



# Tidings

**TRAPPE/FAITH CHAPEL NEWSLETTER  
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## **From our Pastor**

Dear Friends,

During the COVID SHUTDOWN, I came across this reading: "I asked a friend who has crossed 70 & is heading towards 80, what sort of changes he is feeling in himself? He sent me the following:

- 1 After loving my parents, my siblings, my spouse, my children and my friends, I have now started loving myself.
- 2 I have realized that I am not "Atlas". The world does not rest on my shoulders.
- 3 I have stopped bargaining with vegetable & fruit vendors. A few pennies more is not going to break me, but it might help the poor fellow save for his daughter's school fees.
- 4 I leave my waitress a big tip. The extra money might bring a smile to her face. She is toiling much harder for a living than I am.
- 5 I stopped telling the elderly that they've already narrated that story many times. The story makes them walk down memory lane & relive their past.
- 6 I have learned not to correct people even when I know they are wrong. The onus of making everyone perfect is not on me. Peace is more precious than perfection.
- 7 I give compliments freely & generously. Compliments are a mood enhancer not only for the recipient, but also for me. And a small tip for the recipient of a compliment, never, NEVER turn it down, just say "Thank You."
- 8 I have learned not to bother about a crease or a spot on my shirt. Personality speaks louder than appearances.
- 9 I walk away from people who don't value me. They might not know my worth, but I do.
- 10 I remain cool when someone plays dirty to outrun me in the rat race. I am not a rat & neither am I in any race.
- 11 I am learning not to be embarrassed by my emotions. It's my emotions that make me human.
- 12 I have learned that it's better to drop the ego than to break a relationship. My ego will keep me aloof, whereas with relationships, I will never be alone.
- 13 I have learned to live each day as if it's the last. After all, it might be the last.
- 14 I am doing what makes me happy. I am responsible for my happiness, and I owe it to myself. Happiness is a choice. You can be happy at any time, just choose to be!"

Why do we have to wait to be 30 or 40 or 80, why can't we practice this at any stage and age?

See you in Church!  
Rev. Gary L. Moore

## Can You Guess?

Who has moved 3000 miles away and still attends our church services every Sunday? Did you guess it's Pat Harden? We were sorry to learn Pat was moving so far away, but thanks to conference calling, we can still be together every Sunday because Pat dials in and is part of the congregation. Everyone sends Pat their best wishes and hope she is settled and enjoying her new home and being much closer to her daughter! "See you" next Sunday in church, Pat!

## Pandemic Challenges—and Solutions

The Pandemic has presented many challenges. Fortunately, though some members did have Covid, none have lost their lives. All activities on the charge were cancelled, but thanks to Rev. Moore's ingenuity, we had services through conference calls every Sunday. There were a few minutes before and after each service to chat, and the sermons, scripture, and prayers renewed our spirits. Thank you so much, Rev. Moore, for keeping us connected!

## Gratefulness

We are so grateful to everyone in the medical community who has been providing care throughout the pandemic. Our own Wilma Miller has worked long hours to save lives. Talbot County has had good numbers because of good medical care, and because of wise people who wear masks, wash hands frequently, distance themselves, isolate when necessary, and got vaccinated. We don't know what the future holds for Covid; however, we do know Who is in control: God who loves us and is watching over us every day.

## Remembering



In December we received some sad news. Diana Bojko passed away. Diana had been an active member of our charge for many years. She taught Sunday School, was the Nursery School teacher, and was president of the UMW. In addition, she served as reader many Sunday mornings and wrote articles for the Tidings newsletter. Even after she and her husband Paul moved to Chincoteague, she contributed an article about her new church home. Diana was a wonderful mother and wife, a woman of strong faith, and a champion of all children. When our nursery school closed, she went on to serve as a substitute at White Marsh Elementary. She will be remembered fondly as someone who put her faith to work for the good of her family, her church, and her community. We send our love to her family.

## Children's Sunday School and Fellowship Hour

Sundays will be getting a little livelier soon. Children's Sunday School will resume, and the Second Sunday Fellowship is returning. Please invite any children you know to come for stories, singing, crafts, and fun learning! Fellowship Hour helpers are always needed to start the coffee and tea and provide goodies. Everyone is welcome at the event in Wesley Hall following the 11 am service at Trappe.

You can log-in for a live 11 am Worship 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** .

