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"CALLED BY GOD TO BE THE HEART, VOICE, HANDS AND FEET OF CHRIST WHERE THE SPIRIT LEADS US."

THE MISSION OF TUCKAHOE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Our world has experienced unimaginable disaster during this past month: hurricanes, fires, and earthquakes all bringing death, destruction and homelessness -- insurmountable tragedy to God's people. How can we at TPC in RVA reach out to these specific areas to help? We have begun by asking what we can do and then listening to the answers. Our congregation has joined many others in the Richmond area to assemble buckets filled with cleaning supplies that are already on their way to Texas and Florida. But, there is much more we can do through our generous support of Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA).

Many in our congregation have made monetary donations to PDA and those gifts are already at work. Here is a brief update from a friend and former colleague of mine in Houston, TX:

"We are so very grateful for the outpouring of love and compassion we are experiencing across the country. The needs in this region are huge and will continue to be for some time.

20 of our 88 churches sustained some level of damage. At least 10 of our minister-members and many, many more members of congregations lost homes.

Communities impacted were both rich and poor. Some neighborhoods emerged practically untouched while others were devastated. There are amazing stories of resilience and of the ways neighbors are helping neighbors. We are seeing the connectional church at work as "muck and gut" crews are volunteering their services to assist other congregations. We have been touched by the prayers and concern expressed across the country.

We have been grateful for the presence of PDA workers in our midst as we begin a journey toward full recovery which we are told will probably take 10 - 12 years. We are also beginning to receive direct financial gifts restricted to Harvey recovery, notes of encouragement, clean up buckets and hygiene kits. Your kindness matters. Your prayers are felt. Your financial gifts are enormously important. We pray for your attention span to hold us in your heart on this long journey."

Houston, of course, is not alone. Other areas of Texas and Florida could share similar stories as could our western-most states that have experienced raging and destructive fires. PDA is present in all of those locations and is also assessing how they can lend assistance to the Caribbean islands, especially to the Synod Puerto Rico (PCUSA). Finally, assistance is not restricted to the US. Through *One Great Hour of Sharing* PDA is present across the world, especially now, reaching out to our neighbors in Mexico City.

If you have not already taken the opportunity to add your personal support to the relief efforts of our denomination please consider doing so today! Your gifts may be made through TPC or directly to pda.pcusa.org. Out of chaos, HOPE! Thanks be to God!

*The Rev. Diane Prevary
Parish Associate*



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

STILL REFORMING

This month marks the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation. Scholars attribute the beginning to October 31, 1517, the date that Martin Luther, a German Monk, nailed the 95 Theses on the church door in Wittenberg, Germany. His intent was to begin a debate on Catholic Church doctrine and dogma, however, no one cared to debate him on these points. The church hierarchy was instead focused on retaining its power. It was fleecing the common people for a grand building campaign in Rome, St. Peter's Basilica, through the selling of Indulgences. These were basically a "get your loved one out of Purgatory early" ticket, or as the great salesman of the Indulgence John Tetzel was famous for saying, "As soon as the gold in the casket rings; the rescued soul to heaven springs."

Luther's oratorical prowess and prolific writings inspired a revolution of the masses in Germany and beyond, with peasants rising up against the oppressive civil and religious authorities. Unfortunately, just like protests today, things turned violent and even Martin Luther himself could not convince the people that they were acting in contradiction to the very gospel precept they claimed to believe, "Love God and neighbor as thyself."

Martin Luther unwittingly became the father of the non-violent resistance in *actions*. Often his words were biting and downright venomous toward the Catholic bishops and even Pope Leo X. However, it was his pen and tongue that inspired a man 400 years later by the name of Michael King to change his name to Martin Luther King after visiting Germany and hearing about this famous monk. His son as you know would go on to be the most revered civil rights leader in US history. All this may have spawned from a man who never wanted to be famous, never wanted a denomination in his name. All Martin Luther was seeking was the truth of the gospel and a righteousness that comes by faith.

