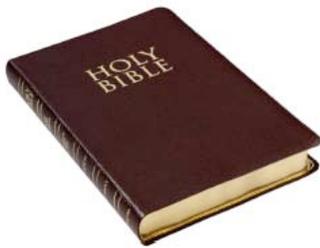


# Wee Kirk Gazette

Tappahannock Presbyterian Church

January 2013



## CYCLE B JANUARY LECTIONARY

1/6 Isaiah 60:1-6; Matthew 2:1-12

### Dramatic Reading

**"The Return of the Magi"**

1/13 Isaiah 43: 1-7; Acts 8: 14-17; Luke 3:15-17, 21-22



Sermon: ***Pleasing God***  
The Rev. Dr. John Turner

1/20 Isaiah 62: 1-5; 1 Corinthians 12: 1-11; John 2: 1-11

**Dr. Robert Bluford, Jr. Guest Preacher**

1/27 Nehemiah 8: 1-3, 5-6, 8-10; 1 Corinthians 12: 12-31a; Luke 4: 14-21

Sermon: ***This Scripture Has Been Fulfilled***  
The Rev. Dr. John Turner

## Pastor's Page

### Happy Hogmanay!

Edinburgh has become famous in recent years for its elaborate celebration of New Year's Eve, known in Scotland as Hogmanay. Because the celebration of Christmas was suppressed in Scotland for most of the last five hundred years, Hogmanay became the country's principal end of year celebration. Edinburgh's Hogmanay Fireworks signaling the arrival of 2013 will be comprised of 4.5 tons of pyrotechnics. In Stonehaven, the illumination will be a bit more basic, provided by big balls of fire at the end of 36 inch long chains swung 'round and 'round the carrier's heads.

Among the many theories about where the word "Hogmanay" comes from are guesses in a wide variety of languages. It could be from the Scandinavian word for the feast preceding Yule, "Hoggo-nott"; or from the Flemish phrase for "great love day" hoog min dag; or from the Anglo-Saxon, "Haleg monath" meaning holy month. Another guess is the Gaelic for "New Morning" oge maiden. But the most likely of all sources seems to be the French for "Man is born" Homme est ne. Then again, it could be the word from Normandy for presents exchanged on the last day of the year, "hoguignetes." I'm glad I was able to clear that up for you!

Auld Lang Syne is an old traditional Scottish poem that Robert Burns edited/tweaked/added to. In case you've always wondered what it actually meant, it's literally "old long ago", or in meaning, "the good old times". Let's hope that 2013 will prove the scripture concerning the Wedding at Cana right again for Tappahannock Presbyterian Church: God has saved the best for now. The best TPC has to offer the community, the presbytery, the Kingdom of God...is yet to come!

Blessings,

John

# SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

December 20, 2013

## TREASURER'S REPORT

### 1. Financial Report

- Budgeted (expected) income- \$105,850  
Actual income \$90,187 Shortfall \$5,663  
(some expected in December)
- Capital Campaign  
2012 pledged = \$46,125  
Received= \$32,775

### 2. Memorial Account = \$11,996.65

- ### 3. Asking Budget for 2013 (Budget Committee: Dave Jones, Janice Canby, Bill Smith)
- Total asking budget \$184,111  
(Total budget for 2012 was \$133,993)

#### Discussion:

- ❖ The asking budget reflects an increase of \$50,118 over last year; more expenses anticipated for double paying rent and utilities; building costs
- ❖ Camperships were a significant expenditure last year. Motion passed to decrease campership from \$2,500 to \$1000 in the Christian Education budget and campership in Mission and Outreach budget from \$800 to \$400. Amount available to each camper will be dependent upon how many applicants; families will be asked to help with expenses.
- ❖ With a decreased asking budget the 10% to Presbytery will be modified
- ❖ With a decreased asking budget the 1% to the Theological Education Fund will be modified
- ❖ John Hardy moved the amended 2013 budget (\$182,211) be approved; motion passed.



## OLD BUSINESS

### 1. Update from Building Committee given by Emerson Hughes, Moderator of the committee.

With plats and plans in hand he explained the architect's rendering of a master plan for Tappahannock Presbyterian Church, showing in more detail the multi-purpose building that will serve as education building, office space, and sanctuary with seating for 146. Space of 5000 square feet is being considered. The Building Committee recommends the continued hiring of William Henry Harris as primary architect and Bob Carter as Site Engineer. The Session approved the recommendation unanimously.

### 2. Update from Pastor Nominating

Committee given by Sherry Jones. The committee continues to review applications and is heeding the warning not to cut off the review too soon. A group of applications came in today (12/20).

## MINISTRY REPORTS

### 1. Worship and Music, moderator Barbara Cullom.

- ❖ Dr. Turner will take vacation from December 31-January 4.
- ❖ Dr. Turner will not be present January 20. The Rev. Dr. Robert Bluford has agreed to preach that day.
- ❖ Advent, Christmas, and Epiphany banner and the suggested readings and prayers from the accompanying booklet are being used each Sunday in Advent. Memorial poinsettias and greens adorned the worship center
- ❖ Next year the Worship ministry will consider having a Christmas Eve service.

