

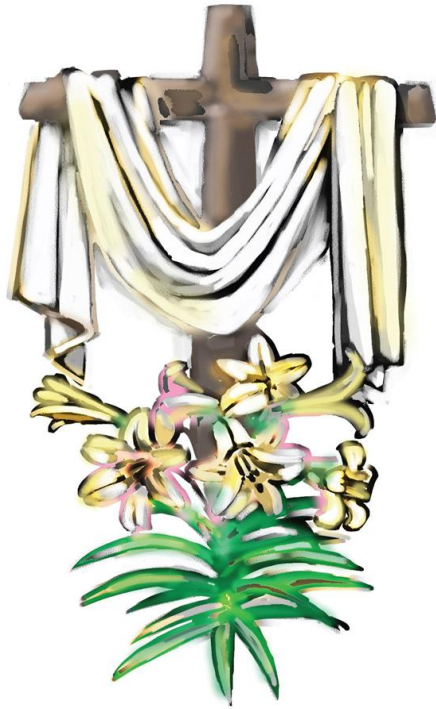
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He Is Risen

*Christ
is the atoning sacrifice
for the sins of
the whole world*

HOLY WEEK WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sunday	April 1	11:00 a.m. 1:00 p.m.	Palm Sunday Worship Talent for Mission Show and Lunch
Thursday	April 5	6:00 p.m. 6:45 p.m.	Thursday Night Supper Maundy Thursday Worship with Communion
Friday	April 6	12 Noon 12:30 p.m.	Good Friday Service in the Memorial Garden (weather permitting) Soup Lunch
Sunday	April 8	11:00 a.m. 12:30 p.m.	Resurrection Sunday Worship "Hallelujah Chorus" sing-along Easter Egg Hunt



“Two Servants”

Richard Haney

I had occasion to attend two memorial services last month. One was for my father, Glenn Haney, on March 17. Pam and I drove back to Richmond from Pennsylvania on March 19. Then on March 20 I attended another service for Bob Wendell of St Giles Presbyterian Church. I cannot help but think jointly about these two men I admired.

Of course I knew my dad much better than I knew Bob. My dad was 82, devoted to his family and served many years as a Presbyterian elder. Bob was 92, devoted to his family and served many years as a Presbyterian elder. I met Bob in 1982 when we both served on Hanover Presbytery's Evangelism Committee. 21 years later Bob and I saw each other again when I became interim minister of his church.

My dad was remembered with the Bible passage, “*Well done good and faithful servant. Enter into the joy of your Master.*” It was part of his obituary, quoted by the preacher in his service and mentioned by a friend. I'm fairly certain all three of us referenced that verse independently in reference to my dad.

Bob was remembered by a long bible passage—the first chapter of Ephesians. He asked someone to read it to him every day the last month of his life. Here is verse 18, “*I pray also that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints...*”

Both texts bid us look ahead to a rest, a joy, a hope and a future that God has prepared for his people. That is one of our privileges and responsibilities at memorial services—to envision what God has in store for us by bearing witness to the resurrection hope we have in Christ. Bob and Glenn lived in that hope and have entered that place of peace and rest.

One more point of comparison strikes me about these two Christian gentlemen. Each one reached out to others as caring servants. Bob served in many capacities in his church. He especially loved singing in the choir and playing the upright bass. My dad did likewise; he enjoyed serving his church and presbytery and also sang in many choirs. Perhaps the opportunity to sing in choirs and worship services tunes the soul. Both Bob and Glenn were gentle and kind. They will be missed but they will be remembered!

ABOUT OUR MEMBERS



Bette Pandak writes "Thank you once again for the visits, calls and notes you sent while I was recuperating from a fall. My frustration was eased by your kind words."

Al Honkala writes, "I want to express my thanks for all the cards, calls and prayers as well as the words of comfort and support I have received from you at Tuckahoe. And for those of you who were responsible for the lovely memorial service for Eileen and the luncheon that followed, I am grateful for you also, and for the way the work of the Lord was done."

