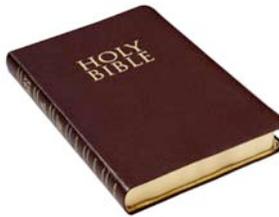


# Wee Kirk Gazette

Tappahannock Presbyterian Church

April 2012



CYCLE B  
APRIL LECTIONARY  
For the Lord's Day

4/1 Passion/Palm Sunday  
Ps. 118:1-2, 19-29 Isa.50:4-9a  
Mark 11:1-11  
Sermon: Waving Your Lulabs

4/6 Good Friday  
Ps.22 Isa.52:13-53:12  
Heb.10:16-25 John 18:1-19:42

4/8 Easter Sunday  
Ps. 118:1-2, 14-24 Isa.25:6-9  
Acts 10:34-43 John 20:1-18  
Sermon: Harder to Wear

4/15 Second Sunday of Easter  
Ps. 133 Acts 4:32-35  
1Jn1:1-2:2 John 20:19-31  
Sermon: God's Tears of Joy

4/22 Third Sunday of Easter  
Ps.4 Acts 3:12-19 1Jn 3:1-7  
Luke 24:36b-48  
Sermon: Keeping the Flame Alive

4/29 Fourth Sunday of Easter  
Ps. 23 Acts 4:5-12 1Jn3:16-24  
John 10:11-18  
Sermon: More Like the Special Olympics

## PASTOR'S PAGE

A number of years ago Muckairn Parish Church, Taynuilt, Argyll, Scotland published a cook book. On the first page is the following:

### *A Choice of Graces*

#### *Church of England:*

*Oh Lord, grant we may not be like porridge; stiff, stodgy,  
And hard to stir – but like cornflakes – light, crisp, and  
ready to serve.*

#### *Church of Scotland:*

*Oh Lord, grant we may not be like cornflakes; lightweight,  
Empty and cold – but like porridge – warm, comforting, and  
full of natural goodness.*

In February I shared with many of you a blessing generally known as *The Selkirk Grace*, usually attributed to Robert Burns. Recent scholarship however, suggests that those lines existed long before Burns came along as a Galloway Covenanter Grace that he may have recited during a tour of Galloway in 1793 but did not compose. Another favorite grace that is indeed one of Poet Burns' efforts, printed first in *the Caledonian Mercury*, 29th August, 1789 goes as follows:

*O thou, who kindly dost provide, For every creature's want!  
We bless thee, God of Nature wide, for all Thy goodness lent:  
And if it please Thee, Heavenly Guide, May never worse be sent  
But whether granted or denied, Lord, bless us with content!  
Amen!*

At the end of the day, though, the greatest grace of all is that made manifest by the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ that we celebrate this Easter season. May God's grace and blessing continue to be yours to share with those around you.

**Blessings,**

**John**

# Steering Committee Highlights

March 20, 2012

## COMMUNICATIONS

- Letter was sent with a deposit to reserve Knoxwood Lodge for the Annual TPC Planning Retreat on August 25.
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## TREASURER'S REPORT

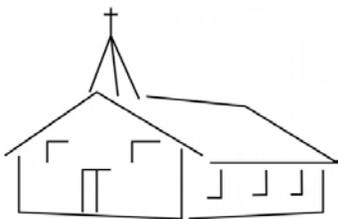
- \$1000 has been sent to Community Services Food Bank, care of Sandy Baytops.
- \$600 was spent for a re-conditioned computer and to update two others and network the computers with the copy machine.
- As of December 31, 2011 there is \$32,971 in the Development Account and \$203,971 in CD's in Union First Market Bank. Northern Neck State Bank operating Account has \$17,588, making total assets \$260,468. The Memorial Account has \$5951.18.

## PROGRESS REPORT ON FINANCE PLAN FOR THE GRANT APPLICATION AND CHARTER

- Treasurer Dave Jones presented a revised budget and 7-year forecast. There was discussion about the need for increased salary for ministerial support, adding an additional ½ time pastor in 2014. This will require re-working all of the numbers.
- Janice Canby and Bill Smith have agreed to serve with Dave Jones on the Finance Committee for the new building.

## PROGRESS ON BUILDING COMMITTEE

- Robbie Tavenner, Linda Ball, Johnny Frischkorn, and Bill Spage have agreed to serve with Emerson Hughes on the Building Committee.
- The Site Engineer has been told to proceed with his work.
- Suggestions for church architects are being solicited by Em Hughes.



