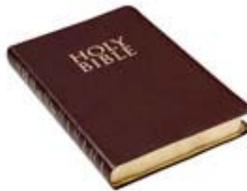


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Tappahannock Presbyterian Church

June 2013



CYCLE C JUNE LECTIONARY

June 2 2nd Sunday after Pentecost
I Kings 18:20-21, 30-39; Galatians
1:1-12; Luke 7:1-10

Sermon **Amazing Jesus**
The Rev. Dr. John Turner

June 9 3rd Sunday after Pentecost
I Kings 17:8; Galatians 1:11-24;
Luke 7:11-17

Sermon **The Delicacy of
Life and the Power of God**
The Rev. Dr. John Turner

June 16 4th Sunday after Pentecost
I Kings 21:1-10, 15-21a; Galatians
2:12-21; Luke 7:36 - 8:3

Sermon **With Due Gravity**
The Rev. Dr. John Turner

June 23 5th Sunday after
Pentecost I Kings 19:1-4, 8-15a;
Galatians 3:23-29; Luke 8:26-39

The Rev. Carson Rhyne preaching

June 30 6th Sunday after Pentecost
II Kings 2:1-2, 6-14; Galatians 5:1,
13-25; Luke 9:51-6

Sermon **The Cost of Following**
The Rev. Dr. John Turner

Pastor's Page

Where We Started

June represents many things in our society: a popular month to get married in (in 18th century Virginia December and January were the most popular months for weddings); graduations, baccalaureate services, the end of school sessions, the end of the professional basketball season; the beginning of summer, summer camps, watersports get going in earnest, Wimbledon, England hosts the world's premier tennis tournament. For the church family it's a time to rejuvenate, re-group, and re-create ourselves in the image of Christ.

Presbyterian minister/author Frederick Buechner reminds us all where we started in his typically lucid, inspiring and helpful way:

"The story of Christ is where we all started from, though we've come so far since then that there are times when you'd hardly know it to listen to us and when we hardly know it ourselves. The story of Christ is what once, somehow and somewhere, we came to Christ through. Maybe it happened little by little – a face coming slowly into focus that we'd been looking at for a long time without really seeing it, a voice gradually making itself heard among many other voices and in such a way that we couldn't help listening after a while, couldn't help trying somehow, in some unsatisfactory way, to answer. Or maybe there was more drama to it than that – a sudden catch of the breath at the sound of his name on somebody's lips at a moment we weren't expecting it, a sudden welling up of tears out of a place where we didn't think any tears were. Each of us has a tale to tell if we would only tell it." *Listening to Your Life*, Frederick Buechner. HarperCollins, copyright 1992, page 160.

Operation Inasmuch 2013 is six weeks or so in the past and in just a few months planning for that annual community serving/Christ serving/community strengthening event will begin again for 2014. But June is a good time to reflect on what being Christian really means to us personally. How does it change our behavior? Are we living out our Christianity in ways that make a difference to God? To Christ? To our neighbors? I challenge you to spend some time this month answering these questions for yourself. May you experience God's presence in so doing.

Blessings,

John

Session Highlights

May 21, 2013

Communications:

- Letter from St. Andrews Presbyterian Church inviting TPC to attend their 25th anniversary. Alice Roye and Pat Morris attended representing TPC.
- Note from Jo Dowdy thanking the members of the church for keeping them in their thoughts and prayers during the loss of her husband Floyd.
- Note from Nell Burrough sending love to the congregation and saying she hopes to return home by July
- Note from *Operation Inasmuch* thanking TPC for contributions of talents and monetary gifts to the Essex Inasmuch.

Treasurer's Report: As of April 2013

Development Account	\$ 11,005
Union Bank CD's	<u>209,447</u>
Total Development Fund	\$ 220, 452

Operating Account	6,525
Memorial Account	12,186

Total Assets	\$239,163
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Janice Canby reported that she and Bill Smith have completed the Financial Review for 2012. This is done each year based on the Guidelines set forth by the Presbytery of the James. Janice reported that all is in order. Their recommendation is that there be more people counting Sunday receipts and not having the counting and dispersing be centralized with the Treasurer. The Clerk was asked to see if this report is to be submitted to Presbytery. (The answer is TPC keeps record, not POJ)

Presbytery of the James meets June 18. Emerson Hughes was appointed Commissioner. The Session will adjust its meeting time to June 17.

Pastoral Care Concerns:

Members with health concerns were discussed.

