

# Tuckahoe Torch



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## SEPTEMBER - A NEW SEASON BEGINS AT TUCKAHOE

### NEW FEATURE FOR TORCH

Beginning with this issue of the Torch we will have an article featuring one of our youth. Rachel Burch, herself one of our TPC youth, has volunteered to do the interviews and write the articles. We are grateful for her willingness to take on this responsibility and hope that you will enjoy reading her articles. The title, "**Raising the Curtain on our TPC Youth**" was suggested by Betty Loftis. It will be a great way to get to know our young people. Go to Page 4 (Within The Church) where Rachel's first interview appears.



**REGULAR WORSHIP TIME RESUMES ON  
SEPTEMBER 11TH, AT 11 A.M.**

There are many dates and times to take note of in this Torch. I have tried to underline most of them. Mark your calendars so that you won't miss out on something that is important to you!

### Get ready for a Change in Rally Day!

**All are invited to come to Duntreath Hall  
from 9:30-10:00 on September 11**

On September 11, everyone of all ages from two to two hundred is invited to gather in Duntreath Hall at 9:30 a.m. If you arrive early, there will be coffee available between 9:15 and 9:30. Registration forms for children age two-years-old through 5<sup>th</sup> grade will be available. At 9:30, we will begin with introduction of teachers and other Sunday School volunteers. After a brief word from Becky Loggins, Director of Children's Ministries, to the children age 2 years through 5<sup>th</sup> grade, they will then be dismissed to classrooms with their teachers. At that time, Becky will speak briefly about the children's Sunday School, followed by some brief words from adult Sunday School teachers and Richard Haney, our interim pastor. At 10:00, all adults will go to the Sunday School class of their choosing.

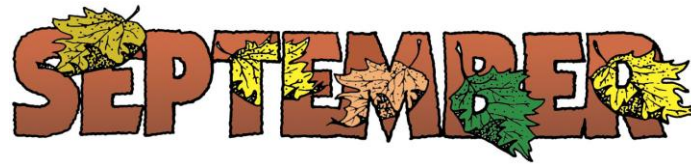


Mark your calendars and get ready for a kick-off to a year of prayerful learning, spiritual growth, and being together as a church family!

Registration forms for children's Sunday School are attached to this issue of the Torch. Families are asked to bring completed forms (one per family) to the Rally Day gathering. Forms will also be available on Rally Day.

**Becky Loggins,  
Director, Children's Ministries**

# CHURCH CALENDAR



# 2011

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
<p><b>"Glorious are the woods in their latest gold and crimson, Yet our full-leaved willows are in the freshest green. Such a kindly autumn, so mercifully dealing With the growths of summer, I never yet have seen." - William C. Bryant</b></p>				<b>1</b> 7 AM Men's Bible Class 8 PM AA Meeting	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>
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<b>11</b> 9:15 - 10 a.m. Rally Day 10 am Sun. School 11 AM Worship 12 N Fellowship 12N Freedom House 12 N Session rec. N/Members YOUTH - Annual Parent Dinner	<b>12</b> 12 N Lunch Bunch 4 PM SPARC 4 PM Swing Band 7 PM Outreach Div 7:30 PM - Christian Formation Div.	<b>13</b> 10:30 AM Circles Meet 11:00 AM Gen. Meeting 11:45 AM LUNCHEON 5:30 PM Emergency Shelter Meal 7:00 PM Stewardship	<b>14</b> 12 N BULLETIN 5:30 PM Tuckadings 6:00 PM Dinner 7:30 PM Handbells 7:30 PM Property 7:30 PM Worship/ Membership Div	<b>15</b> 7 AM Men's Bible Class 4 PM SPARC 7:30 Choir 8 PM AA Meeting	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> 9:30 AM SPARC
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### “A Prayer Emphasis”

As we enter a new school year (Autumn, 2011) I am sensing a spiritual nudge to emphasize prayer in teaching, preaching and doing. So I want to share with you a sneak preview of fall fare on Sunday mornings at Tuckahoe. But here is a cautionary note. Richard Foster, the Quaker theologian, has written: ***“To pray is to change. Prayer is the central avenue God uses to transform us. If we are unwilling to change, we will abandon prayer as a noticeable characteristic of our lives.”***

So with that little caveat, here are some upcoming sermons and lessons. First, I am guest teaching in the Seekers Class in September. We will explore a brief series I call ***“Jesus and Prayer.”*** We will look at Jesus’ prayer habits and at some of his prayer advice from the Sermon on the Mount. It will be an interactive Bible study class.

Secondly, Steven and I will preach in September and early October a series titled, ***“For Whom Do We Pray?”*** Do we pray for family, friends, people in need, the church, rulers and authorities, our enemies or whom? Come to worship and explore these prayer questions with your brothers and sisters.

