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FALL HAPPENINGS AT TUCKAHOE

SCHOOL IS IN!

The time has arrived to leave those lazy, hazy days of summer behind and step into fall and explore some of Tuckahoe's program offerings! The opportunities found on the following pages of this newsletter will be enriched by your participation – so we hope you will read about each of them and decide where you might best learn, pray, worship and serve with your Tuckahoe family.

Remember, as disciples, we should always be growing in our knowledge and love of God and others. Take advantage of these exciting opportunities!

MONDAY NIGHT WOMEN'S STUDY GROUP

TPC BOOK CLUB

The Story

Rally Day

**Youth Ministry
Dinner & Kick-Off**

Chancel Choir

Camp Hanover Family Retreat

M & M Kids and Skittles

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FROM THE PASTOR'S STUDY

OUR STORY BEGINS...

You have been hearing about it for months and now the time has arrived. We are embarking on **The Story** and I am encouraged and excited by the response from the adults in our congregation.

As I have been spiritually preparing for this journey and preparing to hear your stories, I have been reflecting on my faith story. Many of you know it, but in case you don't, here you go.

I was born in the small town of Auburn, Washington (half-way between Seattle and Tacoma). For the first several years of my life, our family was Catholic. We had a high sense of commitment to attending Sunday Mass (inspired by a little good ol' Catholic guilt). Nonetheless, I seem to think former Catholics make great Presbyterians.

Longing for a smaller church and more pastoral care, my family moved to a small Presbyterian Church, Wabash, near the shadow of Mt. Rainier. It was there I found my spiritual home. A brilliant, compassionate, and dynamic pastor was my first model of ministry and a passionate music ministry inspired me. As a child, I would ask my parents if I could remain in worship after the children's sermon so I could listen to the "grown-up" sermon (even then there was evidence of a pastor in the making) and would recount to them the points he made in our 20 minute drive home. My younger brother died when I was seven and our family had other needs that meant a move to another Presbyterian Church closer to home, White River. There I engaged my interests and it quickly became my new spiritual home. One Sunday, the pastor, a white South African named Francis, invited me to sing with him while the worship team was away on a retreat. This invitation began my involvement in the music ministry, singing in both the traditional and contemporary choir, and from there involvement on various committees.

As a teenager, I went through the same spiritual crisis as many of our youth, attempting to discern if the faith in which I was raised "fit" me. After some meandering, I was again led back to my spiritual home where I rediscovered the passion I once had as a young child. After first setting my sights on physical therapy as my chosen profession, I soon discerned a different call – into pastoral ministry.



FROM THE PASTOR'S STUDY


I recall my mother said (rather prophetically), "If God wants you to be a pastor, he will make it clear." And that he did. The rest of my story you probably know.

I find it beneficial from time to time to reflect on my story in the context of God's story. I think of verses like those from Jeremiah, "*Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations.*" (1:5). Now, I am no prophet to the nations, but God has given me a message to share and you to share it with.

In times when it is hard to see ahead, whether times of national crisis or personal ones, I believe that it is helpful to reflect on our story. In the Old and New Testament, prophets continually remind the people in times of trouble and doubt that God has been there with them since the beginning and will be with them in the end. God's faithfulness never ends. It is important to reflect on that personally, as well as together with others who share similar stories.

So I hope that as you become involved in The Story you are inspired to share how God has been with you and how scripture, God's story, is reflected in your life. In May, we will complete this part of the journey, *to be continued* for the rest of our days together.

*Grace and Peace,
Patrick*



THE STORY
OUR JOURNEY TO THE HEART OF GOD'S STORY

**LEARN HOW YOU CAN BE PART OF
TUCKAHOE'S STORY**

In the next five pages there is detailed information about Tuckahoe's year-long study curriculum for all ages, The Story. Study it and contact Sarah Dennis to let her know how you would like to participate – you may teach the children, work with the youth, or attend adult classes. All are important ways to be a part of Tuckahoe's story throughout the year!



FINDING YOUR STORY IN GOD'S STORY

JOIN US FOR A JOURNEY THROUGH THE STORY!

The Story is a book of selections from the Bible, arranged chronologically, that reads like a novel. During this unique 31-week experience, every member of the family reads their own version of The Story. Come discover together how our story is found in God's story!

Our story begins Sunday September 11, 2016.

HOW DO I PARTICIPATE? If you haven't already done so, contact the church office (282-2860 or office@tuckahoepres.org) or Sarah Dennis (sarah@tuckahoepres.org) to let us know you would like to participate. Or you may fill out the form on page 21 and return it to the church. There is still time!

WHAT DOES IT COST?

Nothing! We would welcome a donation to cover the cost of your book (\$6.00) but it is not required. Each participant will receive an age-appropriate Story Bible. Talk with Sarah Dennis if you would like additional materials.

DO I HAVE TO ATTEND CLASS?

No. You are welcome to read along, but you are encouraged to connect with one of the worship or class opportunities. Please sign up anyway, so we can get you the materials.

