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BUILDING ON LENT

I came across the following quote the other day and it really struck me, “*The fallacy of Lent can occur when we contain the season to six weeks of intentionality and introspection rather than **building a Lent that becomes a life***”¹ (emphasis mine). This idea struck me because whether we are giving something up or taking something up, at the end of the forty days (excluding Sundays), I venture to say we rarely think, “I like this, I am going to keep doing it!” Instead, when it comes to dietary abstentions, we are quick to return to eating or drinking the sacrifice. When it comes to spiritual discipline, how often do we hunt for “Easter through Ordinary Time” devotionals? It is a peculiar thing that we Christians are relieved to get back to our pre-Lenten spiritual homeostasis when often what we discover is a new level of spiritual enjoyment during the forty days.

This may be why some reformed Christians have been opposed to the practice of Lent. Some have pointed out that if what we choose to give up for a season is indeed detrimental to our discipleship (and not just our vanity) then why not give it up all the time? On the flip side, if the spiritual disciplines heighten our awareness of God and others, why not keep them up all the time? A case could be made that behaving in ways that require conspicuous sacrifice and discipline should be how we live as Christians year-round.

But, we are also a people who live in seasons. In this time of year, we transition from the dormancy of winter to the expression of spring. Unless you happen to live in places like San Diego, you know how seasonal changes can be abrupt. Our bodies are tied to nature’s cycles, and so in some ways our spiritual lives are as well. We will go through times of spiritual dormancy, of feeling distant from God, of indulging in that which we should not. In the season of Lent, we have a reminder that Jesus knows the strong temptations, the sense of abandonment, and so he sympathizes with our weakness.

So maybe a lesson from Lent is that what we build is a means to a better awareness of how much we need Jesus every day of our lives. Maybe it isn’t as much about what we give up or take up, but about how we journey more in touch with our dependency on God in Jesus Christ. May this be true for you the remainder of this Lenten season and beyond.

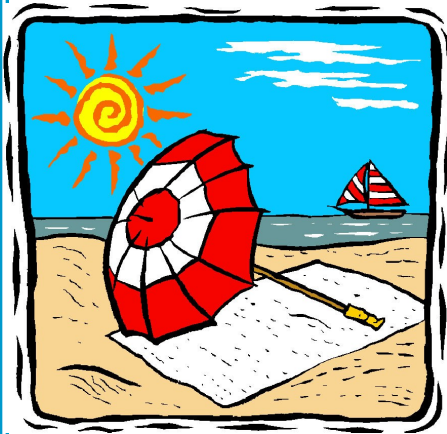
Grace and Peace,
Patrick



¹Feasting on the Word Lenten Companion; A Thematic resource for preaching and teaching, eds. David L. Bartlett, Barbara Brown Taylor, and Kimberley Bracken Long, WJK Press, Louisville, KY, 2014, pg. ix.

YOUTH MINISTRIES

TO THE PARENTS OF TPC'S WONDERFUL SENIOR HIGHS



We want to express our appreciation to you all for sharing your youth with us for beach retreat weekend. Once again, we were so impressed with their deep thoughts and emerging faith - balanced by their total craziness and fun-loving natures! (We also want to send a shout out to Anne Anderson and Anne Beane for providing some homemade food for the weekend, to give the advisors a bit less cooking duty!) Spending time with these high schoolers is one of the greatest rewards of serving as youth leaders. The world will be in good hands with young people like these at the helm.

Susan Galvin, Sarah Morgan, Rachel and Ethan Sherman, J-Kat and MadDog Stallings

SAVE THE DATE!

Middle
High School

Mark your calendars for Sunday, May 31. This special Sunday will give us a chance to recognize our graduating high school seniors during worship. Plan to be a part of this special day!



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RESULTS

Congratulations, Tuckahoe! We collected \$759.50 for the *Souper Bowl of Caring* on February 1. All of the funds were donated to Lamb's Basket. It was a resounding victory for the Seahawks (at least in the money count!)



