

PREPARING FOR OUR BIG DAY, HOSTING THE PRESBYTERY OF THE JAMES!

On Saturday, Feb 18, our small but mighty church will host 250 ministers and elders as they gather to do the work of the church. All hands are "on deck," planning, shopping, organizing, and praying that all will go well as we share warm TPC hospitality. This will be the first gathering of the POJ in 2017 and will take place in the auditorium of Essex High School. There will be important tasks for everyone ahead of the day and on the day; it is NOT too late to volunteer!!

The Presbytery Meeting Morning Devotional will be led by John Colby, Kathy Hughes, and Emerson Hughes.

Even if you cannot volunteer you are welcome to attend as a guest. Lunch tickets are \$7.00. For those of you who live elsewhere, please pray that we might provide a helpful setting for the good work to be done in the name of Jesus Christ.



THE WORSHIP AND MUSIC MINISTRY GROUP

Barbara Cullom, Deb Booze, Tyler Sanders, Kathy Hughes, Jill Robertson, moderator attended the January 17, 2017 meeting.

Calendar dates discussed:

02/18/17: POJ meeting @ THS – hosted by TPC,
02/26/17: Transfiguration of the Lord – Communion,
03/01/17: Ash Wednesday, imposition of Ashes,
03/22/17: Lenten Service at TMUMC hosted by TPC. Carson Rhyne will preach.
04/09/17: Passion/Palm Sunday – Communion,
04/14/17: Good Friday, either open house or service – Session and Vicki to decide on the time. 04/16/17: Resurrection of our Lord/Easter Sunday – Flowering of the Cross.

02/18/17: POJ quarterly meeting to be hosted by TPC at THS auditorium. The organizing committee for the POJ event will be meeting Friday, January 20, 2016 at 6:00pm, to discuss arrangements.

The next Worship & Music meeting is scheduled for Tuesday February 14, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. unless otherwise noted.

Deb Booze will distribute TPC communion dates and servers list.

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LOOKING TO LENT

In the Reformed tradition of which we are a part, Lent is a time of growth. I have often used the phrase "the intent of Lent" to refer to the opportunity we have to grow in grace and truth during this season of sorrow as Jesus travels very intentionally toward Jerusalem and death. The intent of Lent, then, is not to give something up, like chocolate or movies, but to add something to our inner journey. Our Bible Study class is reading the hilarious book *Flunking Sainthood* as we seek to learn more about spiritual practices developed across the centuries. We will read from Riess' warm and funny tale of failing and falling short, and try some spiritual practices for ourselves. As Lent approaches, I encourage you to choose an aspect of your faith on which to focus for the weeks of Lent (Mar 1-Apr 15). The intent of Lent is your own growth toward God.



"ORDINARY" TIME

In the church year, there are several weeks of what is called "ordinary time" between the celebration of the Baptism of the Lord (Jan 8 this year) and the beginning of Lent (Mar 1 this year). The word ordinary is odd to our ears, since it sounds like there is nothing *extra-ordinary* going on for these weeks! But the word ordinary refers to whenever there are Sun- ebrations of moments in we have weeks that are February, we have the 5th, nary/ordered time on Feb 26, we celebrate the There is nothing of the year! Every Sun- have the opportunity to confess, hear God's word brate sacraments and fellowship with one another. These weeks of ordered time are gifts as we hear stories of Jesus' life.



THE MISSION AND OUTREACH MINISTRY GROUP

The group met in the Fellowship Hall at 10:30 on Friday, January 13. Kathy Hughes, Janice Canby, Marie Minor, Dr. Vicki Murdoch, and Sherry Jones were present. We opened the meeting by reading "How 1 Conversation Forever Changed This Woman's Perspective on Volunteering" by Karen Weese. ECT: Kathy reported that the Christmas Mother program went very well this year. Our church's support of this program was great. We sponsored gifts for eight children and had several of our members working with accepting and distributing the gifts for the entire project. Operation Inasmuch will be April 22 this year. We have many church members that are on the Core Committee or will serve as Team Leaders. The Soup Supper to roll out the current year information to ministers, team leaders, and church contacts will be February 23, 2017. This was postponed due to snow. Souper Bowl of Caring: We will have a soup lunch after church on February 5 to support this fund raising event before the Super Bowl. Janice will provide chicken noodle soup and Sherry will provide the fixings for clam chowder. Kathy will provide cakes for dessert. Janice will get

