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FALL HAPPENINGS AT TUCKAHOE

FAITH ALIVE!

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

**Youth Ministry
Kick-Off & Dinner**

Wednesday Nights

Chancel & Bell Choirs

Bible Studies

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FROM THE PASTOR'S STUDY

DISCIPLESHIP

Discipleship is a process that does not find completion during this earthly life.¹

This idea was in an article the Session read on “Christian Nurture.” It was a reminder to me how often we can become comfortable in our Christian identity and as a result stagnate in our growth. Like any form of “discipline” from which the word “discipleship” is derived, we need to be stretched, to add elements to our routines that challenge us, whether this is physical exercise or academic or professional vocations. We know we need to constantly be growing in those areas, so, why is it often we believe we can “take it easy” in our Christian vocation?

One reason may be that we believe we have learned all we need to be faithful followers of Jesus. We have the basics – we pray, we attend worship, we reach out in God’s love to those in need. That seems to be enough to be a “good” Christian.

And yet, as society around us changes we need to adapt. We live in an increasingly globalized culture where ethical questions confront us daily. How should we “be in the world, but not of the world?” How should we act in ways that don’t conform to the culture and yet still be inviting others to know the God we serve? How do we do this as our city and county are accelerating in racial and religious diversity? And how do we address the undercurrents of violence, hate, and discrimination without casually disregarding or demonizing the people whose beliefs and acts we consider despicable?

None of these issues have cultural solutions. The only way to work through them is in Jesus Christ. We must study him and his ministry through Scripture, alone and together. We also gain understanding by studying the faith of saints of old, such as the Reformation era, who struggled to address issues of their time in faith-centered ways and by studying modern Christian prophets, such as Adam Hamilton and Jamie Ivey, who have a word that challenges the church and inspires us to be bold witnesses.

You don’t have to search far for opportunities to grow, to wrestle in authentic ways with the most pressing issues of our time – such opportunities are right here! Our church, through our Christian Formation Ministry offers a wide range of classes on Sunday mornings as well as alternative opportunities during the week to prayerfully discern where you need to grow the most.

So, I encourage...no, I implore you, to find a class that speaks to you. Read over the descriptions, invest yourself in a class. Engage yourself fully and be willing to be shaped by the sharing. I believe that if more of us participate in Sunday School, Wednesday Nights, Mission opportunities, Seminars, and Fellowship events this year we will see changes that will translate to new ways of being Christ in this world and will enable us to more wonderfully live into our mission

Called by God to be the Heart, Voice, Hands and Feet of Christ where the Spirit leads us.

It takes you and me, it takes all of us. So join in the journey.

*Blessings,
Patrick*

¹Vera White, *Being Reformed: Faith Seeking Understanding: Ruling Elders: Workbook One: Formation,*

CHRISTIAN FORMATION—FAITH ALIVE!

ALL THINGS KICKOFF!

Sunday, September 10th begins our church year for programs, study and activities!

We return to Sunday School for all ages at 9:30 a.m. and worship at 11:00 a.m. During worship that morning we will celebrate communion, have a special music/choir recognition and have a “Blessing of the Backpacks” during the Moments with Children. Come and join us...it’s an exciting time at Tuckahoe!

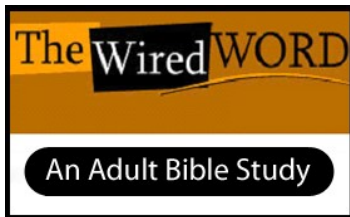
We are so excited to begin a new year of church school. The Christian Formation Committee has been busy planning and praying for all the classes offered this year. It is our deepest hope that you will find a place to “plug in” and grow in your faith.

ADULTS OFFERINGS

THE FORUM CLASS

ROOM 108

“The Wired Word”



Each week we will dive into a topic from the news that will challenge us on how our faith informs our daily lives. Our lessons will include:

- *In the News* – presents a current event to be analyzed in a biblical context each week.
- *The Big Questions* - provides a framework for the discussion with commentary and perspectives.
- *Confronting the News with Scripture* - provides the substance of the lesson along with suggestions on how group members can apply Scripture passages to their daily lives.
- *Discussion Questions* - to help you encourage additional in-depth exploration of the topic at hand.
- *Closing Prayer* - provides a meaningful conclusion to the week's discussion.