Thirdly, I’m planning to help get started a little prayer meeting that will meet every Sunday morning, ***beginning September 18, from 9:00 a.m. until 9:30 a.m.*** During the 30 minutes or so before Sunday School anyone interested may join me in the church parlor to pray for the needs of Tuckahoe members—and any other prayer concerns you bring to the gathering. Our focus will be on intercessory prayer—praying for the needs of others. Please consider joining us!

My wife’s favorite devotional book is an old classic by Andrew Murray. Murray, a South African Christian, wrote several excellent books on prayer. The best known is titled ***“Waiting on God”*** (although it has been reprinted as ***“The Believer’s Secret of Waiting on God”***).

Murray pictures prayer not so much as asking for things (petition & intercession) as adopting a posture of relying on God’s grace. Waiting on God is an exercise of faith that posits God in control of timing and circumstances and outcomes. Whoa! Is prayer asking or waiting or both? Let’s explore this and other prayer questions together this fall at Tuckahoe.

Blessings in Christ,

Richard

## ABOUT OUR MEMBERS

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**The Hart family** would like to express our appreciation to the members of Tuckahoe for their cards, visits, calls, food, love and prayers during Steve's illness. Steve may be gone from our midst, but he is not forgotten in the hearts and minds of the loyal members at Tuckahoe Church.

Charlotte Hart  
Pattie, Jackson, C.J., and Andrew Harrill  
Cay and Chuck Arturo

**Jan Stevens** writes: "Thank you all for your prayers, get-well cards, flowers and uplifting thoughts while I have been recuperating. They certainly have brightened my days and made me thankful to be part of such a caring congregation. I'm still in a back brace but have made much progress since coming home from Sheltering Arms. Again, my heartfelt thanks for keeping me in your thoughts and prayers, and a special thank you to Charlie Brown for his personal visit.

**Bette Pandak** writes "I would like to thank my Deacon, especially, and the flower committee for having the most beautiful flowers in God's universe delivered to my home. They raised my spirits considerably during this time of recovery and I am grateful to you for remembering me".



We send our sympathy to the family of Mary Jane Michaels upon the death of her mother, **Robinette Nelson**, who passed away on July 14, 2011. There was a private graveside service followed by a memorial service at Tuckahoe on July 18th. Mary Jane's address is 7445 Colt's Neck Rd., Mechanicsville, VA 23111.

We also send our sympathy to Charlotte Hart and her family upon the death of **Steve Hart**, who passed away on July 16, 2011. A memorial service was held for Steve at Tuckahoe on July 21st. Charlotte's address is 10315 Waltham Drive, Richmond, VA 23238.

Our sympathy also goes to Ruth Flowers and the family of **Bill Flowers** who passed away on July 18, 2011. A memorial service was held at Tuckahoe on July 22nd. Ruth's address is 1916 Barribee Lane, Richmond, VA 23229



NEW  
ADDRESS

**Keith and Pat Matthes** have a new address and phone number: 9000 Belvoir Woods Parkway, #102 Belvoir, VA 22060, Telephone #: 703-337-4383

**LUNCH BUNCH** is back in business on the second Monday of each month - beginning September 12th. Join us at 12 noon for delicious food and a time to be together. If you would like, bring a friend, and don't forget the non-perishable food for the Lamb's Basket. We collected 45.1 lbs. of food for August. Let's make September a banner month!



## CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS

Where they will be attending  
college this fall

Grayson Cooke  
Emily Theuer  
Dixon Wallace  
David Coffee  
Patrick Clegg  
Ashley Miller  
Emlyn Crenshaw  
Baxter Carr  
Ricky Neil

Hampden Sydney College  
Radford University  
University of Virginia  
James Madison University  
George Mason University  
James Madison University  
Georgetown University  
Marshall University  
J. Sargeant Reynolds

We wish all of you much success and hope you will remember the words of Ralph Waldo Emerson:

“Do not go where the path may lead; go instead where  
there is no path and leave a trail”

## **All Church Retreat - Camp Hanover October 8 & 9**

Tuckahoe Presbyterian Church will return to Camp Hanover on **October 8 and 9** for our annual All Church Retreat. Last year's participants enjoyed hiking, canoeing, a bonfire with smores, dancing with wonderful instructors teaching some great steps, some seriously fun fellowship, great food including Camp Hanover's famous Sunday Brunch, and a wonderful worship service in the vespers dell. Plans are for a repeat of those activities while integrating the Middle School and High School youth to truly make this an All Church Retreat. Participants can come in the morning or early afternoon on Saturday (bring your own lunch), and are invited to remain at Camp Hanover after Brunch on Sunday to continue to enjoy this wonderful Presbytery of the James retreat. Please sign up on-line at the TPC website or during fellowship hour in the month of September. If you have any questions please contact Matthew Mahoney at [mkielm@yahoo.com](mailto:mkielm@yahoo.com) or 804-282-2019.

