



Tidings

TRAPPE/FAITH CHAPEL NEWSLETTER NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2013 AND JANUARY 2014



PASTOR'S PIECE

When I first read the request that items submitted to this edition of the newsletter cover the months of November, December and January, I thought, "Ugh!" I was not quite ready to write a piece that covered Thanksgiving and Christmas. As I thought about what to write, I reflected on the topics of my sermons for about five weeks as we visited the books of 1 & 2 Timothy. In these messages, I focused on encouragement and not being ashamed of who we claim to be in Christ. And now I want to share how I feel these topics relate to Thanksgiving and Christmas.

First, I need to go back and share what was happening in Paul's life as he wrote these letters to Timothy and the church at Ephesus. Paul is sitting in a prison cell awaiting his execution. Nero is the Emperor of Rome and has instituted acts of persecution against Christians, blaming them for the great fire that occurred. Christians were ostracized, publically tortured and murdered. Timothy is a young preacher, whom Paul loved like a son. Because of his age and the persecution taking place, Timothy is struggling in his ministry. Paul writes to Timothy to offer encouragement and assurance that even though Timothy would face suffering, he would be able to endure, because the results were well worth it.

As we approach Thanksgiving, often we take time before partaking of the feast that awaits us to share what we are thankful for this year. We like to highlight family and friends and there is nothing wrong with this. But I think we also need to acknowledge how grateful we are to have come through some trials and tribulations and are still standing. Giving thanks to God for helping us to persevere, learn some lessons and grow stronger in our faith. We were never promised an easy faith journey, but we were promised an eternal life of great rewards for staying faithful to God in all that we do. I encourage you to give thanks not only for good times with family and friends, but also for overcoming the struggles.

Even before we get to Thanksgiving, stores are already encouraging us to think about Christmas. And I have to admit, I have begun to explore gift possibilities already. I have even purchased a few items for loved ones. In the midst of the commercialism of Christmas, I encourage you to even more this year to focus on the true meaning of Christmas: our Savior born in a manger in Bethlehem, God's greatest gift given to all of humanity.

Each year, the battle begins over whether you should wish someone "Merry Christmas" or "Happy Holidays." This dilemma gives Christians the opportunity to not be ashamed of Jesus by saying "Merry Christmas" and not worry if someone is going to get offended. It is worse for us to deny Christ for 2 Timothy 2:11-12 says: "If we have died with him, we will also live with him; if we endure, we will also reign with him; if we deny him, he will also deny us."

Don't be ashamed. Don't compromise who you are in Christ. Celebrate God's love poured out to us.

So I wish you all: **HAPPY THANKSGIVING & MERRY CHRISTMAS!!!**

Grace and peace,

Pastor Maleia

ONGOING CALENDAR*

1st, 2nd & 4th Thurs

Senior Choir Practice

2nd & 4th Saturdays

Breakfast and Yard Sale

2nd Sundays

Fellowship following 11:00

Worship

1st Sundays

UMW Meeting

TBA

UMM Meeting

3rd Thursdays

Administrative Council

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PASTOR'S POOCH

In the last newsletter, I mentioned the Community Worship Service was coming up. Well, it took place and from what Mom said, it was a great service. Apparently there were around 123 in attendance and Father Jack gave a very inspiring message and Pastor Nichols offered beautiful prayers. And Pastor Nichol's husband, Gregory played the keyboard and led the choir. Praise the Lord!

I also mentioned that I had not met either new pastor yet. Well, I got to meet Father Jack the other day. He came by and asked Mom if she would like to participate in the memorial service for Dolly Taylor. Of course Mom said she would be honored to be a part of the service. Mom was right when she said Father Jack was a nice man. He admitted he has dogs too, so that earns him a paw up from me.

Our Annual Charge Conference was held on October 15th. I couldn't go the gathering, but I did get to help Mom make copies of the report. I go to peek at the Lay Leader's Report and all I can say is, "Wow!" You all have been very busy people. I give everyone two paws up and I dedicate my next nap to you, because you have got to be tired. Hope you got to take a nap in between projects.

I know a nap will be needed after our current outreach project is completed, because I have seen with my own little eyes the results of your caring. It is time for Operation Christmas Child or as the folk here like to say, "Shoebox time." I have seen Mom bringing in items to put in the boxes we prepare. Trust me, I give every box a sniff of approval. I do hope everyone will try to do one more box this year. According to Mom, when the boxes are given to kids around the world, they also get the Gospel message printed in their own language. As a result, many kids (and their families) come to accept Jesus as their Savior. Wouldn't it be cool to know that by giving one more box, there is one more chance for a soul to be saved? I think so.

