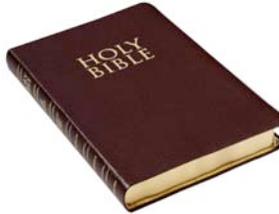


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Tappahannock Presbyterian Church

June 2012



CYCLE B JUNE LECTIONARY For the Lord's Day

6/3 Trinity Sunday 
Isaiah 6:1-8; Ps. 29; Rom. 8:12; John
3:1-17

"Gospel in Miniature"

6/10 2nd Sunday after Pentecost
(10th Sunday in Ordinary Time)
1 Sam. 8: 4-11 (12-15); 16-20
(11:14-15; Ps. 138; 2 Cor. 4:13-5:1;
Mark 3:20-35

"Truehearted, Wholehearted"

6/17 3rd Sunday after Pentecost
(11th Sunday in Ordinary time)
1 Sam. 15:34- 16: 13; Ps. 20: 2 Cor.
5:6-10 (11-13), 14-17; Mark 4: 26-34

"The Kingdom of God"

6/24 4th Sunday after Pentecost
(12th Sunday in Ordinary Time)
1 Sam. 17: (1a, 4-11, 19-23) 32-49
and Ps. 9:9-20; or 1 Sam. 17:75-
18:5; 10-16 and Ps. 133; 2 Cor. 6:1-
13; Mark 4:35-41

Guest Minister

PASTOR'S PAGE

EXTRAORDINARY TIME

The four Sundays in June, 3rd, 10th, 17th and 24th are in many Christian church traditions the 9th through 12th Sundays in Ordinary Time. "Ordinary Time" is a translation of the Latin "tempus per annum" and falls into two periods of the year, the first beginning the day after the Baptism of the Lord and ending the day before Ash Wednesday, and the second starting on the Monday after Pentecost and ending the Saturday before the first Sunday of Advent. Our PCUSA calendar lists both Ordinary Time and the number of Sundays after Pentecost, with the latter being first. Which is just as well, as this summer is anything but "ordinary time" for Tappahannock Presbyterian Church!

On 20th May you put on a wonderful reception for the community around our new church building site! And in addition too receiving visitors you assisted stranded travelers, welcomed kilted musicians and generally put a very friendly face on Tappahannock Presbyterian Church! Kudos to all for your hard work and participation! On 19th June the Presbytery of the James will vote on the approval of chartering TPC as a new church within the bounds of the presbytery, chartering itself to take place in the coming months with the assistance of the Administrative Commission, moderated by St. Andrew's pastor, the Rev. Tom Coye.

So it is indeed an extraordinary time at TPC! God continues to bless the ministries of Bill and Pat Morris and many who preceded them to bring this wonderful church family to the happy place it finds itself this summer! May God continue to bless all that we do in Essex County in His name and to God be the glory!

Blessings,

John

Steering Committee Highlights

May 29, 2012

COMMUNICATIONS

- Permission requested of the Committee on Ministry, POJ, that TPC be permitted to form a Nominating Committee for the purpose of electing a PNC
- Letter from Presbytery telling of the Office Park Funds Task Force- application by June 15
- Email from Carson Rhyne telling of \$25,000 grant from General Assembly
- Thank-you letter to Chandler Chevrolet for use of their facility for Good Neighbor Day

TREASURER'S REPORT

- Janice Canby and Bill Smith reviewed the 2011 financial records as prescribed by the 2010-2011 Financial Review from the POJ website. The procedures for accounting for money were reviewed and receipts and income were reconciled.
- The April Financial Report was reviewed. Church-wide benevolence is up this month because 1) the first-quarter payment of the pledge to POJ was paid (\$2,602) and 2) income and expenditures for Operation Inasmuch totaled \$6,000. A special gift of \$1000 plus income from 5 Cents-a-Meal were made to Community Services.
- There was discussion about \$800 plus \$2,185 spent on camperships, some for TPC children and some for friends.
- The Steering Committee will request the names of campers and number of days at camp from Anne Sydnor so that there can be an accounting for the amount of money spent by Christian Education and by Mission and Outreach
- Special benevolences: *One Great Hour of Sharing* brought in \$895 and Pentecost Offering has received \$661. A second week of collection will occur June 3. 40% of that will be kept by TPC for mission to children.
- The Memorial Account has \$5,965.51.