### **TPC Wednesday Night Supper kicks off the season with "Joseph, Prince of Egypt"**



Tuckahoe's Wednesday Night Supper fellowship program starts on **September 14** with an historical portrayal of "Joseph, Prince of Egypt." The Old Testament son of Jacob, Joseph was sold into slavery by his brothers, yet found both great success and the ability to forgive through a strong faith in God. Join us for a cook-out dinner at 6 p.m., with the program to follow at 6:30. Steve St. John's Blue Grass band will entertain TPC on Wednesday, **September 21**, while we will have a prayer service following dinner on Wednesday, **September 28**.

Additional programs this year include a two part presentation on adolescent spirituality by Associate Pastor, Steven Good; the second half of our series exploring Philip Yancey's "What's So Amazing About Grace" book/video series, and a three part Christmas series offered by Rev. Haney, Rev. Good and Director of Music Ministry, Mark Cain, exploring Christianity in three different art forms: poetry, the visual arts, and music.

## **What's So Amazing About Grace**

The second half of Philip Yancey's ten-part video program exploring his book "What's So Amazing About Grace" will be presented during the Wednesday Night Supper fellowship program from **October 19 through November 16**. If you missed the first half of this series you missed an "amazing" exploration into the very heart of Christianity: grace, forgiveness, and love of another through Christ. Though there is no need to read the book or review missed portions of the series, if you would like to review portions of the video presentation from one or more of the first five parts, please feel free to contact Matthew Mahoney at 804-282-2019 or e-mail him at [mkielm@yahoo.com](mailto:mkielm@yahoo.com).

### **INVITE A FRIEND SUNDAY! September 25**

Did you know that 80-85% of un-churched people would accept an invitation to visit a church if asked? Did you know that only 2% of Christians offer such an invitation? People visit churches and come to faith in Christ primarily through relationships. Invitations play a big part in faith development.

We want to become an inviting church! So this **September 25** will be designated as **Invite-A-Friend Sunday** at Tuckahoe. We are planning a big day with special music, yummy fellowship food, a timely sermon and activities for the children.

Designating this Sunday for "inviting folks" will help you in extending the invitation. Do you have friends, family or neighbors you know that are not part of any church family? What about people you see regularly at Starbucks or the dry cleaners? Tell them we are having an extra-special Sunday service with them in mind. Would you begin praying about whom you will invite and how to do so? Prayer will pave the way!

Feel free to speak to Richard Haney or Steven Good if you want to invite someone but need help knowing how to frame your invitation.

### PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN



The Presbyterian Women invite all women of Tuckahoe Church to the **Fall Luncheon** on Tuesday, **September 13th**. The date was originally set for the 6th but due to Labor Day being on Monday 5th and some other conflicts, we changed the date to the 13th. Circles will also meet on the 13th at 10:30 at the church, followed by a general meeting in the sanctuary at 11:00. Lunch will be served at 11:45. Reservations can be made after church on September 4th or September 11th, or by contacting a circle leader. Cost is \$6.00. If you are new to the church, or thinking about joining a circle, this is a great opportunity to get involved. In October, the circle meetings will resume meeting the first Tuesday of the month.

### A VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

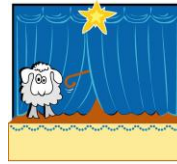
Bill Vogel, who has been writing an article (alternate months) for our HealthWise page in the Torch, has requested that someone else try this. Bill's articles have been much appreciated and many of us have learned a lot from them. While we hope that Virginia Cullop will continue to send us her articles, dealing mainly with nutrition, we are looking for one of you to step in and take Bill's place. You can write about anything that affects our health; job changes, relationships, caregiving, aging, mental health issues, etc. If you would like to volunteer for this important feature, please contact Rachel Gray, (740-3019), or e-mail her at rgray1511@comcast.net).

### FROM THE FLOWER COMMITTEE

The Flower Committee was overwhelmed by your response for bud vases. Thank you so much! The cabinet now runneth over! No more vases are needed at this time. Bless you all for coming to the rescue.

## Raising the Curtain on our TPC Youth

by Rachel Burch



Meet our first featured youth, **Mary Chris Werner**! Mary Chris is sixteen years old and has been coming to Tuckahoe since seventh grade. She is currently a junior and attends Freeman High School. Mary Chris lives with her mom, Jane, her dad, Chris, and her two adorable dogs, Teddy and Elinor. Her older sister, Sarah Paige, currently attends James Madison University.

