

THE TORCH



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LITURGY OF THE ORDINARY

Each Sunday morning we gather together in worship. We are handed a bulletin and we see the familiar order of worship: call to worship, confession, pardon, passing of the peace, scripture, prayers of the people, offering, benediction, etc. These are church words and not often spoken or thought about outside of our hour of gathered time in the sanctuary.

But what if they were?

Our worship ordinarily follows our liturgical calendar and we are turning the page to “ordinary time” – the time between Easter and Advent. We are not anxiously anticipating the birth of Jesus, or anxiously awaiting his death on the cross and hopefully expecting the resurrection. As a church we may come to feel that we are “idling” in ordinary time.

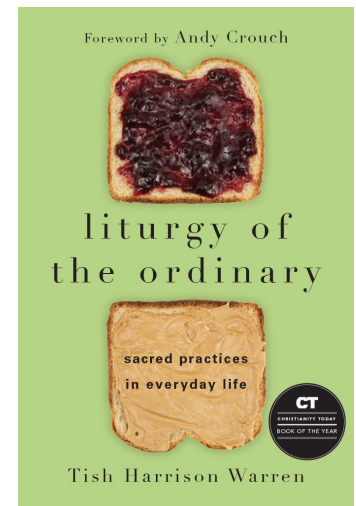
Outside of church, most of our life is lived in ordinary time. Our days pass with the same routines and habits, varying little. However, ordinary time should not be idle.

This summer, join us for a sermon series that will seek to help us transform our ordinary time into times when we see and are aware of God’s presence in the mundane of our lives. We will connect the liturgy of gathered worship to the liturgy and the habits of our days, challenging us to worship in our daily lives. What does it look like to practice confession and pardon in our daily lives? How do we pass the peace each and every day, not just around the sanctuary Sunday mornings? We will even explore such simple things as: How does the act of brushing our teeth help us connect to the body God gave us to use for worship? How are we nourished by word and sacrament while eating our leftovers for lunch?

Worship is more than an hour in church with your community, it is the training ground for how to connect with God in each and every area and moment in the six other days of the week.

Engage with us this summer so we can learn together what it looks like.

Our series is based on the book *The Liturgy of the Ordinary: Sacred Practices in Everyday Life*, by Tish Harrison Warren. If you would like to read along, please feel free. We will study this book beginning in the fall which will take us through ordinary time. Together we will seek ways to transform ourselves into disciples of Jesus.



See you in our ordinary worship of an extraordinary God!



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ALL CHURCH PICNIC

On Sunday, June 3rd at 5:00 p.m. join us for our annual church picnic – on the lawn, weather permitting!

If your last name begins with A – J, please bring a dessert and if it begins with K-Z, please bring a side dish.

The church will provide BBQ, beverages and paper products.

The Richmond Pops Band will perform for us at 6:00 p.m.



SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE BEGINS SUNDAY, JUNE 3

We will begin our summer worship and Sunday School schedule on Sunday, June 3rd. There will be no Sunday School from June 3rd – September 2nd. Worship will begin each Sunday at 10:00 a.m. in the sanctuary.



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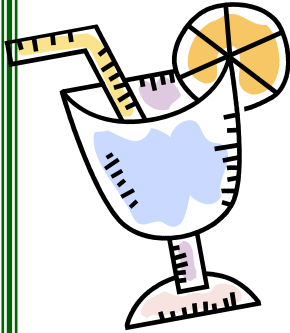
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TUESDAY PRAYER GROUP

With joys and sorrows abounding, in our personal lives, in our church family and in our world, we are in need of prayer, always! This summer the prayer group is reading together *A Guidebook to Prayer: Twenty-four Ways to Walk with God*. Each week we will experience together a new way to pray. You do not have to read the book to come and join in the experience.

All are invited to join hearts and minds to gather in prayer Tuesday mornings, 9:30 a.m. in the church parlor.



FAITH IN OUR EVERYDAY LIVES— COME EXPLORE WITH *THEOLOGY ON TAP*

June 11, Café Caturra on Grove, 5811 Grove Avenue at 6:00 p.m.