Old Business:

1. TPC Building Committee

Emerson Hughes, Chair, reported that the Building Committee met and after careful review of the bids from 5 contractors they voted to recommend Norman Company as General

Contractor. Emerson emphasized theirs was not the lowest bid but after all considerations Norman is the company the Building Committee felt would do the best job for TPC. The Session approved the selection by unanimous vote. Initial estimates for the completed job are \$959,600 for a building with exterior siding that must be painted and \$993,550.50 for a building made of pre-cast cement walls with exterior that looks like brick that will not be painted. The contract will not be signed until there is another review of the bid and possible additions and deletions are made. Emerson hopes to have as few change orders as possible. He recommended a 10% contingency fund be included because of un-anticipated surprises along the way. Em commented that he is extremely pleased with the skill and attitude of Bob Carter, Site Engineer.

The Session unanimously approved a note of appreciation to be placed in the Minutes for all of Emerson Hughes' diligent work on the building project so far.

2. Down by the Riverside Worship

After consultation with the Hughes the Session decided upon September 15 at the home of Em and Kathy Hughes. They directed Rev. Turner to invite Zion Baptist, Chance as we have in the past with efforts to see that this is communicated through Deacon Stanley Clarke.

3. Nominating Committee

The suggested nominees all accepted the position on the Nominating Committee. The Session recommended this be for a year at a time and not have staggered terms serving for 3 years. Elder Jill Robertson is Moderator and she will inform the other members, Pat Morris and Randy Sisk of their one-year terms.

4. Retreat for Session

A place for the retreat is still being sought .

MINISTRY REPORTS

1. Worship & Music

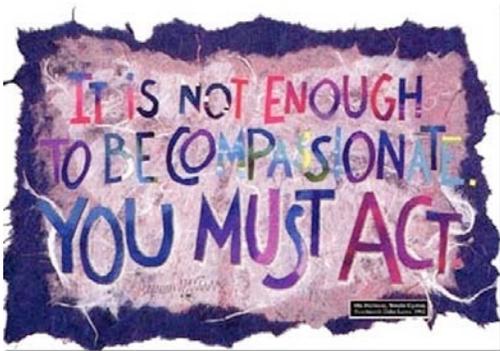
Barbara Cullom, Moderator

Recommendation that people in the congregation be identified who would cover the nursery / Sunday School if children are present. Session approved. Jill, as member of Worship and Music Ministry, will follow through with asking people. Hiring someone on a regular basis will be considered when we start having children attend.

2. Congregational Care and Fellowship

Robbie Tavenner, Moderator

No report



3. Mission and Outreach

Sherry Jones, Moderator

- ✓ **Pentecost Offering was received May 19 and will be for several consecutive Sundays.** The Ministry Group suggested that in future years it be earmarked for Vacation Bible School that will be open to the community.
- ✓ **Essex Churches Together** Announcements of events (see article)
- ✓ In September the **Mission and Outreach Ministry plans to sponsor a Sunday Fellowship Time** and use that time to inform members of additional mission projects available that their family might be interested in.
- ✓ The Congregation is reminded to **check out the bulletin board that is being updated continuously.**
- ✓ Our contribution of \$65 to the **Carytown ministry was appreciated by Katherine Todd.** She is trying to start a street ministry. It was suggested some TPC members might go in and attend and support her effort.

4. Christian Education

Susan Spage, Moderator

- ✓ There is a Bible Quiz game in the Sunday School room to use for children
- ✓ The Ministry Group is still reviewing a study of John or "The Jesus I Never Knew" video series

5. Church Growth

Robbie Tavenner, Moderator

no report

NEW BUSINESS

1. Personnel Committee Report

Jill Robertson, Moderator

Administrative Assistant Susan Stephenson's request for changing her hours in the office during the summer from 3 4-hour days to 2 6-hour days was granted. This schedule will be re-evaluated by the Personnel Committee in the Fall.

- ### 2. Policy:
- Session passed the recommendation that Ministry Groups are free to make expenditures as long as they stay within their budgeted amount. Purchases over \$150 should be approved by the Session.

4. Moderator of the Decorating

Committee. Susan Spage was appointed to head up the Decorating Committee for the new church building. She will appoint her committee to work with the Building Committee on ideas like colors and furnishings.

- ### 5. Herb Sebren, JD announced that he has completed the application for TPC to receive incorporation and 501-C-3 status



Banana Bingo

Essex House, the third Thursday of each month. Six "regulars" go from TPC each month and have a great time! Join them! Call Vivian Smith at 443-4546 for more info.



Cash donations for special offerings should have name and amount written on the envelope before handing it in. there are several destinations for money on some Sunday mornings.