THE NEW COVENANT CLASS

ROOM 106

“Covenants with God”

This fall, the New Covenant Class will return to the Adult Bible Studies series which we have used for a number of years. Our Leadership Team, Meg Packard, Ginger Spence, Pam Dickerson, John Flournoy and Bob Smith, will rotate each week to facilitate the study and discussion of each week’s lesson. In covering each lesson, the leaders direct the discussion as to the relativity and application of these biblical messages in today’s world. As described on the Cokesbury website, the theme for this fall will be

“Covenants with God” where we will “consider the major covenants God made with people on behalf of the earth and the human community”.



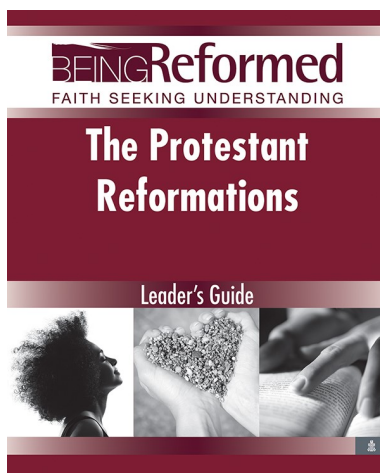
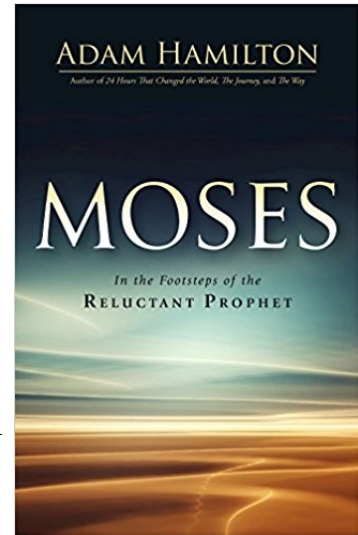
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DISCOVERY CLASS ROOM 200

Moses: In the Footsteps of the Reluctant Prophet

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 of the class 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 upon our daily lives.

As we begin the 2017 Sunday School year, we will be studying a book by Adam Hamilton called, "Moses: In the Footsteps of the Reluctant Prophet". "Using historical information, archaeological data, and biblical text, Hamilton guides us in the footsteps of this reluctant prophet who grew in his relationship with God and by the end of his life had successfully fulfilled the role he was given." Along with using Hamilton's book, we will supplement our classroom discussion by using the DVD that goes along with his book. Join us as we work to grow our relationship with God by following Adam Hamilton on a journey retracing the life of Moses from birth to leading his people out of Egypt. After we have completed this book, the class will decide on other book(s) to study, as well as, materials to study during seasons of Advent and Lent.



REFORMATION CLASS JOHN KNOX CHAPEL

Being Reformed Study: The Protestant Reformation

This year we are celebrating the 500th anniversary of the beginning of the Protestant Reformation. Join us in the John Knox Chapel on Sundays at 9:30 a.m. to learn more about this event, the people involved, and the impact it still has on us today.

Pastor Patrick Dennis will lead this class.

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FEASTING on the WORD™

CLASS FOR PARENTS DUNTREATH HALL

“Feasting on the Word”

Parents with children in Sunday School are invited to join this class whenever they can. It will take an in-depth look at the lectionary scripture for the day and explore how to engage their families’ life application of the message from the Bible throughout the week.

This curriculum will:

- ◆ Explore basic information about background and meaning of Scripture.
- ◆ Explore the “Where?” question. Where is God in this text? Where is God’s Will being expressed?
- ◆ Explore the “So What?” question. What are the implications of the passage for our Christian lives? What does this passage mean to me? What does it mean for the Church?
- ◆ Explore the “Now What?” question. How can our lives and the life of the church react to and live out what Scripture is saying to us.

Sherry Flourney will lead this class at 9:30 a.m. in Duntreath Hall.



