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RECLAIMING SABBATH

I recently attended the PC(USA) National Evangelism Conference. The theme this year was *Sabbath Rest, Holy Surrender, Full Life*. It seemed odd to have *rest* linked with *evangelism*. I have mostly associated evangelism with *activity*: sharing the Gospel, going out with the good news of Jesus Christ in word and deed. So, to have a retreat where the word in Hebrew, *Shabbat*, means, “cease, desist, rest”, well...it seemed counterintuitive.

Here’s a little review on where the idea originated.

In Genesis 1, following each day of creation, God declares what God has made as “good” and after the sixth day, “very good.” And then something strange happens. All seems to be finished by the end of chapter 1, but then chapter 2 offers an interesting description of the 7th day...

¹Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all their multitude. ²And on the seventh day God finished the work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all the work that he had done. ³So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that he had done in creation.

God seemed to be finished, but wait...there’s more. God rested. God ceased all creative activity, and in essence created a day of rest for all creation. This day and not the others is “hallowed”, that is, declared holy. It is holy because it is a day to reflect on the truth that God is the Creator and we are the created, never to be confused.

After the Israelites were liberated from Egypt, God gave Moses the Ten Commandments which set them apart as God’s chosen people. The Commandments contained the very important fourth Commandment to “Remember the Sabbath and keep it holy.”

But what did it mean to “keep it holy?”

These people had been enslaved to work without ceasing, forced to make bricks for the monuments of power (pyramids and so forth) in Egypt. God set them free from this ceaseless work and told them “**your life is worth more than the number of bricks you make, your life has endless worth because I made you in my image!**”

BUT you must stop in order to remember this.

For Jews, the Sabbath is sundown Friday to sundown Saturday. For Christians it is Sunday since that is the day Jesus was resurrected. Both Jews and Christians debate on how it should be remembered. Over the course of history, Sabbath has been about what not to do. Jesus challenged this notion by saying that healing, doing acts of mercy, even taking care of personal *needs*, such as picking grain, are not forbidden in the Sabbath commandment but, in fact, express the very heart of what it means to be God’s children.

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FROM THE PASTOR'S STUDY

We are not made to be in a constant state of toil and work for that which serves to benefit us alone.

Our activity Monday through Saturday may be about working to live but Sabbath institutes a fresh awareness that we live because of God's work. We need to cease working to remember that God alone is lord of creation, not us; that God alone is sovereign over our lives, not our employer or our business; that God alone is to be worshipped, not anyone or anything else. To remember this requires we cease, we stop, otherwise our identity as God's children who depend on God for every heart beat and breath gets hijacked by other and lesser identities.

After five days of the conference I came to see the wisdom of this linkage.

Our culture is *rest-less*. And we as Christians in the Protestant tradition fall right in step. We take great pride in working long hours, seven days a week. Or, for some of us when we are not working, we feel we need to be busy *doing* something.

To a culture that too often believes that worth is defined by one's work, contributions to society, or wealth, and suffers anxiety, depression, and burn out as a result, the Sabbath Commandment can be a liberating word, and we are to spread that word. God created people for more – to participate in God's goodness and to rest in the awareness that we don't have to always be working and laboring – that life is more!

Sabbath, however, is more than personal rest, it is communal. As a community we help each other exchange worldly or cultural rhythms for holy rhythms. We gather to worship, to serve, and to fellowship in the presence of each other. Even if we cannot claim Sunday as our Sabbath Day, we need to find moments of Sabbath in our week where we remember again whose we are.

So, I pray you find Sabbath rest in you busy lives and experience the full life that God intends for you. I pray you help others remember that in Christ there is rest, rest for their souls, that they are valued just because of who and whose they are. In one of my favorite lines from Scripture,

Jesus says, "*Come to me, all you that are weary and carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest*" (Matthew 11:28).

Invite someone you know into this rest.

*Grace and Peace,
Patrick*

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CHRISTIAN FORMATION



THANKFULNESS

The turn of the calendar to the month of November seems to bring with it a renewed desire to be thankful. We begin to see social media posts full of “I am grateful for...”, #blessed, 30 days of thankful, etc. In our current world

climate, it feels like being grateful is even more needed and important than perhaps in other seasons, and might even be harder to grasp. But we know that being thankful for things both big and small helps our mind, body and soul. Research has overwhelmingly shown that people who practice gratitude are happier, less stressed, more hopeful and more giving.

