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Pastor's Piece

On my recent trip to Florida, my friend, Mike and I had the opportunity to visit The Holy Land Experience in Orlando, FL, established by Trinity Broadcasting as a place for people to visit reproductions of biblical places in Israel. Although there are some places from the Old Testament, the majority of the places represented are from the New Testament. It is not an amusement park with rides; rather it is a place that puts on dramas from the Word of God.

At the end of the day, they perform a condensed yet realistic portrayal of the arrest, trial, crucifixion and resurrection of Jesus. As the story unfolds, there is a character, The Evil One, dressed in black and always lurking in the background. The Evil One rejoices when it appears that Jesus has died and will be gone forever. As Jesus appears risen from the grave and the angels are rejoicing, the Evil One appears and dies. Jesus has conquered death.

So, with Christmas approaching, why would I write about the death and resurrection of Jesus? Simple. It wasn't until these events took place that the importance of the birth of a baby in a stable in Bethlehem was realized. Until this time, the birth in the stable was just another birth in a city overrun with people registering for the census.

The love of God was born in a dark, dank manger. The love of God was demonstrated on the blood stained cross. The innocent baby grew up and died an innocent man, all because of God's great love for His creation. The cry of a babe became a cry of forgiveness as Christ breathed his last breath. The greatest gift of love ever given to humanity, born in a manger, was fully unwrapped on the cross. The gift of salvation was extended to all.

As we celebrate Christmas, let us remember the great price it cost God. As the commercial might

say: "God's love: priceless." And this Gift is still available today and will come again one day to call all God's children home to live with Him forever.

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

Pastor Maleia

Pastor's Pooch

Well, it seems like we will be able to leave the air conditioner off now. For a few days it seemed like Mom was turning on the heat in the morning to take the chill out of the house and then in the afternoon turning on the air conditioner to cool the house off because the temperature outside kept going up and down.

I personally love this kind of weather. I can sit outside for long periods of time and not worry about getting overheated. And although Mom isn't thrilled about it, I do hope we get some snow this winter because I love rolling in the snow almost as much as I love rolling in the dirt.

I've also started back to school with the reading program. We are working with the same second grade teacher and the students continue to treat me like a rock star. I may have to hire a Doberman Pincher as a bodyguard.

I heard that Faith Chapel is having their Homecoming service soon and that Rev. David Hackett is going to be the guest preacher. I wish I could go. Rev. Hackett is a good friend of ours and I would love to tap my paws to the music. Hopefully Mom will bring me a plate of food from the dinner afterwards. There are so many great cooks around here that my tummy is growling just thinking about it. Even though I can't go, I do hope



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that many will turn out for this great time of worship.

I heard from Mom that it is time to begin preparing the shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child. I love helping Mom wrap the boxes and put the stuff inside. I wonder if any of the kids that will receive one of these boxes has a pet dog. If I knew,

I could slip in one of my doggie toys. I know I have way more than most dogs. I also hope that despite the tough economic times (heard that phrase from Mom) that the churches are able to increase the number of boxes they prepare and donate.

Finally, as Thanksgiving and Christmas approach, please make sure your pets are safe by keeping them from chewing on chocolate, meat bones, decorations, and poinsettias

Woof! Woof!
Scamp

Meet Our New DS

On July 1, Rev. Gary Moore became our new District Superintendent. Although he is no stranger to Talbot County, there may be some things you do not know about him, so we are publishing the following, which is what Bishop Peggy A. Johnson included in her announcement of Rev. Moore's appointment. As we welcome Rev. Moore, we also wish Rev. William Sterling, our former DS, the very best in his new position as pastor of Community UMC in Ocean Pines.

