



# Tidings

TRAPPE/FAITH CHAPEL NEWSLETTER  
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## MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Friends,

During this time, we are aware of how this is affecting our church and local community. As I was listening to my daughter's podcast with her two international friends, I was reminded that every country in the world is focused on staying healthy and getting well from the coronavirus. Normally, this is the time of year that only Christians engage in disciplinary habits of making changes in their daily lives to be enabled to focus on the passion of our Lord Jesus Christ. In one sense the whole world is participating in Lenten habits, and we do not know when the resurrection will be marked on the calendar.

We are in a time of waiting. It is a time of testing, too. Testing reveals truths about ourselves. It can confirm things we have always believed to be true, but it can reveal things we thought were true but are now false. If we take this time of testing to heart, we can emerge from this more faithful and truthful Christians.

Personally, I think we should celebrate Holy Week and Easter after we have passed through this wilderness experience. To be able to assemble face-to-face and, in the words of Charles Wesley's hymn, "Are We Yet Alive and See Each Other's Face," would make Easter 2020 a grander celebration, than trying to cobble something together by April 12. At this point, that is what I think. What do you think? [Email me at trappe362@gmail.com](mailto:trappe362@gmail.com).

No one can say that they have not had enough time to pray and read Scripture!  
Take care of yourself and the others around you!

In the Name of Jesus who walked through the lonesome valley,  
Rev. Gary L. Moore

## APRIL/MAY PRAYERS

Almighty God, whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain, and entered not into glory before he was crucified: Mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord. Amen.

Lord Jesus Christ, you stretched out your arms of love on the hard wood of the cross that everyone might come within the reach of your saving embrace: So clothe us in your Spirit that we, reaching forth our hands in love, may bring those who do not know you to the knowledge and love of you; for the honor of your Name. 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.

### ONGOING CALENDAR

All activities and services are suspended during this time of social distancing.

For announcements and current Information, check out our web page

[www.tfcumc.org](http://www.tfcumc.org)

United Methodist Church  
Services are accessible at

[www.umc.org/en/content/where-to-worship-online](http://www.umc.org/en/content/where-to-worship-online)

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**We Serve a Risen Savior!**  
**Hallelujah!**

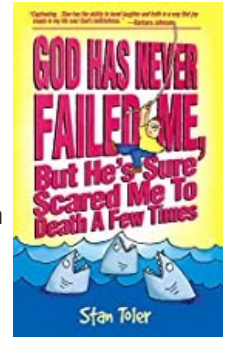
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## LIBRARY NEWS by Charlotte Edwards

It's Easter time. This is a season of renewal in our lives. We remember our greatest promise, Eternal Life, as we soon celebrate the resurrection of Jesus. We see the world come alive in all its glory of color and greenery. We can be outside again, but unfortunately we are increasingly confined to home for health reasons. What to do? I say make the most of it. Aren't we all wishing for more quality time for ourselves and family. Now is the perfect time for all the guilt free reading we want to do.

This issue's highlighted selections are:

- 1 ***A Mother's Eyes*** by Karen S. Wood. The best book to read at Easter. In this book we see Mary's journey as the mother of Jesus. We see "her life, her Son and His church" through her eyes.
- 2 ***God Has Never Failed Me, But He's Sure Scared Me To Death A Few Times***. by Stan Toler and Martha Bolton. This is a good book now that the world is an increasingly scary place. It offers comical reminders "that God is at work" in our world and "He is 100% faithful." Even the cover page lays the groundwork for a good boost in life from God.
- 3 ***When Christ Comes*** by Max Lucado. He believes that the "day Christ comes will be the beginning of the very best." The book tells us how to be ready. In today's times, this is increasingly a topic of conversation.
- 4 ***Life on the Edge*** by Dr. James Dobson is a "Young Adult's Guide to a Meaningful Future." Laying a firm foundation is of huge importance to our youth. The book contains invaluable advice for the challenges and choices ahead.
- 5 ***Eight Choices That Will Change a Woman's Life*** by Jill Brisco. The key word here is choices. This book is based on the wisdom of the Book of James. The tools provided for making these changes and choices are important to all of us.
- 6 ***The 36 Hour Day*** by Nancy L. Mace, M.A, and Peter V. Robins, MD., MPH. This is a Johns Hopkins Press health book. We can't forget those struggling to care for family members with memory loss. The book gives clear information and guidelines for these situations.