Flossie Quensen writes, "I would like to thank all of you for your visits, prayers, flowers and phone calls during my illness. The Poinsettia you sent at Christmas is still very beautiful. I continue to thank God for my church family."

Tony DeLesDernier writes "I want to thank the members of my church family for the calls, cards, visits, and concerns relative to my recent hospitalization. While I would never advocate a fractured hip as a fair exchange for excellent food from friends, the meals provided by some of Tuckahoe's finest cooks certainly were enjoyed and truly appreciated. Thank you all so much for making my recovery so speedy."



We extend our sympathy to Richard Haney and his family on the death of his father, Glenn Haney, in State College, Pa. A memorial service was held there at the State College Presbyterian Church on Saturday, March 17, 2012.

CONGRATULATIONS!

Lauretta and Fred Bower wish to announce the birth of their grandson, Michael Christopher Bower, born January 20, 2012, to Todd and Lisa Bower.



2012 Wednesday Night Supper

April programs are as follows:

- Apr. 4 - No Wed. Night Supper
- Apr. 5 - Supper/ Maundy Thurs. Service
- Apr. 11 - Virginia Rehab Ctr for the blind
- Apr. 18 - Interfaith Service of Henrico
- Apr. 25 - 60th Anniversary program

On Wednesday **April 4**, there will not be a Wednesday Night Supper, instead there will be a supper on Thursday, April 5 prior to the Maundy Thursday service. Dinner will be at 6:00 and the service will start at 6:45. Please come and join us for dinner and the Maundy Thursday service.

On Wednesday **April 11**, **Liza Bruce** will be our guest speaker. Liza worked in the Financial Aid for Higher Education industry for 20 years and is a close friend of Barbara Maiden. Liza lost her sight in 1997. She also had a kidney and pancreas transplant at that time. After becoming blind, Liza attended the Virginia Rehabilitation Center for the Blind and Vision Impaired, returned to work full-time and became passionate about helping others to know and understand the abilities of people with disabilities and how they can be significant and contributing members in the workplace and society. Volunteerism is a cornerstone of Liza's life, and she will tell us more about this and other aspects of her life on the 11th of April. Please join us as we welcome Liza and her faithful friend, Cooper (guide dog).

On **April 18** **Nancy Rusinak**, Chair of the Board of ISH (Interfaith Services of Henrico) will be our guest speaker and will bring us up to date on current efforts of ISH to provide emergency assistance to citizens of Henrico. Meg Packard and Kaye Keyes are ISH volunteers and serve on its Board.

Our final Wednesday Night Supper for the Winter/Spring session will be on **April 25**. **Sherry Flournoy** is preparing and will present a pictorial slide show of people, events, and special moments at TPC during the past 60 years as we prepare for Tuckahoe's 60th anniversary that will take place on May 5 & 6.

Music & Motion will continue and will run concurrent with the adult programming following dinner. Guest Chef opportunities are still available. Please contact Gail Miller or Ruth Ann Hoge if you are interested in sharing a favorite recipe for a Wednesday night supper.

WITHIN THE CHURCH

UPDATED MEMBER DIRECTORY

The Church Office will be publishing an updated Member Directory in the next few weeks. We ask that you please e-mail us at (office@tuckahoepres.org) or call the church (282-2860) with updates to your families' personal information. We will be including names, addresses, multiple phone numbers, if you would like them included, as well as e-mail addresses. Also included are children's names. This is a great way for other members of Tuckahoe to be able to contact you and we want to make it as accurate as possible. Thank you for your help!

ADOPTING AN AREA OF TUCKAHOE

The Property Division has reported that we had an **underwhelming** response to the request they made for volunteers to adopt a specific area of Tuckahoe for one year. Again, we ask that you consider volunteering to help care for an area of our facility in which you have a special interest. Leave a note in the offering plate or office or call Camellia Wroniewicz at 360-0612.