## **Library News from Charlotte**

The past year has certainly been a year of uncertainty. I hope everyone had enough reading material. Today it is truer than ever that "reading gives you some place to go when you have to stay where you are." What more can we ask for? Books offer pleasure, education, self-help and inspiration. The church library has enough variety to keep most anyone occupied and distracted from unpleasantness and boredom. There is no limit on the number of books you can take or any timetable to return them.

I do have plans to peruse the inventory and find homes for some of the books, especially our volumes of concordances. It's going to be painful. These days it is so easy to Google information quickly and the library can then move to one wall and return space to the Sunday School. If anyone wants any of the books or has any suggestions for dispensing them, please call me. Book donations and recommendations are always welcome.

The Little Free Library is back in business. Mary Wilson assembled it, decorated it and donated it. Huge gratitude and thanks to her. Thank you also to Bill and Jerry Adams for getting it into the ground and stabilized. Please take as many books as you want. I have good sources for keeping it filled. The yard sale and The Book Depot at Cambridge High School, run by Ruth Clendaniel, are the best. It is open each Wednesday from 9-2. Ruth's Book Buggy is at the Farmer's Market in Cambridge every Thursday from 3-6. All are welcome both places for free books and story hour.

It looks like the virus is rearing its ugly head again. Stay healthy and don't be caught short with nothing to read. Between the yard sale, the Church Library and the outside Little Library, we have you covered with something for EVERYONE.

**Happy Reading**

### **Martha's Closet by Charlotte Edwards**

Through the past year of craziness and uncertainty, the yard sale has remained a steadfast destination. It is the place in Trappe where the "Elite Meet". Our friends were loyal when we were open Wednesdays and Saturday. When we had to be closed, they came for private shopping by appointment only. Thank you everyone for your loyalty and thank you Shirley and Jerry for being there for those appointments. When we had to be isolated, going there alone to get some work done was always fun. Someone usually stopped by on Church errands, to leave donations or just to say hello. Even Bo showed up a few times when he happened to be in town.

When the breakfasts had to stop, we quickly spread out on all the tables for a better display of our wares. The donations continued to come as everyone cleaned out closets and attics. We are always grateful for that.

You may have noticed an increase in bookcases thanks to Elizabeth. They were carefully moved around and many of them now look to be built in. Thank you to Jerry and LH for all that hard and heavy work. We now have some nice clothing racks thanks to Mary Wilson. Thanks to the Lutheran Mission for our new card racks. Shopping for cards is a lot easier now. We may have been isolated but we were busy bees.

Our biggest change ever came when our dear Shirley Adams said she would be cutting back on her tasks in July when she turned 90. Unfortunately, she got sick before we could have a Shirley celebration on a Wednesday with all our customers. She is on the mend now, has been to visit and hopes to get back soon on limited duty. Her footprints are seemingly impossible to step into. It's hard to fathom the over and above work and support she has provided these many years. She is a giant among us all. Thank you, Shirley.

We also lost Jerry temporarily since his surgery. He has visited a few times and looks great. It was nice to meet many of Jerry and Shirley's family members who visited the yard sale while they were hear helping them.

LH moved to East New Market. Luckily, he has been able to get back frequently. We are grateful whenever he can come. He is a willing worker and has contributed to some major projects.

A new member of our team is Sandy Parks from Cambridge. When Cambridge lost the Lutheran Mission, we gained Sandy. She is a diligent, experienced worker. We are grateful that she brought her service to us. Help is always appreciated.

As our COVID days do not seem to be over, we are happy when we gather at the church and are able to see good friends and all kinds of good stuff. We will respect all COVID recommendations as they come along. The schedule of every Wednesday with a special sale on the last Saturday of each month will continue. Thank you everyone for your patronage, donations and service. If anyone knows of a particular need in the community, please mention it. The yard sale is also here to give back as needed.

Martha's Closet is a thing of wonder. It is the place to find that one item you just can't live without. There are clothes for all ages and sizes, houseware for all needs, and lovely glassware for all occasions. There are greeting cards, dolls, stuffed animals, furniture, games and toys. The book section has something for everyone and there is a variety of pet supplies. We have masks to help you stay safe and healthy.

Happy Shopping in Martha's Closet.

Yard Sale Earnings: March thru July is \$2,331.30.
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