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There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus.- Galatians 3:28

Immigration is in the news every day. It is a complex issue, charged with political, economic, and humanitarian considerations. People of good conscience take different sides of the debate as to what our policy should be resulting in very little agreement on what the right course for our country should be. One thing that can be agreed upon is that it is perhaps one of the most polarizing issues of our time.

As the church, I believe we walk our faith into the world. We should not sidestep this issue, nor should we apply only our political ideology in forming our view and shaping how we become engaged. After all, Jesus himself engaged outsiders, people of non-Jewish descent. In Matthew 25:35 he is recorded saying, "for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, *I was a stranger and you welcomed me.*"

The Greek word for "stranger" is *xenos*, from which we get the term xenophobia. An organization in Southern Arizona called *No More Deaths* takes Jesus' mandate seriously and provides food, water, and basic medical aid to those crossing the desert. However, often their work has been criticized for encouraging illegal immigration.

It is evident that following Jesus' command is complicated in our modern era. As Christ's followers, it is important that we carefully consider how to apply his words. What might some of the challenges and limits be? How does our own country's history inform our views? What political implications affect the position we take and why?

But above all, what does the biblical witness teach us?

This summer, we will be considering all these factors in our Summer Enrichment Series, **"For All of You Are ONE in Christ Jesus."** In this 3-part series we will take a look at immigration in the United States through Biblical, historical, and socioeconomic eyes.

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FROM THE PASTOR'S STUDY

To facilitate our discussions, we will have three professors from Randolph-Macon College:

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Each night we will begin at 6 pm in Duntreath Hall. We hope you will come to listen, learn, be challenged, and offer your insights and perspectives as we engage this important issue for our time and we discern what it means to declare that we are all One in Christ.

*Grace and Peace,
Patrick*

SUMMER LECTURE SERIES

FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE WELCOMES YOU TO THE SUMMER LECTURE SERIES

Come for food and fellowship and enjoy the Summer Enrichment Lecture Series. The Fellowship Committee is hosting!

Here's the schedule for food for each evening:

August 8 - Bring heavy Hors d'oeuvres to share. Fellowship will provide beverages

August 15 - Bring a salad to share. Fellowship will provide beverages.

August 22 - Fellowship will provide chicken, dessert, and beverages - Please bring a side dish.

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CHRISTIAN FORMATION



NEW OFFERING

Beginning this fall, all families with elementary (and younger) age children are invited to join in a new group study. We will meet monthly at the Dennis household for dinner, and conversation. Parents and children are invited and there will be childcare provided for the kids.

This year we will dive into the book *More than Words: 10 Values for the Modern Family*, by Erin Wathen. In this constantly changing world, how do parents know what values to instill in their children? Wathen walks us through what this might look like in a modern family – what practices we might adopt to teach our families compassion, abundance, sabbath, nonviolence, joy, justice, community, forgiveness, equality, and authenticity. As we read this book together, we will talk through what this looks like for our families, our communities and our church. We cannot wait to go on this journey with you!

The first meeting will be Saturday, September 29th at 4:30 p.m.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL... "THANK YOU ALL"!

During the week of July 16-20 Tuckahoe Presbyterian was transformed into a shipwrecked island! We had castaway crews, adventures and learned how Jesus rescues us! On the island we had 65 children and 45 youth and adults working together. During the week we were reminded through song and stories that when we are lonely, worried, struggling, wrong or powerless, Jesus rescues us! In God's great love, Jesus shows us love and helps us to see

the community around us as life rafts when the storms of life hit us. It was an incredible week and we could not have done it without the help of all those who volunteered their time, donated items for supplies and prayed for us. A special thank you to

Tim Beane for all his work as Director!

Mark your calendars and get ready, because VBS will be back next year, July 15-19.



THEOLOGY ON TAP

Join us for our monthly gathering at Café Caturra. We join in conversation and connection, this month wrapping up our dialogue about the immigration and faith connection. All are welcome to join us for iced-tea, wine, beer, dinner or simply to join in the chat! Join us Monday, August 20th at 6:00 p.m.



CHRISTIAN FORMATION



ARE YOU A RISING OR RETURNING MIDDLE SCHOOLER OR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT?

Retreats, missions, learning about Jesus, and lots of fun, that is what is in store for Youth Group 2018-2019! The youth advisors have been planning and praying for the amazing year we have in store.

Youth Group will begin Sunday, September 9th from 5:30-7:00 pm.