This summer, we will be tackling the topic of immigration, in combination with our summer lecture series in August. Each month, we will look at a different aspect of this issue and how our lives as faithful people intersect with it. We hope you will join us for great conversations and great drinks!

SUMMER LECTURE SERIES

We encourage you to join in our 4th annual *Summer Lecture Series* on Wednesdays, August 8, 15, and 22nd from 6—7:30 pm.

**This year's topic will be
Immigration.**

We will explore this important issue from a historical, theological, and political perspective led by university and divinity school professors.

Be on the lookout for more details as the time gets closer.



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TEACH
encourage
instruct
MENTOR
PRAISE
influence
GUIDE
INSPIRE

THANK YOU TO ALL VOLUNTEERS!!

We are on hiatus for the summer! Thank you so much to all those who gave of their time and energy to teach Sunday School and lead our youth this school year. We are looking forward to a fun year next year. If you are in search of something to study this summer, talk to Sarah Dennis (sdennis@tuckahopres.org) for ideas.

So much preparation went into Sunday School and Youth Group this year. From organizing classes to games and crafts to reinforce the story for the day. Thank you so very much for all the teachers who gave of their time and talent this year!

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS:

Pat Miller	Marielle Pool	Julie Guller
Margaret Louise Yuhas	Jennifer Albertson	Kerry Barksdale
Leslie Shimer	Becky Groves	Tim Beane
Ruth Anna Langdon	Pam Burch	Frankie Twigg
Hilary Robinson	Jim McLeskey	Julie Hutchins
Melissa Mascher	Laura Brady	Jessica Lurey
Jen McVey	Christie Wilson	Anne Beane
Sherry Flournoy	John Flournoy	Ginger Spence
Pam Dickerson	Bob Smith	Meg Packard
Martha Burgess	Kathy Bauer	Dave Bauer
Walter Hogan	Walter Smith	

YOUTH ADVISORS:

Ethan Sherman	Rachel Sherman	Cathy Moore
Julie Guller	Alex Miller	

THANK YOU!!

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CHURCH TRIP TO ISRAEL

We are planning an exciting trip for members and friends of Tuckahoe to visit the Holy land November 2-11, 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.

The trip is \$2,979.99/person, which includes airfare.

All are welcome on this trip, so if you have family or friends who would like to come, please let them know. You can find more information at <http://www.pilgrimtours.com/groups/tuckahoeisrael.htm>.



If you would like to reserve your spot, you can bring your check for \$300 and the completed registration form to the church office.

Registration deadline is July 20 and final payments must be in by August 31.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL JULY 16–20

We are busy planning and praying for VBS!

We will be *Shipwrecked: Rescued by Jesus*.

It is going to be a fun, faith-filled week!

Plan on bringing your children,
grandchildren and friends' children!
And plan on volunteering during this
amazing week.

Children must be 4 years old to participate.

Cost is \$15/child, with a \$30 family max.

See page 11 for a registration form.



VBS GIVING TREE

Thank you so much to all
who have

already taken coconuts
and pineapples from our
giving tree. We are so
grateful for the Tuckahoe
family that supports our
ministry. More items will
be added to the tree in the
coming weeks, so be sure
to check back for more
opportunities to give.



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WOMEN'S CONNECTION AT MON- TREAT

We are so excited to offer women of the church the chance to attend the Montreat Women's Connection Conference **August 10–12** in Montreat, North Carolina.

There will be opportunities for worship, workshops, fellowship, hiking, sleeping, and lots of fun!

Those of us who had the opportunity to go last year had a wonderful weekend and can't wait to go back!

This year the keynote speaker is Kate Bowler. At thirty-five, after writing her first book about the American Prosperity Gospel, Bowler was a professor at Duke Divinity School and a new mother when she received the earth-shattering diagnosis of Stage IV colon cancer. Reckoning with the news, Bowler discovered, to her chagrin, that she would have to learn how to give up her own "prosperity gospel." As she learns to live with cancer as a chronic condition, Bowler speaks powerfully about the ways in which her brush with mortality transformed her. She also frankly addresses the uniquely American concept that tragedy is a test of character and looks at the different ways that people try to rationalize suffering and catastrophe, for better or worse. Each registration will receive a copy of her book

Everything Happens for a Reason and Other Lies I've Loved.

