



# Tidings

TRAPPE/FAITH CHAPEL NEWSLETTER  
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## MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Friends,

As you read this edition of the **Tidings**, we will be starting our second month of 2020, February. This is the month we celebrate Valentine's Day and express to those we care about how much we love them.

We will also be preparing for the holiest and most significant season of our Christian Faith, Lent and Easter. It is customary to use this time as a way to draw closer to Jesus and the ways of God. For some, this will mean fasting from food or sweets. For others, it will be deliberate acts of charity or service to others without receiving recognition, or the intentional reading of the Bible, perhaps the Gospels, to gain a deeper understanding of God's purpose for your living. Or, a combination of fasting, doing, and spiritual pondering. Through it all, may we become more like Jesus!

Keep our denomination in prayer as it gathers in May in Minnesota for the most significant meeting of our adult lives. When something is truly known, I will share it with you. I do not see much change for Faith Chapel and Trappe, but there will be significant changes for the national and global church bodies.

I look forward to seeing you in church as we serve Christ together!

Rev. Gary L. Moore

## FEBRUARY/MARCH PRAYER

### AN EVENING PRAYER

O gracious Light, pure brightness of the ever living Father in heaven, O Jesus Christ, holy and blessed! Now as we come to the setting of the sun, and our eyes behold the vesper light, we sing your praises, O God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. You are worthy at all times to be praised by happy voices, O Son of God, O Giver of life, and to be glorified through all the worlds. Amen.

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



### ONGOING CALENDAR

Thursday  
Senior Choir Practice

2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Saturdays  
Breakfast and Yard Sale

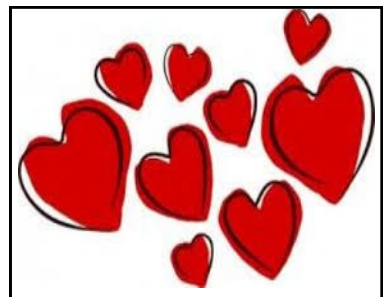
2<sup>nd</sup> Sundays  
Fellowship following  
11:00  
Worship

3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays  
UMW Meeting following  
11 am worship

3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays Every Other Month  
Administrative Council/Trustees

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### 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.

Happy New Year to you and your family.

2020 — a new year and a new beginning for us all. Time to set goals, get healthy and fit, mend fences or change whatever you need to change. We know our needs and we feel empowered to address them in the coming year. Easier said than done. As Charlie Brown once said, “No problem is so great that it can’t be run away from.” January never seems to be the time to run, so come to the church library for constructive support.

Books on hand for help, support, information and inspiration are:

***God Is in the Small Stuff (and It all Matters)*** by Bruce R. Stan: Turning it all over to God is a good place to start.

***Traveling Light: Releasing the Burdens You Were Never Intended to Bear*** by Max Lucado: He want us to get rid of our excess baggage. He describes this as a “suitcase of guilt” or a “trunk of discontent” or even a “briefcase of perfectionism”. We say our prayers go to bed and then pick up all this baggage again in the morning. We are reminded in this book of how God can work in lives to lighten the load.

***Answers to Life Problems*** by Billy Graham: For 30 years he wrote a newspaper column called My Answer. These are his answers to every imaginable question or problem based on what the Bible says. What better resource could we have. Reading this also make you grateful for what you have versus the troubles you could be having to work on.

***Seizing the Moment : Making the Most of Life’s Opportunities*** by James W. Moore: This book is a reminder to recognize and appreciate our blessings and work on our spiritual growth opportunities.

***Five Practices of Fruitful Living*** by Robert Schnase: This book addresses “Radical Hospitality, Passionate Works, Intentional Faith Development, Risk Taking Mission, and Service and Extravagant Generosity.” Sounds like great goals made easy with God’s help.

These books seem to give us all the tools to address our problematic situations. An old adage from AA is “Let go and Let God.” These books can help us do just that.

A last task we all want to do more efficiently is our housework. God can help with the attitude, but ***How to Clean Practically Anything*** published by Consumer Report helps with the job itself. Great advice here.

Don’t forget to read for fun, too. The Teahouse Mysteries published by Guide Post is always a great escape on a cold damp day. We have most all of the books in that series. Maybe an afternoon of reading is what Charlie Brown had in mind.

The little library is still out there but deteriorating rapidly. Thankfully the books are staying dry. I am on the trail of a replacement as soon as possible. Be on the lookout for it.

