

Wee Kirk Gazette

Tappahannock Presbyterian Church

November 2013



CYCLE C NOVEMBER LECTIONARY

November 3 Voting to Approve
Nomination for Call of Rev. McLean
Hab. 1:1-4, 2:1-4; Thess. 4 1-4, 11-
12; Luke 19: 1-10
Rev. Dean McBride and Rev. Bill
Arnold officiating
Rev. Donald McLean, preaching

**November 10 Stewardship
Commitment**
Hag. 1:15b-2:9; Thess. 2:1-5, 113-
17; Luke 20:27-38

The Rev. Karen Stanley, preaching

November 17 26th Sunday after
Pentecost
Isa. 65: 17-25; Isa. 25:12:2; 2 Thess.
3:6-13; Luke 20:27-38

The Rev. Karen Stanley, preaching

November 24 Christ the King



Jer. 23:1-6; Luke 1:68-79; Col. 1:11-
20
The Rev. Karen Stanley, preaching

Pastor's Page

1 John 3:16-18

16 We know love by this, that he laid down his life for us – and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. 17 How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help? 18 Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action.

This passage from 1 John makes it very clear indeed, what is expected from followers of Jesus the Christ. Jesus never condemns wealth and possessions in themselves. He does say however that they can easily be allowed to rule us instead of the other way around. He also says that those who have plenty have the responsibility to share with those who do not have enough.

Over the doorway of John Knox's House on the Royal Mile in Edinburgh are carved the words "Love God above all and your neighbour as yourself." Follow these words and you will deserve both labels "Christian" and "Presbyterian". Ignore them and you will not. Only you with the aid of prayer can determine what is the right amount for you to give to your church this stewardship season to support its growth, its rebirth and its ministries.

The Rev. Dr. John W. Turner

Tappahannock Presbyterian Church Stated Meeting of the Session

October 15, 2013

Communications:

1. Email from Carson Rhyne re: workshop "Generosity in the Church: Giving and Growing." This will be considered by the Treasurer at a later time.
2. See Treasurer's report about Grant

Treasurer's Report as of September 30

1. Synod of Mid-Atlantic awarded \$2500 grant for AV equipment in the new building
2. All benevolences have been paid to Presbytery and Synod
3. Quarterly donation has been sent to Community Services
4. As of September 30 \$201,346 has been paid on the new building
5. A cash flow projection for the contractor, utilities, etc. was developed by the Treasurer, beginning in October. A contingency fund is available for over-run.
6. Letter from Seventh-day Adventist thanking for quarterly contribution of \$221.21. This is half of collection for 5-cents-a-meal.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Update from Building Committee

The roof is on, the front canopy roof is completed, outside walls are covered with Tyvek. Inside walls are being covered.

2. New Church Development Purpose Group Report.

Susan Spage reports that NCD is involved with the presentation planned about TPC at the coming Presbytery meeting. She will be attending the **October 20 Presbytery meeting as Commissioner**; others attending include Bill Spage, Em Hughes, Jo Dowdy, Alice Roye, Barbara Cullom, Pat Morris, Johnny Frischkorn, and Jill Robertson.

Update from PNC (See Article)

MINISTRY REPORTS

1. Worship and Music

Barbara Cullom, Moderator

- An invitation will be extended to the Rev. Karen Stanley to preach November 10, 17, and 24 until Don McLean begins on December 1.
- A meeting is scheduled for October 21 to review the 2013 budget and develop the 2014 Asking Budget.
- The Worship Ministry looks forward to planning Advent and beyond with Rev. Don McLean who begins service to TPC December 1.

2. Congregational Care and Fellowship

Robbie Tavenner, Moderator

- November 3 (back to Standard Time) Men's breakfast has been postponed due to other activities going on that day.
- CCF coordinated dessert contributions to Campbell on World Communion Sunday
- CCF is coordinating the reception for John Turner Oct. 27
- Instead of Fellowship at church on October 20 everyone will adjourn to Essex House and have lunch with residents of Essex House, taking food contributions with them. There will be a sing-a-long afterwards.



3. Christian Education

Susan Spage, Moderator

- The Bible study on “John” planned for October 13 will be held at the first of the year.
- The congregation is encouraged to read the book Reaching People under 40 while Keeping People over 60. Don McLean will lead this study after he arrives.
- The Winter series for *One Room School House* curriculum has been located and will be used as appropriate when young people are present.
- There is consideration of asking 6 people to be responsible for teaching Sunday School when children are in attendance. They will volunteer for one month, twice a year.
- The Ministry group is looking forward to leadership from Don McLean, as he has a degree in Christian Education.

4. Mission and Outreach

Sherry Jones, Moderator

- *Essex Churches Together*
 - ✓ Kathy Hughes reviewed the meeting with Glen Sturm from Extension Services.
 - ✓ Sandy Baytops will co-chair *Operation Inasmuch* along with Kathy Hughes.
 - ✓ Emphasis at ECT this year will be on the elderly, the homeless and youth.
- The September Mission/ Fellowship Project was well-received. There were table displays as well as refreshments provided by M & O Ministry members
- Several TPC members attended the Mission Dinner for Ruth Brown at St. Andrews in Kilmarnock. Kathy Hughes contributed her cakes for dessert. There was also a light lunch that day and several members attended that as well.
- Special Peacemaking Offering- Sherry and Alice addressed this during Minute for Missions

- A “pounding” was held for Rockwell Veney, a friend of Mary Wigmore, to help supply him with household items as he moves into his new apartment.
- M&O recommends the Session allow Barbara Cullom to have on long-term loan a TV and combination VCR and DVD that are not being used by our church. These will be used in the Lifestyle Center for which she is responsible. This was approved.

