Springwell in Baltimore is where he lives now. It is a private, independent, and assisted living facility in the Mount Washington section of Baltimore. It was built as a Methodist Home in 1930, but in 1998 it was purchased and opened as a private venture. It is similar to the main building at Wm. Hill in Easton. Newton is in the assisted living section primarily to obtain and monitor his medications.

He sends good wishes to Mary Catherine at her new assignment at Allen UMC near Fruitland.

On several occasions Newton met Rev. Gary Moore, and he says our churches are fortunate to have him as our minister.

Newton wishes everyone well and he sends greetings to all. He can still see and hear Jane at the organ. She is a kind friend. Dottie was kind enough to play "Nearer My God to Thee" for him, and again he thanks her. He says hello to the hat ladies, Mary Wilson and Leona Schmidt. Happy Birthday to Kirby, now in his ninth decade. He hopes Anny Williams is well recovered from her earlier foot problems. Also he sends a hello to Charles and Mary Rae who sat on the pew with him. And on the other side of the church, Newton sends greetings to Ellen Whitby, Pat Hardin, Kathy Green, Valerie Phelps, Sonny and Joyce Leonard, Ida, Lib, Estelle, Jayne Wesley, Drake and Elizabeth Ferguson, Ken and Elizabeth with their two children, and to the Sewells he sends thanks. Thanks and greetings to all at Trappe and Faith Chapel UMC(s). He said, "You are good friends and true Christians, and I miss you all."

Another of our members, Kathy Green, has moved.
Best wishes, Kathy. Everyone will miss your smile and positive outlook.



THANK YOU IDA

For many years, Ida Hickman has worked hard to see that the charge has a newsletter. She has served on the newsletter committee; folded, stamped, and mailed many issues; paid for printing; ferreted out news; and distributed the newsletter at church and at the breakfasts. Like the mailman, neither sleet nor snow nor hurricanes kept her from the tasks. Unfortunately, a broken arm has now put Ida on the sidelines for the physical part of the job.

We all owe Ida a huge THANK YOU! for all she has done to keep the presses rolling. (Of course, we need to thank her for the multitude of ways she has contributed to the fellowship, as well.) Most of all, Ida is appreciated for her Christian witness. She has forged ahead through many challenges, and she does it all with a smile on her face. When anyone needs a hug, Ida is there for that person. How blessed we are to have Ida in our church family!

We hope you heal quickly and completely, Ida. You are in our hearts and prayers!

NOW FOR SOME CHANGES

Ida is not completely out of the picture as far as the newsletter goes. She will continue to provide printing and postage, and her daughter-in-law, Charmel Hickman, will fold and stamp the newsletters. But the editor would like to lighten the load.

Here's the plan:

1. If you want to continue getting a hard copy of the newsletter, you do not have to do anything.
2. If you have an email account and would like to get the newsletter electronically, send your email address to the editor and ask to be put on the electronic mailing list. Here is the editor's email address:

cswsewell@gmail.com

3. Or you can read the newsletter on the church website: <http://www.tfcumc.org/>
(There is a difference, however. For privacy, addresses, phone numbers, and the birth-day/anniversary lists are deleted from the web edition.)

There are some advantages to going electronic:

1. No paper or postage costs
2. Color pictures
3. Fast delivery
4. No hardcopy to clutter up your home or the land fill

Currently we print 100 copies of each issue. It would be great to cut the hardcopy number in half, and we can still email many additional people at no extra cost, so do let the editor know if there is someone not getting the newsletter who would like to be included in the mailing. Please include an email address.

AN INVITATION



The Easton District
Peninsula-Delaware Conference
Of the United Methodist Church

"Honor God in all you do"

Dearly Beloved,

Truly, it is an honor to rest at the feet of Christ Jesus and serve as your District Superintendent. As we travel this Christian journey together let us be reminded that we are called to feed the sheep with love, faith and hope. All while breathing out the grace of God. Good News!

On this grace filled day it is with humility and joy that you are cordially invited to the **Easton District Installation Service**. Our worship encounter with Jesus Christ is **September 20, 2015 at 4pm at St. Mark's UMC, Easton, MD.**

There will be a "Meet & Greet" beginning at 2:30 pm in St. Mark's Fellowship Hall. In addition, clergy will robe (with red stoles) for the processional at 3:45 pm in the church narthex.

