



Tidings

TRAPPE / FAITH CHAPEL NEWSLETTER
November, December, & January 2021/2022



From our Pastor

Dear Friends,

The season is changing, and we are looking forward to being together on Thanksgiving and Christmas and sing the Lord's song of praise. In spite of COVID, we are finding ways to manage it and hopefully it will just die off soon! (Do I have an AMEN!)

As the acorns pellet my deck, and I hope that none of them hit me, I am reminded how blessed we are to have a vibrant nature not racked by drought or fire. For those who are faced with those heart-rending challenges, we give and pray that our bounty may be their salvation.

We are continuing our Sunday morning Devotional Service for those who are unable to make it to the Sunday service. We have an average of seven people who join us each Sunday through this medium. God bless you. 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#

On a personal note: Our daughter, Courtney, gave birth to Finn on October 2nd. Everyone is doing well and her husband, Sven, is enjoying being a Dad! We are planning to visit them over Christmas.

I look forward to seeing you in Church or on the telephone on Sunday!

Rev. Gary L. Moore

Special Christmas Services

Faith Chapel will have their Community Candlelight Service on Sunday, December 12 at 5:00 p.m.

Trappe's Candlelight Service is Christmas Eve (December 24) at 4:00 p.m.

Our Advent Study will be on Water Brueggemann's *Names for the Messiah*. We will meet at Trappe UMC's Carter Room on Tuesdays – November 23, 30, December 7 & 14 at 10:30 a.m.



Weddings at Faith Chapel

Stacie Jo Sard & Eric Christopher Mussehl exchanged their wedding vows on October 2.

Courtney Michelle Eagle & Christopher Lee Sard were married on October 17.

We extend our congratulations and best wishes to both these new couples and look forward to seeing them at church events soon!

Faith Chapel Ceiling Repair

The ceiling at Faith Chapel needed significant repair from earlier water damage. This was fixed this summer by Lee Heinsohn of Harry Heinsohn Construction Co. We thank all the contributors and for Darlene McNeal in getting us in contact with the company.

Charge Conference

Our Charge Conference is scheduled for Tuesday, December 1, 7:30 p.m. at **FAITH CHAPEL**.

Sunday Reading Bible

On Sunday, October 10, Trappe Church dedicated its Sunday Reading Bible to the glory of God and in loving memory of Estelle Slaughter. The inscribed dedication was done by Mary Wilson.

Prayers

Guide us waking, O Lord, and guard us sleeping; that awake we may watch with Christ, and asleep we may rest in peace.

O God, your unfailing providence sustains the world we live in and the life we live: Watch over those, both night and day, who work while others sleep, and grant that we may never forget that our common life depends upon each other's toil; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Please Pray For:

Those who are on the front line in fighting COVID

Families under stress

People facing difficult decisions

Our leaders

Our willingness to forgive

People you know

The Prayer Line continues to serve our congregations and community. If you have a prayer request, the number is

410-822-5095

All calls are kept in strictest confidence.

Our New District Name

We are now in the **Upper Shore District** and no longer known as the Easton District. For us nothing changes but the name. The Office is still in Denton. What changes is the workload of our District Superintendent, Rev Elmer Davis, who now has all of Cecil County. The lower portion of Dorchester County is now with the Lower Shore District. Pray for Rev. Davis.

Our New Bishop

On September 1 our Annual Conference welcomed our new episcopal leader, **Bishop LaTrelle Easterling**, who is the bishop for Baltimore-Washington Conference, too. She was born and raised in Indianapolis, Indiana, and ordained in the New England Annual Conference. She is married and has two adult sons. Pray for her as she leads us in the days ahead.



And Best Wishes to **Rev. Peggy Johnson**, our former Bishop, who has retired. Thank you for being a shining example for Christ during the years you served our Conference, Rev. Johnson.

You can log-in for a live 11 am Worship Service:
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Thank You!

A HUGE thank you to the Myers Family for generously sharing their delicious produce this summer. It nourished our bodies and brought smiles to our faces, especially the helpful children overseeing all that goodness.

Library News from Charlotte

Fall is here! Time to start preparing for winter and the Holidays. The next two months will be busy and fun with two of our most important holidays coming. They are Thanksgiving and Christmas. One is a big day to remind us to be eternally grateful for family, friends and all our many blessings (which we should count every day.) The other is the Day to Celebrate our greatest blessing: God's gift of Jesus to us all. Our reminders for gratitude are everywhere this time of the year.