I saw Mom looking at Advent Bible studies on the computer. I know that this means soon I will be greeting folks and getting to hear how people interpret what the study says. I can tell you that this year, Mom has selected, *Finding Bethlehem in the Midst of Bedlam* by James Moore. So be on the lookout for further information and be sure to sign up.

Woof! Woof!

Scamp



ANNOUNCING. . .

ADVENT BIBLE STUDY

Finding Bethlehem in the Midst of Bedlam by James Moore is the study we will be doing this year. According to the description: Christmas or confusion, Bethlehem or bedlam... Which will you choose this year? The truth is, we don't have to choose because Christmas always happens right in the midst of our confusion.

This is a four-week study that will begin on Tuesday, November 26th at 7:00 p.m. We will meet at the parsonage. The cost of the book is \$9, payable the first night of the study. A sign-up sheet is available in each church and the deadline for signing up is Sunday, November 17th.

Thanksgiving Eve Service

There will be a community Thanksgiving Eve Service this year. At the time of this writing, we pastors have not yet met to finalize details. Please keep an eye out for further information in the church bulletins.

Christmas Eve Service

We will be holding a Candlelight/Communion Christmas Eve service Dec. 24 at 7:00 p.m. at Trappe UMC.

FELLOWSHIP SUNDAY by Jane Brooks

Several years ago the Trappe United Methodist Women named a committee to look into the possibility of having a new cookbook. There were no more copies of *A Cup of Blessing* to be sold. This first cookbook had been published in 1975 with the president of the organization, Wilma Adams, working to get it completed and published. It was dedicated in memory of Ruth Sullivan, a former member whose life and poems were inspirational.

The cookbook committee worked diligently in putting together the new edition. First it was decided that all recipes from the first edition would be included with new favorite recipes added, and then the second edition was dedicated in memory of Christopher Sewell, a young man who was important to the church. His artwork, reproduced in the cookbook, represented his love of life, family, and the church. Cathy Sewell suggested calling the new edition *Another Cup of Blessing*, and you can see why that title was just right.

The UMW still have plenty of these cookbooks for sale.

Cathy Green suggested a Fellowship Sunday where recipes from the book would be featured, and so on October 13, the "Blessing Fellowship" was held with everyone enjoying the many different dishes that were prepared, including:

Recipe	Page #	Submitted by
Quick and Easy Salad	81	Elizabeth Slaughter
Royal Pecan Ring	69	Mrs. Charles B. Adams, Jr.
Cake Mix Cookies	96	Leona Schmidt
Sauerkraut Salad	81	Mrs. Avery Ornett
Boursin Cheese	95	Charlotte Edwards
Breaded Tomatoes	95	Kirby Metz
Three Bean Salad	77	Peggy Frampton
Janie's Pecan Tarts	102	Janie Harlowe Adams Family
Apple Dapple Cake	19 & 93	Rosalie Price & Mary Len Trippe
Scripture Cake	25	Wilma Diamond Adams
Pretzel Strawberry Salad	104	H. Jane Groves Brooks
Crab Bisque	98	Charlotte Edwards

Here are some comments from people attending the Fellowship:

"Great idea, Kathy (Green). Wholesome food and good company."

"Ida said that she was hoping to find Kirby's Breaded Tomatoes and she did, so thanks Kirby!"

"Variety outstanding and delicious."

"I was told not to say, 'Terrible,' but I figured out a way I could: terribly good!"

"Loved it all. Now will explore the cookbook."

"The first plate was really good; so was the second, and so I had to have a third to break the tie!"

"I don't know what rich people are eating, but we are eating richly—so, so good!"

"Everything was good except Charlotte's bisque." (This comment came from Bill, Charlotte's husband. He likes to tease her. Everyone (including Bill) voted it one of the best crab bisques they ever tasted and the best recipe at the Fellowship.)

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FELLOWSHIP SUNDAY (continued from page 3)

"Fun to look through the C of B Cookbook and remember friends, meals shared, holidays celebrated, and then choose one I had all the ingredients on hand—so I didn't have to drive to Easton for an item—and actually go ahead and make the Apple Dapple Cake that my friend Mary Len is known for. Kirby Metz is known far and wide for his Breaded Tomatoes and didn't disappoint. The aluminum bowl signaling his dish made it to yet another warm fellowship of friends and food."

"All my good friends and good food. I am truly blessed."

"Everyone at our table enjoyed all the wonderful food, talking about the recipes, the people who contributed, the changes they made, and one person (Shirley Adams) even got an order for what she made."