COME JOIN US FOR WORSHIP EACH AND EVERY SUNDAY!

Richard, Steven and Sarah have the schedule in place for each of the Sundays in April as well as the special worship services of Holy Week. Below you will find the preaching schedule and relevant scriptures for most of the services. Plan to join your Tuckahoe Family in worship at every opportunity!

4/1	Palm Sunday	John 23: 9-19; 19	Richard
4/5	Maundy Thursday		Steven
4/6	Good Friday		Richard
4/8	Easter Sunday	John 20: 1-18	Richard
4/15		John 20: 19-31	Sarah
4/22		John 21: 1-19	Steven
4/29		John 21: 20-24	Steven

Presbyterian Women



The Presbyterian Women will hold their annual **spring luncheon** on **Tuesday, May 1**. Circles will meet at 10:30, followed by a general meeting in the sanctuary at 11:00. Lunch will be served at 11:45. All women are welcome. Cost is \$6. Reservations may be made after worship on April 22 or 29, or by contacting a circle leader.

For our spring project, we will be collecting items for **Hilliard House**, an organization dedicated to helping homeless women and their children. Items which have been requested by Hilliard House are as follows:

- Paper products: paper towels and toilet paper
- Cleaning supplies: dishwasher detergent, washing machine detergent (liquid or powder), spray cleaners, and glass cleaners
- Brooms and wet mops (string type)
- Hand soap
- Children's items: underpants (boys and girls) in sizes 3T, 4T, and 5T, and disposable diapers in size 4
- Baby gate (used is okay)

Please put donations in the women's closet in room 106. Final collection will be on **May 1**, the day of the spring luncheon.

Becky Theuer
Secretary, Pres Women

TPC



4/30

Beneath the Marble Sky:

A Love Story, by John Shors

Reviewer: Barbara Maiden

Hostess: Gena Wallace

Life Line Screening lends a *Helping Hand*

We are pleased to announce that Tuckahoe Presbyterian Church will be hosting a Life Line Screening health event on 5/11/2012. Life Line Screening provides screenings to make you aware of previously undetected health concerns. They have found a way, to not only thank us for hosting this event and making the services available to our members; but, to also offer a **Helping Hand** in our effort to meet our community's growing outreach requests. We are participating in their new initiative that offers a \$10.00 package discount to our members (friends & family), **PLUS** a matching \$10.00 donation, per participant, to our Outreach Fund. By being proactive, we not only help protect our own health, but we also help provide additional support for our neighbors in need!

For more details, and to find out how you can participate, please see the special flyer in this newsletter or call **(757) 880-1948** to sign up.

SUPPORT ISH - RECYCLE DONATE YOUR USED INKJET CARTRIDGES

ISH (Interfaith Services of Henrico) is implementing a new fundraiser. All you have to do is donate used inkjet cartridges (all brands). A collection box is located in the area between the Sanctuary and Duntreath Hall. The cartridges will be recycled and ISH receives cash for each cartridge donated. All proceeds will help provide emergency assistance to citizens of Henrico.

Please help. Collect inkjet cartridges at your office. Collect from friends, relatives and neighbors. YOUR DONATIONS WILL HELP ISH AND THE ENVIRONMENT!

Meg Packard, Kaye Keyes

LAMB's Basket Report

Food collection on March 4, 2012 - 47.2 lbs. Remember that Tuckahoe is signed up to volunteer the third Thursday of each month. In March we had six of our members volunteering. If you would like a fun Thursday morning, either meet at the church at 9:30 (back parking lot) to carpool or meet at the LAMB's Basket facility (5612 Greendale Rd.) at 10:00 a.m. If you have questions, contact John Flournoy or Terry Brady.

Meet the Neighbors!

Submitted by Pam Burch



Meet Micah McCreary – our April neighbor of the month!