Our program will be from 5:30-6:30, with dinner beginning at 6:30pm. Dinner this night will be a potluck dinner. Parents meeting will be at 5:30 pm, September 9 and all parents are invited to stay for dinner at 6:30.



RALLY DAY AND LUNCHEON

Join us after worship on Sunday, August 26th to learn about all the wonderful things

that will be happening this church year.

We will preview Sunday School classes, Bible Studies, mission opportunities, and other ways to be involved.

We will have lunch of Jimmy John's subs.

Please sign up to help us plan for sandwiches. Email Sarah with any questions at sdennis@tuckahoepres.org.

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

Save the date! With school just around the corner we will be offering a special blessing. On Sunday, August 26th, bring your backpacks, school bags, work bags or any bag with you to worship to participate in this kick off of a new year.



TUESDAY MORNING 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 am in the church parlor.



SUNDAY SCHOOL & WORSHIP RETURN TO REGULAR SCHEDULE

All Sunday school will begin on Sunday, September 9 at 9:30 am.
And worship will return to 11:00 a.m.



MISSION TRIP REPORT

Greenbrier County, WV was on the giving and the receiving end during the July 4th week. Edgewood Presbyterian hosted us at a clean, well-supplied campus near Lewisburg, complete with almost daily sightings of a mama bear and her two cubs! We were welcomed by the weather and by people grateful for our help. And our first time working with WV Ministry of Advocacy and Workcamps was a terrific experience.

Greenbrier County was hit hard by flooding in June 2016 and families that lost their homes are in search of any shelter that can accommodate their families. Our 15 volunteers removed a porch and replaced it with a safe porch. We tore out flooring that was dangerous and replaced it with new flooring. And we insulated and sheet-rocked rooms, taped and mudded seams on sheet-rock, and moved a family of five closer to their own home.

Each of our volunteers feels like we receive so much more than we give with our work. We are thankful to be Christ's hands and feet in a time and place where it is needed. And we are grateful to each of you at Tuckahoe for supporting us in this work!

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

With the opening of school approaching, it is a good time to consider volunteering as a tutor or classroom assistant at Oak Grove/Bellemeade School.

This will be the fourteenth year Tuckahoe has had a volunteer presence in this Richmond City public school. If one chooses to become a tutor, he or she would be working one on one with a single student. Classroom assistants work in the classroom, helping the teacher with a variety of tasks.

The time commitment is at least one hour per visit and may be weekly or bi-weekly. A background check is required as well as a brief orientation.

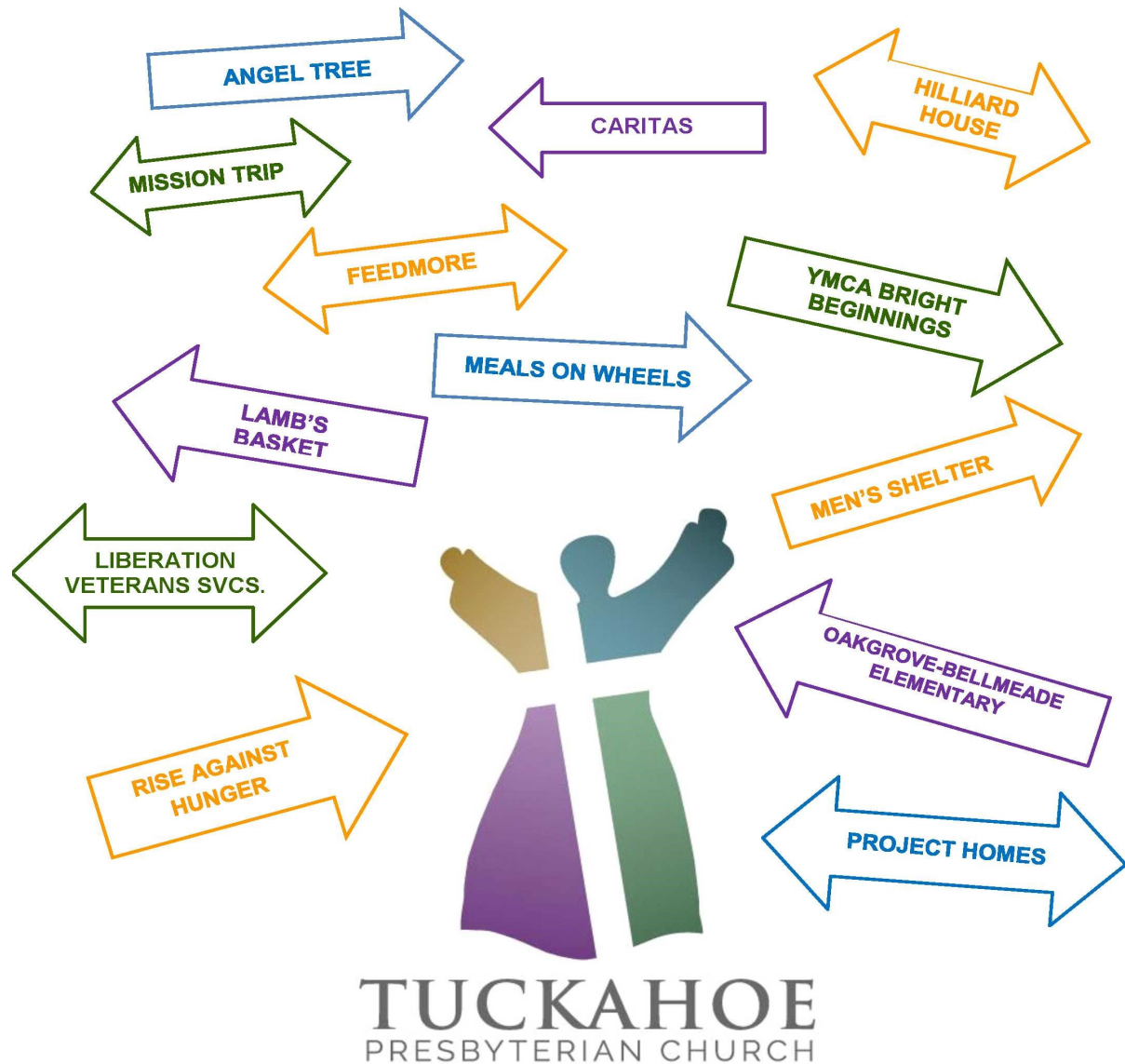
Presently our church has five individuals who are planning to return for the new school year. We would love to have more. The time spent with the children is never boring!

