



Tidings

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MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Friends,

We have entered into a new Year of Our Lord, 2019. My mother would always say that each chapter in life brings its own joys. She was also a woman who faced life with 'grit'. I wish I could find another word to express that determination when life is hard to do one's best over time with a good attitude. And yet, that 'four-letter word' speaks volumes about how to approach life.

The ultimate example, inspiration, and model of grit is Jesus. He never gave in or gave up to the pressures being forced on him. He had his eye on serving God. He faced intense criticism from all kinds of people. He was watched to see if he ever wrote a 'Tweet' that could be used against him. In the garden before Judas' betrayal, he could have slipped off into the night and escaped the cross to teach again. But he stayed and endured the cross. He had holy grit.

Life does not announce its joys nor its trials in advance. We do believe God is truly with us. Together with his body, the church, we have the source of true grit to face life in all its uncertainties during the Year of Our Lord, 2019.



See You in Church!
Rev. Gary L. Moore

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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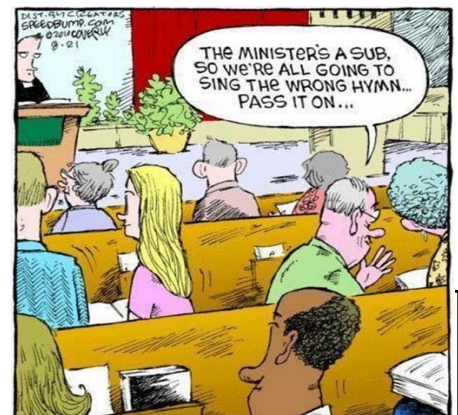
FEBRUARY/ MARCH PRAYER



Prayer of St. Ephrem the Syrian:

O Lord and Master of my life, give me not a spirit of sloth, idle curiosity, love of power, and useless chatter. Rather, accord to me, your servant, a spirit of chastity, humility, patience, and love. Yes, Lord and King, grant that I may see my own faults and not condemn my brother and sister, for blessed are You forever and ever. Amen.

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

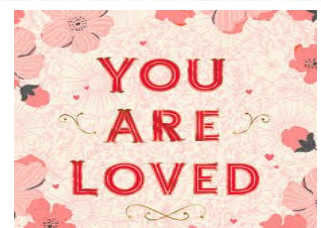


Pastor's Office Hours

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.



LIBRARY NEWS by Charlotte Edwards

Happy New Year, everyone. By now we have settled into January, acknowledged our resolutions, and set out goals. Every bit of that is much easier said than done. We all know our struggles. Don't forget our library for information, guidance, and inspiration to address varied problems and to enrich our lives.

Unfortunately there are a lot of people probably not so far away that are facing seemingly insurmountable challenges. These are the people targeted by Project Purple. It includes their friends and families, too. Project Purple addresses a huge crisis.

A letter written over 100 years ago describes cocaine use in dark unrelenting reality. The language is stilted but describes how drug use can spiral into "a debilitating obsession:"

The most alarming poisonous effects of the drug are: debasement and enslavement of the will, a general demoralizing which is as diabolical as it is indescribable and which tends rapidly toward depravity and the development of everything that is degrading and ignoble in human nature. Habits of the most detestable character are: settled indifference to every interest in life, destruction of the most noble affections and affirmations, the utter death of all noble qualities, complete disregard of all social and domestic duties, even of pressing family necessities and the common interests of daily life, the radical extinction of every previous religious spark that had enlivened the soul and the development of the most intense selfishness. These are the results of indulgence in the most powerful and devilish drug which it has been the misfortune of man to abuse.

SCARY isn't it? Meanwhile drugs have developed beyond this horror and are killing people. Everyone is affected by this epidemic.

What to do? There is no magic cure in our library. People's needs are individualized, so we need to know as much as possible to provide positive guidance and inspiration. Books we do have as a beginning are :

The Balanced Life by Alan Loy McGinnis

Making Good Habits and Breaking Bad Habits, Straight Talk, and God is Not Mad at You, all by Joyce Meyer

Getting Through What You're Through by Robert Schuller

You Never Stop Being a Parent by Helen Hosier

Life's Healing Choices by John Baker.

Parents, Peers, and Pot, Parents in Action. Published by US Dept. of Health and Human Services.

We had books about AA but they were given to someone in need. Actually this article is a crusade for more current literature and pamphlets for our library and The Little Free Library. Don't forget: there is always a Bible out there for anyone who asks.

Meanwhile pray for Project Purple, look for your place to help, and learn, live, and share the Twelve Steps that are used very effectively by AA and NA. Don't forget to read something fun as often as possible for your own mental health.

Happy Reading!

