



Tidings

**TRAPPE/FAITH CHAPEL NEWSLETTER
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MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Friends,

When do we expect a blessing to come in our lives? Well, it seems never when we expect it! Maybe for a blessing to be a blessing, it must come as an unexpected surprise. Or, at least for us to recognize a blessing, it has to be that way. We are too often consumed with just living, and a difficult time is needed to help us to recognize and to 'count our blessings'.

I have to pinch myself to believe that we are in the middle of August. The weather has been overall refreshing. I never associated refreshing weather with August. I think that this is the time when it does not rain and I do not have to cut my grass for weeks at a time. It is normally just too hot. But this year it is different. The weather has been pleasant and the grass is green and I feel blessed.

Most of the time, I believe, God uses other people to bless our lives. That leads me to my second blessing: at this point in my life to have the privilege of being appointed as your pastor for a third year in our United Methodist Church. I feel blessed by your dedication and love of God and the community. As we serve our gracious Lord together, let us continue to be open to the leading of the Spirit in knowing how to reach out to others, so that they too will know the blessing of God in Jesus Christ!

See you in Church!

Rev. Gary L. Moore

PRAYER FOR SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER

O Lord, open my lips to praise your Holy Name. Cleanse my heart from vain, evil, and wandering thoughts; enlighten my understanding, and kindle my affections, that I may be heard acceptably before the presence of your divine majesty; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



Have a Prayer Request? Prayer Line: 410-822-5095

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

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

Meeting

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CHRISTIAN EDUCATION by Nancy Dunn

**TRAIN UP A CHILD IN THE WAY HE SHOULD GO:
AND WHEN HE IS OLD, HE WILL NOT DEPART FROM IT.**

Proverbs 22:6 (KJV)

It's never too early for children to hear of neighbors' problems and how we are to respond. So we talked about the Kent Island storm and how we could help. Each child brought a pack of sponges for the clean up effort. Sunday School contributed \$50.00. Albert thought they could buy a tractor with the money. If they chose to do that, we'll throw in three farmhands. We love tractors!

We have a wonderful group coming to Sunday School now, and we welcome new friends any time. Come and join us at 9:45 am each Sunday. Who knows: you might get to drive a tractor!



LIBRARY NEWS by Charlotte Edwards

Summer is almost over. There have been more than a few days that reading was just about the only thing you could do comfortably. I hope our libraries have provided books for fun, information, or spiritual growth during those hot days.

Good selections in all categories are available in the church library and the Little Free Library. The **Secrets of Mary's Bookshop** series is good reading for teens and adults. Another series, historical fiction books about many of the women of the Bible, are interesting and offer insight to Biblical times. The ones we have are Esther, Hogar, Sarah, Ruth, Pricilla and Aquila, Jezebel, Eve, Rebecca, and Morori. This is a series, but the books have different authors.

There are several Joyce Meyer books addressing any character flaws you may want to improve. There are two books about AA, but at this time when Talbot County is beginning Project Purple to increase drug awareness and to combat drug addiction, more books or literature on the subject are needed for the church and Little Free Library.

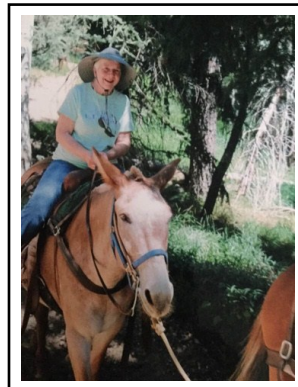
Children's books are needed for the outside library. Christian fiction or other books demonstrating strong moral characters are always good selections to provide. Don't forget good light reading for fun. We all need that!

Happy Reading!



A GENEROUS GIFT

Mr. John W. Matthews, III, continues to honor his marriage to the late Diane Griffith Matthews with another \$2500 donation to the maintenance and repair of our beautiful windows. Mr. and Mrs. Matthews were married in Trappe United Methodist Church on June 12, 1963.



WHAT I DID ON MY SUMMER VACATION:

Rode Valerie down
into the Grand
Canyon!

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

ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL/TRUSTEES HIGHLIGHTS JULY 2017

- Financial reports submitted from Faith Chapel and Trappe UMC(s), and the Memorial Fund with everything up-to-date; the Emergency Fund granted one request since the last meeting.
- Wesley Hall has been cleaned with several reports of how good it looks. It is nice to have this on a regular schedule.
- The next Quarterly Giving will occur in September when we hope to collect for the local school Backpacks Program for students to take home weekend supplies. More information to follow.
- To continue the Trappe/Faith Chapel Webpage, the Council/Trustees added an item to the Annual Budget. Comments were positive about www.tfcumc.org **Check it out.**
- Special Thanks were mentioned for those who participated in the Father's Day Worship Service. It was a pleasure hearing the memories people shared about their fathers. Thanks were also mentioned for Jody Coursey, Director of the District Lay Academy, and Margaret Mayo, Certified Lay Speaker, who filled the pulpit on July 2 and 9 while Rev. Moore was on vacation.
- Nancy Dunn reported that the Kings Ambassadors (a singing group from Tilghman) are on the schedule for Sunday, November 19, 2017 at 4:00 pm at Trappe United Methodist Church.
- The Church Library needs children's books and books for adults, both with Christmas themes especially. Help keep our Library well-booked.
- At the next UMW meeting on Wednesday, September 13, 2017, the Central Congo Partnership Mission Project will be discussed.
- Articles for the Faith Chapel and Trappe UMC **Tidings** Newsletter are due August 15, 2017. This will be for the September/October Issue. Submit items about our churches' projects, activities, meetings, etc., so that all our readers know how our churches are working for our Lord in our community and around the world.
- Next Meeting is set for September 20 at 6:30 pm (the third Thursday in September.)

