



Tidings

TRAPPE / FAITH CHAPEL NEWSLETTER
February, March, & April 2022



From our Pastor

Dear Friends,

The good news is that the COVID infection rate is dropping to near 5%. Hopefully, we can resume our Sunday Services by the first of March. I am hesitant to announce a Lenten schedule until we know for certain that the congregation feels right about returning to face-to-face meetings.

To me, COVID can be summed up in one word: "separation." We have experienced this longer than any time in our lives. What were normally drop-by gatherings or traveling to see family have stopped or taken on a caution that was never considered before. I can't help to think that some of these changes are going to be with us for a long time after COVID. Through all of this we must never forget that: "If God is for us, who can be against us? . . . Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship, or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword? . . . Nothing will separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord." Romans 8.

We are together in Christ!
Rev Gary L. Moore

Prayer

At every time and at every hour in heaven and on earth You are worshipped and glorified, O Christ our God. You are longsuffering, most merciful, most compassionate, who loves the just and are merciful to sinners, who calls all to salvation through the promise of the good things to come. Accept, O Lord, our entreaties at this hour, and guide our lives that we may keep Your commandments. Sanctify our souls, purify our bodies, correct our thoughts, purify our ideas, and deliver us from all distress, evil, and pain. Surround us with Your holy angels that, protected and guided by their host, we may attain unity of faith and the knowledge of Your unapproachable glory. For blessed are You forever and ever. Amen.

- Visit our web page at www.tfcumc.org for This Week at T/FC, Daily Devotionals, Announcements and much more.
- You can log-in for a Devotional time at the 11 am service:
Access Code Procedure: Please call the telephone number below. Then, when asked, dial the Access Code with the # at the end.

Dial-in number: (978) 990-5366 Access code: 5609564#

The **Prayer Line** continues to serve our congregations and community. If you have a prayer request, the number is

410-476-3000

All calls are kept in strictest confidence.

Our Deepest Sympathies

To Wilma Miller and the family in the passing of her husband, John.

To Charlotte Edwards and the family in the passing of her husband, Bill

To the Slaughter Family in the passing of Libby.

To Sally Blizzard and the family in the passing of her husband Charles.

The Psalmist writes: *“Put
thou my tears into thy bottle:
Are they not in thy book?”*

Jesus said: *“Because I live,
you also shall live.”*

Libby

In the November **Tidings**, I wrote about the passing of our dear Estelle Slaughter, never imagining that I would be writing about the passing of her sister, Elizabeth “Libby” Slaughter, in the next edition. What a team we had in Estelle, Ida, and Libby. They were behind so much that happened at Trappe UMC.

The Slaughter girls could be found at each breakfast, seeing that everyone was served, that places were cleared and reset, that Wesley Hall was neat and tidy following breakfasts and any event held there. In fact, they often were the ones to see that the Hall was ready for those breakfasts and other events.

Libby served many offices in the church, including as Admin Council Chairman and Secretary, assistant to the Treasurer, and Choir member. Whenever Libby appeared, she always looked her best in well-coordinated, colorful outfits. I wished she would take me shopping with her!

If you needed a sympathetic listener, Libby was there for you. She cared about others and did whatever she could to lift one’s spirits and help people out. Faithful, dependable, upbeat, interested in everyone around her: this is just a partial list of the traits Libby possessed. I can just picture Estelle and Libby having a good time in Heaven. I bet they are working there to see things are ready for the next event! Our hearts and prayers go out to Ida, Charmel, Amy, Steven, and the rest of the family.



Bill

Unfortunately, we also lost our resident waterman, Bill Edwards. Bill was a Navy man, after being honorably discharged, he worked in Boston at the very first Radio Shack as an electronics technician. He was present when Mr. Tandy toured the store to buy the place and begin the chain. Boston is also where he met and married Charlotte.

Bill and Charlotte returned to Maryland to raise their family, and he worked at Westinghouse and then for 12 years at the National Security Agency in Fort Meade with a top-secret clearance as a computer programmer and analyst. When I first read about that last job, I was surprised, but considering how quiet and calm Bill was, it made perfect sense that he might be a NSA spy! (Just kidding!)

We never saw Bill without a smile. He had a warm, welcoming handshake and a generous spirit. Church seemed a warmer, happier place when he was around. Bill loved his grandchildren, and all his family. What a great legacy they have from him. We all miss Bill and offer our deepest condolences to Charlotte and the rest of the Edwards family.