"No matter which page you turn to at a time of need, it will be a true blessing and a keeper. Yum, yum, as proven by our recipe fellowship."



Leona Schmidt, Estelle Slaughter, and Elena Murphy arrange the food at the Blessing Fellowship.



Bill Edwards, Kirby Metz, and John Sewell discussing Charlotte's excellent Crab Bisque

And now for the third edition . . .

Pat Harden brought meatloaf and sweet potato casserole to the Fellowship, but the recipes were not in the cookbook. Everyone enjoyed the dishes and asked for the recipes, so Pat sent them to the *Fidings*:

Meat Loaf	Pat Harden
Bake at 350° for 45 minutes	
3/4 lb hamburger	1/2 c oatmeal
1 onion, chopped	1 tsp salt
Sprinkle pepper	
Mix above ingredients and put in greased loaf pan. (I shape a loaf and there is space between loaf and sides of pan.) Add a small amount of water down sides of pan.	
Sauce for topping: Mix together 1/4 c brown sugar, 1/2 c ketchup, 1 1/2 mustard and pour across top of loaf.	

Sweet Potato Casserole	Pat Harden
4 c mashed sweet potatoes	1/4 c melted butter
1/2 c brown sugar	1/2 c milk
1 1/2 c crushed pineapple, slightly drained	
3/4 tsp cinnamon	1/4 tsp nutmeg
Mix all ingredients. Put in greased casserole. Bake at 350° for 30 to 40 minutes. Marshmallows can be put on top. Put back in oven till browned.	

MEMORIES OF MY FIRST SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER by Charles B. Adam, Jr.

In the Fall of 1936, I was four years old, and I was enrolled in the "Beginners Class" of the Trappe Methodist Church. My mother and dad had been married in this Church on November 12, 1921, and my sister, and I had both attended Church with our parents. Mrs. Nannie Tarbutton was the teacher of this class, and she would walk to Sunday School and Church from her home on West Maple Avenue, to be the teacher of the "Beginners Sunday School Class". There is a small "Mission Organ" in the Archives Room of our Church today, and Ms. Nannie would play that organ, and we children would sing the many Christian songs that she taught us. The Church was heated by two large coal stoves, with one stove on each side of the Church. The coal stove on the left side of the Church had a six inch stove pipe that passed through our small Sunday School Room to the chimney, and this stove pipe, about eight feet up in the air is what provided heat to our classroom in the winter. We had a low table where the six or eight students sat and listened to Ms. Nannie read the lesson to us. We would be given a small card with a Bible picture on the front, and a short Bible verse and story on the back of the card. We would be given a different card each Sunday, and over the several years that I was in the class, I had collected a large number of these cards. When we reached the fourth grade in school, we were advanced to the next Sunday School class that was taught by Janice Baker, and we no longer received the small cards each Sunday. I probably had a collection of 200 or more of these cards, and I kept them for many years. Now, I can't find them; and I would be happy to meet with anyone that may have a collection of these cards, or can remember receiving them on Sunday mornings.

CONGRATULATIONS AND BEST WISHES



On Saturday, September 21, 2013, at 2:00 p.m., Mike Carroll and Audra Perkins were united in marriage at Faith Chapel UMC.

The happy couple resides in Trappe. Mike grew up in the Windy Hill area and Audra is a native of Connecticut. They have been attending Faith Chapel for over a year. The church family celebrates this union and wishes them many happy years of wedded bliss.

The "valuable trash" collection has been separated:

Box Tops for Education have been sent to White Marsh Elementary School.

Labels for Education will be taken to Board of Child Care, Eastern Shore at Denton.

Thank you for making this project successful! The next distribution will be April 2014. Please continue to save this valuable trash!

Yard Sale Report: (inception to Oct. 12, 2013)

Trappe:	\$60,526.40
Faith Chapel:	\$56,302.50
Total:	\$116,829.90

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN NEWS by Leona Schmidt

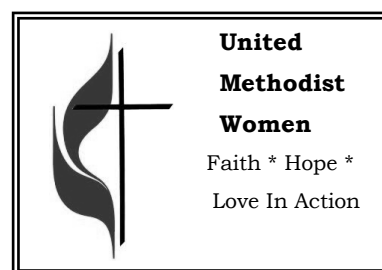
The United Methodist Women are trying a new time to meet: the first Sunday of the month after the 11 am worship service. We are hoping more of our church women will be able to stay for the meeting.