ARE ALL OF THE ADULT CLASSES THE SAME?

No. Two of the classes are designed to be video and discussion based, and the third, taught by Sherry Flournoy is tailored to parents or grandparents. They will cover all the same material as the other classes with an added emphasis on how to integrate The Story at home with your family.

I HAVE NEVER ATTENDED AN ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS, CAN I JOIN ONE?

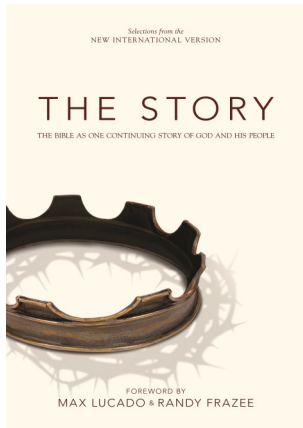
Yes! We want everyone to find a place. Although two of the classes have been meeting for a long time, everyone will be starting fresh with The Story, so jump in and join a class.

ARE MY CHILDREN STUDYING THE SAME STORIES?

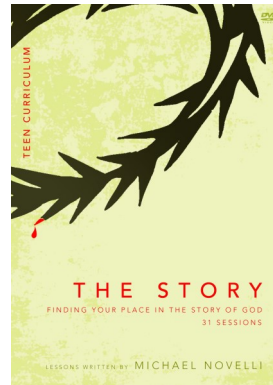
Yes. There will be some home questions published for each week. You are encouraged to make them dinner conversation. You are also encouraged to read to younger children. Members of the family class will talk each week about how to do this.

WHY WILL IT TAKE SO LONG? There are 31 chapters covering 66 books of the Bible.

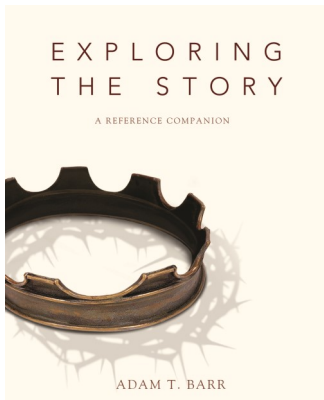
RESOURCES FOR THE STORY



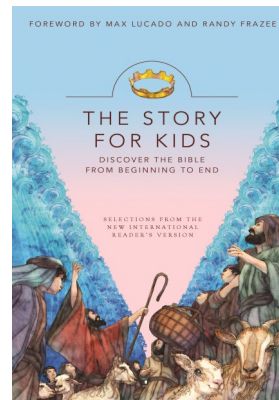
THE STORY BOOK:
The NIV version of the Bible, condensed and put in chronological order. This is what all adults will read.



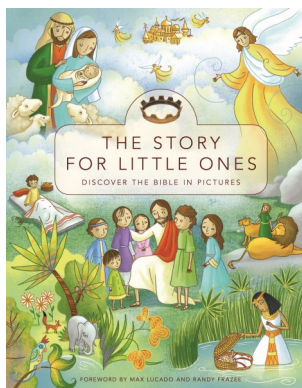
THE STORY: TEEN EDITION
The same book as adults but with additional helps and graphics.



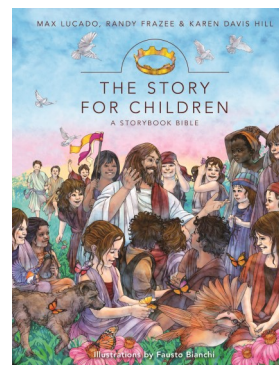
EXPLORING THE STORY
A study book with maps, pictures, timelines for those wanting more of the history and background.



THE STORY FOR KIDS:
A reading book for ages 8-12 that follows the same progression as the other books.



THE STORY FOR TODDLERS:
A great picture Bible for kids up to age 5



THE STORY FOR CHILDREN:
A great picture Bible for ages 5-8 that covers the same 31 stories as the rest of The Story books.

WHERE WE'RE GOING THIS YEAR THE PLAN

2016

SUNDAYS

LESSONS

9/11	1	Creation: The Beginning of Life as We Know It
9/18	2	God Builds a Nation
9/25	3	Joseph: From Slave to Deputy Pharaoh
10/02	4	Deliverance
10/09	5	New Command and a New Covenant
10/16	6	Wanderings
10/23	7	The Battle Begins
10/30	8	A Few Good Men....and Women
11/06	9	The Faith of a Foreign Woman
11/13	10	Standing Tall, Falling Hard
11/20	11	From Shepherd to King
11/27	12	The Trials of a King