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CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

2 AND 3 YEAR OLD'S

This year the littlest of our church school attenders will be learning about how loving God is a fun adventure. Through the *Story Hour* curriculum these toddlers will hear bible stories, sing, craft and play while gaining a better understanding that they are beloved children of God. We hope your child will join us!



4 YEAR OLD – 5TH GRADE

We are excited about our new format and curriculum. Children's Sunday school will connect with each other and God through

Kid Connection, a wonderful curriculum designed to help children grow in their faith.



This year all children will gather together for a large group time where they will play a game, hear the Bible story and sing songs. After this time, they will journey back to their age group rooms for snack, crafts and reinforcement of the Bible Lesson.

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

The school year brings with it joy, new friends, new adventures, hope, concern, a bit of uncertainty and a whole new journey. Not just for students, but teachers, parents and those who work in schools and out of schools. Scripture reminds us in Deuteronomy 31:8 "It is the Lord who goes before you. He will be with you; he will not fail you or forsake you. Do not fear or be dismayed." As we enter this school year, we invite all teachers, students of all ages, and those who work to bring a bag with them to worship **Sunday, September 10** as we say a special blessing over the bags we take on the journey with us. We will be giving out special tags to hang on your bag as a reminder of God's presence and Tuckahoe's loving care.



WORSHIP BAGS

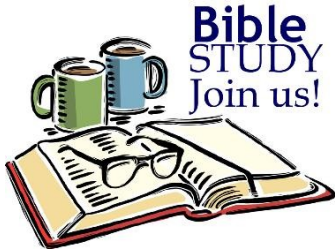
This fall the children of Tuckahoe will have new worship bags. Each child has their very own bag to bring into worship with them, and they have even had a chance to decorate those bags in their own unique way. The bags will be hung across from the Resource Center on some wonderful new hooks. These bags are meant not as a way to distract children from worship, but aid in children's learning and absorbing worship. They will have coloring pages, listening pages, note taking pages, and best of all, each child can fill them with whatever they need to help them stay focused and attentive during worship. We are excited about our new bags, we hope you will enjoy seeing children joyfully attend worship!

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MORE WAYS TO “PLUG IN” TO YOUR FAITH...

BIBLE STUDIES

Tuesday Morning Prayer Group: Our prayer group will commence a study of David Timm’s book *“Living the Lord’s Prayer”* on September 12th. Through a careful look at the words used in this familiar prayer, we hope to understand more deeply how life transforming it can be. After a time of study, we will spend time in prayer for our congregation, our community and the world. All are welcome to join us!



Tuesday mornings, 9:30 in the church parlor

Theology on Tap/Java with Jesus: These two mid-month opportunities for conversation about our faith in the “real world” meet on the third Monday of the month. **Java with**

Jesus meets at 10:00 a.m. on the third **Monday** at Café Caturra, 5811 Grove Avenue.

Theology on Tap meets at 6:00 p.m. on the third Monday at Travinia Italian Kitchen in Willow Lawn Shopping Center. This year we will be talking about where the rubber meets the road of our faith. Using *The Wired Word* curriculum, we will take a look at a current news headline and strive to understand how we, as Christians, can react faithfully and lovingly. We hope you will join us for great conversations and great drinks!

Men’s Bible Study: This Bible study meets weekly at 7:00 a.m., every Thursday in Room 106. Come join us and start your day refreshed and focused. We finish in time for you to head off to work in plenty of time!

Women’s Study Group: Beginning Monday, October 3rd, the Women's Study Group will resume monthly meetings held on the first Monday of each month from 7:00-8:30 p.m. at Ruth Anna Langdon's home (903 Regester Parkway – ½ block from the church). We invite women to join us as we continue our study of Having a Mary Heart in a Martha World. 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 or 323-1190.