Peruse the library when you get a chance. Hopefully you can always find something for inspiration, information or just your reading pleasure,

The Little Free Library has collapsed. A new one is now being painted and will be on site after the location is cleared by the Water Dept. It will be on a post and hopefully in the same location. Thank You Ruth Clendaniel for building it, Christy Edwards for painting it, and one of our grand boys for stabilizing it in the ground.

Happy Reading to you all.

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## Excerpts from Bishop Peggy Johnson's Email

Greetings:

The Lord God declares, "If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and will heal their land." (II Chronicles 7:14)

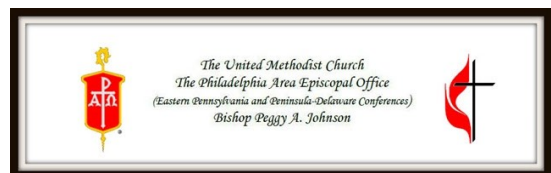
People of God, I call on you to lift this COVID-19 crisis in prayer. Pray that God will heal our land and all the countries of the world. It is the first thing we should do. It is the most important thing we can do. It is the thing we should do at all times, as the Apostle Paul reminds us in I Thessalonians 5:17 to "pray without ceasing."

This is not a time to take a vacation from church. Pastors and lay people need to be serving the Lord as always. We just need to do things in a different way. That includes financial contributions. The mission of the church is still vitally important. People should continue to give, and those who can give more should consider doing so, as many are losing their income at this time.

This is an extremely fluid situation and a serious health crisis. This directive could be changed at any time. Curfews may be imposed in the weeks to come. Keep informed and follow the requirements of your state and local governmental officials.

God is still the ruler yet. We must move forward with faithful, unceasing prayer, as well as persistence, patience and grace. God bless you all!

Bishop Peggy Johnson



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## STAINED GLASS WINDOW REPAIRS AND NEW COVERINGS

Bernie Kriso and Lorenzo Comillo from Baut Studios returned the week of March 16 to install the repaired window sections and begin placing the coverings. They will return at a later date to finish up. Here are a few pictures to show the progress. They are inspiring!



Before—one of the panes removed for repair



After—Glorious!



Installing a cover



Cover and new frame installed

A huge Thank You to  
Baut Studios, Bernie, and  
Lorenzo!  
Contributions to the Window  
Fund are still welcome!

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## FROM ELIZABETH FERGUSON

### MARTHA'S CLOSET

Martha's Closet has a constantly changing and impressive selection of all manner of goods from computer printers to purses. When you think you'd like to have a kitchen gadget, a clock, a picture/picture frame, an extra shirt, jacket, or a whole host of other things, jot it down so you don't forget and check out Martha's Closet before you pay retail. Open Wednesdays from 8 until noon or the second and fourth Saturdays during breakfast - 7:30 to 10:30 [after social distancing restrictions are lifted]. It is such fun to browse. You might find a treasure you never imagined or something fun for a friend. All monies go to the churches in our charge. Congratulations and many thanks to Shirley Adams and her amazing volunteers — as of 3/15/20 they have raised \$177,270.50.

### ▲ SECOND SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP

Second Sundays are especially fun! Not only do we get to go to church like regular Sundays but we get to hang out in Wesley Hall and chat with such lovely people. Many thanks to all who have volunteered — and please consider volunteering again. There is a sign-up sheet on a clipboard in the church vestibule. If anyone has suggestions for improvement or cannot locate the sign-up, please tell Elizabeth Ferguson 410-476-4857. [Second Sundays will resume when services and activities resume.]

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**This issue of the Tidings is email only. Please share with anyone not on the email list. Also available at [www.tfcumc.org](http://www.tfcumc.org)**

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## MORNINGS WITH JESUS by Cathy Sewell, **Tidings** Editor

Last December **Guideposts** sent me a copy of *Mornings with Jesus: Daily Encouragements for Your Spirit*. So, on January 1, I began using it as my morning devotional. Little did I know just how meaningful those readings and time spent with Jesus would be!

For each day, there is a scripture, a reflection relating to that scripture, and a Faith Step to challenge you throughout the day. I have been both comforted and challenged daily as I read and contemplate the reflection and Faith Step. One of the days, Sunday, February 9, really touched my heart. As many of you know, I cannot attend services on Sundays, but I still fellowship with the congregation because of Rev. Moore's generosity in broadcasting the service to me live via FaceTime. Here is what was in the devotional:

*And let us consider one another in order to stir up love and good works, not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner of some, but exhorting one another, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching. Hebrew 10: 24-245 (NKJV)*

I go to church twice on Sunday and again on Tuesday night. Occasionally we have additional services such as revival, our church anniversary, and other celebrations. It doesn't seem excessive to me: however, some of my family members and friends think I go to church too often. They tell me going to numerous weekly services so frequently is not necessary to serve Christ.

