

# Wee Kirk Gazette

Tappahannock Presbyterian Church

March 2013



## CYCLE C MARCH LECTIONARY

### 3/3 Third Sunday in Lent

Isaiah 55:1: 1-9; 1 Corinthians 10:1-3; Luke 13:1-9

#### Sermon

##### *Amazing Grace*

The Rev. Dr. John Turner

### 3/10 Fourth Sunday in Lent

Joshua 5:9-12; 2 Corinthians 5:16-21; Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

#### Sermon

##### *Needful Grace*

The Rev. Dr. John Turner

### 3/17 Fifth Sunday in Lent

Isaiah 43:16-21; Philippians 3:4b-14; John 12:1-8

#### Sermon

##### *More Love to Thee, O Christ*

The Rev. Dr. John Turner

### 3/24 Palm Sunday

Psalms 118:1-2, 19-29; Isaiah 50:4-9a; Luke 19:28-40



#### Sermon

##### *Part of the Crowd*

The Rev. Dr. John Turner

### 3/31 Easter

Isaiah 65:17-25; 1 Corinthians 15:19-26; Luke 24:1-12

#### Sermon

##### *In the Name of the Risen Christ*

The Rev. Dr. John Turner

## Pastor's Page

### Home Remedies

One of the centuries-old home remedies passed down in my father's family was March snow water to be used for treating minor burns. So for years, wherever I was, if it snowed in March, I would collect enough clean snow to melt down a bottle or two full of March snow water. I never heard, read or experienced any indication of whether March snow water was any better for treating burns than any other cool, clean water. And over time, I stopped bothering. I can't remember when I last collected March snow water - though I still do have several bottles of water from the River Jordan (a different story altogether!).

I suppose there are quite a number of family traditions, remedies, tales and stories that are gradually disappearing from our everyday lives. One of the values of belonging to a church family is that we can help one another keep our religious traditions, remedies, and values fresh, strong and relevant in spite of the many changes we continue to live through. When Jesus spoke to crowds on hillsides two thousand years ago they all understood his language, his examples from small town and agrarian culture and his references to God's word as handed down by Moses and the prophets. Many people in the human family have lost touch with these customs, truths and practices. A big part of our responsibility as Christians is to keep biblical truths visible in the lives of our children, grandchildren, friends and neighbors. It's easy for Daniel in the Lion's den to be forgotten in favor of Dora the Explorer, especially if Dora is on the television screen everyday and biblical stories are no longer read to far too many children.

When March comes in like a lion, it goes out like a lamb - or so the saying goes. But how many people remember that the lion represents the Gospel of Mark, a man the Gospel of Matthew, an ox the Gospel of Luke and Eagle the Gospel of John? In past centuries these representations helped people who couldn't read recognize what stories were being told in paintings, stained glass, carvings and other religious art. Like March snow water this may be a remedy that isn't needed anymore. Still, knowing whose we are, why we're here and what we're expected to do are just as powerful needs today as they have ever been. With God's help let us continue to live our faith and grow in our ability to make God's word known to all.

Blessings,

*John*

# Session Highlights

February 19, 2013

## COMMUNICATIONS

- POJ requests nominees to be submitted for the General Assembly commissioners and for certain POJ committees
- Email from Rev. Donald Marsden considered for TPC mission participation in "Me And My House In Mission." At this time the Session decided to not participate.
- Notes from Nell Burrough currently in Nashville, TN
- TPC made the Honor Roll of POJ by being one of 67 out of 113 churches for submitting their year-end report in a timely manner.

## TREASURER'S REPORT

- Special offerings:
  - Souper Bowl of Sharing receipts to be determined and reported later
  - Five cents a Meal                      \$ 304
  - Presbytery Support                      \$3,750
- Operating Account Balance    \$6,609
- Development Funds              \$264,096
- Memorial Fund                      12,017

## NEW CHURCH DEVELOPMENT PURPOSE GROUP

Crestwood – POJ recommended one of two building buildings be kept, the other building available for sale or lease.

## PRESBYTERY OF THE JAMES REPORT

Jill Robertson, Commissioner

- Arch Wallace, POJ Stated Clerk during Carson Rhyne's sabbatical, is new POJ Moderator
- Cindy Correll commissioned to serve 3 years as POJ'S mission worker in Haiti with the Joining Hands Program.
- Tappahannock Administrative Commission dissolved after chartering TPC in October
- Small Church Internship Program and the Collegiate Campus Ministries sponsored by POJ. Qualified small churches need to set aside monies in their annual budgets to pay a stipend for a summer intern.

