

# Wee Kirk Gazette

Tappahannock Presbyterian Church

October 2013



## CYCLE C OCTOBER LECTIONARY

### **October 6 World Communion Sunday**

Worship with churches around the river at Campbell Presbyterian, Weems

**October 13** 21<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Pentecost  
Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7; 2<sup>nd</sup> Timothy 2:8-15; Luke 17:11-19

**Sermon:** "The One Who Returned"  
The Rev. Dr. John Turner

**October 20** 22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost  
Jeremiah 31:27-34; 2<sup>nd</sup> Timothy 3:14-4:5; Luke 18:1-8

**Sermon:** "Spiritual Breathing"  
The Rev. Dr. John Turner

**October 27** 23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost  
Luke 18:9-14

**Sermon:** "True Surrender"  
The Rev. Dr. John Turner

## Pastor's Page

According to the 2013-14 Presbyterian Planning Calendar there are seven notable days in October in addition to All Hallows E'en. Four are Sundays, Columbus Day, a Monday (14<sup>th</sup>), World Food Day, Wednesday (16<sup>th</sup>), and United Nations Day on Thursday, October 24<sup>th</sup>.

On Sunday the 6<sup>th</sup>, we will join our Presbyterian brothers and sisters from five area churches to celebrate World Communion Sunday at Campbell Memorial in Weems. We also collect a Peacemaking Offering that day to support peacemaking ministries here and around the world. Sunday, the 13<sup>th</sup> of October is Domestic Violence Awareness day, a reminder that Christians are called to promote justice, mercy, and to care for neighbors who need us.

Columbus Day reminds us how more than five hundred years ago, Europeans 'found' a new world that had actually never been lost. And, sadly, how old nations and civilizations were destroyed and/or changed forever because they were 'different' from their conquerors.

World Food Day (16<sup>th</sup>) reminds us that the poor are still with us, as Jesus said they would be, and the call to feed the hungry is still just as relevant today as it was two thousand years ago. Children's Sabbath (20<sup>th</sup>) is a time to remember that children are still among the most vulnerable in all the world's societies and need our attention, care and ministry. United Nations Day (24<sup>th</sup>) is a reminder that governments can be powerful forces for good if they will follow God's intentions and will for humanity.

And finally, Reformation Sunday (27<sup>th</sup>) is a reminder of who we are as Presbyterians, a priesthood of all believers, who believe we are saved by faith alone and constitute a church that is always being reformed by a God who makes the world new each morning.

Blessings,  
John

# Session Highlights

September 17, 2013

## COMMUNICATIONS:

1. Thank you letter from Theological Education and Seminary Relations.
2. Invitation to have lunch with Missionary, Ruth Brown at St. Andrew's on Monday, September 23 at 11:00 a.m.

## TREASURER'S REPORT AS OF AUGUST 31

1. New building expenses \$ 127,937  
(plus \$5000 in 2012)
2. Present Balance in checking \$ 15,080
3. Plate Offering \$ 58,910
4. Total Development Account \$ 239,489
5. Capital Campaign  
Total Pledged \$150,570  
Received through 9/17 \$ 44,795
6. Received from POJ to date \$ 60,000
7. The G.A. Loan application was completed and submitted to PC/USA.
8. Peacemaking offering to be received September 29 October 13.
9. The Treasurer will be out of the office for 2 weeks starting in mid-October.

## Pastoral Care Concerns

Members who are being visited or contacted by phone were discussed. Visits are being made to housebound members and meals are being delivered to a member who was in an accident.



## OLD BUSINESS

1. Update from Building Committee (Sept. 17)
  - The slab has been poured, today wall locations are being laid. Tomorrow workers will start building the walls. Final selection of the roof shingles is being made.
  - This week building of a commercial 400' deep, high volume well begins, to be located to the left of the driveway towards the houses. It will have a 50' circumference where nothing else can be built. Underground piping will be set up for future irrigation.
  - Dominion Power will be installing 3-phase service which will need a pole that will be placed back towards the TPC driveway entrance. Dominion Power covers costs for overhead installation. The customer (TPC), pays the difference between the overhead and underground costs for any underground cable laid.
  - The fire alarm, with a panel that may also accept a burglar alarm, has been quoted and is out on bid. This system will give us a secure building and also enable members to enter the building, by punching in their own assigned code. The fire alarm will have direct communication with Tappahannock Emergency Services.
  - Emerson continues to regularly meet with the architect and contractor.

