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ADVENT

One year in seminary a professor preached at our daily chapel service about Advent. I could not tell you exactly what she said anymore (it was a least 12 years ago!) but, each year as the calendar rolls around to Advent, I remember. I remember Dr. Charry spoke about the waiting of Advent. Advent means coming. Within its meaning there is a sense of expectation. We are waiting for the arrival of Jesus, the birth of the baby born to save the world.

However, we live in a paradox because the baby has already been born. The world has been saved by Jesus' life, death and resurrection. How can we be waiting for something that has already come? This is the tension we are confronted with every December. When the world is at its darkest, when the sun sets early and the temperature drops, we are challenged by this season to remember the light that banishes all darkness. To remember the hope that Jesus brings to a world that is cold, scared, hurting and violent. To remember that true power comes from a stable, a baby wrapped in swaddling clothes, not from a politician, a king, or a CEO. Each year we are given the gift of the Advent Season, to slow ourselves down in a world moving at a frenetic pace, to embrace the cheer of the season, not because our culture tells us too, not because we get gifts and have warm fuzzy feelings, but because we can wait with joy for the Savior who came and will come again. We can celebrate joy and kindness, peace and love as people of hope. So what are you waiting for? In this season of waiting and expectation, we want Tuckahoe to celebrate together. You will find a calendar on page 16 for Advent, similar to our Thankfulness Calendar. We encourage you to use this calendar daily to refocus and reset our minds on the gift of Advent.

ADVENT IN A BAG

If you are looking for resources to help your family (or yourself) observe Advent at home, pick up your "Advent in a Bag", on the table in Duntreath, beginning December 3rd. Inside you will find a devotional guide for each week; questions to ponder; crafts you can make pages to color as you think and pray; glow sticks to remind us that the light always turns back the dark; Sticky Notes to share "God Loves You" notes with friends and family; a wreath craft to remember the wonderful names of Jesus; a bookmark with reminders of how to pray each night; dice to roll for prayers; and music suggestions for your Advent Season. We hope this is a useful resource to incorporate into your holiday!

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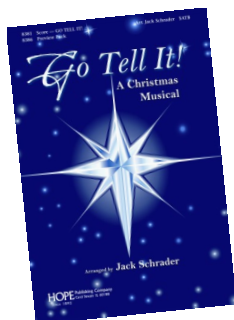


THE SEASON OF ADVENT

OTHER WAYS TO REMEMBER ADVENT TOGETHER

December 3 - An Advent Workshop from 2-5 p.m. in Duntreath Hall, with crafts, music, and fellowship for all ages!

December 9 - *A Hanover Christmas*- Join us as we journey together through the nativity story. More than “just another live nativity,” you will experience musical performances, dramatic re-enactments and fellowship with others while leisurely strolling a candlelit wooded path at Camp Hanover. If you have not ever participated in this event it is a wonderful event to add to your Advent Season. And there is no better way to experience it than with your church family! We will meet at Tuckahoe at 5:15 pm on Saturday, December 9 to caravan out to Camp Hanover, walk through the nativity together and enjoy hot cider, music and cookies in Wise Lodge afterward. All ages and abilities are welcome! If you would like to join us, please email or call Sarah Dennis sdennis@tuckahoe-pres.org so we can plan accordingly.



December 17- Cantata's and Cookies. Come hear our amazing choir as they gift us with a Christmas Cantata, “Go Tell It!”, during worship. And then experience the baking delights of your church family as we enjoy our annual Cookie



December 24 – Christmas Eve! With Christmas Eve on a Sunday, our morning worship service will be the Children’s Christmas service. Join us for this wonder filled time and a birthday party for Jesus afterward! Evening worship services will be at 7:30 pm and 11:00 pm.

**Grace and Peace,
Sarah**

THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD...

YOUTH MINISTRIES



What a wonderful group of young people we have at Tuckahoe. So many of them come on Sunday evenings to learn, grow and have fun together. We play and we spend time doing things for others. This fall has brought so many service opportunities from CARITAS, Rise Against Hunger, and making fleece hats for those experiencing homelessness.

Our winter/spring is shaping up to be full of amazing opportunities as well. Come join us Sunday nights to experience community you cannot experience anywhere else!

