

Wee Kirk Gazette

Tappahannock Presbyterian Church

OCTOBER 2010

PASTOR'S PAGE: "ALL HANDS ON DECK"

SAILING A SAILBOAT has been defined by one sailor as "90% boredom, and 10% panic." Most of the time a sailboat moves through the water calmly and slowly. But when the weather "breezes up" all hands are required on deck to steer the tiller and control the sails.

AT THE ANNUAL PLANNING RETREAT at Camp Hanover in September, I felt the spiritual winds "breeze up." The five Ministry Groups and the Church Site Task Force (which is also this year's Stewardship Committee) developed some goals that really challenge God's little sailboat, the SS Tappahannock Presbyterian Chapel. To meet these 2010-2011 goals all church members will want to be highly visible – all hands on deck.

JUST AS STEWARDS ON A SHIP have assigned tasks, just so the members of a church have God-given gifts to share in the church's faith journey. The Apostle Paul described it this way in his letter to the young church in Corinth:

"There are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit;
And there are varieties of service, but the same Lord;
And there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who
Activates all of them in everyone - - - I Corinthians 12:4-6

All of the gifts, services and activities are given by God for the common good, to build up the church, and to bind many members into one, healthy body.

I BELIEVE THE NEXT THREE YEARS at TPC are going to be very challenging and exciting. With God's help and the faithful employment of everyone's time, talent and treasure, a permanent location will be established and the first phase of a church building constructed. TPC will become the 113th chartered congregation in the Presbytery of the James and the next full-time Presbyterian pastor will be installed.

THEREFORE, ALL HANDS ON DECK. Pray as if everything depends on God and work as if everything depends on you. Attend worship, fellowship, and education faithfully. Give generously towards a 10% tithe of your income. Participate fully in community and church-wide outreach opportunities. And finally, but not lastly, invite neighbors and friends to come to worship with you. Let me say it again, grow the church forward numerically; invite others to church. Fill up the worship center to overflowing!

Smooth sailing,

Bill

Steering Committee Highlights

September 20, 2010

Communications

- Thank you from Alice Roye regarding donation to help establish a trailer home for an Essex resident
- Thank you to Mary Alice Keller for teaching the recent Bible Study
- Follow-up from Rev. Claude Tate regarding the 'Down-by-the-Riverside' Service
- Request for support from Rappahannock Legal Services (referred to Outreach Ministry.)

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Dave Jones presented the financial report for YTD as of August 31, 2010.

Total Plate offerings received = \$59,593

Special Offerings and other gifts= \$4,257.

Investment Income =\$4,811.

Expenses =\$60,257.

The Development Fund=\$178,179

Memorial Fund =\$5,160.

Presbytery – Susan Spage was elected Commissioner to the POJ Meeting at St. Giles Presbyterian Church in Richmond on October 16th.

New Church Development Committee

an e-mail was shared stating NCDC 100% in favor of property purchase being developed by Carson Rhyne and our CSTF (Church Site Task Force).

Old Business

Church Site Task Force reported progress in developing a proposal for the Presbytery of the James.

October 9 Work Day: Mark your calendars to arrive at the Worship Center at 9AM on Saturday October 9th to help with making our Worship Center spiffy, inside and out.

Ministry Reports

Worship and Music

Bill Robertson & Bill Morris, Moderators

- The annual "Worship at the River" Service was hosted by Emerson & Kathy Hughes at their home on September 19th. We had close to 120 in attendance, including many friends from the Zion Baptist Church. We also had friends from other area churches as well as Reverend Carson Rhyne of the POJ. It was "maybe our best event ever;" "a rousing success." Thanks to everyone involved, particularly to all the Hughes Family. A special commendation is made to the Congregational Care & Fellowship Ministry for organizing an outstanding gathering.
- World-wide Communion will be celebrated at TPC on October 3rd.
- Rev. Morris will be on vacation from October 18 through October 31. Visiting ministers will be long-standing friends Judy Thompson from St. Andrews and Bob Pryor, Director of Camp Hanover. Our Campers should make a special effort to be here to greet Rev. Pryor!
- Acolyte readiness will be added to the Usher activity lists.
- We are investigating the purchase of Large Print Bibles for the worship Center.
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Congregational Care and Fellowship

Susan Spage, Moderator

- Next CCF meeting will be October 6.
- Knitting group will meet October 18 at 1PM at the Worship Center
- A Men's Breakfast will be Sunday November 7
- The Annual Christmas Party will be December 12.