Scripture tells us in 1 Thessalonians 5:18:

“give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you..”

We know practicing gratitude is good for us, but getting in the habit can be difficult. This year we are challenging Tuckahoe to practice gratitude together. Make a practice in your home to talk each day about what you are thankful for, both big and small. And, each week when you come to Tuckahoe, write them on the board in the hallway outside the parlor.

As the month moves on, we will see our gratitude growing as a church. We can't wait to hear about all the reasons Tuckahoe is thankful!

SAVE THE DATE! ADVENT & CHRISTMAS EVENTS!



Sunday, November 25th and Wednesday, November 28th— Greening of the campus...hang wreaths and decorate Crismon tree in the sanctuary

December 2 - A Family Advent Workshop during fellowship hour! Join us for advent wreaths, crafts and other ways to prepare our hearts for Advent.

December 9 - A Hanover Christmas- *A candlelit trail winds through the woods, transporting you back in time. Along your journey, meet other travelers, shepherds, kings and angels. Immerse yourself in the greatest story ever told...* Stayed tuned for how you can join a TPC group to enjoy this wonderful night.

December 16 - Cantata and Cookie Sunday

CHRISTIAN FORMATION

CHURCH SCHOOL

There is a place for you in church school at Tuckahoe! We would love for you to join an adult class, youth class or bring your children to Sunday School.

All are welcome and encouraged to join.

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 Spark! curriculum these toddlers will hear Bible stories, sing, craft and play while gaining a better understanding that they are loved children of God. We hope your child will join us!



4 YEAR OLD - 5TH GRADE – Children's Sunday School will connect with each other and God through Kid Connection, a wonderful curriculum designed to help children grow in their faith. This year all children will gather together for a large group time where they will play a game, hear the Bible story and sing songs. After this time, they will journey back to their age group rooms for snack, crafts and reinforcement of the Bible Lesson.



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY LOOKING AHEAD TO ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS

Advent is fast approaching, which means so is Christmas!

The children's Christmas Pageant will be on Sunday morning, December 23, during the 11 am worship service.

We hope you will all be able to join us.

Mark your family's calendars for these important dates!

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| Sunday, December 16 | - | Pageant rehearsal during Sunday School |
| Thursday, December 20 | - | Pageant rehearsal (time TBA) |
| Sunday, December 23 | - | 11 am- Family Service with Pageant. |
| Sunday, December 30 | - | No children's Sunday School. |

Questions? Contact Sarah Dennis, 804-282-2860 or sdennis@tuckahoepres.org

CHRISTIAN FORMATION

YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL

MIDDLE SCHOOL – ROOM 208 - Our curriculum is re:form ancestors. Each week we will watch a video and learn about different people from scripture and how their story impacts our faith today.

HIGH SCHOOL – We meet on Sunday mornings at 9:30 a.m. at the Starbucks at the Village Shopping Center to discuss Coffee House: Questions about Faith.

Join us as we struggle together with some of the questions life and the church throw at us, such as:

- Is science more or less true than the Bible?
- How is Jesus God?
- What motivates God to continue loving us?
- Do we really have to close our eyes while talking to God?

ADULTS OFFERINGS

THE FORUM CLASS - ROOM 108 – Each week we look at a different event from the news and discuss how it affects our faith.

THE NEW COVENANT CLASS – ROOM 106 – This fall the New Covenant Class returns to the Adult Bible Studies used last year. Our Leadership Team will rotate each week to facilitate the study and discussion of each week's lesson. In covering each lesson, the leaders direct the class discussions as to the relativity and application of these Biblical messages in today's world.

NEW OFFERING – “IT’S ALL GREEK TO ME” - Led by Patrick Dennis, Sarah Dennis, and Linda Kurtz. There are a lot of words we use in church that we don't hear anywhere else. But what do they mean? Join us twice a month as we learn the original understanding of these words, as well as how we can understand them in our current age and context. Here are our discussion words for our November and December classes:

November 11	-	Theodicy
November 25	-	Sin
December 9	-	Theotokos
December 16	-	Incarnation

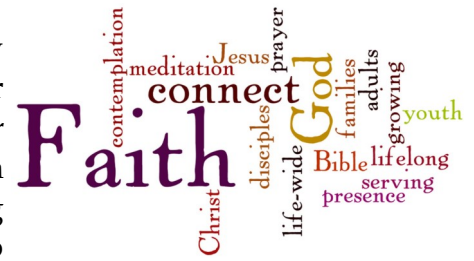


DISCOVERY CLASS – ROOM 200 – The Discovery Class is a Biblically-based discussion class that explores different ways of thinking about our Christian faith through the use of books and materials that are decided upon by the class members. The class meets upstairs in the old education building (Room 200). If you have any questions regarding this class, please contact Walter Smith, Phil Calhoun, Leslie Shimer or Walter Hogan.