## PROGRESS REPORT ON THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY GRANT

- Steering Committee and Dr. Turner have been kept up to date by the ad hoc committee with drafts of the GA Grant Application. A draft was sent to Rev. Jay Sanderford by Dr. Turner and he received the following comments:
  - There is a need for a website (updated)
  - There is a need for a Discipleship Plan to incorporate new members
  - The Mission Plan appears to be satisfactory

## PRESBYTERY OF THE JAMES

The next meeting is June 19, at which time it is expected that the New Church Development Purpose Group will recommend that TPC be chartered.

## PASTORAL CARE CONCERNS

Dr. Turner continues to make home and hospital visits with members. Members known to have needs were lifted in prayer.

## OLD BUSINESS

**Progress on Administrative Manual:** it is complete with all information available. Sherry Jones is managing this. This is a requirement for charter.

## MINISTRY REPORTS

### 1. Worship and Music

#### Barbara Cullom, Moderator

- The Worship Center will be open from 2:00-4:00 for silent meditation.
- The Good Friday Tenebrae service will be held at 7:00 PM. (Tenebrae means "shadow" or "dark")
- Easter Sunday April 8. The 10:00 AM service will include flowering of the cross.
- Lilies may be purchased for \$8 in memory of or in honor of whomever identified by the donor. Names must be in to the office by April 2.
- A prayer box will be placed in the narthex to receive prayer requests and the box will be brought forward by an usher just before the Prayers of the People begin.
- The Steering Committee authorized the Worship Ministry to purchase a Christ candle.



## 2. Congregational Care and Fellowship

### Susan Spage, Moderator

- Susan asked if there is a May event planned. Plans are indefinite and she will hold plans for a progressive dinner until later
- The knitting group will meet in April at the home of Betty Geddes.
- TPC will work with Rappahannock Christian Church to provide lunch for the Wednesday Lenten Series on March 28.

## 3. Christian Education

### Anne Sydnor, Interim Moderator

- “Discerning God’s Plan for TPC” was the Lenten Study Series. It was moderated by Emerson Hughes, John Turner, and Alice Roye. It was well-attended by 20-25 people, and there was good discussion.
- John Turner will speak at the March 28 Community Lenten service at noon at Tappahannock Memorial United Methodist Church.
- There was considerable discussion and concern about the lack of children’s Sunday School programming right now. The Steering Committee voted to change the pattern of Sunday School participation, having the children stay in the service until just before the sermon. They will go to their class for the 20-30 minute sermon, then they will return to the congregation. This will expose them to the hymns and scripture and Apostles Creed. The shorter period of Sunday School may encourage more volunteer teachers.
- The Christian Ed Ministry will be convened to discuss the children’s education program.

## 4. Mission and Outreach

### Sherry Jones, Moderator

- Souper Bowl of Caring was a success. This will be expanded next year to have more youth participation. Kathy Hughes will invite someone from TPC to speak at the *Essex Churches Together* meeting in November about how we celebrate Souper Bowl Sunday.
- A donation of \$1000 from a member of our congregation was forwarded to the food bank of Community Services.
- One Great Hour of Sharing education has begun; the offering will be received Easter Sunday and the next Sunday.

- *Operation Inasmuch* volunteers number 36.
- The next challenge is to bring items needed for the various outreach activities. One box of items needed will be highlighted each week in the bulletin and during announcements to increase participation in this drive.
- An Hispanic application form for OIAM is available this year.
- Sherry Jones will tell the congregation about the Senior Gathering and see if anyone is interested in attending. Pre-registration is required.
- Sherry Jones and Mary Wigmore are going to serve refreshments at the Bike Rally-fundraiser for *Operation Inasmuch* that Randy Sisk and Lucy Collins are coordinating. (note: cancelled because of rain; rescheduled for March 31)

## 5. Church Growth

### Robbie Tavenner, Moderator

- A map is posted in the refreshment room for members to mark with pins where they live. This should give us a type of demographics so we can get a better understanding of where we are and where there might be potential for attracting visitors.
- Bekah will make more copies of the Visitor Response Cards and Welcome Cards for the ushers
- Gift bags for visitors are under the table in the entrance of the church for easy access by the ushers. The bags include a candle that has attached to it “As the Lord said, ‘let your light so shine before men that they may see your good works and glorify your Father who is in the heavens.’ “ Also included is a poem *Angel Pennies* with a penny attached with a cross punched out, a book mark, and a 2012 day planner.
- Johnny Frischkorn is updating the Tappahannock Presbyterian tri-fold flyers.
- Bill Smith is checking with Chandler Chevrolet about having a May reception there for the neighborhoods adjacent to the new church property.
- David Jones brought up the need to make a list of the signs that will be needed in the new building to make it visitor friendly

