

MILK & HONEY



MRS. LOUISE HELLMAN

VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

The Craddock Center volunteer spotlight is on Mrs. Louise Hellman! Mrs. Hellman's association with The Craddock Center began more than six years ago, when she and her grandchildren encountered "The Story Express" at a community festival.

Volunteers invited the children to come aboard and select a book. Her immediate assumption was that she would be expected to pay for the books. Imagine her surprise when there was no charge, and through the encounter, she "discovered" The Craddock Center.

Fast forward to 2018. Today, she and other volunteers from her church, Mt. Zion United Methodist Church in Marietta, make regular trips to Cherry Log to process books for distribution and preparation of The Milk & Honey newsletter. In addition, they go out into the schools and community to take books and crocheted caps to the children and donate the month of June to assist with Camp Craddock.

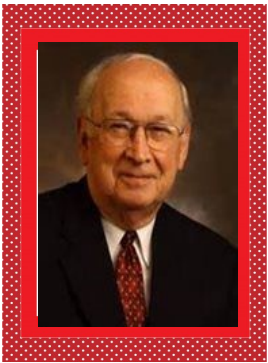
Once she discovered Dr. Craddock's vision and ministry, Louise readily admits she was on board in a big way. She came back to Marietta and began recruiting fellow church members and friends to join "Team Mt. Zion." "This has done so much for us as individuals," she explains. "But it is exactly what Dr. Craddock wanted. People don't realize what they are missing."

Mrs. Hellman was initially impressed with what the Center was doing for the children. Now she is a part of that program and wouldn't trade her experiences. "I go there every opportunity I get!" Everyone at the Craddock Center and within our communities greatly appreciates Mrs. Hellman's dedication and caring! On behalf of the Staff and Board of Directors for the Craddock Center thank you Mrs. Louise Hellman for all that you do for The Craddock Center, and most of all for the children!

THE CRADDOCK CENTER MISSION STATEMENT

Our mission is to deliver educational and cultural programs to children, families, and communities, primarily in Southern Appalachia. We serve by sharing and spreading centuries old traditions of song and story characteristic of the region.

CRADDOCK STORIES



DR. FRED B. CRADDOCK

Up near me, at Fannin County Hospital, ministers around take turns being chaplain for the week. I took my turn, and the week I was on watch, there was a baby born. Not a lot born in that little bitty thirty-bed hospital. But I went there, it was about nine o'clock in the morning, and I saw all these people gathered, looking through the glass. There was that little bitty new baby, and it looked like a clan of people gathered around. I said, "What is it, boy or girl?"

"It's a girl."

"What's the name?"

"Elizabeth."

"Well, is the father over here in this group?"

"No." Looked back over there , and leaning against the wall, was a young man.

He said, "I'm the father."

I said, "Baby's name Elizabeth?"

"Yeah."

"Beautiful baby." She was squirming—you couldn't hear through the glass—but she was squirming , and red faced, and all like that. I thought maybe he might be concerned, and I said, "Now she's not sick. It's good for babies to scream and do all that. It clears out their lungs and get their voices going. It's all right."

He said, "Oh I know she's not sick . But she's mad as hell." And then he said, "Pardon me, Reverend." I said, "That's all right. Why's she mad?"

He said, " Well wouldn't you be mad? One minute you're with God in heaven and the next minute you're In Georgia."

Well! I thought, *Man, I've got myself a real mountain Gnostic here on my hands. This guy's been reading Plato.* I said, "You believe she was with God before she came here?"

He said, "Oh yeah."

I said, "You think she'll remember?"

He said, " Well, that's up to her mother and me. It's up to the church. We've got to see that she remembers, 'cause if she forgets, she's a goner."

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