CHURCH TRIP TO ISRAEL

We are planning an exciting trip for members and friends of Tuckahoe to visit the Holy Land in the fall of 2018. We will walk where Jesus walked, see where Jesus



taught, performed miracles, died and was resurrected. It will be an amazing faith formation time and a wonderful time to be with members of our church family. **Join us for an informational meeting to learn all the details about the trip, October 1, 2017 at 12:30 in room 106.**

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2017 WOMEN'S CONFERENCE *FOR EVERYTHING THERE IS A SEASON, LOVING THE LIFE YOU ARE LIVING*



Come spend the weekend loving, laughing and learning with other women. November 3-4 there will be a Women's Conference, held locally at River Road Presbyterian Church.

Speaker Jamie Ivey will be with us, along with workshops to attend, worship to be part of, meals and lots of fun with other women. The conference fee is \$125.00, which covers two meals and all speakers.

There is a registration form on page 17 of this edition of *The Torch*. Please complete the form and return it, with your check for \$125.00, made payable to Tuckahoe Presbyterian Church, to the church office.

Check out the Facebook page: facebook.com/rvawomensconference2017 or email sdennis@tuckahoepres.org for more information. Mark your calendars; you are not going to want to miss this!

Jamie Ivey is a podcaster, writer, and speaker from Austin, Texas. She is the proud mama to four kids and the wife to Aaron, worship pastor of The Austin Stone Community Church. Jamie loves to encourage women to passionately follow Jesus through whatever stage of life. She does this through writing and her weekly podcast,

The Happy Hour with Jamie Ivey. Jamie's debut book "*If You Only Knew: My Unlikely, Unavoidable Story of Becoming Free*" releases January 2018.



YOUTH MINISTRIES



YOUTH GROUP BACK IN ACTION!

Retreats, missions, learning about Jesus, and lots of fun, – that’s what is ahead for Youth Group 2017-18! The youth advisors have been planning and praying for the amazing year we have in store.

Youth group will begin Sunday September 10 from 5:30-7pm.
Our program will be from 5:30-6:30, with dinner beginning at 6:30pm.
Dinner on the 10th will be potluck, so be sure to bring a dish to share!

The Parents Meeting will convene at 5:30 p.m. on September 10 and all parents are invited to stay for dinner at 6:30.

This month we are getting things started with a retreat to Camp Hanover! We hope you will add this to your calendar and plan to attend. It will be a wonderful community building time for our Youth Group.

YOUTH ADVISORS FOR THIS YEAR:

Tom Adair, Julie Guller, Alex Miller, Cathy Moore, Rachel and Ethan Sherman and Sarah Dennis

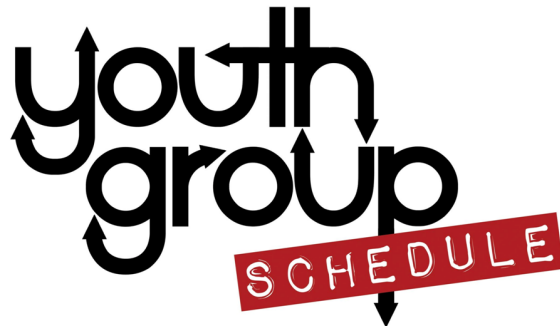
YOUTH GROUP CALENDAR

September 10: Parents meeting at 5:30 pm followed by potluck dinner at 6:30.
Youth Group Kick-Off at 5:30 followed by dinner.

September 17: Hurricane Relief Event

September 23/24: Camp Hanover Retreat

September 30: It’s Game Night!



OUTREACH

PRAY EMPHASIS FOR SEPTEMBER

In light of recent events, please consider this simple prayer:

Help us, Lord, to have patience and compassion as we discuss the direction our communities are moving. Help us to make room for Your Will to be found, and followed, as we and others listen to you and to each other. Steel us with courage to step outside of our comfort zone and be the heart, voice, hands and feet of your Son.



SOUP FUNDRAISER BEGINS SEPTEMBER 24TH



Outreach will hold its annual Soup Fundraiser this month. Soup orders will be accepted, along with payment, between September 24 and October 25. Quarts of Tortilla Soup, with and without meat, and White Chicken Chili can be ordered for \$8 per quart. All are available for pick up at our WND Soup Fundraiser on November 8, or the following Sunday.

This year, we will also deliver pre-orders for soup in January! Many of you finished off your quarts of soup within a couple of weeks last year, and inquired if we had leftover or unsold quarts.