Mary Chris is very musically talented and we are fortunate that she shares her many talents with TPC. In her free time, Mary Chris is an accomplished piano player and has recently begun taking organ lessons as well as voice lessons. She also teaches piano lessons to some of TPC's children. Mary Chris sings alto in our church's choir, rings in both handbell choirs and participates in two of her school's choirs, one of which she will be co-leading next year. (Whew!) With the Greater Richmond Children's Choir, she traveled to China and with the Virginia Children's Choir she traveled to Austria. Mary Chris has also led music in our Vacation Bible School program for the last three years.

In addition to her musical talents, Mary Chris is also a great tennis player. She is part of her school's tennis team and has been teaching a kid's tennis class during the summer. This summer Mary Chris also participated in the youth trip to Montreat.

Mary Chris was part of TPC's last two mission trips. During the West Virginia mission trip, she became a flooring and painting expert. On the latest mission trip to the Dominican Republic, she worked with the local children at Vacation Bible School and was also part of the construction team. When asked what she loves about Tuckahoe, Mary Chris says that she loves the close community and the amazing youth group. Thanks, Mary Chris, for being our first featured youth!

### Information from the Administration and Personnel Division

Last October during an insurance audit by our carrier, Brotherhood Mutual, Tuckahoe was noted to be out of compliance because we did not have a policy and procedure in place for background checks for volunteers who work with children and youth. In the environment we live in today we all can all understand the concern of Brotherhood Mutual on this point.

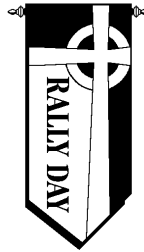
We were given a period of time to correct the exception to the audit and policy and procedures are being developed. The other part of this compliance is, starting with the new church school and youth groups new year, the volunteers will be asked to submit the needed information to perform a background check. (Becky Loggins and Steven Good will be in touch with you for information needed).

The search will be performed by a company, every five years, that was recommended by Brotherhood Mutual. The search will consist of: Person ID/SSN Verification, National Criminal Database, National Sex Offender Database and one County Criminal Search. The information will be kept confidential by Becky Loggins and Steven Good. Any papers with Social Security numbers will be shredded and not retained by the church. There will be no cost to the volunteers for this background check.

We appreciate all the volunteers who make the church run smoothly, willingly sharing their own special talent. For those working with children and youth this process is new, just as it is to the Christian Formation and Administration/ Personnel divisions. Additional information will be communicated to those involved as the background screening is finalized.

Because this is a new process, if you have questions or concerns, please feel free to contact Pam Dickerson, Tim Beane or Dee Daughtrey.

### Banner Band Aids



The beautiful banners, used in the Sanctuary and so lovingly made by our Tuckahoe ladies, are showing their age (*the banners not the ladies*) and could benefit from some loving care.

We are in need of some Banner band aids; not major work - a stitch here, a little glue there and most would be in good shape. Mostly, small repairs are required to prevent major damage in the handling and storage of these meaningful creations. Perhaps this could become a group activity, or even solo work. Whatever works best for you.

If you would be willing to join in this project let Sabrina know and someone will call and fill you in on the project details.

The first meeting of the 2011 - 2012 Tuckahoe Book Club will be on **September 26<sup>th</sup> at 7:00** p.m. at Sherry Flournoy's house, 411 Lakewood Dr., Richmond, VA. Everyone is invited and you are welcome to bring friends as well. The first book is "WATER FOR ELEPHANTS", but you don't need to have read it to come. The group will decide on the rest of the books that we will read this year. Book Club is a wonderful opportunity for fellowship and fun, so please mark your calendars for the 26<sup>th</sup> of September. If you have a conflict on that particular night, look for future TORCH articles giving the title of each month's book and the location for our meeting.



### CONGRATULATIONS



to Jim Keller, husband of Brandi Wroniewicz, for competing and completing the Leadville 100 mile race. The race, held on August 19-20 is an ultramarathon race held in Leadville, Colorado. Lucky Wroniewicz was a crew member for Jim in the race.

## WITHIN THE CHURCH (3)

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### DISCIPLE I, II, & III

Disciple has become an important part of Bible study offerings and for all who have taken part bonds between classmates have formed while developing spiritual growth.

We are looking for all those who are interested in starting or continuing Disciple study. Please contact John Flournoy 687-4264 or Barbara Keatts 288-6126 if you are interested.

- **Disciple I: Becoming Disciples Through Bible Study.** This is the foundation of the Disciple program studying both the Old & New Testament.
- **Disciple II: Into the Word Into the World.** This study concentrates on Genesis and Exodus of the Old Testament and Luke and Acts of the New Testament.
- **Disciple III: Remember Who You Are.** This is a study of the Old Testament prophets, minor and major, except Daniel. The thirteen letters attributed to Paul are included in this study. Here we are called back to God and a sense of people "set apart".

### SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday School is an opportunity to grow spiritually in community with others also wishing to grow through the study of the Bible and its application to our lives.

Christian Formation opportunities will be presented **September 11, 2011** (Rally Day) starting at 9:15 with fellowship, coffee and pastry in Duntreath Hall. At 9:30 there will be presentations of the Sunday School opportunities for children, youth and adults. At 10 a.m. we will go to our classes.

### Dear Members of TPC:



As many of you have probably noticed, my Eagle Scout project for the Tuckahoe playground last July was a great success. I had ample help from both members of Tuckahoe and the youth group, without whom the project would not have had such a fantastic outcome. I would like to extend my personal thanks to all who contributed towards the project. As it turns out, I received more than enough contributions to help pay for the cost of the project, and as such I have talked to the Property Division and set up a Playground Refurbishment Fund to help keep the playground in good condition.

And as an adjunct to this thank you, I am happy to report that I conducted my final Eagle Board of Review with the Cardinal District Board and was officially awarded the rank of Eagle Scout on August 11, 2011. I would not have been able to get the award had it not been for all who helped me.

Sincerely,  
Grayson Cooke

### **INQUIRERS CLASS** **Starting October 30**

We are planning an Inquirers Class for those who would like to learn more about Tuckahoe. The class will meet for three (3) weeks during the Sunday School Hour beginning on **October 30 and continuing on November 6 and 13.** Watch for more information in the October Torch. These informative classes are designed to orient persons to the Christian faith, to Presbyterian distinctive and to our life together at Tuckahoe. Ministers and elders will lead the class sessions.

## OUTREACH DIVISION

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### VOLUNTEERS FOR OAK GROVE BELLEMEADE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

We currently are recruiting individuals to serve as volunteers at Oak Grove – Bellemeade Elementary School for the **2011-12 academic year**. Oak Grove – Bellemeade is a Richmond Public School located off Jeff Davis Highway in south Richmond. This past year, Tuckahoe had eight individuals serving as volunteers in the Bellemeade building which serves pre-kindergarten, kindergarten, and first grade students.

For the 2011-12 academic year, our volunteers can choose to fill one of three roles: teacher assistant, classroom assistant, or tutor. These three roles are defined as follows:

**Tutors** – The volunteer works one-on-one with the student or with a small group of no more than three students during school hours.

**Classroom Assistant** – The volunteer works under the teacher’s direction in the classroom with small groups of students. There is some one-on-one interaction with students.

**Teacher’s Assistant** – The volunteer works under the teacher’s direction to complete administrative/clerical work (i.e., organizing, copying, decorating, filing). Interaction with students may be minimal.

This past academic year, six of our eight volunteers contributed 60-90 minutes of their time one day per week to this program beginning in late September through the second week of June. A seventh volunteer contributed a similar amount of time every other week. Our eighth volunteer contributed a similar time once a month. It is our hope that we will have more volunteers involved in the 2011-2012 academic year.

We also need individuals as Special Events Volunteers. There are several events during the school year that necessitate having 4-6 volunteers available to implement an event. For example, volunteers can assist with orchestrating Family Field Day or serving the Holiday Dinner for parents and students.

Is the involvement of our volunteers making a difference? While we have no hard evidence on which to base a conclusion, we know that each of our volunteers can provide anecdotes that suggest that they are making a difference in the lives of children, teachers, and administrators associated with Oak Grove – Bellemeade Elementary School.

**If you have any interest in being involved as a volunteer in this program during the 2011-12 academic year, please contact Mickey or Dick Mateer in person or by phone (270-6932) no later than September 15.** We would enjoy talking with you about the joys we have experienced.

Mickey and Dick Mateer

### TPC YOUTH GROUP SCHEDULE

Sept. 11:	Annual Parent Dinner
Sept. 18:	Youth Group
Sept. 25:	Youth Group
October 2:	Youth Group: Worship Service
October 8-9:	All Church Retreat
October 16:	Youth Group
October 23:	Youth Group
October 30:	Youth Group: Canned Food Drive



## MEET THE NEIGHBORS



Let me introduce you to our September neighbor: Dave Luebke.

Of all our featured neighbors, Dave knows the neighborhood best as he has lived in the same house for 56 years! Dave tells me that the neighborhood has not changed much in all that time. You may know Dave from his store: he is the owner of Dave's Comics and Cards (although there is much more there than just comics and cards) where I met Dave and his "extraordinary wife" for an interview.

