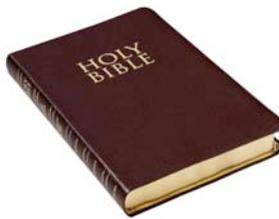


# Wee Kirk Gazette

Tappahannock Presbyterian Church

July 2012



## CYCLE B AUGUST LECTIONARY For the Lord's Day

8/5 10th Sunday After Pentecost  
2 Sam. 1:1, 17-27; Ps. 130; 2 Cor.  
8:7-15; Mark 5:21-43  
**Rev. Dr. John Turner preaching**

7/8 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost  
2 Sam 5: 1-5, 9-10; Ps. 48; 2 Cor.  
12:2-10; Mark 6:1-13  
**Rev. Dr. John Turner preaching**

7/15 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost  
2 Sam. 6:1-5, 12b-19; Ps. 24; Eph.  
1:3-14; Mark 6:14-29  
**Rev. Dr. John Turner preaching**

7/22 8<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost  
  
2 Sam. 7:1-14a; Ps. 89: 20-37; Eph.  
2: 11-22; Mark 6: 30-34, 53-56  
**Rev. Dr. John Turner preaching**

7/29 9<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost  
2 Sam. 11: 1-15; Ps. 14; Eph. 3:14-  
21; John 6:1-21  
**Rev. Carson Rhyne preaching**

## Pastor's Page (this is for August) A Summer of Discovery!

Last month it was announced that scientists had finally proven the existence of the so-called "God particle" also referred to as the "Higgs particle" after the Scottish professor who predicted it's future discovery in the early 1960's. Professor Higgs(now in his 80's) was on hand for the official announcement and said he was delighted and surprised that this had taken place within his lifetime. The discoverers also announced that it would take another four years or so to determine whether or not what they've observed is actually the Higgs particle or something else new and unknown. What is so significant about this is that it would finally explain what gives substance to matter, something that science hadn't quite officially managed up to now.

From the eyes of faith there is no problem with scientists continuing to learn more about the world and how all that is in it is put together. But we don't need a particle accelerator to tell us that substance and meaning in this world come from the one true source of life and light, the God of all that is, revealed through the life, death and resurrection of Jesus the Christ.

Each day is a discovery for each of us as to what we're going to do with the precious gifts of life God has given us.

Have a glorious rest of the summer!

Blessings,

John

# Highlights of the Steering Committee

June 18, 2012

## COMMUNICATIONS

- Contract signed by the Clerk and mailed to William Henry Harris & Associates architects.
- Capital Campaign/ Every Member Canvas letter was sent to all members of the congregation and 25 friends of the church.
- Letter from Carson Rhyne to the Clerk reporting the Committee on Ministry has given permission to proceed with a Pastor Nominating Committee
- A letter from the Mattaponi Volunteer Rescue Squad acknowledging a check for \$125.00. This was from members of TPC giving thanks for attending little Mark Perry in an emergency.

## TREASURER'S REPORT

- The Treasurer reported that all offerings for May 6 were admittedly received by First Union Bank but have been lost. Therefore he will have to contact each donor and request another check be written before it can be entered into TPC account.
- May 31 Finance report
  - Plate offering is high because a payment was made to cover the whole quarter
  - Office supply costs are higher than budgeted and need to be monitored
  - Development Fund has \$238,478
  - Operating Account has \$17,042
  - Memorial Account has \$7,233
  - Total funds equal \$262,753 (note: this does not count the May offering which has not yet been accounted for by the bank)

## NEW CHURCH DEVELOPMENT PURPOSE GROUP

- Susan Spage reported NCD will nominate TPC for charter at the POJ meeting tomorrow
- NCD has requested the following money for TPC: \$45,000 in 2013; \$35,000 in 2014; \$25,000 in 2015; \$15,000 in 2016; and \$5,000 in 2017.

## ADMINISTRATIVE COMMISSION REPORT

- The date of the chartering of TPC is October 14 at 4:00 PM at the TPC Worship Center. Rev. Turner has conveyed this to Rev. Coye.

## PASTORAL CARE CONCERNS

- Bill and Pat Morris are in our continued prayers and a schedule for taking food to them has been set up by Susan Spage. Jo Dowdy has come through her surgery and is now at the Orchard for rehab. Anna Mae Sanders will be returning home from the Orchard this week.