2/4/2016 - 1/1/2017 ADVENT, CHRISTMAS, NEW YEARS

2017

1/08	13	The King Who Had It All
1/15	14	A Kingdom Torn In Two
1/22	15	God's Messengers
1/29	16	The Beginning of the End (of the Kingdom of Israel)
2/05	17	The Kingdoms Fall
2/12	18	Daniel in Exile
2/19	19	The Return Home
2/26	20	The Queen of Beauty and Courage
3/05	21	Rebuilding the Walls
3/12	22	The Birth of the King
3/19	23	Jesus' Ministry Begins
3/26	24	No Ordinary Man
4/02	25	Jesus, Son of God
4/09	26	The Hour of Darkness
4/16	27	The Resurrection
4/23	28	New Beginnings
4/30	29	Paul's Mission
5/07	30	Paul's Final Days
5/14	31	The End of Time
5/21		God's Story, My Story, Children practice
5/28		God's Story, Our Story Children practice
6/04		Children led worship

THE STORY—HOW YOU & YOUR FAMILY CAN BE A PART OF IT

What's your story? Who are your people? Tell me a story! These are all phrases we hear from children and adults. From our childhood, we want to hear stories. We love to listen to our parents spin a fairy tale, we love to sit around the dinner table to share stories of our days, or funny or heartfelt stories from the past and present. We want to know who people are, where they came from, who they came from. We were created as a people who want to *know*. This church school year our church is embarking on a wonderful journey of hearing and learning God's story in a new way. We will learn who God is, where we all came from and how we fit together into the grand story of Creation. Throughout the journey, we will be hearing from members of our church what their story is, how they fit into God's story and how Tuckahoe has featured in their lives. We will learn who they are and learn more fully who we are as well.

So stay tuned to discover the story of Tuckahoe!

Sunday School begins on September 11 at 9:30. We can't wait to see the 80+ children, youth and adults in Sunday school to begin our new curriculum.

Class location will be as follows:

Children:

2 and 3 year olds	Room 100
4 year old – Kindergarten	Room 103
1st – 3rd grades	Room 203
4th – 5th grades	Room 208

Youth:

Grades 6 – 12	Sr. High Youth Room (Room 206)
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Adults:

Forum	Room 108
New Covenant	Room 106
Sharing the Story	Jr. High Youth Room (210)
Evening Class (See next page)	Duntreath Hall

Both the Forum and the New Covenant class will be covering The Story from a discussion standpoint. Anyone is free to join either class.

Sharing the Story is designed for parents with children ages infant – high school. The Story materials will be available at Rally Day and at Sunday School. Please feel free to contact Sarah Dennis if you would like to pick up your material at a different time. If you haven't signed up, see page 21 of this newsletter and sign up so we can have the resources we need for everyone to participate!

OTHER ADULT EDUCATION OFFERINGS

EVENING CLASS FOR THE STORY

For those of you unable to attend a Sunday morning class due to teaching obligations or other commitments, an evening class will be held in Duntreath Hall on Thursday nights from 6:30 – 7:25 p.m. Feel free to bring your dinner and a beverage and become a part of Tuckahoe’s story!

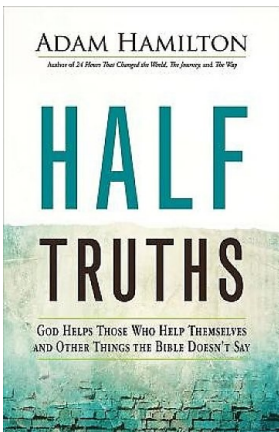
There is a sign-up sheet on page 21 of this newsletter.

Please complete this form and return it to the church office as soon as possible so that we can have the resources on hand for everyone who wants to participate.

The first class will meet on Thursday, September 15th.

THE STORY AT CEDARFIELD

There will be a class on The Story for our Cedarfield residents, held at Cedarfield, on Fridays at 10:00 a.m. in the Training Room. The class will begin on Friday, September 16th. Ginger Spence will facilitate the class. Other members of Tuckahoe are invited to attend. If you have any questions, please contact Ginger at mosesbulrushes@gmail.com or 804-399-0081.



ALTERNATIVE ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS THE DISCOVERY CLASS

The Discovery Class is a Biblically-based discussion class that explores different ways of thinking about our Christian faith through the use of books and materials that are decided upon by the class members. The class is led by various members who volunteer (not required) to lead the discussion for a particular Sunday. We enjoy open discussions about our Christian faith, and with the help of class members, discover how our faith can have a positive and meaningful impact on our daily lives.

As we begin the fall session, we will be discussing Adam Hamilton’s book, Half Truths – God Helps Those Who Help Themselves and Other Things the Bible Doesn’t Say. *“They sound Christian – like something you might find in the Bible. They capture some element of truth, yet they miss the point in important ways.”* Join us as we follow Adam Hamilton, *“in his search for the whole truth by comparing some common Christian sayings with the wisdom found in Scripture”*.

After we have completed this book, the class will decide on the next book to study as well as materials to study during Advent and Lent.

The Discovery Class meets at 9:30 a.m. on Sunday morning, upstairs in the old education building (Room 200). If you have any questions regarding this class, please contact one of our teachers - Walter Smith, Leslie Shimer, Walter Hogan, or Phil Calhoun.



YOUTH GROUP BACK IN ACTION!