Again, I am looking forward to us coming together and celebrating the power of the Holy Spirit on the Easton District on September 20th. Thank you in advance for your presence and prayers.

Living by grace,
Pastor B
Rev. Dr. Shirlyn Henry Brown
Easton District Superintendent



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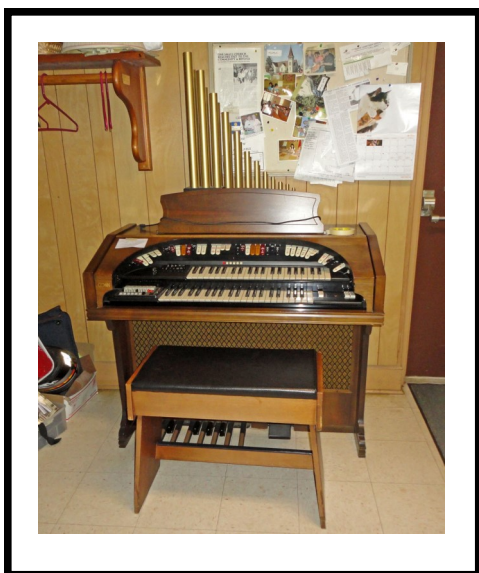
UNITED METHODIST WOMEN AND UNITED METHODIST MEN

United Methodist Women and United Methodist Men will continue to meet the second Wednesday at 7 pm. There will be a joint Bible study, light refreshments, and then separate meetings. The meetings are at TUMC, and all women and men are welcome. This is a great opportunity to learn, share fellowship, and continue the works of the churches. Please plan to join us!



A MUSICAL GIFT by Charles B. Adams, Jr.

On Tuesday, August 7, at the request of W. Rembert Simpson, Jr., Bo Nelson and Charles Adams picked up Rembert's Conn Theatrett 552 electric organ and brought it to TUMC. It has been placed in Wesley Hall, just right of the main entrance. Peggy Frampton has sent Rembert a letter of Thanks and Appreciation for this gift to TUMC. The Trustees and Music and Worship Committee will take the next step and determine where the organ will be placed and used in the church.



Pictures courtesy of Robert Croswell

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Next deadline for articles, etc., is October 15

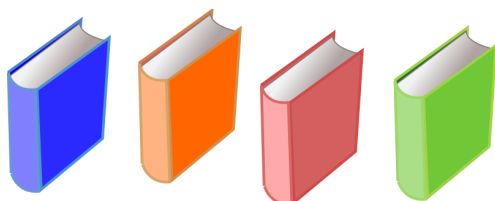
Next issue for November, December, and January available at the end of October.

LIBRARY NEWS by Charlotte Edwards

The Little Free Library is on the side lawn and getting some action. There will always be Bibles in there and I try to vary the subject matter. Children's books are taken readily and also the fiction. There have been self-help books, devotionals, and inspirational books taken also. Occasionally, someone has placed books in there as a donation. It is a multi-purpose box. I check it frequently to add more books as needed and completely change them every 2 weeks. Included in the box are cards, an envelope and a pen for requests and suggestions. Donations are always appreciated, especially Christian fiction, children's and teen books. Martha's Closet and the Cambridge library have been great resources for acquiring books.

Summer reading days are almost gone but think of those long dreary winter days. A good book will fill those days and take you anywhere your mind wants to go. But first you have to visit the Church Library or the Little Free Library.

Happy Reading!



Join Bishop Peggy Johnson
As she

Meets with Laity

Wednesday, September 23

7 pm

Centerville United Methodist Church
Centerville, MD

MARTHA'S CLOSET

Trappe: \$69,806.40

Faith : \$65,582.50

Total 1998 to present \$135,388.90

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

ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS: 2015

Administrative Council will now meet on the third Thursday of every other month, beginning in August. Meetings begin at 6 pm. All church members are welcome to attend, but only people listed in the Charge Conference Report have voting privileges. Generally they are the chairmen of the various committees. Check the report to see who has voting privileges and make your feelings known to them.

Another very important meeting is Charge Conference, to be held this year on October 29. Again, all church members are welcome, and attending is a great way to learn about the operation of the church, as well as be amazed at how much these two small churches do. Charge Conference begins at 6 pm at Trappe UMC. If you have not met the new District Superintendent, Rev. Dr. Shirlyn Henry Brown, she will be leading the meeting, so come on out.

