



Tidings

**TRAPPE/FAITH CHAPEL NEWSLETTER
NOVEMBER, DECEMBER 2016 & JANUARY 2017**



MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Friends,

We are entering seasons that are very familiar to us – Thanksgiving and Christmas. All of us have our traditions and expectations of what we want to see happen.

The beautiful part of a tradition is that it can hold a new, fresh surprise for us that we may have over looked or we thought it had nothing left to offer us. I am astonished that I am always amazed when the church light their candles at the Candle-light Service. There is truly the glory to God at that moment! And, yet, in preparing for it, I can sometimes hear myself mumble about the preparation, as if this was an onerous event that was being forced upon me.

At the core of all of this is the Spirit of God who is always capable of moving over our 'dry bones' and breathing fresh life into our souls. Life can dry out our lives, too. Tradition is that framework of preparation that puts us in a special setting designed to be aware of who God is all along.

May the Spirit of God bless you this Holiday Season as you prepare to give thanks, share gifts and be illuminated by the Light of the World, Jesus Christ!



See you in church on Sunday!

Rev. Gary L. Moore

PRAYER FOR NOVEMBER, DECEMBER, & JANUARY

Our heavenly Father, even though we are weak, we become strong through You. When difficulties get us down, help us to remember always that by taking Jesus, our Savior, into our lives we can handle anything. When we believe this deeply, let us know joy, release, and victory. We ask that through You, Lord, this can happen to each of us. Help us to commit ourselves to God and obtain spiritual power to overcome our problems and help others overcome theirs. Thank you, Lord, for this great wonderful world and for letting us live in it and be a part of its challenge. Help us to make life better for others. May there be new spiritual power in us now and always.

All this we ask through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.



ONGOING CALENDAR

Thurs

Senior Choir Practice

2nd & 4th Saturdays

Breakfast and Yard Sale

2nd Sundays

Fellowship following

11:00

Worship

2nd Wednesdays

UMW/UMM Meeting

and Bible Study

3rd Wednesdays:

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.

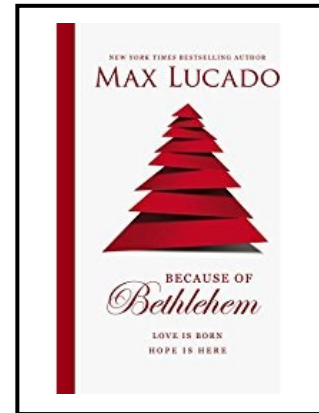


ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADVENT STUDY: *Because of Bethlehem*

In our preparation for Christmas our Advent Study will be Max Lucado's *Because of Bethlehem*. He writes: "Because of Bethlehem, we have the promise God is always near us. Always for us. Always in us. We may forget him, but he never forgets us."

Please check the Sunday morning bulletin for the times of the classes.



GOSPEL MUSIC AND TREE LIGHTING

November 27, 4 pm More information on p. 6

COOKIE NIGHT

December 14, 6:30 pm. Bake cookies and bring them to this annual event when we pack bags with cookies for the Talbot County Detention Center.

CHRISTMAS at FAITH CHAPEL

Our second Christmas Candlelight Service will be held on **Sunday, December 18 at 5:00 pm** in the Sanctuary. Invite a friend to join us in a Country Church Christmas Service!

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES at TRAPPE (No Christmas Day Service)

This year there will be a new service on **Christmas Eve – 4:00 pm!** This will allow folks who want to celebrate Christmas earlier in the evening before it becomes dark.

The regular **7:00 pm** will continue to be observed. Both services will be candlelight services as we celebrate Jesus as the Light of the World.

This will allow our families to be together on Christmas morning after singing the Lord's song the night before.

Make plans to invite a friend to join you that evening!

Everybody's Birthday

Sunday, January 22 or 29 Come out to beat the winter doldrums and celebrate Everybody's Birthday with a covered dish, cakes and decorations for each month, and other fun surprises!