So here we are, 500 years later, inheritors of his legacy and we may wonder if his struggle and teachings are still relevant today.

One of Luther's deepest struggles was his sense of acceptance by God. At once believing he was made right (justified) with God by grace through faith, on the other hand he continually questioned his salvation as a wretched sinner, *Simul Justus et Peccator*.

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Can we relate?

I have many conversations with folks who say, "I believe I have been a good person" (usually this is said in the context of contemplating their end of life), or, "I am not sure of my salvation."

It seems Luther's struggle is common to most of us. In a merit based society, it can be difficult to fully integrate a sense of unconditional acceptance, to believe whole-heartedly that one is forgiven and need not earn salvation.

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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

(STILL REFORMING, CONT'D)

When, in our society, condemning words are far more common than words of unconditional love and acceptance, it is difficult to remember that there is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. Even Luther's sense of God's mercy had its contradictions as he consigned certain church officials, cardinals, bishops, and even the Pope to Hell.

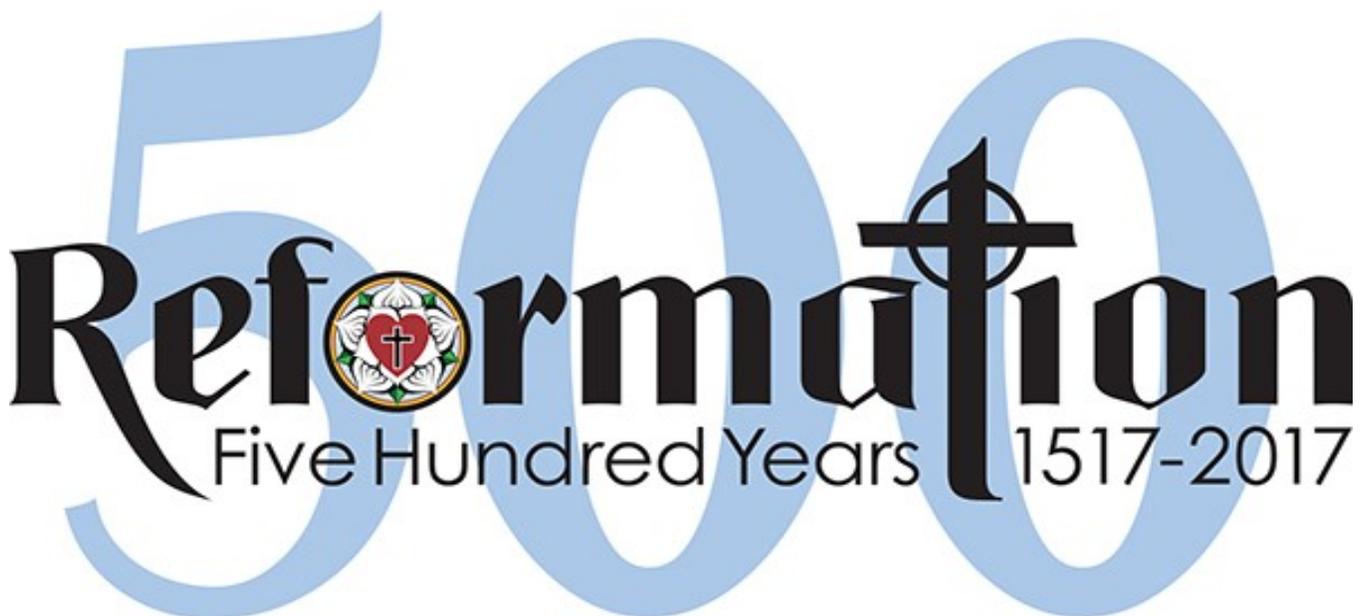
So, too, we do the same. Jesus's words in Matthew force us to still be reforming, *"²¹ 'You have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, 'You shall not murder'; and 'whoever murders shall be liable to judgment.' ²² But I say to you that if you are angry with a brother or sister, you will be liable to judgment; and if you insult a brother or sister, you will be liable to the council; and if you say, 'You fool,' you will be liable to the hell of fire.'"*

Who of us has never called someone a fool? Who of us has never felt seething anger that violates the image of God in another?