CHRISTIAN FORMATION

PRAYER, STUDY AND CONVERSATION

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! The prayer group is reading together *A Guidebook to Prayer: Twenty-four ways to walk with God*. Each week we experience together a new way to pray. Soon, we will begin the Advent study along with the rest of TPC. (See article below.) All are invited to join hearts and minds together in prayer Tuesday mornings at 9:30 am in the Church Parlor.

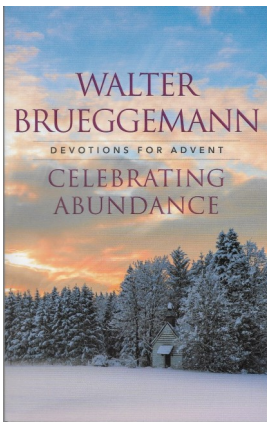


Theology on Tap: This year we will spend our time talking about faith, current news and how the two meet in today's challenging world as we strive to understand how we, as Christians, can react faithfully and lovingly. We hope you will join us for great conversations and great drinks! We meet on the third Monday of the month at 6:00 pm. **This month's meeting is November 19th at PBR: Pizza, Beer Richmond located at 2553 West Cary Street.**

Men's Bible Study: This Bible study meets weekly at noon every Monday in Room 108. Come join us, bring your lunch and start your week refreshed and focused. Any and all are welcome to join us!

Women's Study Group: On October 1st, the Women's Study Group began our new book, *What Matters Most, A Study of Philippians*. We are always looking for new members to share in the fun, fellowship and study. We meet on the first Monday of each month, October thru May. Just contact Meg Packard when you see her at Church or call her at 754-0602 to get a copy of the book.. The book is \$13.

The November meeting on Monday, November 5th will be at Dot Smith's house.



CHURCH ADVENT STUDY

Advent is a time of preparation and anticipation. But as we journey closer to Christmas, it is so easy to get caught up in the commercialism and sucked into a vortex of indulgence, from decor to gifts to calorie-rich foods.

However, the coming of Jesus invites us to slow down and anticipate the season. Join us as we together read through Walter Brueggemann's advent devotion, *Celebrating Abundance*. Through his book, we will train, "our eyes to see through the rough stable, the adolescent mother, and the anxious escape to Egypt, so we can see in that poverty and powerlessness the wonder of God's abundant life and grace coming down to dwell among us."

Sunday sermons, Tuesday Prayer Group and Sunday School classes, if they choose, will use this book to prepare for Christmas. We want all of Tuckahoe to celebrate *Abundance* with us, so we will provide copies of the book, beginning November 25th, so you can read along with us, see through different eyes and celebrate the joyful and abundant life Christ gives to us.

YOUTH MINISTRIES



YOUTH GROUP

Hard to believe October is in the books! Cool weather is here and Turkey Day is coming soon! We have fun, study and activities planned for November and December...join us, won't you?

YOUTH GROUP CALENDAR

(ALL MEETINGS AT 5:30 AT CHURCH UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED)

November 4	CARITAS – we will prepare, serve and enjoy dinner with our CARITAS families (Meet at 4:30 p.m.)
November 11	Faith Questions
November 18	Thanksgiving Games!
November 25	No Youth Group – enjoy the day with your families!
December 2	Serve dinner at Doorways
December 9	Faith Questions
December 16	White Elephant Gift Exchange
December 23	No Youth Group
December 30	No Youth Group

**UP**coming
EVENTS

OUTREACH

PRAYER EMPHASIS FOR NOVEMBER

Lord, look down on us at TPC during our time with our CARITAS guests.