UPCOMING YOUTH GROUP EVENTS!!

Sunday, December 3	2:00 – 5:00 p.m.	Advent Workshop in Duntreath Hall
Saturday, December 9	5:15 p.m.	Camp Hanover for <i>A Hanover Christmas</i>
Sunday, January 7	5:30 p.m.	Escape Room – Can you make it out in time? We are turning the church into a challenge!
Sunday, January 14	5:30 p.m.	Soup Making – We will help make soups for the next batch of Outreach fundraising
Sunday, January 21	5:30 p.m.	Re-form – Join us as we learn more about what it means to be Presbyterian
Sunday, January 28	5:30 p.m.	Glow in the dark games – can you find us?

WINTER MYSTERY TRIP

Friday, February 16 – Sunday, February 18

We will be going on a trip to an undisclosed location and participating in Mission work as well as having FUN! The cost of the trip is \$150/person (we have some scholarship money available if needed- please let me know)

Deadline to register: December 17!

Register here :<https://goo.gl/forms/ZgR4f9AYP1rDNCjq1>



CONFIRMATION CLASS

Confirmation class will begin soon. All parents of 7th and 8th graders are invited to attend a meeting on Sunday, January 7 at 5:30 pm to hear more about this program.

CHRISTIAN FORMATION



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

We are so very excited to welcome two new childcare workers to Tuckahoe! Marshall Cooke and Meagan McGee will be working Sunday mornings, Wednesday evenings and some special services and events to provide childcare for all important TPC events. We are excited and thankful for the ways this will allow more members and friends to participate in the wonderful ministry of TPC.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLEAN OUT AND CLEAN UP!

Calling Tuckahoe children and parents...

On Saturday, January 13th from 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. we will be having a special clean up for children's Sunday School. We are asking families to plan to come for 2-3 hours to help us clean out closets, organize craft supplies, weed through toys and books, and see what we need to support our ministry. Children will be busy making crafts, sign and banners to decorate all the Sunday school rooms. Please RSVP to Sarah at sdennis@tuckahoepres.org to let us know who is going to be there.



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. Stay tuned in early 2018 for more information about this exciting opportunity!!

CHRISTIAN FORMATION

CHURCH SCHOOL

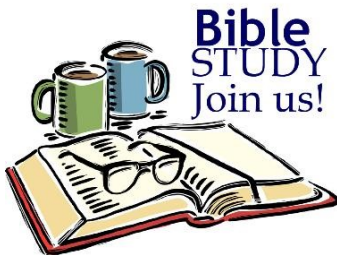
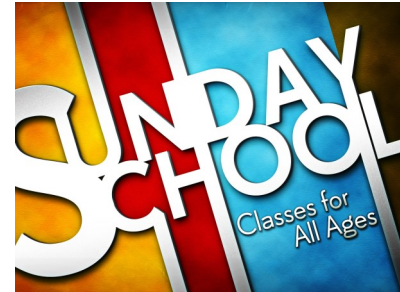
There is a place for you at TPC Sunday mornings. If you have not tried a Sunday school class, please come and join any class at any time.!

Adults offerings include:

The New Covenant, Room 106
The Forum Class, Room 108
The Discovery Class, Room 200
The Parenting Class, Church Parlor
Being Presbyterian, John Knox Chapel

Youth and Children's offerings include:

Middle School Youth, Room 208
High School Youth, Room 206
2 and 3 year old's, Room 100
4 year old - Kindergarten, Room 103
1st-3rd graders, Room 105
4th and 5th graders, Room 203



BIBLE STUDIES

Tuesday Morning Prayer Group: Each week we spend time in prayer for our congregation, our community and the world. All are welcome to join us! We meet on Tuesday mornings, 9:00 in the church parlor.

Theology on Tap and Java with Jesus: We'll be meeting on Monday, December 11th and Monday, January 15th. 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 spend our time talking about where the rubber meets the road of our faith. 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: We meet on the first Monday of each month from 7:00-8:30 p.m. at Ruth Anna Langdon's home (903 Regester Parkway - 1/2 block from the church). We invite women to join us as we continue our study of Having a Mary Heart in a Martha World.