So with our 2017 Fundraiser, we'll accept orders for November delivery, as well as January delivery!

All proceeds will be used for Mission efforts coordinated through the Outreach Committee. Funds raised will be channeled to Mission Trips, *Rise Against Hunger*, and other mission-related efforts.

For all of you who remember 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!

Turn in your ORDERS FOR SOUP to Mary McGee in our office. Order forms are on page 19 of this edition of *The Torch* and will be available in the office.

With two order and delivery cycles, things can get a little more complicated, so remember to 1) be clear about when you want your soups, and 2) attach your payment with your pre-sale orders. Payment is required before pick up.

REMEMBER, PRE-SALE ORDERS FOR ALL 3 WILL BE TAKEN BEGINNING SUNDAY, SEPT. 24 through OCT. 25. BUT NO ORDERS FOR NOVEMBER DELIVERY WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER OCT. 25.

Sign up for September 28th Wednesday Night Supper AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. This will help us prepare the right amount. Salad, Bread, and Brownies will round out the WNS menu.

Thanks to all of you for your financial support of Outreach efforts!

Disaster Relief-US Hurricane Response

Give today to help Presbyterian Disaster Assistance bring hope & healing to Texas families impacted by Hurricane Harvey.

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) is in touch with Presbyteries affected areas of Texas to offer assistance. We are standing by with resources and National Response Team members ready to deploy upon invitation and when it is safe to do so. For those who wish to support PDA's emergency response and recovery efforts, gifts can be designated to **DR000169-Harvey**. We need your help. Please give generously.

<https://pma.pcusa.org/donate/make-a-gift/gift-info/DR000169/>



If you prefer to mail a check, you may send it to:

Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)
PO Box 643700
Pittsburgh, PA, 15264-3700.

MANY THANKS, VOLUNTEERS!

Thank you to the 23 wonderful volunteers who shopped with the Bright Beginnings kids on August 1. The children were very appreciative of your kindness. This year's volunteers included a number of new shoppers as well as our seasoned veterans. It was a fun evening for everyone! A big thank you to our members who made monetary contributions toward the shopping trip as well!

Thanks again for sharing your time and resources to jump start a less fortunate child's school year!



**Bright
Beginnings**



LAMB'S BASKET UPDATE

Tuckahoe's contribution to the inter-faith food pantry, Lamb's Basket, was 51.5 pounds 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.

RISE AGAINST HUNGER EVENT (FORMERLY, STOP HUNGER NOW) OCTOBER 28, 2017

Our 5th annual packaging event is fast approaching. Mark your calendars for Saturday, October 28th. This great morning, appropriate for all ages 4 and up, will find you decked out in the finest of hairnets, standing 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.

In 1998, envisioning a world without hunger, Ray Buchanan – a United Methodist minister – founded *Stop Hunger Now*. In 2017, *Stop Hunger Now* rebranded to become *Rise Against Hunger*. After enlisting as a U.S. Marine during the Vietnam War, Ray Buchanan quickly recognized that accomplishing a mission required “commitment to something larger than yourself.”

Driving *Rise Against Hunger's* work is the recognition that ending hunger is more than just feeding people, which led *Rise Against Hunger* to focus its feeding programs in areas where we can have a real impact and expand its hunger-fighting programs beyond meal packaging and distribution.

On Saturday, October 28th Tuckahoe will be hosting our 5th annual *Rise Against Hunger* packaging event in Duntreath Hall.

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 28th or through a monetary donation.

Stay tuned to future articles in *The Torch* to learn how to participate or donate. But, mark your calendars now!!



FOOD AND FELLOWSHIP



WHERE DID THE SUMMER GO??

WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPERS RESUME SEPTEMBER 13TH

Our nights together will begin September 13 with dinner at 6pm. This year our programming will be

based on a rotating format each month (except September..see below).