This year we have the option for women to indulge in a couple of Sabbath days before the conference begins or come for the weekend of the conference only – the cost includes part of your registration fee and housing.

August 8-12: \$400/person (Leaving Wednesday, returning Sunday)

August 10-12: \$200/person (Leaving Friday, returning Sunday)

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Sarah Dennis. We do have some scholarship money available if you would like to come but are in need of some assistance.

WOMEN' STUDY GROUP END OF YEAR DINNER

The Women's Study Group invites all current, former, and prospective members to join us for our year-end dinner at Brio's (Stony Point Fashion Park) at 6:00 p.m., Monday night, June 4th.

Call or e-mail Pat Macaulay by 1:00 p.m. on Monday the 4th to reserve a spot . (366-0379 or pmacaula@richmond.edu). Come join the fun!



SUMMER MISSION TRIP UPDATE

On July 1, our Mission Trip Volunteers will leave for Greenbrier County, WV immediately following worship. Our team will partner with the West Virginia Ministry of ADVOCACY AND WORKCAMPs to work with families near Lewisburg, WV.

We will celebrate July 4th during our Mission Trip. But more importantly, we'll celebrate our faith in helping rebuild where people have been hard hit by economic downturns and natural calamities. We are cognizant of the fact that we represent you as the hands and feet of Christ and of Tuckahoe Church.

OUR 2018 MISSION TEAM

Terry Brady

Pat Brady

Robins Buck

Pam Burch

Karen Cooke

Marshall Cooke

Patrick Dennis

A. W. Dickerson

Rusty Dickerson

Steve Kramer

Jim McLeskey

Nancy Millsaps

Dave Smith

Kyle Smith

Cheryl Turner

Garrett Turner



PRAYER EMPHASIS FOR JUNE

Please send the Mission Team with your prayers of support for strength, compassion, patience, persistence, and safe journeys!

And please keep us in your prayers throughout the week of July 1-7, as we work to bring blessings to those who are challenged by difficult circumstances.



¹⁷ And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Colossians 3: 17

AROUND THE CHURCH

THANK YOU FROM OUR MEMBERS

Claire Wright writes: Dear TPC Family, My family and I express our most heartfelt thanks and appreciation for all the support and kindnesses following the loss of our beloved Peter. To Patrick and Ginger, thank you for the beautiful memorial service honoring Peter's life. For all the meals, cards, calls and prayers we thank you. Your support has indeed lifted us up. Blessings to all, Claire Wright

The Pool Family writes: Dear Tuckahoe Presbyterian Church, My family and I wanted to write to let you know how proud and thankful we are to be a part of the Tuckahoe Presbyterian Church family. When Jason contacted the church about the death of his mother, Pamela Pool, and the hope that we could have her service at Tuckahoe, various people went right to work getting prepared. Immediately, programs were made, ushers contacted, and the church was prepared for the service in every way. Diane Prevary met with our family and conducted a beautiful service along with Ginger Spence. We also thank you for the cards and words of sympathy as well as for the members that attended the service. Saying thank you just doesn't seem enough to all those that helped us through such a difficult time. The love and support we felt through you all made it much easier. Thank you so much, Jason, Marielle, Aubrey, and Maggie Pool

Jackie Stallings writes: We would like to thank our entire TPC "family" for their support during my (ongoing) recovery. All the messages and prayers across the miles to New Zealand were so uplifting! Once we returned home, the meals from Sherry and John, Nancy and Bill, Linda and Bob, and Dot and Walter, along with the beautiful sanctuary flowers delivered by Pam Johnson, were certainly appreciated! The many calls and cards (at least one per week from sweet Jan Stevens) have really lifted our spirits during these difficult weeks! Our heartfelt thanks go out to all of you, Jackie and Bill Stallings

thank
you!



SATURDAY, JUNE 2 @ 7PM FREE HANDBELL CONCERT IN DUNTREATH HALL

Come join Richmond's Premier Handbell Ensemble, featuring Tuckahoe's own Jeb Cooke, for an evening of "Ringing the Classics!" The concert will highlight challenging handbell arrangements of notable classical compositions, as well as a few contemporary pieces--including a timeless "swingin'" favorite with a flute solo! Admission to the concert is free, though donations to the group are always welcome. These donations help further the group's ability to educate and entertain others for years to come. If you are unable to attend but would still like to contribute, please visit www.jamesrивerringers.org/donate.