YOUTH GROUP CALENDAR

March 1	9:30 a.m.	Youth Sunday - Come out and be a part of leading the congregation in worship this Sunday morning. We will meet during Sunday School hour (9:30) to put the finishing touches on the service. **No evening youth group.**
March 8	5:00 – 7:00 p.m.	POJ Youth Skating Event - We will join other youth from the Presbytery of the James for a skating party extraordinaire! We will meet at Skate-A-Way (3330 Speeks Road) at 5:00. The cost is \$5 per person, and the snack bar will be open for business, so bring extra money if you want to buy dinner or snacks. We will wrap up at 7:00, and you can be picked up there.
March 15	6:00-8:00 p.m.	Come join us at 6:00 for an activity and dinner followed by middle and high school programs. We will wrap up at 8:00.
March 22	6:00-8:00 p.m.	
March 29	6:00-8:00 p.m.	Come at 6:00 for an activity and dinner followed by a time of worship youth group style!



~DEADLINES APPROACHING!~

Middle School Youth Conference at
Massanetta, VA
“Wear Love”
June 18-21

High School Youth Conference at Montreat, NC
“This Is Our Story”
July 25-August 1

Pre-registrations are due to Sarah by March 22.

This is Our Story

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters. And God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. God saw that the light was good, and he separated the light from the darkness. God called the light "day," and the darkness he called "night." And there was evening, and there was morning—the first day. And God said, "Let there be a vault between the waters to separate water from water." So God made the vault and separated the water under the vault from the water above it. And it was so. God called the vault "sky." And there was morning the second day, and God said, "Let the water under the sky be gathered to one place, and let dry ground appear." And it was so. God called the dry ground "land," and the gathered waters he called "seas." And God saw that it was good. Then God said, "Let the land produce vegetation: seed-bearing plants and trees on the land that bear fruit according to their kinds and trees bearing fruit with seed in it according to their kinds. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening, and there was morning—the third day. And God said, "Let there be lights in the vault of the sky to separate the day from the night, and let them serve as signs to mark sacred times, and days and years, and let them be lights in the vault of the sky to give light on the earth." And it was so. God made two great lights: the greater light to govern the day and the lesser light to govern the night. He also made the stars. God set them in the vault of the sky to give light on the earth, to govern the day and the night, and to separate the day from the night. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening, and there was morning—the fourth day. And God said, "Let the water teem with living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth within the vault of the sky." So God created the great creatures of the sea and every living thing with which the water teems and every winged bird according to their kinds. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening, and there was morning—the fifth day. And God said, "Let the land produce living creatures according to their kinds." So God made the wild animals according to their kinds, the livestock according to their kinds, and all the creatures that move along the ground according to their kinds. And God saw that it was good. Then God said, "Let us make mankind in our image, in our likeness, so that they may rule over the livestock and all the wild animals, and have dominion over the earth. Bless them and multiply them." So God created mankind in his own image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them. God blessed them and said, "Be fruitful and increase in number and fill the earth. Subdue it and rule over every living creature that moves on the ground, and every bird that flies in the sky, and every beast that has life, and every creeping thing that crawls on the ground." God also said, "I give every green plant for food. But as for you, you shall not eat of it. You shall eat only seed-bearing plants and trees with seed in them. You shall be as I am, and you shall be fruitful and increase in number. You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, for when you eat of it you will die." And God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish of the sea and every bird that flies in the sky, and every beast that has life, and every creeping thing that crawls on the ground. And the animals that I give you shall be as food for you, as I have given the green plants to you. But you shall not eat of the flesh of any animal, nor shall you eat the blood of any animal. I have given you every herb that yields seed as food for you and for the animals that I have given you. You shall be fruitful and increase in number and fill the earth. The day is now completed, and it is the sixth day. Thus the heavens and the earth were completed in all their vast array. By the seventh day God had finished the work he had been doing, so on the seventh day he rested from all his work. Then God blessed the seventh day and made it holy, because on it he rested from all the work of creation.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

WHAT IS LENT?

"Lent" comes from the Anglo-Saxon word lencton, meaning "to lengthen", describing the time of year when the days grow longer. The time begins on Ash Wednesday and ends with Holy Saturday, covering forty days. Sundays are not included since Sundays are always a celebration of our Lord's resurrection, a "mini-Easter". The five Lenten Sundays are followed by the Sunday of the Passion / Palm Sunday, which begins Holy Week and is the last week in Lent.

In the early church, Lent was the time of preparation for the Easter baptism of converts to the faith. Persons who were to receive the sacrament of baptism, meaning "new birth" or "death to sin", were expected to fast and prepare during those weeks.

Lent is a time....

