



Tidings

TRAPPE/FAITH CHAPEL NEWSLETTER NOVEMBER, DECEMBER, JANUARY 2012/13



PASTOR'S PIECE

We are entering into a time in the Christian calendar and secular calendar that focus upon giving. At Thanksgiving we reflect upon the people and things we have been thankful for throughout the year. We gather with family and friends to give thanks for our relationships with one another and for things we view as blessings to our lives. We laugh, sharing memories and creating new ones. Christians give thanks to God for being present with them all the days of their lives. Although we direct our attention to one specific day of the year to celebrate and give thanks, believers make everyday a day of thanksgiving when they offer up prayers of thanks to God for another day to serve Him, for the blessings that surrounded them and for the sacrifice of Jesus for their salvation.

After celebrating Thanksgiving Day, we move towards Christmas. Most might equate Christmas with "getting" rather than "giving." Unfortunately during Christmas, a lot of people get a Garfield the cat attitude of: "Give me! Give me! Give me!" But, even Garfield has his moments of realization and gives to his cartoon friends.

I know that as I have grown and matured, my focus has become more on what I can give to others rather than what others are going to give me. I believe in looking for something that the person will find pleasing. A gift that is personal to them. I don't just walk in and grab something off the shelf. I want the recipients to know the love I have for them by the gift I give them. I want them to know that I care and I have paid attention to them.

No matter the wonderful gifts I have received from friends and family, the greatest gift I have been given came from God, when he sent his son, Jesus, to be my savior. God gave his Son for all of humanity. The gift of Jesus was not a one-time gift. Anyone can receive Jesus at any moment. Christmas gives us a time to celebrate the giving of God's gift.

So as you are giving thanks or giving gifts, remember all the blessings given by God, especially the greatest Gift of Love: Jesus!!!

Grace and peace,
Pastor Maleia

Charge Conference

Saturday, November 10 2012, 1 pm

Come to learn about the accomplishments for the year and the goals for next year on the Trappe -Faith Chapel Charge and meet our District Superintendent, Rev. Gary Moore.

ONGOING CALENDAR

1st, 2nd & 4th Thurs

Senior Choir Practice

2nd & 4th Saturdays

Breakfast and Yard Sale

2nd Sundays

Fellowship following 11:00

Worship

2nd Wednesdays

UMW Meeting

3rd Thursdays

Administrative Council

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Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to All: Jesus is the reason for the season!

PASTOR'S POOCH

Some might say: "We dodged a bullet", but I would rather say: "God watched over us" as Hurricane Sandy came our direction. Mom tried to be prepared with food that didn't need to be cooked and batteries. I am thankful that the power didn't go out and Mom was able to fix hot meals. What can I say; I'm a bit spoiled.

Many of you know that Mom went on vacation recently. While she was in Biloxi, MS the food bags for Scott's UMC Food Pantry were returned. I heard that it was a great outpouring of supplies. I was glad to hear, but at the same time I wasn't surprised. The people of Faith Chapel UMC and Trappe UMC are so generous when it comes to helping God's people. I did my happy dance knowing that so many would be able to have food on their table.

I do wish I could slip into worship sometimes. Mom said that the youth did the service on Oct. 21. She loves their creativity and the unique twists they like to put on the service. Apparently this time, they did the service in reverse order.

Later on the 21st was Homecoming at Faith Chapel. I heard Mom and Catt talking about this service as well. They did a dialogue that shared the life of the great hymn writer, Fanny Crosby. Did you know that Fanny Crosby wrote over 9,000 hymns? What makes this even more amazing is that she was blind. Wow! I sometimes have trouble knowing what to write for the newsletter.

As Thanksgiving and Christmas approach, please remember to give thanks for your furry companions and give them a special gift under the tree.

Woof! Woof!

Scamp



NEXT GIVING OPPORTUNITIES

- ⇒ Again this year we will fill **Shoe Boxes** for children around the world. Please bring your boxes in by November 11.
- ⇒ From December 2 till December 16, we will be collecting **food for the Neighborhood Service Center** in Easton. Look for grocery bags with lists of items needed in the back of the sanctuaries and fill them to overflowing!



LOOKING FOR CHRISTMAS GIFT IDEAS?

The UMW have *Another Cup of Blessings* cookbooks and note cards for sale.

