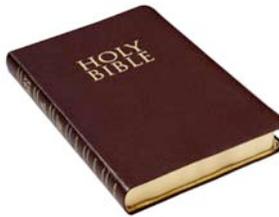


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Tappahannock Presbyterian Church

September 2012



CYCLE B SEPTEMBER LECTIONARY

9/2 14th Sunday After Pentecost
Song of Sol. 2:8-13; Ps. 45:1-2, 6-9
Jms. 1:17-27; Mk. 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

"Words"

Rev. Dr. John Turner Preaching

9/9 15th Sunday After Pentecost
Prov. 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23; Ps. 125
Jms. 2:1-10, 14-17; Mk. 7:24-37

"Waiting"

Rev. Dr. John Turner Preaching

9/16 16th Sunday After Pentecost
Prov. 1:20-33; Ps. 19; Jms. 3:1-12
Mk. 8:27-38

Worship at the River Service

Rev. Dr. John Turner Preaching

9/23 17th Sunday After Pentecost
Prov. 31:10-31; Ps. 1; Jms. 3:13-4:3,
7-8a; Mk. 9:30-37

Rev. Dr. Carroll Londoner Preaching

9/30 18th Sunday After Pentecost
Esth. 7:1-6, 9-10, 9:20-22; Ps. 124
Jms. 5:13-20; Mk. 9:38-50

"Rewards and Reprimands"

Rev. Dr. John Turner Preaching

Pastor's Page

Back to the Future

September for most of us is a kind of mini New Year – a time when things begin again – the school year, church committees and ministry groups' Fall activities, *Essex Churches Together*, and many other clubs and organizations. The summer break is over – it's time to get back to it, whatever "it" is.

But before we do, let's pause one more time to remember what a summer it was. The Presbytery of the James formally ratified the chartering of Tappahannock Presbyterian Church to take place at 3 p.m. on Sunday, 14th October at the Seventh Day Adventist Church in Tappahannock where this congregation worshipped for a number of years. Dreams that have been kept alive for seventeen years or so are finally being realized. It reminds me of "Highland time!" The summer also saw the passing of your beloved pastor, Bill Morris, whose soul, heart, energy and love for Christ went so far towards helping you transform the dream into reality. Bill and Pat will remain as "giants" both in our hearts and in the history of this church.

And though we often pretend not to, we do know very well what "it" is. The business of the church and the people comprising it is to love God with heart, mind, soul and strength and our neighbors as ourselves. Two thirds of 2012 is now in the past which leaves us four more months to do justice, love kindness and walk humbly with God before the start of 2013. Praise God from whom all blessings flow!

Blessings,

John

STEERING COMMITTEE HIGHLIGHTS

August 21, 2012

Communications

- Ellie Hubbard- camper friend of Carys Perry sent a thank you note
- The Rev. Judy Thomson- there will be no Joint World Communion Service this year
- The Rev. Carson Rhyne- The Book Not Your Parents' Offering Plate is suggested reading. The Steering Committee authorized Jill Robertson to purchase and review 1 copy and then report back if we want to take that on as a study.
- The Rev. Don Marsden sent a note asking for time after his sermon on September 9 to meet with the congregation about the Presbyterian Frontier Fellowship in which he participates. The Steering committee approved the request.
- A letter was read from Jon Sweet of Comcast requesting consideration of changing the internet provider to Comcast so that a group could form and make purchase of service in the Camp Hanover area possible. This request was denied because Comcast doesn't service the Tappahannock area.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Dave Jones gave the monthly Treasurer's report

- A donation of \$1000 was passed along to Camp Hanover
- 5-cents-a-meal offering is running about \$300 under budgeted income
- The total of Development Account and CD's is \$245,258.
- The Memorial Fund has \$8,591
- John Turner will speak with Lisa at Camp Hanover about handling the camper fee that was double paid. TPC should get a refund of \$421.
- Janice Canby from the Pastor Nominating Committee gave a heads-up to the Steering Committee that the PNC will be asking for a \$10,000 budget in 2013. This line item budget will appear at the end of the Treasurer's Report. It includes pastor's moving expenses as well as expenses incurred by the committee.
- The Treasurer says that expenses for the new building are beginning, the architect receiving his first installment today. Dave will set up a separate line item budget for this and will put it in categories.

