

**BENEFIT CONCERT
ANNOUNCED FOR ECHO**

Excerpts from the March 8, 2016 Letter



Essex County Homeless Organization continues to move aggressively to provide a safe warm place for those who are experiencing homelessness in Essex County. In addition those who are experiencing homelessness are receiving warm meals, toiletries, and clothing that's been so graciously donated. We are blessed by so many volunteers and others who have unselfishly donated their time and resources to serve our homeless community.

Our plan is to expand to a full service 24-hour 365-day facility where the homeless can not only find a warm place to sleep and a hot meal and services to get them back on their own. First Baptist Church of Loretto is donating the second floor of their Community Out-Reach Building to ECHO to renovate. We have started meeting with County officials and have begun planning how the space will be used.

Some of our local gospel artists are plan-

ning a musical concert to support our homeless community and ECHO. The primary goal of this event is to bring awareness of homelessness, promote volunteers, and to obtain financial assistance for ECHO.

The musical concert is scheduled for April 30, 2016 at 4:00 PM at First Baptist Church, 5338 Tidewater Trail, Loretto, VA 22509.

You are invited to come and enjoy music provided by gifted gospel artists from our area and consider making a tax-deductible monetary donation that evening. All checks are to be made out to ECT, Essex Churches Together and in the memo section, please write ECHO. (Cash is welcome too.)

If you are unable to attend this event feel free to mail your tax-deductible donation ECHO, PO Box 104, Champlain, VA 22438 by **April 25, 2016.**

Thank in advance your for your support! Please contact ECHO should you have any questions at 540-623-8643. Sincerely, Bishop Darryl Williams



Charity Chishimba during the Flowering of the Cross



Damien Muller Trio played at TPC April 3, 2016

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What is Operation Inasmuch?

It is a day for volunteers from 30 area churches to join hands in helping their neighbors. It is a day when over 500 volunteers: all races, genders, ages and denominations work together to show others that they care. It is a day to improve housing, beautify the roadways and schools, entertain and serve the elderly, feed the hungry, and teach children how to care about others through crafts and games.

Why do Operation Inasmuch?

Through Operation Inasmuch, many discover the plight of some in our community who are lacking in basic needs. To assist with those needs, there are collections held in the individual churches from February to April which vary from layettes, canned goods, Job Readiness Kits, Animal Shelter supplies, books for children, and even new undergarments for all ages. The collections are sorted and distributed on OIAM Day to the Haven, Social Services, Community Services and other agencies.

What is the day like?

Volunteers have fun together learning new names, as the various projects are made up of people from different churches and different ages. Some have said that what they look forward to most on Inasmuch Day is making new friends! At the Stop Hunger Now project, there is great excitement as the 50 volunteers there package 1,000, then 2,000, each increment celebrated with a peal of a gong, and finally, 10,000 meals which go to another country to feed so many. When the cookies baked at one of the local churches by a team of adults and children, go out to the hospital, the police station, the

Haven and the library, they are packaged in beautifully decorated bags created by the team. The Green Team works alongside the R&R (Restoration and Repair) Teams to improve properties for people who are not able bodied and cannot do the work themselves.

How is TPC involved?

Our church has supported OIAM for all of the mission's nine years with financial and physical and organizing contributions. Many have stepped up as Team Leaders, volunteers and Core Planning Team members to make the day happen. We have found that the day means so much not only to those being helped but to the volunteers who do the work. And, we have enjoyed working together with other church members in Essex County. "We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand, And together we'll spread the news that God is in our Land. And they'll know we are Christians by our love."


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March 2016

Session Meeting Summary

Moderator: Reverend Tom Coye, Attending: Lucy Sisk, Janice Canby, Emerson Hughes, Jo Dowdy, John Colby. Ex Officio: Jill Robertson, David Jones, Sherry Jones. Absent: Cindy Glass

The Minutes for the February Session Meeting were read and approved. The Treasurer presented the Treasurer's Report. The Report was accepted as presented.

The Pastor Search Committee gave a short report on the first candidate identified and is working on setting up guidelines for the Church's expectations for a Pastor. A general discussion ensued which helped clarify the Committee's work.

Worship and Music will give their report at the next meeting. The Session ap-

proved of the Passion Narrative for Palm Sunday Service and the Good Friday Evening Service. Also received was the report of their February 23rd meeting.

The Session received the report of the Mission and Outreach Group of February 19th. Operation Inasmuch and ECHO were prominently featured.

Pulpit Supply was discussed and Jill and her committee members were thanked for their good work and Reverend Tim Limburg's efforts on our behalf.