Dave began buying and trading comics at age 10 as a hobby which eventually grew into a business. He opened his first shop in 1982. For a time the store sold books and Dave had the opportunity to meet many celebrities at trade shows: Arthur Ashe, Buzz Aldrin, Mickey Mantle, Willy Mays and Erma Bombeck, to name just a few. Dave was also in the news this year when a comic book sold for \$14,000. Of course, that is not nearly as extraordinary as the one he sold three years ago for \$38,000! In 1985 Dave diversified to toys in his shop. I will admit I did not leave without some birthday and Christmas gifts.

As you can imagine, running a store seven days a week does not allow for a lot of free time. Dave does get to travel to trade shows. He is an expert in popular American culture from the year 1880 to the present. He is also a nose flautist (I had my own personal concert but you can see one on YouTube).

Dave says he is proud to live in Henrico County. He likes the peacefulness of the neighborhood and remarks on the wildlife he gets to enjoy including hummingbirds and butterflies. He also appreciates the pride and respect people have for their neighborhood and property.

"Thank you" to Dave for being our September neighbor of the month!

## FALL OPEN GOLF TOURNAMENT



- Date and Time:** Sunday, September 18, 2011  
1:00 p.m.
- Where:** Belmont Golf Course, Hilliard Road
- How:** Four (4) Person Scramble/Captain's Choice
- Who:** ALL TPC Golfers and Guests
- Cost:** \$40.00 per player, includes green fee & cart
- Deadline to Register:** Sunday, September 11, 2011
- Action:** *Please fill out the entry form below, attach check (**made payable to Tuckahoe P. C.**) and turn in or mail to the Church Office (Sabrina Lindfors), give in person to Robins Buck or mail to Robins Buck at: 10762 Ashcake Station Place, Mechanicsville, VA 23116*
- Questions:** **Robins Buck, 496-6859**

<b>Name(s):</b> _____ _____
<b>E-mail address:</b> _____
<b>Telephone Number:</b> <b>(H)</b> _____ <b>(W)</b> _____
<b>Amount Enclosed:</b> \$ _____
<b>Handicap/best score</b> _____

# Outreach Yard Sale – Saturday, September 10, 2011

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The Outreach Division is planning to sponsor a church yard sale on Saturday, **September 10** and needs your help. Many members supported our mission trip this year and the money raised at this yard sale will be used for future mission trips.

We need your help to make the sale successful. Some categories of items needed for the sale include the following:

Boutique – antiques, jewelry, and collectables  
Furniture  
Toys and games  
Knick Knacks  
Gently used clothing for adults and children  
Sports equipment  
Small kitchen appliances  
Books  
Tools and garden equipment



## Volunteers Needed

Experienced yard sale volunteers are needed to be in charge of the various categories.

Please consider volunteering your time to help Outreach organize and run the yard sale. We will need help pricing and organizing the merchandise before the sale, cashiers and runners during the sale and a cleanup crew after the sale ends. We will need volunteers for Wednesday evening, September 7, all day on Thursday and Friday, September 8 and 9th, and Saturday morning, September 10. Volunteers may work as long as their schedule allows. If you have not signed up, please do; there is still time.

You may bring your items to the church on Wednesday, September 7, Thursday, September 8, and Friday, September 9. Unfortunately, TPC does not have the space to store your items for the sale before Wednesday, September 7. If you need assistance bringing your items to the church, someone will assist you.

For more information, contact Steve Kramer at 754-0154, or any member of the Outreach Division.

# CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES AND EDUCATION (1)



## Children's Sunday School Our Flock Continues the Journey!

As we prepare for the continuation of our Christian journey, here is some general information to keep the "flock" informed and prepared for a wonderful year of deepening faith and knowledge in the love of Jesus and with God's saving grace.

Sunday School begins at 9:30 and ends at 10:40. It's not too late to volunteer to help as a teacher, classroom assistant, or snack server/buyer. Help is still needed in every term. Contact Becky Loggins for more information, contact information below.

We welcome the teachers, assistants, and snack server/buyers listed below for the All Saints Term, which begins on September 11 and concludes on November 6. **We are still in need of a teacher and assistant in the 4<sup>th</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grades class and a snack server/buyer for this term!**

This term includes another exciting Congregational Retreat weekend at Camp Hanover, October 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>! There will be no Sunday School on October 9<sup>th</sup>, as we will be "retreating" together!