## OLD BUSINESS

- The Steering Committee discussed the development of a slate for the Pastor Nominating Committee. In order to give enough thought and time to this process another meeting was slated for this particular purpose on Sunday, July 1 following church.
- Emerson Hughes is inviting other churches in the Presbytery of the James to partner with TPC with not only financial support but also visits, sharing talents, and showing support. Rev. Turner will follow up on some of the email contacts he made with other churches asking if representatives from our Steering Committee might come to speak to the Session for a few minutes.
- Plans for visiting church sessions:
  - Thursday, June 21** at 5:00 Emerson Hughes, Dave Jones, and Jill Robertson will visit Campbell Memorial
  - Wednesday, June 27** at 7:15 PM Em Hughes, Dave Jones, and Alice Roye will visit Tuckahoe Presbyterian
  - Thursday, July 10** at 5:30 PM Em, Susan, Dave will visit Brett-Reed



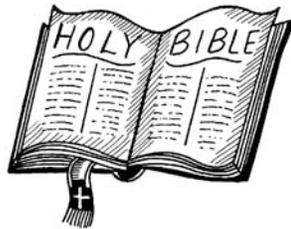
The Personnel Committee announces a search for a permanent Administrative Assistant. The qualifications include familiarity with Word 7, Excel, and online research. This position is the face of our church to the community. Administrative skills and working with people are essential attributes. At present the time requested in the office is 3 days a week, 4 hours each day. If you know of anyone who would be qualified and available for such a position please refer them to one of the Personnel Committee members: Jill Robertson, Sherry Jones, or Alice Roye.

## MINISTRY REPORTS

### 1. Worship and Music

Barbara Cullom, Moderator

- The next Communion Service will be July 22-summer communion
- Plan review/ new training of acolytes; will consider robes for acolytes
- Choir robes will be cleaned as necessary this summer
- Include new members as readers in the service; review training of readers
- Pulpit supply in Rev. Turner's absence:
  - i. June 24- Rev. Don Marsden
  - ii. July 29- Rev. Carson Rhyne
  - iii. August 5- Rev. Katherine Nguyen
  - iv. September 9- Rev. Don Marsden
  - v. September 23- Rev. Carroll London
- A lengthy discussion followed about the number of Scriptures to be proclaimed on Sundays and how to/ whether to include a copy of the texts in the bulletin. Making the change to larger type for the bulletin has required rethinking the number of Scriptures and inclusion of printed text in the bulletin. Several suggestions were made and these will be used for the rest of the summer to get congregational response.
- Kathy Hughes will be away several Sundays in August and is looking for substitute musicians.
- The new Christ Candle was unveiled. It will be used during Advent, Christmas and Epiphany and Easter through Pentecost. We will pursue getting a woodworker to make a stand. This also led to a discussion of putting permanent labels for each item we currently have which was made by gifted TPC woodworkers.



### 2. Congregational Care and Fellowship

Susan Spage, Moderator

- Having a church service aboard the Captain Thomas was determined to be too expensive
- A baby shower for Bekah Hughes-Davis is being planned for sometime this summer

Please send in your Capital  
Campaign Pledge  
ASAP if you haven't done so.

### 3. Christian Education

Anne Sydnor, Interim Moderator

- CE for youth, especially preteens, continues to be poorly attended and staffed. Many pleas have gone out for teachers: only Sherry Jones and Beth Perry have come forward to teach the younger children (Barbara Cullom is teaching the teens). Since the Steering Committee advised having the youth stay in worship until the sermon and return after the sermon (about 20 minutes) this will only require a short lesson- a Bible story reading and a craft- perhaps we can recruit more teachers.
- The One-Room Sunday School curriculum has not been bought or used this quarter.. Other options are being discussed.
- We are sponsoring 8 children for summer camp scholarships at Camp Hanover. The total cost of the camperships is \$3295.
- *What Presbyterians Believe* is the fall adult study. This study was published in the "Presbyterians Today" magazine.
- Judi Coats is ready to take over Christian Education now or in the Fall.

