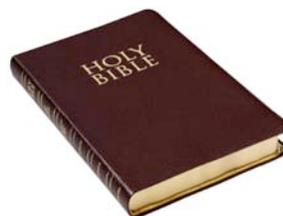


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Tappahannock Presbyterian Church

January 2012



CYCLE A JANUARY LECTIONARY For the Lord's Day

1/1 1ST Sunday after Christmas
Isaiah 61:10-62:3; Ps. 148; Gal. 4:4-7; Luke 2:22-40

1/8 Baptism of the Lord 
Gen. 1:1-5; Ps. 29; Acts 19:1-7;
Mark 1:4-11

1/15 2nd Sunday after Epiphany
1 Sam. 3:1-10 (11-20); Ps. 139: 1-6,
13-18; 1 Cor. 6:12-20; John 1:43-51

1/22 3rd Sunday after Epiphany
Jonah 3:1-5, 10; Ps. 62:5-12; 1 Cor.
7:29-31; Mark 1:14-20

1/29 4th Sunday after Epiphany
Deut. 18-15-20; Ps. 111; 1 Cor. 8:1-13;
Mark 1:21-28

Happy New Year



We celebrate the arrival of 2012 with the arrival of our new transitional (interim) pastor, the Rev. Dr. John William Turner.

John lives in Chesterfield and will be commuting to us three days a week. His degrees include Ph.D in Leadership from VCU-1989; M.A. in Education, Presbyterian School of Christian Education, 1987; D. Min, Pastoral Ministry Union Theological Seminary, 1978; B.S. in Biology, The College of William and Mary, 1972. He has had graduate courses at U VA and University of Oxford in England.

In addition to being a pastor he is active in the Colonial Williamsburg Foundation as an enactor, historian, and musician. He is renowned for his Scottish fiddling and teaches workshops on fiddling.

He was pastor of Gilboa Christian Church in Mineral, Virginia from 1986 to 2011. John has a passion for pastoral support and preaching and has had advanced training in leadership. He led a new building campaign while at Galboa.

He will begin with Tappahannock Presbyterian Church on Sunday, January 1. He will be with TPC on the 8th, and then he invited Rev. Bill Morris to lead our worship on the 15th because of a previous commitment.

There is an adventure ahead- for all of us!

Steering Committee Highlights

December 20, 2011

COMMUNICATIONS

- Letters to Rev. Al Moreau and Rev. Jay Sanderford, regarding the upcoming January 11 NCD Purpose Group meeting have been copied to Steering Committee members.
- Rev. Bill Morris thanked the congregation for the gift of an over-night stay at the Tides Inn Resort.

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR NOVEMBER

- **Plate Offering to date**= \$96, 194
- Of the \$110,291 budget \$3,247 remains. The Steering Committee gave the treasurer permission to purchase new computers with this. He will look into Computer Recycling. A gift has been received from Crestwood Presbyterian Church
- **Memorial Fund** = \$5929.86
- The **2012 budget** was reviewed. An adjustment was made to cover a year of salary for an administrative assistant- \$10,000. Dave Jones, treasurer, will write a letter to the congregation to send with the budget in early January.
- At present 26 pledging units have been received; this amounts to 40 people or 77% of the congregation and is an increase over last year. The Steering Committee expressed appreciation for the vote of confidence in TPC for the coming year.
- **Total budget for 2012 is \$133,993.** Anticipated revenue is \$127,950. Anticipated reduction from Development Fund is \$6,043.

PASTORAL CARE CONCERNS

We are pleased to have Anne and Kim Sydnor back with us. There was discussion about the church contributing a gate that will protect their grandson Cole's wheelchair from making a wrong turn on the porch of their house. Em will talk to Kim about that. Others in need of healing were remembered.



PRESBYTERY REPORT

- The next Presbytery meeting will be held February 18 at Grace Covenant in Richmond. Susan Spage is the elected commissioner. Additional people will be encouraged to go if chartering TPC is on the agenda.

NEW CHURCH DEVELOPMENT PURPOSE GROUP

- The next meeting is January 11. Dave Jones and Susan Spage are TPC representatives on the NCD Purpose Group
- There was considerable discussion about preparation for the meeting. Dave Jones has prepared a financial forecast indicating how much money will be requested of NCD over the next 7 years. There is a narrative indicating the structure and mission of Tappahannock Presbyterian Church. Consensus is that TPC will assertively request chartering at the present number of 53 members. This request, if approved by NCD, will be passed on to the February Presbytery meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

- **Progress report on Church Site:** The contract was signed on December 10 so the 10 acres on Route 360 is owned by Presbytery and designated for the use of TPC. Em Hughes is in contact with the site surveyor. It is anticipated the sign will be completed by the last week in December and will be erected with "appropriate pageantry."
- **The Transitional Pastor Search Committee** invited Rev. John Turner to be the transitional pastor and he accepted. He will begin on January 1.
- **The Property Committee** will develop by January 1 a cleaning schedule and sign-up sheet where people can volunteer to take care of the housekeeping chores of the worship center. At present Dave and Sherry Jones are doing the brunt of the work.

