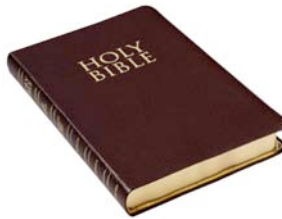


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Tappahannock Presbyterian Church

August 2012



CYCLE B
AUGUST LECTIONARY
For the Lord's Day

8/5 10TH Sunday After Pentecost
2 Sam. 11:26-12-13a; Ps. 51:1-12;
Eph. 4:1-16; John 6:24-35

Rev. Katherine Todd preaching

8/12 11th Sunday after Pentecost
Ps. 130; 2 Sam. 18:5-9, 15, 31-33
Eph. 4:25-5:2; John 6:35, 41-51

"Living Bread"

Rev. Dr. John Turner Preaching

8/19 12th Sunday After Pentecost
Ps. 111; 1Kings 2:10-12, 3:3-14
Eph.5:15-20; John 6:51-58

"Living Forever"

Rev. Dr. John Turner preaching

8/26 13th Sunday After Pentecost
Ps. 84; 1 Kings 8: (1,6,10-11) 22-30;
41-43; Eph. 6:10-20; John 6:56

"To Whom Can We Go?"

Rev. Dr. John Turner preaching

Pastor's Page

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 its 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

Steering Committee Highlights

July 16, 2012

Communications

The following communications were in the packet:

- Update on General Assembly, from Rev. Carson Rhyne, Stated Clerk of POJ
- GA Christmas Joy Offering letter of thanks for \$847
- Invitation from Ginter Park Presbyterian Church to attend the Session meeting July 19
- Thanks from POJ for the Statement of Intent, noting the increase from 2011 to 2012
- Thanks from the TES Summer Literacy Program
- Letter from Rev. Jay Sanderford, Blue Ridge Presbyterian, sending templates for the BRPC Chartering and Dedication Services

Treasurer's Report as of June 30

1. Development Account and CDs \$239,456
 First Union Operating Account \$ 20,954
 EVB Memorial Account \$ 7,241
 Total Funds \$267,651
2. Capital Campaign Report:
 - Of 41 potential giving units, there have been pledges from 21, with several other promises to give what they can.
 - The total amount pledged is \$105,675 over a three-year period
 - The total amount received is \$5,225.

Old Business

1) Report on visits asking partnership by Dave Jones. Visits have been made to Campbell Memorial, Tuckahoe Presbyterian, and Brett-Reed Presbyterian asking each of the churches to consider partnering with us and helping us not only financially but also with attending our church on occasion and participating in some aspect of church life- i.e., teach Sunday School, sing in the choir. The committee will visit Ginter-Park Presbyterian later in July. (See article)



2) Update from Building Committee

The Building Committee met with Architect Harry Harris on July 12 and shared their input as to “wishes and dreams” for the new building, both for the first building and the future campus. The architect will meet with the congregation after worship service on July 22. (See article) A meeting July 26 has been scheduled with the architect and Moderators/ representatives of the Ministry Groups. Additional meetings are scheduled with the building committee and architect for August 7 and August 21.

MINISTRY REPORTS

1. Worship and Music -

Barbara Cullom, Moderator

- Communion will be July 22.
- The choir robe cleaning is being attended to by Barbara Cullom and Jill Robertson
- The Steering Committee voted to invite Brett-Reed to worship with TPC at the Worship on the River September 16

2. Congregational Care and Fellowship

Susan Spage

- A baby shower for Bekah Hughes-Davis is being planned. (See invitation)
- Mary Wigmore and Susan Spage are planning the wedding reception dinner for Lucy Collins and Randy Sisk on December 8. The wedding ceremony will be held at the TPC Worship Center and the reception venue is being explored at this time. With 100 guests expected the reception space is not seen to be adequate.
- The Steering Committee voted to not have a Christmas party this year since all are invited to the Collins-Sisk wedding on December 8.

3. Christian Education

Judi Coats, Moderator; Anne Sydnor, Interim Moderator

The Fall Adult Education series will be "What Do Presbyterians Believe." The Steering Committee suggests it be based on the *Presbyterians Today* insert, of which there are 15 copies in the pastor's study.

4. Mission and Outreach

Sherry Jones, Moderator

- Pentecost Offering was \$462.
- The second installment of \$200 was sent to Community Services.
- The Ministry Group is considering ways to accomplish a local **Stop Hunger Now** program, either sponsored by TPC or by OIAM. Kathy Hughes will investigate that as an OIAM project after Janice Canby finds out more information about responsibilities for the sponsoring organization.
- It was suggested that filling summer literacy bags for the elementary children might be an OIAM project. Kathy will pass along this suggestion.
- It was recommended that the Steering Committee address the issue of monitoring the camp scholarships and the book-keeping for that.
- It was decided TPC would continue its relationship with the Essex County Christmas Mother program. The Samaritan Purse Christmas Child (shoebox ministry) will be further considered.