Guide those members of our congregation as they prepare to house, feed, and care for these families. Give all of them the energy to do whatever is needed to make our guests feel welcome and loved. Watch over these families and bring them comfort, peace, and a

hope for the future. We thank you for the opportunity to serve this group as we carry out our church's mission to be the heart, voice, hands, and feet of Christ where the Spirit leads us.



REMEMBER OUR LAMB'S BASKET FOOD COLLECTION EACH MONTH!

There is never a time when Lamb's Basket does not need our donations! Please drop off your donation of non-perishable food items in the Lamb's Basket collection bin on the lower, left side of the Resource Center. Thank you for remembering the hungry in our community!

Let's stock the bin for our November collection!



HURRICANE RELIEF

Can you imagine what it is like to spend two years repairing the damage brought on by rain and flooding? Gutting a kitchen, working on it every weekend, sometimes after work at night? Cooking on a grill out back, day in and day out? Or wondering if the flooded-out place of work will ever get back to employing as many folks as it did before Hurricane Matthew?

Then, just as life is approaching normal, Hurricane Florence dumps 20-30 more inches on your community! Where does the energy, and the money, and the strength come from to start this recovery? But just up the road, they also got hit by more rain from Hurricane Michael!

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance is supporting the relief to North Carolinians, as well as others hit hard by recent storms. Please support our neighbors who need your financial assistance and your prayers! To give money for relief efforts, designate your gift to DR000194, which supports the Church's response to Hurricanes. Ask that it be sent to assist those who are suffering because of Hurricanes Florence or Michael. Gifts can be made online, by phone at 800-872-3283, or by check, which can be mailed to PCUSA, PO Box 643700, Pittsburgh, PA 15264-3700.

Continue to pray for those who are affected by the storms. And stay tuned for information about efforts to travel to North

Carolina. We'll be sharing more volunteer opportunities.

Your efforts can make a difference!



**PRESBYTERIAN
DISASTER
ASSISTANCE**

HENRICO THANKSGIVING FOOD BOX PROGRAM

(HEARTH OF HENRICO)

With all the tragedies across our country and world recently, it makes it easy to forget about our neighbors in Henrico County that could use a helping hand too. With the holidays approaching, we want to reach out to them as well. Once again this year,



Tuckahoe will be participating in HEARTH's **Thanksgiving Food Box Program**. Thanksgiving food boxes are provided to needy families and individuals within the caseloads of the Henrico Department of Social Services. Donors prepare food boxes to be distributed for Thanksgiving. Most of the boxes include food for Thanksgiving dinner plus other food items.

*****PLEASE NOTE: All food boxes should feed a family of six.*****

Please, no frozen or fresh turkeys and no perishables.

Suggested Contents of boxes: canned vegetables, mac & cheese, canned soup, canned fruit, peanut butter, jelly, canned gravy, stuffing mix, potatoes, dessert item, gift card for value of turkey (\$15-20).

Please have all food items in the church library by Wednesday, November 14.

Contact Meg Packard (754-0602), Kaye Keyes (360-7371) or

Amanda Carr (287-4637) if you have any questions.

HOW YOUR GROUP MIGHT PLAN A THANKSGIVING BOX

Plan for each box to feed a family of six. No frozen or perishable items. Use the chart below to have each member of your group sign up to bring one or more items. Then decorate your box and place it in the church library by Wednesday, November 14th.

ITEMS	NAMES
Canned Vegetables	
Canned Soup	
Mac & Cheese	
Canned Fruit	
Peanut Butter	
Jelly	
Canned Gravy	
Stuffing Mix	
Potatoes	
Dessert Item	
Gift Card for Turkey	
Provide and decorate box	

ANGEL TREE PROJECT

Tuckahoe has sponsored the Ministry of Prison Fellowship's "Angel Tree" project for many years. To continue our participation, this year we are sponsoring 25 children who will each receive two gifts each (one toy and one clothing item).

This project is important because it helps incarcerated men and women stay connected to their children during the holiday season by allowing them to provide Christmas presents to their children who live in metropolitan Richmond.

These presents are a tangible reminder that their parent loves them even though they can't be with them for Christmas.

We need your help in purchasing and wrapping gifts (approximately \$20-\$25 each).

You can choose to purchase one or more gifts.

Please note that the items have been specifically chosen by the parent, so rest assured they'll be appropriate and appreciated. We also need assistance with delivering the gifts to the children the week before Christmas.