- The Treasurer says some memorials are coming in designated for the Memorial Fund and some for the Development Fund. He has instructed the Administrative Assistant, Susan Stephenson, to write notes to non- members but that members' contributions will show up on the quarterly statements. Family members are informed of the donations.



The Rev. Dr. William Samuel Morris

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New Church Development Purpose Group Report

Susan Spage reported that the Rev. Nancy Clark and the Rev. Katherine Todd attended the NCD Conference in Florida recently and shared information about beginning worship centers that will evolve into churches. A group worshipping at Lake Gaston is being guided by Rev. Zolton Phillips to possibly become a new church development.

Administrative Commission

Two sessions of Elder-elect training have been completed, the first led by Susan Spage and the second being led by the Revs. Tom Coye and Nancy Summerlin.

➤ **Planning for the Chartering Service October 14**

(See Article)

1. The motion was passed that the service be held at 3:00 at the 7th-Day Adventist Church in Tappahannock, the church TPC first began to worship in. Refreshments will be served back at the TPC worship center. This will be coordinated by Susan Spage.
2. The motion was passed to have an "invitation committee" coordinated by Alice Roye who has begun a mailing list. She will ask others to assist in addressing invitations. Dr. Turner and the Committee were asked for names of people who had been special to TPC so they can be included for invitations.
3. A verbal announcement will be made at the September meeting of the *Essex Churches Together* inviting people to come to the service. Written invitations will be sent to pastors of those churches participating in ECT. Invitations will be sent to non- members who are friends of the church.
4. The service will be planned jointly by the Administrative Commission and the TPC Worship Committee with Dr. Turner and Dr. Coye coordinating.

Presbytery Report – the TPC Commissioner will be elected at the September meeting for the October 20 meeting at Chester Presbyterian. All new elders may attend if they are interested.

OLD BUSINESS

- Report on visits asking partnership- Em Hughes and Dave Jones will meet with the Chester Presbyterian Session on September 17.
Correction: A delegation from TPC spoke to the Grace Covenant Session about partnering, not Ginter Park Presbyterian, as reported last month.
- Update from Building Committee- Em Hughes reported there is a meeting with the building committee and architect tonight (21st) and more will be available for a report then.
- The schedule for the Planning Retreat August 25 at Camp Hanover was approved.
- **Planning for *Worship on the Water* September 16**
 1. To be held on the lawn of *Strathbrae*, home of Emerson and Kathy Hughes
 2. Bret Reed Presbyterian congregation will not attend
 3. Dr. Turner will follow up with Zion Baptist- he hasn't heard back
 4. Dr. Turner will preach
 5. Susan is supplying ribs and chicken and others are bringing potluck

- Trustees - there was discussion about whether trustees are needed and when the election/ appointment of Trustees will be necessary. More information is needed.
- Review of standing committees- the motion was passed that one member of the Session (after October 14) and one member of the congregation should review the standing committees and make recommendations as to modifications/ updates.

MINISTRY REPORTS

1. Worship and Music

Barbara Cullom, Moderator

The Worship and Music Ministry will meet at the Retreat

2. Congregational Care and Fellowship

Susan Spage, Moderator

- The CCF Ministry will meet at the Retreat and also the second week of September.
- A baby shower is being held August 26 to greet baby Jasper Davis, son of Jamie and Bekah-Hughes Davis and grandson of Em and Kathy Hughes
- The CCF will coordinate the potluck lunch that follows the Sept. 16 *Worship by the River* at the Hughes' home
- The CCF will coordinate the refreshments for the Charter Service October 14

3. Christian Education

- A replacement Moderator is needed. This will be discussed by all at the Retreat. Anne Sydnor will serve as Acting Moderator at the Retreat. With two families moving away the children's population has declined to two teen-agers.
- *What Presbyterians Believe* is the Fall Study for 6-8 weeks in early October, depending upon how many sessions are selected. This study appeared in last year's *Presbyterian's Today*. Discussion leaders will rotate.
- Ellie Hubbard, friend of Carys Perry, was sponsored to Camp Hanover and in her thank-you letter she states she would like to come to TPC. The suggestion from Christian Education is that Mission and Outreach follow this up.

