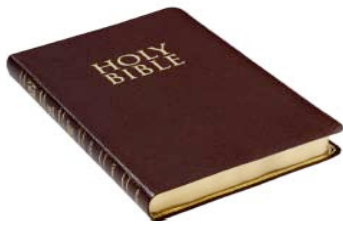


# Wee Kirk Gazette

Tappahannock Presbyterian Church

February 2013



## CYCLE B FEBRUARY LECTIONARY

### **2/3 Fourth Sunday after Epiphany**

Jeremiah 1:4-10; Corinthians 13:1-13; Luke 4:21 – 30

**Sermon: "Recognition"**  
The Rev. Dr. John Turner

### **2/10 Transfiguration Sunday**

Exodus 34:24-35; II Corinthians 3:12 - 4:2; Luke 9:28 - 36



**Sermon: "Overshadowed"**  
The Rev. Dr. John Turner

### **2/17 First Sunday in Lent**

Deuteronomy 26:1-11; Romans 10:8b – 13; Luke 4:1 - 13

**Sermon: "Choice"**  
The Rev. Dr. John Turner

### **2/24 Second Sunday in Lent**

Genesis 15:1 – 12, 17-18;  
Philippians 3:17 – 4:1; Luke 13: 31 - 35

**Sermon: "Rejection"**  
The Rev. Dr. John Turner

## Pastor's Page

What a busy month we have ahead! Souper Bowl of Caring on the 3<sup>rd</sup>; a Shrove Tuesday pancake supper and subsequent Ash Wednesday service on the 12<sup>th</sup>; lunchtime Lenten services at Tappahannock United Methodist Church on the 13<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>, and 27<sup>th</sup> (on the 27<sup>th</sup> TPC and Rappahannock Christian Church are jointly responsible for the lunch, and the speaker at my invitation is friend and colleague, the Reverend Richard Haney, interim pastor at Tuckahoe Presbyterian Church); a Presbytery of the James meeting on the campus of Union Presbyterian Seminary on the 16<sup>th</sup>; and the annual Valentine's Day Brunch on the 17<sup>th</sup> after the morning service.

And exciting times as well! Plans continue for the new church building on Kino Road. Recent discussions between the architect and Em Hughes have focused on creative ways to use glass and natural light in the church's entranceway.

This is exactly as it should be in a church that is a part of the Reformed tradition. Protestant church buildings put emphasis on simplicity and natural light enhanced by clear glass to point to the importance of Jesus as the light of the world.

Bring a friend and/or neighbor to church with you this month for regular Sunday worship and/or any of the special events already mentioned. Building plans, preparations for Operation inasmuch, and most of all the Gospel of Jesus Christ give us a great deal to share with others. Let us do so willingly, intentionally and joyously.

Blessings,

*John*

# SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

January 15, 2013

## COMMUNICATIONS

- Thank-you letter from James Cary, First Baptist Tappahannock for \$300 to their food bank, disbursed by TPC Mission and Outreach
- Thank-you letter from Tove Oster, Director of Tappahannock Seventh-day Adventist Community Services for \$250 (from 5 cents a meal)
- Request for donation for Camp Hanover
- Thank-you from Michael Faulkner, Director of Free Health Clinic, for \$500, disbursed by TPC Mission and Outreach

## TREASURER'S REPORT

- Treasurer sent out 2013 Budget to congregation with a letter. This letter indicated the short-fall in collections and the need to go into the Development Account for operating expenses
- Treasurer reviewed 2013 Budget with Session
- An installment toward POJ's promise of \$45,000 this year was received
  - Explanation of variances within 2012 budget.
  - 5 cents a meal as well as Souper Bowl of Caring was under-received
- Income for Capital Campaign \$33,125
- Development Account total \$267,389
- Memorial Account \$12,007
- Annual audit of books to be done by March 2013
- Letter of Intent to Presbytery of the James has been sent in reflecting 10% of our 2013 budget. This is money to support the Presbytery of the James and its activities.
- Motion passed to give remainder of funds in Pastor's Discretionary Account to Social Services Special Account.
- Congregational meeting needed to ratify raise in pastor's salary, as reflected in the budget. Motion passed to advertise for 2 weeks and hold meeting on January 27.
- Motion passed to renew pastor's interim contract to be for one year with stipulation that either the church or the pastor will give a minimum of 30 days notice to terminate agreement.
- Treasurer has completed all end-of-year reports as well as 1099 tax forms for employees

## NEW CHURCH DEVELOPMENT PURPOSE GROUP

- Document entitled "Report for Dismissal Issues" was made available to Session, with Susan Spage, David Jones, and John Turner answering some questions. It was noted the following churches are requesting release from the Presbytery: St. Giles, Crestwood, Third Presbyterian all of Richmond; New Hanover of Mechanicsville, and Stafford in Caroline County

## PRESBYTERY OF THE JAMES

Jill Robertson will be Commissioner to the February 16 POJ meeting to be held at Union Seminary in Richmond.

## PASTORAL CARE CONCERNS

Members with health concerns and recent bereavement were held in prayer.

## OLD BUSINESS

- **Report on requests for partnership**
- **Update from Pastor Nominating Committee:** Sherry Jones reported they have reviewed 33 PIFs, have made many phone calls, and are getting ready to set up interviews.
- **Update from Building Committee** Emerson Hughes met with the architect this morning and came back re-energized and optimistic that the architect will use some creativity in producing our all-purpose building. A reasonable occupancy date may be October or November 2013.



