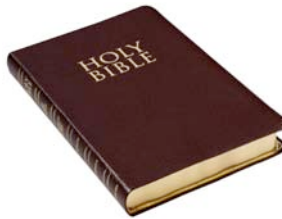


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Tappahannock Presbyterian Church

APRIL 2011



CYCLE A
APRIL LECTIONARY
For the Lord's Day

4/3 4th. Sunday in Lent
1 Sam. 16:1-13; Ps. 23;
Eph. 5:8-14; John 9:1-41

4/10 5th Sunday in Lent
Ezek. 37:1-14; Ps. 130;
Rom. 8:6-11; John 11:1-45

4/17 Passion/Palm Sunday
Psalms: Matt. 21:1-11;
Ps. 118:1-2, 19-29;
Passion: Isa. 50:4-9a; Ps. 31:9-16;
Phil. 2:5-11; Matt. 26:14-27:66 or
Matt. 27:11-54

4/24 Resurrection of the Lord/Easter
Acts. 10:34-43 or Jer. 31:1-6;
Ps. 118:1-2, 14-24; Col. 3:1-4 or
Acts 10:34-43; John 20:1-18 or
Matt. 28:1-10; Isa. 25:6-9, Ps. 114;
I Cor. 5:6b-8; Luke 24:13-49

PASTOR'S PAGE: NEW CHURCH DEVELOPMENT PURPOSE GROUP

TWO YEARS AGO the Presbytery of the James entered into a discernment process regarding a possible new organizational structure. The results of the discernment process led towards a missional organization from the “roots” up rather than the top down. In the future “purpose groups” will spring up from the passions and interests of people throughout the presbytery. In the past year 23 purpose groups have been formed. Each group meets regularly and seeks funding from the presbytery to support its mission.

ON FRIDAY, MARCH 31ST a newly formed New Church Development Purpose Group will be organized when it meets at 2:00 p.m. at the presbytery office. Representatives from Tappahannock Church will be present along with others from across the presbytery who are interested in and have a passion for starting new churches. Currently there are two new churches that receive funding on a declining scale from POJ: Blue Ridge PC receives \$30,000 a year, and the Christian Arabic Church in Richmond receives \$15,000 annually. When the POJ purchases property for TPC, we want to be in a position to become chartered, build a building, and call a full-time pastor. At that time, TPC will also hope to receive funds from POJ as well as other neighboring Presbyterian Churches (on a declining scale).

WHEN THE NEWLY FORMED PURPOSE GROUP meets this Friday, there are representatives from two areas of our presbytery who will make presentations regarding the possibility of new churches: one near and around Lake Gaston and another in Northern Stafford County. Both of these areas are rapidly growing. Representatives from TPC will also share its current status of numerical, financial, programmatic and missional growth. We will give a progress report on our efforts in working with Carson Rhyne to locate and purchase property for a permanent church site. Every effort will be made to present TPC as an exciting, effective and faithful NCD for this newly formed purpose group and the entire presbytery.

Yours in Christ,

Steering Committee Highlights

March 28, 2011

The meeting was called to order and opened with prayer by Moderator Rev. Bill Morris; he used Matthew 16 as a devotional. Present were Steering Committee Members Brad Coats, John Hardy, Treasurer Dave Jones, Sherry Jones, Jill Robertson and Susan Spage.

Communications

- From Zion Baptist Church, an invitation to worship/fellowship on May 22nd
- E-mails regarding the formation of a POJ New Church Development 'Purpose Group'
- 2011 Pastor's Terms of Call report to POJ

Finance Report

Treasurer Dave Jones presented the financial report for YTD as of February 2011.

- Total Plate offerings received - \$14,298
- Special Offerings and other gifts were \$1,023.
- Expenses were 13,928. Jones noted that YTD through March, we had slightly more in expense than income.
- The Development – \$205,591
- Memorial Fund - \$5,303

Pastoral Care Concerns were discussed, including those in the congregation with illness.

