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## SHARING OUR BLESSINGS THE TUCKAHOE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH 2017 STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN

By now, most, if not all of you have received your Stewardship packages and heard the presentation given at our campaign kickoff last Sunday, September 25th. I want to share with you again some of what we said:

“Sharing Our Blessings” means taking our stewardship to another level. It means being able to say “yes” to God’s calling to extend his grace and goodness both near and far. In all of our endeavors, we always have decisions to make. This campaign focuses on the financial aspects of doing more. Imagine what a difference you can make in the lives of others if you increase your annual gift by 10%. If everyone who currently pledges gave 10% more and those who do not pledge did something in a pledge this year, we would raise over \$45,000 extra over last year – and get closer to always saying yes to the ministry opportunities God sets before us.

We encourage you to use the prayer below as you prepare to pledge your support for Tuckahoe this coming year.

### STEWARDSHIP PRAYER

*O Lord, giver of life and source of freedom, we know that all we have received is from your hand. Gracious and Loving Father, you call us to be stewards of your abundance, the caretakers of all you have entrusted to us. Help us to always use your gifts wisely and teach us to share them generously. Send the Holy Spirit to work through us, bringing your message to those we serve. May our faithful stewardship bear witness to the love of Jesus Christ in our lives. We pray with grateful hearts, in Jesus’ name. Amen.*

PLEASE REMEMBER, we have so many things that our leaders would like to do! These wishes are about mission, Christian education for adults, youth, and children, and for community outreach! In no particular order...consider...

- 1) Fully fund our mission trip and make an offering to Appalachian Service Project.
- 2) Increase our support to Cindy Correll, PCUSA’s missionary in Haiti.
- 3) Increase our support for Camp Hanover.
- 4) Increase our support for international ministries such as Richard Haney’s.
- 5) Increase our commitment to Christian Education.
- 6) Increase our support for our Community Ministries from our current and, we believe outdated, \$300 average for 21 organizations.
- 7) Add an international mission trip.
- 8) Increase our support to the Presbytery for initiatives which include resourcing new churches, establishing new missions, and hunger relief.
- 9) Fully fund our youth at the Montreat Youth Conference.

These undertakings are so important-what we are asking from you will make a huge difference!

WE can do this!

**One last thing, please return your pledge cards to the church before October 15, 2016 as October 16th is Dedication Sunday. God Bless You.**



# FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

## SARAH DENNIS' ROLE EXPANDS

Many of you have now heard and experienced Sarah's expanded role of overseeing the Children's Ministry here at Tuckahoe. At the August Session meeting, Session approved the recommendation by the Administration and Personnel Committee to increase her position to full time in order to ensure that our education and Christian formation ministry for children, youth and adults will have sufficient Oversight, expansion., and continued excellence.

Sarah steps into her role during a year when most of our congregation are studying The Story for all ages and so she has been working diligently to extend the conversations from Sunday morning Sunday School, to Sunday evenings with youth group, to Wednesday night programming beginning in October, and an evening The Story class on Thursdays at 6:30 p.m. in Duntreath Hall. The conversation continues during our once a month *Theology on Tap* and *Java with Jesus* gatherings.

Sarah's experience and passions for theological integration and intergenerational dialogue make her an excellent leader for us as we move through our journey of faith together.

I hope you will find time to talk with Sarah about her vision for the Christian Formation Ministry and her hopes for Tuckahoe.

Peace,  
*Patrick*

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## SHARING OUR BLESSINGS

### STEWARDING OUR LIVES FOR GOD

*Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. "Test me in this," says the Lord Almighty, "and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that there will not be room enough to store it."*

*(Malachi 3:10)*



## HEARING EACH OTHER'S STORY MY STORY

Growing up, I explored many Christian denominations to see what was right for me. While my parents are both Christian and we celebrated Christian holidays, we never attended church as a family. When Dan and I decided to start a family, I wanted my children to be raised in a church. We joined a church downtown and loved it except that there wasn't a huge presence of families with children...which is what led us to



Tuckahoe!

Tuckahoe has been such a blessing to us. From the first day we attended service, we knew this was our - and our boys' - church home. We most enjoy the love and joy shared by all of the congregation. Our family feels comfortable participating in any event and we've even started volunteering in different roles.

