

Steering Committee Highlights

April 20, 2009

Communications

- A letter of thanks from Tappahannock SDA Community Services for our donation of \$500.
- A letter of thanks for the \$1000 contribution to The *One Great Hour of Sharing* of the General Assembly Council
- A letter from Rev. Morris that accompanied the first quarter's worth of Minutes sent to members of the Administrative Commission
- A letter of thanks from the Presbytery of the James for the 2009 letter of intent indicating an increase in the amount TPC will send in to support POJ activities this year

TREASURER'S REPORT

- Treasurer Dave Jones presented the financial report. He noted areas where income 5-cents-a-meal and special benevolence offerings has exceeded budgeted amounts
- Jill Robertson reported the Memorial Fund holds \$1,614.44 at the end of the first quarter

MINISTRY REPORTS

Worship and Music

Kathy Hughes, Moderator

- Jill Robertson reported positive feedback about the pre-Easter and Easter service despite a lower than expected congregation number on Easter. The flowering of the cross was again beautiful and meaningful
- Plans for Pentecost Sunday include Communion, possibly a birthday cake for fellowship time, and encouraging everyone to wear red
- Rev. Morris took communion to Gordon and Nancy Robinson just prior to Easter

Fellowship and Congregational Care

Susan Spage and Pat Morris, Co-moderators

- The Steering Committee had positive things to say about the recent discussion of the book "The Shack" and encourages the Congregational Care and Fellowship ministry to consider another such book discussion in the future.
- A Progressive Dinner is being planned for May 17. Tentatively there are three homes on the circuit. The Steering Committee encourages the Ministry to continue with plans.
- The Greek Orthodox lunch prepared by Bill and Susan Spage on Greek Orthodox Sunday was an epicurean delight for all!

Christian Education

Anne Sydnor, Moderator

- Applications have been received from 2 children, Chrissy and Scott Orrock, for Camp Hanover this summer.
- The *One Room School House* curriculum continues the study of Jesus' life and teachings. They will, in the final 4-6 weeks of the Spring quarter, study the early Christian church. "We have 0-4 or 5 children per Sunday. It is discouraging to our teachers to prepare a lesson and have no children to teach; hopefully, we will have more regular attendance as our church grows in the future" says Anne Sydnor
- The next CE ministry meeting will be April 26.

Outreach and Service

Janice Canby, Moderator

- For *One Great Hour of Sharing* \$680 was received
- Preparation will begin for the Pentecost Offering to be received May 31
- *Operation Inasmuch* will occur Saturday, April 25 and the closing ceremony will be the following day. Rev. Morris is a participant on the closing celebration. 13 members from TPC are volunteers this year.

Church Growth

Bill Smith, Moderator

- 5 copies of In Search of the Unchurched have been purchased and will be distributed to the church growth committee. They will recommend whether this would be a book for the entire congregation to read and discuss.
- Rev. Tom Coye will preach May 24 and after Fellowship there will be an open discussion about recruiting new members.
- New Member Sunday is April 26. Expected to join TPC are Randy Sisk, Lucy Collins, Corey Sisk, and Tyler Sanders.



Progressive Dinner

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Congregational Care and Fellowship
May 17, 2009
After Fellowship Time

Approximate Timeline:

11:30 – 12:15 Drive to Deb Booze's Home
Dedication of New Home and

12:15 – 1:15 Soup and Salad Course at Deb's

1:15 – 2:00 Drive to Bill and Vivian Smith's Home

2:00 – 3:00 Main Entrée at Bill and Vivian's

3:00 – 3:30 Drive to Jill and Dan Robertson's
House

3:30 – 4:30 Dessert Course at Jill and Dan's

Times may fluctuate 15-30 minutes either way

PLEASE SIGN UP IN FELLOWSHIP ROOM

Spring Cleaning at the Worship Center



Saturday May 30 is the date everyone who is able to come prepared to clean inside the worship center, inside and out.



Putting up a good sized mail box at the side entrance will be one of the projects.

If you have suggestions for other projects needed during the clean-up let a member of the Steering Committee know.

Congregational Meeting Called

A congregational meeting will be held **May 17** after worship for the purpose of electing two members of the nominating committee charged with identifying candidates for the 2012 class of the Steering Committee.

Alice Roye was elected by the Steering Committee to serve as Moderator of that committee. If you are interesting in serving on the Nominating Committee, or have a suggestion for a candidate, please get advance permission before nominating from the floor.

Pentecost Offering May 31

The Pentecost Offering is traditionally received on the day of Pentecost (May 31, 2009). It provides a direct way to meet the needs of children at risk, youth, and young adults. **Congregations are encouraged to keep 40 percent of the Offering to support ministry with children at risk in their communities.**

The General Assembly's portion (60 percent) provides leadership development opportunities for Presbyterian youth and young adults and supports children-at-risk programs at the national level.