- ◆ The first Wednesday of the month we will be inviting people to share their stories with us. People from our church family, our community and beyond will join us to share how their faith has shaped their lives.
- ◆ The second Wednesday of the month we will share time together through games! Be on the lookout for the Newlywed Game, Jeopardy, board games – Who knows what might crop up!
- ◆ The third Wednesday of the month we will continue the conversation topic from Java with Jesus and Theology on Tap held that week. Both conversations will be centered on *The Wired Word*. Don't worry if you come to both or only get to Wednesday night, our conversations will build on each other and grow deeper with each discussion!
- ◆ The last Wednesday of the month we will have time after dinner for extended fellowship.

This year promises to be full of laughter, learning and incredible food,
so make sure you are here!

WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPER MENUS & PROGRAMS

September 13	Cooking Team 5	It's the Tuckahoe Diner! Join us for dinner served "diner style" with hot dogs, burgers and all the fixins!	Our new seminary intern, Bruce McVey, will share his story.
September 20	Cooking Team 4	Mediterranean chicken, rice broccoli and small salad. Assorted Desserts	Conversations around <i>The Wired Word</i> – continuation of this week's Theology on Tap and Java with Jesus topic.
September 27	Cooking Team 6	Bar-B-Que, sides and desserts	Hurricane Relief Event – Relief Buckets

AROUND THE CHURCH

AGE PAGE

GETTING YOUR AFFAIRS IN ORDER

We have a new resource for you in the Resource Center.

The "Age Page" booklet helps you get organized by giving a list of important information to have available to a family member in an emergency. Stay tuned for more information on the *Getting Your Affairs in Order* workshop coming later this fall!

MEMBERS WRITE:

Dear Tuckahoe Family, Thank you for all of the prayers and meals that you brought to us during my mother's illness. Thanks to Patrick and Ginger for visiting my Mom while she was sick. It really made a difference in all of our lives.

*Blessings,
Margaret Louise Yuhas & Family*



HIGH SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Check one, two. Check. The sound team is looking for high schoolers interested in assisting with worship on Sunday mornings. We've got a new system that's easy to operate. Contact Tom Adair at tjadair2637@gmail.com.



HOST A FELLOWSHIP TIME!

Won't you please sign up to host our After Worship Fellowship Time?! The Sundays from September - December are looking for hosts! The sign-up calendar is on the entrance wall, right side as you enter Duntreath from the narthex. Grab your family, friends, Sunday School class, Care/Share Group or someone sitting beside you in church and put your name on the list. The office will send you a reminder the Monday before your Sunday. And the pantry is fully stocked with goodies! Just keep it simple, using the products there and in the refrigerator. A full set of instructions is posted in the kitchen pantry, if you wonder what it takes. Or ask Dianne St. John for some pointers. Thank you to all who have hosted so far in 2017!

Sign Up Now!

AROUND THE CHURCH



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 25 at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Becky Theuer, 11107 Sithean Way.

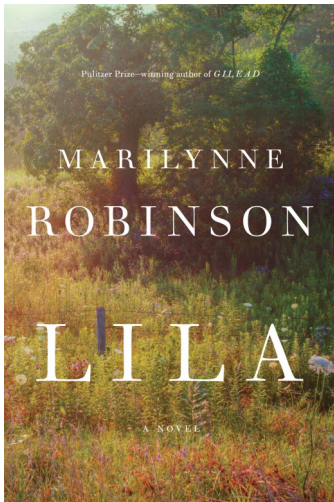
The chosen book for this month is The Paris Wife by Paula McLain.

ALL CHURCH READ

The Tuckahoe Book Club invites the congregation to join us at the church when we meet on October 30 to discuss

Lila by Marilynne Robinson.

Marilynne Robinson, known for her lyrical prose and engagement with Christian theology, returns to the town of Gilead in an unforgettable story of a



girlhood lived on the fringes of society. Lila, homeless and alone after years of roaming the countryside, steps inside a small-town Iowa church to get out of the rain. This ignites a romance and a debate that will reshape her life. She becomes the wife of a

minister and begins a new existence as she tries to live within this new found security. Lila struggles to reconcile her past life with her makeshift family and gentle Christian world of her husband which paradoxically judges those she loves.

Read the book and then join us for discussion on the eve of Halloween.