...for looking at the things we have done that are wrong, asking God's and other people's forgiveness;

...for giving up the things that keep us from being loving people;

...for doing extra things that will help us grow closer to God;

...to be more aware of what it means to love as God loves us;

...to ask God to help us to be more loving, remembering that God is always ready to strengthen us;

...to think about our baptism, and what it means to be a child of God.

WHO IS MY NEIGHBOR?

BACKPACKS FOR LENT PROJECT REMINDS US

Imagine that you have to leave your house suddenly – so suddenly that you cannot take anything with you. Now imagine that you are a child. What would you need if you had to stay away from your home for days, or longer?

That is the question we ask children in Sunday School as we take on our annual Lenten service project, "Backpacks for Lent". Each child brings items to help fill a backpack for a boy or girl in their age range. The backpacks are donated to Hearth of Henrico, a part of Henrico County Social Services. In turn, the backpacks are given to children, or a parent and children, in critical situations. Those in crises also receive help in finding overnight lodging or emergency placement for their safety and protection. This project assists children and parents who are abandoned, homeless, abused, or neglected. This is a year-round program. Anyone can donate one or more filled backpacks at any time. Most of the time, the backpacks are given to someone in need within days of receiving it.

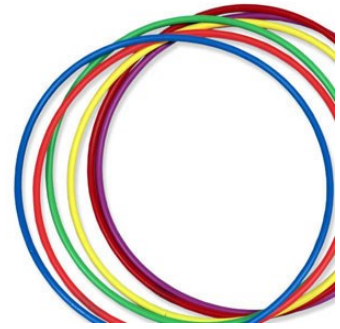
This is a hands-on project that is very close to home. The children who receive the backpacks might very well be someone in your child's or grandchild's class at school, or someone you walk by at the mall, stand behind in a grocery store line, or see in a car driving beside yours. Taking this on as a Lenten devotion certainly helps our neighbors in a way that will help them to be more comfortable in what is a frightening and unknown situation. We can all pray for children in emergency situations. We don't know their names, but God does.

-Becky Goode, Director of Children's Ministries

CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

WISH LIST FOR CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL, CHILDREN'S CHURCH, AND VBS

- Classic Lego sets, Lego people & wheels (not Duplo or preschool size) for VBS and other children's programs
- Hula hoops (for VBS decorating)
- Small toy vehicles (for VBS gathering tables)
- Children's puzzles of movement, as in vehicles/bicycles/running (for VBS gathering tables)



- Children's puzzles of Bible events: especially Moses, Solomon and the temple, Jesus healing and teaching, the empty tomb (for VBS gathering tables, Sunday School, nurseries)
- Used cafeteria trays (for Godly Play)
- Flat pieces of corrugated cardboard, as in the base of a case of bottled water
- 6-pack boxes of Model Magic, "Natural Colors" (found at Michael's or A. C. Moore) - 6 individual packs in a box

Items can be brought to the church office.

Please label: "for Children's Ministries".

LOOKING AHEAD IN CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

- March 1:** Godly Play Children's Church during worship, following "Moments with the Children". Library time for Class of the Dove. Spark lessons in other classes.
- March 8:** Godly Play in Class of the Dove. Spark lessons in other classes.
- March 15:** Library time for Class of the Flames. Spark lessons in other classes.
- March 22:** Godly Play in Class of the Flames. Palm cross-making and pretzel-making in Class of the Scripture. Spark lessons in other classes.
- March 29, Palm Sunday:** Godly Play in Class of the Scripture. Spark lessons in other classes. 4th and 5th graders distribute palm lapel crosses to the congregation. Children process with palms and sing in worship.
- April 5, Resurrection of the Lord / Easter Day:** Easter Term begins. Children's Church during worship. Egg hunts following worship.
- Wednesday evenings:** Following dinner with our church family at 6:00, M&M Kids and Skittles gather for singing, drama, and other fun activities. Occasionally, the children join in with the adults for an intergenerational program. Join us!

Questions? Would you like to volunteer to help? Contact Becky Goode, Director of Children's Ministries: phone- 201-0571 and email - krebeccagoode@gmail.com

CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

IT'S TIME TO GET EXCITED ABOUT VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2015!

WHEN: JULY 20-24 from 9:00 a.m.-12:10 p.m.

AGES: 3 years old - rising 5th grade

THEME: G-Force, God's Love in Action

"In God we live, move, and exist." - Acts 17:28

Shortly before July 20th, we will transform Duntreath Hall and many other rooms into G-Force Adventure Park! God's love will be put into action as children will become equipped to use their constant motion and movement, along with their talents and skills, in a Christ-centered direction. Preparation for that transformation, and the exciting week that follows begins now!