AROUND THE CHURCH



CONGRATULATIONS, GRADUATES!

Tuckahoe is proud of it's young adults and all that they have accomplished. Be sure to congratulate them!

COLLEGE GRADUATES:

Laura Anderson, daughter of Paul and Anne

Anderson, graduated from The College of William & Mary with a Bachelors of Science in Kinesiology and Psychology major. She will be attending the Doctorate of Occupational Therapy Program at Virginia Commonwealth University in the fall.

Amelia Adair, daughter of Tom and Julia Adair, graduated from Sarah Lawrence College with a Bachelor of Arts.

A NOTE FROM THE CHURCH TREASURER

Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!

As of the end of the first third of our fiscal year (April 30), members of our congregation and visitors have provided \$201,056.81 in contributions toward the annual operating budget of \$534,000.00 for contributions for the year (38%). Additionally, Tuckahoe has received \$1,019.42 in loose offering and \$747.78 for the CentsAbility program. Sixty per cent of the CentsAbility contributions are forwarded to the Presbytery of the James for use in their hunger program in central Virginia and Haiti. The remaining forty percent of the contributions underwrite the bag lunch program for veterans who are cared for by Liberation Veteran Services. We have also received \$1,181.00 for the Easter Offering. These funds support three programs of the Presbyterian Church at the national level: the Hunger Program, Disaster Assistance, and the Self-Development of People.

On behalf of the Stewardship & Finance Committee and other church committees, I would like to express our gratitude for the generosity you have displayed in your gifts of money, food donations, your involvement in the Palm Sunday Clean-up event, and the beautiful flowers for the Sanctuary. *Dick Mateer, Church Treasurer*

TPC SCHOLARSHIP FUND THANK YOU!

Thank you for your most generous support of the TPC Scholarship Fund Monte Carlo Night held May 19. Special thanks to Stan and Donna Sauer of Group Dynamics Entertainment for their donations of time and services, to church members who donated their time as dealers, and to the Scholarship Committee for their support and hard work. On Sunday June 10, we will announce the total funds raised, and we will also announce next year's scholarship recipient (our 5th person to benefit from the scholarship fund). So, stay tuned for some exciting news!!

AND THERE'S MORE...Strangeways Brewery and the Sauers are planning to do a SECOND Monte Carlo Night---at Strangeways beautiful location in Fredericksburg; Friday June 8 (7 – 10:00 pm). Tickets will be sold at the door. So, if you did not get your fill of blackjack, craps, roulette or horse racing.....you have another chance to win big and support a worthy cause.

Questions? Contact Leslie Shimer (804-301-4716 or c.shimer@comcast.net)



REGISTRATION FORM

(One Per Child)

Vacation Bible School will be held from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. the week of July 16-20. VBS is open to all children ages four years through rising fifth graders. Please note that all participants must be toilet trained.

\$15 per child (a maximum of \$30 per family)

Child's name: _____ Child's gender: _____

Child's age: _____ Date of birth: _____ Last school grade completed: _____

Name of parent(s): _____

Street address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Home telephone: (_____) _____

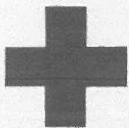
Parent/caregiver's cellphone: (_____) _____

Home email address: _____

Home church: _____

Crew number or name (for church use only): _____

Allergies or other medical conditions: _____



In case of emergency, contact: _____

Phone: _____

Relationship to child: _____



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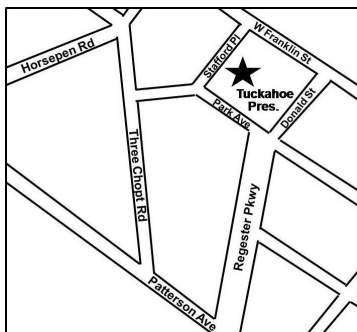
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OUR MISSION STATEMENT:

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heart, voice, hands and feet
of Christ where
the Spirit leads us.



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