It's here, it's here! Youth group is here! I hope you are all as excited as we are about the upcoming year of Youth Group. All the advisors [Tom Adair, Susan Galvin, Julie Guller, Alex Miller, Cathy Moore, Rachel and Ethan Sherman and Sarah Dennis] have been planning and praying all summer and we can't wait to start the adventure!

And it all starts Sunday September 11. Here are the details:

Youth group begins at 6:00 pm. We will have fun and games until 6:30 when we will eat a yummy, thoughtfully prepared dinner. At 7:00 we will join together to have a program, sometimes games, sometimes talking, sometimes missional, always fun. Youth group is a time for all youth (6-12th grade) to come together through laughter and conversation to understand how our faith forms all the parts of our lives, for as Jesus said, "'Love the Lord your God with all your passion and prayer and intelligence.' and 'Love others as well as you love yourself.' These two commands are pegs; everything in God's Law and the Prophets hangs from them." *(Matthew 22:37-40 Message Translation)*

YOUTH GROUP CALENDAR

September 11: Parents meeting at 6pm followed by potluck dinner at 6:30. Twinkie night to follow...ever wondered what kind of fun games you could play with a Twinkie? Well come find out at youth group.

September 18: We will dive into The Story as a group

September 25: Come join us to make soup together, create cards and messages of love and encouragement for our college friends and have some fun!

October 2: A very special and mysterious game night is coming your way. Be there to find out what kind of fun is in store!

OTHER DATES FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION... MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!

September 10	Rally Day – Meet in Duntreath at 5:00 p.m. for sub sandwiches and our church year kick-off!
September 11	Youth Sunday School kicks off in the senior high youth room. There will be one class for all youth 6-12 grade. The teaching team is Matthew Mahoney, Jim Bushong, Pat Macaulay and Sarah Dennis.
October 8 – 9	All-Church Retreat at Camp Hanover
October 15	Stop Hunger Now
October 30	Trunk or Treat- the youth will be participating in a fun new way this year, plan to be there!

CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

SUNDAY SCHOOL IS BACK!

Our Sunday school teachers have been praying and preparing for a wonderful year teaching our children The Story.

Children's Sunday school includes children 2 year olds – 5th grade.

Our first term teachers are:

2/3 year olds:	Pat Miller and Linda Denton
4 year olds-kindergarten:	Dan and Melissa Mascher
1st-3rd grade:	Jennifer Albertson and Becky Groves
4th and 5th grade:	Kerry Barksdale and Nancy Fabian

Each child will receive a copy of the children's Bible for The Story at Rally Day, or Sunday School so that they can follow along with The Story each week and learn God's story themselves. Each week they will bring home a parent page with activities and ideas for families to do together to further explore how our story connects with God's story.

Sunday School this year is going to be fun and filled with the movement of the Holy Spirit. Plan on your child being there!



RALLY DAY

Saturday September 10 at 5pm. Just like back to school, it's back to church!



Come join us for yummy sub sandwiches and hear about all the exciting ways you can serve and be involved at Tuckahoe and be the heart, voice, hands and feet of Christ this year. Bring yourself, bring your family, bring a friend. Sign up on the fellowship pad in worship or email the church office to let us know you are coming.

This is going to be a wonderful and exciting time in our church year; we hope to see you there.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

PARENTING FOOD FOR THOUGHT

The Presbyterian Outlook, a wonderful publication from the PC(USA) recently had an article entitled *The Room Where it Happens*. The author, Rev. Becca Messman talks about how important it is to pass along our faith to the next generation. She reminds us that we have certain rooms in the church where this can happen: Sunday school rooms, youth room, the sanctuary, the fellowship hall. And she is right. These are the rooms where faith formation can happen. But they are not the only rooms. Rev. Messman reminds and challenges parents that there are other rooms where faith formation happens – the dining room, the living room, the car, the bedroom.

"Studies continue to show that the singular most important factor impacting someone's spiritual formation is the way their parents live."

Parents have the unique privilege of passing faith on to their children not only through words but through actions. So as we all get into new routines this fall, rising early to catch the bus, packing lunches the night before, homework right after school, or whatever routines your school year brings, I encourage you to think about adding a family faith routine. Pray in a new way or place, add scripture reading to your bed time story routines, ask your youth how they saw God at work at school today, and be ready to tell them how you saw God at work in your day. Small changes can make a huge difference in your child's life.

Sarah Dennis, Director of Christian Formation

MID-WEEK MOTIVATION!

Our Wednesday night dinner and programs return on September 14. For the month of September come for dinner together and a chance to catch up with your church family. There are no programs on September 14, 21, or 28...just a great meal you don't have to prepare!

Beginning in October the dinners will be followed by adult programming and a chance for the children to "get moving"! The children's groups, "M&M Kids" (music and motion) and "Skittles", will include a variety of activities through the year. "M&M Kids", toddlers through 1st graders, and "Skittles", 2nd - 6th graders, will gather together in room 202 following dinner, during the program time. Mark your calendars for Wednesdays, and bring your family to enjoy a wonderful mid-week break!