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMISSION

According to the Rev. Tom Coye it will be up to TPC to determine the date of chartering once the approval has been given by Presbytery. It is expected that will happen at the POJ meeting on June 19. After considerable discussion it was suggested that October 14 be the target date for Chartering. This will entail extensive activities which include education and testing of the newly elected Session. The Administrative Commission will have the responsibility of planning the program.

It is our understanding that the rate for a loan to a new church development (not chartered) is 1% less than if the church is chartered. This being the case, it would be to TPC's advantage to apply for the loan prior to charter.

PRESBYTERY OF THE JAMES

The next meeting is June 19 at Salisbury Presbyterian Church in Chesterfield County, south of Richmond. It is expected that TPC will be nominated by the NCD Purpose Group to become chartered. **All TPC members are invited to this meeting to show our appreciation and enthusiasm!**

Susan Spage was elected Commissioner.

PASTORAL CARE CONCERNS

The church family grieves the loss of Margaret Ryland on May 26. Her service (was) May 31 at Ashland Presbyterian Church with Rev. John Turner officiating. Other members with health concerns were remembered and plans were made to support them.



OLD BUSINESS

1. **Plans for visiting churches to request partnership were discussed.**
2. **Rev. John Turner will follow-up** on the email messages to churches asking if their Sessions could be visited.
3. **Building Committee-** Em Hughes, Moderator, and the Building Committee met with 5 architects who made presentations about their work. Choosing one of them will occur the week of June 4.
4. **Resolution naming Rev. Bill Morris Pastor Emeritus:** The Statement of Appreciation, below, was passed by unanimous vote of the Steering Committee and directed to be entered into the permanent Minutes.

Tappahannock Presbyterian Church honors you today for your vital service in the formation of this church. You are both a distinguished leader and a faithful shepherd. We have been blessed to have been one of your flocks. This congregation has grown in numbers, but more importantly, we have grown in our faith in Jesus Christ. We have increased our mission and outreach because of your ministry. The life of this congregation is richer and fuller because of you. We confer this honor on you not only because of your distinguished service but also because we love you. This recognition is a visible and symbolic way of declaring to you this congregation's esteem, honor, and abiding love.

May 6, 2012



5. There was discussion about different sources of money: GA Grant, POJ matching Grant, and Office Park Funds Grant, and NCD Purpose Group money and the requirement for eligibility for each.

MINISTRY REPORTS

1. Worship and Music

Barbara Cullom, Moderator

- Lent and Easter were active and productive times in the life of the congregation. The Tenebrae service on Good Friday evening was well-attended by TPC members.
- There was a Memorial Service for Lorraine Gustafson on April 29.
- May 6 was a celebration of the ministries of both Pat and Bill Morris. He was named Pastor Emeritus and she was presented with the Lifetime Membership in Presbyterian Women.
- Pentecost celebration will include wearing of red, red flowers, communion, Passing of the Peace in different languages

2. Congregational Care and Fellowship

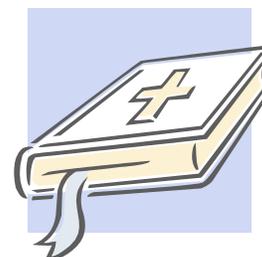
Susan Spage, Moderator

- Fellowship reception for Bill and Pat Morris and guests
- Reception after Lorraine Gustafson's service was coordinated
- Participation, as did all Ministries, in the Good Neighbor Day May 20
- Field trips to Williamsburg to see John Turner perform were discussed; Susan will coordinate the trips

3. Christian Education

Anne Sydnor, Interim Moderator

As is the usual practice, the teachers of children and adults will submit a syllabus of what it being taught over the summer months to the Steering Committee who has over-sight in educational offerings. Barbara Cullom has been meeting with the teenagers during sermon time and Sherry Jones met with younger children during sermon time for awhile. The inconsistent attendance of the children makes planning very difficult.



