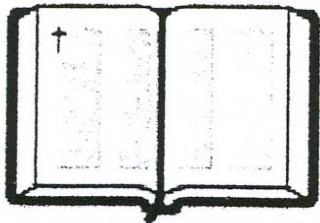


# Wee Kirk Gazette

Tappahannock Presbyterian Church

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## CYCLE A NECEMBER LECTIONARY For the Lord's Day

2/6 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Isa. 58:1-9a (9b-12);  
Ps. 112:1-9 (10),  
I Cor. 2:1-13 (13-16)  
Matt. 5:13-20

2/13 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Deut. 30:15-20;  
Ps. 119:1-8; I Cor. 3:1-9,  
Matt. 5:21-37

2/20 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Lev. 19:1-2, 9-18;  
Ps. 119:33-40;  
I Cor. 3:10-11, 16-23;  
Matt. 5:38-48

2/27 8<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Isa. 49:8-16a; Ps. 131;  
I Cor. 4:1-5; Matt. 6:24-34  
Matt. 2:13-23

## PASTOR'S PAGE: A NEW SONG BOOK

**LAST SUNDAY** the Worship and Music Ministry Group introduced us to a new song book, Sing! A New Creation. Most songs in this book were written in the last 50 years, a period of great change in worship practices. Copy machines and copyright licenses have made new songs accessible. Congregations which are more diverse and mobile are being influenced by a younger culture and individualistic approaches to life. Many congregations today use supplemental song books, print hymns in bulletins, or project them on a wall screen.

**SING! A NEW CREATION** encourages Christians to connect with the larger body of Christ and to welcome songs from various cultures as a gift from God. God is calling many different people to live in community. Sing! A New Creation reflects the rich variety in the church today.

**THIS SUPPLEMENTAL SONG BOOK** is a cooperative collection from the Christian Reformed Church, the Reformed Church in American, and the Calvin Institute of Christian Worship. A committee of ten leading musicians worked three years to gather the songs in this collection. There are basically three types of songs: 1) the traditional multiple stanzas in metrical form; 2) songs from around the world, some with original language; 3) contemporary songs from "Praise and Worship", from the Taizé community in France and the Iona community in Scotland. Music directors are encouraged to use instruments other than organ and piano to accompany some songs.

**THE STRUCTURE OF THE SONGBOOK** follows the basic structure of the worship service, beginning with gathering songs and moving all the way to blessing and parting songs. The song book is also divided into sections following the Christian year – Advent, Epiphany, Lent, Easter and Pentecost. Singing the Old Testament Psalms is also encouraged.

### THOSE WHO PRODUCED THE SONGBOOK WRITE - - -

Our prayer is that people who sing from this collection will know the joy of joining their voices with brothers and sisters around the world and in their own congregations – old and young, those who are new to the faith and those who grew up in the church, those who love the old hymns and those who find inspiration in new worship songs. May together we sing praise to the God who is making all things new in Christ.

- From the Preface, Sing! A New Creation

# STEERING COMMITTEE HIGHLIGHTS

## Monday, January 17, 2011

### Communications:

- E-mail from Tom Coye about Carson Rhyne's January 30 Workshop on the New Form of Presbyterian Government
- Letter and check from St. Andrews Church for \$1,500 from their Endowment Fund for the TPC Development Fund.
- Letter to Congregation with 2011 Operating Budget

**Treasurer's Report** –Treasurer Dave Jones submitted a preliminary draft of the year-end report which shows expenses of \$107,800, with a positive balance in the Operating Account. The Development Fund Balance is now over \$200,000 and the Memorial Fund Balance is over \$5,000.

**Pastoral Care Concerns** were discussed,

**Presbytery of the James**– John Hardy was appointed to serve as Commissioner from the TPC the next POJ Meeting in Richmond on February 19.

### OLD BUSINESS

- **Church Site Task Force** – Next meeting is scheduled for January 31. We will renew the effort to find a permanent home for TPC.
- John Hardy was tasked to follow up on the possibility of a good deal on pews and an organ from a Norfolk Church looking to downsize.

### MINISTRY REPORTS

#### Worship and Music

Jill Robertson & Bill Morris, Moderators

- New large print pew Bibles and new song books "Sing! A New Song" are now in the worship center ready to be used. There will be a Hymn-sing January 30<sup>th</sup> with the new song books.
- Next communion on March 6 (Transfiguration of the Lord)
- Good Friday service will be April 22 at 7 p.m.
- Steering Committee passed the motion: "All current and past members of the Steering Committee may serve communion under the direction of an ordained minister."

### Congregational Care and Fellowship

Susan Spage, Moderator

- A Baby Shower was held for Jessica Sisk (and Lucas) January 16<sup>th</sup>
- Valentine's Brunch on February 13<sup>th</sup> – Dave Canby will be asked to organize
- Fat Tuesday Pancake Supper is scheduled for March 8 at 6 p.m.

### 3. Christian Education

Anne Sydnor, Moderator

The 2011 Lenten study, beginning March 13, will be selected at the next Minis try meeting on January 23.

### 4. Mission and Outreach

Janice Canby, Moderator

This Ministry group will host the "Souper Bowl of Caring" luncheon on February 6 after worship. *Operation Inasmuch* at TPC will be launched then.

### 5. Church Growth

Kim Sydnor

The Visitation Committee met over lunch to share ideas about visiting members and prospective members..