OUTREACH



A Program of Prison Fellowship

ANGEL TREE PROJECT

Tuckahoe has been a sponsor of the **Ministry of Prison Fellowship "Angel Tree" Project** for many years. We are again sponsoring 25 children and each child will receive two gifts: one toy and one clothing item. This project helps incarcerated men and women provide Christmas presents to their children who live in metropolitan Richmond. These presents provide a tangible reminder to the children that their parent loves them even though they cannot be with them at Christmas. We need members of the congregation to purchase and gift wrap one gift each (approx. \$20-\$25). The gifts have been selected by the parents, so you can be sure they will be appropriate and appreciated. We also need people to assist with the delivery of the presents to the children the week before Christmas.

The Angel Tree will be up in the Fellowship Hall November 26th and December 3rd, please pick an Angel from the tree to make Christmas special for a lucky child and return your gift by December 10th.

Contact Pam Burch at 364-5203 or vaburch@comcast.net with questions.

Thank you in advance for your generous support!

HURRICANE HOLIDAYS

The headline of "Hurricane Strikes on Christmas Eve" may never grace breaking news. However, August's storms have severely impacted the holidays for our brethren in Texas, Puerto Rico and Florida. The loss of home and holiday treasures is a reality for so very many who could never have imagined the duration of their suffering.

Just as the island is struggling to restore electricity two months later, the damage in the states is catastrophic and the losses and grief will not heal quickly.

As you participate in the joys of Christmas, we ask that you consider the many opportunities to support recovery through Presbyterian Disaster Assistance by visiting <https://pda.pcusa.org/> and lift up in prayer those who are dedicated to serving the victims of Harvey, Irma and Maria.



PRAYER REQUEST



MARK YOUR CALENDARS RAMP BUILD 2018

Mark your calendars to help with our annual Project Homes Ramp Build event!
Saturday, February 24, 2018
9:00 – 1:00 p.m.

BE A PART OF THE MISSION AND OUTREACH WORK OF TUCKAHOE!

The Outreach Committee meets on the first Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in Room 108.

Anyone is welcome to join us!!

THANKSGIVING BOX THANK YOU

Thank you to everyone who contributed to HEARTH's Thanksgiving Box program this year. We had 219 families requesting assistance. Tuckahoe contributed 22 of the needed boxes. It is heart-warming to know that you have directly impacted so many of our neighbors in Henrico county during this holiday season!
Thanks again for your support and a special thanks to our delivery team!
Outreach Committee



BOOK DRIVE LEAD NEEDED

Early last year, Allie Martinez, a Senior at Cosby High School, initiated a book drive to assist struggling elementary schools in building their reading programs. Tuckahoe Presbyterian successfully partnered with Allie to provide books to grades Pre-K through 5 at Oakgrove-Bellemeade Elementary School.

The Outreach Committee has been contacted by Allie, in hopes that we would participate again in 2018. Outreach is seeking a Lead to advertise the book drive, count the books, box the books and deliver them to the school. If you are interested, please contact a member of the Outreach Committee for details of the program to begin in January.



OUTREACH

YOU SHOP – TPC RECEIVES FUNDS TO SUPPORT VARIOUS MINISTRIES

TPC is an 'eligible' charitable organization to participate in profit sharing from **Kroger and Amazon**. Both organizations donate quarterly to TPC based on qualified purchases. This is a simple way to assist us in supporting our community ministries at no cost to you.

KROGER: The Kroger Community Rewards Program requires the use of your Kroger card or just your phone number. You must register the card or phone number and select Tuckahoe Presbyterian Church from the list of charities. You only need to sign up once, and the program will not affect your gas points. Instructions for sign-up can be found on page 15 of this newsletter, or at a Kroger Customer Service desk, or by calling Mary in the office at 282-2860 for assistance with enrolling.

AMAZON: The Amazon Smile program has tens of millions of products eligible for donations. Use your current Amazon account or create an account.

Go to the smile.amazon.com site to choose "Tuckahoe Presbyterian Church" when asked about giving to a charity.

You do this only once as the program retains your selection. These programs have been in use for several years and are benefitting thousands of people through profit

sharing. This year alone, Amazon has given over \$69 million to charities registered in the program. OK, TPC folks, let's all sign up for **FREE MONEY** to benefit our community ministries!