Also remember, "Nothing you do for children is ever wasted".

For more information or questions contact
Ruth Anna Langdon at 282-4867 or
ruthannalangdon@gmail.com.



OUTREACH



**WHAT DIRECTION WILL
YOUR OUTREACH
TAKE?**

CONTACT TERRY BRADY FOR MORE INFORMATION.

AROUND THE CHURCH

LIVING LIFE ABUNDANTLY CAMP HANOVER RETREAT

Camp Hanover is having a *Living Life Abundantly*, one day retreat on September 27 from 8 am to 3 pm. Rev. Denise Anderson, General Assembly co-moderator 2016-2018 is speaking on the church today and what we need to do as we head into the future. The registration fee is \$20 and includes a continental breakfast, hearty lunch and devotion. For more information and to register go to:

presbyteryofthejames.com/fall-retreat



TUCKAHOE'S MUSIC MINISTRY

September is approaching and it is time for Choirs to begin again after a wonderful summer of special music ensembles.

We all look forward to starting up again.

Fall would be a great time to consider being a part of our Music Ministry if you have not done so in the past! We welcome ALL !

Chancel Choir meets on Thursday nights at 7:30 in our new and improved Choir Suite, upstairs in the Education building, Room 210.

Kid and Adult Handbell Groups meet on Wednesday nights, following WNS.

The groups meet in the bell room off of the sanctuary or in the sanctuary.

We will be singing *Jesus! The Advent of the Messiah*, for our Christmas Cantata on December 16th. I look forward to starting the Cantata rehearsal soon, and also some new pieces for fall.

We will also be getting our Handbells refurbished, so stay 'bell tuned' for the updated bells.

Many thanks for the summer music offerings, they have been great!

I look forward to a fresh start in the Fall, after our fun and relaxing break this summer.

Mark Cain, Director of Music Ministries



AROUND THE CHURCH

LOVING OUR NEIGHBORS



SUMMER ENRICHMENT SERIES *IMMIGRATION*

Mark your calendars for the August Summer Enrichment Lecture Series--*Immigration: For All of You Are One in Christ.*

Join in the conversation in Duntreath

Hall on Wednesdays August 8, 15, and 22 from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. We will take a look at immigration in the U.S. through biblical, historical and socioeconomic eyes.

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NEW STAFF MODEL IN 2019

The Administration and Personnel Committee has approved a new staffing model for the administration of church duties. Mary McGee, our current Office Administrator, has asked to "retire" from her full time role; but, will take on the new position of Financial Administrator, a more part-time position.

