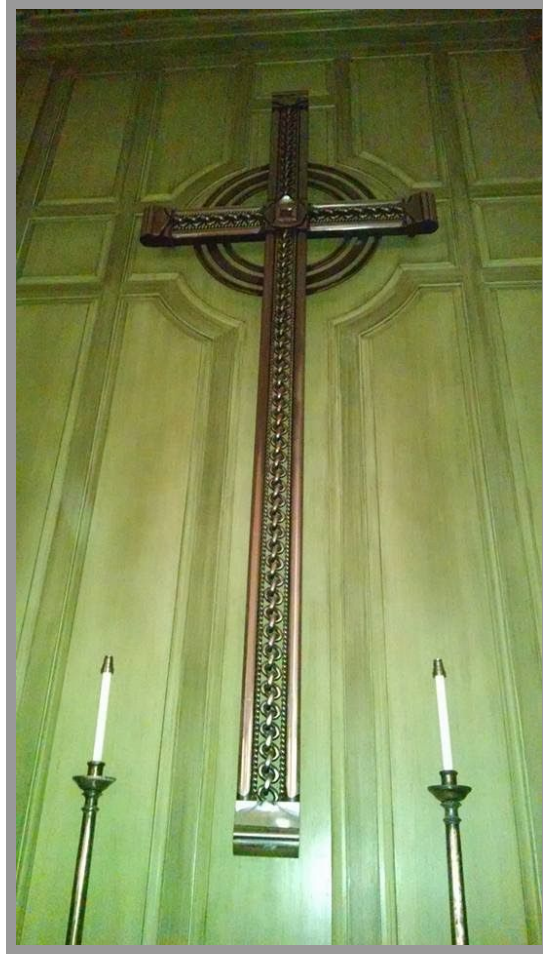


The Cross



The unique pewter cross over the altar is the work of Fred Potcher of Stroudsburg. It carries out the basic pewter treatment of the metal used throughout the church. Its design is from an Egyptian slave bracelet. It contains the symbols of slavery, which can be seen quite clearly in the representations of chains, ropes, leg bands, and hasps. This suggests many Biblical images: the bondage of Israel in Egypt; the crucifixion as the death of a slave; Jesus, taking the form of a slave; and Paul, the prisoner of the Lord. The broken links of the chain represent the breaking of the captivity of sin and death by the sacrifice of Christ. It's very ruggedness and strength implies the undergirding we seek in perilous times.