

# **Tidings**

## TRAPPE/FAITH CHAPEL NEWSLETTER JUNE, JULY & AUGUST 2019



#### MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Friends,

Every Summer is unique in its own way and then there are 'one-of-a-kind' Summers. For our family this is that 'one-of-a-kind' Summer. Our daughter, Courtney, is marrying Sven Job on August 3 in Germany. We are very happy for both of them and are looking forward to the wedding.

The ceremony will be conducted in English and German and the program will have the entire ceremony in both English and German. We know that the joy and the love of the occasion will put all of us on a good footing. Everyone will need to be patient with each other because our family knows no German and many in his family do not know English. Smiles and nodding 'yes' all the time will be enough communication for all of us to have a good time.

Fortunately, Sven's English is excellent! Our daughter's German is ..... getting better. Never did I realize when she was bringing Pecometh's international counselors to our home for a weekend that this would be a life-time arrangement with her living 'over there'!

To witness the next generation building a marriage, and possibly a family, is truly a gift from God.

See you in Church!

Rev. Gary L. Moore

## JUNE/JULY/AUGUST PRAYER

Praying the "Jesus Prayer"

This simple prayer can be used throughout your day. You can prayer it by emphasizing different words that give it a particular meaning. You can substitute 'on me' with another object for your prayer, such as 'my friend who is ill' or 'on my country'. Like the Lord's Prayer, you always have it with you!



#### O Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me, a sinner.

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

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

2nd Wednesdays UMW Meeting

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

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Trappe UMC Altar at Easter

## LIBRARY NEWS by Charlotte Edwards

Summer reading days are here and there are some suggested books on display. Two faith-based novels are: **A New Song** by Jan Karon. She writes the Mitford series. Old friends are back, and there are new friends to meet and a good story to tell. Her books are always pleasurable reading. The second novel is **The Shepherd** by Joseph F. Girzone. He is the author of the Joshua novels. The main character is David Campbell. His message is to reform "Christianity to its simple message." He is a new bishop whom Joshua will mentor and has plans to preach the "universal truth of God's love to all faiths." There is dissention and resistance everywhere, bringing the book to a surprising conclusion.

Two books to read for spiritual growth are: **Cast of Characters** (common people in the hand of an uncommon God). The cast includes those prominent men of the Bible who did some really bad things and were loved and used by God for great teaching and leadership. It is a good reminder of God's tolerance and his love and how we should believe ourselves worthy of doing great things in His service.

Another book to strengthen our character is: *The Ten Commandments* by Dr. Laura Schlesinger. The subtitle is *The Significance of God's Laws in Everyday Life*. Nobody sets out to break a commandment, but she reminds us of the many ways we stray without realizing it and how "adhering to higher ideals and consistent morality can create a life of greater purpose, integrity, value, and lasting joy." We all know that Dr. Laura is someone to reckon with, and she is trying to shove us in the right direction. This book may point the way without that big shove.

I'm sure you have noticed that the Little Free Library is gone. It collapsed due to exposure to the elements. It will return so be on the lookout.

## Happy Summer Reading!

## **NEW ROOF OVER SIDE ENTRANCE**

The Administrative Council/Trustees of Trappe Church have approved putting a roof over the side entryway of the church to protect worshippers from getting wet and keep snow from pilling up in the winter. We have had a long-standing problem with ice forming on the landing because of the drip from the gutters. The roof should eliminate that problem and make the entrance much safer.

If you would like to make a contribution, please send it to the church and mark it - ROOF FUND.

#### METHODIST MISSIONS ARE LOCAL AND GLOBAL

Faith Chapel and Trappe Churches through their apportionment contributions to the United Methodist Connectional support local pastors training programs as well as Relief Work from recent destructive storms in the US and health work in poor countries in other places.

Estonia has had Methodist churches for over 100 years. In spite of living under Nazi and Soviet occupation, their churches have survived. Today, in Tallin, a Baltic Mission Center has been erected to serve the larger area for Christ. This was significantly supported by American Methodist giving.

Each Communion Sunday a free-will offering is received as people come to receive Holy Communion for the United Methodist Committee on Relief. This is currently earmarked to help people recover from recent hurricanes and flooding. UMCOR stays in an area for years to assist in its recovery to a normal life.



### ST. PATRICK'S DAY FELLOWSHIP by Nancy Dunn

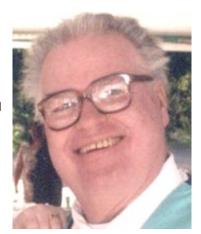
We appreciate your support of the St. Patrick's Day Fellowship. Many people supported us financially or by providing supplies. We served 60 people and donated \$700.00 to the **ROOF FUND**. The funds will help install the covering over the new handicapped access to the church.

#### MAKING MUSIC IN HEAVEN

On May 13, our Choir Director, David Hickman, joined the Heavenly Choir. Sadly David lost a valiant battle with several health issues and passed away at the Talbot Hospice House. His enthusiasm for singing and directing the choir will long be remembered and valued here at Trappe United Methodist Church.

David had a strong bass voice which undergirded the sound of the choir. He enjoyed selecting special anthems and leading the group to belt out the songs from their hearts. He was so dedicated to his job that he carried a briefcase full of music so that he was always ready to lead.

Not only did David love singing; he also loved cooking and ice cream. His family often looked forward to the cookouts he prepared. And for many years, every August he and his family put together an Ice Cream Social for Fellowship following the church service.



David comes from a family that has done much to foster the fellowship here at Trappe. The brick steps you walk up to enter the back of the church were constructed by his dad, Bill. His mother, Ida, sang in the choir, was the Nursery School assistant, taught Sunday School classes, worked at all the many dinners and breakfasts, oversaw the printing and mailing of the **Tidings**, and led the Altar Guild, including training and overseeing the children serving as Candle Lighters. David's wife, Charmel, currently serves as church treasurer. Both his children, Amy and Steven, attended Nursery School and Sunday School, as well as being part of the music programs. His aunts, Estelle and Libby Slaughter, are also very active and faithful members of the church.

David's service in the Navy was acknowledged during the Memorial Service when a contingent from that branch of the service played Taps and Charmel was presented a flag in his honor.

Dedicated husband, father, church member, and American, David lived a life full of music and always had a positive outlook. Our deepest sympathies go to his family. Enjoy your new singing opportunities, David. We miss you!

## UMW Annual Dinner Wednesday, June 12 5:30 pm

Cost: \$20

Menu by Garden and Garnish: Lion's Club BBQ Chicken Beef Stroganoff

Horseradish Carrot Bake Green Beans w/ Toasted

Walnuts & Brown Butter

Spinach Salad w/ Herb Dressing Sharp Cheddar

Buttermilk Biscuits Assorted Bar Cookies

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Reservations by June 7
Call Leona at 410-476-3362 or 410-829-0306

## BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES





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