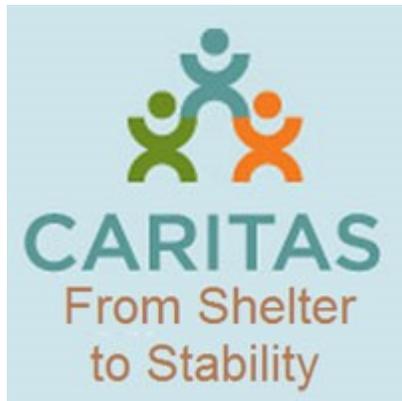
Jesus' words are always forcing us to confess more deeply and lean more fully in his grace. This is the legacy of Luther and indeed, I believe, of the Reformation. God's love embodied in Jesus Christ forgives, restores, and sustains us. But we need to react to that love, we need to embody that love, we need to always be reforming as individuals, as a church, and as the universal Body of Christ.

We still have a long way to go to be the people God redeemed us to be. But in Christ all things are possible. So, reflect on the life of Luther, John Calvin, John Knox, and all the other reformers who acted out boldly the reforming work God did in them and continue the work they started.

*Blessings,
Patrick*



OUTREACH



CARITAS

We are less than two weeks out from hosting homeless families during the week of October 7 - October 14, and there are still a number of volunteer opportunities available. We are still in need of some volunteers to cook and serve dinner a couple of nights, some folks to assist with the preparation of bagged lunches, and some volunteers to serve as overnight hosts during the week. We also need a few more individuals willing to do laundry for our guests during the week. There is a sign up board in Duntreath Hall with a spot for YOUR name. If you are interested in volunteering but need to know a bit more before committing, feel free to contact Jennifer Albertson at jhalbertson@yahoo.com.

For those of you who are already signed up, THANK YOU! This is a wonderful way to serve our local community and help children and families in the Richmond area with food, shelter, and fellowship.

LOOK AHEAD TO MISSION TRIP 2018

Tuckahoe Presbyterian Church is planning for this summer's mission trip and will be working with the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance effort to assist those who have been affected by one of our recent natural disasters.

We will determine the exact location early next year as PDA helps us decide where the need is greatest.

Please pencil in your calendars for the week of June 24th!



**PRESBYTERIAN
DISASTER
ASSISTANCE**

OUT OF CHAOS, HOPE



DON'T FORGET LAMB'S BASKET COLLECTION!!

The LAMB's Basket food collection for September was 36 lbs.

This is a drop in our usual contribution. Please consider bringing just one item to be placed in the pullout container in the hallway on your right as you enter Duntreath Hall. A box of cereal, a jar of peanut butter, any canned goods, or crackers are appreciated. If all of us brought one item, we would exceed the September collection. We collect donations on the

second Sunday of each month; but you are welcome to place your donation in the collection bin in the Resource Center at any time!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Our 5th annual *Rise Against Hunger* (formerly *Stop Hunger Now*) Packaging event is quickly approaching. By packaging meals, you will have a positive impact on the lives of people in need worldwide.

OUR GOAL THIS YEAR IS TO PACKAGE 15,000 MEALS ON SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28TH, AT 9:00 A.M.

To complete this goal, our church will need to fill Duntreath Hall with 110 fun-loving, ready-for-action volunteers. Church members, family and friends, ages 4 and up, are welcome and encouraged to participate in this fun-filled morning 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 complete the meals. We will fulfill our obligation of paying for 15,000 once we raise, \$4,500.

Registering and/or donating is simple, please follow the link below to do so online;
<http://events.stophungernow.org/TuckahoePC2017>

If you would prefer to register with a paper form you will find those in the church office. Please bring them with you on the day of the event.

Questions? Please contact Shawna Shade at 804-564-3379 or shawna shade@gmail.com.