**Happy Reading to you all.**

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## **Pastor’s Announcements**

### **Ash Wednesday**

We will join Scott’s United Methodist Church, the Light by the light, on February 26, 6:30 p.m. for Ash Wednesday Service, as we begin the Season of Lent.

### **Lenten Bible Study Series**

Each Wednesday evening at 6:30 p.m. starting March 4 to April 1, Scott’s and Trappe-Bruceville United Methodist Churches will study together. Rev. Hines and Moore will lead each session.

### **Thanks for Christmas!**

My wife and I want to thank everyone for their cards, gifts and expressions of Christ’s love this past Christmas Season. We wish all of you a very Happy New Year.

### **Holy Week and Easter**

We will gather to remember the Upper Room gathering of Jesus’ disciples when he instituted the Sacrament of Holy Communion. The service, sometimes called Maundy Thursday (where Jesus commands us to love one another), will be at Trappe Church starting at 6:30 p.m. It is a very meaningful time to spend in the house of the Lord, as we focus on Jesus’ profound obedience and humility and courage as he faces the cross of Good Friday.

Sunrise Service will be on Sunday, April 12, 7:00 a.m. in the Garden at Trappe Church. We will read the accounts of Jesus’ Resurrection by God the Father and sing hymns of praise for what this means for us and humanity. UMW will provide muffins, sweet breads, fruit, coffee and tea following this service. Everyone is welcome to celebrate this glorious occasion and fellowship afterwards.

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## STAINED GLASS WINDOW REPAIRS AND NEW COVERINGS

On Wednesday, January 8, Bernie Kriso and Lorenzo Comillo from Baut Studios spent two days measuring for the new protective windows that will be installed outside of our Sanctuary stained glass windows. They took with them two sections that had broken panes that will be repaired. Before installing the protective windows, they will clean the outside of the windows which will make our experience of the windows even more spiritual. This is a major project for the church and contributions are welcomed! Thanks for giving.



Bernie & Lorenzo in front of the removed pane.



Before—one of the panes removed for repair.



The Baut Studio truck—when you see it next, the repair and protection work will continue.

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## Christmas Celebrations

### Faith Chapel Christmas Program

The people of Bruceville gathered in the Christmas themed Chapel for its Fourth Annual Christmas Candlelight Service on December 15. Almost 40 people of all ages sang *Silent Night* and celebrated the birth of our Savior, the Light of the World. Everyone who helped make that a special night deserves a special word of thanks.

### Trappe Christmas Eve Service

- ▲ With the outside Christmas tree lit, over 60 folks of all ages came at 4:00 p.m. to sing carols, hear the story of the birth of Jesus and share the light of Christmas, as everyone sang *Silent Night*. Poinsettias filled the altar area, and the Nativity Scene created a holy setting for worship.



### Children's Christmas Program

On December 22 the message was a play by our Sunday School – Albert and Laura assisted by Nancy Dunn, Elizabeth Myers, and Sarah Sewell. The children did such a wonderful job in presenting the truth and joy of our Savior's birth.

# Greetings from Chincoteague

Hello to our church friends back in Trappe and Bruceville!.

Cathy asked me to write about our new church here in Chincoteague. The church we are attending is less than a half mile from our home here on Church Street. It is called Christ United Methodist and is a beautiful building where God's grace is ever-present. The membership is over 400 with around 150 attending on any given Sunday. Paul and I attend the 8:30 service but there is also an 11 AM service. Operating budget this year was nearly \$250,000. Needless to say, it is really large compared to our Trappe/Faith Chapel Charge.

Across the road from this church is the old church building which now operates as the Opportunity Shop 6 days a week for 3 hours a day. This is like Martha's Closet but on a larger scale with many volunteers. I do not know their income. On Mondays Manna Cafe regularly serves around 300 free hot lunches to anyone who cares to attend in the social hall. Offering boxes are scattered about the hall for donations. Many businesses help provide the food that is served. It is quite a social event here on the Island and very well attended. I was told that nearly 500 attended the Monday of the Pony Penning. Various organizations from the Health Department, Social Services, etc. often set up tables to share information, and there are tables where persons may choose some free food items to take home or to shut ins. Hot plate lunches are carried to many who cannot get out during the lunch period.

On this same street there is a Baptist Church and a Catholic church. Surprisingly there is a second Baptist church on another street. Also, the community has a huge Church of God and several smaller denominations I am not familiar with. The Island is definitely home to many Christians. Seeing families pray before meals at the local restaurants is very common.