HAWKINS HOUSE KITCHEN SHOWER

On January 28, 2018, Tuckahoe will be sponsoring a kitchen shower to benefit our members from Hawkins House. We will be collecting items used in the kitchen or dining room. Things like pots and pans, silverware, even a microwave.

These items can be new or gently used.

We will collect these items from now through January 28th when we will go to Hawkins House to celebrate with the residents there. We will have cake and ice cream. Anyone who wants to share in the celebration is welcome!

You may bring your wrapped gift and leave it on the table in Duntreath marked for Hawkins House or join us on the 28th to deliver and celebrate the gifts!

Please won't you be the heart, voice, hands and feet of Christ to these men?! Any questions? Contact Stacey Orcutt at

Slo.piglet@gmail.com.

Some items needed are:

Pots and pans

Dinnerware

Cooking Utensils

Coffee Maker

Cleaning products

Kitchen linens

Food storage and wraps

A more complete list can be found on the Sign-up Genius created for the event.


To sign up to gift something for this shower, go to the link below:

[www.SignUpGenius.com/
go/60B0C44ABAC2EABF94-hawkins](http://www.SignUpGenius.com/go/60B0C44ABAC2EABF94-hawkins)

FOOD & FELLOWSHIP

WNS DECEMBER AND JANUARY SCHEDULE

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 newly wed games, jeopardy, board games, who knows what might crop up! The third of the month we will continue the conversation topic from theology on tap/Java with Jesus. 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. There is childcare available to all children who are not able to participate in bell practice.

<u>DATE</u>	<u>MENU</u>	<u>PROGRAM</u>
December 6	Pot Luck Dinner [Last WNS of 2017]	Dr. Patricia L. Vesely, currently teaches Hebrew at UPSeM and Religious Studies courses at VCU. Tricia traveled with Union's Charlotte campus to Europe on a Reformation Tour in 2016 and will share her experiences on this special 500th anniversary of the Reformation.
December 13	No Dinner	
December 20		
December 27		
January 3	Italian Chicken & Peppers, rice, green beans, dessert	Extended fellowship after dinners each Wednesday. Regular programming will resume in February.
January 10	Pizza extravaganza	
January 17	Chili Cook-Off	
January 24	Cranberry Chicken, rice, green beans, dessert	
January 31	TBA	

FEED YOUR BODIES AND YOUR SPIRIT

AROUND THE CHURCH

AN INVITATION TO CONSIDER

The Administration and Personnel Committee is looking for additional members. We meet at 7 p.m. the third Wednesday of the month. As the name implies this committee is primarily focused on office administration and personnel issues. A&P also approves building use requests. If you have an interest in joining this committee or have question please see me or other committee members, Ray Hoge, Tim Beane, Harold Cothorn, Dave or Kathy Bauer. Responsibilities of the committee include:

- Maintaining church database
- Coordinating production of pictorial directory
- Supporting church administration staff in all areas of administration
- Computers and other office equipment
- Aiding in staff recruitment and development
- Assessing performance of personnel



Many Hands Lighten The Load...Where Could You Help?

END OF YEAR PLEDGES

The last business day of 2017 for Tuckahoe will be Saturday, December 30.

Any contributions with a USPS date of December 30 or earlier received in the mail will be treated as 2017 contributions.

Please clearly designate on the check memo line that the contribution is for 2017. Any contributions with a USPS date of January 1 or later, regardless of the date of the check, will be treated as a 2018 gift. If you would like to provide a gift for 2018 before the end of 2017, please clearly designate that intent on the memo line of the check.



The last day to receive these checks in 2017 is December 30 in the office or by mail with a USPS date of December 30.

SIGN UP TO GIVE FLOWERS FOR SUNDAY WORSHIP



Flowers This Week

The beauty of God's creation is mirrored in the gorgeous flower arrangements that grace our Chancel each Sunday morning at worship. You can contribute to this important part of the worship experience by donating flowers on any Sunday. This gesture can be in memory of loved ones, in honor of someone special in your life or simply to the Glory of God. There is a Flower Calendar for 2018 on the bulletin board outside the church office. Please feel free to call the church office at 282-2860 if you have any questions about donating flowers.

