

## Ten Ways To Love

- Listen without interrupting. (Proverbs 18)
- Speak without accusing. (James 1:9)
- Give without sparing. (Proverbs 21:26)
- Pray without ceasing. (Colossians 1:9)
- Answer without arguing. (Proverbs 17:1)
- Share without pretending. (Ephesians 4:15)
- Enjoy without complaining. (Philippians 2:14)
- Trust without wavering. (1 Corinthians 13:7)
- Prove without punishing. (Colossians 3:13)
- Promise without forgetting. (Proverbs 13:17)

### GIRL SCOUTS MEET AT TPC AND COLLECT FOR LOCAL FOOD BANKS

"On my honor I will try to serve God and my country, to help people at all times and to live by the Girl Scout law". These are the words the Girl Scouts of Troop 456 recite at their meetings and these are the words which govern the conduct of each and every girl in Girl Scouting. Every year in May, Troop 456 collects peanut butter for their local food bank. Why peanut butter? It's high in protein, loved by children and adults, and expensive for families in need and for food banks to purchase in large quantities. Peanut butter is an important donation to any food bank or pantry. Last year, Troop 456 donated 36 pounds of peanut butter. Also, during the month of May, Troop 456 collect pop tabs for the Ronald McDonald House Charities (RMHC) of Richmond. Last year, the Troop collected 15.54 pounds of pop tabs. The money RMHC receive for recycling the pop tabs help them to continue to provide "a home away from home" to out-of-town families with children fighting illness in local medical facilities. These are simple and fun ways to teach the Girl Scouts the important value of giving back to their community.



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# Wee Kirk Gazette

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### Getting To Know You— Kathy Hughes

I am Kathy Hughes, organist and choir director for Tappahannock Presbyterian Church. I am also a member of two of the ministry groups for our church: Worship and Music and Mission and Outreach. Those Ministry groups reflect two important focuses in my life.

I am married to Emerson Hughes, also known as "Em", and we will have been married 52 years this August! We have two wonderful (of course) children, Michael and Bekah. Michael, our oldest, owns and manages Holiday Barn, our family business. He is married to Charlotte, who also works at Holiday Barn, and they are parents to Hunter, who is 19, and attends Randolph Macon College, and Catherine, 17, who attends Trinity High School. They are both really good students, enjoy sports and spending time on the river when they can in the summer. Bekah is married to Jamie Davis, and they provided us with our youngest grandson, Jasper, who will be 4 this summer. Bekah is a professional singer, Jamie,



is a wonderful furniture and cabinet maker and Jasper is an outgoing bright little boy who makes us laugh! My 99 year-old !! mother, Edith Lawyer, lives at Essex House, an assisted living facility.

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### MEALS ON WHEELS VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR ESSEX

At the April Essex Churches Together meeting print-outs were passed around explaining the need for drivers for Meals on Wheels. At that time there were *no* drivers in Essex County for the three Essex routes, however, Sherry and Dave Jones and Lucy Sisk and Terri Creasy have since volunteered. In our county, there are 31 seniors receiving meals, and there are three routes which are taken by different drivers, and which take between 45 minutes and an hour on Mondays. It is hoped that members in all of our ECT churches will volunteer to help. To encourage participation, it is suggested that if there are *many* volunteers, drivers would not have to drive more than once a month or even less. If anyone in our congregation knows that he/she can be a volunteer, call Ken Rogers, Bay Aging Director RSVP at (804) 758-8853, and let one of the Mission & Outreach members know, as well. At the May ECT meeting, Ken will answer any questions about the program.

## April 19, 2016 Session Minutes Highlights

Reverend Tom Coye, Lucy Sisk, Janice Canby, Emerson Hughes, Jo Dowdy, John Colby, Cindy Glass, Jo Dowdy

Reverend Coy called the meeting to order with prayer and the Minutes for the March Session Meeting were read and approved. Congregational Meeting Minutes were also approved.

The office computer will not update with Windows 10. It also has some back-up issues. We are also concerned there is no centralized list of all passwords. Our IT consultant will attend the next meeting to discuss these issues.

Janice Canby presented the Treasurer's Report which was accepted and approved.

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## MISSION AND OUTREACH MINISTRY GROUP

The Mission and Outreach Ministry Group met on Friday, April 22, 2016. Present were: Kathy Hughes, Lucy Sisk, Janice Canby, John Hardy, and Sherry Jones. The next ECT meeting will be Tuesday, April 26, at 7:30 p.m. at Beale Courthouse. Everyone was encouraged to attend. The meeting in March featured Bess Haile from the Essex County Library. She went over many of the opportunities provided at the library. **Operation Inasmuch** was a great success!! We had 28 participants representing our church in the various activities. Our

church was very busy that day with the sorting of canned goods and undergarment collections, sewing of two different projects, and designing of scrapbooks for foster children. We recommended that Janice review the **Camp Hanover** calendar to see if Charity would like to attend a session at the camp this summer. **Pentecost Special Offering** will be received on Sunday, May 15. We have two bulletin inserts that will be put in the bulletins on May 1 and May 8—John Hardy and Janice Canby will also present a Minute for Mission regarding this offering on those two Sundays.

