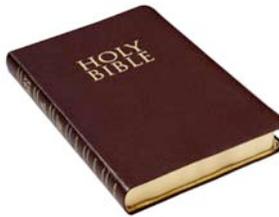


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Tappahannock Presbyterian Church

October 2012



CYCLE B OCTOBER LECTIONARY



10/7 Job 1:1, 2:1-10;
Heb.1:1-4, 2:5-12; Mark 10:2-16

*Receiving the Kingdom as a Little
Child*

The Rev. Dr. John Turner

10/14 - No morning worship

Chartering Service 3:00 pm

10/21 - Job 38:1-7; Heb. 5:1-10;
Mk. 10:35-45

Not to be Served but to Serve

The Rev. Dr. Turner

10/28 - Job 42:1-6, 10-17;
Heb. 7:23-28; Mk. 10:46-52

Your Faith Has Made You Well

The Rev. Dr. Turner

Pastor's Page

Becoming a Church

October 2012 is indeed a special time in the life and history of the Tappahannock Presbyterian congregation. After 17 years of ups and downs as a new development project of the Presbytery of the James, Tappahannock Presbyterian Church will be chartered as a regular member church of the presbytery and of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). The service will be held on 14th October in the Seventh Day Adventist Church where the congregation worshipped for the first six years or so of its existence.

You, the members of TPC, are the Presbyterian presence in Essex County, and the church is made of its people. As St. Teresa of Avila said many centuries ago,

“Christ has no body now, but yours.
No hands, no feet on earth, but yours.
Yours are the eyes through which
Christ looks compassion into the world.
Yours are the feet
With which Christ walks to do good.
Yours are the hands
With which Christ blesses the world.”

Christ's body in this place, making ripples in the river of life that flows around the world and back again. An exciting time – a truly awesome time to be living, fellowshiping and imagining in God's name together. Praise be to God for bringing you to this place in your journey. Have a wonderful October full of new beginnings!

Blessings,

John

Steering Committee Highlights

September 18, 2012

The Steering Committee heartily welcomed Mr. and Mrs. David (Margaret) Broad into the membership by reaffirmation of faith. Kathy Hughes presented them with goodies from her kitchen as a gift from the congregation. They signed the Constituting Covenant indicating they are among the Charter Members.

COMMUNICATIONS

- Letter from Rev. Don Marsden asked if it would be convenient to bring Pastor Sani Nomaou of the Republic of Niger to Tappahannock for a visit. Rev. Turner will reply that the timing is not good right now with all else going on.
- The Transitional Supply Covenant between Rev. John Turner and Tappahannock Presbyterian Church from 6/1/12 to 12/31/12 is approved by the Committee on Ministry from the Presbytery.
- Richard Ridge, Chairperson of Presbytery's Older Adult Purpose Group, sent a reminder for the Older Adult Retreat in October.
- Landlord Mel Meadows called this morning; David Jones spoke to him. He has a contract on the building and will bring the prospective buyer in on the 19th. He says there would be an agreement that we can stay in the building through September 2013.

TREASURER'S REPORT

- The Development Fund currently has \$256,144.
- Payments are being made to the architect for initial drawings
- Plate offering is \$3,226 below estimated intake according to the budget
- 5-cents-a-meal is \$303 under budget expectation
- The Total Program budget is under-spent by \$7,525. This will be used to absorb expenses from the Chartering Service.
- Capital Campaign intake is \$15,025. Emerson Hughes suggests this item be placed at the bottom of the reporting sheet so that it is not mistakenly factored in as income in coming years.
- Memorial Account has \$10,619

NEW CHURCH DEVELOPMENT PURPOSE GROUP next meets in October.

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMISSION REPORT

- See plans for service under New Business
- Elder Examination will be Monday, October 1, 2012 at 6:00 PM at the Worship Center.

PASTORAL CARE CONCERNS

Anna Mae Sanders has been moved to Westmoreland Health Care and Rehabilitation. Others with pastoral needs were discussed.

