



Tidings

TRAPPE/FAITH CHAPEL NEWSLETTER
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MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Friends,

As we shed our short sleeves for long sleeves, we enter the Thanksgiving and Christmas Season. In our homes we look for those special decorations that were put away, and we think about Thanksgiving and Christmas dinners. Where are we going to be? What are we going to have for dinner? What has changed in our family since we last gathered?

We mark the time of our lives with the gratitude of Thanksgiving and the giftedness of Christmas. We do it personally, in our families, in our churches and in our country. With all the acidic expressions we see every day in our news, let us put on the protective covering of gratitude and shun what destroys. It is easy to destroy but difficult to build up each other. Let us be reminded of the many gifts we have by being one family, one church, one nation under God. To live in peace and prosperity, we need each one!

See you in Church! And Christmas we light candles to remind us that light defeats darkness.

Rev. Gary L. Moore

NOVEMBER, DECEMBER, JANUARY PRAYER

God of mercy, have mercy on us.
God of wisdom, illumine our minds.
God of light, shine into our hearts.
Eternal Goodness, deliver us from evil.
God of Power, be our refuge and our strength, now and forever.
Amen.



Have a Prayer Request? Prayer Line: 410-822-5095

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.

ONGOING CALENDAR

Thursday
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
Meeting

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LIBRARY NEWS by Charlotte Edwards

Thanksgiving and Christmas are coming before we know it. Now is the time to get into some books that will help to focus on the true meaning of these holidays. They will be on the shelves soon.

A book that has been added to the library is ***A Midnight Clear*** by Katherine Patterson. It is a collection of short stories that are meaningful and quite varied. A traveling man picks up a hitchhiker who attempts to rob him. A lonely woman is befriended by a persevering boy. In Communist China, a female scholar and an old watchman bond and are secretly reading the Bible. A child copes with disappointment and a young couple await the birth of their baby. The stories were written for the author's husband to read from the pulpit. All the stories reflect "a vision of hope and peace," taking us back to the first Christmas. It sounds like a good read-aloud book for a family to share.

For good fiction, the last several books of the Tearoom Mysteries have been added. This series of books (most by different authors) is published by Guideposts. The blurb on the back of each book says: "Mix together one stately Victorian Home, a charming lakeside town in Maine and two adventurous cousins with a passion for tea and hospitality. Add a large scoop of intriguing mysteries, sprinkle generously with faith, family, and friends, and you have the recipe for the Teahouse Mysteries." Sounds like a good escape during a busy time.

Don't forget to peruse the shelves or the Little Free Library for a meaningful book to read and share for inspiration, education, or problem solving. Maybe you can line up some New Years reading to plan and support your resolutions.

Happy Reading!

FAITH CHAPEL NEWS

Faith Chapel Tribute to Jack Thompson

It was with great sadness that the Bruceville community lost Jack Thompson, the Mayor of Bruceville, to cancer on August 14, 2018. Jack retired here and instantly became a fixture. He loved our community deeply and worked to make it the best it could be. It was an honor for the church to host his Memorial Service. He was a major supporter of the Christmas Program with his lights and presence in the pew. God bless you, Jack!

A Wedding Celebration

Congratulations and Best Wishes to Brianna Frasher and Brady Gustafson on their recent wedding at Faith Chapel. As we can see in the picture, it was a lovely wedding. Brady's brother, Shawn, is second from the right. Both young men attended Faith, and we often saw them at Trappe, as well. It's a blessing to see them grown and on their way in life. May the happy couple spend many years together.



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

NEW SIGNS HELP SPREAD THE WORD

Faith Chapel and Trappe Churches now have new signs to better identify themselves to the community. Faith Chapel did not have a sign that you could read as people drove by the church. And Trappe did not have a sign whereby you could place announcements inviting the community to church events. We want to thank all the contributors to each church's ministry for providing these funds for the new signs!



The new sign at Faith. Beside the tree behind the sign is the picnic table donated by Jack.



The new sign at Trappe with enough room to display announcements.

And just for the pleasure—the memorial garden at Trappe between the main church building and Wesley Hall.



TRAPPE/FAITH CHAPEL UNITED METHODIST WOMEN by Leona Schmidt

We met October 10 and finalized plans for the coming 3 months. They include:

1. Collecting supplies and delivering them to Talbot Hospice.
2. Collecting supplies for the Interfaith Shelter on November 14. See the list below.
3. December 8 we will sell soup during the breakfast and yard sale. The menu will include five different kinds of soup, biscuits, and desserts. A quart of soup is \$6. Please support this sale; the money raised will be donated to the Ramp Fund.
4. December 12 is the traditional Cookie Night. We will treat ourselves to dinner, and then we will bag cookies for the Talbot County Detention Center, as well as for other local groups. Check the bulletin for more details.
5. Everyone's Birthday Party will be March 10, 2019, at 4 pm. There will be a covered dish dinner and we need several volunteers to decorate tables and bake dessert. Watch for more details.
6. The Thank Offering is due November 14 at our next meeting. This offering is used in the USA and around the world as part of the total program of missions carried on through the UMW National Office. During the November meeting, we will discuss how we are thankful and why.
7. The UMW will be responsible for the fellowship in Wesley Hall after the 11 am service on November 11. We hope you will be able to come. You won't have to cook lunch because we will supply it!