Administrative Council
7 pm at Trappe
on
The Third Thursday of the
Month:
August
October
December

Charge Conference
Thursday, October 22
6 pm
TUMC
Rev. Dr. Shirlyn Henry Brown,
presiding

BELLS OF THE BAY

TUMC has a fun family afternoon planned for our community. On Sunday, November 29, at 3 pm everyone is invited to join us for a handbell concert by the Bells of the Bay. Following the hour and a half program, you can help us light the community Christmas tree at the corner of Maple and Powell Avenues. Then join us for a light dinner in Wesley Hall. This will be a free event and a wonderful way to start the Advent Season. There will be a free will love offering taken for the Bells of the Bay. Please come join us!

According to their brochure: "Bells of the Bay is a diverse group of handbell ringers from the Midshore region. We range in ringing experience from 3 years to over 24 years. Most of us also perform in one or more handbell choirs in area churches. What we also share is a love of handbells and a passion to spread the joy of this unique performance art in our communities. Bells of the Bay was founded in January 2014 as a result of the dream and labor of Artistic Director G. Shelley Reel, who has been leading church music programs for 40 years. Shelley's vision is for a new kind of community choir whose goal is not only performance excellence but also education, outreach, and service."

As well as appearing in Trappe, the group has at least 9 other appearances scheduled before Christmas. The choir is made up of volunteers, and besides playing for the public, they assist other musicians in launching new, or expanding existing, handbell choirs in schools, churches, and other organizations. Barbara Reinhardt serves as president of the group. To learn more and see pictures of the choir, go to www.bellofhtebay.org



Greeters and Ushers by Ellen Whitby

I want to thank the greeters and ushers for June, July and August. They did a good job. Here are the ushers and greeters for the next two months:

September: Drake and Elizabeth Ferguson

October: Ellen Whitby and Charmel Hickman

Thanks to everyone for helping me.

God bless,
Ellen



BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES



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.

September 2015

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

		1	2 Martha's Closet 8-12 pm	3	4	5
6 Faith Chapel 8:45 Sunday School 9:45 Trappe 11	7 Labor Day	8	9 Martha's Closet 8-12 pm UMW/UMM 6 pm	10 Choir 7 pm	11	12 Country Breakfast 7:30-10:30 am PPRC 10 am Attic Youth 6:30 pm
13 Community Worship Service 10 am	14	15	16 Martha's Closet 8-12 pm	17 Choir 7 pm	18	19
20 * Faith Chapel 8:45 Sunday School 9:45 Trappe 11 am	21	22	23 Martha's Closet 8-12 pm Meet w/Bishop 7 pm Centerville UMC	24 Choir 7 pm	25	26 7:30-10:30 am Coun- try Breakfast
27 Faith Chapel 8:45 Sunday School 9:45 Trappe 11 am	28	29	30	Notes: * Sunday, Sept. 20 4 pm Installation of District Superinten- dent Rev. Dr. Shirlyn Brown, St. Mark's UMC, Easton		

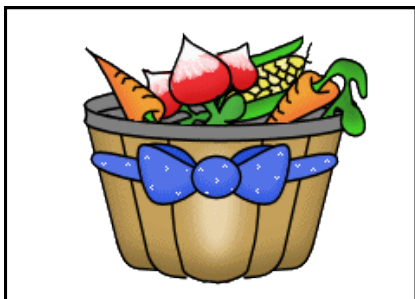


October 2015

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

				1 Choir 7 pm	2	3
4 Worldwide Communion Faith Chapel 8:45 Sunday School 9:45 Trappe 11 am	5	6	7 Martha's Closet 8-12 pm	8 Choir 7 pm	9	10 Country Breakfast 7:30-10:30 am Attic Youth 6:30 pm
11 Faith Chapel 8:45 Sunday School 9:45 Trappe 11 am Fellowship	12	13	14 Martha's Closet 8-12 pm UMW/UMM 6 pm	15 Administrative Council 7 pm	16	17
18 Laity Sunday Faith Chapel 8:45 Sunday School 9:45 Children's resumes Trappe 11 am	19	20	21 Martha's Closet 8-12 pm	22 Charge Conference 6 pm	23	24 Country Breakfast 7:30-10:30 am
25 Faith Chapel 8:45 Sunday School 9:45 Trappe 11 am	26	27	28 Martha's Closet 8-12 pm	29 Choir 7 pm	30	31

Notes:



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