UPDATE AND REMINDERS from Elizabeth Ferguson

A huge THANK YOU to Shirley Adams and her crew for their hard and faithful work in Martha's Closet. That work has increased the coffers of our Charge as follows:

Martha's Closet

Trappe: \$77,702.25

Faith : \$73,491.25

Total 1998 to 8/12/2017 \$151,193.50

Also, please remember to **sign up** for altar flowers and for Fellowship. There are sign-up boards in the back of the Sanctuary at TUMC for each. Flowers can come from your yard. Some of the prettiest arrangements come from nature's gifts right out side. Fellowship is fun and fairly easy with 2 or 3 people. It does not need to be elaborate. Brew some coffee, heat up water for tea, and serve a light refreshment so people can gather to talk and enjoy time together. (Coffee and tea supplies are already available in Wesley Hall.)



We salute Navy Lt. Samantha (Asmussen) Penney, who is serving with the U. S. Navy's 5th Fleet in the Middle East. Samantha is a behavioral health provider, which involves individual and group psychotherapy services for all service members on this deployment. She says about her work, "Serving in the Navy means I get to honor those who already served and use my strengths, training, and experience for those presently serving." Samantha and her brother Chris attended Nursery School at Trappe UMC, and her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Asmussen, currently attend at Faith Chapel. We are proud of Samantha and grateful for her service.


Sunday, November 19, 4 pm
The King's Ambassadors

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

“BLESSED ARE THE POOR IN SPIRIT; FOR THEIRS IS THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN.”

Blessed are the poor in spirit. What does it mean to be poor in spirit? Does it mean having a sense of inferiority? Does it mean discounting one's true worth and value? Does it mean pretending to think lowly of oneself in the presence of others, so as not to seem to be conceited, proud, arrogant? What does it mean to be poor in spirit? Perhaps it means to have a present sense of inadequacy in one's own spiritual life. The gulf between what we recognize as the high spiritual possibilities of life and what we are able to achieve at any particular moment is the measure of one's paucity of spirit. To be aware of this is to be blessed.

Theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven. Theirs is the rule of God. The rule of God in one's life is the price-less possession. It does not mean that one is holy, it does not mean that one is perfect, it does not mean that one is sinless. It does mean that one has a sense of holiness, a sense of perfection, a sense of sinlessness. It is this sense that is the open channel through which the spirit of God invades the life. To keep the channel open and clear is to be in possession of the rule of God.

Howard Thurman (1899-1981)

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN by Leona Schmidt

The Trappe/Bruceville United Methodist Women have been busy these last 9 months. We have donated supplies to Talbot County Hospice several times, provided requested clothing for the Interfaith Shelter, baked Christmas cookies for the resident of the Talbot County Detention Center, and provided refreshments for various church activities. We sold soup during the breakfast in March. The next activity was a Tea Party after church for Fellowship in May. The menu included scones, clotted cream, jam, sandwiches, desserts, and various teas. This activity was well attended and enjoyed by all.

Our last meeting was in June: a covered dish dinner provided by Garden and Garnish. The guest speaker was Rev. David Baker, retired, a farmer from Caroline County, Maryland. He was called to missions in 1967, and his first mission was Haiti.

Rev. Baker has had several missions to the Congo. He has been instrumental in setting up farming areas so the people could help themselves by growing vegetables and fruits in small plots and then selling the produce to a market and making money to purchase more farm land.

Rev. Baker works with “Partners in Mission” Central Congo Episcopal Area of the United Methodist Church. Their goal is to

Feed, Nurture & Heal
Teach, Train & Sustain
Lead, Connect & Engage
Build, Equip & Supply



This is an important project that the UMW will be discussing at our first meeting on September at 5 pm. Please note this change in time for all our meetings this fall. If we meet earlier at 5 pm, we are not out in the dark. I am very thankful for all the support given with all our activities!



Rev. David
Baker

Rev. Moore
welcomes
guests



FROM THE THANK YOU BOX

Welcome back to **Rev. Moore**, and thank you for all your sermons which challenge us, make us think more deeply, and help us develop a better understand of the Word.

Thank you to the **UMW and everyone who helps with the Fellowship**. Outstanding hospitality!

Thank you to **everyone** placing flowers on the altar each Sunday.

Thank you to **Ken Myers** for seeing that the heating and air conditioning are working so that everyone is comfortable!

Thank you to the Breakfast Cake Bakers for May, June, and July: **Elizabeth Ferguson, Libby Slaughter, Pat Harden, Charlotte Edwards, and Charmel Hickman**.

Thank you to everyone contributing to the **Tidings**.

Thank You!

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Private information not available
in the on-line edition.



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