



Tidings

**TRAPPE/FAITH CHAPEL NEWSLETTER
NOVEMBER, DECEMBER AND JANUARY 2015/16**



MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Members and Friends,

The Autumn Season is upon us with its cooler air and the green leaves morphing into their own colors. Thanksgiving Sunday is November 22, 8:45 (Faith Chapel) and 11:00 a.m. (Trappe) when we will come to the Lord's House to give thanks for all the blessings we have received from the Lord's abundant creation.

See here in the **Tidings** about the Lighting of the Community Christmas Tree to begin our Advent Season.

Autumn will fade into Winter. With darkness becoming dominant in our lives, we will gather on Sunday, December 20 in the early evening for a Candlelight Service at Faith Chapel. This will give the opportunity to invite the Bruceville folks to share in the celebration of Christmas in a Country Church.

Christmas Eve 7 p.m. Candlelight Service will be held again at Trappe. These two services will give two choices to our members and the community to sing the Lord's Song in the celebration of the birth of Christ. Use this as an opportunity to invite a friend to worship!

Then, we will begin the New Year with Holy Communion at our regular worship services on January 3rd and pray together the Wesleyan Covenant Prayer.

**"My eyes have seen your salvation,
which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples."**

(Luke 2:30-31)



See You in Church!

Rev. Gary L. Moore

*ONGOING CALENDAR

1st, 2nd & 4th Thurs

Senior Choir Practice

2nd & 4th Saturdays

Breakfast and Yard Sale

2nd Saturdays

Youth Group 6:30

2nd Sundays

Fellowship following 11:00

Worship

2nd Wednesdays

UMW/UMM Meeting

and Bible Study

3rd Thursdays:

Every other month

Administrative Council

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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.

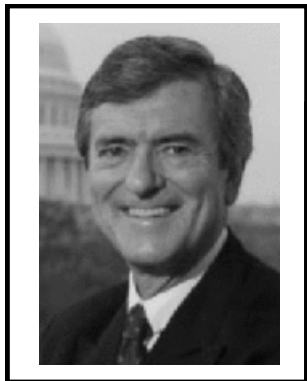
A PRAYER FOR NOVEMBER, DECEMBER, AND JANUARY

Dear Father, help me to extend to others the grace You have extended to me.

Grant me freedom from grudges and resentments over hurts in the past,
and from double standards that require more of others than of myself.

In the name of Jesus who has forgiven me. Amen.

Dr. Lloyd John Ogilvie



A Presbyterian minister, Dr. Lloyd John Ogilvie formed a nationally syndicated radio and television ministry, called "Let God Love You." This weekly television ministry ran for seventeen years and the daily radio ministry spanned ten years. "Let God Love You" was recorded at and broadcast from First Presbyterian Church of Hollywood, in Los Angeles, California. On January 24, 1995, Dr. Ogilvie was elected the 61st Chaplain of the United States Senate. He began his responsibilities on March 13, 1995. In addition to opening the Senate each day in prayer, his duties as full-time Chaplain included counseling and spiritual care for the Senators, their families and their staffs, a combined constituency of six thousand people. He served in this position until 2003. He then became President of Leadership Unlimited. A prolific author, he has received many awards including being chosen as one of 12 individuals named in Baylor University's worldwide survey, "Twelve Most Effective Preachers in the English-Speaking World" in 1996.

(Source: Wikipedia)



**Thank you to everyone who
donated items during our
collection for Hospice!**

POINSETTIAS



These lovely flowers will again be placed in the Sanctuary to celebrate Christmas. Look for details and an order form in the bulletin and on the church web site.

FAITH NEWS by Diana Bojko

If you happen to arrive early for services at Faith Chapel, you are likely to come upon a lady with a big smile sweeping the front steps and the sidewalk. The smile grows even brighter as she welcomes anyone approaching.

That warm smile belongs to Darlene McNeal, who was born in Cambridge. With her parents, one brother and three sisters, she attended Immanuel Church of Christ. Upon her first marriage, Darlene joined the Baptist church. Later when she married Ralph in 2007 and moved to his farm on Landing Neck Road, she “found” Faith Chapel.

We are thankful Darlene came to Faith because she is a wonderful addition to our Faith Family. She very much enjoys playing an active role here. During the week, Darlene cleans the church so all who walk through the doors find it sparkling clean. Gardening is one of her passions, and our church reaps the benefits, as she keeps the altar so beautiful with her flowers during the growing season. After services Darlene shares the flowers so that they may be enjoyed in our homes. Darlene is happy to read the Scriptures on any Sunday morning she is needed. She helps at the Martha’s Closet Yard Sale and tells us she sees so much being sold but never finds an empty space, as Shirley seems to fill those spots very quickly.