4. Church Growth

Robbie Tavenner, Moderator

Kudos to the Church Growth Ministry Group for the excellent planning of Good Neighbor Day on May 20. It was held at Chandler Chevrolet. There was exceptional participation by the Ministry groups and congregation on the whole. Good music, good food, good friends made for a wonderful afternoon even though the turn-out from people outside the church was low. This was an effort to get Tappahannock Presbyterian Church's name into the community, and that was accomplished.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Treasurer David Jones was authorized, by vote, to spend \$300 for the year for John Travis' services to keep the computers and networks in good running order
2. Treasurer David Jones was authorized, by vote, to set up the Capital Campaign
3. Treasurer David Jones was authorized to research the Seagate back-up system for the computers and to buy the recommended number, either 3 or 6, and try to keep the cost at no more than \$100 per device.
4. Personnel Report- Alice Roye reported that Bekah Hughes-Davis has completed her time as Administrative Assistant at TPC and has retired to prepare for the birth of her baby. Barbara Cullom offered to substitute on a temporary basis, for pay, until a more permanent arrangement can be made. The Personnel Committee will convene soon to discuss the strategy of seeking an Administrative Assistant on a part-time permanent basis.
5. The possibility of sponsoring a Lifetree Café was discussed briefly. There will be further research into this idea.
6. There was considerable discussion about the need for security both for the computers and the personnel working for TPC. Emerson Hughes has repaired the lock on the door so that it works easily. Since it is hoped that we will be in our new building in 12-18 months the best course now is to keep reinforcing the need to lock the building upon exit.



Capital Campaign

Tappahannock Presbyterian has been a good steward to the money given for development. As of March 31, 2012 there is \$237,672 in the Development Account. Now a Capital Campaign is a requirement for seeking the loan from the PCUSA Investment and Loan Company. Some members have been contributing to the Development Account all along.

In May Executive Presbyter Carson Rhyne notified TPC that the \$25,000 Grant from the General Assembly will be forthcoming. There are several requirements, among them having a Capital Campaign.

Therefore, in the next week or so Treasurer Dave Jones will be sending out a letter to all the congregation and friends of the congregation announcing the beginning of the Capital Campaign. It is expected to last for six-weeks, and pledges may be made over a three-year period.

Names of people who are friends of the church who might be interested in supporting TPC should be given to David Jones as soon as possible.

Lock It Up!



The Steering Committee discussed the responsibility for the safety of the personnel, church members, and furnishings and possessions. Em Hughes has repaired the lock on the front door and it works easily.

BUT- IT ONLY WORKS IF IT IS LOCKED each time someone comes in or out. Please, everyone, be sure the door is locked behind you, especially if you are the last person to leave the building.



Emerson Hughes, Tyler Sanders; Susan Spage, Louise Poling, Sherry Jones, John Turner
Bill Spage, John Hardy

Another Grand Operation Inasmuch 2012

Operation Inasmuch 2012 was another success, thanks to the careful planning of Kathy Hughes and her Core Planning Team. Team Leaders from TPC included Linda Ball (knitting), Louise Poling (thank-you notes), Jill Robertson (individual assistance), Lucy Collins and Randy Sisk (canned goods collection), John Hardy (Command Central); Vivian Smith (banana bingo), Em Hughes (roof repair); Susan Spage (Essex House Lunch Party for staff and residents). Alice Roye assisted with radio interviews around the sites, while John Turner and Kathy Hughes worked at Command Central. Kathy was the recipient of almost 80 lunch orders, among other duties!

Nell Burrough and her daughter Mary Hood were among the thank-you note writers, Barbara Cullom wielded a paint brush and also served as emergency service personnel when needed. Ralph Poling helped paint a swing for a teen with cancer. Tyler helped Susan with the Lunch Party. Roland Geddes helped prepare the maps and Betty Geddes kept the map team well-fed and happy! Ellen Hardy helped with banana bingo. Sherry Jones worked with the children's project which Sydney Jones and Connor Morris thoroughly enjoyed! Bill Smith and David Tavenner did house repair and Dave and Matt Jones helped with plumbing, roofing, and painting. Michael and Hunter Hughes repaired a house while Charlotte and Catherine Hughes baked cookies along with John Moody. Hunter and Catherine are grandchildren of Em and Kathy. Betty Dyer and Robbie Tavenner potted plants for individuals in the nursing homes and hospice patients.

There were 35 of our members participating in projects, generous donations that came to about \$5000, and participation beforehand with bringing different items for the collections and preparing maps. TPC members enthusiastically support this mission day as one of our ways reaching out to our neighbors in the name of Christ.



