



Tidings

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FROM THE PULPIT: TRUE DISCIPLESHIP IS INTENTIONAL: IDEAS TO GROW YOUR FAITH

Rev. Moore was on a well-deserved vacation when this newsletter was in production. In place of Rev. Moore's usual article, **Pastor Dan Gustafson** generously permitted use of his article from the St. John's UMC newsletter for October, November, and December. Read Dan's insightful words below.

Making the covenant to be a disciple of Christ is the beginning of a lifelong process, and the path is not always easy. As we repent of our sins and strive to do what He would have us do and serve our fellowman as He would serve them, we will inevitably become more like Him. Becoming like Him and being one with Him is the ultimate goal and objective—and essentially the very definition of true discipleship.

When it comes to personal spiritual formation, church members, lay and clergy alike, tend to agree that growing one's own faith means engaging in spiritual disciplines with intentionality. Exactly what one should be purposeful about may need clarification. Within the church, there is a lot of dialogue about being a disciple. "A disciple is one who knows Christ, is growing in Christ, serving Christ and sharing Christ." (from "Developing an Intentional Discipleship System: A Guide for Congregations" Discipleship Ministries of The United Methodist Church). This includes connecting to God in a personal way and being intentional about seeking out those ways to connect on a regular basis.

The lifelong journey to know Christ, grow in Christ, serve Christ and share Christ can incorporate customary practices, including reading the Bible and praying, as well as take the path of unconventional activities, such as journaling and spending time at the ocean. While many turn to the Scriptures or meet with study groups to grow one's faith, others seek less traditional endeavors such as connecting with music in church. There are some things that we would not consider a spiritual discipline but are very helpful in terms of helping us grow. I have always found that reconnecting to music, whether it is going to a concert or hearing the music in a church I am visiting, is a good way of jumpstarting my relationship with Christ. Find those things that inspire your desire to grow and to grow closer to God. I firmly believe there has to be some level of commitment in doing them often.

I believe there are six vital areas that point to a growing disciple:

- Serving in a local church. Church attendance without service does not grow me as a disciple. To grow I have to serve generously with my time, talent, and treasure.
- Praying consistently. A growing disciple follows Jesus' pattern of consistent, heartfelt prayer.
- Reading the Bible daily. The single biggest factor in growing as a disciple is reading the Bible every day.
- Engaging in biblical community. Discipleship throughout the Bible is always in context of community. Being in a small group does not guarantee discipleship, but not being in biblical community prevents it.

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ONGOING CALENDAR

Thurs

Senior Choir Practice

2nd & 4th Saturdays

Breakfast and Yard Sale

2nd Sundays

Fellowship following

11:00

Worship

2nd Wednesdays

UMW Meeting

3rd Wednesdays

Every other month

Administrative Council/Trustees

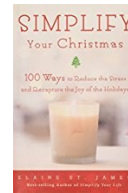
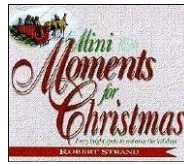
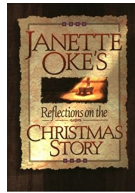
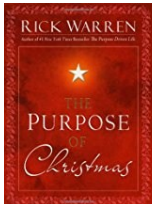
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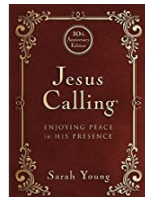
It's time to talk about holiday reading and two other books to put on your list for next year's devotions.



Christmas is right around the corner. For holiday reading you may want to include ***The Purpose of Christmas*** by Rick Warren, ***Reflections on the Christmas Story*** by Jeanette Oke, ***Mini Moments for Christmas: Forty Bright Spots to Enhance the Holidays*** by Robert Strand, and ***Simplify Your Christmas: 100 Ways to Reduce Stress and Recapture the Joy of the Holidays*** by Elaine St. James. You may want to read the last one first and be more organized to have quality time for joy and reading the other books. Don't forget ***The Donkey's Gift*** by Thomas M. Coffey, a family favorite for us. Christmas books will be in the Little Library. Pass them forward to those who would enjoy these books and may have special needs in their lives. Thank you to those who have left books for others to share. They are appreciated.

The first book to consider for the New Year is ***Jesus Calling*** by Sarah Young. Each day's reading is written as if Jesus is speaking to you. He offers words of reassurance, comfort, and hope. The author encourages us to hear these words and "move from a monologue to a dialogue" with Jesus. She helps us hear His call.

Another timely book for reading in the New Year is ***God Bless America: Prayers and Reflections for our Country*** by Pat Matuszak and Gwen Ellis. This is a beautifully written book of prayers and inspirational writings with Bible verses throughout. The scripture topics are Prayer, Thankfulness, Faith, Guidance, Leadership, Honesty, Justice, Service, and many more. Read the prayers and thoughts of U.S. presidents, great religious leaders, and statesmen. There are selections in this book that we all know and memorized (or hoped to) such as words on the Statue of Liberty and the Liberty Bell. Included also are passages from the Bill of Rights, Declaration of Independence, Gettysburg Address, the original Pledge of Allegiance, the Executive Oath of Office, and other documents of importance throughout our country's history. Each topic has the beautiful Scripture appropriate for each subject. This is a well presented book to look for as a gift to family, military friends, and other relatives as a reminder of the importance of citizenship and its responsibilities and a special thank you for those who served.



