

THE TORCH



A NOTE ON FREEDOM

Freedom is perhaps *the* central, founding principle of our nation. Freedom is what Independence Day is all about. And continues to be at the heart of what it means to be an American. To be an American is to be a free person. We are surrounded by it, live in it, hear about it, and appreciate it. We have holidays like the 4th of July to celebrate it. But freedom is a word that also should strike at us for a different reason. We are Christians, and freedom is also something that is central to our faith.

Martin Luther once wrote a treatise called "On the Freedom of a Christian." In this treatise, he says this:

A Christian is a perfectly free lord of all, subject to none.

A Christian is a perfectly dutiful servant, subject to all.

He spends the rest of the treatise defending these two seemingly contradictory statements. Basically what he says is that Jesus Christ frees us from the slavery of good works. We are not justified by works, but we are justified only by faith in Jesus Christ. Because of that, we are completely free people, not under any sort of law that we must keep in order to earn salvation. But we are not set free from doing good works. No, in fact, Luther says that good works are imperative for a Christian. We must do good works because we are still people who live in this world of flesh and bones.

Matt Cleaver, Hope Lutheran Church

A PRAYER FOR INDEPENDENCE DAY

Dear Lord,

There is no greater feeling of liberation than to experience this freedom from sin and death that you have provided for me through Jesus Christ. Today my heart and my soul are free to praise you. For this I am very thankful. On this Independence Day I am reminded of all those who have sacrificed for my freedom, following the example of your Son, Jesus Christ. Let me not take my freedom, both physical and spiritual, for granted. May I always remember that my freedom was purchased with a very high price. My freedom cost others their very lives. Lord, today, bless those who have served and continue to give their lives for my freedom. With favor and bounty meet their needs and watch over their families. Help me to live my life in a way that glorifies you, Lord. Give me the strength to be a blessing in someone else's life today, and grant me the opportunity to lead others into the freedom that can be found in knowing Christ. Amen

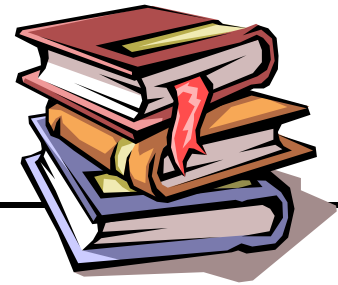
Mary Fairchild

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FROM THE INTERIM PASTOR'S STUDY



MOVING AHEAD IN SUMMER

Dear Tuckahoe Family,

“Summertime and the living is easy...” So go the lyrics of the song and the sentiment is an attractive one. School is out and the pool is open. Vacations come just in the nick of time for worn out workers and families who need some R & R. Even in the life of the church we slow down and have fewer meetings and not as many summer programs.

But all is not on hold at Tuckahoe. Interesting endeavors are just getting underway. A company of senior youth and their adult leaders are visiting Taizé, France for a week of spiritual retreat.

The **Taizé** community began in 1940 when, at the age of twenty-five, Brother Roger left Switzerland, the country where he was born, to go and live in France. In the silence of a long retreat, during the winter of 1952-53, the founder of the community wrote the Rule of Taizé, expressing for his brothers “the essential that makes the common life possible”. Today, thousands flock to Taizé for spiritual renewal. Each day, brothers of the community introduce a Bible reflection, followed by a time of silence and sharing in small groups.

Tuckahoe also has sent 23 representatives to Sunbright, Tennessee to serve in mission with the **Appalachian Service Project**. They are doing hands-on projects to repair substandard housing. ASP is a Christian ministry dedicated to serving families by repairing homes in central Appalachia.

At home our **Pastor Nominating Committee** diligently continues the search for a new minister, head of staff. They are reading PIF’s (Pastor Information Forms) and listening to sermons. This listening and reflecting will lead them to discern whom to interview. Our **Congregational Nominating Committee** also is working to begin the process of seeking elder and deacon candidates for new terms of service.

Finally, our VBS Team is busy preparing to teach children about Jesus and the Kingdom in our July **Vacation Bible School**. There is still time to register your children. And there are slots for volunteers as well.

Enjoy the easier pace of summer and seek to be refreshed in God’s grace. Join us for worship and pray for those on retreat, on mission, in school and those working behind the scenes. Such prayer actually is a kind of work. So in the season of vacations and quieter schedules, let’s work a bit. Let’s pray for these endeavors to please God and to move us forward.

