



Tidings

TRAPPE/FAITH CHAPEL NEWSLETTER
SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER 2018



MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

The Lord has blessed us with rain this summer and with beautiful sunny days. Refreshment and sunshine are two reminders of the way God cares for us. His creation is a wonderful bounty we have been given to care for. It is the root of what it means to be a good steward – proper management for God’s glory. People like to argue about what words to us about the changing climate. The issue we cannot stray from is that we are charged to be care-takers of what has been gifted to us.

One of the gifts of creation is human ingenuity. At the core this is about creating new ways of thinking about how to use what we already have. It also means we may need to disconnect and stop our old ways of thinking and doing because of unintended side-effects that are causing problems that need correcting. None of us likes changing our comfortable patterns. Yet, without change in the past, we would not be drinking the milk and water we purchase without being concerned from where it came. At one time, gasoline was a throw away by product that became a core source of our transportation energy. Our great-grandchildren, as they drive away in their ‘alternate’ (our word) fueled cars, may be ask their teachers, “What was gasoline?”

As we witness again, the power of God’s creation to change from summer to fall, let us be reminded of the power, the knowledge, the gifts God has given us to live in his creation as God’s good stewards. The creation is a visible presence of the glory of God!

See you in church!
Rev, Gary Moore

SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER PRAYER

Lord Jesus Christ, you have promised never to forsake or leave me. Accept my life and ministry as a living sacrifice to you and grant me strength to keep my promises to you. In the name of Christ. 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

Thursday
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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LIBRARY NEWS by Charlotte Edwards

Our summer reading days are getting shorter. It's now time to squeeze in a few more books before the fall activities get into full swing. There are no new books to review. This is just a reminder to visit the church library or the Little Free Library for that one book that entertains, educates, or inspires you just when you need it.

A new adage says, "Take your troubles to God before you take them to Facebook." After those prayers you may just find that helpful book on a library shelf. That would be called a "God Wink" which is the name of a book we have that was a bestseller a few years ago. Be pro- active with God's choices for you before you go to your Facebook followers. They are your friends, however, and possibly God's answer is there. Another God Wink.

You still have time for a trip or two before the summer is over. It is said, "A book gives you some place to go when you have to stay where you are." Visit the Holy Land via one of our many books about life in Biblical Times. You could also travel with Jesus, Paul, or any number of the disciples. Your own personal virtual tour. **Happy Trails and Happy Reading!**

FAITH CHAPEL NEWS

Baptism: We welcomed Gabrielle Joy Baker to the Universal Body of Christ through the Sacrament of Baptism on August 5, 2018, at Faith Chapel. Gabrielle is the daughter of Amanda and Ricky Baker and the little sister of Michaela. May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be upon her and the Baker family.

Picnic Table: Working with Jack Thompson, a new picnic table has been placed under the trees of Faith Chapel to be a place of rest of whoever passes through the Bruceville Community. Thanks, Jack!

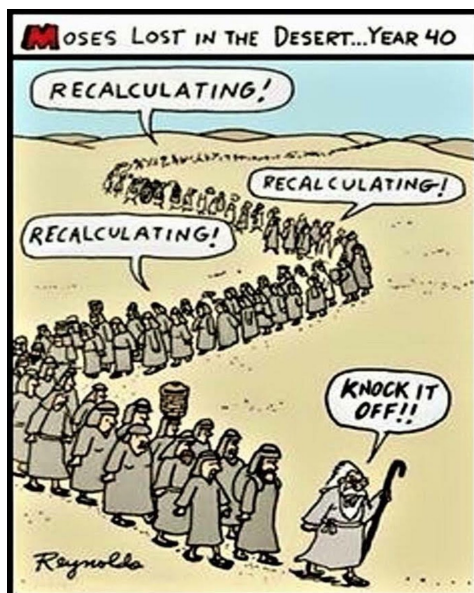
BISHOP ON EASTON DISTRICT

Bishop Johnson will meet with the laity and clergy on Wednesday, September 12, 6:30 pm at Union UMC in Federalsburg. Everyone is welcome to attend!

DISCIPLE BIBLE STUDY RESUMES

The New Testament part of the Disciple Bible Study resumes on Tuesday, October 16 (1:00 pm – Daytime or 6:30 pm – Evening). You need to have chapter 1 completed before the first class starts that day. The books are here and cost \$17. Make your checks out to TRAPPE UMC.