Take a look at the opportunity display in Duntreath Hall to help either pre-week or during VBS. The opportunities are many and of a great variety.

There is something for everyone!

Registration forms will be available this month.

Contact Becky Goode if you have questions. She will be happy to help you find an opportunity that is a good fit for you! Email krebeccagoode@gmail.com

Phone 201-0571



PARENTS' NIGHT OUT PLANNED FOR APRIL 24

Ages: Infant through 10-years-old

Time: 5:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Cost: \$5.00 per child

The fun evening will include pizza, crafts, games, and a movie!

Forms are available in the church office and by email request to Becky Goode at:

krebeccagoode@gmail.com.



OUTREACH COMMITTEE PRAYER REQUEST FOR MARCH

A mother and her children recently were evicted due to lack of money to pay the rent...

The mother and her children found shelter through Housing Families First, known to us as Hilliard House. Hilliard House is an interim home for up to 10 women and 20 children who are on their way to a permanent home but need a safe and supportive stopover. Here women receive support to help them gain more control over their lives as they work toward attaining permanent housing.

A veteran is homeless, has no money, no job skills...

This homeless veteran found assistance at Liberation Family Services. This facility, located in the former Freedom House building, provides transitional and rapid re-housing assistance to single adult males. The current focus is on serving veterans and the primary goal is permanent housing and self sufficiency. The facility has a capacity for up to 38 individuals.

A man has been living on the street, is cold, hungry, seeking employment without success...

This man found shelter at one of the Home Again facilities, known previously as the Men's Emergency Shelter. This building houses 28 men who, during their time of residency, receive help with the many issues facing a homeless individual. During their stay they participate in programs designed to build skills leading to self-sufficiency and are guided to resources which will help them obtain and maintain permanent housing.

During the month of March, please remember in your prayers:

- The programs which provide help for these individuals - that they may have the resources and staff to provide the help needed for their participants
- The participants in these programs - that they may take advantage of the resources provided them and be led to a better and more self sufficient life
- The volunteers from Tuckahoe who provide monthly meals and other needed items to Hilliard House and the Men's Emergency Shelter
- The beginning of a new effort to provide similar support to Liberation Family Services

LAMB'S BASKET REPORT FOR JANUARY

Good job, Tuckahoe! You contributed 87 pounds of non-perishable food in January. Let's see if we can increase our donations over the next several months. Always needed: peanut butter, canned fruits and vegetables, pasta (both dried and canned), and cereal.

Remember to deposit your food donation in a Sunday School room or in the hall area between the narthex and Duntreath Hall.



**FEED THE
HUNGRY**

OUTREACH

THANKS FOR YOUR TUCKAHOE WELCOME!

Thanks to all who volunteered your time, talent and treasure to welcome our CARITAS guests! We had a terrific turnout from all of you who cooked, served, laundered, bagged food-to-go, and helped out in other ways.

You helped Tuckahoe offer families a warm, safe, welcoming place to shelter. Thanks to you, we will be adding CARITAS to our yearly Outreach efforts again.



WHAT IS CENTSABILITY?



You hear about the "CentsAbility Offering" each first Sunday of the month...what is it?

CentsAbility is a small first step in the battle against hunger and poverty. Congregations invite every member – of all ages – to contribute a few cents at every meal. This simple act is an expression of thanks for what we have received. It is also a commitment to share with others in response to

Jesus' command "You give them something to eat." When members bring their offerings to church on the appointed Sunday, all of those coins "make a joyful noise unto the Lord" as they are received and dedicated.

These small acts of faithfulness can add up! One hundred persons in a congregation will contribute \$180 a month at two cents a meal. That's \$2,160 dollars a year!

CentsAbility originated in 1976 as "Two-Cents-A-Meal," a project begun by Presbyterian Women to involve individuals and families in a corporate response to world hunger.

Our CentsAbility Offering is divided between the Presbytery of the James (60%) to serve local needy groups within the Presbytery and hunger centers in Haiti. The remaining 40% stays at Tuckahoe and is used to fund the Salvation Army lunch program.

If you need a CentsAbility can to collect your meal offerings in, check out the Lamb's Basket donation center in the hallway between the narthex and Duntreath. If there aren't any left there and your family still needs one, please call the church office and we will see that you get one!