The Church Library has all kinds of books to read for inspiring and maintaining this gratitude. Two of these are books for daily devotionals. One is **Jesus Calling** by Sarah Young. She and her pastor husband were missionaries in Japan and Australia. It is an easy and uplifting read that reminds us to "enjoy Peace in His Presence." The accompanying Scriptures are well chosen and memorable. The other book is **Heaven Calling: Devotions from Genesis to Revelations** by Steven Van Sant. It is a reminder that we have a Savior who has the "power to renew us every day." Mr. Van Sant is a Christian lawyer who was inspired to write this book through his daily devotions with his wife. Devotionals are great reinforcements for celebrating, counting and being grateful for our all-daily Blessings.

As Christmas approaches, it is time to read or reread a favorite family book called **The Donkey's Gift** by Thomas M. Coffey. Here we meet Asinus, the rogue donkey who carries Mary to Bethlehem. The book has

humor, suspense and a surprise ending especially for a donkey who hates people and has no plans for a long winter journey. It would be a fun read aloud book.

There have been people coming to the yard sale who say they are stocking up on books in case Covid closes our public libraries again. Never fear, we always have books inside and outside our Church. Tell your friends!

Happy Thanksgiving, Merry Christmas, and Happy Reading into the New Year.

Martha's Closet by Charlotte Edwards

Fall has arrived and is heralding more than winter. We are already hearing news about holiday shopping or the lack there-of. As we look closer at our budgets and work on our frugal selves, remember: Martha's Closet is prepared. Our stuff may soon prove to be more than just stuff. We have holiday decor, warm clothes, books, school supplies, small appliances, furniture, and other household items. There is plenty of beautiful glassware for gifts or just for your holiday entertaining. This year, as prices rise everywhere, our yard sale may be the place to consider as you alter your budget or take your vow of poverty.

A suggestion I heard a few years ago may be just the idea to help us prioritize for Christmas shopping. It was to limit gifts to 1. Something you Want, 2. Something you Need, 3. Something to Wear, and 4. Something to Read. Martha's Closet probably can't supply it all, but we can cover some of the bases. If you look around carefully, there is sure to be something for everybody, maybe even some things your extended family can't live without. Bring your kids to shop for their family-- the prices are right. People can make their own gifts or decorations using our "stuff" creatively. Many items could be re-purposed, too. Thank you to all our many customers who already know that Martha's Closet is the place to shop before you head to the Mall. You can also be more indulgent here than you can be at the Mall.

Happy Thanksgiving, Merry Christmas, and for the New Year as Tiny Tim said, "God Bless us Everyone". Happy and thrifty Shopping.

Estelle

On March 16, 2021, another of our Trappe UMC saints went home. Estelle Slaughter, who was the honorable age of 93 years, passed away.

Estelle was born on October 2, 1927, to the late Eugene Orem Slaughter and Ernestine Webb Slaughter. She had two sisters, Ida and Libby, and a brother, Jim.



After graduating from Easton High School, she worked for many years in Washington, but that didn't keep her from attending church. She drove home most weekends to worship here in Trappe, where she was a life-long member. Once she retired, Estelle was often at church, setting tables, serving breakfast, and helping with all the cleanup. She was steadfast in her service here, going about it quietly and faithfully. She enjoyed seeing friends at church and had a keen interest in what was happening in their lives. We could always count on Estelle for a helping hand and a welcoming smile.

Did you know that Estelle had a great interest in and ability for sports? She was a member of the Baltimore Figure Skating Club in the 1950's and active with the Bay Country Figure Skating Club from 1982 to 2002. She loved the Baltimore Orioles, tennis, golf, and watching the Olympics, especially the figure skating.

Another trait that Estelle possessed was a great love for her family. She had many nieces and nephews, and

she was more of a grandmother than a great aunt to Steven and Amy, the children of David and Charmel Hickman. She often spoke of them with great pride and love in her voice.

Estelle is a great example of what it means to be a faithful church member, and she has left a powerful, positive permanent mark on our church family. She is missed by all of us, and our hearts are with her family.

Birthdays and Anniversaries

~Happy Birthday and/or Happy Anniversary to our November, December, and January Celebrants~

Visit our web page at www.tfcumc.org for This Week at T/FC, Daily Devotionals, Announcements and much more.

Help make our sanctuaries glorious in December.



Poinsettias will be available for purchase during the Christmas season. We anticipate the price range to be \$8-\$10. Watch the bulletin and web page for further details or contact Elizabeth and Ken Myers for more information.

The next **Tidings** will be published in February for **February, March, and April**. **Deadline will be January 15**. Your news, information, announcements, pictures, and creativity are welcome!

Happy Thanksgiving, Merry Christmas, and Happy New Year

to you and your family! May you experience all the blessings the season has to offer.
See you in Church for our special services!