Besides gardening and helping Ralph on the farm, Darlene enjoys spending time with her mother and sisters. Reading, Word Searches, jigsaw puzzles, and embroidering are her quiet time hobbies.

Come to Faith sometime and meet our special Darlene.

Editor’s note: Many thanks to Diana for agreeing to write an article about Faith Chapel for each issue of the **Tidings**. This is the first of the series.

MEN OF MUSIC by Dr. Jane Brooks

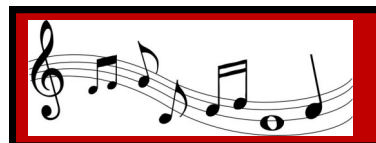
The churches, Faith Chapel and Trappe United Methodist Church, are blessed with men who make the worship times more sacred with music.

Robert Croswell, a whiz at computers, provides the music for Faith Chapel. By reading the notes he can put the hymn tunes in the computer, and on Sunday with a little more of his computer magic and the spinet Hammond organ in the chapel, he produces the music for the worship services. He has given the church music for quite a few years now, which is a blessing to all.

Trappe choir has a dynamic director, David Hickman, who not only can lead the group but also does solos himself—what a treasure. He always plans ahead for the anthems, encourages all the choir members to have a chance to shine personally, and is diligent at rehearsal, giving praise for good efforts and working for outstanding results. The church has a gifted choir director.

Jerry Adams and John Sewell, members of the Trappe Choir, help make the music special. Jerry, a baritone, and John, a tenor, sing harmony on certain pieces. The congregation sings with more joy as these two men sing out on the hymns.

Music at Faith Chapel and Trappe Methodist brings more feeling of worship because of these men who give of their talents.



THANK YOU FROM CONAM

Greetings!

Thank you to you and your congregation for your recent donation to further Native American Ministries within our conference and elsewhere.

The purpose of the committee is to be a resource and advocate for Native American ministries in a variety of areas. These areas include but are not limited to promotion of the special Sunday for awareness, conducting training events, and sharing information about issues affecting Native American people.

Your generosity and kindness are very much appreciated.

May you have many blessings from God, our Creator.

Committee on Native American Ministries

Raggatha Calentine

Boe Harris

Co-Chairpersons

The mission of CONAM is to serve God, the Creator, while being a resource, advocate, and educational body for Native American Ministries within the Peninsula-Delaware Conference of the United Methodist Church.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Save the Date!
Hand Bell Concert
Nov. 29, 2015: 3 pm



Community Tree Lighting
Light Meal
Free Will Offering

LIBRARY NEWS by Charlotte Edwards

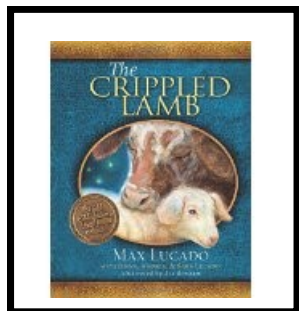
Christmas is coming! Time to get organized! There will be a lot to do. In the midst of all the hustle and bustle, don't forget your prayers, meditations, and time to read. What better ways to remember "The Reason for The Season." The Christmas books will soon be on the church library shelves and in the Little Free Library. We have a great selection, and here are some suggestions:

- ◆ *The Day Christ was Born* by Jim Bishop: The author gives a biblical account of the first 24 hours of Jesus' life.
- ◆ *The Purpose of Christmas* by Rick Warren: This book explains why Christmas really is "the best news you could get."
- ◆ *The Other Wise Man* by Henry Van Dyke: It is about a fourth wise man who followed the star but his path diverged and he arrived at the cross instead of the birth.
- ◆ *Touched By an Angel* by Martha Williamson: This author is listed as the visionary behind the TV show of the same name.
- ◆ *The Journey* by Adam Hamilton: Walking the road to Bethlehem, the author follows the foot steps of Joseph, Mary, and the shepherds. He offers insights into our own journey with Christ.
- ◆ *The Christmas Box* by Richard Paul Evans: This is the story of a young family hearing from an elderly widow what Christmas is all about.
- ◆ *The Christmas List* by Richard Paul Evans: A story of true redemption, the book tells what happens when, after an English assignment to write his own obituary, a student is given the opportunity to confront his own legacy.
- ◆ *The Heart of Christmas*: Max Lucado, John Maxwell, Jack Hayford, Bill Hybels, David Jeremiah, and Rick Warren share their insights on the heart of Christmas.
- ◆ *The Crippled Lamb* by Max Lucado: This beautifully illustrated book is about a sad little lamb named Joshua. He was left in the stable because he could never keep up with the others. Joy came to him when he was there to be one of the first to meet Baby Jesus in that stable.