Talbot Interfaith Shelter Supply List

Paper Towels	Toilet Tissue	Trash bags—13 gal. size
Dish detergent—hand & dishwasher		Bottles of Water
Laundry detergent—Free & Clear liquid		Coffee--Regular
Ziplock bags—quart, gallon, & snack size		Creamer for coffee

Clothes for children: (Baby boy to arrive in Jan. 2019—Newborn diapers);
7-week-old girl, sizes 3-6 months (want pink winter coat);
2 yr. old girl size 3T and shoes 7-8; girls size 4T and Size 6;
girl size slim 14, shirt size 10-12;
boy 4 yr. old size 4T slim;
boy size 5Tp;
boy 6 yr. old size 5-6; sweat shirts size 6-7;
boy 9 yr. old foot size 5, shirt medium/8, jacket medium/8, pants medium/8;
boy large 0 yr. old, children's size 2X, pants size 18 (prefer stretch clothing)



Advent Study

Our study will be "Christmas Through the Eyes of Joseph" by Adam Hamilton. We will gather at Trappe on Tuesdays (November 27, December 4, 11 & 18) at 10:30 a.m. (The Disciple Bible Study will resume in January.)

Christmas at Faith Chapel

On Sunday, December 16, 5:00 p.m. the community and friends of Faith Chapel will gather for our annual Christmas Candlelight Service in the Sanctuary. This is a special time for the Bruceville Community. Let us invite someone to the service.

Christmas at Trappe

On Christmas Eve at 4:00 p.m. a Candlelight Service will be held in the Sanctuary. This will be the only service that evening. Please consider inviting someone to join you in honoring our God for the gift of Jesus.

Admin. Council/Bd. Of Trustees Highlights – September 19, 2018

- Financial reports submitted from Faith Chapel UMC, Trappe UMC, and Memorial Fund with everything up-to-date. Faith Chapel has one more payment, and Trappe is paid through September on Conference Apportionments.
 - UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief) contributions received in Oct/Nov/Dec will be designated for Hurricane Florence & Typhoon Mangkhut in the Philippines victims.
 - Quarterly Giving will be for CarePacks on Sunday October 7, and the UMW items for Talbot Hospice will be collected on October 7.
 - Articles for the next newsletter due Monday, October 15 for the 3-month issue of NOV/ DEC/ JAN.
 - The Handicap Ramp Fund has reached 26%.
 - The Disciple Bible Study will resume on Tuesday, October 16 for the 1:00 pm and 6:30 pm sessions.
 - There was unanimous agreement that the Garden looks wonderful.
 - Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes collection is Nov. 11. Up-dated brochures are available.
 - The proposal for the new Trappe church sign was accepted and hopefully will be completed soon.
 - Cookie Night collection for Talbot Count Detention Center is Wednesday, December 12, 2018, 5 pm.
 - Red/Green Fellowship after church on 2nd Sunday in December.
 - Next Ad/Min-Trustees Meeting will be on Wed., November 28 since 3rd Wed. is Thanksgiving Eve
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IMPORTANT DATES

November 4		Time changes: Fall back!	
November 10	7:30 –10 am	Breakfast & Yard Sale	
November 11	Noon	Fellowship following 11 am Service: UMW hosting lunch	
		Shoeboxes due for Operation Christmas Child	
November 14	5 pm	UMW Meeting: Supplies for Interfaith Shelter due; Thank Offering collection	
November 22		Happy Thanksgiving	
November 24	7:30 –10 am	Breakfast & Yard Sale	
November 27	10:30 am	Advent Bible Study	
November 28	6:30 pm	Admin Council/Trustees Meeting	
December 4	10:30 am	Advent Bible Study	
December 8	7:30-10 am	Breakfast & Yard Sale: UMW Soup Sale	
December 9	Noon	Red & Green Fellowship	
December 11	10:30 am	Advent Bible Study	
December 12	5 pm	UMW Cookie Night	
December 16	5 pm	Candlelight Service at Faith Chapel	
December 17	8 pm	Annual Charge Conference	
December 18	10:30 am	Advent Bible Study	
December 24	4 pm	Candlelight Service at Trappe	
December 25		Merry Christmas & Happy Birthday Jesus	
January 9	5 pm	UMW Meeting	
January 12	7:30 –10 am	Breakfast & Yard Sale	
January 15		Tidings Deadline: items and information for February and March	
January 26	7:30 –10 am	Breakfast & Yard Sale	
Looking Ahead: March 10	4 pm	Everyone's Birthday Party/Covered Dish Dinner	



**The Editor of the Tidings thanks all the contributors to the newsletter. Your work is appreciated!
Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!**

NEW RAMP APPROVED

The Administrative Council/Trustees have approved the installation of a new ramp by the side of the church near the parking area. It will cost about \$10,000. There has been a special fund set up to help raise monies to pay for it. At our last meeting, \$2,418 had been collected. You can submit your offering to the church and mark it for RAMP.

Breaking News: Update: We currently have \$5773 in donations making it 62% towards our goal of \$9450. Only \$3577 to go.

Thank you for your generosity.

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Birthdays and Anniversaries
are not included in the on-line edition

Happy Anniversary!



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