4. Mission and Outreach

Sherry Jones, Moderator

Mission and Outreach will meet at the Retreat

Dear Friends at Tappahannock Church,

5. Church Growth

Robbie Tavenner, Moderator

- All agreed to continue serving in 2013.
- Robbie Tavenner, Moderator, is reading a book by Rev. Tommy Nance and will review it for the Church Growth Ministry.

NEW BUSINESS



WELCOME, SUSAN!

- 1) **Jill Robertson, speaking for the Personnel Committee**, recommended Susan Stephenson as Administrative Assistant. She comes highly recommended from previous employers. The Steering Committee heartily approved the recommendation and welcomes Susan to the staff.
- 2) **Extension of contract with Transitional Pastor-** Dr. John Turner agreed to serve an additional six months from his first term, which means from June 2012 through December 2012. Further extensions will be discussed.
- 3) **Nominating Committee, Treasurer, and Clerk's appointment and terms.** It was decided all would begin in September, at the beginning of the church year, with the exception of this year which will begin October 14 after chartering occurs. More information is needed about status of the Clerk and Nominating Committee. These are policies to be decided and put in the Administrative Manual.
- 4) Donald Marsden will preach September 9
- 5) Older Adult Retreat October 11, 2012, at Camp Hanover (see back page)
- 6) John Turner will take Continuing Education leave from November 12-16.
- 7) Dave Jones will serve as Stewardship Chair for 2013; pledges will be received November 4, 2012.

It is extremely hard to write this thank you note because this occasion just shouldn't be happening! I do however want to let you all know how very much your Christian love and concern meant to Bill and continues to mean to me. Without your support the past year would have been unbearable. You were truly servants of God and followed his lead in every way possible. Your Christmas tree of "special" ornaments still stands in our bonus room where we spent most of our time. It will always be a reminder of your love. I know you miss Bill almost equal to me but both you and I know he is safe in the presence of God and singing in the heavenly chorus around God's throne of Grace and Glory.

It was so wonderful to have Tappahannock's full presence leading the Memorial Service. Thank you to Em and Kathy for their musical leadership and the choir for the outstanding special music. It was joyful and full and just what Bill wanted it to be. Also thank you to all the ladies who planned and participated in the beautiful reception following the service. Your outpouring of love has been exemplary.

Love in Christ, Pat

Tappahannock Presbyterian Chartered October 14, 2012

The Chartering Service will be led by the POJ Administrative Commission at 3:00 PM at the Seventh-day Adventist church, the church in which TPC first worshipped in 1996. The service is being jointly planned by the Administrative Commission and the TPC Worship and Music Ministry. At that time some very important things will happen.

First, the congregation becomes commissioned as a congregation. Then the Elders-elect are presented to the congregation and they are officially voted upon by the newly commissioned congregation. Then the Elders are ordained.

Invitations are being sent to special guests, pastors who have served TPC in the pulpit, and representatives of past pastors who are now deceased. About 125-150 people are expected.

Because there isn't a space in the Adventist Church to be used for refreshments, following the service everyone will adjourn to our TPC worship center for heavy hors d'oeuvres. The congregation is asked to bring "finger food" that can be eaten standing up. Susan will explain the logistics later.