Here is what the Bishop says about our new DS: Rev. Gary L. Moore has served 38 years under appointment in the Peninsula-Delaware Annual Conference. For the last twelve years he has been appointed to St. Mark's UMC in Easton, Maryland. During that time the church undertook a \$4.6 M renovation and expansion campaign to make the church accessible. The 'Growing To Serve'

Campaign raised \$2.6M. The Sunday worship schedule was expanded to include a contemporary service in addition to the two traditional services. The staff and the missions program were enlarged to address new ministry initiatives. The people of St. Mark's generously responded by doubling their giving to the Lord's work. Rev. Moore served Elkton and Kingswood in Brookside for ten years each and the Charges of Greensboro-Burrsville, Quantico-Rockawalkin, Church Hill-Price, and Magnolia. As a pastor he also served as an endorsed chaplain in the Army Reserve Component. After 25 years, he retired from the Delaware National Guard as the Joint Forces Chaplain with the rank of Colonel. During that time, he was deployed to the Pentagon after the September 11 attacks by al Qaeda. In 1995 he graduated from the Command & General Staff Course.

In the Peninsula-Delaware Conference he has served as Conference Secretary, Chair of Commission on Archives & History and many other boards and committees. In 1998 he was on the Zambia Volunteer in Missions Team.

Certified to administer the Myers-Briggs Type Inventory instrument on personality types, Rev. Moore has led workshops at Camp Pecometh, local churches and businesses in Easton. The inventory is a useful tool in helping to understand people's preferences in ministry and life, especially marriage.

As a student of the American story, he is currently studying pre-Civil War Methodism on the Eastern Shore. The focus is on how Methodism developed into five distinct identities while each group sought to be known as Methodist.

A major influence in his thinking about ministry is the work of Peter F. Drucker. Drucker believed



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that we need to seek to understand the present, not the future. In his mind we too often seek to understand the present by thinking too much about the past and miss what has changed in the present. It is this change that is the key influence that must be addressed. According to Rev. Moore, this is relevant to our life in the annual conference. We are in the middle of the greatest changes since the Civil War. We need all the insight and spiritual guidance available to us in the present to strategically re-align our ministry resources differently from what we have known in the past. A second influence that Rev. Moore values is that of the writings of Jim Collins. Collins asserts that while it may be difficult in ministry to define results, results can be described. In Jesus' terms we are to be fruitful in ministry, and fruitfulness can be described.

Rev. Moore married his wife Jeanne on Valentine's Day twenty-five years ago (1986). They have four children and four grandchildren. As a young child he had an inescapable call to serve as a minister of Jesus Christ. For him to live out that call among the people called Methodists on the Delmarva Peninsula has been an incredible journey of faith and love.

Meet our new DS in person and learn more about our charge churches at the Charge Conference on Sunday, November 6 at 4 pm. All are welcome!

Up, Up and Away!

A few years ago I interviewed Bo Nelson and discovered he lives life to the fullest-always challenging himself to use his God-given talents. I learned Bo had served in the Coast Guard during the Vietnam era. He also was interested in all aspects of sailing, including getting his Captain's license and sailing Skipjacks.

Last year he experienced another first-acting and singing in a TAP musical. This year he has been asked to take part in "Life is a Cabaret" and this requires many rehearsals with performances due in February. Of course he took the challenge.

Out of the blue another avenue to explore presented itself. At an air show in Easton Bo spied a sign for a tour of Talbot County for \$49. He took the tour in a Cessna 172 Skyhawk and immediately signed up for flying lessons. This included lots of studying of charts, learning the rules and regulations, as well as many hours of flying. He was again up to the challenge and now has his pilot's license. That is quite an achievement.

What's next Bo?

by K. Green

UMW - News

Our June dinner-meeting finished up a busy year with good food and fellowship (catered by Brian Schmidt). September found us ready to plan the coming year-including planning monthly Lions Club dinners. In October we collected cleaning supplies for Hospice. In November we will donate our thank offerings. (All year we drop coins in a jar whenever we are thankful.) In December we plan to bake cookies for the Easton Detention Center. All are invited to a lite supper and then we package the cookies. It's a lot of fun. That is only the first three months!