Micah is originally from Detroit, Michigan. He received his bachelor's degree in engineering from the University of Michigan. Not long after he graduated, Micah moved to Richmond to attend seminary. And then in 1993 he earned his PhD at VCU in psychology.

I am amazed at all Micah does. For the past ten years he and his wife, Jacqueline, have been joint pastors at Spring Creek Baptist Church in Midlothian. Micah is a fourth generation pastor and together with his wife they have grown the church to over 700 members. Micah also is an associate professor at VCU in the clinical psychology department. And if that were not enough, since 1996 Micah has had his own clinical psychology practice where he does family and adolescent counseling. Micah develops interventions to promote effective parenting within a spiritual and cultural context. His current research focus is on his program IMPACT - (I Must Pause, Pray, Analyze, Chill and Take action).

Micah and Jacqueline have been married 29 years and have been our neighbors since 1994. They have a daughter who is 20 and is a sophomore at Berklee College of Music in Boston where she studies piano and voice. Micah and Jacqueline also took in a boy at age 10 and adopted him at age 14. Their adopted son is now in the military in North Carolina.

If you are up early you can find Micah and his wife out for their daily walk in the neighborhood at 5:30 am. Micah says that he likes living so close to the church. It is where he votes and he likes being near enough that he can enjoy the sounds of the Richmond Pops practicing in Wilson Hall.

Thank you to Micah McCreary for being our neighbor of the month!

WILL THERE BE A SPRING GOLF TOURNAMENT?

Robins Buck and the Fellowship Committee are wondering if there is enough interest to plan a “Spring Masters” golf outing at Belmont Golf Course. Therefore, we need your immediate attention to this “straw poll” and prompt response **by Sunday, April 8**, as to how many players you or your interest represent? For example, are you answering just for yourself, you and your significant other, you and a guest, your own foursome, etc.?

If we have enough interest, numbers and commitment by Sunday, April 8, Robins Buck will contact the golf course and look at available dates to include April 22 or 29 or May 6 or 20, depending on availability of the golf course. So, in your response, also give your preferred dates or that you are good for all dates mentioned?

PLEASE RESPOND BY APRIL 8 TO ROBINS BUCK: by e-mail at trbuck1949@comcast.net or 804-496-6859 or in person. We are open for other ideas of format of play, day of play, other courses, etc., if you think reasonable and doable!?

Thanks, and we look forward to your response and interest in seeing if the biannual golf tournaments are to continue?



Raising the Curtain on our TPC Youth

Submitted by Rachel Burch



Our April youth of the month is Sarah Galt! Sarah attends church with her sister, Shannon, her mom, Shelly, and her dad, Marc. The Galt family also has a pet dog, Cutie Pie, who Sarah named when she was five.

Sarah is currently in eighth grade at Tuckahoe Middle School. Her favorite class this year is art. She says that she loves the creative freedom she is given in the class while completing the assigned projects. At school, Sarah participates in track, where her event is sprinting. Outside of school, Sarah plays piano and dances. She has been playing piano for the past two years. So far, she says her favorite piece to play is “Für Elise.” Sarah has been dancing for eleven years. She enjoys both jazz and lyrical dance.

A recurring theme during my interview with Sarah was her love of the beach. Her favorite vacation during the summer is to the beach, and she is very much looking forward to her first youth group beach retreat next year. If she could go anywhere in the world, she says she would love to visit the Bahamas. Sarah is also a lover of roller coasters. She says that if she had a day with no obligations or homework, she would spend it at Busch Gardens riding her two favorite roller coasters, the Griffin and Alpengeist.

When asked about her plans for the future, Sarah says that her goal is to attend Virginia Tech, where both her mom and dad went. Sarah’s favorite part of youth group is going on the various retreats throughout the year. Thanks, Sarah, for being our youth of the month!

CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES AND EDUCATION



Vacation Bible School 2012 Update

WHEN: JULY 16-20

AGES: 3 years old – rising 5th grade

THEME: Operation Overboard – Dare to Go Deep with God!

If you have ever been a part of our VBS, you know that setting the scene for the theme, the right atmosphere, is one of the most important parts of preparing for a fun and successful week. *We are in need of a **decorating leader and team** for Operation Overboard!* The teachers and activity leads decorate their own classrooms and areas. This task includes only the decorating of Duntreath Hall and puppet stage, downstairs hallways, and stairwells. It is important to begin this task early in the preparation time (now!), as there are many items to be collected, requested, and ordered, as well as much planning to do between leader and team. There is a decorating book, advice from former decorating leaders and also information on the VBS website that will guide the leader through the process and provide much help. **You do NOT have to be creative or “crafty”, as the book provides easy step by step ideas.** If you are able and willing to do lots of underwater theme decorating, please contact Becky Loggins (contact info below) as soon as possible, or sign up at the display in Duntreath Hall. We need an adult to lead and adults, youth and children to be on the team!

There are **MANY OPEN POSITIONS** and ways to help for adults AND youth. Check out the display in Duntreath Hall to see specific ways that YOU can help. Registration forms are now available.

Questions?

Contact Becky Loggins, Director of Children's Ministries and VBS. Email bg18@comcast.net, Phone 201-0571.



Children's Ministries Wish List - Can you help?

- Timer for second floor kitchen
- 1 wall clock for children's Sunday School room
- Underwater-related items for Vacation Bible School (donate or loan)
- Crayola "LARGE" crayons (preschooler size)
- Bottles Elmer's White Glue
- Bottles of Aleene's Original Tacky Glue or Elmer's Craft Glue
- Glue sticks
- Bottles of Elmer's Wood Glue
- Crayola washable markers - Classic Colors
- 6-pack boxes of Model Magic, natural colors (found at Michael's or Ben Franklin) – 6 small individual packs in a box
- Pieces of corrugated cardboard 12" X 20" (no sides), as in the base of a package of bottled water
- Items can be brought to the church office during the week (label them "for children's Sunday School") or to room 205 on Sunday mornings.

Becky Loggins, Director of Children's Ministries



What's Going on with Children's Ministries

In the Narthex – Always available: copies of a leaflet entitled *Making Room for Children in Worship*, copies of the current *Sunday School Notes*, Sunday School registration forms, and *Children's Worship Bulletins* on clipboards with crayons. Make sure your child also receives a regular bulletin! Pick up a copy of *Sunday School Notes* occasionally to stay “in the loop” about what the young ones in our church family are doing!

Sunday, April 1– *First Sunday Children's Church* for age 4 through 1st grade. Following “Moments with the Children” during the service, the children walk with Ms. Loggins to room 201 for the *Godly Play* story of *Jesus the King*, work response, scripture reading, and prayer. These sessions are held on the first Sunday of every month, October through May. This is a wonderful way to begin your child's participation in worship!

Sunday, April 8 – Children's Church for Easter Day, during worship, following Moments with the Children, in room 201.

Vacation Bible School July 16-20 *Operation Overboard!* Mark your calendars and sign up to help at the display in Duntreath Hall.

Every Sunday, Sept. through May – Children's Sunday School arrival time is 9:25 and dismissal is at 10:40.

Easter Egg Hunts

Easter egg hunts will be held on Easter Day immediately following worship. Children age toddler through 5th grade will meet Ms. Loggins on the front steps of Wilson Hall, be divided into two groups of toddler – 4 years old and 5 years old - 5th grade, and then given further instructions. Bags for gathering eggs will be provided for each child.