Happy Reading!

FROM THE PULPIT (continued from page 1)

- Being actively involved in missional outreach. Biblical disciples engage in Kingdom transformation in their home, their community, and their world.
- Developing other disciples. Jesus' final command was very clear. Go make disciples.

Every growing disciple of Christ develops other disciples. Remember that every child of God is filled with the power of the Holy Spirit, specially gifted to play a unique and valued role in the body of Christ. No one is without gift or purpose. Spiritual gifts are not our talents or skills. They are the grace of God at work within us, empowering us to match our deep passions with the world's deep need. The gifts are given to individuals, but they are given to build and strengthen community and to meet the needs of those around us.

Begin the journey. Discover your gifts. Talk about your gifts with others. Strive together to understand your gifts and how you can use them to serve God, neighbor, and world. You have been gifted and given a purpose. Use your gifts for the betterment of God's kingdom.

ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL/TRUSTEES HIGHLIGHTS SEPTEMBER 2017

- Financial reports submitted from Faith Chapel UMC, Trappe UMC, Memorial Fund and the Emergency Fund with everything up-to-date; the Emergency Fund granted one request since the July meeting.
- Donations of items for CAREPACKS OF TALBOT COUNTY is due Sunday, October 15.
- Delmarva Power Energy Rebate Program for Non-Profits was approved with new lights to be installed in Wesley Hall, Sunday School Area, Asbury Hall, and Sanctuary. Appliances in the kitchens to be replaced; completion projected by Christmas.
- Articles and items for the next newsletter due Sunday, October 15 for the November, December, & January issue.
- For Christmas Shoe Box Information, check out the display in the vestibule soon. The collection due date is Sunday, Nov. 12, 2017.
- The choral group, The King's Ambassadors, will present a music program at Trappe United Methodist Church on Sunday, November 19, 2017 at 4:00 pm in the Sanctuary.
- The Children's Sunday School Class hopes to present a short Christmas Program during a Worship Service in December.
- Thursday, Oct. 5 there will be a Narcan Training at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Trappe, MD at 6:30pm.
- The UMW will accept contributions to the following Mission Projects: Central Congo Partnership (More information will be coming about how to best respond to this Mission Project). The UMW contributed \$100 to UMCOR toward relief efforts.
- UMW will be collecting supplies for Talbot Hospice on Wednesday Oct. 11.
- On Nov. 8 the UMW will donate supplies to Talbot Interfaith Shelter and receive their Thank Offering.
- Christmas Cookies contributions will be packaged on Wednesday, Dec. 13 at 5:00 pm, 120 dozen needed.
- Next Admin Council/Trustees Meeting: November 15, 6:30 pm

CARE PACKS by Anne Gustafson

THANK YOU FOR DONATING TO CAREPACKS

The percentage of families experiencing food insecurity is on the rise across the country, and here in Talbot County. Hungry students can't learn. While most students in need receive breakfast and lunch at school, for many of them there is a gap on the weekends.

The CarePacks mission is to end weekend hunger among our most vulnerable students. We provide 2 breakfasts, 2 lunches, 2 snacks and 2 fruit items every Friday afternoon to identified students.

CarePacks launched in April of 2012, providing non-perishable, kid-friendly meals and snacks to 30 students in need on the Eastern Elementary campus.

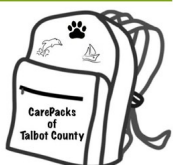
We now serve 350 students every week at ALL Talbot County Elementary schools and Eastern Middle School.



For more information, visit us online at www.eescarepacks.org, or like us on Facebook.

To donate online, visit www.msfcf.org

For other questions, contact Emily Moody at emoody@tfcps.k12.md.us



Sample items for backpacks:

Oatmeal packets
Single serving cereals
Filled crackers
Raisins
Applesauce cups
Fruit cups
Peanuts (small packages)
Trail mix (small packages)
Cereal bars
Toaster pastries
Canned tuna
Easy mac (single serve)
Instant lunch noodles
Canned pasta (prefer pop top)
Granola bars
Pretzels (individual bags)

Care Packs' mission is to end weekend hunger for identified students. They receive 2 breakfasts, 2 lunches, 2 snacks, and 2 fruit items on Friday to provide nutrition throughout the weekend.

Ongoing—consider donating anytime.



We had a total of 10 OVERFLOWING bags of food from both churches for the Care Packs.

Martha's Closet

Trappe 78,367.25

Faith 74,156.25

Total 1998 to 10/14/17 \$152,523.50

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

LITURGISTS by John Sewell

Our hopes and prayers are that our church is a blessing to all: our members and friends, our community, and to all the world. One of the blessings our congregations receive each Sunday is a worship service with excellent messages from our Pastor relating the word of God to today's issues, problems, and the many blessings God bestows on us. The service is filled with prayer, scripture, hymns, a time for giving, and a sending out with a blessing for the week.