5. Church Growth

Robbie Tavenner

Church Growth Ministry Group will meet Wednesday, August 8 at 7:00 PM.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Sherry Jones reported progress in developing a slate for the Pastor Nominating Committee.
2. A Congregation Meeting will be scheduled as soon as appropriate for election of the Pastor Nominating Committee.
3. Jill Robertson reported that the Personnel Committee is still interviewing and hopes to be making a final decision about the position of Administrative Assistant soon.

Now is Your Chance



Questionnaires were distributed to the congregation on July 15 to help them come up with ideas and input for the new building. The questionnaires were provided by the architect, Harry Harris.

There have been several opportunities to share ideas about features individuals would like to see in the new church, both in Ministry Group meetings and in the Sunday School session in the spring. Now is another time to let your thoughts be known to Mr. Harris before he begins the drawing. He will worship with us on July 22 and remain after the service to talk with the congregation. Committee member Bill Spage will send a notice to the congregation about this opportunity for input regarding the new building.

Moderators and/or representatives from their Ministry Group are to meet with Mr. Harris on Thursday, July 26, at 7:00 PM for additional input.

You Are Invited



To a Baby Shower to Welcome

Jasper Adam Davis

Son of Bekah and Jamie Davis

To

Our Extended Family.

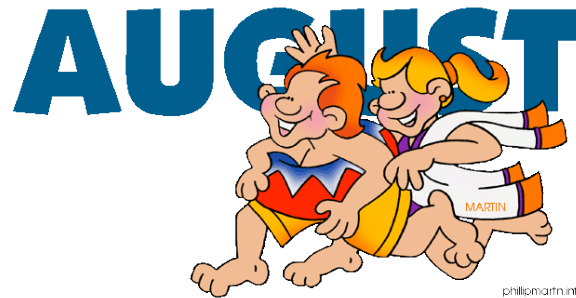
August 26

following worship service

Planning Retreat August 25

The Sign-Up Sheet is in the Fellowship Hall to indicate your attendance at the Fall Planning Retreat Saturday, August 25 in Knoxwood Lodge at Camp Hanover. This is for the **WHOLE CHURCH- THAT MEANS YOU!** This is a day of planning in a beautiful atmosphere. All are urged to attend.

August and September



Lectors

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

September 2 Kim Sydnor
9 Tyler Sanders
16 Bill Smith
23 Robbie Tavenner
30 Herb Sebren

Greeter Sherry Jones
Ushers Janice Canby, To Be Assigned

Greeter Herb Sebren
Ushers Bill and Vivian Smith

Happy August Birthday to

Jo Dowdy 9
Susan Spage 23



Family News

Jo Dowdy is progressing nicely and she and Floyd will go home with their daughter, Debbie Sliger, for a few weeks.

Bill and Pat Morris are continuously in our thoughts and prayers for healing and peace. Their boat project, named *N 2 Therapy*, is now moored in front of their house for them to see each day.

Scott and Chrissy Orrock, Logan Hudnall and a cousin, Jacob Perry and friend Will, Carys Perry and her friend have all enjoyed Camp Hanover this summer.

Jessica Sisk and her sons Aiden and Lucas are moving to New Hampshire the first week in August. We will give them a happy send-off during Fellowship time August 5. We wish them all the best as they establish their family up there.

Thank you from the Davis Family:

Jamie and I would like to thank you for the beautiful flowers and balloon that you sent us! Thank-you also for the generous monetary gift that you gave us in May. We hope to attend TPC's service as soon as Jasper is ready to be around more people. Hope to see you all soon. Bekah

TPC Invites Presbytery of the James Churches to Become Partners



The Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) is a connectional church, functioning on several levels, the first level being the local church. Local churches are grouped geographically into Presbyteries, and Presbyteries are grouped to form Synods. (http://www.christchurchnow.org/church_structure.cfm)

Historically churches planted other churches, and the “mother church” nurtured that new church development until it had a population and financial security to make it on its own. This is not unlike the human family where the child is nurtured by its parents and extended family, taught the “culture of the tribe,” and given the necessary resources to become self-sustaining.

Tappahannock Presbyterian has been unique in many ways. It was nurtured, supported, and encouraged by members of Milden Presbyterian in Sharps during the first two or three formative years. Members came across the river to worship with us. The Presbytery financially supported TPC during its early years as well, and the goal of becoming financially independent was accomplished years ago. Along the way TPC encountered some difficulties not of its own making, and instead of continuing to thrive it began to shrivel on the vine.

TPC is asking other churches to be the infusing vine that supports this small, determined, yet still struggling congregation. Emerson Hughes, David Jones, Susan Spage, Bill Spage, Alice Roye, and Jill Robertson have been invited to several Session meetings of Presbyterian Churches, giving them updates on the progress of TPC and sharing future plans. The Sessions are being asked to partner with TPC during this period of new church development, pending being chartered, and building a first building. Partnering means attending our worship service on occasion, singing in the choir, teaching Sunday School as guest teacher, and inviting our members to join with them in some activities. They are asked to mentor TPC in the Presbyterian culture.

During the visit with Brett-Reed interest was shown in sharing programs and visiting each other's churches. TPC was invited to come to a Tuesday evening Bluegrass Concert being presented to the community and this will be planned. In turn they are being invited to join TPC at their annual *Worship on the River* in September. We look forward to making this, and other, connections within the fellowship of Presbyterians.

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