AROUND THE CHURCH



WE GIVE THANKS FOR YOU

The ministry we share is made excellent by those of you who dutifully volunteer your time and talents. Much of what you do is behind the scenes, undergirding all of the ministry both within and beyond our walls. For all of you who give of your talents for God's work, who commit countless volunteer hours year after year to support our ministry and further our mission

"Called by God to be the heart, voice, hands and feet of Christ where the Spirit leads us", we say a big THANK YOU! May you experience the fullness of joy that comes through your giving not only in this Christmas Season but in the year to come as you continue to faithfully serve Jesus Christ through the ministry of Tuckahoe.

Yours Gratefully,
The TPC Staff

Rachel Gray writes:
"Dear Members of TPC, I want to thank everyone (you know who you are), who contacted me in some way when I was sick. The cards, visits, food, flowers and calls all served to brighten some very dark days. I could never have imagined how much I would miss my church. Most of all, I am thankful for every prayer that was said on my behalf. "Thank you" from the bottom of my heart. God bless you and a Merry Christmas to all!"

Thank you



Online Giving Coming Soon

Stay tuned in early 2018 for a change to our TPC web site!

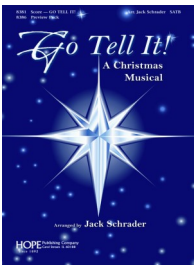
A method of giving on-line will be operational sometime in early 2018. This "button" you'll find on the front home page of our site will give you the ability to make your pledge payments as well as contribute to multiple other funds, events and special offerings. We hope this move to on-line giving will make it more efficient and effective for those of you interested in using technology for your giving. If you don't want to use this method...no problem...we will still handle contributions of all kinds the way we have for over 50 years!!

AROUND THE CHURCH



**YOU ARE INVITED TO:
TPC'S ADVENT WORKSHOP
DECEMBER 3
2:00 – 5:00 P.M.**

We will have cookie decorating, crafts, card writing,
games and more!
Open to all ages!



CHRISTMAS CHORAL CONCERT & 'COOKIE SUNDAY'

Mark your calendars for Sunday, December 17 at 11:00 a.m. when the Chancel Choir of Tuckahoe, accompanied by an orchestra and narration, will present a Christmas choral performance of Jack Schrader's Cantata, "Go Tell It!", in our sanctuary. Plan to bring your whole family to prepare your hearts for the Christmas season!

The fellowship time following the Cantata will be our annual "Cookie Sunday" fellowship time...with a new twist! The Fellowship Committee is asking the congregation to bring, along with their cookies, any Christmas decorations they would like to discard. This would be a "Take it Home" event. Any items remaining will be donated to Goodwill.



SIGN UP TO HOST AFTER WORSHIP FELLOWSHIP TIME

Look for the new 2018 Calendar on the wall in the hallway between the narthex and Duntreath. Grab some friends, your Sunday School class, book group, committee members or family and sign up to host our traditional fellowship time



Fellowship Time

after worship. It's easy...you can keep it simple or make it as fancy as you like. There are instructions on what to do on our web site under the tab "News and Resources".

AROUND THE CHURCH



TUCKAHOE MORNING PRAYER DECEMBER & JANUARY SCHEDULE

Please join us Tuesday morning's at 9:00 a.m. for a weekly time of prayer. We join our hearts together to pray for our congregation, our city, our world and each other. Different ways of praying are explored. The prayer group will meet on December 5, 12, 19 and then take a break until January 9, 2018. Join us! All are welcome!!

FLOWER COMMITTEE NEEDS MORE VOLUNTEERS!

Love flowers? Have an artistic eye? Watch HGTV decorating shows?

If you answered YES to even one of the above questions, we would love to have you serve as a volunteer on the TPC Flower Committee. This committee is responsible for the purchasing of and the arranging of the chancel flowers you see each Sunday at worship. **We are anxious to add some new members to the committee...male or female!** If you love the idea; but, aren't sure whether you have the skill needed, consider letting one of our current members mentor you! Here's how it works: Each month there is a "captain" for the month who goes to the wholesale florist and purchase the raw materials for that week; then a member of the committee arranges the flowers...each with their own flair...and breaks them down after the service for delivery to sick, hospitalized or shut-in members for Tuckahoe by another group of dedicated volunteers. Curious? Give Mary McGee a call in the church office at 282-2860.