They don't understand that I love going to church to assemble with the saints, to hear a Word from the Lord, and to worship Jesus Christ. I am fine with the multiple weekly services. Sometimes I may be tired or not feeling my best, but I go to support the ministry. When I do go to church, I always leave feeling energized, empowered, and encouraged. I prefer these optimistic feelings over the chronic hopelessness I used to experience before I started following Jesus.

When we come together in church as an assembly, Paul wrote, we are to help each other to "stir up love and good works." We need love and good works to be able to reach the unsaved in this world today. At times, we need to just understand ourselves with the love of one another and encourage each other, knowing that our hope for all things is in our Savior, Jesus. -Tracy Eldridge

**FAITH STEP:** *If you don't have a church home right now, make a list of nearby churches and visit them. Ask Jesus to show you one you should join, so you can be with like-minded believers, strengthening and encouraging each other.*

As I read, I thought about how much you all, individually and together as a congregation, encourage me. I do have a CHURCH HOME that strengthens me. The challenge I felt was how can we be even more welcoming to our visitors, so that they might decide to make us their church home? Now we are not able to meet in person until the corona virus pandemic is over, but I don't feel disconnected or alone because I know you all are there, praying and fellowshiping in the Spirit. Calls, notes, emails, and even the **Tidings** keep us in touch. And what a glorious time it will be when we are back in church again!

If you are looking for a devotional and considering *Mornings with Jesus*, go to [guideposts.org](http://guideposts.org) or their Facebook page, *Mornings with Jesus*, for information. Also, we have copies of *The Upper Room* available in the sanctuary in Trappe. It's a great devotional, as well. And I bet Charlotte has some devotionals in the church library, too. You will be amazed at the insights, encouragement, and hope you will discover spending time with Jesus!

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## MARTHA'S CLOSET from Charlotte Edwards

Hopefully we will be open again when you read this. We have missed seeing all our faithful friends.

How many yard sales have 2 pianos for sale? That makes Martha's Closet quite unique. Come visit and see what else we have for you. It is an adventure to see what you can find in the midst of it all. Shop here for all your needs first. We have lots of fine china and glassware. Cookware and utensils abound. You can always augment your decor with Knick Knacks, curtains, nice curtain rods and pictures or frames. Our furniture includes 2 beds, bookcases, tables and chairs. A very nice hutch is waiting for a home as is some exercise equipment. No one should be bored at home with all our books and puzzles available. There are cookbooks, gardening books, and books on animal training, too. We have 2 very nice toy boxes, some dolls, many stuffed animals and games for kids and families. Don't forget to check out our free table.

If you are on a special hunt, please mention it to us and we will be on the lookout for you. There is a lady from Cambridge looking for extra apple corers for a church function in the fall. Let us know what you collect. Your collectible could turn up at any time. That is the fun of yard-sailing and working here. We accept all donations gratefully and can pick them up at your home if necessary. We can also deliver larger items as needed.

Remind friends in the community about us for emergency needs. We can open just for you if an emergency occurs. There is something for everyone at Martha's Closet. (continued on page 5)



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## BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Not included in the on-line edition

HAPPY  
ANNIVERSARY



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Martha's Closet (continued from page 4)

An increasing problem for all of us is keeping stuff out of the landfills. Suggestions for redistributing items that we cannot sell are always welcome. Creative recycling ideas are what we need, so speak up if you have any. Getting rid of things can be painful and new outlets for them are encouraged. Not the bonfire my husband is planning for my stuff.

Martha's Closet is open every Wed. 8-noon and from 7:30 - 11am on the 2nd and 4th Sat. of each month when we have our breakfasts. We are a regular destination for many and we appreciate you all. Martha's Closet is where the "elite meet in Trappe" and often find things that make you wonder how you ever lived without them. Thank you all!



**EVERYBODY'S  
BIRTHDAY  
2020**

**GREAT FELLOWSHIP, GOOD  
FOOD, AND LOTS OF BIRTH-  
DAY CAKES!**

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Next deadline for articles, etc., is May15.

Next issue for **June, July, & August**  
available at the end of May.