### 4. Mission and Outreach

Sherry Jones, Moderator

The next meeting is scheduled for July 13

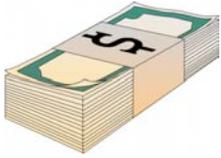
### 5. Church Growth

Robbie Tavenner, Moderator

Kathy Hughes reported in church a conversation she had had with a neighbor of the new property saying the approach of hanging bags on the door, not being intrusive, and making an effort to be a new neighbor without proselytizing was noticed and appreciated.

### NEW BUSINESS

- Visits planned to request partnering
- The request of \$124,000 for Office Park Funds was submitted on June 13. This is for an additional wing/ space of the first all-purpose church building.
- Lifetree Café was considered and one at Westminster Presbyterian in Richmond was visited by Jill Robertson, Sherry and Dave Jones, Susan Spage, and Alice Roye. After looking at the Launch Kit and seeing the number of people it will take and the amount of preparation it would take it was decided to revisit this in 2014.



## Misplaced Checks

Treasurer Dave Jones has been informed by First Union that all offerings for May 6 were misplaced and it is necessary to have the checks re-written in order for them to be deposited in our account. Dave is in the process of tracking down the donors. Meanwhile, please check your bank statement and see that your May 6 check has not been returned, and then write another one.

## Larger Print

A few months ago TPC began to offer larger print bulletins as well as the standard size. The larger print edition is quite popular so we have decided to do all the bulletins in the larger type.

Moving to a larger type made formatting the bulletin to fit in 7 pages a real challenge each week. The Worship and Music Ministry Group decided to “try out” some different ways of setting up the bulletin. This month we are printing the Scriptures as an insert. Our dear Pastor Emeritus encouraged us to spend more time with the Scriptures so now you can take your 4 Scriptures home with you.

Another idea was to use only 2 or 3 of the 4 assigned Scriptures for the day and keep the Scriptures where they have been in the bulletin.

A third idea was to print the Scriptural coordinates- i.e. Mark 4:26-34- for each Scripture and to put the page numbers for the regular type pew Bibles and the large print pew Bibles into the bulletin so that you can find the text in the pew Bible and read along in worship.

We will start with the smaller number of Scriptures and printed text through July. The page locations for each Scripture will be given in August through Labor Day. Then we will poll you and see which approach is the most useful to you. Thanks for your feed-back.

*Barbara Cullom, Moderator of Worship and Music Ministry Group*



## 10,000 Bags of Rice???

Some of those who went to Presbytery had an opportunity to be in the assembly line that filled, sealed, and packaged 10,000 meals, each meal sustaining a starving person for one day.

It was an amazing experience. People lined up on both sides of long tables put end-to-end and everyone knew their particular, very simple, crucial part of the assembly. Jill added a heaped teaspoon of freeze dried veggies to each bag after the seasoning packet and before the soy mix, Sherry weighed the bags, Barbara sealed completed bags, and Alice received buckets of packages and put them in packages of 2 each which were slid over to the packing boxes which held 32 bags.

The project is called **Stop Hunger Now**. One of the headquarters is in Richmond. A truck arrives with all the containers, foodstuffs, boxes, tape, measuring utensils- and even a gong which is struck each time 1000 boxes have been packed!

It's an exciting project- one we may investigate further for our church to lead in some way, perhaps during the next Operation Inasmuch.

## Stamps for Missions Update

Peggy Reinhold reports that her mid-year accounting of **Stamps for Missions** has yielded \$1,900.52 which she hopes to use for purchasing Bibles printed in Tshiluba, a language of Congo.

Guidelines for useful stamps are in an insert to be found in your Sunday bulletin or on the table as you enter the building. Lucy Collins coordinates this project for TPC and she can give you details about which stamps are useful.

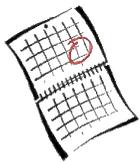


"Doing life. Doing good."

Dave and Sherry Jones, Jill Robertson, Susan Spage, and Alice Roye recently experienced a Lifetree Café program at Westminster Presbyterian in Richmond.

The program is a weekly conversational-style presentation of topics relevant to today that allows people to find God, often "accidentally," as they ponder these controversial and emotional issues. It is designed for those who have become estranged from the church or are suspicious of organized religion as well as for church congregations and people spiritual but unattached to a church home.