Good Food. Good Fellowship. Good Music.
Great Day for TPC!



Rev. John Turner and Friends provided beautiful Scottish melodies throughout the afternoon.



Much preparation went into Good Neighbor Day by the Church Growth Ministry Group. Packets were filled with symbolic gifts and distributed to about 40 homes in the neighborhood. Above: Robbie Tavenner, Mary Wigmore, Kathy Quigley, John Frischkorn, Randy Sisk fill the bags.



Good Neighbor Day

The seeds were planted.

We await the growth.



All of the Ministry Groups fashioned attractive displays illustrating the work of their group. Shown are Congregational Care and Fellowship; Mission and Outreach, and Church Growth.



On May 6, 2012, The Rev. Dr. Bill Morris was named Pastor Emeritus of Tappahannock Presbyterian in appreciation for his service as one of the pastors who organized Tappahannock Presbyterian. Rev. Morris (third from left) was presented the certificate by Roland Geddes (l), Alice Roye, Clerk, and Emerson Hughes.

An Honorary Life Membership in Presbyterian Women, Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), is conferred upon an individual in recognition of faithful service in some area of church work. The Lifetime Membership in Presbyterian Women was awarded to Pat by Janet Cordes, Area 1 PW Coordinator, and Evelyn Page, Moderator of the POJ Presbyterian Women. Pat joins a select few women who have received this honor for outstanding service to the Presbyterian Women's organization and for an exemplary life as a servant to her neighbors and thus to Christ.



Seats were full and over-flowing into the fellowship hall with TPC congregation and friends from other churches who came to honor Bill and Pat for their life-long service to the church. Congregational Care prepared a beautiful and scrumptious formal reception to follow the service.

Lay Readers

June and July



June 3 Barbara Cullom
 10 Kim Sydnor
 17 Robbie Tavenner
 24 John Hardy

July 1 Jeff Orrock
 8 Anne Sydnor
 15 Randy Sisk
 22 Tyler Sanders
 29 Sherry Jones

Greeter Sherry Jones
Ushers Randy Sisk and Lucy Collins

Greeter Johnny Frischkorn
Ushers To Be Arranged

Happy June Birthday to

Em Hughes 2
Kim Sydnor 11
Andy Perry 19
Logan Hudnall 27



Family News

- ❖ Congratulations to Lucy Collins- 2 A's and a B- nice going, Lucy!
- ❖ On May 6 It was a treat to have Bill and Pat Morris worship with us along Pat's sister Phyllis and daughter Laura Jo and many of their friends from Laurel Presbyterian and Campbell Presbyterian. Bill was awarded title of Pastor Emeritus and Pat was awarded Lifetime Member of Presbyterian Women.
- ❖ Lorraine Gustafsen, Sherry Jones' mother, left us April 27 to be with her heavenly father. A lovely memorial service highlighted the many gifts Lorraine had given to generations in her family and to everyone she met. Christian love is extended to Dave, Sherry, Matt, and Sydney Jones.

❖ *Dear Friends,*

I want to thank all my TPC friends for your many acts of kindness during my recent illness. The food, cards, and phone calls have been much appreciated and have given me strength. Please know that you are in my heart and I'm grateful for your thoughtfulness.

*Fondly,
Margaret Ryland*

Margaret moved on to be with her heavenly father on May 26. We will miss her smiling face and courage.

A NOTE OF



Dear Friends at Tappahannock Chapel,

Words cannot express how touched we were by your kind actions on Sunday, May 6. Pat's Honorary Life Membership in Presbyterian Women and Bill's Pastor Emeritus designation were truly appreciated. Your celebration of our six year ministry was completed in a magnanimous fashion. Thank you so much for a loving remembrance

Congratulations to all of you for your continuing good ministry. Dr. Turner's leadership and your hard work add strength to the church. We enjoyed seeing the worship center full of people, the music of the choir and congregation, and an excellent sermon delivered by John. The luncheon was delicious and plentiful for all who attended. For those blessings and many more we give thanks and praise to God our Maker, our Savior and our Sustainer.

Yours in Christ,

Bill and Pat

P.S. We also enjoy our TPC ornament tree. It stands beside our TV in the bonus room and reminds us daily of our extended Christian family in Tappahannock.

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