



# Tidings

TRAPPE/FAITH CHAPEL NEWSLETTER  
NOVEMBER, DECEMBER 2019 & JANUARY 2020



## MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Friends,

The season from Thanksgiving to Christmas to the New Year to me has a theme. I do not think it was intentionally designed this way, but it works for me.

As we end the year and begin a new one, it is good that we have Thanksgiving. Like so much of life, it is easier to keep living each day without much thought about the important things that make life beautiful and meaningful. The nine lepers who kept on going with their lives after being healed without coming back to Jesus and saying thank you is a parable on our busy life today. It is good to have this 'mandatory' time to stop and be thankful.

Then, within a month, there is Christmas, a time of gifts - giving and receiving. We take that gift which is new into the new year. Others take what we gave them into 2020, too.

Thanksgiving – Gifts – New Year.

As the Apostle Paul proclaimed, "The greatest gift is Jesus Christ!"

See you in Church!

Rev. Gary L. Moore

## NOVEMBER/DECEMBER/JANUARY PRAYER

### LITANY OF HUMILITY

"O JESUS! MEEK AND HUMBLE OF HEART, HEAR ME.

From the desire of being esteemed, Deliver me, O Jesus.

From the desire of being loved, Deliver me, O Jesus.

From the desire of being extolled, Deliver me, O Jesus.

From the desire of being honored, Deliver me, O Jesus.

From the desire of being praised, Deliver me, O Jesus.

From the desire of being preferred to others, Deliver me, O Jesus.

From the desire of being approved, Deliver me, O Jesus.

From the fear of being humiliated, Deliver me, O Jesus.

From the fear of being despised, Deliver me, O Jesus.

From the fear of suffering rebukes, Deliver me, O Jesus.

From the fear of being forgotten, Deliver me, O Jesus.

From the fear of being ridiculed, Deliver me, O Jesus.

From the fear of being wronged, Deliver me, O Jesus.

From the fear of being suspected, Deliver me, O Jesus."



Have a Prayer Request?  
Prayer Line: 410-822-5095

### 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

3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays  
UMW Meeting following  
11 am worship

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

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### 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.

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## LIBRARY NEWS

by Charlotte Edwards

Christmas is coming and that thought will probably dominate our time and schedules for the remainder of the year. We need to make it quality time with worthwhile activities so we don't get caught up in all the commercialization of our times. That is so much easier said than done. We may be overwhelmed with plans and shopping ideas, and our peace of mind can already be in jeopardy. Praying and remembering the true meaning of Christmas is so important during the busy days to come. We should all enjoy the excitement but take time to relax, read, and share the spirit of the holiday.

Our shelves are packed with books to take us to Bethlehem and to remember all of God's gifts to us. One of the books is ***How to hear from God*** by Joyce Meyer. We can be guided to "know His voice and make right decisions." As the shopping demands intensify, think about reading ***The Hundred Dollar Holiday*** by Bill McKibbin. He presents a case for a more "joyful Christmas," not a more expensive one. ***Christmas Gifts that Won't Break*** by James Moore is an "Advent Journey" of all the wonderful gifts that God has given us through His son Jesus Christ.

***Chicken Soup for the Soul Christmas Treasury*** by Jack Canfield and Mark Victor Hansen is a book of heartwarming stories to share that will certainly contribute to quality family time. Just reading the Christmas story from the ***Bible*** is a perfect reminder to celebrate the holiday with love and goodwill rather than running ourselves ragged to get it all accomplished.

A special story for kids is ***The Crippled Lamb*** by Max Lucado. The little lamb was unable to be out in the field with the shepherds but discovered that God had a plan for him on that special night. Fun for the whole family is ***The Donkey's Gift*** by Thomas M. Coffee. Asinas is a rogue donkey who does not want a winter journey. Mary and Joseph certainly change his ideas.

Don't forget to read for pure escape. These books of fiction all have a message, too. We have ***The Gift of Christmas*** by Debby Macromer, ***Shepherds Abiding*** by Jan Karon, and for mystery lovers, ***O Christmas Tea*** by Amy Woods with Kristin Eckhardt.

As the Christmas season arrives, we need to shop reasonably, prepare graciously, and remember the "Reason for the Season" in order to enjoy all our Christmas celebrations.

The Little Free Library will be back this week. The books are yours to keep or share with others. Don't hesitate to clear the shelves. There are always replacements.

**Happy Christmas reading!**

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### Wedding Bells

On Saturday, October 19, Caley Christopher and Troy Davis exchanged their wedding vows before family and friends in the Sanctuary. Caley walked with her father to the song "The One" and Dr. Dorothy Nave sent them on their way with Wagner's Wedding March. We wish Caley and Troy God's blessing on their marriage!

### **Our deepest condolences**

to Rev. Ruthann Simpson and Family  
on the loss of her mother, Ruth Hibbs

### **Joy and Sorrow**

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### Advent Study

This year's Advent Study will be **Light of the World** by Amy-Jill Levine. We will gather at Trappe on Tuesdays from 10:30-11:30 am on November 26, December 3, 10, 17. The study books will be available by the middle of November. The cost is \$13.