NEW “COOKING TEAM” BEING FORMED



Our Outreach Committee is discerning a call to begin assisting Liberation Family Services, a shelter focused on homeless veterans, by providing meals for the residents, all of whom are veterans in their care. In order to do so we need 8 members of our congregation to commit to forming a new “cooking team”.

“Liberation Family Services, otherwise known as LFS currently provides transitional and rapid-rehousing assistance to single adult males. We currently have a focus on serving veterans and our primary goal is permanent housing and self-sufficiency. Our transitional housing program provides homeless veterans an opportunity to receive the services and support they need to rebuild their lives.”

Currently there are 25 residents at the LFS facility on Hull Street. Our new cooking team will provide a dinner meal for the residents on a schedule yet to be determined – possibly monthly or every other month. This meal will consist of an entrée, salad, dessert, drinks. We will provide all of the paper products necessary for the meal. To complete this task there are several roles members joining the cooking team can commit to: grocery shopper, cook, or deliverer/server. Volunteers can commit to one or more tasks and can share dates with others as needed. Once we have our cooking team assembled, we will determine the schedule we will follow.

Please give this opportunity to assist Liberation Family Services and the veterans they serve thoughtful and prayerful consideration. Contact Shawna Shade, shawnashade@verizon.net or 266-8536 if you are interested in joining this mission effort. Liberation Family Services is ready for us to begin as soon as we have our team assembled so please do not delay in contacting me.



FOOD & FELLOWSHIP



UPCOMING WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPERS MENUS AND PROGRAMS

Join your church family and friends on Wednesday nights for dinner and several program options. At least one Wednesday a month, a group program will be offered. On the other Wednesdays, you may choose to be a part of Patrick's Bible study, join Sarah Dennis and Sarah Morgan for a *Faith in Films* program, or enjoy the fellowship of others while you work on a craft, bring a game to play, or just catch up on the week's events. Concurrent with the adult programming M & M Kid's and Skittles are enjoying music, dance, drama and down time! Bring the whole family for Wednesday night fun and learning!

<u>DATE</u>	<u>MENU</u>	<u>PROGRAM</u>
March 4	Lasagna, salad, bread and dessert; Kid's menu: ham/mac & cheese	Documentary: "Crooked" - Explores the history of Virginia's music culture and the living heritage of the Crooked Road. Written and directed by Martin Lederle-Ensign and David Ensign
March 12	Cooking Team 4: Baked potatoes and homemade soup	Bible Study: The Book of Revelation in Room 106 lead by Patrick Dennis.
March 18	Covered Dish	Faith in Films: Discussions led by Sarah Dennis and Sarah Morgan in the Church Parlor. See Sunday's Bulletins for info regarding upcoming movies to be explored.
March 25	Pork loin, roasted potatoes, green beans, salad, rolls & dessert; Kids' menu: spaghetti with sauce on the side	Fellowship: Bring a book to read, a game to share or work on your latest craft project. Church craft projects will also be available. Will meet in Duntreath Hall.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT PROGRAM, MARCH 4TH

Join us for a chance to view the documentary "Crooked". "Crooked" explores the history of Virginia's music culture and the living heritage of the Crooked Road. The 55 minute documentary includes interviews with Grammy winners Ralph Stanley and Dom Flemons, as well as visits with renowned instrument makers and performers Wayne Henderson, Mac Traynham, and Arthur Conner. Spend some time on the stages at the Carter Fold and the Floyd Country Store, and at some of the informal jam sessions that happen every week in small towns along the road. You will experience a slice of living history from the hills and hollows of Southwest Virginia, East Tennessee and Western North Carolina.

AROUND THE CHURCH



Shawna Shade writes: "What a surprise to find one recent Sunday morning the hymnal that I happened to open during the Sunday morning service was anonymously dedicated to me, ME, little ole me!! Who would have thought I would find such a gift, as I was about to break out into song? I never had any clue a member of our congregation had made such a generous gesture on my behalf, not until I just happened to open up that particular hymnal. It was truly a heart-warming surprise. To the member that was so generous and so sneaky, I thank you very much, from the bottom of my heart. Ours is truly a congregation of thoughtfully kind and generous members."

MUSIC MINISTRY

Our journey to Easter begins with Ash Wednesday.

Our Chancel Choir will be singing a beautiful new anthem entitled "*Behold, Behold, Your King!*" by Larry Shackley on Palm Sunday.