Blessings in Christ,

Richard

AROUND THE CHURCH



AN UPDATE FROM YOUR PASTOR NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Sometimes the pace of life slows down during the summer, but not for the PNC! We have reviewed over 150 Pastor Information Forms (PIF) and spoken with several candidates over the phone recently. We have read sermons, listened to sermons, watched

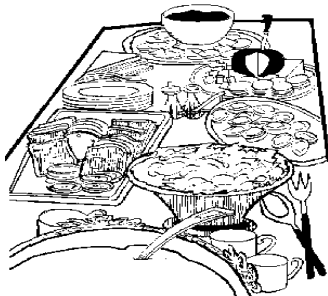
videos of sermons—and yet we are still at Tuckahoe regularly to listen to sermons! All kidding aside, the PNC feels ready to have further conversations with some of our candidates. This can be done over the phone, via Skype on the computer, or even face to face. When the second personal interview goes well, we will begin to hear sermons in person. We are still accepting and reviewing PIF's during this next stage, and welcome any names of candidates you may know. The PNC is prayerfully devoted to finding just the right candidate for our congregation and, as always, we appreciate your prayers and support.

~ Julia Adair, Anne Beane, Greg Blevins, Karen Cooke, John Flournoy, Ruth Anna Langdon, Mary McGee, Jim McLeskey and Walter Smith ~

SIGN UP TO HOST AN AFTER-CHURCH FELLOWSHIP HOUR

All of the Sundays in August and September are still open for sign-up!

Sign up on the calendar in the hallway or contact Dianne St. John with questions: dstjohn@richmon.edu



SPARC

BRAVO CAMP CONTINUES THROUGH JULY 11

We are pleased to be hosting SPARC's Summer Bravo Camp through Wednesday, July 11. Duntreath, Wilson Hall and the Education Building are full of laughter, singing, acting and dancing. If you are here during the day. Welcome our visitors!!

CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES



IMPORTANT – LAST UPDATE!

Now is the time to work on registering children. Our goal is 65 registrants! Spread the word and give registration forms to your family, friends and neighbors!

Online registration is available at tuckahoepres.org.

If you need registration forms, Becky Loggins will be happy to mail them to you.

Vacation Bible School will be held from 9:00 a.m. to 12:10 p.m. the week of July 16th – 20th. VBS is open to all children ages three years through rising fifth graders.

A nursery will be available for younger children of VBS volunteers.

VOLUNTEER POSITION NEEDED

Nursery Help for VBS Thursday (adult or older youth).

To volunteer in the VBS nursery, request registration forms, or ask questions, please contact Becky Loggins, Director of Children's Ministries,

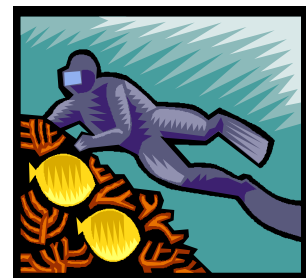
Phone: 201-0571 or email: bg18@comcast.net

Faith is the reality of what we hope for, the proof of what we don't see. – Hebrews 11:1

DECORATING TEAM, ADULTS & YOUTH (DUNTREATH HALL AND HALLWAYS)

Decorating will be done the week prior to VBS - prep work begins now! If you can help with prep and/or onsite decorating, contact

Jennifer Albertson at jhalbertson@yahoo.com.



CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

VBS AND SUNDAY SCHOOL WISH LIST

- Cheese spreader knives to loan (as many as possible)
- 4 inch or 5 inch star cookie cutters, 5 or 6 points (to loan, as many as possible)
- Crayola Brand Washable Markers, Classic Colors both regular and thin
- Children's Scissors - both round tip and pointed tip
- Clorox cleaning / disinfecting wipes - 10 containers
- Pre-moistened towelettes (like "wet ones")- 10 canister containers
- Food safe markers
- Elmer's brand school or all purpose glue
- Three CD players



Please bring items to the church office. Label them as "VBS" or "Children's Sunday School". Items loaned should be labeled with your name! General questions about the wish list or Vacation Bible School? Contact Becky Loggins at 201-0571 or email bg18@comcast.net.

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL VOLUNTEER UPDATE

As your schedules and activities change for the summer, please make time to prayerfully consider how you can be a part of the lives, learning and Christian journeys of the children in our church family. Many people think that "we have it covered". WE DON'T!

Current Sunday School volunteers have "signed up" for 2012-2013 terms; but, we do NOT have all the help we need and would especially welcome non-parent teachers.

There will be 4 classes: 2-3 year olds, 4 year olds - Kindergarten, 1st-2nd grades, and 3rd-5th grades. You will realize how easy but rewarding it is, you will not regret helping, and you will learn along with the children!

Open positions for 2012-2013 are:

Sept.9 - Nov.4 (All Saints Term)- *Assistants* in 2-3 yr old class / 3rd-5th grades class; *Snack Buyer/Server; Substitute teacher* in 2-3 yr old class for Sept. 23.