In the Trappe/Bruceville Charge at Faith Chapel and Trappe United Methodist Churches, we are blessed to have a group of ten liturgists to assist with our worship services. Each one brings an individual and greatly appreciated flair to our morning worship service. At Faith Chapel UMC the liturgists are Diana Bojko, John Farwell, Anne Gustafson, and Darlene McNeal. And at Trappe UMC Mary Rae and Charles Adams, Nancy Dunn, Wilma Miller, Leona Schmidt, Sarah Sewell and John Sewell help with the liturgist duties. John Farwell is the latest member to join the group. We are glad to have him participating and welcome anyone who would like to become a liturgist.

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN by Leona Schmidt

The United Methodist Women continue to meet on the second Wednesday of the month at 5 pm at Trappe UMC. All are welcome. Our activities for the rest of this year include:

1. A donation was made to UMCOR missions for the recent hurricane victims.
2. We also collected supplies for Talbot Hospice House. They have been delivered and were very much appreciated.
3. Supplies were collected for Talbot Interfaith Shelter on November 8.
4. A Thank Offering was collected at the November 8 meeting to be used for the program of mission carried on through the United Methodist Women's National Office in the USA and around the world.
5. Shoe boxes were due on November 12.
6. On December 13 at 5 pm we will continue collecting cookies for the Talbot County Detention Center. We will be packing 120 bags of a dozen cookies each for residents at the Center. We will also have a light dinner before the activity.

Looking ahead to next year, we will have Everyone's Birthday Party on February 11 at 4 pm in Wesley Hall. More to come. . . .

LET THERE BE LIGHT by John Sewell

Usually in the Fall we notice that the light isn't quite as bright as in the Summer. Recently however, some of our congregation have noticed that there is brighter illumination in the church sanctuary and in Wesley Hall. Did someone utter, "Let there be light?"

Yes! There is more light in the Church Sanctuary, Sunday School, Asbury Hall, and Wesley Hall. The Admin. Council/Trustees met September 13 for an informational meeting about an Electric Rebate Program through Delmarva Power. Shore Energy Systems, Inc. supplied the information and it was voted on to apply for this upgrade to the lighting and appliances (freezer and refrigerators). This upgrade should lower our electric bill and provide better lighting and more energy efficient appliances. Shore Energy Systems, Inc. takes care of all the rebates and the lighting portion was completed October 12.

Several positive comments have already been heard. We are looking forward to a lower monthly electric bill in the future.

Come and SEE even better than before.



Thank You to the Breakfast Cake Bakers for August and September:

Janice Oakhill and Leona Schmidt!

The King's Ambassadors



Welcome the holiday season on Sunday,
November 19 AT 4 PM.
Outdoor Tree Lighting and Light Supper
Trappe UMC
A love offering will be taken.

Important Holiday Season Dates to Note

- ⇒ **ADVENT STUDY** at Trappe Church on Tuesdays
at 10:30 am November 28, December 5, 12, 19
- ⇒ **RED AND GREEN FELLOWSHIP** after 11 am
Worship Service on December 10
- ⇒ **UMW COOKIE COLLECTION** and light supper on
December 13 at 5 pm
- ⇒ **FAITH CHAPEL CHRISTMAS CANDLELIGHT
SERVICE** on Sunday, December 17 at 5 pm
- ⇒ **CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICES**
December 24 at 4 pm and 7 pm at Trappe UMC

**Blessings to all during this sacred
season!**



BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES



Birthdays and Anniversaries
are not available on-line

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.

DISCIPLE BIBLE STUDY

Old Testament (Fast Track): If you are interested in a six (6) week, 90 minute class on Tuesday evenings in January-February and six (6) weeks in April-May, please contact Rev. Moore at church or trappe362@gmail.com.

Our children will be busy during November and December. We are making the decorations for the program on November 19.

We will join the choir for the Christmas program and cooking for the Red and Green Fellowship.

We hope all of you will join us in the celebration of the season.

Also we are proud to fill ten shoeboxes for the Christmas Child Program.

POINSETTIAS ORDERS

We will be placing poinsettias in the church on Sunday, December 17, 2017 as a way to honor someone or remember someone special in our lives. If you wish to place a poinsettia(s) in the church for Christmas, please fill out the form below and give it to Ken/Elizabeth Myers OR place it in the offering plate in church before **December 3, 2017**. You can also send it by mail if post marked by November 29, 2017. *Mail to Ken/Elizabeth Myers 5705 Old Trappe Road, Trappe, Maryland 21673.* The cost of a poinsettia is \$8.00. Please make your check payable to Trappe UMC and mark it for poinsettias. You may take your poinsettia(s) home on Sunday, December 17 or later.



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OR place it in the offering plate with your payment of \$8.00 each by **December 3, 2017**. Please make your check payable to Trappe UMC and mark it Poinsettias. **PLEASE PRINT.**

Number of plants _____ Total Amount _____ Circle

CHURCH to be placed in: TUMC or FAITH CHAPEL

Donor's Name _____

Circle one: In Memory of (for those not living)

In Honor of: (for those living)
