

## Announcements and Opportunities

ANNOUNCEMENTS START AT 9:55 AM. WORSHIP STARTS AT 10:00 AM.

**\*Tuesday Bible Study, 1-2:30 pm** – For February, we will be reading the Book of Esther; for Feb 4th, please read Esther Ch's 1&2. Feb 11-Ch's 3&4; Feb 18-Ch's 5&6; Feb 25-Ch's 7&8; Mar 1-Ch's 9&10. For Lent, we will read a new devotional booklet called "Becoming a Beloved Community."

**Bestsellers' Book Club, 1st Monday of every month, 1-2:30 pm.** This community book club meets at Java Jack's for a chance to connect with others in our area who love to read. Our focus is on "books that give us hope." Please join us whenever you can!

Monday, Feb 3<sup>rd</sup>-*Women Rowing North* by Mary Pipher

Monday, Mar 2<sup>nd</sup>-*Beneath a Scarlet Sky* by Mark Sullivan

Monday, Apr 6<sup>th</sup>-*Where the Crawdads Sing* by Delia Owens

**\*Every Saturday of February Event 9-11 am-** Join us every Saturday morning in Feb. to try something new!

Beading with Stacey-Feb 8th; painting with Jill-Feb 15th; photographic arts with Johnny-Feb 22nd; gardening with Marie-Feb 29th.

Bring a brunch item to share, if you can. All ages are welcome.

**\*Sunday, February 16th** we will have our Valentine Brunch after the service. The men will serve the women; don't miss it!

**\*Sunday, February 16<sup>th</sup>** is 5 cents a meal offering.

**\*Tuesday, Feb 25th is our Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper at 6 pm**, followed by our **Ashes service** at 6:45pm. Don't miss this wonderful time of both fellowship and confessional prayer.

**\*Lent begins Wednesday, Feb 26<sup>th</sup>.** The Methodist Church hosts a lunch and service every Wednesday during Lent. 11:30am and 12:30pm are lunch times; the service of prayer, song and message is noon-12:30pm, all provided by area churches.

Our Executive Presbyter, Rev. Fred Holbrook, will offer the message on **April 1st**, and we will provide lunch that day.

**Prayer List for February 2020:** Please pray for these loved ones of our church: 4 year old Brady and his family, including Robbie and Dave, 13 year old Luke and his family and friends, including Susan and Virginia, for Stacey as she faces back surgery, Virginia and Susan, Ellen and John, Pat, Phyllis and Laura Jo, Deb and her family, Bob Stanford (Robbie's dad), John and Diane Moody, Ben and Angie, Roland and Betty and Tom, Joey, Jill and Hunter, Cindy and Ron and Cindy's mom, Rebecca and her family, We pray for those affected by natural disasters, families involved in violent events, and refugee families. (Let us know if you have names to add or delete)

# Wee Kirk Gazette

## Tappahannock Presbyterian Church

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"One Thing: A Prayer"

One thing I ask

One thing I seek

Just one thing

To dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life  
To gaze upon the beauty of the Lord and to seek him in his temple

To be kept safe in Christ, hidden in him in the day of trouble  
My heart says, "Seek Christ's face!" Your face, Lord, is all I seek  
My heart cries out, "Lord, please don't hide your face from me!"  
My heart longs for Jesus Christ alone, no matter what happens

One thing...Jesus

When darkness descends

One Light...Jesus

When enemies attack

One Savior...Jesus

When I am left alone

One Friend...Jesus

One thing...Jesus

I take heart

One thing...Jesus

I yearn

One thing...Jesus

I wait

One thing...Jesus

(written by Bill & Kristi Gaultiere, inspired by Psalm 27)

## 2019 Annual Reports of the Ministry Groups

Be doers of the word (James 1:22)

### Operation Inasmuch time line dates to remember!

**All volunteer forms must be returned to Sherry or Kathy by Sunday, March 8th, in order to participate.**

Thursday *March 26th* **Team Leader Meeting** - 7:00 pm *Tappahannock Presbyterian Church*

\*receive volunteers' names and discuss contact process

Sat. & Sun *March 28<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup>, April 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup>* receive tee shirts/Youth Permission Forms

Sunday *April 5<sup>th</sup>* Deadline for **Team Leaders** to contact volunteers

Monday *April 6<sup>th</sup>* **Phone Bank** - 6:00 *Tappahannock Presbyterian Church*

Wednesday *April 15<sup>th</sup>* **Collections deliveries to sites** 5:30 - 8:00