The Angel Tree will be in the Fellowship Hall on November 25th and December 2nd. Please pick your angel(s) from the tree and return your gift(s) no later than December 9th. Be sure to write down your information to let us know which gift you're sponsoring.

Please contact Melissa Mascher at 804-814-4633 or at MelissaMascher@gmail.com with any questions or to sign-up to help.

Thank you in advance for making a difference!



A Program of Prison Fellowship

FOOD AND FELLOWSHIP



WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPERS

Our nights together will continue each Wednesday in Duntreath Hall at 6:00 pm. Check out the schedule of menus and programs listed below. And look in each Sunday's bulletin for the menu offerings to be prepared by our TPC Cooking Teams.

Each week promises to be full of laughter, learning and incredible food, so make sure you are there!

Dinner is from 6:00 – 6:30, with programming beginning at 6:30. During the programs the children's handbell group, KMD Bells, will meet for rehearsal in the bell room behind the sanctuary. Be sure to talk to Mr. Mark if your children would like to join this musical group.



WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPER MENUS & PROGRAMS

November 7		Fried chicken, mashed potatoes, green beans, rolls and dessert	Dinner with our CARITAS families and entertainment for the children of our CARITAS guests.
November 14	Cooking Team 7	Chicken Chili, salad, cornbread and dessert	Service of Healing and Wholeness 6:45 p.m. in the sanctuary
November 21		No Wednesday Night Supper – enjoy the Thanksgiving holiday with your friends and family	
November 28	Cooking Team 1	A Taste of the Holy Land	Hear from the TPC travelers all about their trip to the Holy Land!

AROUND THE CHURCH

A NOTE FROM THE CHURCH TREASURER

Thank you! Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!

As of the end of the third quarter of our fiscal year (September 30, 2018), members of our congregation and guests have provided \$376,854.47 in envelope contributions toward the operating budget figure of \$534,000 for the year (71 %). Additionally, Tuckahoe has received \$1,569.11 in loose offering and \$1,270.13 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 remainder of the contributions underwrites the costs associated with our lunch program for Liberation Family Services. Finally, our church received \$785 in contributions to the Pentecost Offering. Forty per cent of the Pentecost Offering remains at TPC to support programs for children at risk. Members of our congregation and friends contributed at least \$900.00 to support the 2018 Mission Trip, beyond the participation payments by adults and youth.

On behalf of the Stewardship & Finance Committee and other Session committees, I would like to express our gratitude for your continued generosity.

Richard A. Mateer, Church Treasurer

Fall Clean Up Day

November 17th - 8:00 am



What: Fall Clean Up Day

Why: We need help to clean, fix and freshen up the church before the holidays.

When: Saturday, November 17th. Meet in Wilson Hall at 8:00 am for coffee & food prior to cleanup.

How: Many hands make light work, so please come help!

What else: If you have questions, call or see Tom Lee, Property Committee at 740-4907

AROUND THE CHURCH

2019 STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN HAVEN'T YET PLEDGED?

Sharing is a Win-Win-Win Win!

WIN 1: Donations to the church do not end here but go **through** the church for distribution to many vetted missions and ministries.

WIN 2: The impact of your gifts helps hundreds of less fortunate folks and shows them that God loves them through your actions – giving them hope.

WIN 3: The church is a place apart from your hectic world to worship God and be among others also seeking religious comfort and guidance.

WIN 4: Pledging gives the church confidence that good works can continue and maybe expand to do even more.

Tuckahoe Presbyterian Church is a place for worshiping God, for dedicating our time and talents to help others, and for grounding our lives and growing our faith – making us whole.

Stewardship is about generosity. Generosity involves action. Action that expresses our generosity beyond ourselves and brings the light of Jesus through you to others.

Your pledge is an action of generosity. Any pledge is worthy.

The church budget process is underway, use any of the methods below to submit your pledge:

- 1) Email John Flournoy: johnoflournoy@comcast.net and include the following information: Name, total amount pledged for 2019, and frequency of payments (amount weekly, monthly, etc.).
- 2) Pick up a pledge card at the church office, fill it out, put it in an envelope and place it in John Flournoy's mailbox in the hallway outside the office, OR take it home and mail it to the church.
- 3) Pick up a pledge card at the entrance to the sanctuary, fill it out and put it in the offering plate on Sunday OR take it home to mail.
- 4) Call the church office for assistance with pledge: 804-282-2860.