POJ OLDER ADULT RETREAT

Reconciliation and Embracing Aging,
September 28th, 8:45 a.m. – 3:00

p.m. Join with older adults from our Presbytery to enjoy a day of spiritual refreshment at Camp Hanover.

Registration and a continental breakfast is from 8:45 – 9:15 a.m.

Begin the program with Doug Walters and Gladys Bowles in a time for meditation, reflection and song.

“*Reconciliation and Embracing Aging*,” the keynote presentation, will feature the Rev. Samuel Adams, Professor of Old Testament at Union Seminary. Enjoy a traditional Camp Hanover luncheon with table discussion followed by breakout workshops

on topics including:

- *Reconciliation with Modern Technology and the Aging Process*
- *Reconciliation with Changes in Our Independence and Aging*
- *Reconciliation and Maintaining Relationships with Family and Friends*
- *Sharing Our Own Reconciliation with the Potpourri of Aging*

Conclude with communion at 3:00.

Register online at

www.presbyteryofthejames.org.

AROUND THE CHURCH



TPC MUSIC MINISTRIES—NEW SPACE!

There are great things on the horizon for our Music Ministry at Tuckahoe! During the summer we saw the addition of a brand new piano for the sanctuary, which sounds and looks beautiful. As we begin our fall programs, we will have the use of a larger refurbished Music Room (with 6 windows!) on the second floor of the Education Building—Room 210. This new choir space will afford convenience for our children to come to the Music Room for their music time during Sunday School without having to travel to the Sanctuary as in the past; give added space for growth in our Chancel Choir; and better space for our music library and storage. The current choir room, behind the Chancel, will be transformed into a Handbell Room and robing space; with the handbell tables remaining constantly up and in place for rehearsal.

THE CHANCEL CHOIR...ALL ARE WELCOME!!

Our Summer music offerings have been really well received, and the Chancel Choir sang one Sunday each month during the summer.

We will return to regular fall rehearsal schedules for Chancel Choir; beginning on Thursday evening September 7, 2017 at 7:30 PM. Won't you join us?!

The Christmas Cantata has already been selected which we will begin on our first fall rehearsal. Other new anthems and music will also be presented that evening, some of which I selected when I attended a Summer Sacred Music Conference at Virginia Wesleyan University in July. What an inspiring conference it was with clinician and arranger/composer Joel Raney, and others!

New singers are always welcome in this group. Please consider joining this group and help us continue to grow our choir!

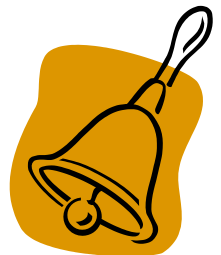
HAND BELLS...WE HAVE THEM FOR ALL AGES!

Our Music and Mission Camp on August 23rd was a chance to introduce the children to the music ministry at Tuckahoe.

Beginning this fall, a younger children's Chime Group for grades K-2nd will start. This group will meet opposite the current Kids, Moms, and Dads handbell group on Wednesday evenings at 6:30 PM. The younger starter group will be playing "chimes only" at the outset. Please let me know of your child's interest, so we can see if there will be enough children to start the group and commit to a consistent Wednesday night attendance.

I take pride in the start up of this group—it will be the 6th generation of children's bell groups started here at Tuckahoe!

I marveled last year at the progress of the K.M.D (Kids, Moms and Dads) group last year and look forward to even more musical progress this year.



Our Adult Handbell group, and most advanced ringers, will resume rehearsal on Wednesday, September 13, 2017 coinciding with the beginning of the fall Wednesday Night Supper schedule.

**We do need some ringers in this group!
If you've rung before please come and help us.**

Mark Cain, Director of Music Ministries



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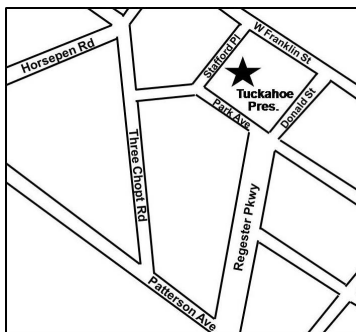
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