several others to supply crackers and cheese and drinks. The cost for the meal will be a can of soup and \$1. During the luncheon the DVD of last year's Operation Inasmuch will be viewed. Banana Bingo: The next Banana Bingo at Essex House will be on January 19 at 2:00 p.m. Five Cents A Meal: This month's collection will be on January 15. ECHO : Marie is providing food for the Saturday night meal at the shelter. Biggest problem now is having people available to provide supervision overnight. She will keep us informed about what help is needed. Magazine and Pet Supplies have been delivered with additional magazines to the Dialysis Center where they are well received. When we have additional supplies of these magazines, Janice will deliver some to other centers in the Northern Neck area. We will hold the contributed pet supplies and add them to those donated for the OIAM project. One Great Hour of Sharing—April 26: This will be our first special offering for 2017. We will start planning for this at our next meeting. Janice presented information on final expenditures for 2016 and the 2017 Budget. We have scheduled our next meeting for Friday, March 10, at 10:30 a.m.

FELLOWSHIP, BIRTHDAYS, AND HAPPY FACES, OH MY!

The Lam children were so excited this Sunday to celebrate two of their birthdays with everyone at Fellowship time. They had cup-cakes, refreshments and hot and cold appetizers provided by Nicole. Everyone sang Happy Birthday and enjoyed seeing the girls blow out the candles. It was great fun and enjoyable fellowship for the entire family and all who participated.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!
February

Lucas Sisk	11
Margaret Broad	14
Kathy Lam	15
Jake Perry	18
Louise Poling	20

If your birthday is not listed, please contact Terri in the church office so that we may acknowledge your special day.

Greeter and Usher for February
John Hardy and Johnny Frischkorn

FEBRUARY CALENDAR ANNOUNCEMENTS

BIBLE STUDY CONTINUES EACH TUESDAY FROM 1-2:30 PM, with Vicki guiding our learning.

ECHO SHELTER has opened. Some of the needs have been filled, such as: Check-in, Security, Meals. You can check to see the updated sheet for February in the Fellowship Hall. Please take a look and give some of your time to others in need. You can call and talk to Marie Minor, Church Contact or call (540)623-8643 for more info.

SOUPER BOWL OF CARING: We will have a soup lunch after church on February 5 to support this fund raising event before the Super Bowl. Chicken noodle soup and Clam Chowder will be provided alongside appetizers and desserts. The cost for the meal will be a can of soup and \$1. During the luncheon the DVD of last year's Operation Inasmuch will be viewed.

February is volunteer signup time for Operation Inasmuch. Please see Kathy Hughes or Sherry Jones, church contacts for details and sign-up forms. Operation Inasmuch Volunteer Day will be on April 22 this year.

FIVE CENTS A MEAL OFFERING will be received on Sunday, February 19th.

WORSHIP AND MUSIC MINISTRY GROUP meets on February 14th at 10:00 AM.

ON SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 18TH TPC WILL HOST THE PRESBYTERY OF THE JAMES' MEETING of 250 ministers and ruling elders from the Charlottesville-Richmond-Fredericksburg area.

TPC SESSION WILL MEET AT 6 PM ON FEBRUARY 21.

BANANA BINGO/ESSEX HOUSE will be held on February 16th at 2:00 PM.

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MARCH 22ND WILL BE THE LENTEN SERVICE at Tappahannock Memorial United Methodist Church hosted by TPC. Reverend Carson Rhyne will preach. TPC will provide the luncheon that accompanies the service.

SHROVE TUESDAY, PANCAKE SUPPER and the imposition of Ashes for Ash Wednesday. Please look for an important email announcement on this loved TPC tradition coming soon.

We love because

He first loved us.

1 John 4:19