OUTREACH

FALL BOOK DRIVE

Tuckahoe will be involved in a number of outreach activities at Oak Grove - Bellemeade Elementary School, a Richmond Public School located south of the James River. We have been invited by the Cosby High School DECA chapter to assist with their September Book Drive. [The advisor for this student group is our own, Jane Werner.] Student members will be conducting a book drive that will focus on new or gently used books appropriate for pre-kindergarten through fifth grade children. Currently the student leadership plans to involve the



Cosby High School community and several churches in our region. More information will be available soon. In the meantime, please consider donating children's books to this effort. Perhaps your children have outgrown books that are still in good shape that you would like to donate or you may simply

want to purchase one or more new books. We appreciate the invitation from Cosby High School's DECA chapter to partner with them in this project!

MANY THANKS, VOLUNTEERS!

Thank you to everyone who supported YMCA's Bright Beginnings this year through your shopping, donations, and prayers. We had 20 volunteers who enjoyed an evening with some of the 191 Henrico County kids who were served by this program this year. As in the past, we had a wonderful time getting to know the children, picking out new school clothes and enjoying a meal with them.



**Bright
Beginnings**

LAMB'S BASKET UPDATE

Due to the generous contributions of food from our Vacation Bible School children and the congregation on our regular collection Sunday, Tuckahoe contributed 144 lbs. of food to LAMB's Basket in August!

Remember that we collect non-perishable food items on the second Sunday of each month...put it on your calendar! But, you may also bring donations throughout the month and place them in the marked collection bin in the Resource Center, between the narthex and Duntreath Hall.

THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

OUTREACH FUNDRAISER SEPTEMBER 28

Mission POSSIBLE

The September 28th Wednesday Night Supper will be a soup fundraiser to support Tuckahoe's mission efforts. There will also be a presale of the soup! Tortilla Soup and White Chicken Chili will be served and pre-sold to raise funds for mission efforts coordinated through our Outreach Committee. Funds raised will be channeled to Mission Trips, Stop Hunger Now, and other mission-related efforts.

For all of you who are no longer working hard at our Yard Sale Fundraiser, here is a palatable way to support our mission efforts! For those of you who are looking to restock your freezers, these three soups – Tortilla with meat and meatless, and White Chicken Chili – are tasty options without the work of cooking! Pre-sale quarts will be sold for \$8. Turn in your ORDERS FOR SOUP to Mary McGee in the office, or Nancy Millsaps at nhmillsaps@gmail.com.

PRE-SALE ORDERS FOR ALL 3 WILL BE
TAKEN UNTIL SUNDAY,
SEPTEMBER 25th.

Sign up for Wednesday Night Supper on September 28th AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

This will help us prepare the right quantity of soups. Salad, bread, and brownies will round out the WNS menu. Thanks to all of you for your financial support of Outreach efforts!

PRAY EMPHASIS FOR SEPTEMBER

September brings thoughts of school, whether you are student, teacher, store clerk, or just noticing the big yellow school buses going by. The learning opportunities available at school are a blessing from God. A blessing you may not recognize unless you are denied it. As we begin the school year please take a moment to slow down and focus on God's many blessings. Please pray for the children from Bright Beginnings that were helped to prepare for school with new cloths and supplies. Pray for the teachers that are summoning all their energy and enthusiasm preparing for school. Please pray specifically for the teachers and children of Oak Grove-Bellmeade where our Tuckahoe members have volunteered for eleven years. Please pray for guidance and discernment as to what God may be calling you to do to help children this fall. Pray for what is on your heart. The Holy Spirit will lead us and guide us through the days to come. We will be blessed when we thank God for his marvelous ways and to put his will before all else.



OUTREACH

OUTREACH CORNER IN THE WELCOME CENTER

Do you ever wonder about what goes into the bins you see on your right as you enter Duntreath Hall from the sanctuary? These 10 bins are used to collect various items to be distributed to various places in our community.



Hilliard House is a temporary shelter for women and children who are on their journey to permanent housing. Toilet articles and cleaning supplies are collected and delivered to the house to be used by the residents.



CARITAS also serves homeless families. Instead of having a permanent facility, clients are housed at various churches. Toilet articles are collected and distributed when these clients are housed at Tuckahoe.



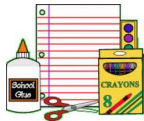
Used eyeglasses are collected and donated to the Lions Club program which provides glasses to those in need.



CentsAbility cans are available for members for the collection of loose change. This is a denomination - driven effort (previously known as the Least Coin Offering). Donations are used to fund hunger programs—60% goes to Presbytery of the James and 40% stays at Tuckahoe to cover the cost of monthly lunches provided to Liberation Family Services, a facility housing homeless veterans.



Cell Phones and chargers are donated to Henrico police to be given to women who do not have a phone and may be in an abusive and/or dangerous situation where a phone is needed.



School supplies for Oakgrove Bellemeade School are used to meet the needs of students who otherwise may be lacking that needed support.