Materials explaining the program and requirements as well as training were reviewed by this committee. There was great enthusiasm about the possibility of this as a mission to the community. However the manpower required to host this program week after week exceeds what we have available to us at this time. It is something we look forward to incorporating into our future planning. It was one of the activities put forth in the grant request for Office Park Funds from Presbytery.



## Dates Ahead

July	Meeting of Congregation and Election of PNC
July 16-18	Carys Perry at Camp Hanover
July 22-29	Logan Hudnall at Camp Hanover
August 6-18	Scott and Chrissy Orrock at Camp Hanover
August 25	Annual TPC Planning Retreat
August –Sept.	Training of Elders in New Form of Government, Book of Order; examination by Administrative Commission (Note: these elders were elected March 18 as one of the requirements for nomination for Charter)
September 16	Worship on the River at the Hughes' home
October 14	TPC Installation Service

## TPC Applies for Office Park Funds Grant

Steering Committee members submitted a grant request for Presbytery's Office Park Funds Grant. This is money realized from the sale of the Presbytery property in Glen Allen. Our request was for \$124,000 to develop a space connected to our new building that can be used for community gatherings, feedings, Camp Hanover day camp site, and other mission projects. Lifetree Café was in the list of possible activities.

## Plans Begin for Establishing Pastor Nominating Committee

The Steering Committee, acting as the Nominating Committee is developing a slate to be presented to the congregation for a Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC), known in the past as Search Committee.

There are a number of prescribed requirements for the PNC and the Steering Committee is deliberating over a period of weeks to determine who will best represent our congregation and its best interests in searching for a full-time New Church Development pastor.

The PNC must be representative of the congregation in gender, age, theological expression, short-time member, long-time member, and knowledge of the needs and abilities of this congregation.

At the Congregational meeting the floor will be open for nominations in addition to the presented slate. The nominee must have been previously informed of the commitment involved and have agreed to serve.

When the PNC is elected Stated Clerk Carson Rhyne from the POJ will orient the Committee to its task and responsibilities. The commitment is significant with possibly weekly meetings as well as Sunday visits to hear candidates preach.

TPC is asking that the pastor be a resident of the community, building relationships with both church and un-church or de-church residents, and being visible and fully committed as representative of TPC. There is specific training for a new church development pastor required by the General Assembly, and testing and interviews are required by the GA and Presbytery to determine suitability for a "match" between the church and the pastor. From past experiences our church certainly knows the importance of this step.

The process is long and crucial to the ongoing success of Tappahannock Presbyterian. The momentum is behind us, the vision is before us, and everyone in the congregation and in leadership must pull together to see that this church reaches its potential for bringing God's Kingdom to Essex County and surrounding areas.

# July and August



## Readers

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

August  
5 Scott Orrock  
12 Roland Geddes  
19 Cindy Glass  
26 Susan Hillyer

Greeter Johnny Frischkorn  
Ushers To Be Assigned

Greeter Sherry Jones  
Ushers Janice Canby, To Be Assigned

## Happy July Birthday to

Susan Hillyer	7	Virginia Hillyer	19
Lynn Orrock	5	Sally Reger	24
Janice Canby	12	Deb Booze	27
Betty Dyer	15	John Hardy	28



## Family News

Congratulations to Jamie and Bekah Hughes Davis on the birth of their son Jasper Adam Davis on June 9! Proud grandparents are Em and Kathy Hughes.



Anna Mae Sanders has recuperated nicely and is home from the Orchard

Jo Dowdy is healing from surgery and is in rehab at the Orchard for a couple of weeks.

Carys Perry will be at Camp Hanover July 16-18 and Logan Hudnall will be there July 23-29.

Frank Rossi, Mary Wigmore's son, is about to board ship for an extended period of time. We will share his address when we get it. Meanwhile, keep him in your prayers for safety as he works to preserve our safety.



Em and Kathy Hughes, Bill and Pat Morris, Jill Robertson, Alice Roye, Susan and Bill Spage, Sherry and Dave Jones, Johnny Frischkorn, and the Rev. John Turner represented TPC.

## All smiles at the Presbytery of the James June 19, 2012

The Presbytery approved the recommendation of the New Church Development Purpose Group to charter Tappahannock Presbyterian Church. There were cheers and tears of joy as the Presbytery sang "Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow." The Administrative Commission will work with our Steering Committee to complete the process on October 14 at 4:00 PM at our TPC worship center.

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