MINISTRY REPORTS

1. Worship and Music

Barbara Cullom, Moderator

a. Preaching schedule:

December 25- lessons and carols,
Rev. Barbara Cullom worship leader
January 1 The Rev. John Turner
January 8 The Rev. John Turner
January 15 The Rev. Dr. Bill Morris
January 22 The Rev. John Turner
January 29 The Rev. John Turner

b. Advent activities

- Representatives from the Ministry Groups have read the meditations and lit the candles each week.
- The greening of the worship center occurred Saturday, December 10 and the result is beautiful. There were 32 memorial poinsettias. They are to be taken home after the Christmas service.

2. Congregational Care and Fellowship

Susan Spage, Moderator

Congregation Care

- phone calls to members who are ill
- Emails kept the congregation aware of who is on the prayer list.

Fellowship

- Christmas luncheon followed the worship service December 18 at the Riverside Condominium. Special thanks to Ralph and Louise Poling, Alice Roye, and condo residents Dee Wilson and Edna Douglas for their assistance in setting up and cleaning up. Casseroles and side dishes, appetizers and desserts- all made up a festive meal. Everyone was happy to have Bill and Pat Morris join us. And – a special appearance from Santa Claus himself, who had presents for all the children and all the families.
- A valentine breakfast will be served by the men of the church to all the women in February.

3. Christian Education Judi Coats, Moderator

Judi Coats has resigned because of health reasons. A Task Force to deal with this need was established: Alice Roye, Sherry Jones, and Jill Robertson. They will work with the present Christian Education Ministry Group.

4. Mission and Outreach

Sherry Jones, Moderator

- Sherry Jones and Beth Perry coordinated the collection of gifts for 12 children of incarcerated parents. The names were obtained from the Christmas Mother.
- Joy Offering- \$620 was received; more will be received through December.
- 2012 activities:
Souper Bowl soup lunch February 5
Operation Inasmuch April 28, 2012

5. Church Growth

Robbie Tavenner, Moderator

- The Ministry Group is working through Em Hughes to get a sign for the new property. Newspaper publicity will be arranged.
- Roll of inactive members was reviewed. Visits and contacts were planned.
- Alyson Claiborne has requested to be returned to active status. The Steering Committee voted enthusiastically to reinstate her status. This brings the number to 52, with 2 affiliates.
- There are thoughts about hosting a special invitation to members who are on the inactive roll but have not changed their membership. January 29 is a possible date.
- Robbie will make some gift baskets to keep on hand at the church to give to visitors.
- newspaper ads will continue through the summer.

New Business

1. Time Line was in the packet for review.
2. A task force was appointed to consider the way to include the congregation in ideas about what TPC is about, what kind of building will support our particular mission. John Hardy, Susan Spage, and Alice Roye will report back to the Steering Committee in February about this.
3. David Jones introduced some new information about the loan program from the General Assembly which bears some clarification.
4. David Jones and Alice Roye were authorized to contact TV Channel 6 of church closing in case of inclement weather. While it is recognized that it is good marketing to get the name on TV, the better communication comes from emails and the radio station.
5. Building Task Force moderator is Emerson Hughes and Funding Task Force moderator is Dave Jones. Input will be sought from every member.

Holiday Style

Souper Bowl of Caring



As has been our tradition we will have a soup luncheon coordinated by Janice Canby and the Mission and Outreach Ministry. It will be held on Super Bowl Sunday, February 5. "Admission" is at least 1 can of soup and \$1. It will follow the morning worship service.

This year there is a new plan with Presbytery to weigh the food brought in and register it online. It is suggested the youth might do the weighing and also take on the collection of soup in grocery bags as their project. The weight and financial collection will be reported to Hunger Program contact Starke Cauthorn.

The luncheon also serves as the kick-off for *Operation Inasmuch*. New plans for 2012 will be shared.



Operation Inasmuch Soup Supper

January 9 the Soup Supper and training will be held again at First Baptist Community Center, Loretto. This is specifically for pastors, Church Contacts, and Team Leaders. John Hardy and Lucy Collins are our Church Contacts. Team leaders are Randy Sisk, Lucy Collins, Susan Spage, Vivian Smith, and Jill Robertson.