Box Tops are donated to Crestview School where the school redeems them for school items through the Box Tops in Education program. This effort was initiated by Presbyterian Women.



Used ink cartridges are donated to Hearth of Henrico. From there they go to a recycling facility and Hearth receives a cash payment for them.



LAMB's Basket is a food pantry which is a joint effort of area churches to serve needy residents of Henrico County who qualify. Non-perishable food items are collected and delivered monthly to the facility.

THANK YOU DICK

Eleven years ago, after retiring as Dean of Students at the University of Richmond, Dick Mateer was ready for a new challenge. Volunteering at Bellemeade Elementary through the Micah Program fit that criteria. The public school located off Jeff Davis highway housed grades pre-K through first, and served a predominately African American Community. Most students qualified for the federal free lunch program. After serving as a classroom volunteer for a few years, Dick felt called to organize a summer mission project in an effort to create a more friendly learning environment at the outdated Bellemeade School. For five days, members of Tuckahoe traveled to the school, where they worked miracles. Murals were painted, the cafeteria was transformed with large painted canvases of healthy food options, and the entrance was enhanced with new plantings. When the students returned in the fall, their school was a much more cheerful place.

As time passed, Dick's involvement grew. He charged his church family to become volunteers as well. Before too long, Tuckahoe was sending a weekly group of classroom helpers, all under Dick's skilled organization and leadership. Four years ago Bellemeade School and Oak Grove School were consolidated into a brand new school housing pre-K through fifth grades. With this larger school, Dick's leadership was again called upon and he became the chairman of the organization of churches that works with Communities in Schools as they seek to bring about positive change in the school and community.

Thanks to Dick, Tuckahoe is in its twelfth year of volunteering at Oak Grove - Bellemeade. Dick has successfully grown the group of Tuckahoe volunteers from the three who initiated the program to over 63 members who have been involved in various activities at OG/B this past school year.

Dick has decided to retire as a volunteer at Oak Grove-Bellemeade. His involvement at the school has truly been a personification of Tuckahoe's mission: "To be the heart, voice, hands and feet of Christ where the Spirit leads us."



TUCKAHOE TO CONTINUE ITS INVOLVEMENT AT OAK GROVE -BELLEMEADE SCHOOL

Although Dick Mateer is retiring as Tuckahoe's volunteer coordinator at Oak Grove-Bellemeade School our church will continue its relationship with the school. There will be opportunities to serve as a classroom assistant, be a Christmas elf, bake bread at Christmas, read on Dr. Seuss Day, address birthday cards, and participate in other special events throughout the year. For more information about any of these opportunities, contact Ruth Anna Langdon at 282-4867 or ruthannalangdon@gmail.com.



STOP HUNGER NOW EVENT OCTOBER 15, 2016

Previous volunteers are sure to find this news to be very exciting! Our 4th annual Stop Hunger Now packaging event is only 12 weeks away. You know what that means? On Saturday, October 15th, decked out in the finest of hairnets, you can stand elbow to elbow with your friends to measure, pour, weigh and assemble meals to be shipped to those in need in the poorest areas of our world.

For our members that have not been able to volunteer for one of our packaging events before, or are not familiar with their efforts, Stop Hunger Now is an international hunger relief agency that has been committed to ending hunger for more than 15 years. Stop Hunger Now provides over 70% of its meals to support school feeding programs, vocational training programs, early childhood development programs, orphanages, and medical clinics.

On Saturday, October 15 Tuckahoe will be hosting our 4th annual Stop Hunger Now packaging event in Duntreath Hall. In the three years that we have hosted a packaging event, our volunteers have packaged almost 54,000 meals, (each serves 6 individuals), and our members have raised almost \$17,000 to cover the costs of these meals.

As you can tell, we will need many volunteers to package meals for shipment to places around the globe. Church members, family and friends, ages 4 and up, are welcome to participate in this fun-filled activity. If you are not able to participate in our packaging event you can still contribute to our efforts with a monetary donation. All donations go towards paying for the raw materials needed to go into the meals. Please consider volunteering to help support this worthwhile organization by either participating on October 15th or through a monetary donation. Questions? Please contact Shawna Shade at 804-564-3379 or shawnashade@verizon.net.

The best way to register to participate or donate money to our event is through this direct link on the internet: <http://events.stophungernow.org/Tuckahoe2016>



STOP HUNGER NOW®

RALLY DAY

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it's back to church!

Come join us for yummy sub sandwiches and hear about
all the exciting ways you can serve and be involved at
Tuckahoe and be the heart, voice, hands and feet of
Christ this year. Bring yourself, bring your family, bring
a friend.

Sign up on the fellowship pad in worship or email the
church office to let us know you are coming.



CONGREGATIONAL RETREAT TO CAMP HANOVER OCTOBER 8-9

Come join us for a fun time of
fellowship and faith formation. We will
play, hike, camp fire and explore
chapter 5 of The Story as an
intergenerational group. If you are
planning to come, please fill out the
registration form on page 23 and return
it to the church office.