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

FROM THE TREASURER: Charmel Hickman

Donations to the Conference are as follows:

Board of Child Care - Red Stocking (mailed directly to Denton) \$152.30

West Virginia Floods \$428

Quarters for Congo \$12

Lib will deposit the \$12 and I will be sending a check soon.

I would like to thank everyone for their gifts to the fuel fund. Together we raised \$5,550. for our winter propane, electric and maintenance costs.

ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS: SEPTEMBER 2016

- There was discussion concerning repairs to the Wesley Hall doors and the security light mounted on the southeast corner of the Sunday School building. Also the Church Sign light needs attention. (Tab Brannock has repaired the security light.)
- A Line Item was added to the Trappe UMC Annual Budget for the Cleaning of the Church.
- Dates were set for Programs/Services of the Church:
 - Sunday, October 9, 2016, due date for Hospice Supplies;
 - Sunday, November 13, 2016, Samaritan's Purse-Christmas Shoe Boxes due;
 - Sunday, November 27, 2016, a Christmas Music Program by Fathers & Sons, a group from Tilghman UMC;
 - Wednesday, December 14, 2016, Cookie Night at Wesley Hall; and
 - Sunday, January 22 or 29, 2017, Everybody's Birthday.
- Next Meeting: Wednesday, November 16 at 6:30 pm

Greetings friends of the Trappe-Bruceville Charge:

Many thanks for your generous \$25 gift card to the Olive Garden Restaurant. It is a favorite of mine! I appreciate your warm welcome back to the conference for 4 more years. We have much good work yet to do!

I thank you for your ministry in the church of Christ in these times. It is indeed the best times to be the church and I urge you to continue to reach out in the community with the Good News of Jesus for the transformation of the world.

Sincerely,

Bishop Peggy A. Johnson

Martha's Closet

Trappe: \$75,146.40

Faith : \$70,932.50

Total 1998 to present \$146,078.90

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

FROM THE THANK YOU BOX

To people placing flowers in the sanctuaries: Thank you for adding to the beauty of the church.

To Rev. Moore: Thank you for faithfully visiting our members who are ill.

To our Prayer Line members: Thank you for praying for us and for all the calls on the Prayer Line. Prayer changes things!

To the UMW and all those donating to the Fellowship Hour: Thank you for helping us have a time to be together and enjoy each other's company!

Do you want to thank someone? The Thank You Box is located on the organ.

Place your thank you in the box, and it will be included in the next newsletter.

Thank You!

LIBRARY NEWS by Charlotte Edwards

Children's books are good for all ages for a variety of reasons. Kids love the stories and pictures. Adults remember the stories and pictures and love to revisit them. There is lots of common ground for fun interaction. Our church library is just waiting for eager readers to borrow these books.

A great selection for everyone is ***A Child's Treasury of Bible Stories***. This is a boxed set of 4 books with the great classic pictures we all remember. They are the same kind of pictures that John Sewell always puts on his weekly cards to shut-ins.

There are many small individual books about various people of the Bible. We have ***Baby Jesus*** (for Christmas just around the corner), ***Ruth, Jonah, Noah, and David. Day by Day: A One Year Devotional for Young Children*** has more colorful pictures and short Bible Stories. ***A Life God Rewards*** by Bruce Wilkinson and Mack Thomas has example stories for children that teach a moral lesson, as does ***Aesop's Fables for Young Readers***. Their are thought-provoking and fun to discuss with children. ***Gospel: The Early Years of Jesus*** is a Reader's Digest publication. ***The Bible Animal Band: Singing and Telling the Story of Time and Forever*** has fun characters and pictures of them.

Christmas books will soon be on the shelves. Don't forget ***The Donkey's Gift*** by Thomas Coffee—a great read aloud for groups of all ages.

The Little Free Library books are stored upstairs and can be taken any time you have access. They do not have to be returned. There is something for everybody there, too.