TPC BOOK CLUB 2018

Avid reader? Please join our Tuckahoe book club throughout the year for a chance to gather and discuss this year's book selections. All are welcome! We meet on the last Monday of the month at 7:00 p.m. in various members' homes.

*Note the date change in May for Memorial Day.

DATE	BOOK/AUTHOR	REVIEWER	HOSTESS
1/29	<i>The Rejected Writers' Book Club</i> by Suzanne Kelman	Jean Hayes	Martha Burgess
2/26	<i>Truly Madly Guilty</i> by Liane Moriarty	Jackie Meyers	Terry Brady
3/26	<i>Don't Tell Me You're Afraid</i> By Guiseppe Catozzella	Pat Miller	Mickey Mateer
4/30	<i>Faithful</i> by Alice Hoffman	Kaye Keyes	Barbara Maiden
*5/21	<i>A Gentleman in Moscow</i> By Amor Towles	Gena Wallace	Dee Daughtrey
9/24	<i>The Nightingale</i> By Kristen Hannah	Camellia Wroniewicz	Kaye Keyes

AROUND THE CHURCH



UPDATES FROM WARINNER FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

Here is our update from our last two Warinner Family Scholarship recipients---Amelia Adair who is a senior at Sarah Lawrence (and spent her Junior year in London) and Corinne Burch who is a freshman at Berklee School of Music. Happy reading!

I am now in my fall semester of senior year taking courses in Dance, History and Sociology. As part of my role on student government I am in the midst of planning Homecoming (we're bringing foam fingers back!). As a dancer, I am choreographing my first work and preparing to perform in our Winter Concert. It has been wonderful to reunite with my friends after being abroad and as an RA, I am living again in our freshman dorms (full circle!). As always, I am grateful for the Warinner Scholarship for helping make my education possible. I'm extremely excited about the opportunities Sarah Lawrence provides and I look forward to sharing my experiences with my church family in person. Sincerely, Amelia

Things are going smoothly up in Boston! I am enjoying the city's endless concerts and Italian food. All my classes are going well, including classes such as top-level ear training, harmony, and arranging. I've officially survived my first midterms (wish me luck for finals). We are approaching registration for next semester, and I plan on starting major courses in music therapy. Thank you all so much for helping to make my education a possibility! Sincerely, Corinne

CHURCH OFFICE HOLIDAY HOURS

The church office will be closed Friday, December 22 – Monday, January 1.
Office hours will resume on Tuesday, January 2, 2018.

GREAT GRANDSON ARRIVES!

Drayton James Cristman (Drake), Ann Darden's 10th great-grandchild, was born on November 17, 2017 to Ashley and Adam Cristman. Drake joins siblings Caroline, Liam, Isla and Jack.



AROUND THE CHURCH

KROGER COMMUNITY REWARDS

Giving More Back to the Community! Kroger is committed to helping its communities grow and prosper. Year after year, local schools, churches and other nonprofit organizations will earn millions of dollars through Kroger Community Rewards. Kroger Community Rewards makes fund-raising easy...all you have to do is shop at Kroger and swipe your Plus Card!

The Session recently approved Tuckahoe's participation in this program as a means to benefit our mission work. If you have a Kroger Plus Card you can now designate that a percentage of your shopping \$\$ are given back to Tuckahoe!


Here is how it works:

- Start by going to this web site: krogercommunityrewards.com
- Be sure to have your Kroger Plus card handy
- If you do not yet have a Kroger Plus card, they are available at the customer service desk at any Kroger.
- Click on **Sign In/Register**
- If you will be a new online customers, click on **SIGN UP TODAY** in the 'New Customer?' box. If you are already enrolled online, click on "Enroll in Community Rewards"
- Sign up for a Kroger Rewards Account by entering zip code, clicking on favorite store, entering your email address and creating a password, agreeing to the terms and conditions
- You will then get a message to check your email inbox and click on the link within the body of the email.
- Click on My Account and use your email address and password to proceed to the next step.
- Click on Edit Kroger Community Rewards information and input your Kroger Plus card number.
- Update or confirm your information.
- Enter Tuckahoe's NPO number [86957] or name and select Tuckahoe Presbyterian from list and click on confirm.
- To verify you are enrolled correctly, you will see Tuckahoe's name on the right side of your information page.
- REMEMBER, purchases will not count for your group until after you register your card(s).
- Do you use your phone number at the register? Call 800-576-4377, select option 4 to get your Kroger Plus card number.
- Members must swipe their registered Kroger Plus card or use the phone number that is related to their registered Kroger Plus card when shopping for each purchase to count.
- REMEMBER, all participants of an organization are required to re-enroll each year beginning August 1st.