The UMW continues to serve dinner to the Trappe Lions Club on the fourth Wednesday of the month. In December we will pack cookies for the inmates at the Talbot County Detention Center and also the residents at the Board of Child Care at Denton. Our women have served fellowship luncheons after the loss of several of our church friends this past year.

We continue to collect tabs from cans for Ronald McDonald House, as well as Box Tops for Education for the Board of Child Care, so save your tabs, box tops, and labels (see report at the bottom of page 5).

For the month of November we will collect paper and cleaning supplies for Talbot Hospice.

We have continued to visit our shut-ins. Let someone know if you know of a shut-in who would welcome visits from one of our UM women. Thanks to everyone who has helped with any of our activities either in person or in prayer.



UNITED METHODIST MEN NEWS

Check the bulletin for details about UMM. Open to all men in the charge, this group also has many projects and studies the Word. Come out and enjoy the fellowship, as well as helping to make a difference in our church, our community, and the world.

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Next *Tidings* deadline: January 15
Next Edition for February, March, and April published at the end of January

LIBRARY NEWS by Charlotte Edwards

Addendum to the last issue's book review: A few weeks ago in the *Washington Post's* "Book World," there was an article about nominations for the "most terrible villains who haunted a writer's imagination." National Book Festival authors were asked for these nominations. Screwtape from the last book review was nominated as "a villain so savvy about human nature that he breezily shepherds souls to ghoulish consumption in hell on nothing more than our mundane vanity, fear, and laziness." Overall, nominators decided that Satan "is surely the preeminent villain of literary history." This is what our Bible tells us.

Our library is packed with devotionals, Bible studies, inspirational stories, biographies, and information. These are excellent tools for living a Christian life and enhancing our spiritual lives, thus defeating that age-old villain.

The library will welcome visitors whenever the church is open. It can also be accessed during yard sale and breakfast hours and at anytime by special request. Just leave the book card on the box when you take a book. Donated or returned books can be placed on the shelf under the table. There are also some duplicate books available to take to shut-ins or just to pass to a friend. Happy reading!

THANK YOU FOR THE CAREPACKS COLLECTION

Dear Rose and Trappe United Methodist and Faith Chapel,

On behalf of CarePacks of Talbot County, I would like to thank you for your generous donation of food and \$135.00 cash to our program.

Personally I was touched by the thought and effort that went into your donations. I really appreciate your hard work to help out the children of our county,

Again, many, many thanks to you and your congregations for the food, money, and support you have given CarePacks!

Sincerely,
Maggie C. Gowe
SMES CarePacks Representative



Rose with our donations and two CarePacks staffers

RAY GEIST, LUMBERJACK

Ray Geist, whose birthday is November 2, has been featured in the Great American Lumberjack Show: Men of Lumberjacks Sports 2013 calendar for the month of November. Here is what the calendar says about Ray: "He now competes side by side with the world's best and is one of Timber Sports' brightest young stars. In addition to his sporting talent, Ray is also a true gentleman in the old school tradition and is always a fan favorite."

Ray, named after his dad, Ray, Sr., is also a favorite at Trappe UMC. Along with his brothers, Ryan and Royce, he attended Sunday School and church from the time he was a little guy. His mother, Jane, and his Aunt Debbie serve as greeters and ushers. We all appreciated Ray's winning smile and willingness to help others, and enjoy seeing him when he visits in Trappe. Happy birthday and Congratulations! We are proud of you!

A picture of Ray from the www.lumberjackfeud.com web page. You can learn more about what he does at this web site and www.lumberjacksports.com



A THANK YOU FROM THE LEONARD FAMILY

The Leonard family would like to thank everyone for the cards and remembrances of their mother, mother-in-law, and grandmother, Hattie. Here are some of those remembrances.

People liked Hattie's philosophy of life, sense of humor, and attitude. She was practical and believed in getting things done right away. Her love of God and faithfulness to the Bible's teachings were integral parts of her life. An important part of her philosophy was, "Don't worry. Trust in the Lord."

Hattie was also admired for her stylish choice of clothing. That sense of style passed on to her granddaughter, who has gone to Paris to buy clothes for her job.

Hattie loved flowers. She and Annabelle Herd teamed up to put flowers in the church every spring and fall when their own gardens were in full bloom. That's another mark of her practicality—why spend money on greenhouse flowers when these ladies could grow their own that were every bit as beautiful.

One last memory, for now: Hattie had a tender heart for children and took care of many in our community. Perhaps that was why she appreciated all the cards the Sunday School children sent her in her last years. They arrived weekly and impressed her caregivers who saw from the messages that her church cared about her.