## NEW BUSINESS

- Communion will be served on Palm Sunday at Essex House
- Elders were elected on March 18. The present Steering Committee was elected as elders-elect: Susan Spage, John Hardy, Emerson Hughes, Sherry Jones, and Jill Robertson. David Jones is already an elder and he was also elected to serve. This is a charter requirement. It was noted that the usual timeline of election, training, and installation of officers will occur in the summer, beginning with a Congregational Meeting to elect the Nominating Committee.
- Officer training was discussed. *The New Form of Government/ Book of Order* will be studied.
- Pat Morris was nominated by TPC to receive the Lifetime Membership in Presbyterian Women, an honor for outstanding service to one's faith and the Presbyterian Church. The presentation will be during the Sunday Service on May 6.
- Steering Committee agreed it would be a fitting honor for the Rev. Bill Morris to be appointed Minister Emeritus. Alice Roye will investigate the Presbytery procedure. Susan Hillyer will be asked to make frames for the certificates.
- The Property Committee recommends the annual Spring Cleaning be scheduled for April 21, the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday.
- Emerson Hughes was authorized to engage Dawn Lawyer to develop a new website for TPC.

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## The Knitting Group

will meet in April at the home of Betty Geddes. Susan Spage will

announce the day and time.



## Lilies are to be ordered by April 2.

The cost is \$8. Jill Robertson is coordinating this. The sign-up sheet is in the Fellowship Room.

## New Pattern for Youth Worship

Beginning March 25 the young people will stay in the service until just before the sermon. Elementary school-age children will go to their class during the 20-30 minute sermon and then return to the congregation. This will expose them to the hymns and scripture and Apostles Creed.

Volunteer teachers are needed to read Bible Stories or have activities during that 30 minute time. Please speak to Anne Sydnor if you will help any Sunday.



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## Spring Cleaning Saturday, April 21 9:30 AM

Volunteers are doing a great job. The grounds will be trimmed and cleaned, windows washed and a few extra touch-ups. This shouldn't take long and there are sure to be refreshments available!



# Lay Readers

## April and May



April    1 Mary Wigmore  
          8 John Hardy  
         15 Jeff Orrock  
         22 Jill Robertson  
         29 Louise Poling

May      6 Ralph Poling  
         13 Janice Canby  
         20 Scott Orrock  
         27 Chrissy Orrock

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  
Steve Reger            24  
Mary Wigmore          25



### **A very merry un-birthday to you, to you... 🎵**

Dear March Birthday People, You are not forgotten! The newsletter editor begs forgiveness- she goofed!

#### **MARCH BIRTHDAYS**

Dave Canby            9  
Anne Sydnor           14

Carys Perry    16  
Kathy Quigley 19

Edith Lawyer   30  
Barbara Cullom 30

*We continue to ask for God's healing touch and comfort for Gayle, Ralph, Margaret, Judy, Bill and Pat, and the families and care-givers for all of these people.*

# One Great Hour of Sharing Offering

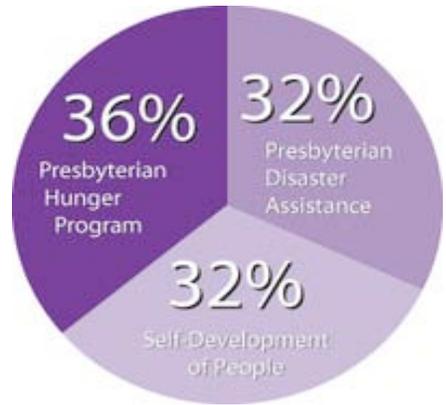


Tappahannock Presbyterian will receive the **One Great Hour of Sharing Offering** on Easter Sunday, April 8, and the following Sunday.

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

The *Presbyterian Hunger Program* receives 36 percent of undesignated gifts, while *Self-Development of People* and *Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA)* each receive 32%.

From February 28 to March 3, 2012 a powerful storm system spawning multiple tornadoes moved through the Midwest down to the southern parts of the United States causing destruction of hundreds of homes, numerous injuries, and at least 50 deaths. **One Great Hour of Sharing** funds are one on their way to several mid-councils (presbyteries), and PDA anticipates requests from others as details and needs are assessed. This is our **One Great Hour of Sharing** at work to save and rehabilitate lives.



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