Here are a few notes to help you prepare for your event:
Please wear comfortable clothing and shoes.

Rise Against Hunger strives to meet all food safety and quality guidelines:



1. Please wear a baseball cap if you have one. If not, hairnets will be provided at the event.
2. Please leave watches and loose, dangling jewelry at home. Plain bands such as wedding bands are OK.
3. We ask that you do not attend if you have had a fever or intestinal illness 24 hours before the event.

For directions, visit the event home page here:

<http://events.stophungernow.org/TuckahoePC2017>

OUTREACH



SOUP FUNDRAISER UNDERWAY!

Outreach is holding its annual Soup Fundraiser this month. Soup orders will be accepted, along with payment, from now until October 25th.

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 Wednesday Night Supper Soup Fundraiser on November 8, or the following Sunday.

This year, we will take pre-orders for soup for delivery in January, as well! 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 your 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 the church office. Order forms are on page 23 of this newsletter.

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.
- 3) Payment is required before pick up.

REMEMBER, PRE-SALE ORDERS FOR SOUP WILL BE TAKEN THROUGH OCTOBER 25TH. BUT NO ORDERS FOR NOVEMBER DELIVERY WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER OCT. 25.

Be sure to attend the WNS on November 8th, so we can make the right quantities of everything! Salad, Bread, and Brownies will round out the soup dinner menu.

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

HOW ARE YOU MAKING A DIFFERENCE?

Our stewardship campaign this year is *"Putting our Blessings to Work."* While a primary focus is on financial giving, there are equally important and more visible ways we steward our gifts for God's work in the world, through the giving of our time and energy serving God's children. We have recently learned that Tuckahoe folks volunteered 515 hours at FeedMore during their last fiscal year (ending June 30).

That was the most for any religious organization! It was a combination of Meals on Wheels and Foodbank volunteering.



A NOTE FROM OUR KROGER REWARDS PROGRAM

Dear Tuckahoe Presbyterian Church,

The Kroger Family of Stores is committed to bringing hope and help to local communities. We do this through a variety of activities, including charitable giving, sponsorships and the unique Community Rewards Program of Kroger. We are also committed to carefully protecting our customers' personal information. In order to meet their expectation of privacy, we have adopted a simple policy to never share a customer's personal information. Our privacy policy applies to Community Rewards participation as well. As your neighborhood food retailer, we deeply value our ability to support local organizations like yours.

Your supporters (38 households) who shopped at **Kroger** between **5-29-2017** and **8-28-2017** (Cycle 12, Qtr 4 2016-2017) have contributed to your **\$399.06** total donation. Your organization will be receiving a Kroger check in this amount within 30 days from 9-21-2017. Thank you for your continued support of your local Kroger store.

Don't forget to use your newsletter, website, and events to encourage your supporters to link to your organization. The more your supporters shop with us, the more money your organization will earn!

Thank you,
Community Rewards Staff

HOW CAN YOU PARTICIPATE AND INSURE TUCKAHOE BENEFITS?

If you haven't already done so, please register with the Kroger Community Rewards program. It's quick, easy and the only thing you need is your Kroger Plus shopping card! Once you are registered and have selected TPC as the beneficiary of your rewards, we begin to collect \$\$ that can be used for our outreach efforts. And it cost you nothing...it doesn't affect your cost at the store or your fuel rewards points! Don't remember what to do to sign up? Just give Mary a call in the office (282-2860) and she can walk you through the sign up process!

PUTTING OUR BLESSINGS TO WORK

STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN 2018

“Putting Our Blessings to Work” means recognizing that God provides what you need, including enough to help others in various ways. We thank God for His blessings with our compassion and actions of love. This campaign focuses on the financial aspects of doing more with our blessings. Our leaders have many ideas for us, including helping missions; Christian education for adults, youth and children; community outreach; and many programs to enhance and embrace.