Wednesday *April 15<sup>th</sup>* **Free-for-All Deliveries** 5:30 - 8:00

Thursday *April 16<sup>th</sup>* **Free-for-All Deliveries** 5:30 - 8:00

Saturday, *April 18<sup>th</sup>* **8:00 A.M. Inasmuch Mission Work Day Service**

Sunday *April 19<sup>th</sup>* **4:00 Inasmuch Closing Service**

St. Timothy Catholic Church 413 St. Timothy Lane (corner of Rt. #17 and Airport

### February Birthdays

**Wendy Chishimba 10**

**Margaret Broad 14**

**Kathy Lam 15**



### March Birthdays

**Dave Canby 9**

**Anne Sydnor 14**

**Ann Colby 16**

**Sydney Jones 27**

### **Christian Education Ministry Group, 2019**

Our church youth learn about their faith in worship with the pastor, and also in the youth room with their Sunday School teacher, Mandy Matthews. Our youth participate in worship services with their building of the table and often have roles in special Sundays of the church year. Youth are welcome at all family night suppers, where fellowship and learning go hand in hand. Our adults study God's word in a weekly class; in 2019, we studied Genesis and Revelation, as well as devotional programs for Lent and Advent. The church sponsors a community book club that reads "best sellers that give us hope."

### **Church Growth Ministry Group, 2019**

This group seeks to reach potential new members in the community. It is always good to remind ourselves that the best introduction to our church is YOU! Please invite a neighbor, or someone who you know is new to town. In summer of 2019, we sponsored Monday night fellowship meals for the church and visitors. We invited local law enforcement and first responders to join us for supper. We are planning for a larger church to be placed where the current sign is on 360. That current sign would then be placed on Kino Rd. The group has created brochures for the church, as well as info cards for visitors to complete. This group is also overseeing some security installations for the safety of all.

### **Congregational Care Ministry Group, 2019**

This group is responsible for the wonderful fellowship foods we enjoy every Sunday after worship. We organize all the special meal events of the year: all family night suppers, receptions after memorial services, Valentine brunch, Shrove Tuesday pancake supper, Lenten lunch, River Service Picnic, TPC Thanksgiving dinner, and Christmas luncheon. This group is also involved in a focus on visitation by church members. Classes were held twice in 2019 in which we practiced listening skills and how to ask if we can help others. The session has approved adding one or two deacons to our pastoral care team.

### **Mission and Outreach Ministry, 2019**

The Mission and Outreach Ministry Group provided guidance and education to the congregation on many mission and outreach opportunities in 2019. Monetary contributions made by the church to the Presbytery, Synod, and General Assembly totaled \$13,856. Our gifts to the four Special Offerings of the PCUSA totaled \$1,093. Our gifts to the 5 Cents a Meal program to relieve hunger totaled \$652. We represented TPC at monthly Essex Churches Together meetings, and brought back information shared. Two members of our ministry group are members of the core group that heads up Operation Inasmuch. In 2019, 100% of our church members participated in this community event—a one-day "mission blitz!" We sponsored the Trunk or Treat event for over 500 children (plus their families!); also participating were four other churches, our TPC Girl Scout Troop, and members of our sheriff's and fire department. We organized the sponsorship of 8 children in the Christmas Mother program. We continue to hold monthly Banana Bingo games for the residents of Essex House—an assisted living facility in Essex County.

### **Worship and Music Ministry Group, 2019**

In addition to meaningful worship throughout the year, our Worship and Music Ministry Group was responsible for 10 celebrations of the Lord's Supper in 2019, the Shrove Tuesday Ashes service, a community Lenten service, Girl Scout Sunday, Eco-palms for Palm Sunday, a Holy Thursday supper (employing foods of Jesus' time and the Lord's Supper), the flowering of the Cross and lilies at Easter, a new Pentecost banner (based on the PCUSA symbol) made by church members and assembled by the youth of the church; the delightful Damian Muller in concert; a September Sunday focused on the Stop Gun Violence movement; Worldwide Communion served "in the round" with breads of the world (with seating turned to focus on the table); Reformation Sunday and All Saints' Day with the Saints' Tree and remembrance of our spiritual heritage; Pledge Dedication Sunday with a focus on the many Scriptural calls to generous sharing of our gifts; for Advent: greening the church and poinsettias, Advent candle-lighting families, Messiah Sing-Along concert, Christmas Eve live nativity and candle lighting with communion.

*Our ministry groups wish to thank all of the members and friends of TPC who contribute in so many ways to the life and work of our church. We are doers of the word; thanks be to God!*