Presbytery of the James – no report.

New Church Development Committee will be replaced with the new 'Purpose Group.'

Old Business:

Church Site Task Force – This group continues to develop a list of optional sites in Essex County which could serve as our permanent home. After we meet with the New Church Development Purpose Group on March 31st we hope to complete the preliminary gathering of information and due diligence investigation. The intent is to present these options to this group, including the Rev. Carson Rhyne, at their second meeting. The POJ will meet two more times this year: June 21 and October 15. The objective is to get POJ approval at the October 15 meeting.

MINISTRY REPORTS

Worship and Music Ministry

Jill Robertson & Bill Morris. Moderators

- Community Lenten Service on April 6 will be hosted by the TPC, with the Rev. Walter Winegar of Milden Presbyterian to deliver the sermon.
- Recommended the acceptance of the Zion Baptist Church invitation for May 22nd, which was approved by the Steering Committee.
- Communion will be served on Palm Sunday, April 17.
- Good Friday Community Service will be April 22.
- Easter Sunday Service, April 24, will include the *Flowering of the Cross*. Special signage to advertise Good Friday and Easter Sunday is being investigated.



Congregational Care and Fellowship Ministry

Susan Spage, Moderator

- The success of the Shrove Tuesday Service following the Pancake Fellowship was reported. The Steering Committee commends the following for their service: John Frischkorn, Betty Dyer, Dave & Janice Canby, Kim & Anne Sydnor, Dave & Sherry Jones, Judi Coats and Darryl Cox.
- Congregational Care is making chicken salad to serve at the Community Lenten Service on April 6th.
- The Progressive Lunch Fellowship is planned for Sunday, June 5th.

Christian Education Ministry

Anne Sydnor, Moderator

- Adult Education continues with the 7-part Immersion Study of the Gospel of Matthew. The class is held after Fellowship time on Sunday mornings. Everyone is encouraged to join in the conversation!
- Camp Hanover brochures have been distributed

Mission and Outreach

Janice Canby, Moderator

- Essex Churches Together (ECT) is launching the annual *Operation Inasmuch* on April 9th. The preparations continue, with Lucy Collins providing inspirational leadership for our entire congregation. Kathy Hughes and Alice Roye are providing leadership to the overall effort. Many members of the congregation are contributing their time, their talent, and/or their treasure.
- The closing service for *Operation Inasmuch* is Sunday, April 10th at St. Margaret's School Gymnasium at 4 P.M. Everyone is encouraged to attend!
- The One Great Hour of Sharing Offering will be Easter Sunday, April 24th.

Church Growth Ministry

Kim Sydnor, Moderator

The list of prospective members was updated, and we will consider a 'New Member Sunday' during the second quarter.

Other News:

- Alice Roye, Susan Spage and Brad Coats will attend the organizing meeting with Rev. Morris.(see article)
- Spring Work Day, to clean the church, is scheduled for Saturday, May 22nd.
- The Steering Committee approved the use our facility on Thursday evenings in March to "Tappahannock Artist Guild."
- The next meeting of the Steering Committee is March 18.

TPC Representatives Visit Presbytery

The Presbytery of the James New Church Development Committee has been disbanded and is to be replaced by the "New Church Development Purpose Group"...whose first meeting is at the POJ headquarters in Richmond on Thursday March 31 at 2 P.M. Rev. Morris has been invited to join, and bring others who might be interested in pursuing membership in this Purpose Group.

Busy



Choppin' and Chattin'

Ladies who can help chop ingredients for the chicken salad for Lenten Luncheon are invited to come to the home of Susan Spage on Tuesday, April 5th at 10:30 AM. Bring your

favorite knife. Call Susan 493-7483 if you can come; she will serve a light lunch to the helpers that day.

Bring your rake, trowel, dust cloth, whatever tools you might need to help with Spring Cleaning the Worship Center on Saturday, May 22nd. As with most Presbyterian event, good food is probably involved!