Faithful Families

Advent Calendar 2017

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
3. Advent Candle Light one candle today and say, "We light one candle for hope."	4. Advent Gratitude Gratitude collage: Take some photos of things you are thankful for. Print them out and hang up on your door or refrigerator to look at throughout advent.	5. Advent Service Connect with someone who might be lonely. Send a card, give a call, or take a meal.	6. Advent Verse "...hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit..." Romans 5:5 (NRSV)	7. Advent Prayer "Dear God, thank you for the gift of hope. Help us to bring hope into the world by what we do and say. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen."	8. Advent Word Think about the advent word PEACE. Talk about it or make a picture.	9. Advent Gift Celebrate the gift of FRIENDSHIP today and spend some time with a friend. If you can't get together in person, give a friend a call or write a friend a note.
10. Advent Candle Light two candles today and say, "We light one candle for hope and one candle for peace."	11. Advent Gratitude Gratitude writing: Write a note to someone who you appreciate. Tell them what they mean to you and why. Do this either individually or as a family.	12. Advent Service Do something kind for a neighbor! Take a poinsettia, baked good, or other treat to their house and leave it in front of the door.	13. Advent Verse "If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all." Romans 12:18 (NRSV)	14. Advent Prayer "Dear God, please help us to be peacemakers in our home and in our world as we look forward to Jesus' birthday. Amen."	15. Advent Word Think about the advent word JOY. Talk about it or make a picture.	16. Advent Gift Celebrate the gift of NATURE by doing something outside today. Go sledding, take a walk, or visit a park.
17. Advent Candle Light three candles today and say, "We light one candle for hope, one candle for peace, and one candle for joy."	18. Advent Gratitude Gratitude cafe: Sit together with your family in your PJs and drink hot chocolate. Talk about what you are thankful for.	19. Advent Service Serve your community by making a donation of food, clothes or money to a local organization that serves those in need.	20. Advent Verse "Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you." 1 Thess. 5:16-18 (NRSV)	21. Advent Prayer "God of joy, thank you for everything you give to us. Help us to be a joy-filled family that celebrates the gift of time together. May we be content. Amen."	22. Advent Word Think about the advent word LOVE. Talk about it or make a picture.	23. Advent Gift Celebrate the gift of LOVE by doing something kind for someone you love. Write a card or make a gift. Plan to give it to them on Christmas Day.
24. Advent Candle Light four candles today and say, "We light one candle for hope, one candle for peace, one candle for joy, and one candle for love."	25. Merry Christmas Happy Birthday to Jesus! Do something that focuses on hope, peace, joy and love today, and enjoy this day we have been waiting for.	<p>Follow along during advent for tips for each day of advent at facebook.com/tracinarismithauthor</p> <p>© Traci Smith 2017 Faithful Families www.traci-smith.com</p> <p>All Scripture quoted from the New Revised Standard Version Bible, copyright © 1989 National Council of the Churches of Christ in the United States of America. Used by permission. All rights reserved worldwide.</p> 				



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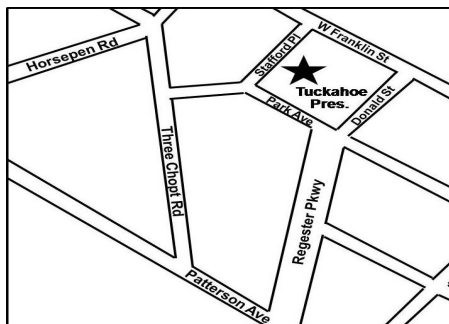
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