5. Church Growth

Robbie Tavenner, Moderator

Alice reported that she is attending “Engage”, a workshop on evangelism in the community, on October 20, and Bill and Susan Spage are attending “1001 Worshiping Communities” workshop on October 21.



New Business

- The Treasurer presented the timeline for the Stewardship Season activities. This was approved by the Session
- There is a Clerk of Session training November 3 from 4-6 PM in Hanover Presbyterian in Mechanicsville. Anyone interested in going should see Alice Roye.
- Written request from Kathy Hughes to reconsider the Mission Statement and include something about “do” the word as well as “spread” the word. The motion passed to table this discussion until the December meeting when Don McLean joins us.

News from the Pastor Nominating Committee



- Sherry Jones, Moderator of the Pastor Nominating Committee, announced to the congregation on Sunday, October 13, that the PNC has made a selection, and the candidate has accepted, to be nominated as pastor of Tappahannock Presbyterian. At the Session meeting Bill Spage announced packets have gone into the mail today to inform the congregation about the candidate, the Rev. Don McLean, and his wife Nancy.
- A reception will be held on Saturday, November 2 at Roma's Restaurant from 2:00-5:00 PM to allow time for members to come by and visit with them.
- On Sunday, November 3, Don will preach the sermon. The rest of the service will be led by the Rev. Dean McBride.
- At the conclusion of the service the Congregational Meeting will be moderated by the Rev. Bill Arnold, a retired dean from Union Seminary. There are four pieces of business to be conducted: 1) there will be a secret ballot vote to approve the nomination of Don McLean as full-time pastor; 2) there will also be a voice vote to approve his Terms of Call; there will be action to dissolve the Pastor Nominating Committee; and 4) four people will be selected by vote to sign the Pastoral Call Form. The policy of having a quorum minimum of 15 people present for the vote has been established (Nov. 2012). Dave Jones moved the required vote be 80% in favor and this was passed. (This percent pertains only to the calling of a pastor. In other business the simple majority will carry a vote.)
- Assuming this vote confirms the nomination, this recommendation will go to the Presbytery of the James which will then make the Call.
- Don will move to Tappahannock and begin serving TPC December 1. Nancy will continue with her contract as art teacher in the Portsmouth schools until the end of the school year but will join him each week-end.
- In the unlikely event the vote does not pass the minister will be informed and allowed to re-consider his acceptance, at which time the PNC will not be dissolved. Bill noted the PNC will still have a duty to develop a job description and update the Church Information Form by January 2014 .
- By common consent it was decided Jill Robertson would visit those members judged homebound and unable to attend the voting and she will offer them an absentee ballot. These people will be counted in the total number of voting members.

NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER



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

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

December 1 Kim Sydnor
 8 Barbara Cullom
 15 Tyler Sanders
 22 Randy Sisk
 29 Jill Robertson

Greeter John Hardy
Ushers Jo Dowdy, Tyler Sanders

Greeters Johnny Frischkorn
Ushers Randy and Lucy Sisk

November Birthdays

Betty Geddes 2
Kathy Hughes 17
Scott Orrock 14



Church Family News

- Lucy Sisk continues to heal at home and appreciates visits and phone calls (and an occasional casserole is enjoyed by both Lucy and Randy...)
- Christian sympathy goes to the family of Nancy Robinson, mother of Margaret Broad. Nancy passed on to eternal life on October 19.
- Virginia Hillyer has not been feeling well and appreciates visits and calls.
- Jill Robertson is back from a family visit/wedding in Spain!
- Kathy Hughes is learning new communication skills as she (patiently/ impatiently) awaits the return of her voice after having thyroid surgery.
- A reception following morning worship service on October 27 will give everyone time to let John Turner know how he was appreciated in so many different ways during his 22 months at Tappahannock Presbyterian. Godspeed, John.
- All are invited to come to Roma's Restaurant November 2 between 2:00-5:00 PM for a visit with Don and Nancy McLean. We will welcome Don in the pulpit the following day.

The Rev. Dr. John Turner has served as Transitional Pastor for TPC since January 1, 2011. A lot has gone on during his watch. Plans for a new building have turned into Groundbreaking which has turned into an edifice on its way. Our church was chartered and elders were ordained.

John has shared his musical talent with us on numerous occasions, including the "Gathering at Chandler Chevrolet," 2011 Shrove Tuesday dinner, and a community offering at the Tappahannock Art Gallery. He played his flute at two of the *Operation Inasmuch* gatherings.

We'll miss that twinkle in his eye, his quick, quiet laugh. He has a penchant for "play" that, coming from this big Scot, can catch people off guard. He has been a weekly reminder from the pulpit of our Scottish heritage.

We look forward to seeing him again and wish him success in his next service to Christ.

Taing mhor, John. Bidh mi 'gad fhaicinn, and sealbh math dhuit/dhuibh!



(we hope this says "Thank you, John. We'll see you around and wish you good luck!")

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