2. Update from PNC: No report.

## MINISTRY REPORTS

### Worship and Music

Barbara Cullom, Moderator

World Wide Communion Service at Campbell Presbyterian, October 6 at 10 a.m. TPC choir will join in the combined choir. Deb Booze is appointing 2 elders to serve. TPC is asked to bring either 2 plates of sandwiches or cookies.

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## CONGREGATIONAL CARE AND FELLOWSHIP

Robbie Tavenner, Moderator

1. CCF Ministry is coordinating care and feeding of Lucy and Randy!
2. Future Events
  - a. **November 3** (back to Standard Time)  
Men's breakfast served by the ladies
  - b. **December 8** Christmas Luncheon at the Riverside Condo
  - c. **February 2** Souper Bowl Lunch hosted by Mission and Outreach Ministry
  - d. **March 4** Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper and Service

## 3. CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Susan Spage, Moderator

- a. A Bible study on the Book of John will begin October 13 and end November 17. Books have been ordered.
- b. The CE Ministry recommendation for the congregation to embark on an educational study on the book Reaching People under 40 while Keeping People over 60 was approved. Copies of the book have been purchased and dates for this study will be announced.

## 4. MISSION AND OUTREACH

Sherry Jones, Moderator

- a. Mission Dinner at St. Andrews on September 23 for missionary Ruth Brown. TPC will provide desserts for this event.
- b. The 5 ¢-a-meal collection for August was \$126.04. The congregation is encouraged to bring food items for the Community Service Food Bank. The three food banks continue to receive \$500 a year each from the POJ.
- c. **Banana Bingo** continues to be a hit with residents at Essex House and TPC members are urged to take a turn at supporting both the residents and the volunteers who go faithfully every month.



- d. **September Mission/Fellowship Project.** September 22 the Mission and Outreach Ministry will have a few minutes of Time for Missions at the service and then host refreshments. There will be displays of mission projects that we participate in through PC/USA as well as other missions families might want to do on an individual basis.
- e. The Intercept Program – Alice Roye reported the Intercept summer program is over for this year. Money remaining from this project was used to buy book bags and other educational materials.
- f. The Peacemaking Offering will be collected on September 9 and October 13. This offering is usually received on the World Day of Prayer, October 6. TPC will be worshipping at Campbell on that day.
- g. Janice Canby will contact Lynn Orrock to obtain more information on a mission project that Lynn is undertaking. She has requested to use TPC facilities to bring the mission to the Tappahannock area.

### A Chance to Show God's Love

Mary Wigmore brought Rockwell ("Rock") Veney as a guest to the recent Worship by the River service. Her family and Rock have become friends and Mary shared with the Mission and Outreach Ministry the opportunity to help Rock get settled in a new apartment. Members of the congregation will be having a "pounding" for Rock on Sunday, October 13. People are invited to bring items ("a pound of this, a pound of that") that will help him get set up in his new home. It can be food or household items such as paper products, cleaning products, personal hygiene products, books and magazines (he especially likes local history.) This will be presented to him during Fellowship Time that day.

# WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE CHURCH GROWTH MINISTRY?

Robbie Tavenner, Moderator

## August 19

- a. The whole congregation needs to be involved in TPC growth
- b. Keep TPC in the news, keep our website and Facebook page updated
- c. Janice Canby is checking on Precept Program, a report on demographics providing faith based data about churches
- d. Mary Wigmore will order the book, Reaching People under 40 while keeping People over 60, by E. H. Hammett with J. R. Pierce
- e. Robbie is making tickets for worship at the River and also new gift bags for visitors. She is going to get more information about setting up a community Welcome Wagon.
- f. Randy expressed interest in bringing his motorcycle club to church, then have a ride after worship
- g. Discussion on how to incorporate the new pipe organ with music needs of the community
- h. Proposal to give a "Thank You" dinner for all those involved in the new TPC building
- i. The recommended time frame for Dedication Day for the new church is 4 to 6 months after TPC is in the building.
- j. Church Growth Ministry Group will continue to meet once a week

## August 26

- a. Tickets for Worship at the River and gift bags for visitors being made
- b. Jill Robertson emailed Jeff Orrock for sign-on rights to TPC Facebook page
- c. Mary distributed 5 copies of the book, Reaching People under 40 while Keeping People over 60
- d. David Smith is researching possibility of having a bonfire on the new property
- e. Mary talked to Bella's restaurant about advertising TPC on their place mats and maybe also their pizza boxes
- f. Alice Roye will check with the Westmoreland Players and other local newspapers about additional advertising
- g. Janice reported the Precept Program is not available thru POJ
- h. Alice reports that TPC can have their Christmas Lunch on December 8 at the Riverside Condo

## September 9

- a. Mary updated the group on TPC Facebook status. She is refreshing it and going to make future additions.
- b. Kathy and Em Hughes suggested some of the following activities for TPC's new building
  - Have book studies led by a teacher from seminary or POJ,
  - organ concerts
  - old-time sing-a-longs
  - talent shows
  - toddler-sitting for community one day/half day a week
  - golf tournament
- c. Mary gave an update on placemat advertising
- d. Discussion on having an old time hymn sing at Essex House
- e. Robbie will seek Session approval for TPC congregation to study the book Reaching People under 40 while Keeping People over 60. (This recommendation was approved by Session.)
- f. Next Church Growth meeting to be October 7 at 6:00 PM. **EVERYONE** is invited to attend, whether or not you have been to a meeting before. **EVERYONE is responsible for CHURCH GROWTH**

# OCTOBER AND NOVEMBER



\* Worship Assistants will read both scripture and prayer of dedication.

October 6 (Worship at Campbell)  
13 John Hardy  
20 Lucy Sisk  
27 Kim Sydnor

November 3 Mary Wigmore  
10 Bill Spage  
17 Roland Geddes  
24 Sherry Jones

Greeter Anne Sydnor  
Ushers Chuck and Betty Dyer

Greeter John Hardy  
Jo Dowdy, Tyler Sanders

## October Birthdays

Chrissy Orrock 2  
Vivian Smith 10  
David Jones 21  
Roland Geddes 22  
Pat Morris 23



## Church Family News

- ❖ Prayers for continued healing for Barbara Cullom and Kathy Hughes
- ❖ Prayers for healing and support to Lucy Sisk as her broken leg mends and Randy and her church family minister to her as she has ministered to so many others.
- ❖ Prayers for Rockwell Veney as he settles into his new home
- ❖ Remember in your prayers Frank Rossi, son of Mary Wigmore, and all those who are in harm's way and willing to sacrifice their life to protect us. We remember also those who are being ravaged and persecuted throughout this world by those who value life less than their own power. Add Frank's name and address to your Directory and drop him a line every now and then.

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***The God of heaven Himself will help us succeed; therefore, we will arise and build! We will trust His Word and believe in the Sovereign Lord who always keeps His promises. Nehemiah 2:20***

Father, we thank you for your faithful love for us that never ends and your mercy which never ceases. We thank you for giving our leaders the vision to build and for providing the resources for us to build.

We thank you for calling forth competent and skilled laborers for this project, just as you called forth the artisans for the building of the tabernacle. We pray that they will be filled with the Spirit of wisdom, understanding and knowledge in all manner of workmanship. We pray that all involved in this project will focus their attention and efforts so that they can successfully complete their assignments and bring glory and honor to your name. Father, enable this new building project to provide activities for our Church Family and the families in the community that will promote growth, development, and enjoyment, that we may lead others to you and all may have a closer daily walk with you.

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