

Wee Kirk Gazette

Tappahannock Presbyterian Church

April 2013



CYCLE C APRIL LECTIONARY

4/7 2nd Sunday of Easter

Acts 5:27-32; Rev. 1:4-8; John
20:19-31

Sermon *The Risen Jesus*

The Rev. Dr. John Turner

4/14 3rd Sunday of Easter

Acts 9:1-6; Revelation 5:11-14; John
21: 1-19

Sermon *A New Vision*

The Rev. Dr. John Turner

4/21 4th Sunday of Easter

Acts 9:36-43; Revelation 7:9-17;
John 10: 22-30

Sermon *"I Am the Messiah"*

The Rev. Dr. John Turner

4/28 5th Sunday of Easter

Acts 11: 1-18; Revelation 21: 1-6;
John 13: 31-35

Sermon *"Fare Thee Well"*

The Rev. Dr. John Turner

Pastor's Page

Since the beginning of Advent (December 2, 2012), the Gospel reading for each Sunday including Easter has come from the Gospel according to Luke. For April and May the lectionary switches us to the Gospel of John, a very different presentation of the Good News than that found in Matthew, Mark, and Luke (called the 'Synoptics' because of their similarities).

By the year 200 A.D., John was already designated 'the spiritual gospel' because it told the story of Jesus in ways very different from the other three gospels. In John, rather than eat the Passover meal, Jesus is crucified on the same day the lambs are slaughtered, the day before the Passover. For John, Jesus becomes the Passover Lamb, once and for all. What God had requested of Abraham (that Abraham sacrifice his son, Isaac) but then prevented once Abraham's obedience was displayed, God required of God's self.

John is absolutely convinced that Jesus is the Son of God and that Jesus was God's expression of God's self to humankind. As we journey through Easter-tide, let us continue to learn from our ancestors in the faith such as the writer of John, who lived, ate, slept and breathed their faith. As John puts it so beautifully in his third chapter, the thirteenth verse, "For God so loved the world that he gave His only Son, so that everyone who believes in Him may not perish but may have eternal life." This April, may we all endeavor to live into this promise with God's help.

Blessings,

John

Session Highlights

March 20, 2013

Communications

- Letter informing TPC that the Tappahannock Buildings, LLC (Seller) has sold the property TPC is renting.
- Treasurer Dave Jones wrote to the above party to request extension of the Lease until the end of December 2013.
- Email from Len Engstrom of Campbell Church Community Mission Program stated they would send \$5000 to cover invoices paid to Wm. Henry Harris & Associates, architects. They asked questions regarding other sources of funding sought and expected expenditures.
- Treasurer David Jones answered those questions, indicating there had not been firm contracts about the Site plan and development because of waiting for 1) assurance of financial support, and 2) approval of site plan by VDOT, hopefully by April 1 and he indicated other sources of funds.
- Email from Keith Johnston, pastor of Forest Hill Presbyterian, saying there are no funds available to help support *Operation Inasmuch*.
- A letter from the American Cancer Society requesting the church build a team to run in the *Relay for Life* June 22. No action was taken.
- Bob Shultz, Clerk of St. Andrews visited TPC on March 17 and indicated St. Andrews is mentoring TPC. Alice Roye, Clerk, wrote back expressing appreciation for interest and looking forward to future relationships with their congregation

Treasurer's Report

Total in Development Account	\$ 247,101
Operating Account	9,597
Memorial Account	12,176

Discussion about donations to *Operation Inasmuch*- remind the congregation that they are to make contributions to *Operation Inasmuch* by writing check to TPC and put in memo OIAM.

New Church Development Purpose Group

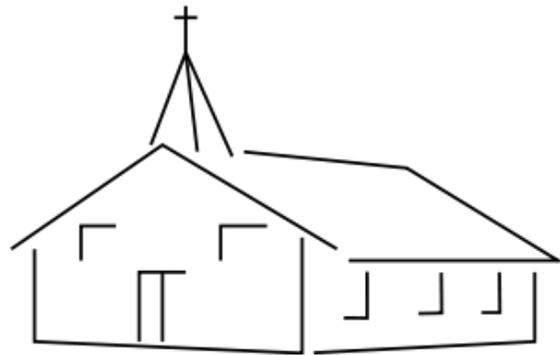
Susan Spage

- Rev. Jay Sanderford has been named the new Moderator of the NCD Purpose Group
- Katherine Todd is leading a worshipping community in Carytown, in Richmond, and appreciates any monetary help possible. This was referred back to Mission and Outreach, Sherry Jones
- There was a report on the Evangelical African Church which now meets in Trinity Presbyterian
- Emerson Hughes met with people at the Presbytery office requesting funds for our building- both in the form of a gift and a loan. While no commitment of funds has been given he was encouraged to continue on with getting bids for construction and other costs with assurance there would be some financial support.

Old Business

- TPC Building Committee

The site plans have been turned in and await VDOT approval to begin. Em feels confident that financial backing will be forthcoming and plans to put the work out for contractors by the end of this month.



April 20, 2013

- Pastor Nominating Committee
Sherry Jones reported interviews have begun

Looking for a Church for Easter?

Ministry Reports

1. Worship & Music

Plans made for Palm Sunday (with palms), Good Friday (readers and outdoor banners) and Easter (outdoor banners, flowering of the cross).