The other jobs currently being performed by Mary will be moved to the Church Administrator position. The committee expects to publish a job description by August and will begin interviewing qualified candidates in September or October.

SAVE THE DATES!!

- ♦ Trunk or Treat – Sunday, October 28
- ♦ 3rd Annual Thankful Traditions Luncheon – November 18
- ♦ Cookie Sunday – December 16

Don't
Miss
Out!

AROUND THE CHURCH

THANK YOU NOTES

Martha Anderson writes: *Dear friends at TPC, Thank you for the calls, visits, notes and love that you showed my mother and I over the last several weeks. She loved you all, and she loved this church. I would also like to thank the members who provided the lovely reception for Mom's family and friends. Mostly I give thanks for the affection shown to her and for your holding her carefully in your hearts. Love, Martha.*

Jackie Meyers: *Thank you, thank you for all your care and concern during my recent hospitalization and recuperation. Your prayers, visits, flowers, cards and treats while I was in the hospital were so appreciated. When I returned home, the care and concern continued with delicious meals, visits, emails, more cards and phone calls. You are truly living the church's mission statement. Jackie Meyers*



Mary McGee writes: *As always, my Tuckahoe family has supported me so completely during my recovery from my knee injury and subsequent surgery. Thank you to all who provided meals, drove me to rehab appointments, sent cards, called and offered words of concern and encouragement. I am constantly reminded what a wonderful congregation of God's children Tuckahoe is. Thank you for everything! Love, Mary*

SEASONS

One of the things I love about Virginia is having four distinct seasons. Summers in Virginia are hot and humid. Winters are blustery and cold. Just about the time I am tired of the cold, along comes warm temperatures. Springtime in Virginia is beautiful! When the heat of summer becomes oppressive, along comes cool fall temperatures. During the fall, the natural beauty of Virginia really shines. The Blue Ridge Mountains adorned with yellow, gold, and red leaves of fall is something you have to see. As every season comes to an end, the new season is welcomed time.

Just as the world around us goes through changing seasons, so do our lives. I write this letter to inform you of a new season in my life. I have lived in VA for 40 years in my home on Moonwind Place. My season of caring for this four bedroom home is coming to an end. Just as summer gives way to fall I will be moving to a retirement community just a couple of miles away. On July 25th I will be moving to a one bedroom apartment within St. Mary's Woods. This is the same community where my Mom and Dad lived during their later years. While leaving my home of 40 years is not easy, I look forward to the changes this new season of life brings. Consider this letter your open invitation to come and visit me in my new home. St. Mary's Woods is located in Richmond's "west end", just off of Gaskins Road. My new address is: 1257 Marywood Lane, Apt. 205, Henrico, VA 23229. My phone number is 804-740-4999. I look forward to seeing you soon!

Tony DeLesDernier

AROUND THE CHURCH

SHARE YOUR GIFTS OF HOSPITALITY AND CARING!

We need Fellowship Time Hosts for August and the remainder of the year!!

Grab some friends, your Care/Share group, your Sunday School class or a few neighbors and sign up to host an "After Worship Fellowship Time". As always, you are encouraged to keep our Sunday fellowship time simple...lemonade and cookies are just fine! The sign-up calendar is on the wall as you enter Duntreath Hall from the Resource Center.

And consider donating a flower arrangement for Sunday's worship service.

There are numerous open dates for the remainder of 2018 on the Flower Calendar posted on the bulletin board just outside the main office door. Pick a Sunday you would like to honor or memorialize someone special in your life. Just add your name to the calendar and the Flower Committee will be in touch with you about your wishes for that dedication!

The Presbytery of Middle Tennessee
and
First Presbyterian Church of Fayetteville
*cordially invite you to the ordination
and installation of*
Randal Bruce McVey, Jr.
to the Office of Teaching Elder in the
Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)
And as Pastor of
First Presbyterian Church of Fayetteville

Sunday, August 12, 2018 at 3:00 PM
First Presbyterian Church of Fayetteville
101 Mulberry Avenue
Fayetteville, Tennessee 37334

Reception follows in the Fellowship Hall

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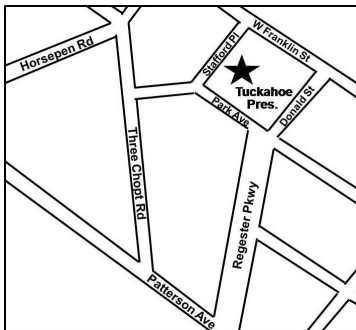
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OUR MISSION STATEMENT:

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



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