OLD BUSINESS

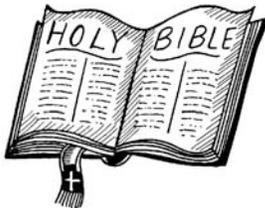
- Emerson Hughes and David Jones went to the September 16 Session meeting at Chester Presbyterian Church. Other possibilities for contributions are Third Presbyterian in Petersburg and Campbell Memorial in Weems. Both churches have requested financial data and plans for the future.
- Standing Committees were discussed. The decision was made to ask present Moderators to speak to present committee members to see if they would like to continue to serve, or if there is someone else to put on the committee. They are to report back at the October meeting.
 - David Jones will review the Stewardship and Budget Committees
 - Jill Robertson will review the Property Committee
 - Alice Roye will review the Personnel Committee
 - A permanent Nominating Committee to serve for a year will be discussed by the Session in October
 - David Jones was appointed Treasurer for the years 2013
 - Alice Roye was appointed Clerk for the year 2013
- Classes of Elders were determined as follows:
 - 2013 Sherry Jones and John Hardy
 - 2014 Jill Robertson and Emerson Hughes
 - 2015 David Jones and Susan Spage

MINISTRY REPORTS

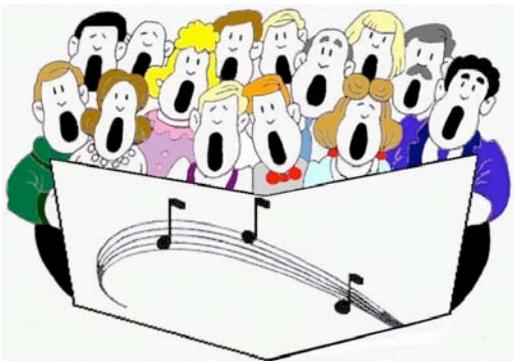
Worship and Music

Barbara Cullom, Moderator

- Communion will be observed October 7, World Wide Communion Day
- Currently Scott and Chrissie Orrock are the only acolytes. If younger children come on a regular basis they will be trained by being given assistance by the usher. It was suggested by the Ministry Group that wearing robes would add to the decorum. This will be done for a few weeks to see how it works out.
- Services are now recorded and can be put on CDs for the ill or shut-ins who may want to listen to the service and sermon. Em will train Scott Orrock and Susan and Bill Spage to record and put tracts on the CD for easier listening. CD's will be available for those unable to attend.



- All regular print Bibles in the seats have been replaced with large print Bibles
- PCUSA has issued a new hymnal which will be reviewed by Kathy Hughes. There is no plan to purchase them at this time.
- Em Hughes will be asked to continue to teach the congregation new hymns and encourage their singing. "Those who sing pray twice."



Congregational Care and Fellowship Susan Spage, Moderator

- The baby shower for Bekah and Jamie Davis was a great event.
- The Worship by the Riverside and picnic was well-attended and much enjoyed. Some members of Zion Baptist attended



- After the Chartering Service on October 14 the reception will be held at the Worship Center. Linda Ball will work with Susan on the floor plan. Set-up will either be October 7 or the next Saturday, October 13. Susan will let the congregation know to contribute 'heavy hors d'oeuvres.'
- November 4 will be the Men's Breakfast served by the ladies. This is the Sunday of time change back to standard time.
- December 8 is the wedding of Randy Sisk and Lucy Collins. The entire congregation is invited and many are involved in preparing the reception. Because of the timing it was decided not to have a Christmas luncheon this year.
- February 3 will be Souper Bowl-lunch hosted by the Mission and Outreach Ministry
- February 12 is Shrove Tuesday. The traditional pancake supper will be served.
- February 17 the men will serve the ladies a Valentine's brunch after the service
- February 20- March 20 will be the Community Lenten Series and TPC will take a turn at one of the luncheons.
- April 21 there will be a Dutch Treat lunch in a restaurant after worship service

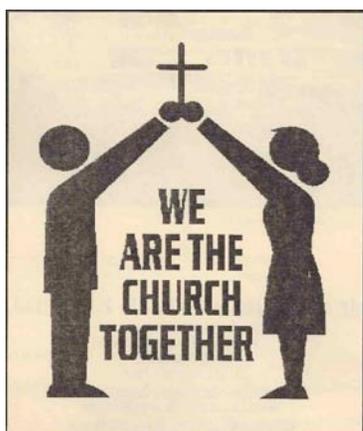
3. Christian Education

- Susan Spage will step into the Moderator role when she can find someone to take over the Congregational Care and Fellowship
- Judi Coats has set up "20 minute lessons" in packs easily taught and ready for any younger children who come.
- The Adult Christian Education fall study series begins October 21. (See article)
- A survey will be sent out to the congregation to see if there is interest in a week-day Bible Study.

4. Mission and Outreach

Sherry Jones, Moderator

- Lucy Collins will continue to update the congregation on ECT activities and the congregation will be encouraged to visit a monthly ECT meeting, led by Kathy Hughes and Alice Roye.
- Baskets will be decorated to collect the 5-cents-a-meal offering. The children will pass the baskets when they are there. Janice Canby is going to work on a way to show the goal and how close we are to it.
- We will support the Christmas Mother program by serving children in Essex County whose care-giver is incarcerated.
- We will continue to organize the Souper Bowl luncheon.
- Next meeting is September 21.