INTERNET SECURITY AND WEBSITE UPDATES

If you visited our church website shortly before Christmas, you may have noticed a temporary menu while certain updates were being made to improve our site security. You may also have noticed the small wording “Not secure” on the address bar, or an ominous sounding warning something like this:

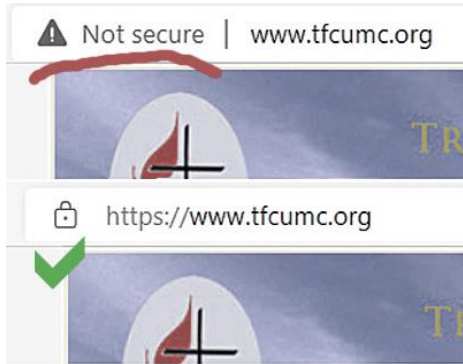


There are more and more bad guys lurking online waiting to steal our personal identities or looking for a backdoor into our computers to track our activities or hold our data for ransom. There are some precautions that we should all take. Changes have been made to make our website more secure. I apologize for the technical nature of this section. The



Bitdefender warning above was triggered by a Java Script that changes the church pictures from outside to inside view. The script was loaded from a previously trusted online source but was apparently altered to load a file called “loading.gif” that does not exist on our site. These alerts are triggered for any suspicious activity or potential danger whether there is a real threat or not and should always be taken seriously when visiting any website. Our church website no longer uses these Java Scripts, and you should not see any alerts as long as you use a “secure connection.”

Our website does not collect **personal information**, we do not use “cookies”, and we do not track individuals.



It is still a good idea to use a secure connection when visiting any website. If your browser’s address bar shows a pad lock icon (left) and the address begins with **https:** (not http:) it is a secure connection. If you see a “Not secure” warning as in the example here when visiting our website, the problem is most likely an outdated favorite or bookmark, or an old link on Facebook or some other site. The solution is to delete your old favorite or bookmark, then type in the full secure address for the church site, <https://www.tfcumc.org> and create a new bookmark. Links within other unknown sites or emails can be faked and may result in a

not secure connection or connect to a fake website. Entering www. without the https:// may or may not lead to a secure connection depending on your device. The best way to visit our website is from a favorite or bookmark created by you or entering the full secure address. It is also a good idea to periodically delete your “temporary internet files” to clean house. That is usually done from your computer or web browser’s “settings” option.

Bob Croswell

In and Around TUMC



Glorious Christmas 2021 poinsettias: Thanks to all who contributed!

The Rose Window is finally illuminated!



Our Bell Ringer and Greeter on Christmas Eve!



New lighting for the church sign.

The next **Tidings** will be published in June for **June, July, and August**. **Deadline will be May 15**. Your news, information, announcements, pictures, and creativity are welcome!

From the District Superintendent

There is an important Laity Meeting on March 19, 2022 at 8:30 am for all laity. Laity are all **members** of your church who are not pastors. We will be providing very important information and we would like all laity present. The link to access this meeting is listed below:

To join the Zoom Meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84928056818?pwd=ejBoc0R0NDk2QkxtbUxodHE4RIA1QT09>

Meeting ID: 849 2805 6818

Passcode: 669868

One tap mobile

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Dial by your location

+1 301 715 8592 US

Meeting ID: 849 2805 6818

Passcode: 669868

Call-In for those who do not have Zoom:

One tap mobile:

Phone Number: 1(646) 558-8656

Meeting ID: 84928056818#

Participant ID: 669868#

Meeting Password: 669868#

Rev. Elmer Neal Davis, Jr. Upper Shore District Superintendent of the United Methodist Church 443-783-4230
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Gratitude: Thank You

- We wanted to thank everyone who elected to purchase a poinsettia to place in our sanctuaries during the Christmas season. We would like to take this opportunity to thank Ball's Nursery for supplying and delivering for free the poinsettias to the church. We had an overwhelming 45+ poinsettias placed into the sanctuary. The sanctuary was so beautiful and with the backdrop of the Rose Window light that was installed in memory of Estelle Slaughter, it added to the beauty. Again, a thank you to everyone and to Ball's Nursery.

Thank you,
Ken and Elizabeth Myers

- Thank you to Rev. Moore, the Town of Trappe, and the plumber who fixed the leak under the main church building in Trappe. A pipe burst and quite a large amount of water collected. The Town of Trappe discovered the leak and replaced the broken water meter, while the plumber fixed the pipe, which will be insulated to prevent further problems.
- Thank you to the crew who have kept Martha's Closet up and running despite the challenges Covid has created.

Dates to Remember

Lent	Wednesday, March 2 through Thursday, April 14
Time Change	Sunday, March 13
St. Patrick's Day	Thursday, March 17
First Day of Spring	Sunday, March 20
Good Friday	Friday, April, 15
Easter	Sunday, April 17



We invite you to join us for worship at Trappe UMC and Faith Chapel. You are also invited to other Charge events! Don't forget Martha's Closet. Donate items, shop, and volunteer.