### OTHER CONCERNS

- 2011 Intent Form for POJ, Synod and General Assembly was executed.
- 2010 Statistical Report to POJ and Information Sheet is being prepared
- The Steering Committee will host the Administration Commission for dinner February 21<sup>st</sup>.
- Steering Committee will review 2011 Budget to determine if funds can be made available for what might be labeled "In-Reach" – aid to our own members who are suffering severe but temporary financial setbacks.



### Ministry Meeting Dates

**Congregational Care**- March 2 at 1:30 at  
Worship Center

**Worship and Music** - February 20<sup>th</sup>, after  
worship

## Brunch for Valentines



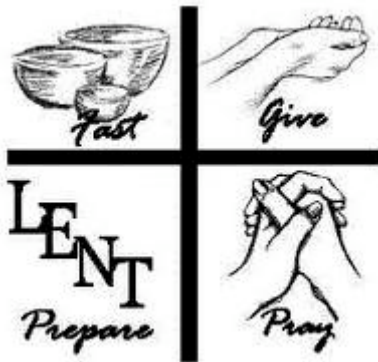
TPC men will serve the ladies brunch on Sunday, February 13 following the Worship Service. Dave Canby is organizing this event.

## Shrove Tuesday and Lent



Everyone is invited to a Fat Tuesday Pancake Supper at 6:00 PM at the Worship Center on Tuesday, March 8. This is a traditional meal held just prior to the beginning of Lent. Ash Wednesday is the following day. This will be a TPC First!

## Community Lenten Services



The TPC Ladies will again participate in serving one of the Lenten Lunches that precedes and follows the Wednesday community Lenten Services that are held each Wednesday of Lent. TPC ladies will contribute chicken salad. Let Susan Spage know if you can participate.

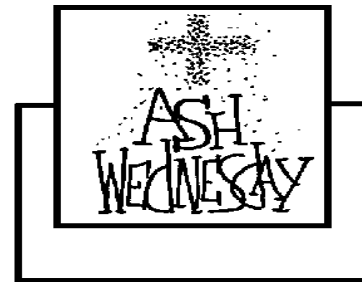
## The Knitting Group



will meet in February. Plans are still being finalized. Watch for announcements and check with Susan Spage for the time, date, and place.

## 2010 Census Report

Our Membership Role now stands at 49 members. Four members were moved to the inactive roll. We have 10 active Friends of the Church who, for various reasons, are not members. Visitors are encouraged to speak with Rev. Bill Morris about finding out more about the Tappahannock Presbyterian Chapel and becoming a members of our Church Family.



## Upcoming Worship Events

**5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Hymn-Sing, January 30**, music will come from "Sing! A New Song," the new green books.

**Transfiguration of the Lord Sunday, March 6<sup>th</sup>**. Communion will be served.

**Tuesday, March 8<sup>th</sup>**, Shrove Tuesday pancake supper 6:00 PM at the Worship Center

**Palm Sunday, April 17<sup>th</sup>**, Communion will be served.

**Good Friday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>**, Good Friday service at TPC at 7:00 PM.

**Easter Sunday, April 24<sup>th</sup>**, Celebration of Resurrection of the Lord/, Flowering of the Cross.

## Lay Readers February and March



February 7 Scott Orrock  
14 Beth Perry  
21 Jeff Orrock  
28 Susan Hillyer

March 6 Margaret Ryland  
13 Sherry Jones  
20 John Hardy  
27 Roland Geddes

Greeter Sherry Jones  
Ushers Susan Spage, Janice Canby

Greeter Herb Sebren  
Ushers Bill and Vivian Smith

*Birthdays happen! Send Alice (alicer2@verizon.net) your birthday if we do not already have it. No one is meant to be left out on this special occasion of celebration for making it another year ☺.*

### Happy Birthday to

Ayden Pepin November 23  
Jessica Sisk December 31  
Dave Crittenden February 3  
Jake Perry February 18



## Church Family News

Thanksgiving prayers for our members who are healing from illness, surgery, and accidents

Floyd and Jo Dowdy  
Betty Geddes  
Janice Canby  
Deb Booze and her mother

Rev. Bill Morris  
Margaret Ryland  
Ellen Hardy  
Cindy Glass's mother

*I would like to say thank you to everyone for the wonderful baby shower for baby Lucas and I. The decorations were great and super cute, and the food and cake were delicious. Thank you to everyone that came to celebrate with us. I can't thank you all enough for everything you have done, We couldn't ask for a better church family. I can't wait for Lucas to arrive and meet all of you. Jessica Sisk*



April 9, 2011

*Operation Inasmuch* is in need of the following items for SDA Community Services, Treats for Troops, the Haven, Job Readiness kits, and the Animal Shelter

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|---------------------|---|--|
| Baby Layette items: | disposable diapers<br>booties<br>baby gown or onesie  | baby bottles<br>bibs<br>travel size baby toiletries                |
| Treats for Troops   | sunflower seeds<br>frisbees and beach balls<br>individual drink mixes<br>batteries  | playing cards<br>puzzle books<br>gum, Tic Tacs, etc.<br>baby wipes |
| Haven items         | NEW towels / washcloth  | bar soap   |
| Job Readiness Kits  | calculators<br>notepads<br>pens/pencils<br>full-size toiletries (no samples/ travel size)<br>shampoo & conditioner<br>toothpaste & toothbrushes | alarm clocks<br>calendars<br>soap                                  |
| Animal Shelter      | used towels & blankets  | pet treats   |
| Book collection:    | new and used books for adults AND children  |  |

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