POJ OLDER ADULT RETREAT

Nourishing Your Spirit – Finding Balance,
October 11, 9:15 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. Join
with older adults from our Presbytery
to enjoy a day of spiritual refreshment
at Camp Hanover. Registration is from
9:15 to 9:50 a.m.

Begin the program with Rev. Tom
Waltz as he provides a time for
meditation, reflection and song.
“Aging with Grace,” the keynote
presentation will feature the Rev. Ray
Inscoc. Ray will explore how we, as
Christians, may accept aging as a vital
and positive stage of our spiritual
journey. Enjoy a traditional Camp
Hanover luncheon, stroll the grounds
and relax in the beauty of the informal
setting. After lunch you may
participate in one of two workshops.
You may view the brochure and
register online at
www.presbyteryofthejames.org.
Your registration fee of \$15 (includes
lunch) is due by October 1.

COMING THIS FALL

MONDAY NIGHT WOMEN'S STUDY GROUP

The Women's Study Group invites women to our monthly meeting held on the first Monday of each month (beginning in October) from 7:00-8:30 p.m. at Ruth Anna Langdon's home (903 Regester Parkway - ½ block from the church). This year's first meeting is on Monday, October 3. More information will follow on the materials to be studied this year. No responsibilities (i.e. hosting or teaching) and we end each year with dinner at Brio's in June! Come join our fun group for good fellowship and Bible study. For additional information, contact Pat Macaulay at pmacaula@richmond.edu or 323-1190.



LISTENING AND SPEAKING FROM THE HEART: A PERSONAL GROWTH SEMINAR

"LISTENING AND SPEAKING FROM THE HEART", will be held on Sunday, October 23rd, in Room 202 from 12:15 to 2:30pm. Bring a bag lunch—drinks and dessert will be provided. This will be a fun and interactive time of learning together. This event is designed to help us listen and speak clearly and sincerely, in all areas of life. It will be an opportunity for personal growth in an area of life that is so every day we do not always appreciate it. Everyone is invited—high school youth through adults. Come to learn skills to express yourself and to listen to others. Plan now to attend. Register by calling the office or noting your intention to attend on the fellowship pad on Sunday, or email Ginger Spence at mosesbulrushes@gmail.com.

This event is brought to you by your Stephen Ministry Leaders:
A.W. Dickerson, Sherry Flournoy, Barbie Keatts, and Ginger Spence

SHARING OUR BLESSINGS STEWARDING OUR LIVES FOR GOD

Truly, I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the treasury. For all of them have contributed out of their abundance, but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had.

Mark 12:43-44

COMING THIS FALL



TPC MUSIC MINISTRIES

Summer is always a wonderful time to enjoy the warm weather and much deserved vacations. Our choirs have enjoyed some much deserved time off this summer. Our fall start up is fast upon us; and invitations are open to join all of our choirs!

THE CHANCEL CHOIR...ALL ARE WELCOME!!

Our Chancel Choir will begin on Thursday evening, September 8, 2016 at 7:30 PM.

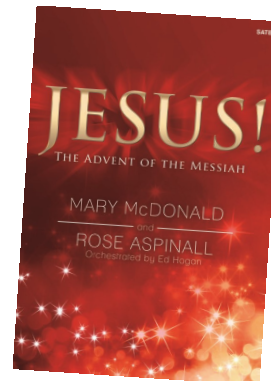
This choir is open to anyone, middle school and up who would like to participate and sing on a regular basis for our morning worship services.

(Robes and folders are included!)

A Christmas musical, entitled "Jesus! the Advent of the Messiah" has already arrived and we will begin learning this piece with our first fall rehearsal. This new musical by Mary McDonald, will be presented in a morning worship service together with instrumentalists on Sunday,

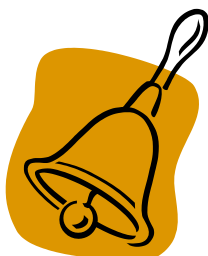
December 18. This musical is new and fresh and brings us firmly into the 21st century. The choir will also be rehearsing weekly Anthems for the morning worship services.

Come join our group, enjoy the fellowship and bring a friend with you!



HAND BELLS...WE HAVE THEM FOR ALL AGES!

Kids, Moms and Dads Bells or KMD were so good last year! The group made great improvement in their 'belling' skills; playing several times for church. This year we want to add to our momentum and add some 'peeps' to our group. The cool dynamic of this group is that most of the adults have no previous experience with bell ringing; so, the kids and adults are on the same learning level!

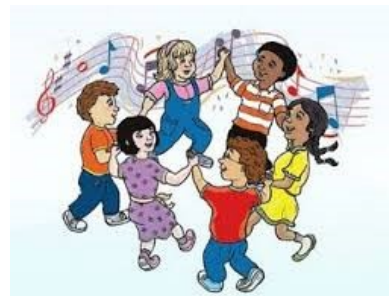


We usually start about 2nd grade and up, as reading skills are important, and we meet on Wednesday nights right before supper at 5:30 PM, beginning September 14th. We practice and play on tone chimes, made of aluminum which are easy and light in weight to play, and we don't have to worry about 'spillage and breakage' ! Fun?...Oh yeah!