Cookbooks \$8

Note cards priced depending on quantity purchased

Great stocking stuffers or make a recipe and fill a basket with the treat, note cards and a cookbook!

NEW HEATING AND AC SYSTEM by Ken Myers, Jr.

Administrative Board, Trustee Committee and Church Members:

First, I would like to thank all the Trustee Committee members for their hard work, their time and the meetings that we had pertaining to the New Heating/AC system. There was a lot of devoted time and effort that was involved in meeting with contractors, sifting through all the proposals and trying to understand what system would be the best for Asbury Hall now and in the future.

Second, I would like to thank the Administrative Board for being willing to have not one, but two meetings on the proposal that the Trustee Committee had brought before them. This was a HUGE task on which the board had to make a decision to go with the New Heating/AC system that was proposed.

Third, but not last, I would like to thank donors for ALL THE PLEDGES that were promised before the final decision by the Administrative Board to go with the new system. Without your PLEDGES, a Heating/AC system would not happen.

Everyone agreed that this project was not going to be inexpensive, and I understand from attending meetings that OUR CHURCH has done major projects in the past and contributions for those projects came forth. When I say the past, I mean the addition to the church that was attached which is known today as Asbury Hall. This Hall has been used for the church's Day Care Center, Sunday School for all ages and now will be used for a Youth Group meeting, coming soon. And there is Wesley Hall, the hall where Martha's Closet is located, the Country Breakfast is held and many, many other events are held. Just think if the Administrative Board, Trustee Committee and church members during those times did not step forward and plan for the future, where would the church be today?

With this in mind, I just want to say THANK YOU for believing that we can do this project and look forward to what it means for the future of our church.

God Bless,
Ken Myers
Trustee Member



Donations to fund the new heating/AC system are much appreciated. Please make your tax-deductible check payable to "Trappe United Methodist Church". Make sure your check is clearly marked that it's for the "Heat/AC Fund" in the memo field and either mail it to P.O. Box 362, Trappe, MD 21673 or drop it in the offering plate on Sunday. A fund drive letter has been sent out.

Box Tops for Education



Clip and place in box in back
vestibule to benefit
White Marsh Elementary
(153 donated in October)

Labels for Education

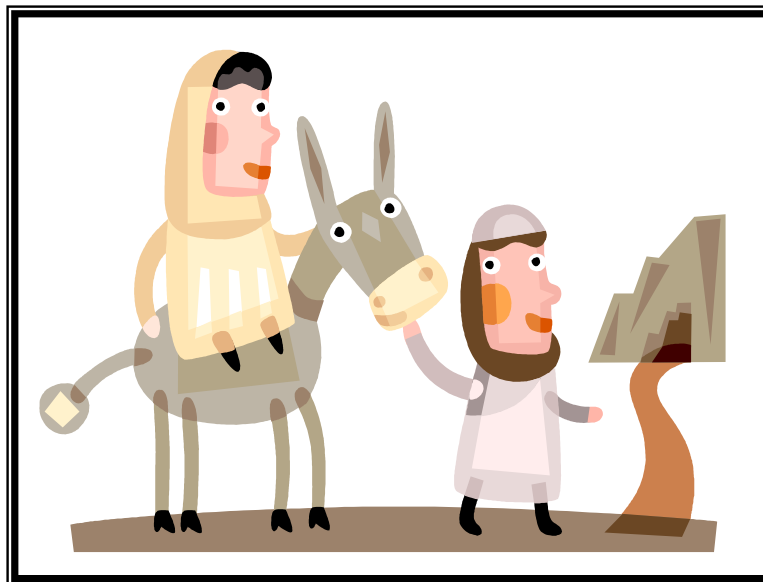


Clip and place in box in back
vestibule to benefit
Board of Child Care
(357 donated in October)

LIBRARY NEWS by Charlotte Edwards, Church Librarian

Christmas is coming! It's time to start reading all those inspirational books and stories that we love to share with friends and family. It seems like I just put them away. Look for the Christmas shelf soon. A fun book to read and share is *The Donkey's Gift* by Thomas M. Coffee. The story is told from the perspective of Asinas, the jaded, rebellious donkey, who carries Mary to Bethlehem. Every day he plans to escape and each night he reviews and justifies all the reasons it didn't happen. The book is quirky, not deeply inspirational, but a delight to read, especially out loud, to any age group. Happy Christmas reading to you all.