Saturday, October 9

Christian Education

Anne Sydnor, Moderator

Adult Education this fall is a Six Week Study on Evangelism, using a curriculum discussed in "Presbyterians Today"....*Grow Christ's Church Deep and Wide*. (see schedule). The current "Presbyterians Today" magazine has articles that compliment our study.

Mission and Outreach

Janice Canby, Moderator

- The Peacemaking Offering will be received October 3, during the World-Wide Communion Service.
- The next Essex Churches Together (ECT) meeting is September 28th. Lucy Collins is TPC representative

Church Growth

Kim Sydnor, Moderator

Following our special Adult Education Program, Kim Sydnor and Bill Morris will be staging a two-Sunday review of How-to-Evangelize, on November 14 & 21. They will demonstrate effective ways, *and not-so-effective ways*, to approach our neighbors. These are skills that CAN BE LEARNED; you don't have to be 'born' with the talent to reach out to people who need to hear what we have to say.

"More Than Enough"

The Stewardship season take it's theme from Corinthians 9:6-9 this year. The goal is primarily to establish the foundation of our annual operating programs. We are embarking on a renewed spiritual journey, the most important part being our MISSION.

The Church Site Task Force is leading the Stewardship effort this year. They will explain the Financial Vision over 3 Sundays, October 17, 24, and 31. Sunday, November 7 is Pledge Sunday and dedication of 2011 covenants.

LADIES' LUNCHEON
Monday, October 18 at
noon at Java Jacks- Dutch
treat. The knitting Group
will meet at the church at
1:00. Come to one or both-
knit and kibitz!

Dave Jones is coordinating **Let's Get Clean** day of fun and games. **Lunch is provided.**



Come at 9:00 AM with



your tools- yard rake, clippers, vacuum, paper towels and ammonia- whatever you need to participate. Brad Coats is arranging for the carpets to be cleaned on October 12-13.

Cindy Glass Takes Her Pilgrimage Walk

Pilgrims from last year, Susan Spage, Deb Booze, Lucy Collins, and Margaret Ryland, ask you to join with them in keeping Cindy in prayer during the week-end of September 30 – October 3. She will be attending the amazing experience of the Pilgrim Walk to be held at the Abbey in Richmond. Pray that she will be renewed in spirit and refreshed in mind and body as she participates in this extraordinary event sponsored by the Presbytery of the James.

"Grow Christ's Church- Deep and Wide- A Call to Action" Adult Study Schedule

October 3	Introduction	Bill Morris
October 10	Evangelism	Kim Sydnor
October 17	Discipleship	Anne Sydnor
October 24	Servanthood	Susan Spage
October 31	Diversity	Jeff Orrick
November 7	Challenge	Bill Morris

Dear Fellow TPC Members,
The Church Site Task Force is strongly encouraged by the support from the Presbytery of the James regarding a possible site for our new church. As you know the work of the Presbytery requires approval of numerous committees. We are getting close to an agreement and hope to make an announcement shortly.
Brad Coats, CSTF Moderator

TPC Website

Check out the updated web pages on www.tapchapel.org. They have been updated- except for the pictures. We'll be working on putting in more recent pictures. Nevertheless you can get a feel for how TPC is portrayed to our community- and the world! If you have suggestions for additions, deletions, etc. let Jeff Orrick know. We are including newsletters each month.

One of our recent members shared that she had been reading the webpage for several months "scoping us out" before she decided to visit. How do you like reading the newsletter online? The clip art and photos in color are more attractive online, don't you think?