Busy



Busy

Opening ceremony for Operation Inasmuch is at 7:30 AM on Saturday, April 9 on the back lawn of St. Margaret's School. The Closing ceremony is at 4:00 PM at the SMS Gym. Come and be a part of this Mission week-end. It is an unforgettable experience. Nearly 700 volunteers from churches in Essex County are involved this year.

Steering Committee Highlights

April 18, 2011

Communications:

- Letter to Rev. Steve Hay requesting the Poling's transfer of membership
- Letter to the congregation regarding presentation to the POJ New Church 'Purpose Group'
- Letter from Zion Baptist Church re: their Spring Revival April 27-29.
- Letters re: the retirement of Rev. Bob Pryor as Director of Camp Hanover.
- Letter from POJ for nominations to be Moderator of the POJ for next year.

Treasurer Dave Jones presented the financial report for YTD as of March 2011.

- Total Plate offerings received = \$23,796
- Special Offerings and other gifts were \$4,738.
- Expenses were 30,046. Jones noted that YTD expenses include \$5,945 for Operation InAsMuch/ECT, which is around half of their funding.
- Development Fund (as of 3/31/11) is \$206,536
- Memorial Fund (3/31/11) is \$5,575.

Pastoral Care Concerns were discussed, including those in the congregation with illness.

Presbytery of the James – no report.

New Church Development (NCD) Purpose Group – next meeting is late May.

Old Business:

Church Site Task Force – This group continues to develop a list of optional sites in Essex County which could serve as our permanent home. The intent is to present these options to NCD, including the Rev. Carson Rhyne, at their second meeting in May. The POJ will meet two more times this year: June 21 and October 15. The objective is to get POJ approval at the October 15 meeting.

Ministry Reports

1. Worship and Music

Jill Robertson & Bill Morris, Moderators

- Good Friday Community Service will be April 22.
- Easter Sunday Service will include the 'Flowering of the Cross.' Special signage for Good Friday/Easter Sunday will be displayed.
- Ayden & Lucas Sisk will be baptized on Easter Sunday.
- TPC will worship with the Zion Baptist Church in Chance on May 22nd.

2. Congregational Care and Fellowship

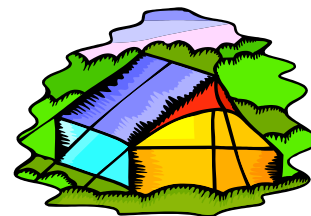
Susan Spage, Moderator

- Served lunch along with Rappahannock Christian Church at the Community Lenten Service on April 6th
- Our Progressive Lunch Fellowship is planned for Sunday, June 5th.
- Communion was served at Essex house on Palm Sunday to members Edith Lawyer, Lorraine Gustafson, and Nancy Robinson.

3. Christian Education Ministry

Anne Sydnor, Moderator

- The 7-part Immersion Study of the Gospel of Matthew was judged to be very insightful for those who attended; However, attendance was below expectation.
- Camp Hanover applications are being returned and we are registering our youth.



4. Mission and Outreach

Janice Canby, Moderator

- Essex Churches Together (ECT) celebrated the 4th annual Operation InAsMuch on April 9th. There were around 700 volunteers working on 70 projects. Kathy Hughes and Alice Roye continue to provide leadership to the overall effort, while 28 members of the congregation participated.
- The One Great Hour of Sharing Offering will be Easter Sunday, April 24th.

5. Church Growth

Kim Sydnor, Moderator

- New member Sunday will be April 24th. The Poling Family and the Reger Family plan to join.
- The list of prospective members was updated.
- Next meeting is May 1st.

New Business

- **Spring Work Day** to clean the church and grounds is scheduled for Saturday, May 14nd. We need 10-12 people to volunteer their morning.