One of our favorites is *The Donkey's Gift* by Thomas M. Coffey. This a humorous story of the donkey who carried Mary to Bethlehem Fussing the whole time and always planning his escape, he relives each day with his excuses about why he couldn't get away. This is a fun read aloud book for children of all ages.

We also have several Bible Study books that have been studied in the past should you wish to revisit them. There are several CDs of Christmas music, VCR tapes of some great Christmas movies, and a DVD of *The Nativity*. This was a box office hit just a few years ago.

You have heard the old adage, "So many books—so little time." To help solve that problem, we have the book called *SIMPLIFY YOUR CHRISTMAS: 100 WAYS TO REDUCE STRESS AND RECAPTURE THE JOY OF THE HOLIDAY*. Reading some of these books should be pretty high on this list of 100



Happy Reading!

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN AND UNITED METHODIST MEN

The UMW and UMM meet the second Wednesday of each month. Currently the evening opens with a Bible study led by Reverend Gary Moore based on *Why? Making Sense of God's Will* by Adam Hamilton. The study is open to everyone in the charge. Following the study, the groups break up for their monthly meetings.

Once again, Jerry Adams is collecting donations for the purchase of LED lights to complete the full lighting of the tree in front of the Trappe sanctuary for this year's tree-lighting ceremony at the end of November. Donations of \$7.00 per strand of lights is most appreciated. If anyone has a star that would be fitting for the top of this tree, please let Jerry know as he would like to "top" the tree as well.

Below are some important dates and events to mark on your calendar.

**BAKE
SALE**

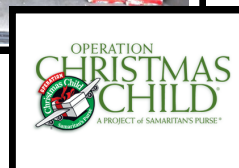


November 14

Wesley Hall

7:30 am-10:30 am

Also for sale: delicious soup—vegetable, vegetable beef, and chicken noodle. Take some home for lunch and some more for your freezer.



Shoeboxes due November 15

Every shoebox is an opportunity to share God's love with someone who may not know Jesus.

Cookie Night December 9

Bring cookies and help fill bags for the Talbot County Detention Center .



Tea Party January 30: See the bulletin for more information



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Next deadline for articles, etc., is January 15.
Next issue for February and March available at the end of January.

MODERN-DAY ROSS

If you have been a member of the Trappe UMC family for a long time, you remember Ross Swann well. For those of you who have recently joined us, Ross was our handyman extraordinaire! No matter what time of the day you dropped by the church, you were quite likely to see him trimming bushes, painting something, putting air conditioners in windows, or just fixing what was broken. He saw to it that steps were ice and snow-free, flipped pancakes, made coffee, and sang in the choir. He had a wonderful voice and loved to sing. So did his wife, Ellie. They were an inspiring couple, and they had strong faith in God. What wonderful witnesses they were, and we still miss them.

However, we are now blessed with a Modern-Day Ross. Someone has stepped in to see that all those little and big jobs Ross did are still being done. Walks cleared, lightbulbs replaced, repairs done—who is it that we see here looking after us? Bo Nelson!

We have not yet convinced him to sing in the choir, though he has a good voice, but Bo does contribute to the music. He plays before services, setting the mood for a meaningful worship time. Recently he has branched out to perform in local productions. In fact, he is playing Santa in *Christmas Story* at the Avalon Theater. (Remember when Ross was Santa for all those Sunday School and Nursery School kids?) Bo is adept at sailing, and did you know he can also fly a plane? And he is a world traveler. Ask him about China.

We salute Bo and sincerely thank him for all he does. He, too, is a great witness for us. He goes about doing so much in a humble, Jesus-like way. You give so generously of your time and talents, Bo. We hope you consider it a high honor to be called our Modern-Day Ross. Blessings to you and your family!

IMAGINE NO MALARIA—PRESS ON

Our church conference has embarked on a new, short-term **Imagine No Malaria** campaign to build broad awareness and financial support for the life-saving mission to eradicate the deadly disease of malaria.

Bishop Peggy Johnson and her Executive Secretary, Amy Botti (campaign coordinator), presented details to the Bishop's Cabinet in early September to launch the education and fundraising campaign, slated to run through the end of 2015. Districts and churches are being encouraged to promote awareness and generous giving to help The United Methodist reach its \$75 million Imagine No Malaria goal by May 2016, when the denomination's global General Conference meets.