The Choir has begun rehearsals on a Musical entitled "*I Am the Lord of the Dance*" arranged by Joel Raney, to be presented on Good Friday evening, April 3, based on Sydney Carter's hymn, "*Lord of the Dance*". Carter describes Jesus as The Piper, calling us to the dance of life. The service will also include Tenebrae, narration and scripture which will tie together the verses of Lord of the Dance with other hymns and songs.

Easter celebration promises to be joyful, as brass and tympani will accompany our Bell and Chancel Choir. New Easter anthems will culminate with a triumphant arrangement of "Thine is the Glory" at the end of the service.

Just a word about KMD Bells, as some of you may have forgotten that acronym. Again, its Kids, Moms, and Dads Bell Choir. What major development and improvement since our start in the Fall. "We're playing 'real music' now!" When we played last, we premiered our new set of Choir Chimes. The Chimes are made of aluminum and the clapper is on the outside of the 'bell'. These chimes are light in weight, virtually indestructible, making for a much 'easier ring' for our younger ringers whose wrist muscles are developing, . We have the same number of Choir Chimes as we do Handbells for a matched double set. Both Bell Choirs will be using the Bells and Chimes, for diversity in sound.

Consider joining our music ministry...either in the choir or handbells...all are welcome! It's OK if you don't read music – that's why we practice.

We would love to grow the choirs, so come join us!

Mark Cain, Director of Music Ministries

AROUND THE CHURCH

FROM PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

All women are welcome for monthly Bible study and fellowship.

Circle 2 will meet on Monday, March 2 at 7:00 PM in the home of Mickey Mateer, 9202 Donora Drive.

Circle 1 will meet on Tuesday, March 3 at 11:00 AM in room 106. Dessert will be provided.

The PW Coordinating Team is considering leadership for the 2015/2016 year, as well as ideas for the future of the organization. Please contact Becky Theuer or Barbie Keatts with suggestions.



**PRESBYTERIAN
WOMEN**

Spring Clean Up Day



- What:** Tuckahoe Spring Clean Up Day
- Why:** Because we need help to clean, fix and freshen up the church for Spring and Easter.
- When:** Saturday, March 21st
Meet in Wilson Hall at 8:00 am with coffee, juice, muffins and donuts.
- How:** Many hands make light work, so bring your energy and a pair of gloves!
- What else:** If you have questions, call or see Tom Lee, Property Committee, or call Tom at 740-4907.

AROUND THE CHURCH



GUESS WHO'S COMING TO DINNER MARCH 21ST @ 6:00 P.M.

Mark your calendars for
Guess Who's Coming to Dinner,
Saturday, March 21 @ 6 p.m.

Dinner will be served at various homes (or restaurants if you like). No one will know the identity of their guests or host until the last minute. We are looking for hosts for the dinners. You may cook a meal or serve pizza or BBQ in your den. Whatever your style! If you are willing to host a dinner, please call Camellia Wroniewicz (370-5157) to sign up.

Sign up to be a guest in a few weeks, but **SAVE THE DATE NOW.**

THE OTHER SIDE

We at Tuckahoe have GREAT pride in our beautiful church. We take joy in and have appreciation for all of our facilities. The area outside of our Fellowship Hall, opposite the Heritage Garden, is in desperate need of attention. Please join us in our efforts to improve on this neglected area of TPC. We have started a small fund to be used for this purpose. Your contributions are welcome!

From The New Covenant Class
Ginny Creech



HENRICO COUNTY'S REAL ESTATE ADVANTAGE PROGRAM

Did you know that Henrico has a real estate tax relief program for the elderly and disabled?

You may qualify if:

- you own your real estate and it is your sole dwelling place
- you are 65 or older or permanently and totally disabled
- have taxable income of \$67,000 or less
- have a net worth of no more than \$350,000.

On average a resident can save \$1,150 per year with a maximum of \$2,500 per year. The deadline for applications is April 1st.

You may call the County of Henrico Department of Finance Revenue Division at 501-4672 for an application or more information.

AROUND THE CHURCH

HOLY WEEK AT TUCKAHOE

Mark your calendars for these special worship opportunities during Holy Week this year.

