



Tidings

TRAPPE/FAITH CHAPEL NEWSLETTER

May, June, & July 2022



From our Pastor

Dear Friends,

In thinking about Easter, I am drawn to the introductory words of First John:

“We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life - this life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it, and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us – we declare to you what we have seen and heard so that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.”

The resurrection of Jesus creates a special fellowship of joy among people. The joy of our fellowship, our church, is a sign to our community that Jesus is risen from the dead and sin and death have been ultimately defeated.

In a small way, when we first saw our 6-month-old grandson in April, there was joy among all of us to see him, touch him, hold him’ and to hear his mother tell stories of his growth. This was a taste of what John is writing about in his Epistle.

The resurrection of Jesus is our present and eternal joy!

In Christ,
Rev. Gary L. Moore

Notes: In the sermons for these next weeks of the Easter Season, we will reflect on the impact and importance of the Resurrection for our living Savior.

I deeply appreciate Dr. Cooke, Certified Lay Minister Gustafson, and Lay Speaker Coursey for leading you in worship this past Holy Week! We did have a wonderful visit with our grandson, Finn.

- 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.

Repeatable Short Prayers

Jesus Prayer: “Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me, a sinner.”

Lord, have mercy.

Glory to You, O God.

O Lord of Hosts, be with us. For in times of distress we have no other help but You. O Lord of Hosts, have mercy on us.

In Your Prayers

- Ukraine
- The Bereaved
- Families
- Lonely People
- Lost People

TUMC on the Move!

By Nancy Dunn

We hope you will join us on **Thursday, July 14**, when we travel to Sight and Sound Theatre in Lancaster, Pennsylvania to see *David*. Here is what Sight and Sound has to say about the production:



Master Poet. Fearless Warrior. Anointed King. From still waters to shadowed valleys, David's ascent to the throne is filled with towering giants, wild animals, and Philistine soldiers. After unprecedented victories lead to devastating failures, this passionate warrior will face the biggest battle of all: the one within himself. Experience one of the most legendary Bible stories as it comes to life with spectacular special effects, massive sets, and live animals in this brand-new original stage production.

Meet at TUMC at **11 am** to travel in a 15-seat van rented from Enterprise and driven by our own Ken Myers. The price is **\$106**, which covers ticket purchase, van rental, and gas. Any unused money will be returned to you. Sunday, May 22 is the deadline to reserve your spot for the performance.

The van has been reserved, and tickets will be purchased when we have 15 people signed up. We already have seven people, so don't wait! We will stop for dinner on our way home. Each person can buy his or her own meal.

Lent Through the Art of the Children's Sunday School

Faith



Prayer



Faith



Symbols



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Myers

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

Daily Devotions: A Blessing Awaits!

by Cathy Sewell

Each morning I start the day with *Mornings with Jesus*, a Guideposts devotional guide, and I just got the new one for May and June. I found the "Note from the Editor" in this new edition comforting and worth sharing the thought with you, dear **Tidings** reader:

Jesus is our most trusted companion and friend, the One in whom we can always confide and find comfort. . . . In the most seemingly ordinary situation, you can find the extraordinary love of Jesus. . . . Start each day with the strength and confidence of knowing our friend and Savior is always by our side, lending an ear to hear both our troubles and praises of thanksgiving and offering wise and loving counsel through the gift of His Word.

(I underlined some words for emphasis.) Do you start the day with Jesus? I encourage you to do so! Because I have, I have made it through some troubling times: the Pandemic and now this horrific conflict in Ukraine, with dear ones ill, suffering, and dying, there is so much I cannot control. But there is One who is in control. When I start the day with Him, I know a blessing awaits: a flitting hummingbird, a hug, a child's smile, and so much more. I can always count on the extraordinary love of Jesus to always bring a Gift. You can, too.

Communion Bread



Communion Table in March

During Lent, the Children's Sunday School learned the significance of Communion and the elements, as well as what Communion means to our walk with Christ. To help them remember and share their learning, they made unleavened bread for Communion in March. Do you know why we use unleavened bread? There is a practice reason as well as a spiritual connection. Here is some insight.

As the Israelites prepared to flee from Egypt they brought bread dough with them, but because they left in such a hurry that they did not have leavening to make it rise! So the bread they ate was unleavened, the flatbread people would prepare and eat when they need to do so quickly. As a matter of practicality, there was no time to let yeast bread rise and no easy way to carry yeast or bread starter with them. Jewish people even today remember the Passover, the inaugural event of the Exodus, by sharing together in unleavened bread. In fact, it was during the Feast of Unleavened Bread that Jesus shared a final meal with his disciples.

Unleavened bread also helps us remember the manna God gave the Israelite people in that same desert. The book of Exodus tells us that this manna was thin, wafer-like, a delicate flake of bread, and yet hearty enough to sustain the people all day as they moved and worked. Spiritually, the bread of Communion reminds us of manna, the "daily bread" that the Lord continues to provide, that while thin and delicate is the very Bread of Life.

Here are some pictures of the children making the unleavened bread, and the recipe they followed.

Unleavened Bread

Ingredients:

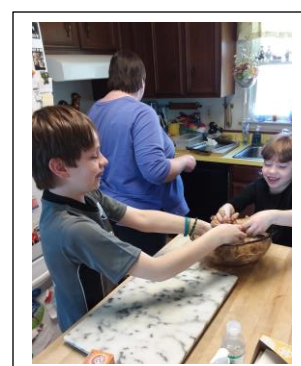
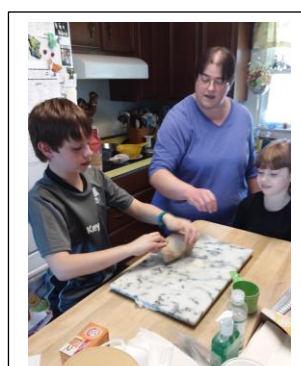
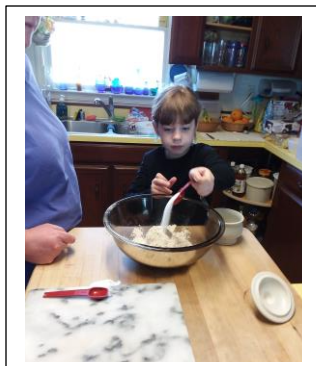
2 cups whole wheat flour

1 Tbsp sugar

1 tsp salt

2 Tbsp olive oil

1 cup water



Directions:

Preheat oven to 400 degrees.

Spray a baking sheet with cooking spray.

Combine all ingredients in a mixing bowl. Stir well.


Place the dough on a floured work surface. Knead the dough for several minutes. Divide the dough into 12 pieces.

Use your hands to shape each piece of dough into a circle and flatten it onto the prepared baking sheet.

Use a fork to prick holes over the surface of each circle of bread.

Bake at 400 degrees for 10 minutes.

This project helped the children remember what they learned and gave them the opportunity to share with everyone at the Communion service, thus making a sacred rite even more meaningful. They plan to make the bread for future services.



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.