## GETTING TO KNOW YOU (CONTINUED FROM COVER)

She and I are both happy that she enjoys her life there where she receives such kind assistance. Our "family" would not be complete without a menagerie of animals who have lived with us throughout our years. Presently we share our home with Sunshine, a Boykin Spaniel, a long-haired blond Chihuahua named Siri and a tabby cat named Purrywinkle.

I love flower gardening though I'm learning to cut back some and plant more wisely as my ability to spend long hours bending over is being challenged! Observing wildlife has always been a joy for me whether watching the bunnies hop around our yard, counting turkey and deer in our fields, talking to toads in my garden or traveling to amazing places like the Galapagos to see really unusual animals "up close and personal!"

Em and I have been traveling as much as possible since 1997, starting with Kenya, and recently experiencing Costa Rica and Panama. Maya Angelou, in her book *Wouldn't Take Nothing For My Journey Now* wrote a section called Passports to Understanding. In it she "encourage(s) travel to as many destinations as possible for the sake of education as well as pleasure." We have been fortunate to have been exposed to so many sights, wonderful people and eye-opening views of how people of other cultures lived in the past and now live today.

Even though our lives have mostly been wrapped around animals, activities on the river or music, we have recently become VCU basketball fans, and even attended the A-10 tournament in New York this March. Because we are VCU graduates and I worked as a professional accompanist for singers there for 17 years, we do like the black and gold.

The book stopped me in my tracks....

My "interviewers" asked: what is your favorite book and how has it influenced you?

A long time ago I read a book called *Caring*. It was borrowed from the Ginter Park Presbyterian library when we attended there, so I don't have it and don't even know the author! I was a young woman, busy with young children, maintaining a church job and working in our family business. The book stopped me in my tracks by letting me know there was more to life than paying attention to my own life - it should also be open to caring for others. Since then, authors who have influenced and/or brought pleasure to my life my life been: M. Scott Peck, Harold Kushner, Maya Angelou, Leo Buscaglia (that's a 60's one), and more recently, Amy Tan, J.K. Rowling, and Alexander McCall Smith, among others. I have read the whole bible, but know that I really need to continue to *study* it for the rest of my life!

Another question I was asked was: if you could have one super power, what would it be?

I guess that would be that I could help folks get to know each other and realize, as Maya Angelou says, "that all peoples cry, laugh, eat, worry and die....." (and that thinking that way) can introduce the idea that if we try to understand each other, we may even become friends."



## May Birthdays

Charity Chishimba	1
Robbie Tavenner	16
Walter Carr	17
Ron Glass	22
John Colby	27

# Happy Birthday!

## WORSHIP AND MUSIC MINISTRY GROUP

The Worship and Music Ministry Group met on April 19, 2016 at 10:00 am Kathy Hughes, Lucy Sisk, Tyler Sanders, Deb Booze, Barbara Cullom, and Jill Robertson were present. The meeting was called to order with prayer. New business included Pulpit supply. Discussion of using our outdoor event signs - they should be erected outside at least 3 weeks prior to the event. Plan for new members join TPC - new members joining - Gerry Colby, and other friends to join soon. Old Business included a good conversation on Operation Inasmuch that took place April 16 and of the work Barbara is doing with fabric cover for bulletin boards in Fellowship Room. Wee Kirk Gazette deadline is 3rd week in April for May Issue. Next meeting is May 17, at 10:00 am.

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The Worship and Music Ministry Group reported they had discussed and arranged for pulpit-supply ministers for May and hoped we would have a Covenant II Minister in June. Signs and poles for the concert series have been paid for by the church.

The Mission and Outreach Ministry Group reported that One Great Hour of Sharing took in \$375. Five Cents A Meal has raised \$350 this year. Camp Hanover for Children was ages 4-10 attending on any given Sunday. The Session directed the Christian Education Ministry Group to report to the Session with a plan to man the Nursery as we have been dependent on two members to do the work. Hiring a teacher was discussed. It was moved and passed the Christian Education Ministry Group will put together a plan to move forward.

Mr. Hughes will contact Pritchard and Fallin about the AC/C filter and will get a quote from them about the cost to change them. There are four in the attic that are difficult to get to.

John Colby will be the Elder Commissioner to the Presbytery Meeting on June 14. Moved and passed.

Reverend Coye adjourned the meeting with prayer. Next Session Meeting: May 17, 2016 at 1:00 PM.

**Greeter**—Johnny Frischkorn

**Usher for May**—Margaret Broad

## On a Musical Note

Our own Rebecca McMahon will be playing Principle Flute with the Northern Neck Orchestra. The Orchestra is performing on Saturday May 14, 7:30 PM at Lancaster County Middle School (on School Street, behind Chesapeake Bank). The program consists of Mozart's *Overture to Don Juan*, Elgar's *Salut d'Amour*, Beethoven's *Symphony No. 2*, and Bach's *Magnificat*. The Bach is a collaboration between the NNO and The Chesapeake Chorale. Tickets are \$25 online or at the door, and students get in free with online reservation at NorthernNeckOrchestra.org.



## May Calendar of Events for Tappahannock Presbyterian Church

- May 15th is Communion Sunday
- May 17th Worship & Music Ministry meeting
- May 17th Session at 1:00 PM
- May 19th Banana Bingo
- May 21st Tappahannock Farmer's Market
- May 24th ETC Meeting at 7:30 Beale Courthouse
- May 27th Mission and Outreach Ministry meeting