Your pledges for 2017 enabled awards to three Wish List recipients. Increased pledging would enable Wish List 2018, and begin to address underfunded budgets, expanded scope in important programs, and higher cost obligations.

A small increase in monthly giving reflected church-wide, moves us closer to fulfilling the ministry opportunities God sets before us. To understand how an increase in your pledge would look, and illustrate how new pledges impact yearly totals, please review the following table:

Every Pledge Counts!

2017 Pledge Level	With 10% Increase	Per Month Increase
\$500	\$550	\$4.66
\$1,000	\$1,100	\$8.34
\$3,000	\$3,300	\$25.00
\$5,000	\$5,500	\$41.67
2017 No Pledge	2018 New Pledge	Per Month
\$0	\$500	\$41.67
\$0	\$1200	\$100
2017 Total	2018 Total	Increase '17 to '18
\$9,500	\$12,500	\$3,000

Note: The table reflects one pledge per level – imagine impact of many pledges per level!

We encourage you to use the prayer below as you prepare to pledge your support for Tuckahoe in 2018.

O lord, giver of life and source of compassion, all we have received is from your hand. May our faithful commitment to use your blessings wisely be evidence of the love of Jesus Christ in our lives. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

Consider your pledge as the Spirit leads you, partnering with God to put your blessings to work.

Please return your pledge cards to the church (by offering plate, mail, church office) before October 21, 2017 as October 22 is Dedication Sunday. God Bless You.



Stewardship
a way of life

YOUTH MINISTRIES



YOUTH GROUP UNDERWAY!

We had an amazing time getting started with Youth Group in September! We played giant family games at our kickoff night, made 10 clean-up buckets for hurricane relief and had a “not a lock-in” where we played games, ate s'more's in the parking lot and watched a movie on the big screen in Duntreath, then headed home to sleep in our own beds! It was a super fun night.

October is shaping up to be a wonderful month as well. Come join us Sunday evenings to see what it is all about!

YOUTH GROUP CALENDAR

Sunday, October 1	5:30 p.m.	Games and evangelism
Sunday, October 8	5:30 p.m.	CARITAS week at Tuckahoe – we are cooking and serving dinner to our guests
Sunday, October 15	5:30 p.m.	Sticky Faith
Sunday, October 22	5:30 p.m.	Sticky Faith and games
Saturday, October 28	9:00 – Noon	<i>Rise Against Hunger</i> packaging event
Sunday, October 29	5:00 p.m.	Trunk or Treat – We will be providing the carnival!



FOOD & FELLOWSHIP



WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPERS AND PROGRAMS IN OCTOBER

This year our programming will be based on a rotating format. 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 life. The second Wednesday of the month we will share time together through games! Be on the lookout for the newlywed games, jeopardy, board games, who knows what might crop up! The third of the month we will continue the conversation topic from *Java with Jesus and Theology on Tap*. Don't worry if you come to both, 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 there!

DATE	MENU	PROGRAM
October 4	Cooking Team 7 is preparing a Baked Potato Bar with all the toppings,	Sharing Our Story with a guest from the Trinity Ghanaian Presbyterian Fellowship
October 11	CARITAS evening with our guest: Fried chicken and all the appropriate sides and dessert	Game night with our CARITAS guests
October 18	Cooking Team 4 is serving veggie and meat lasagna from Zorba's, with bread, salad and dessert	Continuing the Conversation
October 25	Cooking Team 1 is hosting the Probst German Food Truck for all to enjoy!	Celebration of the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation



CHRISTIAN FORMATION—FAITH ALIVE!

CHURCH SCHOOL

Sunday School is in full swing! If you have not found a class, please try one out this Sunday. There is a place for you in TPC Sunday School.



ADULT OFFERINGS

THE FORUM CLASS – ROOM 108

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

THE DISCOVERY CLASS – ROOM 200

This Biblically-based discussion class 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”*. 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. If you have any questions regarding this class, please contact Walter Smith, Phil Calhoun, Leslie Shimer or Walter Hogan.

