

MILK & HONEY

Center Staff Notes

Helen Sandonato has returned to the Center part-time as Interim Assistant Director. We are delighted that she has brought her experience, knowledge, and terrific cooking skills to share during these dark winter days. She can be contacted at (helen-craddock@tds.net).

Valerie Peel is working with us part-time on Center communications and media. Valerie returns to the Center to help us get the word out about all that we do. To reach her, email valerie-craddock@tds.net.

Amanda Riley, formerly a Middle School Language Arts teacher (11 years), has joined the Center staff as Programs Coordinator. She LOVES curriculum and middle school young people! For information and questions about Camp Craddock and other programs, contact Amanda at amanda-craddock@tds.net.

Katie Wood will greet you with her cheerful smile and voice when you contact the Center. She's our new Administrative Assistant. A military veteran and mother of a kindergartner who loves to organize, Katie is at katie-craddock@tds.net.

Welcome, Amanda and Katie. And welcome back, Helen and Valerie. We have a great team in place!



**Volunteer Opportunities
AVAILABLE NOW!**

**Learn how you can help
deliver happy & hope!**



SONGS & STORIES

In Honor of Helen Lewis



JANUARY 28, 2017 | 4 p.m.

**Andy Orfutt Irwin, Storyteller
Hannah From, Singer & Musician**

Legendary storyteller, showman and humorist, Andy Orfutt Irwin will be performing at *Songs & Stories*. This is a *free* event at The Craddock Center, so bring a friend and arrive early!

Seating is limited and doors open at 3 p.m. to the divine voice of Hannah From. Come celebrate a mountain tradition of Appalachian storytelling and music with The Craddock Center!

Call NOW!

Weeks are Going Fast!

Are you looking for an opportunity for your youth/mission group to serve in a meaningful way this summer?



Would you like for your group to bond and fellowship together in a serene atmosphere that also provides plenty of options for recreation and teambuilding?

If this sounds like just what your group is looking for, consider serving at Camp Craddock in the beautiful mountains of north Georgia. When you participate in Camp Craddock, your group will deliver "happy and hope" each day for one week to low-income children in our area, bringing the summer camp experience right to where they live.

We provide the songs, stories, games, and crafts, but you're welcome to incorporate your own creativity and talents as well. You'll also have the chance to serve and eat lunch with the children, ensuring that the campers end their day of fun at Camp Craddock with a nutritious meal. Your group will provide Camp Craddock for local children each morning, and afternoons are free for the group to do as you desire—whether it's resting, completing helpful tasks around the center, engaging in your own curriculum, or visiting any of the numerous recreation activities our area offers. We provide Camp Craddock in one week slots for eight weeks throughout June and July. These weeks are already beginning to fill quickly as groups are eager to participate in our mission of "delivering happy and hope."



Contact us *soon* so your group can join this fun and meaningful experience. See www.craddockcenter.org and then contact Programs Coordinator Amanda Riley at 706-632-1772 or amanda-craddock@tds.net. Camp Craddock is a fulfilling opportunity your mission/youth group will remember for a lifetime!



Even the poor have a right to their pretties, so Mrs. Glover reminded me years ago. I was a young minister in Roane County, Tennessee, and had appointed myself economic advisor to the poor among whom I worked. To the families at or below poverty level, I sternly cautioned: potatoes and beans and fatback, not flowers and candles and candy. They turned a deaf ear to my wise counsel. I repeated myself, with volume increased. Nothing. Nothing, that is, except the protesting voice of old Mrs. Glover: “Even the poor have a right to their pretties.”

She was right, of course. My memory told me she was right. In the poverty of my rural childhood, my sister, my brothers, and I were treated to fanciful and full-winged stories by our father, and our mother joined us in stringing popcorn and wild berries, making chains of colored paper, and cutting out paper bells. A welcomed snow meant lots of snow cream, and sorghum became, in one afternoon, delicious taffy. Add gingerbread and milk and it was Christmas. “I wonder how the poor are doing,” said our father.

The church speaks often and appropriately of good and evil, or right and wrong, of true and false. But the church could, no less appropriately, speak often of the beautiful and the ugly. If the church has trouble finding a Scripture text to justify it, then quote Mrs. Glover. She knows.

—FBC



Good News, Bad News, and More Good News

The good news—The Story Express has given out more than 5,000 books to children since the start of the 2016-2017 school year!

The bad news—The shelves in The Craddock Center’s book room look like the picture to the left. Oh, my!

More good news—YOU have an opportunity to help us restock the shelves with **NEW** books for preschool children, ages 3 to 5. Ask your family, ask your friends, ask your book club, have a book party...the ideas are unlimited! And of course, we are glad for monetary donations so that we can purchase books from sources that give us very good prices.

Why **NEW** books? Well, that was Dr. Craddock’s wish. Why? See his story reprinted in this edition of Milk & Honey...

It is the personal touch of meeting and interacting with the children that can and does make a difference in their lives. You may not be dressed in red, but you are of generous heart.

Preaching Workshop | Monday, March 6th

Rev. Dr. Alyce M. McKenzie, Director of the Center for Preaching Excellence, Perkins School of Theology at Southern Methodist University, will bring a workshop on “Novel Preaching: Fiction Writing Strategies for Sermons.” She will suggest how you can borrow the best practices of novelists to craft sermons that gain and maintain listener attention. Participants will practice being attentive to aspects of story (conflict, dialogue, scene) in our inner lives (inscape), outer lives (landscape) and the biblical text (textscape). Dr. McKenzie calls this habit KFN (Knack for Noticing), and she will demonstrate how that habit shapes sermons that speak to both mind and heart. To register, email Katie Wilson, katiecraddock@tds.net. Breakfast and lunch are provided. **We’re saving a seat for you!**



Pursuant to GA Code Section 43-17-8 this charitable appeal is made on behalf of The Craddock Center, located in Cherry Log, Georgia. Full program and financial information is available upon request: PO Box 69, Cherry Log, GA 30522 | 706-632-1772 | craddockcenter@tds.net

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