2. Christian Education

Session approved Lenten Bible Study on the *Book of Luke* which began February 24, 2013 and approved exploring a study of *Book of John* as the fall 2013 adult study.

3. Mission and Outreach

- The congregation is receiving preparatory materials for the *One Great Hour of Sharing* to be received on Easter
- *Stop Hunger Now* is a new project for *Operation Inasmuch* and will be led by Janice Canby
- Banana Bingo ministry, led by Vivian Smith, happens every third Thursday. Accompanying her to Essex House are Bill Smith, Sherry Jones, Ellen and John Hardy, and Dave Canby

New Business

- Alice reported on the webinar for "Enduring Congregations" and told of the April 13 workshop.
- There was discussion about having a retreat for the Session prior to the congregation's planning retreat scheduled for August 24 at Camp Hanover.
- Em will show the DVD of the Chartering Service after service on April 7
- Work has begun to appoint a permanent Nominating Committee. This is one of the changes with the New Form of Government in the *Book of Order*. The Session appoints the Nominating Committee for a three year term, with one rotating off each year. It is comprised of a Session member and two members from the congregation.



Come Join Us!

Traditional Worship 10:00 AM

Sermons Lively and Learned

Lovely music

Welcoming congregation

Tappahannock Presbyterian Church

1926 Tappahannock Boulevard



Do you know a Creaster?

A Creaster is a person who goes to church on Christmas and Easter but doesn't have a relationship with a church during the year. During this season perhaps there is a Creaster out there looking for a place to come in, to call home.

Invite him or her or them to join you at worship on this most holy of days. You'll both be glad you did.

APRIL AND MAY



April 7 Chrissie Orrock
 14 Jeff Orrock
 21 Robbie Tavenner
 28 Mary Wigmore

May 5 Susan Hillyer
 12 John Hardy
 19 Roland Geddes
 26 Deb Booze

Greeter Anne Sydnor
Ushers Chuck and Betty Dyer

Greeter Johnny Frischkorn
Ushers Jo Dowdy, Tyler Sanders



Randy Sisk 19
Bekah Hughes Davis 19
Sherry Jones 20
Nancy Robinson 20
Steve Reger 24
Mary Wigmore 25



Church Family News

- Special thoughts and prayers for healing go to our church family members, especially in need this month:
 - Susan Hillyer- knee replacement on March 18 (cards of cheer will reach her at her home address even though she is recuperating at a family member's home)
 - Cindy Glass- pneumonia
- Needing a special boost right now: John Frischkorn, Deb Booze, Kathy Wigmore, Lucy Sisk, Ellen Hardy
- Good luck to Lynn Orrock and Rocket in their venture of nose trials. Rocket is trying to keep up with her friend who is a "scent champion"
- A bit belated but sincere congratulations to Linda Ball and her shop *Sew Happy* on the successful effort to provide nightclothes for the women and children who are forced to suddenly leave their homes for the safety of the Haven. Barbara Cullom, Sherry Jones, Pat Morris, and Alice Roye participated in the effort. *Sew Happy* is becoming a popular gathering place for people who like to sew, knit, crochet, or people who like the people who do! Stop in if you haven't so far- corner of Water Lane and Prince St.

We Love to Tell the Story

In the Rappahannock Times

A Day of Sorrow, A Day of Rejoicing Part I A Day of Sorrow

The names "Good Friday" and "Easter" are not in the Bible but are names that Christians gave to these important days in later centuries. The days are described in scripture, and interestingly there is some indication that Christ was crucified on a Wednesday and rose on the Sabbath which was then Saturday. Good Friday is a term used by Western Christians, not by Orthodox Christians, so historically there is uncertainty about the origin of this name. The day is also called Holy Friday.

"For Christians Good Friday is the day to reflect about Jesus' horrific death from being nailed to the cross," explains the Rev. Dr. Barbara Cullom. Dr. Cullom has a Ph.D in Biblical Studies from the University of Notre Dame and M.Div. from Howard University School of Divinity and is a member of Tappahannock Presbyterian. "It is 'good' for all humans, because it is the most powerful sign of God's love for us. Jesus, the Son of God, accepted a painful, lingering death, so that humankind's relationship with God could be restored

"Today Christians take Good Friday as a day to reflect on the love Jesus had for us. It is a solemn commemoration made bearable because of the rejoicing to come when celebrating Jesus Christ's ascension/ rising from the grave into everlasting life."

Part II A Day of Rejoicing

"The miraculous return of Jesus Christ three days after his horrific death is the celebration of life over death," says the Rev. Dr. Barbara Cullom, Ph.d, M.Div. "For those of us in the Northern Hemisphere Easter takes place in Spring. We rejoice to see flowers, trees and grass coming back to life, and the miraculous appearing of plants and trees after a hard winter reminds Christians that because of His death we are granted eternal life. In Jesus' return we see that our human lives don't end when we take our last breath. Our souls, the most real part of ourselves, live on in heaven."

If you are looking for a place to worship this Easter you are invited to come to Tappahannock Presbyterian at 10:00 a.m. on March 31. That day the wooden cross that bore the bloody body of Christ is transformed by members of Tappahannock Presbyterian from a bare wooden object to the glorious, flower-bedecked cross, a living symbol.

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