REFORMATION CLASS – JOHN KNOX CHAPEL

LED BY PATRICK DENNIS

This year we are celebrating the 500th anniversary of the beginning of the Protestant Reformation. Join us in this class to learn more about this event, the people involved and the impact it still has on us today. We will begin our study with the Being Reformed Study: The Protestant Reformation.

CHRISTIAN FORMATION—FAITH ALIVE!

ADULT OFFERINGS (CONT'D)

THE NEW COVENANT CLASS—ROOM 106

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 will rotate each week to facilitate the study and discussion of each week's lesson. On this team are Meg Packard, Ginger Spence, Pam Dickerson, John Flournoy and Bob Smith. In covering each lesson, these leaders direct our discussions 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". Student books will be available should you desire to read the lesson prior to Sunday morning or you can join in any week to participate in discussions which are always interesting and informative and many times quite passionate.

PARENTING CLASS— CHURCH PARLOR

Join this class as they look in depth 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.

Using the *Feasting on the Word* curriculum we will:

- Explore basic information about backgrounds and meanings of Scripture.
- Explore the *Where?* question. Where is God in this text? Where is God's will and activities 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.



YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL OFFERINGS

MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH—ROOM 208

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH—ROOM 206

Both youth classes are using the "Feasting on the Word for Youth" curriculum this year.

Each week the youth will gather together to look at a Scripture from the Sunday lectionary text and explore:

- ◇ What it means in Biblical context,
- ◇ Where God is acting in Scripture, and
- ◇ How it applies to our everyday lives

If you aren't yet attending a Sunday morning class...it's not too late...join us!!

CHRISTIAN FORMATION—FAITH ALIVE!

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 re-enforcement of the Bible Lesson.



NURSERY AND OLDER-CHILD CARE HELPERS NEEDED!

We are in need of some more volunteers to serve in our church nursery on Sunday mornings during Sunday School and worship and also stay with the older children during the worship service on Sundays. We would love for you to serve with us!

Do you love holding babies? Volunteer in the infant nursery during Sunday school from 9:30-10:30 or during the worship service, from 10:50-12:10.

Or do you prefer the toddlers, age 2 -3? Volunteer with them during worship, 10:50-12:10.

And there is the older children's group that leaves worship after the Moments with Children. You can volunteer with them during worship, after the children's sermon.



We would love to add you to our schedule once a semester (September-December, January-May, June-August) .

Please let Marielle Pool know if you are willing to serve in our children's ministry this way!

CHRISTIAN FORMATION—FAITH ALIVE!

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

BIBLE STUDIES

Tuesday Morning Prayer Group: We are working our way through David Timm’s book “*Living the Lord’s Prayer*”. This is a careful look at the words used in this familiar prayer and 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.

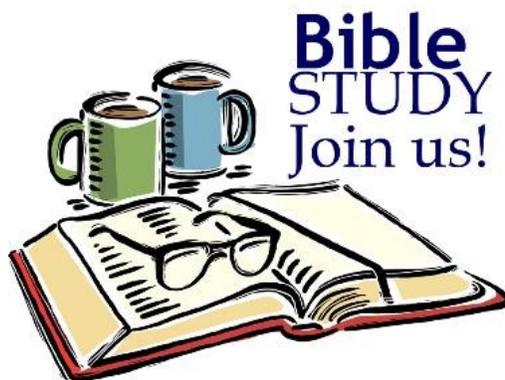
All are welcome to join us!

Tuesday mornings, 9:00 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. at Café

Caturra, 5811 Grove Avenue. **Theology on Tap** meets at 6:00 p.m. 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!



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.

CHRISTIAN FORMATION—FAITH ALIVE!