September and October



Lectors

September 2 Kim Sydnor
9 Tyler Sanders
16 Bill Smith
23 Barbara Cullom
30 Herb Sebren

October 7 Jeff Orrock
14 Chrissy Orrock
21 Janice Canby
28 Scott Orrock

Greeter Herb Sebren
Ushers Bill and Vivian Smith

Greeter Anne Sydnor
Ushers Chuck and Betty Dyer

Happy September Birthday to

Linda Ball 1
Brad Coats 4
Ellen Hardy 4
Bill Smith 8
Jeff Orrock 9
Bill Spage 12

Nell Burrough 18
Sam Hudnall 20
Matt Jones 23
Jill Robertson 27
Dan Robertson 29

Church Family News

- ❖ Herb Sebren and Louise Poling are recuperating from surgeries.
- ❖ Thank you, Chrissy and Scott Orrock, for sharing some of your Camp Hanover experiences. You taught us, among other things, not to build our new building on slanted ground! We appreciate hearing of your vespers, your time coming closer God, and Christian fellowship and activities, and yes, even the rain and the hornets.
- ❖ Mary Wigmore's son, Frank Rossi, is on board the USS George Washington for three months. Please keep him in your thoughts and send him a card or letter every now and then to let him know he is being thought of by his Mom's church family.
MM3 Rossi, Frank P.
USS George Washington CVN 73
Box 46 / AIMD IM-2
FPO AP 96650-2801
- ❖ "John Turner and Friends" will perform at the Cultural Arts Center in Glen Allen on Friday, October 5 at 7:00 PM. Joining him will be guitarist, Cliff Williams, fiddler/singer, David Gardner, piper Eric Rice-Johnston, vocalist Linda Rice-Johnston, cellist/bassist, Ralph Gordon, and Gary Whaley on harp and keyboard. Ticket information and directions at <http://www.artsglenallen.com>.

Aging With Grace

Join with older adults from throughout our presbytery to enjoy a day of spiritual refreshment at Camp Hanover October 11, 2012. Registration is at 9:15 AM ~ 9:50 AM.

Begin the program with the Rev. Tom Waltz as he provides a time for meditation, reflection and song. He retired from Salem Presbyterian Church and most recently served five years as the stated supply of Concord Presbyterian Church.



“Aging with Grace,” the keynote presentation, will feature The Rev. Ray Inscoe, Director of Pastoral Care at Westminster Canterbury, Richmond for 22 years. Ray, a frequent guest in the TPC pulpit since our beginning, Ray will explore how we, as Christians, may accept aging as a vital and positive stage of our spiritual journey—a time in which God continues to fit us for God’s Kingdom and develops within us a Christ-like character. This is not a time merely to exist, but a time for our spirit to grow and bloom. This is aging with grace.

Enjoy a traditional Camp Hanover luncheon, stroll the grounds and relax in the beauty of the informal setting. In the afternoon participate in **one of two workshop offerings**. They will conclude by 2:30 PM.

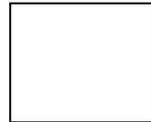
1. The Rev. Gordon Lindsey entered the Presbyterian ministry after a 30-year career in business. He is a graduate of Yale Divinity School and currently serves Scottsville Presbyterian Church, Scottsville, Va. He will present a session on *Lectio Divina* (Latin for Divine Reading)—a spiritual discipline for people desiring to build a deeper relationship with God. This ancient spiritual practice offers a way to turn Bible readings into prayer.

OR

2. Dr. Virginia Lindsey, PhD in health studies at the Texas Women’s University and certified in gerontology, will focus on the ancient discipline of Tai Chi which combines agile steps, joint-safe exercise and mental strength to improve mobility, breath control and relaxation. Virginia will demonstrate how Tai Chi may integrate mind, body and spirit through relaxation, concentration, memory, balance and stamina.

Registration Deadline: October 1. Your registration fee of \$15 includes lunch. Please make your check payable to Presbytery of the James and indicate Older Adult Retreat in the memo line. Mail your registration and check to: Presbytery of the James, 3218 Chamberlayne Ave., Richmond, VA 23227. **OR** register online at www.presbyteryofthejames.org

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