I am on a hunt for a tall narrow bookcase in order to have the books all in one corner and to get the shelves back to the Sunday School. Thank You.



A RECIPE TO BLESS YOUR TEMPLE: AWESOME APPLE SNACK CAKE

Scripture tells us that our bodies are temples and we are to take good care of them. Part of taking care is eating well. I found this recipe in the newspaper supplement, *Spry Living*, and with its fairly low fat content, higher fiber content, and use of the natural sweetener honey, it should bless your temple while giving your taste buds a treat. An added bonus is that it would be a good item to bring to a bake sale or covered dish dinner! To get more recipes like this, go online to Spryliving.com/recipeproject

1 ½ cups whole wheat flour	¾ teaspoon cinnamon	3/8 cup safflower oil
3 tablespoons bran	3/8 teaspoon nutmeg	2 medium eggs, well beaten
1 ½ teaspoons baking soda	3 cups shredded apples	¾ cup nuts (optional)
	1 cup honey	¾ teaspoon vanilla

Preheat oven to 350°. Spray a 9 X 13 inch pan with cooking spray. In a large mixing bowl, combine flour, bran, baking soda, cinnamon, and nutmeg. Stir in honey, oil, and eggs. Add vanilla, then apples and nuts (optional); mix well. Bake at 350° for 35 minutes or until a toothpick inserted into the middle comes out clean.

Serves 8-10

Per serving: 354 calories; 12 g fat; 53 mg chol; 257 mg sodium; 62 g carbs; 4.5 g fiber; 5 g protein

HOSTESS WITH THE MOSTEST by Cathy Sewell, *Tidings* Editor

For many years this hostess has decorated the tables for the breakfasts, made sure there were flowers gracing the vases (thanks to her connections with and the generosity of Shirley Windsor at Seasonal Flowers), and placed signs letting visitors know they could tour our sanctuary and see the beautiful stained glass windows. Every time places were emptied, she cleared away dirty dishes and utensils, wiped the area clean, and placed fresh utensils and napkins for the next diners. As those diners entered Wesley Hall, they could see colorful tables set for the season, warmly welcoming them to enjoy the all-you-can-eat breakfast. This hostess knew that little things can send big messages, and she always saw the nice touches were in place.

However, it takes more to continue drawing people in than the food and atmosphere; it also takes warm personal interaction, and our hostess with the mostest understood that, too. She was always quick to welcome people with a smile and ask if they needed anything. If people were returning, she remembered their names and ask how they were doing. Often she sensed they needed spiritual support and put them on the Prayer Corner.

She probably did most of the other jobs connected with the breakfasts (just as she served the church on the Altar Guild, as UMW President, as choir member, as collector of the Box Tops and Labels for Education, and in many other ways.) You name it and she most likely has done it with little or no fanfare. She is the kind of person who sees a need and takes care of it.

By now you probably realized that our special gal is Ida Hickman, but you may not know that she has retired from the breakfasts. Ida, we love you and thank you for all your service, but most of all we are grateful that you show us how to be the hands and feet of Jesus. You truly live your faith, and you inspire all of us! God bless you!

ANOTHER CUP OF BLESSINGS by Dr. Jane Brooks

Have you heard the story about the creation of the cookbook titled *Another Cup of Blessings*? It is interesting to hear about the beginning of the book. Quite a few years ago the United Methodist Women voted to make a cookbook to sell as a fund raiser. Wilma Adams, president of the UMW at the time, started collecting recipes. (I always enjoy hearing her son, Chuck, say that he thought she made her family test every recipe by making it for them to eat.) The recipes were published with the donors' names included as an interesting feature. The cookbook was dedicated to Ruth Sullivan, a long-time church member, and several of her poems were included in the book's beginning pages. The books sold well, and not many were left for new purchasers.

Then a few years ago, Jayne Wesley suggested the UMW make a new cookbook. After discussion, a committee was formed including Leona Schmidt, Nancy Dunn, Rose Palombo, and me as members. Next came the idea of using the original *Cup of Blessings*, adding recipes that were saved from the original but not included, and adding more recipes from current members. As well as the dedication to Ruth Sullivan, the new book would be dedicated to Chris Sewell, grandson of Clarke and Gertrude Sewell. Chris attended Trappe UMC every summer while he visited his grandparents and created paintings that he would enter in the Talbot County Fair. John and Sarah Sewell were asked to join the committee, collect some of Chris's paintings to include in the new edition, and help make all of the ideas come together. Well, a name was needed for the new cookbook, and Cathy Sewell gave just the right one—*Another Cup of Blessings*.