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

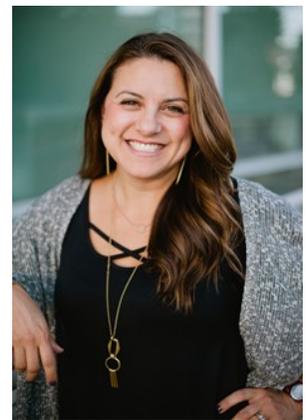
We are all in a season of life, sometimes wonderful, sometimes not, but always changing and growing. Our conviction as women of faith is to find a way to love the season we are in, not matter what it brings.

Come join other women at the RVA Women's Conference, November 3 & 4 held at River Road Presbyterian, as we learn together how we can embrace our seasons with joy. We will have a special guest speaker, Jamie Ivey who is a podcaster, writer, and speaker from Austin, Texas.

Find our more and register at rvawomensconference.com.

There is also a registration form on page 21 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.

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.



WOMEN'S STUDY GROUP

Beginning Monday, October 3rd, the Women's Study Group will resume our monthly meetings 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). We invite women to join us as we continue our study of Having a Mary Heart in a Martha World taught by

Meg Packard, Dee Daughtrey, Ginger Spence and Pat Macaulay. Meg will be leading our first study of Chapter 4. (Books may be purchased from Amazon for \$8.81 plus shipping.) 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.



AROUND THE CHURCH

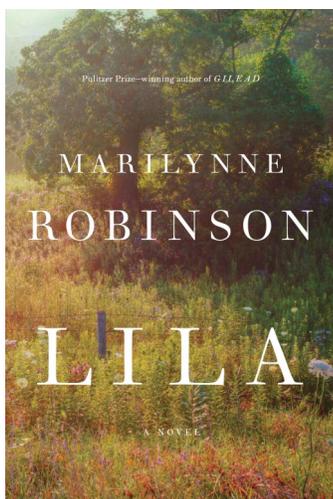
Trunk *or* Treat



Join us **October 29** 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.*

ALL CHURCH READ



The Tuckahoe Book Club invites the congregation to read and meet together to discuss Lila by Marilynne Robinson. 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. This is a process which involves social and theological issues.

Come join us for light refreshment and discussion at 7 p.m. on October 30 in Duntreath Hall.

AROUND THE CHURCH

MUSIC MINISTRY FALL UPDATE



The TPC Music Ministry is off to a fantastic start this Fall with the beginning of a new children's chime group. I am so very proud of this sixth generation of bell groups that started just two weeks ago, so I am affectionately calling this new group "TChimes6". Through the years we have had Tuckadings, Tucklings, and KMD's. The new members are: Iain Dennis, Tucker Wilson,

Reagan McVey, Courtney Fabian, Claire Robinson, and Boyd Robinson.
We meet on Wednesdays at 6:30 PM.

The Kids, Moms and Dads bell group is also off to a wonderful start and welcomed Robbie McVey as a new ringer this fall. And our "seasoned" adult handbell group is also busy at work. We are enjoying our 'new' Bell room, where our bell tables, pads, and stands can remain set up. The church will be hearing from these energetic groups very soon.

Our new Choir Suite (Room 210) is now up and running with beautiful space for our Choir, and children. Our Chancel Choir met there for the first time, on the 21st of September. The acoustics are surprisingly good, making our voices sound even better! We are off to a superb start with many new anthems that we have been singing for worship – with many loving positive responses from the congregation. We've started our Christmas Cantata entitled "Go Tell It".

Carol Martin has joined our alto section, and Becky Groves has joined our sopranos. We're always looking for more people to sing with us! Rehearsals are [remember in the new and improved Choir Suite, Room 210] on Thursdays at 7:30 PM, with the electronic doors opening at 7:15 PM.

Come join us.

Mark Cain



AROUND THE CHURCH

UPDATE FROM WARINNER FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP FUND

I am happy to report that all four of our scholarship recipients are back on their respective campuses.

Here is a short recap, and each of them will have the opportunity to share more details going forward.

Amelia Adair (a senior at Sarah Lawrence College, in Canton, NY) enjoyed a year-long study abroad in London for her junior year. She played “tour guide” to her mom Julia at the end of the year and Sarah Shimer visited in March. Her school does not have declared majors but one of her classes this semester involves trips into the NYC to observe and write about artistic performances. I’m sure she is taking advantage of being just a train trip away from the Big Apple!