*Carol Martin, Chair
2019 Stewardship Campaign*

AROUND THE CHURCH



MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR OUR ANNUAL "THANKFUL TRADITIONS" LUNCHEON!

Mark your calendar for Sunday, November 18th!

The Fellowship Committee will be hosting an extended fellowship hour of "Thankful Traditions."

Please bring a dish you are particularly thankful for in your family – appetizer, dessert, or a side dish. The Fellowship Committee will provide ham, turkey and rolls. We will eat and fellowship around tables together and celebrate all we have to be thankful for!

Please let us know how many in your family will attend so we will have enough turkey, ham and rolls and we will know how many tables to set!!

You can sign up on the friendship pads or the web site event block.



OUT WITH THE OLD... COOKBOOKS AND DECORATIONS

As we approach the holiday seasons, we will no doubt be looking at our cookbooks for mouthwatering recipes but find the same ones we've used over and over. Perhaps new cookbooks could help. Let's do a **cookbook take-away**. Collect your cookbooks, old, used, new – ones you know you won't use and bring them to Duntreath Hall on December 2. And...what about all those Christmas decorations you no longer want? Last year there was a **Christmas**

decoration take-away where folks brought in decorations they no longer cared to display. The items were put in Duntreath Hall and folks were invited to simply take what they liked. It was a huge success!

So bring your cookbooks and decorations to Duntreath, beginning December 2nd. We'll leave everything in place through the next

Sunday, December 9, giving everyone time to start holiday decorating. Feel free to bring things you no longer care to use, put them out with everything else, and if you see something you like, take it.



AROUND THE CHURCH



SERVICE OF HEALING AND WHOLENESS

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 14

6:45 P.M.

Following our Wednesday Night Supper on November 14 we will have a *Service of Healing and Wholeness* in the sanctuary.

This service of worship will include an extended time for silent prayer, as well as individual intercessory prayers, combined with the laying on of hands by Elders. We'll take a moment to remember that even if the world doesn't hear our pain and stories, Jesus does. And Jesus invites us to hear one another, too. This service is not only for those with the greatest physical, emotional, or spiritual needs; this service is for everybody who desires to know the healing offered through Christ.

CHRISTMAS CANTATA

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 16TH, 11:00 A.M.

"Jesus - The Advent of the Messiah"

Learn anew the story of the birth of our savior on Sunday, December 16th! You'll want to be at Tuckahoe for an exciting service when our Chancel Choir, accompanied by an orchestra, presents a Christmas cantata performance of *Jesus - The Advent of the Messiah* by Mary McDonald and Rose Aspinall during the 11:00 a.m. worship service. Invite friends and family to join you as we experience the joy of the season lifted up in musical praise together.



CHRISTMAS PAGEANT AND CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES

Celebrate worship with your Tuckahoe family at one or more of the Christmas Eve worship services this year.

On Sunday, December 23rd at 11:00 a.m. we will have our Worship and Christmas Pageant.

On Monday, December 24th there will be Candlelight and Communion at 7:30 p.m. and a Contemplative Service at 11:00 p.m.

AROUND THE CHURCH

GIVE A DEDICATION OF FLOWERS!

The lovely flowers in the worship service each week add beauty and meaning to our worship experience. Won't you consider adding to your personal ministry by bringing a part of God's colorful, "outdoor" world into our Sanctuary? A donation to the flower fund of \$35—40 will be sufficient. The church office will contact you the week prior to your dedication to find out what special flower request you might have and to find out what you want published in the bulletin for your dedication.



CHANCEL FLOWERS

And the flowers will be delivered to members who cannot worship with us, brightening their home or hospital room and reminding them that they are a blessing to us. Please call the church office, 282-2860, or sign up on the calendar outside the church office to reserve your Sunday. The 2019 calendar is posted on the bulletin board beside the office entrance door.

CAN YOU HELP DELIVER FLOWERS ON SUNDAYS?

The flower committee takes care of preparing the arrangements each Sunday and then breaking them down into smaller arrangements for delivery to our shut-in, hospitalized or recovering members.

We need more volunteers to help with the deliveries each week. Please consider helping us with this very important ministry. You can deliver anytime early in the week to help us out!