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Fifty Days of Joy

Easter is a festival **season of fifty days** whose first day is Easter Day, the Sunday of the Resurrection, -this year on April 8- and whose last day is the Day of Pentecost. Easter is such a huge mystery and celebration that we can't keep it in just one day. The time to get ready to enter the mystery of Easter, Lent, is greater



than the time to get ready to enter the mystery of Christmas, Advent. Easter is an even *greater* mystery and celebration than Christmas! The **fortieth day** of Easter is **Ascension Day**, this year on May 17 - always on a Thursday and, consequently, easily forgotten! (Read about the event of Christ's Ascension: Acts 1:6-11.) The word *Easter* comes from *Eostre*, a Teutonic goddess whose name is associated with springtime, growth, and fertility. In most languages the name of the day is *Pascha*, which means “Passover”.

The color of this time of the Church Year is, as is Easter Day, white for purity, joy, and celebration. We remember this time especially with the empty cross, a sign of the victory of Easter.

Remember that each and every Sunday throughout the year is a “little Easter”, reminding us as Christians of the resurrection, since it was on the first day of the week that Jesus rose from the dead. During this, Eastertide, help your family continue the great celebration by lighting a candle at your evening meals and saying a prayer of thankful joy! It is also appropriate to have mini egg hunts throughout this time. Make the most of those plastic eggs! Remember that the eggs, chicks, bunnies and butterflies are symbols of new life and reminders of the resurrection of Christ and new life in each of us. Happy Easter!

**Questions? Contact Becky Loggins, Director of Children's Ministries: *phone 201-0571*
*email bg18@comcast.net***

From Stewardship & Finance Division

Richmond native, Chuck Goodykoontz of Rochester, NY has given Tuckahoe Church \$10,000 as seed money for a scholarship fund to honor the late Ned Warinner, Shirley Warinner and Susan Warinner Hogg. Chuck's father, Alf Goodykoontz, was killed in the October, 2003 auto crash outside Carlisle, PA. that also took the life of his best friend, Ned Warinner. Ned, Shirley and Susan were all deeply involved for many years in the life of our church.

It is the intention of the Stewardship & Finance Division and the Endowment Committee to utilize the fund in the future to award higher education scholarships to young people who are Tuckahoe members and are on track to graduate from high school. Upon approval of Session, the Warinner Family Memorial Scholarship will be segregated from the other funds in the Endowment.

When the scholarship fund has grown sufficiently, youth members of our church who are college-bound will be encouraged to make application for scholarship assistance. The procedure to determine how the grants will be awarded will be determined in the near future. Stewardship & Finance would like to do a Moment for Mission on the scholarship sometime before our Youth Sunday service.

Chuck Goodykoontz said that his home church, Gates Presbyterian in Rochester, began a scholarship fund with an individual gift of \$10,000 in 1997. Since then, the church's scholarship fund has received 231 gifts totaling \$98,755. The church began utilizing the fund in 2001 and began giving college grants of \$1,000 in 2004. In 2005, Gates Church provided its first four-year grant, renewable annually.

Tuckahoe members who want to contribute to the scholarship fund are asked to note "Warinner Scholarship Fund" in the memo line of their checks.

2011 Report of the Endowment Governing Board

During 2011, the Endowment Governing Board (the Board) consisted of Beth Ayers, Tim Beane (Moderator), Al Honkala, Ruth Anna Langdon, Amanda Wallace and Lucky Wroniewicz. Tim and Lucky began their second three year terms on the Board in January. The Board met five times in 2011—3/2, 4/6, 6/1, 9/7, and 12/7. A quorum was present for each meeting. All Board members actively participated and performed their duties in accordance with the guidelines set forth in the Endowment Fund Plan.

Three year terms of service by Beth Ayers (her first) and Ruth Anna Langdon (her second) were completed in December. Beth has agreed to serve an additional three year term. Linda Ramsey has agreed to serve on the Board for the 2012-2014 term. The Board would to thank Ruth Anna for her numerous contributions during her terms of service.