Sunday, March 29	Palm/Passion	11:00 a.m.	Worship with Processional of Children and Palms
Thursday, April 2	Maundy Thursday	6:00 p.m.	Covered Dish Supper
		7:00 p.m.	Maundy Thursday Worship & Communion
Friday, April 3	Good Friday	7:30 p.m.	Good Friday Service
Sunday, April 5	Easter Day	6:30 a.m.	Sunrise Worship on the Lawn
		11:00 a.m.	Celebration of the Resurrection and <i>Flowering the Cross</i>

FLOWERING THE CROSS

In spite of its function as a brutal form of execution, the cross stands at the center of our faith as a symbol of life. There can be no Easter without Good Friday, no Resurrection without the Crucifixion. Indeed, the cross, rather than the empty tomb, has held the place of honor as the primary symbol of the Christian faith. A modern expression of this idea may be found in the custom of *flowering the cross*.

As we did last year, Tuckahoe will celebrate the *flowering of the cross* on Easter morning during the Children's Sermon. You are invited to bring fresh blooms from your gardens to help fill the cross with emblems of "new life".

In preparation for the Easter event, the cross will be placed in the sanctuary on Palm Sunday, draped in purple. On Good Friday the cross will be draped in black and a crown of thorns added. Then on Easter morning the cross will be adorned with greenery and flowers and lifted high in celebration of the Resurrection of Our Lord.



MARCH 2015 CALENDAR

TPC Events, Adult Education, Contacts, Children's Ministry, Community Events, Outreach Events, TPC Events, TPC Meetings, Worship and Music Ministry, Youth Ministry, Holidays in United States Mar 2015 (Eastern Time)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>Youth Sunday</p> <p>9:30am - Sunday School 11am - Sunday Worship 12pm - After Church 12:30pm - Warinner 4:30pm - Confirmation</p>	<p>3pm - Swing Band @ 4pm - SPARC @ Rooms 200, 7pm - Circle 2 @ Ruth Anna</p>	<p>11am - Circle 1 @ Room 4:30pm - SPARC @ Rooms 7pm - Covenant Bible 7pm - Richmond POPS</p>	<p>9:30am - Staff Meeting @ 5:30pm - KMD Bells 6pm - WNS Supper & 6:30pm - M & M Kids; 7:30pm - HandBells @ 7:30pm - VA Terrier Club @</p>	<p>7am - Men's Bible Study @ 12pm - Lenten Bible Study 7:30pm - Chancel Choir 8pm - AA meetings @</p>	<p>9am - SPARC @ Rooms 200, 10am - Shade Waggle Scout</p>	<p>7</p>
<p>Daylight Saving Time</p> <p>9:30am - Sunday School 11am - Sunday Worship 12pm - After Church 12pm - Congregational 12:30pm - BP Check @ 1:30pm - Eagle Scout 4:30pm - Confirmation 6pm - Youth Group</p>	<p>3pm - Swing Band @ 4pm - SPARC @ Rooms 200, 7pm - Christian Formation 7pm - Outreach Committee</p>	<p>4:30pm - SPARC @ Rooms 5:30pm - Emergency 7pm - Covenant Bible 7pm - Richmond POPS 7pm - Stewardship</p>	<p>9:30am - Staff Meeting @ 5:30pm - KMD Bells 6pm - WNS Supper & 6:30pm - M & M Kids; 7:30pm - HandBells @ 7:30pm - Property 7:30pm - Worship &</p>	<p>7am - Men's Bible Study @ 12pm - Lenten Bible Study 7:30pm - Chancel Choir 8pm - AA meetings @</p>	<p>10:30am - Meals on Wheels 9am - SPARC @ Rooms 200, 1pm - Ruth Jordan</p>	<p>14</p>
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<p>9:30am - Sunday School 11am - Sunday Worship 12pm - After Church 4:30pm - Confirmation 6pm - Youth Group</p>	<p>3pm - Swing Band @ 4pm - SPARC @ Rooms 200, 7pm - TPC Book Club @</p>	<p>10am - PW Coordinating 4:30pm - SPARC @ Rooms 7pm - Covenant Bible 7pm - Richmond POPS</p>	<p>1</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4</p>

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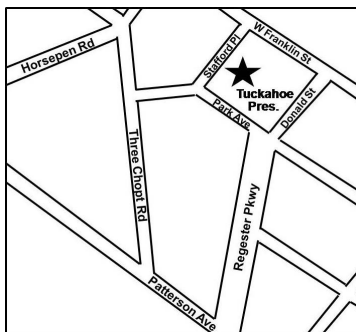
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