Thank you for donating children's books for the inside or outside libraries!

Happy Fun and Nostalgic Reading!

BENEFITS OF PRAYER source: *Better Homes and Gardens*, October 2016, p. 154

“When neuroscientist Andrew Newberg, MD, author of *How Enlightenment Changes your Brain*, asked nuns to pray while being monitored by a brain scanner, he noticed that the changes taking place were similar to those of seasoned meditators. If you pray regularly, you’re likely already reaping the benefits of meditation, including less anxiety and a sharpened sense of focus and calm. Likewise, people who meditate enjoy science-backed advantages of prayer, such as decreased blood pressure and enhanced immune response.”

Want to be healthier? Put the **Prayer Calendar** into action!

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES



Happy Anniversary!

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

TO WELCOME THE SEASON

Everyone is invited to welcome the season on November 27 at 4:00 pm at Trappe United Methodist Church when The Fathers and Sons, a gospel group from Tilghman Island United Methodist Church, will present an evening of music. This group, composed of Larry Gowe, Sr., Tyde Moyers, David Miller, and Bunky Miller, with Isaiah Embert on piano, have preformed in many area venues, including the Avalon Theater. They will set the mood for the next part of the evening, the lighting of the Christmas tree on the corner of Maple and Powell Avenues. Then everyone will move into Wesley Hall for a light meal. Join the fun and catch the Christmas Spirit!

Fathers and Sons

Gospel Music
Sunday, November 27
4:00 pm
Trappe United Methodist
Church
Followed by Tree Lighting and
Light Supper



REFLECTIONS ON LAST YEAR'S BIBLE STUDY by Russ Leonard

Our Bible Study by Adam Hamilton was based on John: the Gospel of Light and Life. For me the new or different idea was the premise of John 1:14 that God who created the universe wants to be known by human beings and incarnation (God's Son Jesus) to come and to live with people on earth and to experience their trials, temptations, etc. And then report/return to sit on the right hand/side of God.

Also the Seven I AMs were important. For me and other human beings the Love of God is emphasized in I AM the Resurrection and the Life.

When we celebrate our birthdays, the dates of our "spiritual births" are when our names are written in the "Book of Light." Then that's when we really should be thankful for the glory of God and His Son Jesus.

Many other items I can remember from a great presentation by Dr. Hamilton and in-depth reviews and interpretation by Pastors Moore and Nichols:

The Prayer of Saint Patrick that God is 1. above us in the sky. 2. He is below us. He created the earth that yields food, fuel, and material good. 3. He is on either side of us—left, right behind, and in front of us. (continued on next page)

HOSPICE BOUNTY



The bounty of our giving to



Pictured, left to right, are Vivian Dodge, Executive Director, Kara Hope, Hospice House Clinical Director, Charlotte Edwards, and Mary Rae Adams. Thanks to Caron Pons, Director of Marketing and Commu-

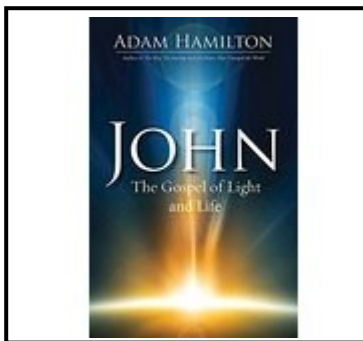
REFLECTIONS ON LAST YEAR'S BIBLE STUDY continued

We must pray to pick up His glory—birds above and to either side singing and providing joy. Also below us if we be on water there are fish, shrimp, etc. Jesus' presence on earth was spent in boats. He said, "Cast your nets to the other side of the boat." Also Jesus recruited disciples like Thomas from fishermen.

Finally, we all took a name of a brother or sister to pray for over the course of 2016. I think this was a great idea because it reminds us to pray for others on a daily basis,

Best regards,

Russ Leonard



Dr. Adam Hamilton