The future for TPC is bright. It is evident that both new and old members of the congregation are equally valued. Efforts are made to meet the needs of all members from childcare to gluten-free communion and more. I am proud to be a part of this congregation and blessed to have my boys growing strong in faith with you all.

*by MELISSA MASCHER*

## HOW TO BE PART OF THE STORY

If you are not part of our study of The Story, during Sunday School, on Thursday nights, or at Cedarfield... it is not too late to join!  
Jump into the story, we can't wait to see you there!

### **Children:**

2/3 year olds: Room 100

4 year old-Kindergarten: Room 103

1st -3rd grade: Room 203

4<sup>th</sup>- 5<sup>th</sup> grade: Room 208

**Youth:** Senior High Youth Room – Room 206

### **Adults:**

Forum: Room 108

New Covenant: Room 106

Sharing the Story: Junior High Sunday School Room, Room 210

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 0-high school.

Thursday Night Class: Duntreath Hall, 6:30 – 7:25 p.m.

Cedarfield Class: Friday mornings at 10:00 a.m. at Cedarfield

The Discovery Class, an adult Sunday School class offering, is studying the book by Adam Hamilton called, Half Truths - God Helps Those Who Help Themselves and Other Things the Bible Doesn't Say. Room 200

# OUTREACH

## STOP HUNGER NOW OCTOBER 15, 2016

Have you ever wanted ....

- ♦ to participate in helping stop world hunger?
- ♦ to participate in an outreach event, but didn't have the time or opportunity to travel?
- ♦ to feel like you could truly help others around the world in need?
- ♦ to do a "hands on" mission project with everyone in your family and many of those in your church family?

You now have an "easy to access" opportunity to do all four of these in one short morning event close to home right here at Tuckahoe. Its fun, its participative and its abundantly meaningful - its the Stop Hunger Now event on Saturday morning October 15th from 9:00 am to 11:00 am in Duntreath Hall. This is a team project involving all age groups and absolutely requires no skill or experience to help package meals for those in need around the world.

**We need at least 60 more volunteers and we need to raise an additional \$4,200 in financial support in order to reach our goal of 10,000 meals!**

You are welcome to invite family and friends outside of the TPC community to join you in this event.

You may go to the Tuckahoe web site ([www.tuckahoepres.org](http://www.tuckahoepres.org)) and click on the "Event Link" for Stop Hunger Now. It will take you to a descriptive page with the direct link to register or donate to this year's event.

**This direct link is the preferred sign-up and contribution method:**

**<http://events.stophungernow.org/Tuckahoe2016>**

Or you may contribute to the event by writing a check directly to Tuckahoe Presbyterian Church and denoting "Stop Hunger Now" in the memo line.

Questions? Please contact Shawna Shade at 804-564-3379 or

[shawnashade@verizon.net](mailto:shawnashade@verizon.net).



## THANK YOU, TUCKAHOE!

The collection of non-perishable food items for the Lamb's Basket was 84 pounds in September. Thank you for your generosity! Remember that we collect these items throughout the month in the bin in the Resource Center between the narthex and Duntreath Hall. The special collection date is always the second Sunday of the month. Let's try to keep this important food pantry stocked through the upcoming fall and winter months!



## WHAT TO DO? NO YARD SALE THIS YEAR...

If you are wondering what to do with items you may have decided you no longer need, Outreach has a solution! CARITAS is in need of furniture and household items to help families who are transitioning from being homeless to a more permanent housing situation. Gently used items you donate go directly to furnishing homes for these families. Your donation can allow families to gather

around a dining table or it may mean a child no longer has to sleep on the floor. During the weeks of October 15 – 29 you can donate the items which are needed from the list below.

To arrange for a pickup, call Bill Stallings (512-5761) or Terry Brady (7401768).

### ITEMS THAT CAN BE ACCEPTED:

Mattresses & Box Springs (sets preferred)	Cleaned, vacuumed rugs, no larger than 5' x 7'	Sleeping Pillows
Dressers, Night Stands	Shelves	Mirrors
Kitchen Tables & Chairs	Small Desks	Fans & Space Heaters
Sofas, Loveseats, Recliners	Lamps	Vacuum Cleaners
Coffee and End Tables	Plates	Irons
Forks, Knives, Spoons	Dishes, Glasses, Silverware	TV's, Radios, Alarm Clocks
Toasters, Coffee Makers, Mixers & Blenders	Cooking Utensils, Pots & Pans	Telephones
Microwave Ovens	Baking Pans & Casserole Dishes	Art Work
Sheet, Blankets, Towels	Garbage Cans	

### ITEMS THAT CANNOT BE ACCEPTED:

Appliances (washers, dryer, stoves, etc.)	Commercial office furniture	Toys
King-size mattresses or beds	Cribs, car seats, strollers or other baby equipment	Computers
Hospital or electric beds	Medical equipment, wheelchairs	Clothes
Headboards	Kitchen cabinets	Ceiling fans, light fixtures that require installation
TV's larger than 32" or old- er than 10 years	Any item that attaches to a building structure.	