The Plan provides for eight endowment sub-funds, four of which presently are funded. A total of \$8,292 was deposited into these funds during 2011. Dividends totaled \$11,974 and net market loss was \$8,592. The Board received three requests for funds in 2011. A total of \$6,418 was approved to 1) provide partial support for Tuckahoe’s summer mission trip (\$5,000), 2) to provide partial support for the fall Family retreat (\$668) and 3) to support the POJ Youth Council’s Stop Hunger Now project (\$750). Taking contributions, timing of withdrawals and fund performance into account, the 2011 beginning and ending balances in the funds are as follows.

<u>Fund</u>	<u>1/1/11 Balance</u>	<u>12/31/11 Balance</u>	<u>% Change</u>
General Memorial	\$670,436	\$676,825	1.0%
Mission	53,830	52,861	(1.8)
Wilkins (Women’s)	14,994	15,025	0.2
Ellis (Youth)	9,806	9,562	(2.5)
 Total	 \$749,066	 \$754,273	 0.7%

Additional activities undertaken by the Board included ongoing upkeep of the Heritage Garden and periodic communications in the Torch newsletter. Nine bricks and a new plaque were installed in the Heritage Garden in 2011. The Board sponsored a Wednesday Night Supper in May where materials relating to Endowment were provided and Ginny Purcell from Westminster Canterbury spoke.

The Board welcomes any questions you have about our Endowment Fund.

Respectfully submitted by,

Tim Beane, Moderator
2/7/12

Introducing Taizé

Presented by Steven Good

On July 24, five TPC students and two adults will find their way to a little village in the Burgundy countryside, where they will spend a week praying, studying, and working alongside the Brothers of Taizé, an ecumenical monastic community in the heart of France. Taizé has become a pilgrimage site for tens of thousands of people each year, but their particular mission is to the young (ages 16-29).

Taizé was an ordinary and rather isolated village when a young Swiss Reformed pastor, who would later be known simply as Brother Roger began to formulate his vision for a Christ-centered community of reconciliation at the beginning of the Second World War. He spent his first two years in relative solitude, harboring refugees, mainly Jews who had fled from Germany and Poland. Shortly thereafter a few other young men joined him and committed themselves to the traditional monastic vows of poverty, celibacy, and to a communal life of prayer.

A day at Taizé is ordered by three prayer services which take place each morning, midday and evening in the Church of Reconciliation. Taizé is perhaps most well known by its meditative songs composed by the brothers. In addition to the prayers, Pilgrims will spend time in Bible reflection with young people from all over the world and will have a chance to join with the brothers in the daily work and upkeep of the community. These latter two are tremendously important because there are no paid staff at Taizé and the brothers only ask that pilgrims who come to visit pay enough to cover the cost of their food and come with a willingness to lend a hand where it is needed. At night we'll sleep in a tent community with other pilgrims.

. My hope is that this experience will be for our students one of simplicity, personal prayer, rest, and renewal, punctuated by walks through the countryside and joyous conversation with new friends. If our time at Taizé is successful, I envision incorporating a pilgrimage to Taizé once every four years so that each student (rising Sophomore – rising College Freshman) will have the opportunity to attend once during his or her time as a student at TPC. Please be in prayer for our students as they prepare for this journey.

To see a brief video about life in the Taizé Community, visit.
<http://vimeo.com/channels/taizecommunity>

Summary of February Session Meeting

Following Clerk Bauer's customary review of communications received by the Church, which are committed to record, the Session opened its February meeting with a report from Elder Tim Beane regarding the status of the TPC Endowment Funds. Three requests for funds were made and approved in 2011. The Endowment Committee will be working on amendments to the governing by-laws pursuant to requirements laid-out in the current by-laws governing the funds.

Pastor Haney provided a brief summary of his activities, including pastoral care and membership items. He also noted his current involvement in the teaching of a Mission History class and plans to return to Oxford, England after Easter to continue his studies. Pastor Good provided updates on his Youth Ministry, including the 15 High School students that participated in the winter retreat and the upcoming youth fundraiser. He also reported on his pastoral care and confirmation class activities.