## MINISTRY REPORTS

### 1. Worship and Music

**Barbara Cullom, Moderator**

1. Review and editing of Advent/Christmas/Epiphany services
2. Imposition of Ashes following Pancake Supper on Tuesday, February 12.
3. Process of decorating/furnishing worship space during Lent and Easter was discussed
4. Communion March 24- Palm Sunday
5. Church will be open on Good Friday for community prayer. Time to be determined.
6. Discussion of "wish list" of worship and music items for the new building and whether Memorial Funds can be used for such things.

### 2. Congregational Care and Fellowship

**Robbie Tavenner, Moderator**

This Ministry Group

- Works with Worship and Music to put on the Pancake Supper February 12
- Coordinates the Valentine Brunch where men serve the ladies immediately after worship on February 17
- Coordinates with Rappahannock Christian Church to provide lunch for the community Lenten service on February 27, at noon at the Tappahannock Memorial UMC
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### 3. Christian Education

**Susan Spage, Moderator**

Plans are being made for the adult study series after worship services during Lent; topic to be decided at meeting on January 16, 2013

### 4. Mission and outreach

**Sherry Jones, Moderator**

- Souper Bowl of Caring lunch on Super Bowl Sunday, February 3. This will also be kick-off for TPC's participation and communication about 2013 Inasmuch. Goal for cans of soup: 116 pounds.
- One Great Hour of Sharing- goes to disaster relief- March 31. Publicity for this will begin in February

### ➤ April 20- Inasmuch mission day.

Kathy Hughes is chair of Core Planning Team. Lucy Sisk is Church Contact. Alice Roye is doing publicity. Janice Canby is Team Leader for *Stop Hunger Now* project. Robbie Tavenner is heading up the lunch at Essex House. John Hardy is team leader for Command Central, and Em Hughes will be hamburger chef along with Larry Baytops from Union Hope Baptist Church.



- Video of Chartering Service secured by Alice Roye. She will invite assistance in reviewing and editing it.
- Next meeting date Friday, March 1 at 10:30 AM.

### 5. Church Growth

**Robbie Tavenner, Moderator**

Alice Roye is communicating with Shannon Kiser, an NCD coach, for assistance in revving back our Church Growth Ministry.

### NEW BUSINESS

1. Mission Statement Approved:  
***Bring people into the Family of God  
Build people into disciples of Christ  
Send people into the world to live and share their faith***
2. A Memorial Committee was appointed: Patricia Morris, Alice Roye, and John Hardy. They will begin work on Policies for the Memorial Fund.
3. Sherry Jones reported on the work of the ad hoc committee assimilating Policies and Procedures for the Tappahannock Presbyterian Administrative Manual. This will be on-going.

# FEBRUARY AND MARCH



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

**March**        3 Barbara Cullom  
                  10 Kim Sydnor  
                  17 Chrissie Orrock  
                  24 John Hardy  
                  31 Roland Geddes

Greeter    Sherry Jones  
Ushers    Janice Canby

Greeter    Herb Sebren  
                  Bill and Vivian Smith

## Happy February Birthday to

Dave Crittenden        3  
Margaret Broad        14  
Jake Perry                18  
Louise Poling            20



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

- ❖ Christian love goes to Deb Booze for the loss of her mother, Sarah Sanders, and to Alice Roye for the loss of her sister, Elizabeth Perkins.
- ❖ Mary Wigmore, Susan Spage, and Michael Faulkner, Director of the Free Health Clinic, collaborated on writing a grant request for \$30,000 from WalMart. The money will be used in developing and teaching the “Healthy Eating- Healthy Living” program at the Free Health Clinic.
- ❖ There are two groups of people in TPC working very hard right now, the Building Committee (Em Hughes, Linda Ball, Bill Spage, Johnny Frischkorn, and Robbie Tavenner) and the Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC) (Jeff Orrock, Sherry Jones, Bill Spage, Mary Wigmore, Janice Canby). Both groups are meeting often and moving along the necessary processes to obtain a full-time resident pastor and to build a multi-purpose building. Keep them in your daily prayers for strength and wisdom to hear God’s gentle coaching.

# Lent: Preparation for Easter

Rev. Turner told the congregation how the date for Easter is set. Ready for the quiz?

The Council of Nicaea (A.D. 325) set the date of Easter as the Sunday following the paschal full moon, which is the full moon that falls on or after the vernal (spring) equinox (March 21).

We know that Easter must always occur on a Sunday, because Sunday was the day of Christ's Resurrection. But why the paschal full moon? Because that was the date of Passover in the Jewish calendar, and the Last Supper (Holy Thursday) occurred on the Passover. Therefore, Easter was the Sunday after Passover

Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of Lent, a time when many Christians prepare for Easter by observing a period of fasting, repentance, moderation and spiritual discipline. Lent is a time of abstinence, of giving things up. In modern times it has become a time of adding in acts of spiritual growth.

Shrove Tuesday comes from the old word "shrive" which means to confess. It is the last chance to indulge yourself and to use up the foods that aren't allowed in Lent. Pancakes are eaten on this day because they contain fat, butter and eggs which were forbidden during Lent.



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