COOKIE SUNDAY IS COMING!

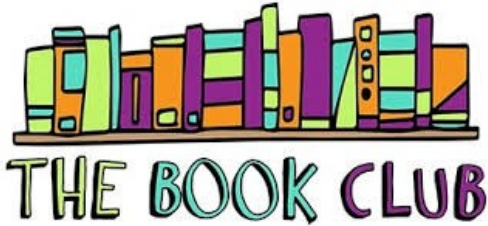
We will be celebrating "Cantata and Cookies" on December 16th! The choir will bless us with a wonderful Cantata during the worship hour and cookies will be enjoyed in fellowship time after. We can't wait to try all the fun Christmas Cookies!

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIA ORDERS EARLY THIS YEAR!

In order to have the sanctuary and narthex decorated for the Christmas Cantata on Sunday, December 16th, we will be taking poinsettia orders earlier this year. Please see the order form on page 19 of this newsletter. Orders need to be returned to the church office by Monday, December 10th with your payment. Thank you!



AROUND THE CHURCH



TPC BOOK CLUB 2018 – 2019

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.

<u>DATE</u>	<u>BOOK/AUTHOR</u>	<u>REVIEWER</u>	<u>HOSTESS</u>
11/26	<u>A Piece of the World</u> By Christina Baker Kline	Martha Burgess	Amy Glass
1/28	<u>Winter Garden</u> By Kristin Hannah	Terry Brady	Gail Miller
2/25	<u>A Woman in the Window</u> By A. J. Finn	Dee Daughtrey	Becky/Emily Theuer
3/25	<u>Guests on Earth</u> By Lee Smith	Ruth Anna Langdon	Mickey Mateer
4/29	<u>Ship of Brides</u> By Jojo Moyes	Jackie Meyers	Pat Miller
5/20*	<u>The Ninth Hour</u> By Alice McDermott	Byrd Latham	Kaye Keyes
9/30	<u>Pachinko</u> By Min Jin Lee	Camellia Wroniewicz	Gena Wallace

SIGN UP TO HOST AFTER WORSHIP FELLOWSHIP

There are some fall Sundays still in need of hosts and look for the new 2019 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 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".



Fellowship Time

AROUND THE CHURCH

TPC SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS



On behalf of the TPC Scholarship Committee, I am happy to report that all four of our scholarship recipients are back on their respective campuses.

Owen Ayers is a Senior at Princeton. Claire Galvin is a Junior at William and Mary. Corinne Burch is a Sophomore at Berklee School of Music, Boston, MA.

Our most recent recipient, Laura Anderson is a Graduate Student at VCU. Corinne and Laura recently shared some information about how their year is going so far. We will hear from Owen and Claire in the coming months.

Please keep these young people in your prayers and catch up with them at TPC when they are home for the holidays. Thank you for all the support you have given to them and to the Scholarship Fund over the years

Leslie Shimer
Moderator, TPC Scholarship Committee

Hi Tuckahoe! At the end of my first year, I was able to declare my major, so this fall is my first semester taking music therapy coursework. Right now I'm studying music therapy in the special education setting, and I get to go to a nearby elementary school every week to observe and facilitate sessions! Outside of all the cool classes that go along with that, I'm also enjoying being a Resident Advisor and continuing to explore all that Boston has to offer. Berklee is a great fit for me, and I am grateful for all the support you all have given me.

Corinne Burch
Berklee School of Music, Boston MA

I am halfway through my first full semester of the Occupational Therapy Entry-Level Doctorate program at Virginia Commonwealth University. This past summer, my classmates and I learned all about the structures of the body through human anatomy. Currently, I am taking the foundational coursework that is preparing me for the intervention-based and fieldwork-based classes which will start next semester. Outside of class, I am involved in doing research and love exploring new areas of the city with my classmates.

Laura Anderson
Virginia Commonwealth University
Entry Level Occupational Therapy Doctorate Student, Class of 2021



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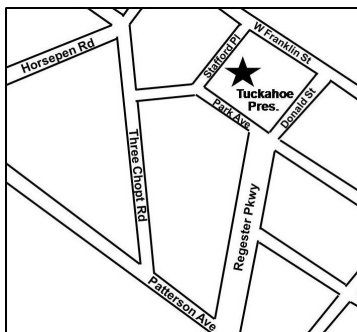
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