Editor's note: Over the past year we have lost many saints: Jim Frampton, Sylvia Griffith, Jane Metz, Mary Diefenderfer, Chip Wilson, Joyce Newcomb, Hattie Leonard, Dolly Taylor, Gladys Sullivan and Don Holinger. Each one of them had a strong Christian witness, and we are better for having them as part of our church family. Each is remembered with love. We extend our condolences to their families. May warm memories carry you through the days ahead.

GREETERS AND USHERS by Ellen Whitby, Head Usher

I want to thank the greeters and ushers for August, September, and October. A job well done. Bless you all.

Greeters and Ushers for November: Elizabeth and Drake Ferguson

Greeters and Ushers for December: Libby Slaughter and Ellen Whitby

Greeters for January: Mary Rae Adams and Ellen Whitby

Ushers for January: Newton Williams and Bo Nelson

Thank you and I hope everyone has a healthy and happy New Year!

May God be with us all,

Ellen



FUEL FUND NEWS

At the end of September, \$5800 dollars was sent for the prepaid fuel plan. At that time, the price was lower than the original quote, so we saved 20 cents per gallon of propane prepaid, a considerable savings. Thank you to everyone who contributed and made the prepayment possible.

November 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 Turn your clocks back tonight!
3 All Saints Day Faith Chapel 8:45 Sunday School 9:45 Trappe 11:00 UMM Meeting	4	5	6 Yard Sale 8:30—noon	7 Choir Practice 7 pm	8	9 Breakfast and Yard Sale 7:30-10:00
10 Friendship Day Faith Chapel 8:45 Sunday School 9:45 Trappe 11:00 Fellowship	11	12	13 Yard Sale 8:30—noon	14 Choir Practice 7:00	15	16
17 Shoeboxes Due Faith Chapel 8:45 Sunday School 9:45 Trappe 11:00	18	19	20 Yard Sale 8:30—noon	21 Admin Council 7 pm	22	23 Breakfast and Yard Sale 7:30-10:00
24 Faith Chapel 8:45 Sunday School 9:45 Trappe 11:00	25	26 Advent Bible Study, Parsonage 7 pm	27 Thanksgiving Eve Service 7 pm	28 Happy Thanksgiving!	29	30

December 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3 Advent Bible Study, Parsonage 7 pm	4 Yard Sale 8:30—noon	5 Choir Practice 7 pm	6	7
8 Faith Chapel 8:45 Sunday School 9:45 Trappe 11:00 UMW Meeting	9	10 Advent Bible Study, Parsonage 7 pm	11 Yard Sale 8:30—noon	12 Choir Practice 7 pm	13	14 Breakfast and Yard Sale 7:30-10:00
15 Faith Chapel 8:45 Sunday School 9:45	16	17 Advent Bible Study, Parsonage 7 pm	18 Yard Sale 8:30—noon	19 Admin Council 7:00	20	21 Winter Begins
22 Faith Chapel 8:45 Sunday School 9:45 Trappe 11:00	23	24 Christmas Eve Service 7 pm	25 Merry Christmas!	26	27	28
29 Faith Chapel 8:45 Sunday School 9:45 Trappe 11:00	30	31				

January 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Watch the bulletin for an announcement about a new kind of worship service!			1 Happy New Year!	2	3	4
5 Faith Chapel 8:45 Sunday School 9:45 Trappe 11:00 UMW Meeting	6 Epiphany	7	8 Yard Sale 8:30—noon	9 Choir Practice 7 pm	10	11 Breakfast and Yard Sale 7:30-10:00
12 Faith Chapel 8:45 Sunday School 9:45	13	14	15 Yard Sale 8:30—noon	16 Admin Council 7:00	17	18
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Changes to Seatbelt Belt and Hand-Held Device Laws

As of October 1, 2013, all passengers and the driver of the vehicle **must be secured with seat belts or child safety seats**. The fine is \$83 per person for anyone who is not secured.

In addition, **use of any hand-held device** while driving becomes a primary offense. If you are driving and texting or holding a cell phone, you will be fined \$83.

Obey the laws, be safe, and avoid those hefty fines.



From the Altar Guild

We will be placing poinsettias in the church 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 a form and give it to Barbara Coleman/Elizabeth Myers OR place it in the offering plate in church. Forms will be available soon with the exact cost of the plants. Please make your check payable to Trappe UMC and mark it for poinsettias.



Sincerely,
Barbara Coleman and
Elizabeth Myers

Christmas Blessings to all
from the Tidings Newsletter
Board and a Happy,
Healthy 2014!