A big thank you to all the women in the church who support our efforts.

K. Green, Secretary

PS - Cookbooks make nice Christmas gifts. We still have copies of *Another Cup of Blessings* for \$8.00.





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Operation Christmas Child

Again this year our church charge is filling shoe boxes with items that will carry love and caring to children around the world. This ministry was established in 1993 by Samaritans Purse, and we have participated since about 1996. In that time we have filled several hundred shoeboxes. Mary Rae Adams has overseen our participation, and she reports that the boxes go to about 130 countries, including right here in the USA. Altogether about 86 million have been distributed. A number of churches in our area now participate, and the Chick-Fil-A in Easton is handing out cards about the shoeboxes.

Please bring your filled shoeboxes to church by November 20. The box bottom and lid should be wrapped separately in colorful paper. Or you can pick up boxes provided by Operation Christmas Child. There may also be a few wrapped boxes available through the Sunday School. Our goal is to have more than 60 boxes on the altar on Collection Day. If you include your address in the box, you might even get a message back from the child who receives it. (Note Namuli's name on the Prayer Corner—she wrote to Mary Rae and Charles after opening the box they had prepared.)

Samaritan's Purse also requests a \$7 donation to cover shipping and handling for each box. Team up with someone to pay this expense and be a part of the fun!

As Mary Rae says, "It's surprising how God's love can fill a shoebox!"

Friendship Sunday

Invite a friend to join us for worship on Sunday, November 13, at 11:00 am at TUMC, and then be guests afterwards for a fellowship luncheon.



Highlights from the October 20, 2011

Administrative Council Meeting

- Prayers from the Garden Prayer Box will be part of the Admin Council Meeting's opening.
- The Charge Brochure was presented and approved.
- More funds are needed for the fuel and gas contracts.
- Items will be collected during Advent for the Neighborhood Service Center beginning November 27
- The Emergency Committee reported that the funds are helping several families. Please consider donating to the Fund.



Food for Thought

This is the time of year that we bring in donations for food pantries. The *Washington Post Magazine*, February 13, 2011, listed some suggestions for frequently requested items, ones we might not always think of: vegetable oil, boxes of cereal, boxes of macaroni and cheese, oatmeal, masa (corn flour), baby formula, canned sardines, salmon, and tunafish, canned fruits, long-grained white rice.



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Head Greeter and Head Usher Report

I want to thank all the greeters and ushers for September and October. They did a very good job. Newton Williams seems to enjoy meeting the people and learning their names. Thank you again and may God Bless you all.

Greeters and Ushers for November
Estelle and Ellen

Greeters and Ushers for December
Jayne and Libby

Greeters and Ushers for January
Jimmy and Honey

God Bless,
Ellen

Yard Sale

Thanks to all who work at the Yard Sale and breakfast and to all who donate to both.

Kirby Metz

Where Does the "Trash" Go?

50 Boxtops for Education have been taken to White Marsh Elementary School.

128 Labels for Education have been mailed to the Board of Child Care.

Thank you very much!
Keep them coming!!

Ida

From the Altar Guild

Dear Church Friend,



We will be placing poinsettias in the church on Sunday, December 18, 2011, as a way to honor someone or remember someone special in our lives. If you wish to place one or more poinsettias in the church for Christmas, please fill out the form included in this newsletter and give it to Barbara Coleman/Elizabeth Myers OR place it in the offering plate in church before December 11, 2011. The cost of a poinsettia is \$8.00. Please make your check payable to Trappe UMC and mark it for poinsettias.

Sincerely,

Barbara
Elizabeth



For unto us a Child is born; unto us a Son is given;
And the government will be upon His shoulder. And
His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor,
Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

[Isaiah 9:6](#)



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Christmas Blessings
to you and yours
from the *Tidings*
Newsletter Board!



And a Happy,
Healthy 2012!