### Christmas Candlelight Services

Faith Chapel will gather on Sunday, December 15 at 5:00 p.m. And Trappe will celebrate Christmas Eve at 4:00 p.m. Both services will be centered on Jesus Christ Is Our Light of the World.

Check the bulletin for information about ordering poinsettias to be placed in the Sanctuary for Christmas services.



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## STAINED GLASS WINDOW REPAIRS AND NEW COVERINGS

The Church's stained glass windows tell the story of our Lord and represent the merger and unity of our oneness in Christ between Mt. Pleasant Methodist Church and Lebanon Methodist Church. Their artistic value is immeasurable and a treasure to all who experience them.

To enhance their beauty and protect them better from the weather, the October 16 meeting of the Administrative Council/ Trustees approved the repair of two of the stained glass windows and the addition of protective covers on the windows in the Sanctuary. The total cost is \$34,970.

The seed money has come from a couple who are not members but have been making regular contributions toward the care and preservation of the windows. Their contribution has now reached \$12,514. Other support will come from interested people and Memorial Funds.

This is a big project for our church. The Administrative Council/Trustees believe this is the time to act. This work will be Glory to our God!

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### Around the Church



Unique items in Martha's Closet are several Pilgrim hats and football cups for kids. Also there are many things for decorating and there will be a Christmas extravaganza as the Christmas



Have you noticed the newly painted doors? The front door in Trappe is now an inviting red! Thank you to the faithful painter!

**Martha's Closet** has a constantly changing and impressive selection. When you think you'd like to have a kitchen gadget, a costume, a clock, a picture, an extra shirt, or a whole host of other things jot it down so you don't forget and check out Martha's Closet any Wednesday from 8 until noon or the second and fourth Saturdays during breakfast - 7:30 to 10:30. It is also fun to browse you might find a treasure you never imagined and all monies go to the churches in our charge. Congratulations to Shirley Adams and her amazing volunteers - as of 10/12/19 they have raised \$172,500.50.

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### UMW News

UMW will meet Sunday, November 17, following the 11 am worship service in Trappe. They will be collecting their Thank Offering for World Missions Through the UMW. Then on Wednesday, December 11 at 5 pm they will gather for a light meal and to pack cookies for the Talbot County Detention Center. Your cookies will share the Christmas spirit!

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## Administrative Council/Trustees Highlights

- Financial reports submitted from Faith Chapel UMC, Trappe UMC, and Memorial Fund, and all are up to date.
  - Next Quarterly Giving Donation will be to Operation Christmas Child for the Christmas Shoeboxes. Pick up a brochure for information on what can and cannot go in the Shoeboxes. Collection Date is Sunday, November 17.
  - Did you notice? The front door and the two doors at the Sunday School entrance of the Trappe UM Church are looking great because of new paint. Many thanks to the skillful painter.
  - One of the great treasures of the Trappe UM Church has always been the stained-glass windows. The Memorial Fund has a growing amount designated for the repair and maintenance of the windows. A motion was made and seconded to initiate the windows' repair and restoration. With the funds already given toward this in the Memorial Fund, and potentially from Building & Maintenance funds, along with potential donations from Church members and friends, it was decided unanimously that work on this project should begin.
  - During the worship service on November 3, the Sunday School children will present a short program on one of their group of lessons this year.
  - The Church Library will soon have their renovated Street Library back on Powell Avenue.
  - Pastor Parish Relations Committee met and again emphasized appreciation for Rev. Moore's time with the Trappe/Bruceville Charge and hope for a continuing relationship with us.
  - United Methodist Women (UMW) will meet this Sunday, Oct. 20, after the Worship Service.
  - Next Ad/Min-Trustees Meeting will be in conjunction with Trappe and Faith Chapel UMC's Charge Conference on Tuesday, December 17, at 6:00 pm at Trappe UMC.
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## SECOND SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP

You gotta love Second Sundays! 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. Thank you to all who have volunteered - and please consider volunteering again. There is a sign up sheet on a clipboard in the back of the church. Also, if anyone has a suggestion for a better place to put the sign up sheet or any other suggestions, please tell Elizabeth Ferguson 410-476-4857

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### Thankful for . . .

Rev. Gary Moore  
Jerry Adams, Director, and the Choir  
UMW  
Sunday School  
FaceTime  
Martha's Closet and Breakfast Crews. . .

**Just to name a few!**

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Shoe Box Collection

Due November 17



“Declare His glory among the Nations!”  
Fliers available with information on what to include.

### Please Support Trappe Volunteer Fire Company

**Soup Days \* Tuesdays, Nov. 11, Dec. 9, January 13**

**\* 5 pm until sold out**

**\$6 for choice of soup, ham biscuit, drink, & dessert**



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## BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

HAPPY  
ANNIVERSARY



Anniversaries and birthdays not available in the on-line edition

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### ***Hear ye, Hear ye!***

On Sunday, 11/3 the children shared a presentation with the congregation, but the theme was kept a secret until then! For 4 October Sundays, clues were revealed in the bulletin. Did you figure out who JW was? If you missed the presentation, ask any of the Sunday School children or teachers. They will let you in on the surprise!

***Thank you to everyone who worked on the presentation!***



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## **Tidings**

Next deadline for articles, etc., is January 15.

Next issue for **February & March** available at the end of January.