Reverend Coye adjourned the meeting with prayer.

Next Session Meeting:

April 19, 2016 at 1:00 PM.

Worship and Music Ministry Group

The group met on March 15 with Kathy, Lucy, Tyler, Deb and Jill were present. New Business included: Pulpit supply, Readers for 2016, and plan for new members join TPC. Old Business included: publicity for Damien Muller Concert, Barbara is getting fabric cover for bulletin boards, Wee Kirk Gazette deadlines. The next meeting will be held April 19, 10:00 AM.

Getting To Know You

A Series of Introductions to Our Church



If you have not met me, I am Terri Creasy and I started working at TPC in June of 2014 after working in Richmond for more than 20 years. I have worked with people at every level but working with a church and Pastor was new for me.

Now, its normal and I have started to feel like I belong here.

I work in the office Tuesday through Thursday from 9-1 PM. The Sunday bulletin is the major focus shared with the monthly newsletter. Editing and communication with the Pastor or those who are submitting articles and other information makes it fun too. I also work with social media including Facebook and the web page. As some of you have discovered I do like to talk and discovering interesting things about the congregation and the community provides a lot of growth for me. Constant contact with the Clerk of the Session is a big priority and John Colby and I work well together and are getting things in order. I learn every day from Session members and I respect them all for the sizable job they are tasked with.

My family includes two adult children, Jennifer and JD, my husband JD, two grandchildren Rockland 4 and Wynn 2. Furry children include 2 black cats, Rodayo and Kitt and the newest kitten Ziggy, a tortie.

I am a professional photographer (you might have seen me shooting Beth's wedding here). I am also an artist and have had my art and photography in juried shows in Fredericksburg and Richmond. Most recently I was juried into the Friends of Chatham Plein Air Art Show. The piece I entered into the Photography Category is named "Welcome To Chatham" and will be auctioned at the May Day Garden Party and Art Auction, May 1 in Fredericksburg.

Something you might not know about me is that I enjoy walking. My sister and I did a charity event for the cure for Breast Cancer where we walked 35 miles throughout Washington, DC over two days. I have started walking around the church grounds now and have recruited Lucy to walk with me. Did you know that 2 laps around the outer edges and tree lines is 1 mile? Join us if you have time. Please stop by the office any day I am here and I will be glad to talk and we can stroll around the grounds too.



Happy Birthday!

April Birthdays

Terri Creasy	6
Bekah Hughes Davis	19
Sherry Jones	20
Mary Wigmore	25

Mission and Outreach Ministry Group

Mission and Outreach Ministry Group met in the fellowship room at 10:30 a.m. on Friday, March 18, 2016. Present were: Kathy Hughes, Marie Minor, Lucy Sisk, Janice Canby, and Sherry Jones. New Business includes: **Operation Inasmuch** is on April 16 this year. Our congregation has 27 volunteers signed up to participate on this day! Our **collection item** for this event is canned food goods. Boxes are available in the fellowship hall to collect these items. One Great Hour of Sharing Minute for Missions was presented on three consecutive Sundays by Sherry, Lucy, and Marie. Five Cents A Meal offering will be collected April 17. Sherry will get more information and check with the Session on the planning of an event at Historic Polegreen Church in Mechanicsville. Next meeting date: Friday, April 22, at 10:30 AM.

Greeter—Sherry Jones

Ushers for April—Pat Morris and Bill Smith

Lectors for April

3	Bill Smith	24	John Moody
10	Sherry Jones	17	Roland Geddes

April—May Calendar of Events for Tappahannock Presbyterian Church

- April 2 AM Brunswick Stew preparation for Sunday's concert reception
- April 3 Damien Muller Trio in concert at 3:30 PM. Fellowship after with Brunswick Stew and Cornbread
- April 8 Girl Scouts meet
- April 16 Operation Inasmuch Day 8:00 AM
- April 17 Closing Service for OIAM 4:00 PM
- April 19 Worship and Music Ministry Group 10:00 AM
- April 19 Session Meeting 1:00 PM
- April 21 Banana Bingo-Essex House 2:00 PM
- April 22 Mission and Outreach Ministry Group 10:30 AM
- April 22 Earth Day
- April 22 ECHO Appreciation Dinner (for anyone who has volunteered to help) at the First Baptist Church, Loretto 6:00 PM
- April 26 ECT Meeting at 7:30 PM at Beale Courthouse
- April 30 Musical Concert to support Essex County Homeless Organization at the First Baptist Church, Loretto 4:00 PM