The first part will end on November 20 before resuming after the New Year.



Thank You

To
Janice Oakhill for providing cakes for the Saturday
breakfasts in April
And
Pat Harden for providing cakes for the breakfasts in
March and May 12

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

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

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

by Elizabeth Sewell

We rolled down the river with our mascot, the otter Romper, during Vacation Bible School from August 6 to 9. Our theme was "Rolling River Rampage" and our weekly bible verse from Isaiah 43:2 was "When you pass through the waters, I will be with you." The nine children that attended our bible school enjoyed dinner, music, crafts, games, and a story each night. Two of the favorite stories of the week were about Jesus making fishers of men and Zacchaeus. A special thank you to Nancy Dunn for coordinating bible school, Kim Hardesty for leading the songs, Rachel Coyne for being our nightly story teller, and Christy Edwards and Charlotte Edwards for being our artistic leaders. Thank you to Wilma Miller, Caitlin Miller, Pat Harden, and Leona Schmidt for preparing our delicious meals each night. The children enjoyed coming to bible school, making new friends, and learning about Jesus!

And from Rev. Moore: It takes commitment to introduce our community children to God's love! To all the children and their parents and families, we express our appreciation for the confidence they place in our church in bringing their children each evening. This is because of the love and support all of you gave to VBS. Our deepest appreciation goes to Nancy Dunn for her inspiration, hard word and love of children and our Savior in organizing VBS into a great success!



Craft Project:
Jesus telling
Zacchaeus to
come down



VBSers singing
and reciting the
Bible verse



Can't wait to get to VBS!



Fishing at
VBS camp

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday School meets at Trappe from 9:45 to 10:45 am every Sunday. There is a class for you no matter your age. Children meet in the large room in the back of the church. "Young Adults" meet in the Evelyn O. Carter Room. Our older adults meet in the Sanctuary. Besides these classes, Bible Studies meet throughout the year. Don't miss these opportunities to grow in your Bible knowledge and understanding.

TRAPPE/FAITH CHAPEL UNITED METHODIST WOMEN by Leona Schmidt

Please come to our Wednesday, September 11, meeting. We will be planning our year, and your input is needed. If you have any ideas or suggestions, please let me know at 410-476-7362 or Mary Rae Adams at 410-476-3339. You can also leave a message at either number.

During these last few months we have donated paper and cleaning supplies to Talbot County Hospice. They were very much appreciated. For Mother's Day flowers were provided to both churches and candy to the fathers on their special day.

At the last meeting in June, we had a dinner and a speaker, David Ryan, who is pastor at Christ United Methodist Church in Chestertown, MD. Pastor Ryan gave a talk on a Congo mission, the Peter D. Weaver Congo Partnership. Three conferences united to create the partnership: Peninsula Delaware, Eastern PA, and Western NC conferences. Their mission is to help the people of the Congo by digging wells to provide water, as well as teaching the women and children how to raise crops for food. The partnership sponsors a school in the area where over 6000 children are taught by 60 teachers. Life is a challenge in the Congo: over 1000 men, women, and children die daily from starvation and war. Mothers must choose which child to feed while others go hungry. Most in the area have no electricity or running water.

The Peninsula Delaware Conference began a relationship with the Central Congo Episcopal Area in the late 1990's, which later became the Peter D. Weaver Congo Partnership. Pastor Ryan has been to the Congo several times. He talked about how poor the people were, but with conference help, they have started a pineapple farm, a fish farm, and a medical ministry at the Mpsa UM Medical Center that is improving care. His talk was very interesting. He also shared pictures and crafts made by the people of the Congo. We will have discussions on how we can help with the project.



UMCOR

The United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) is the humanitarian relief and development arm of The United Methodist Church (UMC), a non-profit 501(c)3 organization operated under the auspices of the General Board of Global Ministries. UMCOR's Vision and Mission are as follows:

Vision: As the humanitarian relief and development arm of The United Methodist Church, UMCOR strengthens and transforms people and communities.

Mission: Compelled by Christ to be a voice of conscience on behalf of the people called Methodist, UMCOR works globally to alleviate human suffering and advance hope and healing.