- ❖ Wedding of Lucy Collins and Randy Sisk was December 8; many TPC members contributed towards the decorations and reception



## 2. Christian Education

### Moderator Susan Spage

- ❖ The Ministry Group will meet January 14 to discuss the Adult Education Series to be presented during Lent.
- ❖ Susan points out there are no children on a regular basis; however, if there is advance notice Susan will arrange for a class for young visitors

## 3. Congregational Care and Fellowship,

### Moderator Robbie Tavenner

- ❖ Souper Bowl of Caring is February 3 and will be hosted by the Mission and Outreach Ministry
- ❖ Valentine's Brunch will be served February 17 by the men to the women after worship service

## 4. Mission and Outreach

### Moderator Sherry Jones

- ❖ The following disbursements were made from Mission and Outreach budget:
  - a. ECT \$200
  - b. Free Clinic \$500
  - c. Hurricane Sandy Relief (to POJ) \$300
  - d. Food banks: Antioch Baptist (\$300), First Baptist Tappahannock (\$300), Community Services (5 cents a meal) \$259.96
- ❖ Souper Bowl of caring will be held after church on February 3, 2013. Janice Canby will set a goal for us regarding the money and pounds of soup we will collect for the food bank.
- ❖ Next meeting date- Friday, January 11 at 10:30 at the church



## NEW BUSINESS

### 1. Review of Four Administrative Committees for 2013

- a. **Stewardship Committee**- Dave Jones, Moderator. It was suggested he appoint a couple of people to serve on the committee with him now even though they do not have duties until the fall Stewardship Drive
- b. **Budget Committee**- Dave Jones, Moderator. Janice Canby and Bill Smith serve with him. After discussion about the tenure of the lease agreement David Jones was asked to contact the landlord about the possibility of extending the lease through December 2013
- c. **Property Committee**- Jill Robertson will serve as Moderator in 2013. Serving with her will be Randy and Lucy Sisk, Herb Sebren, and Barbara Cullom. Jill was encouraged to have the Property Committee work out a plan for cleaning the worship center each week so the job didn't always fall on her and Barbara Cullom.
- d. **Personnel Committee**- Jill Robertson will serve as Moderator in 2013. Other members of the committee are Dave Canby, John Colby, Kathy Hughes, and Lynn Orrock.

Job descriptions of these committees have been completed and will be put in the Administration Manual.

2. **Policy on length of term for Moderators of Ministry Groups**- after discussion on Susan Spage's motion to limit a ministry group moderator's term to 3 years, the motion passed. The reason is to allow fresh leadership and ideas come forth. Members of a group are to be encouraged to join different groups after a few years for the same reason.

3. Because of the late hour the items of **Vision and Mission Statements** were postponed until January. Alice noted that there had been tweaking and re-working of these two items during grant-writing time and there was not clarity at this time.

# JANUARY AND DECEMBER



**January**    6   Anne Sydnor  
                  13   Bill Smith  
                  20   Randy Sisk  
                  27   Tyler Sanders

**February**   3   Jeff Orrock  
                  10   Scott Orrock  
                  17   Sherry Jones  
                  24   Pat Morris

Greeter   John Hardy  
Ushers    To Be Assigned

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## Happy January Birthday to

Cindy Glass                    1  
Johnny Frischkorn            1  
Beth Perry                     22  
Alyson Claiborne            27  
Alice Roye                     29



### ***Church Family News***

- ❖ Anna Mae Sanders is back at the Westmoreland Health Care and Rehab Center at 2400 McKenney Avenue Colonial Beach, VA 22443. Let her know we miss her, and we miss Tyler, too!
- ❖ Keep in your prayers family members of Barbara Cullom (sister Gayle), Janice Canby (sisters Tammy and Theresa), Susan Stephenson (father Albert Lindley) and Deb Booze (brother Emerson Saunders, mother Sarah Sanders, son Jeff Booze), and friends of Randy.
- ❖ Making New Year's Resolutions? Remember those of our church family who are not in attendance on Sunday morning .
  1. Alyson Claiborne (George Mason University) – 4450 Rivanna River Way PMB 1850 Fairfax, VA 22030- 4441
  2. Frank Rossi (Mary Wigmore's son)-MM 3 Rossie, Frank USS George Washington CVN 73 Box 46/AIMD IM-2 FP0 AP 96650-2801
  3. Nell Burrough 1090 Gen. George Patton Road Nashville, TN 37221
  4. Nancy Robinson P.O. Box 11 Tappahannock, VA 22560
  5. Edith Lawyer 17976 Tidewater Trail Tappahannock, VA 22560



"Lord, even as we enjoy the Super Bowl football game, help us be mindful of those who are without a bowl of soup to eat"

What started out in 1990 as a simple prayer has become a nation-wide organized event. This youth-led movement now helps hungry and hurting people around the world. In 2012 10,465 groups generated \$9,885,272 in cash and food for local charities. Tappahannock Presbyterian Church has participated in this annual event for 8 years. We will again, February 3, 2013.

This prayer, delivered by Brad Smith, then a seminary intern serving at Spring Valley Presbyterian Church in Columbia, SC, gave birth to an idea. Why not use Super Bowl weekend, a time when people come together for football and fun, to also unify the nation for a higher good: collecting dollars and canned food for the needy?

While it has been an exciting youth project, adults have latched on to the idea as well and enter friendly competitions between churches, between groups within a church, anything to increase the excitement and participation.

At TPC our Souper Bowl lunch of chili and soup and crackers served after worship service is also the kick-off for the annual **Operation Inasmuch** day of mission in Essex County. The previous year's video is shown and team leaders and church contacts give an over-view of the year's activities and changes. We will again measure, count, and weigh the proceeds and report them to the Presbytery, who in turn reports to the national organization our success.



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