Deacon Kathy Bauer reported that the Diaconate successfully transitioned to a care share grouping based on zip codes/geography. Session was asked to comment on and approve continued use of TPC facilities by SPARC for their summer camp. A brief discussion concluded with a request that SPARC be presented with a clear list of expectations (including staff needs). Pursuant to acceptance of same, SPARC received Session blessing for continued lease of our facilities (SPARC lease resources are a component of TPC's annual budget). The Administration and Personnel Division offered and received approval for a new 2012 year Interim Pastor Covenant for/with Rev. Haney. A congregational meeting was also scheduled to offer for approval Associate Pastor Good's 2012 call and to hear a report from the Nominating Committee to elect Amy Glass to fill a vacant deacon position/term.


Finally, Nancy Millsaps provided a report of the Executive Council meeting held in February. The Executive Council suggested, and Session approved, a review of and, as needed, revisions to the current policy manuals of the various Divisions and Committees of TPC. Such review will incorporate the findings and directives of the visioning/discernment process undertaken in 2010-2011. The Executive Council will continue to meet on an as needed basis at the discretion of the Head-of-Staff.

The meeting was closed with a review of prayer needs and with prayer. Please continue to consider and encourage TPC's Elders and Deacons in your communications and prayers as we move forward in light of our new vision statement and the needs of our church and community. Members are encouraged to seek out Church officers for discussion if any questions or concerns arise.

CHURCH CALENDAR



2012

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
1 PALM SUNDAY Centsability 9:30am Sunday School 11 am Worship 12 Talent Show For Missions 6pm Youth Worship	2 3:00pm Swing Band 4:30 PM SPARC 7 PM Circle 2	3 10:00 AM Circles 3,4 1:30 pm Circle 5 4:15 pm SPARC 7 pm Scottish Dancers 7 pm PNC Meeting 8 pm - Pops Band	4 9:15 AM Staff Meet. 5:30 Tuckadings 6:30 PM M & M 7:30 PM Handbells/Choir Practice 7:30 PM Endowment	5 7 am AM Men's Bible Class 6:00 pm Dinner 6:45 pm Maundy Thurs service with communion 8 PM AA Meeting	6 12 Noon - Service in Memorial Garden (weater permitting) 12:30 LUNCH	7
8 EASTER 5:30am MS HS - Sunrise Service 9:30am Sunday School 11 am Worship 11 am Freedom H 12 Fellowship Hour 12:30 Easter Egg Hunt	9 3:00pm Swing Band 7:00pm Outreach Div 7:00pm Fellowship Div 7:30pm Christian Formation	10 5:30 pm Emergency Shelter Meal 7:00 pm PNC Meet. 7:00 pm Stewardship 8 pm - Pops Band	11 9:15 AM Staff Meet. 5:30 pm Tuckadings 6:00 PM Dinner 6:30 PM M & M 7:30 PM Handbells 7:30 PM Property 7:30 PM Worship/Membership Div	12 7 AM Men's Bible Class 7:30 Choir 8 PM AA Meeting	13 10:30 AM - MEALS 	14 10 AM SPARC
15 9:30am Sunday School 11 am Worship 12 Fellowship Hour 5:30 MS Youth 6:30 HS Youth	16 3 PM Swing Band 7 PM Adm/Pers.	17 7 pm PNC Meeting 8 PM POPS BAND	18 6:30 AM Mid-Week Oasis 9:15 AM Staff Meet. 10:30 AM MEALS ON WHEELS 6:00 PM Dinner 6:30 PM M & M 7:30 PM Diaconate	19 7 AM Men's Bible Class 9:30 AM Lamb's Basket Whse. 7:30 Choir 8 PM AA Meeting	20 10:30 AM - MEALS ON WHEELS 4 PM WEDDING REHEARSAL	21 POJ MS RETREAT WEDDING
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