We do miss serving at Faith and the wonderful messages Pastor Moore shares but have found our place here as we grow older. Living so close to our son is great and we are near the grocery, library, YMCA, Cultural Center, and other conveniences. We are just getting to know Pastor Joe, and now he will be retiring in June. We pray for the new replacement we will receive.



Happy New Year to all. Diana

Christ UMC at Christmas



## Thank You!

Have you seen this well-designed ad for Martha's Closet? Thank you to the **Tidewater Times** and the Farwells for this wonderful support!

## Happy Anniversary Mary Rae & Charles!



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## BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

**Happy Birthday & Happy Anniversary  
to everyone celebrating in February & March!**

HAPPY  
ANNIVERSARY



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### ***Hear ye, Hear ye! John Wesley Sunday***

Sunday, November 3 Developed & Presented by the Sunday School



Bo Nelson as John Wesley with Laura and Albert Myers



Some of the items created by the Sunday School to tell John Wesley's story.



Nancy Dunn, Bo Nelson Laura Myers, Sarah Sewell, Albert Myers, Elizabeth Myers

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# Tidings

Next deadline for articles, etc., is March 15.

Next issue for **April & May**  
available at the end of March.

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## From Pastor Dan



2019 marked the 26<sup>th</sup> anniversary for our Dove Tree here at St. John's. This tradition was begun back in 1994, and in 2018, 192 doves decorated our tree. This year 8 new doves have been added, making a total of 200 doves on the tree. Over the years many doves have been placed on the tree by members of the congregation as part of the church family and by pastors and their families. A small number have been given in honor of individuals. Numerous doves have been placed on the tree by individuals in memory of deceased family members where these family members were not mentioned by name.

We decorated our first Dove Tree in 1994. Rev. Wes Davis was our pastor at that time, and there were 46 doves on that first tree. Today our tree is adorned with 200 doves. Some doves have been placed in honor of individuals, and many have been given in memory of deceased loved ones. The Dove Tree gives us the opportunity to pause and reflect on our history here at St. John's and to remember all those dear souls who have been a part of our individual families, our church family, and our communities.

Many Blessings to you and all your families for the New Year!  
Daniel E Gustafson, Jr.

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## United Methodist Women

### Everybody's Birthday

Covered dish dinner

Sunday, March 8

12:15 pm (following the service at Trappe)

Program

UMW has contributed to the Interfaith Shelter and to the Board of Child Care.



Another successful Cookie Night—bagging the home-made cookies to bring the Christmas Spirit to the Talbot County Detention Center.

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## From Nancy



**To my Stocking Elf Friends on Cookie Night:** I was excited to find your dollars and a nickel in my stocking when I got home. The money was donated to the Sunday School account. Thank You!



**Dove Tree on the Altar:** In the mid 1980's, I partnered with Libby Johnson to place flowers on the altar for the month of January. She insisted that we have white flowers (peace lilies) and her four white doves. To remind us to pray for peace during the new year. Looking back, I wish I had asked for those doves, but I have collected a flock of my own!

This year, I decided to copy Dan's Dove Tree at St. John's but on a much smaller scale. They memorialize their congregation by putting doves on a very tall tree. We add bricks to our memorial garden to remember our congregation. I hope you enjoyed seeing our small Dove Tree and will again pray for peace.

**Sunday School Play:** Our small class decided to present all the gifts of Christmas that God gives us everyday: church, church family, the Bible, parents, peace, the Kingdom of God, and of course, Jesus! We pray that the play reminded you of these blessings.

Thank you for supporting the children's class both young and old alike!

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## Boy Scout Sunday

We were blessed to have Boy Scout Troop 532 from Easton to join us for Scout Sunday on January 19. The service focused on the good work of Scouting, and the Scouts helped with the Service. The sermon was "What's in your Backpack?" and Rev. Moore pulled out some very useful items to help us all live a good life. It was a good day in the house of the Lord!



Pledge of Allegiance



Helping with the Collection



"What's in your Backpack?"

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## From Wilma

**Cake Bakers needed to help celebrate birthdays at the Country Breakfasts twice a month. Please call or text 310-829-7177 if you would like to help out!**



**Please Support Trappe Volunteer Fire Company**  
**Soup Days \* Tuesdays, Nov. 11, Dec. 9, January 13**  
**\* 5 pm until sold out**  
**\$6 for choice of soup, ham biscuit, drink, & dessert**