Adult Bell Choir or Tintinnabulation, is a great group with a lot of skill. **We meet on Wednesday nights at 7:30 PM in the sanctuary. Our first rehearsal is September 14th.** We need more hands to ring in this group as our ringers graduate and go off to college. If you've maybe played before, welcome back!

CHILDREN AND MUSIC

During worship last year, you may have noticed that our children sang for worship and with many new vibrant songs. On Sunday mornings, during Sunday School each week we have a fun singing time in the Sanctuary and on the 3rd Sunday the entire Sunday School time is devoted to learning songs for worship. New and exciting pieces are on the horizon for our kids! Come, participate! Mr. Mark and Ms. Sarah want YOU..!! Beginning in October, on the Wednesday evenings that we have a program, the kids will have a singing and motion time.



COMING THIS FALL

SPECIAL "THANK YOU'S"

The Property Committee would like to give a very special thanks to Jay Guller for the beautification of the atrium between the education building and Duntreath Hall. Jay's Eagle Scout Project, which he raised money for the project and secured helping hands to make it happen, was a terrific improvement! Thank you, Jay!!

thank
you!

Carol Martin and her family write, *"I want to thank the people of TPC for the love and support shown to me and my family when my husband Fred passed away. As fairly new members, the extent of your outpouring was unexpected. It is because of you that I have been able to focus on being grateful for having Fred for over 52 years and to appreciate all the blessings and memories we shared. I am honored to be a member of this church and to serve with gratitude and faith".*

Donna Sauer writes, *"Thank you, Tuckahoe friends, for all the prayers, flowers, cards and food during my recovery from shoulder surgery. I sincerely feel all the blessings sent my way!"*

TPC BOOK CLUB

Do you like to read? Enjoy discussing books with other readers? If so, please join us - new members are always welcome! The group meets the last Monday of each month September - May (except December) at 7:00 p.m. in members' homes. We will meet September 26 at 7:00 p.m. at Kaye Keyes's home. The chosen book for this month is Go Set a Watchman by Harper Lee.



BOOK
CLUB

THEOLOGY ON TAP AND JAVA WITH JESUS TO CONTINUE

Members of Tuckahoe and their friends have participated throughout the summer in these two "off-site" opportunities to join in discussion and fellowship. The summer focused on our enrichment series, *Religion and Politics*. Both groups are planning to continue to meet throughout the year with different topics on the agenda.

Theology on Tap, lead by Sarah Dennis, will continue to meet on the 3rd Monday of the month at 6:00 p.m. The location will change and we'll keep you posted on that change.

Java with Jesus, lead by Patrick Dennis, will continue to meet on the 3rd Tuesday of the month at 10:00 a.m. The next meeting is Tuesday, September 20th at the home of Ann Watson, 7511 Glebe Road. Join us!!

AROUND THE CHURCH



WHERE DID THE SUMMER GO???

This year Wednesday night supper will be the same, and yet different.. We will have dinner each week, but programming will run in 8-week segments. We are excited about this new format and the opportunities it will afford people to be involved. Each week you can come have dinner with your church family, get to know people and enjoy a mid-week check in. For eight weeks each semester, there will be programming to entertain, teach and grow all of us in our faith.

Beginning September 14, dinner will be every Wednesday evening from 6-6:45 p.m. in Duntreath Hall.

We will continue to have dinner each week of September but there will be no programs after dinner until October. M&M and Skittles will resume in October, following the same schedule as the programs.

Please plan on attending! Sign up on the friendship pad during worship or email the church office to let us know you are coming.



SIGN UP TO PARTICIPATE IN THE STORY

In order to have materials on hand for the fall, please indicate your interest in participating in our journey with The Story.

_____ Yes, I plan to attend an adult Sunday School class studying The Story.

_____ Yes, I plan to attend the evening study class for The Story.

Your name(s): _____

Please place this form in the offering plate or return it to the church office.

*Thank you,
The Christian Formation Committee*

TPC Church Retreat 2016

Family member

Age

Contact phone number: _____

Any dietary requirements? _____

Fees	Lodging & both meals	Lodging & one meal	Saturday dinner	Sunday brunch
Adult (12+)	\$41	\$32	\$11	\$11
Kid (5-11)	\$20	\$16	\$6	\$6
4 and under	Free	Free	Free	Free

****Cap for any one family is \$110****



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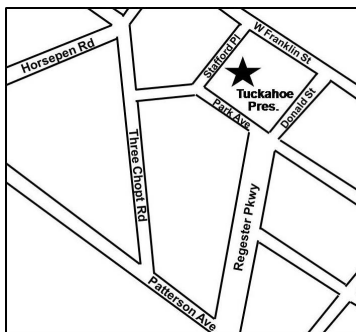
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of Christ where
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