### **Classes and Teachers for 2011-12 All Saints Term (September 11 – November 6):**

#### **Two and Three Year Olds - Class of the Dove – Room 100**

Teacher: Mrs. Marielle Pool      Assistant: Mrs. Candace Martin

#### **Four Years Old through Kindergarten - Class of the Font: – Room 103**

Teacher: Mrs. Pam Burch      Assistant: Mr. Jim McLeskey

#### **1<sup>st</sup> through 3<sup>rd</sup> Grades - Class of the Flames – Room 203**

Teacher: Mrs. Angie Smith      Assistant: Mrs. Jennifer Albertson

#### **4<sup>th</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> Grades - Class of the Scripture – Room 208**

Teacher: **Your Name Here?**      Assistant: **Your Name Here?**

**Snack Server / Buyer:**  
**Your Name Here?**

**Library Time:**  
Ms. Kaye Keyes

**Godly Play Lessons:**  
Ms. Becky Loggins

### **Terms for 2011-12**

**Children's Sunday School**

**All Saints Term : Sept.11-Nov.6 (8 Sundays)**

**Advent Term : Nov.13- Dec.18 (6 Sundays)**

**Christmas/Epiphany Term: Jan.1-Feb.19  
(8 Sundays)**

**Lenten Term : Feb.26-Apr. 1 (6 Sundays)**

**Easter/Pentecost Term: Apr.8-May 27  
(8 Sundays)**

### **Classes for 2011-12 Sunday School year:**

**Class of the Dove: 2 – 3 year olds**

**Class of the Font: 4 years old – kdg**

**Class of the Flames: 1<sup>st</sup> -3<sup>rd</sup> grades**

**Class of the Scripture: 4<sup>th</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grades**

**Classes are named for parts of the symbol  
for the Presbyterian Church (USA).**

## CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES (2)

<b>Christmas Day</b>	2011 will be on a Sunday
<b>Ash Wednesday</b>	2012 will be on February 22
<b>Easter Day</b>	2012 will be on April 8
<b>Pentecost</b>	2012 will be on May 27.

Classes will use the Presbyterian curriculums *Wee Children at Church*, *Wee Believe*, and *We Believe*. The *Godly Play* approach is incorporated into every term for every class, one to two lessons per term, per class. *Godly Play* sessions are also held in Children's Church on the first Sunday of each month and Easter Day, with children age 4 through 1<sup>st</sup> grade, following the children's sermon.

**REGISTRATION FORMS ARE ENCLOSED IN THIS ISSUE OF THE TORCH AND ARE ALSO AVAILABLE IN THE NARTHEX. PLEASE REGISTER BEFORE THE FIRST DAY OF CLASSES, SEPTEMBER 11.**

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact Becky Loggins, Director of Children's Ministries in person on Sunday mornings and through the week by appointment, by phone at 201-0571, email [bg18@comcast.net](mailto:bg18@comcast.net), or via her church mailbox or office in room 205.

Here's to a new burst of energy and new ways of finding our way together, with God's help, on our Christian journey! *Thanks be to God!*  
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*Becky Loggins, Director of Children's Ministries*

**Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who has committed to your holy Church the care and nurture of your children; Enlighten with your wisdom those who teach and those who learn that, rejoicing in the knowledge of your truth, they may worship you and serve you from generation to generation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## What's Going on with Children's Ministries

**Sunday, Sept.11** – Rally Day for everyone is from 9:30 – 10:00 a.m. in Duntreath Hall. For details, see Rally Day article (front page) of this Torch. The Sunday School time begins at 9:30 with dismissal at 10:40. Children's Sunday School includes children age 2 years old through 5<sup>th</sup> grade.

**Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 8-9**- Congregational Retreat at Camp Hanover

**Remember to read *Sunday School Notes* every week and check the Education Bulletin Board for information.** *Sunday School Notes* is the weekly newsletter for the children's Sunday School. It is distributed to all children attending Sunday School. Copies are also available on the table in the narthex and posted on the education bulletin board.

**Use the library this year!** There continue to be many new children's books that aren't found in the public library with Bible stories and more. The library is easy to use, with self-serve instructions posted inside the door. Return your books to the table just inside the door. Make it a point to bring your family to church a little early – or stay a little late - to check out books! Thank you to our librarian, Ms. Kaye Keyes who also leads Library Time once per term with each children's Sunday School class!

**In the Narthex** – Always available: copies of a leaflet entitled *Making Room for Children in Worship*, copies of the current *Sunday School Notes*, Sunday School registration forms, and *Children's Worship Bulletins* on clipboards with crayons. Make sure your child also receives a regular bulletin! Pick up a copy of *Sunday School Notes* occasionally to stay "in the loop" about what the young ones in our church family are doing!

**Becky Loggins, Director of Children's Ministries**

## CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES (3)

### DO YOU KNOW ABOUT Childcare and First Sunday Children's Church?

*And they were bringing children to him, that he might touch them; and the disciples rebuked them. But when Jesus saw it he was indignant, and said to them, "Let the children come to me, do not hinder them; for to such belongs the kingdom of God. Truly, I say to you, **whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child shall not enter it.**" And he took them in his arms and blessed them, laying his hands upon them –Mark 10:13-16*

Tuckahoe strives to follow Jesus' example in placing an importance on children. Jesus' words and actions let us know that the importance is huge.