Visiting Preparation Planned

Would you like to visit hospitalized church members and prospective members in their homes but are afraid to because you are not sure what to say and to do? This experience will use role play, videotaping, and feedback. It is for those who sincerely want to visit and desire the skills to visit. You'll hear more about this event that will take place Sunday, November 14 and November 21. *Kim Sydnor*

"PRESBYTERIANS TODAY"

There is a new series in the monthly issue of our "Presbyterians Today": Bible Explorations. In the September issue the title is God Calls on Exodus 3:1-15. The author says God meets us in places we least expect it and calls us as He did Moses. "God does not call the qualified. God qualifies the called".

In the Frequently Asked Questions: (1) What does IHS mean? We see this every Sunday. What does it mean? (2) Also during a funeral service, should the casket be open or closed? What do you think?

(3) Our Fall adult study, Grow Christ's Church Deep and Wide, will be in four areas - Evangelism, Diversity, Discipleship, and Servanthood. The magazine will have articles on these areas each month.

Anne Sydnor, Moderator
Christian Education Ministry



The Group going over to **Essex House** the **third Thursday of each month** is having entirely too much fun! They invite you to join in. Vivian Smith heads it up- has all supplies (lots of bananas!)

and your part will be to help the residents with their BINGO cards.

Essex House has invited members of Tappahannock Presbyterian to come to lunch on Thursday, October 21 and then if you are able to stay and play Banana Bingo with the residents. Let Vivian know by October 17 if you will be able to join them.

The Church Growth Ministry Reports...

The Church Planning Retreat, led by Pastor Bill, was an upbeat gathering and effective for beginning the new church year. Camp Hanover provided an easy and woodsy setting for Tappahannock Presbyterian Church's Fall planning. The Church Growth Ministry Group (CGMG), well represented in quantity and quality of members, came up with the following goals.

- **Fall Adult Bible Study** The Church Growth Ministry and the Christian Education Ministry are joining together to provide the Fall Adult Bible Study commencing October 3 and concluding November 7. (see article)
- **Church Brochure** Already in the process is the updating and revision of the church brochure. This is a useful item to put in the hands of members for letting others know about TPC.
- **Web Page** In past years Alice Roye, with consultant David Broad, has been responsible for our web site. Church Growth will get involved in this grand communication tool and see how it can support Alice.
- **Visitor Training Clinic** Church Growth Ministry is going to provide a clinic the Sundays of November 14 and 21 to help you acquire the skills and confidence to visit.
- **Ten New Members** The ministry group adopt as a goal adding ten new members to our church during the church year between September and August.

Kim Sydnor, Moderator
Church Growth Ministry Group

Lay Readers October and November



October 3 Beth Perry
10 John Hardy
17 Jill Robertson
24 David Crittenden
31 Anne Sydnor

November 7 Janice Canby
14 Deb Booze
21 Herb Sebren
28 Barbara Cullom

Greeter Anne Sydnor
Ushers Chuck and Betty Dyer

Greeter John Hardy
Ushers Jo Dowdy and Tyler Sanders

Chrissy Orrock 2
Vivian Smith 10
Linda deLamorton 11
David Jones 21
Roland Geddes 22
Pat Morris 23



Church Family News

- Congratulations to Kim and Anne Sydnor as they celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in September!
- Alyson Claiborne's address at George Mason University is 4450 Rivanna River Way PMB 1850 Fairfax, VA 22030-4441. Drop her a note, or email (alysonclaiborne@yahoo.com) sometime to let her know we're thinking about her
- Corey Sisk is employed at McDonalds in Fredericksburg. We hope he'll have some Sundays off to visit with us.



“All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

Now is the time to hone our skills as Jesus’ disciples, to become what God intends us to be. We are the rich beneficiaries of Jesus Christ. We have received much. Receiving is not the end. It is the beginning. Graduation into the Church of Jesus Christ means the commencement of ministry as Jesus’ followers.

“Grow Christ’s Church Deep and Wide–A Call to Action” is a Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) study to develop the church in depth and breadth toward fulfilling the Great Commission. Tappahannock Presbyterian Church congregants will have the opportunity to sharpen their skills as followers of Jesus Christ with this study, focusing on:

- Evangelism
- Discipleship
- Servanthood
- Diversity

This study will occur on Sundays after worship and fellowship beginning October 3 and concluding November 7. Please mark these Sundays.

Kim Sydnor, Moderator, Church Growth

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