Announcements from Essex Churches Together

- ❖ **Haven yard sale** on June 8
- ❖ **Relay for Life** on June 22
- ❖ **Good participation from TPC at the bake sale at Farmers Market.** TPC partnered with First Union Baptist and Grace Episcopal.
- ❖ **Storage is available now for large donated items.** ECT is looking for a volunteer who will take on the responsibility of keeping the key to the area and keeping track of inventory. Is that a way you could help?? Let Alice know.
- ❖ **Applebee's fundraiser** – the 4th Monday night of every month Applebees will give ECT 10% of the revenue from a meal when a brochure for the month is presented. These will be given out in church each month. A tasty way to help ECT!

- ❖ **Community Garden** David Taliaferro reports the garden began on Operation Inasmuch day is overrun with weeds. He needs volunteers to help with weeding. If interested in planting your own plot and/ or helping with weeding, please contact Will Lankford at 296-8301 or David Taliaferro at 443-5292 (home) or 241-6477 (c).
- ❖ **"Light"** Joanne Ruffa announced Jacob's Ladder and Tappahannock Memorial United Methodist Church will present "*LIGHT*" a small mixed ensemble on Monday, July 1st at 7:30 pm at TMUMC. "*LIGHT*" is from The Shelby and Ferne Collinsworth School of Music at California Baptist University. The concert is free.
- ❖ **Intercept Summer Program** June 24 at Essex Intermediate School. See list of supplies needed on last page. More information about the program to come.
- ❖ **Samaritan Way** Gary Bickford, an R&R coordinator at the 2013 Inasmuch Day, says his team would like to continue to do projects throughout the year. If anyone is interested in joining with Gary in this effort, contact him: Gary Bickford at 769-3066 (home), 925-7467 (cell), Gvbick4D@yahoo.com.

Groundbreaking News !!

The Groundbreaking Celebration for the new Church Building will be held on Sunday, June 16 immediately after worship. All will go to the site on route 360, Kino Road, across from Chandler Chevrolet for the celebration which will be about 30 minutes.

JUNE AND JULY

Happy Father's Day



Lectors

June 2 Jill Robertson
 9 Anne Sydnor
 16 Kim Sydnor
 23 John Colby
 30 Barbara Cullom

July 7 Deb Booze
 14 Sherry Jones
 21 Tyler Sanders
 28 Jill Robertson

Greeter Bill Spage
Ushers John Hardy, Bill Smith

Greeter Sherry Jones
Ushers To be arranged

JUNE

Em Hughes 2
Kim Sydnor 11



Church Family News

- ❖ Jo Dowdy took a fall and is in the Orchard having physical therapy. Her daughter Debbie is coming, along with Debbie's granddaughter Carmen, to be with Jo for several weeks. We look forward to seeing them all.
- ❖ Anna Mae Sanders is still in the Westmoreland Nursing Home in Colonial Beach. She enjoys visitors and keeping up with the news from her church family.
- ❖ Cindy Glass is still having health challenges. Pray for support and healing for her and for her continued optimism in the face of the unknown.
- ❖ Continue keeping Nancy Robinson, Edith Lawyer, and Nell Burrough in your prayers.
- ❖ Groundbreaking Time is Here!! June 16, noon- in time to get home and continue on with Father's Day celebrations!
- ❖ Alice Roye has been MIA for several weeks celebrating family events. She and son Roye took a cruise and she is celebrating grandson Zack's high-school graduation June 8.

(Background music, Maestro, if you please)

Are you getting rid of clutter? 🎵

Do you have craft supplies that you don't use but can't throw away? 🎵

Would you like to support children's activities this summer? 🎵

If the answer is yes, then we have the remedy for you!

Intercept Summer Program . This program begins on June 24th and is housed at Essex Intermediate School. They try to make sure children have hot meals and get involved in the community. These kids may not get but one meal a day and this is why they are in the program.

They are looking for

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| crayons (old & new) | cereal boxes | markers |
| coloring books | old newspapers | paint brushes and paint for children |
| old fabric | tote bags | glue and glitter |
| old magazines | zip lock bags | drawing paper |
| old games | white chalk | containers (small & large) |
| candy | old yarn | egg cartons |
| toilet and paper towels | plastic bags | pencils |
| tablets | scissors | bubbles |

Hygiene products (tooth paste, tooth brushes, lotion, soap, etc.)
Any kind of snacks that the children can take home in a goodie bag.

They want to help the children know how it feels to receive things of their own. They are looking for places the children can go on field trips that will cost little or no money. They want to know of a farm that has animals they could go visit. They are seeking groups to provide bag lunches or cooked meals. If anyone is interested in donating or for more information, please contact Lynn Holmes at 296-9387 or email lynn.y.holmes@gmail.com.

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