Currently, we are at about \$66 million in a campaign to help eradicate malaria and save countless lives threatened by the deadly, mosquito-borne disease, which mostly strikes children in Africa. That leaves \$9 million more to go in this race to the finish line. Bishop Johnson is appealing to leaders, members and churches to "**Press on toward the goal**," in the Apostle Paul's words in Philippians 3:12b. "I press on toward the goal," the Apostle Paul wrote to the Philippians, "for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus." (Phil. 3:14)

Indeed, the Christian life is like a race. The opportunity to do greater and greater works for God is ever before us. And we strive toward the goal of Christian perfection, fueled by our faith in Christ's promise. The **Imagine No Malaria** (INM) campaign is pressing on toward a goal as well. As United Methodists we have pledged to raise \$75 million dollars to fund efforts that should effectively wipe out the disease of malaria in our lifetime!

MARTHA'S CLOSET

Trappe: \$70,641.40

Faith : \$66,417.50

Total 1998 to present \$137,058.90

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

ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS: OCTOBER 15, 2015

- Next quarterly giving will be for **Board of Child Care Christmas Store Wish List**.
- UMW will have bake sale at November 11 breakfast.
- Imagine No Malaria special offering from Bishop will be collected after Thanksgiving (special envelopes provided).
- UMW will hold their annual Holiday cookies for detention center on December 9th.
- Lead paint inspection for parsonage is being scheduled as first step in the assessment of work needed prior to renting in the future.
- Rev Moore introduced a draft for New Administrative Order which will help streamline the decision process within the charge.
- 2016 Church budget was approved for Charge Conference.

Board of Child Care Denton Site Christmas Store Wish List

Bring donations to the District Office or deliver to the Board of Child Care location.

Men's gloves
Women's jewelry
Candles
Lip Gloss
Lotion
Cologne
Coffee mugs
Stuffed animals
Card games

Men's gift sets
Candy tins
Travel mugs
Candle warmers
Men's socks
Seasonal items
Picture frames
Note cards
Scarves

CLM JOURNEY CONTINUES by Dan Gustafson

Faith Chapel Lay Leader and Certified Lay Servant, Dan Gustafson met with the Easton District Committee on Ordained Ministry in mid-September for an interview to share his Faith journey. By unanimous vote, he was affirmed to begin his Certified Lay Ministry (CLM) tract with the United Methodist church. He will be starting his modules of classes next spring and will hopefully have all coursework and trainings completed in one year's time. He would like to thank the charge for its continued support and prayers through this process. He has learned that everything is in God's time and one does have to be patient on these matters.

Blessings to all.



May the light that God sent
into the world on the first Christmas
be with you, your family, and your friends
throughout the New Year!

Greeters and Ushers

Usually this space is filled with a message from Ellen Whitby about the greeters and ushers. Ellen has been “under the weather” recently, but she is still doing her job. Please check with her about these duties, and instead of Ellen closing the article with “God bless you,” we end this issue saying, “You are doing a great job. God bless you Ellen.” We hope you are feeling fine soon and look forward to your report in the next **Tidings** issue.



BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES



Happy Anniversary!

We would like to include births, weddings, and other celebrations in future editions of **Tidings**, but we need your help. Please send information to the editor, Cathy Sewell, at cswsewell@gmail.com by the 15th of the month to have your information included.

November 2015

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

1 →TIME CHANGES Faith Chapel 8:45 Sunday School 9:45 Trappe 11	2	3	4 Martha's Closet 8-12 pm	5 Choir 7 pm	6	7
8 Faith Chapel 8:45 Sunday School 9:45 Trappe 11	9	10	11 Martha's Closet 8-12 pm UMW/UMM 6:30 pm	12 Choir 7 pm	13	14 Country Breakfast & Yard Sale plus Bake Sale 7:30-10:30 am Attic Youth 6:30 pm
15 * Faith Chapel 8:45 Sunday School 9:45 Trappe 11 Fellowship 12 pm	16	17	18 Martha's Closet 8-12 pm	19 Choir 7 pm	20	21
22 Thanksgiving Service Faith Chapel 8:45 Sunday School 9:45 Trappe 11 am	23	24	25 Martha's Closet 8-12 pm Meet w/Bishop 7 pm Centerville UMC	26 Happy Thanksgiving!	27	28
29 ADVENT BEGINS Faith Chapel 8:45 Sunday School 9:45 Trappe 11 am Handbell Choir 3 pm	30	Notes: *Shoeboxes due Nov. 15				

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WATERFOWL
FESTIVAL*

NOVEMBER 13.14.15

December 2015

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20 Faith Chapel 8:45 Sunday School 9:45 Trappe 11 am Candlelight Service at Faith Chapel	21 First day of winter	22	23 Martha's Closet 8-12 pm	24 Candlelight Christmas Eve Service At Trappe	25 CHRISTMAS BLESSINGS TO YOU AND YOUR FAMILY!	26
27 Faith Chapel 8:45 Sunday School 9:45 Trappe 11 am	28	29	30	31		

Notes: Jan. 3: Holy Communion

Jan. 30: Tea Party