## OLD BUSINESS

TPC Building Committee, Moderator Emerson Hughes gave a detailed update.

- TPC waiting on written approval from VDOT and Essex County before proceeding to the next step.
- Architect's drawings are scheduled to be complete at end of February. Then the plans go out to bid.
- Architect has quoted \$125 per square foot. to build.
- Dave Jones stated that it looks as if interest rates on a PCUSA loan will be around 4.5%.
- TPC now needs monies. A suggestion was made to develop a plan for 'The Ask,' including TPC's current financial status on one sheet of paper. Em Hughes and Dave Jones will prepare this. Using the one page plan when talking to potential donors all information is current and those asking are working from the same facts. This sheet can also be mailed to prospective donors who request information in writing.

## MINISTRY REPORTS

### 1. Worship & Music

- Good Friday Evening Service 3/29 at 7 p.m.
- Easter Sunday will include Flowering of the Cross and memorial lilies
- Signs will be erected outside to advertise our Good Friday and Easter Services



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## 2. Congregational Care and Fellowship

Robbie Tavenner, Moderator  
TPC hosts Community Lenten Service TPC  
Wednesday, February. Robbie Tavenner is  
coordinating menu and table setting with  
Rappahannock Christian

## 3. Christian Education

Susan Spage, Moderator  
Lenten Bible Study to start February 24

### NEW BUSINESS

- The **Church Directory** is scheduled for completion at the end of February after the last few group and individual pictures are taken.
- A request from Ron and Cindy Glass for use of the worship center was approved by the Session for a wedding vow renewal service, March 25, 2013
- 2013 Time Line of Activities – The Timeline was distributed in the Session Packet; TPC is on target at this time.
- Property Committee report
  - a. New weekly sign up Cleaning Calendar is in Fellowship room.
  - b. Dave Jones is negotiating staying on in current building for an additional 2 or 3 months at the end of 2013 if necessary if the new church building is not ready to be occupied. Discussion ensued regarding cleaning of the new building after moving in.
- Session approved a request for \$100 to be paid to Ernest Eiselstein for editing the DVD of TPC's Chartering Service. Emerson Hughes will set up the DVD for showing to the congregation in April during a fellowship time. Orders for personal copies will be taken then. **If you know you would like a copy let Alice Roye know (alicer2@verizon.net).**
- There is a need for three alternate commissioners to the General Assembly this year who will serve as commissioners for 2014-15. Emerson Hughes volunteered to be nominated as an alternate commissioner. He also agreed to have Dr. Turner submit his name as a candidate for the 2014-15 Moderator of the Presbytery of the James.



### Orders for Easter Lilies

begin March 3. A signup list for donors is in the fellowship room.

## Community Lenten Service

The Community Lenten Service sponsored annually by the Essex Ministerial Association is again meeting on Wednesdays at the Tappahannock Memorial United Methodist Church. A speaker from a different Christian denomination each week brings the meditation from 12 Noon to 12:25. Lunch is served from 11:30-11:50 and from 12:30 to 1:30. Churches take turns supplying the meal.

TPC again is partnering with Rappahannock Christian to prepare and serve lunch on February 27. The speaker that day is the Rev. Richard Haney, Presbyterian minister serving as interim at Tuckahoe Presbyterian in Richmond.

## Lenten Study on Luke

March 3 Chapter 5 *God's Character and Reign* Barbara Cullom

March 10 Chapter 6 *Costs and Joys of Discipleship* Kim Sydnor

March 17 Chapter 7 *Ascending and Descending into Jerusalem* Jeff Orrock

March 24 Chapter 8 *Closing – and Opening the Gospel* John Turner

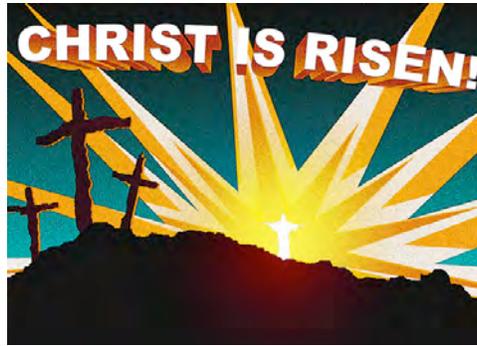
## Two Services on Good Friday



Friday afternoon the community is invited to come in to the Worship Center between 3:00 and 5:00 PM for quiet meditation. There will be occasional soft music, but most of the time there will be silence.