# OUTREACH

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## HENRICO THANKSGIVING FOOD BOX PROGRAM HEARTH OF HENRICO

Individuals, families or groups (like Circles, Sunday School Classes, Youth Groups, School Clubs) can participate. Thanksgiving food boxes are provided to needy families and individuals within the caseloads of the Henrico Department of Social Services. Donors prepare food boxes to be distributed for Thanksgiving. Most of the boxes include food for Thanksgiving Dinner plus other food items.

PLEASE NOTE: All food boxes should feed a family of six. Please, no frozen or fresh turkeys and no perishables.

### SUGGESTED CONTENTS OF BOXES

Canned vegetables  
Mac & Cheese  
Canned Soup  
Canned Fruit  
Peanut Butter  
Jelly  
Canned Gravy  
Stuffing Mix  
Potatoes  
Dessert Item  
Gift Card for value of turkey (\$15-20)

*This year, we are asking for a specific box count so that Social Services may make sure there are a sufficient number of boxes for their clients.*

Please have all food items to the church by Sunday, November 13. You may leave your groups' box in the church library.

**Please note the much earlier date this year!!**

- ◆ Contact Meg Packard (754-0602), Kay Keyes (360-7371) or Amanda Carr (287-4637) if you have any questions.



# YOUTH MINISTRIES



## YOUTH GROUP UNDERWAY!

We had a wonderful first month of youth group. Our kick-off was a fun night full of sugar and laughter! We played relay games, building games and baseball...all with Twinkies! And to end the night, we ate deep-fried Twinkies.

I strongly encourage you to try one, they are delicious!! We began exploring The Story as a youth group with a little Bible Jeopardy and then shared our experiences that have been formational in our faith. We made soup for a fundraiser, planned a carnival for Halloween and played even more fun games. What a month. October holds lots of fun as well. We will be playing, learning and serving together. Can't wait to see you on Sunday nights!

## SOLE HOPE

In November the youth group is going to be having a "party with a purpose." We will be working with Sole Hope, an organization in Uganda that works to provide shoes for people. These shoes provide protection from disease that enter the body by the soles of the feet. You can find out more about Sole Hope at [www.solehope.org](http://www.solehope.org). We will be cutting out pieces for these shoes from old jeans and other forms of denim. We want to be able to send Sole Hope as many pairs of shoes as we can which means we need your help.



**If you have any old jeans or other denim, please bring it to Sarah at church so we can make shoes!**

## YOUTH GROUP CALENDAR

<b>Sunday, October 2</b>	6:00 p.m.	Game night! Don't miss the fun!
<b>Sunday, October 9</b>	6:00 p.m.	Preparations for Trunk or Treat
<b>Saturday, October 15,</b>	9:00 a.m. – Noon	<b>Stop Hunger Now</b> – We will be working alongside other members of our church family to pack meals for people in need. This is a great event and lots of fun to participate in, so go to the church website and sign up today by clicking on the Stop Hunger Now event box and then the link in the event description.
<b>Sunday, October 23</b>	12:15 – 2:30 p.m.	<b>"Listening and Speaking from the Heart"</b> – all youth are strongly encouraged to attend this important event. See page 12 for details!
<b>Sunday, October 30</b>	5:00 p.m.	<b>Trunk or Treat</b> – Learn more about our role in this fun annual event on the 9th.

# CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

## THE ELEMENTS OF WORSHIP

### CHILDREN'S SERMON SERIES

You may have noticed the Moments with the Children has been shifting placement in our Sunday morning worship service. We are in the midst of a "children sermon series" and we are very excited about it!

Over the next few months, worship leaders will talk with the children about each part or act of worship. Each Sunday they will come forward to learn about the particular act of worship directly after the entire congregation has experienced it together. This way children can participate in worship with a better understanding of that great "why" question.