There is a nursery in room 104 provided for ages infants through 23 months during the Sunday School hour and continuing through the worship service. Children beginning at age two attend Sunday School from 9:30 until 10:40. During worship, the nursery in room 102 is open to ages two and three years old. Mrs. Khon Mel is our beloved nursery worker in room 104. During worship, one volunteer assists her. Scheduled volunteers staff the two through three-year-old nursery. Parents are to sign in and out with name and special instructions. The volunteers also sign in on a separate page provided.

Children **age four years old and up** begin the worship service in church with their families. In the narthex is a box of coloring pages and crayons on clipboards for children to take with them into church. The page relates to the readings for that day and is very appropriate in keeping little ones busy. There is a children's sermon each Sunday when the children are invited to come to the front of the church to listen. Immediately following the children's sermon, **children age 4 years through first grade** have the option of staying in worship with their families or leaving the church with youth and adult volunteers – our "shepherds". The children who leave the church will go to room 105 for individual or group activities. Weather permitting, they will at times go to the playground.

On the first Sunday of every month from October through May and also on Easter Day, Ms. Becky Loggins will lead First Sunday Children's Church with that group of children in a complete *Godly Play* session. On those days, the children will be upstairs in room 205. Our scheduled nursery helpers are parents of children who regularly use the nurseries, teens who regularly take part in youth activities, and other adult volunteers.

**An adult family member is to pick up their child and to sign them out. If an older sibling is to pick up a child, please notify the adult leaders for that day ahead of time for safety / communication reasons. That sibling must be able to sign the child out.**

If you have questions or would like to volunteer your time, please contact Becky Loggins at 201-0571 or email [bg18@comcast.net](mailto:bg18@comcast.net).

*Becky Loggins, Director of Children's Ministries*



**With school just around the corner, the following article sent in by our registered dietician, Virginia Cullop, is wise and timely, so have a better school year with a better breakfast!**

## Better Breakfasts

Based on modern science (and the wisdom of mothers throughout the ages), breakfast is a very important meal. Research shows breaking an overnight fast with a balanced meal can make a major difference in overall health and well-being, especially for children and teens.

Eating a smart breakfast can help improve behavior and school performance, as well as foster a healthy weight. On the other hand, skipping breakfast is a no-brainer, quite literally. When children skip breakfast, their brains and bodies suffer all day long. Here's how to get your kids started on the nutrition fast track to a high-energy, health-smart day.

### Start With Some Powerful Protein

Protein, a missing component in many morning meals, helps children grow strong and stay focused until lunch. Go lean with protein choices: a slice or two of Canadian bacon, an egg, a slice of deli meat or cheese, a container of low-fat yogurt or peanut butter on toast. Think outside of the breakfast box: Microwave a quesadilla on a wheat tortilla with black beans or enjoy a tofu scramble with chopped vegetables and grated mozzarella cheese.

### Add in Nutrient-Rich Whole Grains

A high-octane carbohydrate will help energize both kids' bodies and brains. Whole grains provide an extra nutrition punch. They have more fiber and nutrients, plus they tend to digest more slowly for longer lasting energy. Serve kids whole-grain cereals like oatmeal. Or try whole-grain breads, muffins, waffles, pancakes or rolls to help the family rise, shine and get ready for a busy day.

### Get Fresh with Fruits (and Vegetables)

Breakfast is a perfect time to enjoy the produce children need for optimal health. Go with fresh fruit: bananas, kiwi, pears, apples, mangoes, melon, grapefruit or whatever's in season. Canned options (pineapple or mandarin oranges) and frozen fruits (blueberries and strawberries) are great in yogurt parfaits. How about chopped vegetables in an omelet or a refreshing glass of vegetable juice?

### Make It Routine

Need some easy ways to beat the breakfast rush hour? Here are three ways to help fit a breakfast bonanza into your family's morning routine:

- **Get Organized the Night Before:** Make a breakfast plan as you clean up from dinner. Set the table with bowls and spoons for cereal. Get out a pan for pancakes or a blender for smoothies. Prepare muffin or waffle mix so it's all ready to cook in the morning.
- **Keep Breakfast Simple:** On busy days, get the family going with something as quick as a bowl of whole-grain cereal with a banana or a slice of leftover pizza with orange juice.
- **Pack Your Breakfast To Go:** If there's no time to eat at home, plan a nutritious option to eat in the car or bus. Busy teens can grab a banana, a bag of trail mix and a carton of milk. Check out the breakfast options available at your children's school too.