NEW BUSINESS

- A written request from **Ann and John Colby to reactivate their membership** was received with pleasure. This will be done on the first Sunday they attend.
- The **Older Adult Retreat is October 11** at Camp Hanover and members are
- **Stewardship Dedication is November.** Education of the congregation occurs in October. The commitment of tithes and offerings will be the first Sunday in November.
- The Personnel Committee met with John Turner for a review of activities and look forward the next three months.
- **Chartering and Ordination on October 14.**
 1. Pat Morris, Nell Burrough, Cindy Glass, and Alice Roye addressed Invitations and they have been mailed. All churches in the Presbytery of the James have been invited, both by written invitation and blanket email. In addition, ECT pastors in Essex County and their congregations have been invited.
 2. The bulletin will be prepared by St. Andrews
 3. Suggested names of participants in the service will be sent to Rev. Tom Coye by John Turner
 4. A gift of a U.S. St. Andrews plaid stole has been ordered for Tom Coye
 5. TPC is responsible for the flowers. Alice Roye will work with Jill Robertson of the Worship Committee to order these.
 6. Kathy Hughes is working with Tom Coye on the music
- Sherry Jones, member of the **PNC**, presented the **Church Information Form** and the Steering Committee approved it as presented, with additional suggestions incorporated. A more recent Vision Statement will be considered by the Committee. Kay Steele will be the liaison between the PNC and the Presbytery Committee on Ministry.

Please note: About this time of year Presbyterians Today sometimes will send "subscription renewals" to some of our members. Please **do not send in money for renewal of subscriptions** as all renewals will be paid by TPC at a bulk rate. If you are not receiving your copy let Anne Sydnor know

What Do Presbyterians Believe?
Follows fellowship on Sunday Mornings

- October 21 **Reclaiming the Trinity**
The nature of God revealed in the Scriptures
- October 28 **Jesus is the Way**
The uniqueness of Christ
- November 4 **Sacraments: Grace We Can Touch**
Baptism and the Lord's Supper express God's redemptive work in Jesus Christ
- November 11 **Why Do We Confess our Faith?**
Our statements of faith define who we are through the beliefs we share.
- November 18 **Our Radically Connectional Church**
We are one body, not because we find each other's views congenial, but because God has called us together



TPC will receive the **Peacemaking Offering on World Communion Sunday, October 7**. The congregation is encouraged to retain 25 percent for ministries of peacemaking within the congregation and its community. The rest is used for the Presbyterian Peacemaking Program in the General Assembly as well as a Presbyterian Ministry at the United Nations. The Presbyterian Peacemaking Program seeks specific ways to help the church grow in evangelism, discipleship, servanthood, and diversity.

The period from September 9 to October 7 is known as the Season of Peace. Some churches observe this time by discussions on topics such as Human Trafficking, Peace and Civility, Peacemaking in a Violent World, and Anti-bullying- Holding Each Other in Esteem.

You will see literature for several weeks explaining ways Presbyterians can lead local efforts towards living together peacefully, as commanded by our Lord.

October and November



Lectors

October 7 Barbara Cullom
14 (no 10:00 service)
21 Janice Canby
28 Scott Orrock

November 4 Susan Hillyer
11 Jill Robertson
18 Roland Geddes
25 Kim Sydnor

Greeter Anne Sydnor
Ushers Chuck and Betty Dyer

Greeter John Hardy
Jo Dowdy and Tyler Sanders

Happy October Birthday to

Chrissy Orrock 2
Vivian Smith 10
David Jones 21

Roland Geddes 22
Pat Morris 23



Church Family News

- ❖ Welcome to David and Margaret Broad who joined our membership on September 18. Their address is P.O. Box 11 Tappahannock. Margaret's parents, Gordon and Nancy Robinson, were charter members of St. Andrews in Kilmarnock, and we are pleased that the Broads will be charter members of TPC.
- ❖ Ann and John Colby are in process of moving back to Tappahannock and will be reactivating their membership with us! Great news!!
- ❖ Jessica Sisk is getting settled in her new home. Her address is 620 Somerville St. # 22 Manchester, New Hampshire 03103.
- ❖ Anna Mae Sanders has been transferred to Westmoreland Health Care and Rehabilitation at 2400 McKinney Avenue, Colonial Beach, VA 22443.



*Tappahannock Presbyterian Church and the
Presbytery of the James*

Invite you to join us at our

Chartering Service

October 14, 2012 3:00 PM

To be held at the Tappahannock Seventh-day Adventist Church

And to the reception following at the Tappahannock Presbyterian Worship Center

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