- Pastor vacation is scheduled for May 27th – June 10th.
- The Steering Committee approved the general 2011 Transition schedule, including a **Congregational Meeting on May 15th to select a Nominating Committee** to be moderated by Susan Spage.
- **MARK YOUR CALENDAR for Saturday August 27th** for the annual Planning Retreat.

Next Steering Committee Meeting: May 16 at 6:00 p.m.

HOW DO YOU STAND?

In October we studied “Grow the church deep and wide: A Call to Action.”

During the first study session each participant made a commitment.

Is yours in the list below? Have you accomplished it?

Evangelism

- Invite/encourage ___ to visit our church
- begin a relationship with _____
- Better understand what “be in relationship” means that would encourage church visits
- Find a way ___ can help others through our church
- Reach out to friends and neighbors as a witness
- Personal growth in evangelism/ servanthood
- Visit some unchurched folks
- Call and visit potential new members

Discipleship

Read more scripture

Servanthood

Grow in evangelism and servanthood

Diversity (one goal of a personal nature was submitted relative to diversity)

Kim Sydnor, Church Growth Moderator

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We've Been Invited

Sunday, May 22

Tappahannock Presbyterian congregation will join the Zion Baptist Church, Chance congregation at their church for Sunday Worship. There will not be a service at our Worship Center. Rev. Bill Morris will deliver the sermon.



TAPPAHANNOCK MEMBERS SERVING OPERATION IN AS MUCH
County-wide service day, April 9, 2011



Patricia Smith (Angel Visit) works with Lucy Collins and Roland Geddes (TPC) on preparing the maps.



(above)
Randy Sisk and Lucy Collins, with their helper delivering canned goods that were collected from the volunteers to go to local food banks.



(left)
John Moody was one of the bakers who prepared 40 dozen cookies to deliver to community helpers in Essex County.

Bill Morris and Pat Morris, Team Leader (TPC) wrote some of over 125 thank you notes to donors. Nell Burrough was on the team as well.



Lay Readers

April and May



April 3 Tyler Sanders
 10 Alice Roye
 17 Jeff Orrock
 24 Jill Robertson

May 1 Deb Booze
 8 Barbara Cullom
 15 Randy Sisk
 22 Bill Smith

Greeter Anne Sydnor
Ushers Chuck and Betty Dyer

Greeter Johnny Frischkorn
Ushers Tyler Sanders, Jo Dowdy

Happy April Birthday to

John Norton 14
Bekah Hughes Davis 19
Sherry Jones 20
Nancy Robinson 20



Church Family News

Rev. Bill Morris served communion at Essex House to Edith Lawyer, Nancy Robinson, and Lorraine Gustafson on Transfiguration Sunday. Also in attendance were Sherry Jones, Kathy Hughes, Margaret Broad, Alice Roye, and Pat Morris.

Edith Lawyer's family and friends celebrated at the Essex House the event of Edith's 94th birthday on March 27.

Bill and Pat Morris and Em and Kathy Hughes arrived home safely after a week on the high seas on a Clipper ship cruise, one of the adventures on Bill's "Bucket List."

Dave Jones arrived home after a week of golf in South Carolina.

Our thoughts and prayers are with Ellen and John Hardy. The road is rough for them right now and your expressions of care are appreciated.



Easter Sunday, April 24, 6:30 AM at St. Margaret's Community Hall.



Since 1949, Presbyterians have joined with millions of other Christians through One Great Hour of Sharing to share God's love with people experiencing need. Our gifts support ministries of disaster response, refugee assistance and resettlement, and community development that help people find safe refuge, start new lives and work together to strengthen their families and communities.

Recognizing that the hope we have in Christ is lived out in our hope for one another, we respond with gifts that help our sisters and brothers around the world find the hope for a brighter future.

Where does the money go?

The Presbyterian Hunger Program receives 36 percent of undesignated One Great Hour of Sharing gifts, while the Self-Development of People and Presbyterian Disaster Assistance each receive 32 percent.

TPC will receive the offering on Easter Sunday and the Sunday after.

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