UMCOR's work can be categorized into three major areas:

- 1) Humanitarian Relief / Disaster Response
- 2) Sustainable Development
- 3) Global Health (in collaboration with Global Ministries)

UMCOR's MANDATE (From the Book of Discipline 2016)

¶ 1330.1. General Provisions—

Purpose—The United Methodist Committee on Relief ("UMCOR") exists to assist United Methodists and churches to become involved globally in direct ministry to persons in need through programs of relief, rehabilitation, and service, including issues of displaced persons, hunger and poverty, disaster response, and disaster risk reduction; and to assist organizations, institutions, and programs related to annual conferences and other units of The United Methodist Church in their involvement in direct service to such persons in need.

100% of your donations to UMCOR go directly into the accomplishment of UMCOR's work.

MARTHA'S CLOSET by Charlotte Edwards

Martha's Closet is our church's ongoing service to our community. It is open every Wednesday from 8:30 to noon and on the 2nd and 4th Saturdays of each month during the breakfast and an occasional Saturday in between. This is a great place to visit first for all your needs, gifts, or that special something that may just warm your heart. You will find a lot of camaraderie there, so it can be a destination with friends. We thank you all for coming so regularly.

Every week someone finds something that they just cannot live without. Maybe you can, too. We offer a wide selection of unique items. Where else can you find a grand piano for sale? We have a great child's potty in Early American style complete with a place to hold the toilet paper. There is also a cutout heart on the back to make it even more special. We have a CD/DVD holder in the shape of a cheeseburger, perfect for those kids in the back seat. You can find electronic accessories, medical equipment, and clothing for all sizes and occasions, including a selection of vintage items. Pick up a purse, tote bag, or shoes to go with your "new" outfit. Most all apparel costs \$1.00. Not many yard sales can beat that.

For collectors, we have dolls, china bells, angels, multiple figurines, stamp collecting items, and an abundance of record albums for that trip down memory lane. Crafters find suggestions, books, and materials. Quilters find fabrics and sewing materials. Artists find the perfect frame for their work. Some people drift to the housewares and others to the book section. (something for everyone there). Kids always find the perfect toy. Puzzlers find their next challenge. Cooks always can find the cookbook of their choice.

There is an area in the back just packed with seasonal items. Four cute scarecrows are guarding it and also looking for homes. Stop here first for all holiday decor. We have an abundance of lighted Christmas village houses on display. DVD s, CDs, VCR tapes, and audiobooks abound. We have some very nice children's books that will go to the fall book fair at White Marsh if not sold before. Stop here for greeting cards, school supplies, and photo albums. We have a special box for appropriate shoe box items for our Samaritan's Purse Ministry. A man from Baltimore comes for stuffed animals and the smaller ones get purchased to toss from Parade floats. Items that don't sell are distributed to more appropriate places where they can be of service. Anyone having a fire, flood or other loss may come for needed replacement items at no cost. Being of service to others is our priority. Spread the word about that. A lot of kids clothes go to White Marsh when school starts. These are for any spills or other unexpected emergencies. We always remind them to come for needed hats, coats and gloves in the winter. No child or family in Trappe should have to go without clothes or other household necessities.

Visit us regularly. You might just find that one item that is your fondest dream come true. There is always something you won't find anywhere else.

We take all items such as that frozen turkey we found at the door one morning. Even ragged clothing finds its way to our kitchen for cleaning or to one of the places that sends these items for textile rendering. Home pick-up or after-hours shopping can be arranged as needed. If you are on a mission for something, do not hesitate to ask us to be on the lookout for it. You Never Know! One man's trash may be your next treasure.

All are welcome to help, donate or shop here. It is where the elite meet in Trappe. Thank you, Shirley Adams, Rosemary Cole. Kathy Green and Dolly Taylor for creating Martha's Closet and all those helping in between. Happy Shopping!

By the way, does anyone need a dinosaur? We have a 3-foot heavy white plastic dino hatching out of an egg. Now where else can you find a treasure like that?

Addition from Elizabeth Ferguson: Martha's Closet running total to \$155,830.50. Shirley Adams and her minions continue to provide an amazing community service and add to our coffers. Many thanks to all who labor in this vineyard.