Owen Ayers (a junior at Princeton University) participated in an internship in France this summer. He shared some of his insights (see next page).

Claire Galvin (a sophomore at William & Mary) has taken a wide variety of classes including Russian Myths, Landscapes of Disease, Environmental Sociology and Business Statistics. She is looking to major in Sociology (with possible minor in Environmental Science). She also participates in Amnesty International and Women in Business as well as her sorority Kappa Alpha Theta.

Corinne Burch (a freshman at Berklee School of Music, Boston, MA) is settling into life in Boston, rooming with a friend from Richmond. She is happy that most of her classes are related to music, as she was able to place out of most of the core curriculum requirements. Stay tuned for more details!

Please keep these young people in your prayers and catch up with them when they are home for the holidays.

Leslie Shimer
Moderator, WFSF Committee



AROUND THE CHURCH



Here is what Owen Ayers wrote to the WFSF Committee:

This past summer, I worked in Marseille, France in the Department of Pediatric Visceral and Urogenital

Surgery at Timone Children's Hospital through Princeton Internships in Civic Service. For eight weeks, I worked alongside pediatric surgeons, residents, and other interns in every aspect of the service. My responsibilities included attending a daily staff meeting to plan and discuss the day's activities, participating in patient consultations and follow-ups, assisting surgeries in the operating room, and translating academic texts and research articles for publication, among other miscellaneous duties. The internship provided clinical, surgical, and research experience within the context of an academic hospital. There was special emphasis on serving a disadvantaged and multinational patient population.

I had an absolutely fantastic time working with this talented team of physicians. Our team consisted of Frenchmen and -women, North African doctors and residents, and Erasmus interns from other European countries. The patient population was similarly diverse and included a fair proportion of refugees. The opportunity to use my knowledge of French to contribute to the care of people in great need was incredibly rewarding.

Before starting this internship, I must admit that I had a few reservations about working with children. I am an only child and the only person of my age in my family, so even when I was younger, I never had very much exposure to other children. I never babysat, I never looked after younger cousins, and most of my friends were older, so this internship would be the first time that I ever interacted with children in a meaningful way. To my surprise and pleasure, I absolutely loved working with children.

I had always planned on completing a surgery residency, but I now have every intention of further specializing in pediatric surgery, a field that I had never before considered. I had certainly never considered the breadth of a pediatric specialist's responsibility before this internship, nor had I imagined the complex scientific, technical, and mental challenges and joys that are unique to interaction with children and their families. For me, this internship was not only an opportunity to experience the daily realities of surgeons and other doctors, but a rare chance for a student to see medicine from the other side, the side of the patient. All of the children in our service required surgery, but each one presented a unique set of circumstances that had to be taken into account during their stay in our care, whether those factors were medical antecedents, psychological complications, or social barriers. More than anything, I've learned that medicine goes far beyond the treatment of a condition or a disease.

Fall Clean Up Day

October 14th - 8:00 am



Fall is Coming!



- What: Tuckahoe Clean Up Day
- Why: We need help to clean, fix and freshen up the church before October 21st Presbytery meeting and Fall.
- When: Saturday, October 14th. Meet in *Room 106* at 8:00 am with coffee, juice, muffins and donuts.
- How: Many hands make light work, so please come help.
- What else: If you have questions, call or see Tom Lee, Property Committee - 740-4907



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Deadline for November delivery is October 25th!



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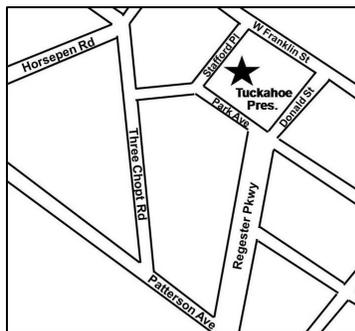
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