Now you know the story behind the cookbook currently being sold by the UMW. You can find it in Martha's Closet or just ask any UMW member to get one. They are only \$8, and you may discover your grandmother's secret recipe for Banana Nut Bread or Baked Pineapple. There are recipes using traditional Eastern Shore foods like crabs and oysters, as well as produce like corn and tomatoes. And look closely at the illustrations throughout the book—they are created by past and current church members and hold special meaning.

Editor's Note: Here's a challenge for our next generation of cooks—begin now to collect recipes for a third edition of the cookbook!

BIBLE QUIZ

Match the Reference to the Source

Below are some pieces of scripture that are important to find quickly. Can you match them to their source?

1. The Ten Commandments		A. Matthew 5, 6, 7
2. The Birth of Christ		B. John 19
3. The Crucifixion		C. Matthew 5: 1-12
4. The Lord's Prayer		D. Exodus 20
5. The Sermon on the Mount		E. I Corinthians 13
6. The Beatitudes		F. Matthew 7:12
7. The Golden Rule		G. Luke 2
8. The Love Chapter		H. I Corinthians 12: 4-11
9. The Gifts of the Spirit		I. Matthew 6
10. The Great Commandments		J. Matthew 22: 34-40

Extra Credit: Name the Gifts of the Spirit before you look up the scripture.

Answers will appear in the November 11 bulletin.

MARTHA'S CLOSET REPORT

Total Earnings from Inception to Oct. 13: \$106,280.90

Trappe: \$55,256.40

Faith Chapel: \$51,032.50

Great Christmas Decorations and other treasures available now! New donations always welcome. Know of a need in our community? Let one of the Martha's Closet Helpers know because we may be able to help with items from the Closet.

GREETERS AND USHERS by Ellen Whitby, Head Usher

I want to thank all the Greeters and Ushers. They did a good job. God bless them all. Now that the school year is here, watch out for the children.

Greeters

November: Ida Hickman and Jayne Wesley

December: Estelle Slaughter and Ellen Whitby

Ushers

November: Jayne Wesley and Ellen Whitby

December: Estelle Slaughter and Ellen Whitby

NEW ACTIVITY: ATTIC YOUTH GROUP

Beginning Saturday, November 3, there will be a new opportunity for youth in Trappe to meet, socialize, and learn about God. It's the Attic Youth Group, and it will meet in Asbury Hall on the second floor of the back of the church. Leaders have had Safe Sanctuary training. Look for more information in later editions of the *Tidings*.

Next *Tidings* deadline: Jan. 15

Next Edition for February and March published at the end of January

Articles and information welcome!

November 2012

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Charge Conference Nov. 10 at 1 pm				1 Choir Practice 7 pm	2	3 Attic Youth Group
4 8:45 am Faith Chapel 9:45 am Sunday School 11:00 am Trappe	5	6	7 Yard Sale 8:30-noon	8 Choir Practice 7 pm	9 Waterfowl Festival Weekend	10 Breakfast & Yard Sale 7:30 -10 am Charge Conference 1 pm
11 8:45 am Faith Chapel 9:45 am Sunday School 11:00 am Trappe: Fellowship followed by UMW	12	13	14 Yard Sale 8:30-noon	15 Admin Council 7 pm	16	17
18 8:45 am Faith Chapel 9:45 am Sunday School 11:00 am Trappe	19	20	21 Yard Sale 8:30-noon Community Thanksgiving Service TBA	22 Happy Thanksgiving!	23	24 Breakfast & Yard Sale 7:30 -10 am
25 8:45 am Faith Chapel 9:45 am Sunday School 11:00 am Trappe	26	27	28 Yard Sale 8:30-noon	29 Choir Practice 7 pm	30	

December 2012

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Dec. 2 Begin Food Drive for Neighborhood Service Center; Bags due Dec. 16						1
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23 8:45 am Faith Chapel 9:45 am Sunday School 11:00 am Trappe	24 Christmas Eve Candlelight Service 7 pm	25 Happy Birthday Jesus!	26	27	28	29
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