IMPORTANT DATES

Communion & UMCOR Collection	September 2		
Shoebox Collection	September 2– November 11		
Breakfast & Martha's Closet	September 8	7:30-10 am	
UMW Meeting	September 11	5:30 pm	
Bishop's Day on the Easton District	September 12	6:30 pm	Union UMC, Federalsburg
Admin. Council/Trustees	September 19	6:30 pm	
Breakfast & Martha's Closet	September 22	7:30-10 am	
CarePack Collection	September 23–October 7		
UMW Meeting	October 10	5:30 pm	
Breakfast & Martha's Closet	October 13	7:30-10 am	
Tidings deadline	October 15 (Items needed for November, December, and January)		
Disciple Bible Study	October 16	1 & 6:30 pm	
Breakfast & Martha's Closet	October 27	7:30-10 am	
Looking ahead: Annual Charge Conference	December 17	8:00 pm	

A PLACE AT THE TABLE By Bishop Peggy Johnson

The United Methodist Association of Ministers with Disabilities met at Gallaudet University for a three-day conference for the purpose of education, advocacy and support (August 1-3, 2018). The theme was "Taking Our Place at the Table: DisABILITY Leadership Academy." The event included a number of speakers: Rev. Stephanie Remington from the Lewis Center at Wesley Theological Seminary's Lewis Leadership Center, Rev. E. Michelle Ledder from the General Commission on Religion and Race, Rev. Jackson Day from the General Board of Church and Society and Rev. Dr. Anthony Hunt from the Board of Ordained Ministry of the Baltimore-Washington Conference. Leadership development was the key component of this event and the group strategized about how to promote more opportunities to be in leadership and inclusion in the UMC. People with disabilities, even those who are ordained or commissioned, often find themselves talked about but not at the table.

Jesus understood the importance of table ministry. Much of his ministry included gatherings around meals and around tables. It seemed like he was always doing radical acts of inclusion at the tables where he sat. He ate with sinners and tax collectors and got in trouble with the Pharisees for that (Matthew 9:11). He allowed a woman with a questionable past to wash his feet at a table in the home of a Pharisee and he gets grief for that too (Luke 7:36-50). We see him including Mary of Bethany around the teaching table instead of sending her to the kitchen to cook with her sister Martha (Luke 10:38-42). Jesus gives us a parable about the great banquet that includes all of those who the world excluded (Luke 14:15-24), especially those with disabilities. In addition, he didn't shy away from literally turning over tables of greed and extortion when the place of prayer for the Gentiles was being defiled with the sale of sacrificial animals and the changing of coins. (John 2:11-12). In each case the Lord was widening the circle at each table, teaching the world the unimaginably grace-filled, inclusive love of God.

Jesus' most radical act of table turning would be the Last Supper, where at the table Jesus himself becomes love incarnate. The Lamb of God becomes the sacrificial lamb for the sins of the world. The bread and the wine are his very body and blood. His death on the cross seals forever the opportunity for everyone, everywhere, throughout all of history to be a part of the family of God and seated at the table.

At this disability conference at Gallaudet we once again committed ourselves to sharing the good news that God unconditionally includes and loves people with disabilities. **I ask you, the church to think of ways that your church, your ministries, your outreach programs can include this amazingly gifted community.**



Source: *The Connection*, August 8, 2018



In front is our Bishop, Peggy Johnson. See another familiar face?



WHAT OUR CHURCH IS DOING TO INCLUDE ALL GOD'S PEOPLE

Trappe United Methodist Church
P.O. Box 362
Trappe, MD 21673

Please help us walk up our proposed Handicap Ramp. Many feet and wheels will use it.



Suggestion: Your donation could equal your shoe size (example: a size 8 shoe equals an \$8.00 donation). Or any donation will be greatly appreciated.

Make checks payable to: Trappe United Methodist Church
and note "Ramp Fund".



Thank you!

THANK YOU FOR DONATING TO CAREPACKS

The percentage of families experiencing food insecurity is on the rise across the country, and here in Talbot County. Hungry students can't learn. While most students in need receive breakfast and lunch at school, for many of them there is a gap on the weekends.

The CarePacks mission is to end weekend hunger among our most vulnerable students. We provide 2 breakfasts, 2 lunches, 2 snacks and 2 fruit items every Friday afternoon to identified students.

CarePacks launched in April of 2012, providing non-perishable, kid-friendly meals and snacks to 30 students in need on the Easton Elementary campus.

We now serve 350 students every week at ALL Talbot County Elementary schools and Easton Middle School.



Sample items for backpacks:

Oatmeal packets
Single serving cereals
Filled crackers
Raisins
Applesauce cups
Fruit cups
Peanuts (small packages)
Trail mix (small packages)
Cereal bars
Toaster pastries
Canned tuna
Easy mac (single serve)
Instant lunch noodles
Canned pasta (prefer pop top)
Granola bars
Pretzels (individual bags)



For more information, visit us online at www.eescarepacks.org, or like us on Facebook.