You are encouraged to continue this teaching about worship in your household during the week. Talk about the act of worship for the day on your way home. Mention it during the week. Wonder with them what comes next and what the leader might say about it. As the whole people of God, we look forward to exploring the parts of our worship service. Together we will more fully understand the purpose and practices of our worship traditions. So far we have explored the call to worship, the prayer of confession and assurance of pardon. Over the next weeks we will be exploring prayer for illumination, Old Testament readings, Gospel readings, Sermons, Offering, The Doxology, Prayers of the People, the Benediction and the Sacrament of Communion.



### CHECK OUT THE TPC PINTEREST PAGE!

The Story is in full swing! I hope you are all receiving your parents notes each week and taking the time to explore some of the activities with your families. Reinforcing what they are learning at church with time at home is a wonderful way for faith formation to happen at a deeper level. Knowing how to talk to our children about God, prayer, and all "church things" can be difficult, but it can also be fun. For ideas on how to teach your children to pray and other ways to incorporate faith into daily life, check out the [TPC Pinterest page](#). We will be adding pins and links all the time.

### MID-WEEK MOTIVATION!

As school and extracurricular activities begin again for children, life gets busy in a non-stop merry-go-round kind of way. Setting aside family time in the middle of the week to wind down with our church family is like a breath of fresh air. In October and November, after dinner together, there are stress-free programs for both children and adults.

**Beginning with our October 5th dinner and continuing through November 16th** the children's groups, "M&M

Kids" (music and motion) and "Skittles", will include a variety of activities. M&M Kids, toddlers through 1<sup>st</sup> graders, and Skittles, 2<sup>nd</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> graders, will gather together in room 202 following dinner, during the program time.



# FOOD & FELLOWSHIP



## WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPERS AND PROGRAMS IN OCTOBER

Suppers began in September with yummy food and fabulous fellowship. This month we ramp up with programs. We will be exploring

### The Story: Behind the Scenes.

Each week we will look at the contextual issues in the Old Testament book we are studying and how historical context affects our interpretations. We will look at the history of

the book, the writer, how the book has been used throughout history and much more!

Join Sarah, Patrick and guest lecturers for this exciting program series.

Children's programming will also begin this month, M&M Kids and Skittles will meet during the program in Room 202.

Date	Menu	The Story: Behind the Scenes
October 5	Cooking Team 1 welcomes you to <u>Greek Night</u> – Souvlaki, spanakopita, Greek salad, pita bread and baklava.	Genesis – led by Sarah Dennis
October 12	Cooking Team 7 will prepare a chicken dish, vegetables, bread and dessert. Children's Menu: Noodles and sauce on the side	Exodus
October 19	Cooking Team 5 brings you "Chili Night". Enjoy several chili varieties, salad, bread and dessert.	Numbers/Deuteronomy
October 26	Cooking Team 6 will prepare BBQ brisket and all the fixin's.	Joshua



## AROUND THE CHURCH

# Trunk *or* Treat



Join us October 30 at 5pm for Trunk or Treat  
in the church parking lot!  
Cars will be decorated, candy will be handed out,  
a food truck will be here for dinner and the  
youth group will host a small carnival in Duntreath!  
This is a Halloween event you don't want to miss!

*If you are interested in being a decorated car, please contact Dianne St John at  
804-363-6658 or [dstjohn@richmond.edu](mailto:dstjohn@richmond.edu).*



### THANKFUL TRADITIONS EXTENDED FELLOWSHIP NOVEMBER 20TH

Mark your calendar for November 20.  
The fellowship committee will be hosting  
an extended fellowship hour of  
"Thankful Traditions."

Please bring a dish you are particularly  
thankful for in your family – main course, appetizer, dessert, side dish, whatever  
you are thankful for. We will eat and fellowship around tables together and  
celebrate all we have to be thankful for!

# AROUND THE CHURCH

## "THANK YOU" FROM TUCKAHOE MEMBERS

thank  
you!

