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Greetings!

I hope that you are having a wonderful summer- enjoying the warmer weather and spending time with friends and family. The staff and ministry leaders are excited as we continue to prepare for the next program year.

Our theme for this year is **“Around the Table: Coming Together for Formation and Fellowship,”** which is based on Acts 2:46-47a- *Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having goodwill of all the people.* At Tuckahoe, we love to worship together, gather for meals, and share in fellowship, like home churches mentioned in Acts. In worship, we will still follow the lectionary or readings assigned for the week; however, this theme is an opportunity to help provide direction for the creativity within our formation, fellowship, and alternative worship in the new year.

A little more about the documents in this mailing:

Kickoff Sunday details: We will kick off our fall Sunday morning rhythm, weekly, and monthly gatherings on **Sunday, September 7th**. Formerly known as Rally Day, **Kickoff Sunday** is an exciting opportunity to join for food and fellowship in the morning, followed by learning about ministries after church. Invite friends, neighbors, and family if they are curious about Tuckahoe or a church.

Calendar: Ministry leaders worked together to develop a **calendar of events and opportunities** throughout the program year, which is technically September 7th-May 17th. We also have a few late May and Summer 2026 dates to add to your calendar. Notice some shifts from previous years. For example, after feedback from our families, the Christmas Pageant will be on Sunday, December 21st, during worship, and we will have one Christmas Eve service at 5:30 pm, with festive Christmas music played beginning at 5 pm.

Ministry Interest Form: We invite you to fill out a **Ministry Interest Form**- either the included paper version or online at www.tinyurl.com/TPCMinistryForm. Engaging in these ministries is a next or continued step that you can take to engage with the church, recognizing that interests change based on your season of life. From small groups to helping set up tables and chairs, there are many ways to engage with the congregation. Perhaps you have a skill you would like to share that we don't know about, or maybe there's no specific ministry for you at Tuckahoe? Let us know! There's more information about each ministry and committee on our website www.tuckahoepres.org, or please let me know if you have any questions.

Thank you for being part of Tuckahoe! We hope to see you soon, either in person or online.

Peace,

Keli