To donate online, visit www.msfc.org

For other questions, contact Emily Moody at emoody@tcps.k12.md.us

**Collecting
from 9/23 to
10/7**

ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL/TRUSTEES HIGHLIGHTS JULY 18, 2018

- Financial reports submitted from Faith Chapel UMC, Trappe UMC, Memorial Fund, and Emergency Fund with everything up-to-date.
- UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief) contributions are received on first Sundays of the month and are sent to Conference.
- The next Quarterly Giving Collection will be for the CarePack Program for school children in Talbot County. Look for information in the Sept./Oct. Newsletter and your Sunday bulletin.
- Articles for the Sept./Oct. newsletter are due Wednesday, August 15, 2018.
- The new heating and air conditioning unit for the sanctuary is performing well and along with the Delmarva Power Energy Rebate Program installations as well as the Mitsubishi AC/Heat units for the Sunday School area are proving to be energy saving for the church.
- The Annual Contract for fuel for the Trappe Church has a surplus left from last year's amount which will be applied to this year's contract. Energy saving does work! Therefore, this year's letter asking for a special donation will be for the Handicap Ramp Proposal for the Trappe Church. There is already an amount in this fund which we hope will help us reach our goal of \$9,000. Nine percent toward this has been received.
- Disciple Bible Study continues Tuesday, October 16, 2018 at 1:00 & 6:30 pm.
- The Memorial Garden is looking great. Thanks to those attending to this. To help with this a Garden Fund line item has been added to our budget to assist with costs involved.
- Nancy Dunn reported that preparations for Vacation Bible School on August 6 thru 9 are well underway. See Nancy on how you can help.
- This year Annual Charge Conference will be with Scotts UMC on Monday, Dec. 17 at 6 pm.
- Next meeting is September 19 at 6:30 pm.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Twenty-five years ago, the first Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes were delivered to children in Bosnia. You perhaps helped make this happen! This year you have an opportunity to share God's love with children who do not know about Jesus or how He loves each of us. Operation Christmas Child provides an opportunity for us to fill a shoebox with items suggested in the pamphlets and help spread Good News: God loves you and Jesus is God's Gift to each of us.

Empty shoeboxes will be available at Faith Chapel and Trappe UMC on Sunday September 2, as well as labels for designated ages for either a girl or a boy. Please read the pamphlet before packing the shoebox as there have been changes in items to be included. Please read the DO NOT INCLUDE list prior to filling a shoe box. It's always exciting to have a new friend, so write a note about where you live or how God has blessed you. Filled boxes need to be returned to Trappe and Faith no later than November 11, 2018. If you have questions, please phone Mary Rae: 410-476-3339.

What Goes in My Shoebox?

Start with a quality "wow" item such as a stuffed animal, soccer ball with pump, or clothing outfit that will capture the child's attention the instant he or she opens the box. Select gifts according to age and gender: fun toys, hygiene items, crafts, musical instruments, and school supplies to fill the shoebox. Hygiene items might include comb, hairbrush, toothbrush, washcloth, bar soap (packaged and/or in a container), adhesive bandages (Colorful ones can help a child be more willing to wear a bandage. Do not include liquid antibiotic ointment.), reusable plastic containers: cup, water bottle, plate, bowl, blunt-edged utensils (Consider filling an empty container with non-liquid items such as hair bows, bracelets, sunglasses, or washcloths to maximize the space.), blanket.



Do Not Include:

Candy; toothpaste; gum; used or damaged items; war-related items such as toy guns, knives, or military figures; chocolate or food; seeds; fruit rolls or other fruit snacks; drink mixes (powdered or liquid); liquids or lotions; medications or vitamins; breakable items such as snow globes or glass containers; aerosol cans.

BELLS OF THE BAY

On Sunday, August 19, during the 11 am service at Trappe, The Bells of the Bay presented a beautiful program of Great Hymns of the Church. This was their third appearance at our church, and the music was once again heavenly!

Following the program, everyone was invited to Wesley Hall for a Fellowship luncheon. Many thanks to Nancy Dunn and her crew who planned, decorated, and prepared food, to the musicians of The Bells of the Bay, and to the audience who turned out to be blessed by the music.



BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Happy Anniversary!

Birthdays and anniversaries are not included in the on-line edition of the Tidings.



A decorative border consisting of a row of small, stylized stick figures holding hands, framing the central text.

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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.