Friday evening at 7:00 the Good Friday Service with candles will be held in the Worship Center. This will be scripture and special music with increasing darkness until there is candlelight, a very powerful commemorative end to a tragic day over 2000 years ago. Come, and bring a friend.

# MARCH AND APRIL



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

April 7 John Hardy  
14 Jeff Orrock  
21 Robbie Tavenner  
28 Mary Wigmore

Greeter Herb Sebren  
Ushers Bill and Vivian Smith

Greeter Anne Sydnor  
Ushers Chuck and Betty Dyer

Happy March Birthday to

Dave Canby 9  
Anne Sydnor 14  
Carys Perry 16  
Ann Colby 16  
Kathy Quigley 19  
Edith Lawyer 30  
Barbara Cullom 30



## ***Church Family News***

In a recent moment of announcements prior to the beginning of worship Janice Canby referred to February as the month of feasting. It has seemed that way, with our gracious bounty on Sunday mornings, Souper Bowl of Caring, Pancake Supper for Shrove Tuesday, and Valentine's Brunch where the men served the women after the church service. On February 27 the ladies of TPC and ladies of Rappahannock Christian joined together to prepare and serve the mid-day meal for the community Lenten services.

We collected 86 pounds of canned goods to share with local food banks during our Souper Bowl lunch. Most of us have never been hungry and have not known when or from where the next meal would come. This has been a month of feasting, a stark contrast and good reminder for the period of fasting of Lent as we contemplate Christ's sacrifice and love for us and prepare our hearts for the celebration of Christ's resurrection.

Thank God, from whom all blessings flow.



The kick-off for Operation Inasmuch 2013 (also now being know as the Compassion Revolution) occurred at the Souper Bowl of Caring lunch. The video of last year's OIAM was shown and members of our congregation were recognized with shout outs "oh, look at..." and "there she is..." Kathy Hughes and Lucy Sisk gave an overview of up-coming projects and opportunities for the big mission day to be held April 20. TPC continues to be strong in leadership and support for the Essex Inasmuch.

The Mission and Outreach Ministry hosted the Souper Bowl of Caring, coinciding with Super Bowl week-end. The congregation brought cans of soup and were treated to chili (Randy Sisk) and soup (Janice Canby) along with crackers and dessert from other contributors.

Dave Canby is shown arranging some of the 86 pounds of canned goods collected. There was also a collection of money. These went to the Community Services food-bank and TPC will register the intake with the Presbytery to be counted in the "big picture" for Souper Bowl of Caring.



Herb Sebren weighs in with some of the canned goods collected.



***“God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work.” —2 Corinthians 9:8***

## **Sharing Resources, Changing Lives**

Since 1949 Presbyterians have joined with millions of other Christians through One Great Hour of Sharing to share God’s love with those in need. Your generous gifts assist those affected by natural disasters, provide food to the hungry, and assist in helping to empower the poor and oppressed.

More than 100 people displaced by Hurricane Sandy in late October found refuge at Stony Point Center, a conference center of the Presbyterian church( USA). Said Communications Manager Paula Sandusky in an interview two weeks after the storm, “We continue to get calls from folks who have lost everything, looking for a shelter that hasn’t already closed its doors. The phone rings nonstop with the offers of stop-gap help; food, clothing, toiletries, and supplies. We have put running a conference center on the back burner while we play the role of case managers for individuals because there’s no other agency equipped to take on that role in this situation.” In the month following the hurricane, Stony Point, located just an hour north of New York City, provided a warm shelter and food for more than 60 adults and 40 children. At the request of the Presbytery of Hudson River, Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) sent \$10,000 from *One Great Hour of Sharing* funds to help meet the needs of the displaced families. Excerpts from Spotlight Feature “Shelter from the Storm” in January/February 2013 *Presbyterians Today*

At Easter TPC, along with Presbyterian churches throughout the country, will receive the *One Great Hour of Sharing* offering. Then we at TPC will be able to hold hands with those who attend the next disaster.

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