**Shirley Wilson writes:** *"To Tuckahoe Church: For 63 years I have been a member of Tuckahoe. Because of a health problem I've missed more Sundays than I care to count. I have greatly missed them. Tuckahoe has been good to me with members visiting, sending notes, cards, flowers and especially, Deacons bringing Communion on Sundays. My special thanks to each one for your thoughtfulness. Sincerely, Shirley P.S It really helps me keep in touch along with The Torch.*

**Patsy Anderson writes:** *"Friends at Tuckahoe, Thanks for everything you did during my surgery. Thanks for the flowers, cards, calls, visits and your concerns and prayers. Love, Patsy"*

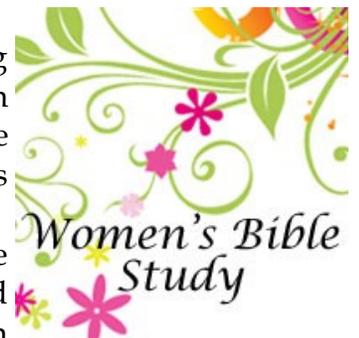
**Jane Werner writes:** *"Dear Tuckahoe Family, When circumstances aren't the best, it is such a blessing to have my church family support us with visits, calls, cards, flowers, meals and prayers. Thank you so much for your love and support. Chris and I are mending and hope to be back to 100% soon! Love, Jane*

**Dave Kaechele writes:** *"Dear Tuckahoe Family, Thank you for all of the blessings you have brought to me during my long recovery. The flowers and many visits by church members. Thank you for your prayers and continued support.*

**From Dave's Family:** *"The family and friends of Dave Kaechele appreciate all the well wishes, flowers, visits and prayers during this critical period. As Patrick can attest...prayers do work! Please continue to keep us in your prayers as we reach the recovery process. It may be a slow process but it is nice to know that the Tuckahoe family is so supportive."*

## WOMEN'S STUDY GROUP

The Women's Study Group invites women to our monthly meeting held on the first Monday of each month from 7:00-8:30 p.m. at Ruth Anna Langdon's home (903 Register Parkway - ½ block from the church). Beginning October 3, we will continue our study of "Disciples and Other Sinners" starting with Chapter 9 led by Meg Packard. Subsequent lessons will be taught by Dee Daughtrey, Ginger Spence and Pat Macaulay. 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 study. For additional information, contact Pat Macaulay at [pmacaula@richmond.edu](mailto:pmacaula@richmond.edu) or 323-1190.



# AROUND THE CHURCH

## LISTENING AND SPEAKING FROM THE HEART: A PERSONAL GROWTH SEMINAR

Mark your calendars for Sunday, October 23<sup>rd</sup> from 12:15-2:30, and bring a bag lunch to Room 202. Drinks and dessert will be provided. This is a chance for you to learn to listen carefully and speak sincerely so that any and all communication is completely understood by everyone involved. Your Stephen Ministry leaders have designed a fun and interactive seminar to enhance your ability to understand others and express yourself. Everyone is invited--high school youth through adults. Plan now to join us!

You can register by calling the church office or noting your intention to attend on the fellowship pad on Sunday. You can email Ginger Spence at [mosesbulrushes@gmail.com](mailto:mosesbulrushes@gmail.com) if you have any questions.

LISTENING  
from the



**WHEN YOU SPEAK  
FROM YOUR HEART**  
AND SAY THE WORDS YOUR SOUL HAS ONLY DARED TO WHISPER  
**THAT'S WHEN MIRACLES HAPPEN**

### FAVORITE RECIPE FROM FELLOWSHIP LUNCH

2	cans (15.5 oz.)	Crispy Corn (or Summer Crisp)
1/2	cup	Red Pepper, chopped
1/2	cup	Yellow Pepper, chopped
1/2	cup	Celery, chopped
1/2	cup	Green Onions, sliced
1 1/2	cups	Shredded Cheddar Cheese
1/2	cup	Miracle Whip
3	Tbsp.	Ranch Dressing (from bottle)
1 10	pkg. oz.	Chili Cheese Fritos



Mix together all ingredients except Fritos. Chill overnight. Just before serving, add Fritos and toss. Serve immediately.





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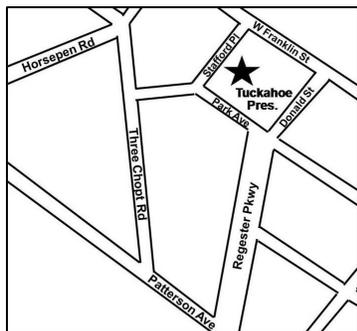
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Called by God, to be the heart,  
voice, hands and feet  
of Christ where  
the Spirit leads us.



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