Here are the 12 Steps as defined by Alcoholics Anonymous:

1. We admitted we were powerless over alcohol—that our lives had become unmanageable.
2. Came to believe that a Power greater than ourselves could restore us to sanity.
3. Made a decision to turn our will and our lives over to the care of God as we understood Him.
4. Made a searching and fearless moral inventory of ourselves.
5. Admitted to God, to ourselves and to another human being the exact nature of our wrongs.
6. Were entirely ready to have God remove all these defects of character
7. Humbly asked Him to remove our shortcomings
8. Made a list of persons we had harmed, and became willing to make amends to them all.
9. Made direct amends to such people wherever possible, except when to do so would injure them or others.
10. Continued to take personal inventory and when we were wrong promptly admitted it.
11. Sought through prayer and meditation to improve our conscious contact with God as we understood Him, praying only for knowledge of His will for us and the power to carry that out.
12. Having had a spiritual awakening as the result of these steps, we tried to carry this message to alcoholics and to practice these principles in all our affairs. (<https://www.addictioncenter.com>)

INFORMATION FROM REV. MOORE

Looking Ahead:

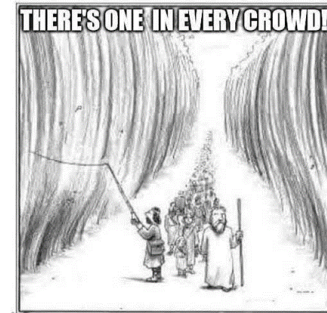
Our joint Lenten Study with Scott's will begin on Wednesday, March 6 with Ash Wednesday Service. And on the following Wednesdays we will study the 'Life of Peter: Flawed But Faithful Disciple'. The books are available at the church.

Holy Week and Easter

Palm Sunday – April 14

Maundy Thursday Communion, April 18, 6:30 pm

Easter – Sunrise, April 21, 7:00 am



Titus Sermon Series

Toward the end of the New Testament is a small letter we know as Titus. It gets lost among the Gospels, Romans, Corinthians and Revelation. Have you ever heard anyone quote a passage from Titus? Who was Titus? Why was this letter important enough to be saved for over 2,000 years? Why not take some time and read the letter in one setting? There are issues in the letter which are important to us today – Who will lead the church? What should we teach? Is the Church just another social club?

Prayers for the Special General Conference

On February 23-26 a Special Session of The United Methodist General Conference will convene in St. Louis to receive the report from the Commission on a Way Forward. The issues around human sexuality has created a volatile climate within our global denomination. The Commission was tasked with finding a way forward in unity. No easy task when everyone thinks they are correct and righteous. May Jesus be Lord! Remember the delegates in your prayers. The regular session of General Conference will be May 5-15, 2020 in Minneapolis.

What A Surprise!

It is with profound appreciation that I want to thank our United Methodist Women and everyone to participated in my surprise appreciation luncheon. All of you know how to keep secrets! As I entered Wesley Hall, I saw folks that I had not seen come to the Fellowship Luncheon. The food was delicious and your spirit will always remain with me. The Trappe-Bruceville Charge is a special joy for me. I stand in awe at your incredible outreach. You are a very, very hard-working and dedicated group of followers of our Lord Jesus Christ. Thank You from the bottom of my heart!

2018 Stewardship Summary

Trappe United Methodist Church (January-December):

Operating Giving	\$71,956.55
Operating Expenses	<u>\$68,741.05</u>
Balance	\$ 3,215.50

Trappe's Portion:

Yard Sale	\$5,425.00
Breakfast	<u>\$3,174.00</u>
Total	\$8,599.00

Faith Chapel's Report will be on the lectern, as you enter the church.

Because of your faithfulness and hard work, both churches have meant all their missional and financial commitments!

Also from Elizabeth Ferguson: Shirley Adams and crew of Martha's Closet continue to do an amazing and outstanding job. The cumulative sales total since its beginning in 1998 including the first second Saturday of 2019 is \$165,260.50. Way to go!

CALLING ALL BAKERS

by Wilma Miller

Happy New Year! Thank you to all the 3018 breakfast cake bakers!

The twice-monthly breakfast continues on the second and fourth Saturdays of each month Wesley Hall at Trappe UMC. At each breakfast, we will continue to have a table for those celebrating birthdays close to the date of the breakfast. If you are interested in baking a cake for the breakfast birthday celebrations, please call Wilma or text at 410-829-7177. You will be sent a reminder beforehand.

Breakfast Dates for 2019

January 12 & 26	July 13 & 27
February 9 & 23	August 10 & 24
March 9 & 23	September 14 & 28
April 13 & 27	October 12 & 26
May 11 & 25	November 9 & 23
June 8 & 22	December 14 & 28



TUMC SANCTUARY CHRISTMAS 2018

Thank You to everyone who contributed poinsettias, to those who arranged and took care of them, and to Nancy and crew who decorated the windows! Everything was beautiful and filled with the Christmas Spirit!



IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- ⇒ In case of inclement weather, you will find an announcement about cancellation of services on the charge website: www.tfcumc.org
- ⇒ Many thanks to Beth Stevens for her faithful service to the Easton District. Best wishes on your new endeavor. You are always welcome to visit us!
- ⇒ Welcome to the new Easton District Administrative Assistant, Ginger Speight, who can be reached at the Easton District Office, 100 S. 5th Street, Denton MD 21629 (443) 448-4012 (443) 448-4310 (Fax)

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

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



YOU ARE INVITED to Everyone's Birthday Covered Dish Dinner and Party on March 10 at 4 pm in Wesley Hall. There's a birthday cake and table decorations for each month. Join the FUN!

Did You Know?

You can receive the **Tidings** Newsletter digitally. Just email the editor at cswsewell@gmail.com to be added to the digital mailing list. You will help save mailing costs, receive the newsletter early, and see it in beautiful color. You can also view it in color and see back issues at the charge website: www.tfcumc.org



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