Kathy Hughes heads up the Core Planning Team again this year. That team has been meeting since the fall. This will be the 5th year of this Mission Day in Essex County. Each year evaluations indicate need for refinement and change. The training time re-instills the mission emphasis of the day. Procedures change to be more efficient. It is important that everyone who will serve as a team leader attend this meeting, even if the project has not yet been identified.

If you would like to sign up speak to Lucy Collins and she will register you for the supper and training.



Cindy Glass, Barbara Cullom, Lucy Collins, Robbie Tavenner, and Kathy Hughes were part of the decorating crew for greening of the worship center.



Sydney Jones gives Santa a big hug while Carys Perry looks on.



Santa remembered all the "big kids" with gifts of cookies. John Hardy and Johnny Frischkorn look mighty serious but Herb Sebren was in the spirit with his light-up tree. Heidi is checking out Santa.

Worship Leaders



January and February

January	1	Janice Canby
	8	Susan Hillyer
	15	Roland Geddes
	22	John Hardy
	29	Jeff Orrock

February	5	Chrissy Orrock
	12	Herb Sebren
	19	Jill Robertson
	26	Ralph Poling

Greeter	John Hardy
Ushers	Margaret Ryland, Bill Smith

Greeter	Sherry Jones
Ushers	Susan Spage, Janice Canby

Happy January Birthday to

Cindy Glass	1
Johnny Frischkorn	1
Beth Perry	22
Alyson Claiborne	27
Alice Roye	29



Within Our Church Family

We rejoice with Ann and Kim Sydnor that their grandson Cole is back home in Mechanicsville after 4 months in rehab after breaking his neck in a diving accident.

We are keeping Bill and Pat Morris in our prayers for healing and peace. They are both facing uncertain futures. We thank God for the model He sent to us in these extraordinary people dealing with cancer. Margaret Ryland also exhibits grace and peace as she faces the unknown with her returned cancer.

Our members who live in Essex House, Lorraine Gustafson, Edith Lawyer, and Nancy Robinson show us daily how to travel the road.

We ask special blessings on Judi Coats as she undergoes major surgery to relieve her constant pain.

We offer love and comfort to Betty Geddes on the sudden loss of her brother Ed McKinney.



The Tappahannock Presbyterian Church Family is a good thing, Martha Stewart might say. We defy the 20% rule- 20 percent of the people doing all the work. Everyone in our church who is able quietly goes about the business of keeping the church going, both physically and spiritually. And those who are not as strong as they once were are the cheerleaders for the rest!

Barbara Cullom, one of our pastors-in-residence, has done a great job with carrying on the worship services for these few months since we had to say good-bye to Bill Morris as our pastor.

Brad and Judy Coats have taught our young people almost every Sunday morning.

Louise Poling has stepped in and kept the office going with communications and the big job- the weekly bulletin.

Betty and Chuck Dyer keep tabs on supplies for refreshments and replenish, often out of their own pockets, coffee and other necessities. Thanks to all who faithfully provide after-service feasts for us! We are blessed with gourmets and people who like to cook and make party food. Thanks to the Polings, the Sydnors, the Perrys, the Dowdys, the Smiths, the Dyers, Cullom and Robertson, Inc., the Canbys.

Vivian Smith designs the attractive Church Growth bulletin board that greets us when we enter the front door.

Sherry and Dave Jones along with Louise, Jill Robertson, Deb Booze clean up, empty trash, straighten books for worship on Sunday. Need a hand? Ralph Poling and John Hardy will be there.

Scott Orrock picks up the bulletins each week and puts them in the shredder.

Lynne Orrock is there for "her babies" every Sunday who come to the nursery.

Kathy Hughes is at the organ and piano faithfully every Sunday, and she whips the amazing choir (John Moody, Em Hughes, Dave Jones, Kim Sydnor, Alice Roye, Jill Robertson, Barbara Cullom) into shape in record time each Sunday morning!

Lucy Collins keeps our mission opportunities in front of us on most Sundays. Our lay readers, ushers, greeters, all report as assigned, as do those who count the money each Sunday- Johnny Frischkorn, Bill Smith, Jill Robertson, Dave Jones. The five Moderators keep our Ministry Groups active and organized. Our lay teachers for Sunday School are always well-prepared.

I look forward each month to writing the *Wee Kirk Gazette*, looking at all that is going on both inside our walls and outside, who is doing what, and who in our family needs special grace.

Welcome, John Turner, to a most unique Christian Community.

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