Nov.11 - Dec.23 (Advent Term)- *Assistant* in 2-3 yr old class; *Substitute teacher* and *Assistant* in 1st-2nd grades class for Nov. 25.

Jan.6-Feb.10 (Epiphany Term)- *Teacher* in 2-3 yr old class / 3rd-5th grades class; *Assistants* in 2-3 yr old class / 1st-2nd grades class / 3rd - 5th grades class

March 31-May 26 (Easter/Pentecost Term)- *Teacher* in 3rd - 5th grades class; *Assistants* in 2-3 yr old class / 1st- 2nd grades class / 3rd - 5th grades class

Ready to get your feet wet? Have questions?

Contact Becky Loggins, Director of Children's Ministries: at 201-0571 or bg18@comcast.net .



REACH OUT, JOIN IN!



A NIGHT AT THE DIAMOND

The Fellowship Committee is planning a night at the Diamond to see the **Flying Squirrels** play the **Akron Aeros**. Mark your calendar for **Thursday, July 19 at 7:00 p.m.** The game will be followed by fireworks. If we purchase at least twenty tickets we get reserved seats at a special price of **\$7.00 each**. Write your check to Tuckahoe Presbyterian Church for the purchase of the number of tickets you want. On the memo line of your check write: "baseball tickets" and mail to Kit Crawford, 4809 Candlelight Place, Glen Allen, Virginia 23060. The sooner we get our checks in, the better. Children, friends, and neighbors are welcome. There is no charge for children three and under if they sit in parents' laps. There is parking behind the Diamond (\$3.00 per car). Car-pools can be arranged. **Questions? Call Kit: 346-0616.**

JOIN THE JULY LUNCH BUNCH

On Monday, July 2, join fellow members of Tuckahoe for lunch in **Room 106**. [We are changing venues due to the SPARC camp here that week.] Call the church office to sign up or sign up on the friendship pad at worship.

Don't forget to bring your donation of non-perishable food for Lamb's Basket.

Hunger takes no vacation in the summer!

Terry Brady reports that the food collection for June from the congregation at large and the Lunch Bunch was 43.6 pounds. Let's see if we can top that in July and August!

CELEBRATE JULY 4TH IN AND AROUND RICHMOND

29TH ANNUAL CELEBRATE FREEDOM INDEPENDENCE DAY CONCERT, July 3.

Concert of patriotic and pop favorites by U.S. Air Force Heritage of America Band, children's activities, concessions and more with fireworks after the concert, beginning at 6:30 p.m. (concert at 7:30) at Genworth Financial headquarters, 6620 W. Broad St. Free. www.genworth.com/concert or 281-6699.

RVA FIREWORKS ON THE JAMES, July 3

Local arts groups – including Richmond

Youth Symphony Orchestra, SPARC and Richmond Ballet's Minds in Motion – entertain beginning at 7:30 p.m. and fireworks launch from Belle Isle and the Lee Bridge about 9:30. Brown's Island opens at 6 p.m. for spectators; concessions available; bring blankets or lawn chairs. Free. Viewing sites also from Virginia War Memorial, Oregon Hill, Manchester and Chimborazo Park.

www.fireworksonthejames.com

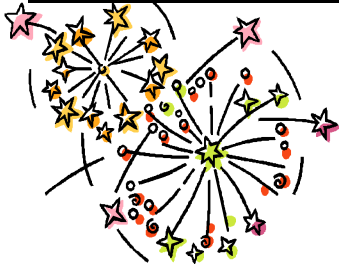


PARHAM PARADE AND FESTIVAL, July 4

Parade begins at 10 a.m. at Trinity Lutheran Church, 2315 N.

Parham Road, ends at noon at Parham

REACH OUT, JOIN IN!



Road Baptist Church, 2102 N. Parham Road, for ceremony honoring veterans and active military personnel, also family games,

music by Henrico County Concert Band and more. Free, concessions available; www.parhamparade.com.

ASHLAND FOURTH OF JULY FESTIVITIES, July 4.

Non-motorized parade starts at 11 a.m. at Henry Clay Elementary School on Hanover Avenue and marches to Hanover Arts & Activities Center, 500 S. Center St., for contests, music, crafts, games and small-town fun. Free. www.hanoverarts.org.

OLD-FASHIONED FOURTH OF JULY CELEBRATION, July 4.

Tethered hot-air balloon rides, music, arts and crafts, watermelon feast, entertainment and more, 1-5 p.m. at Meadow Farm/Crump Park, 3400 Mountain Road, Glen Allen. Free. 501-5134.

FOURTH AT THE FORT, July 4.

Celebration 2-10 p.m. with music, food, KidZone (\$1), concert by country artist Justin Moore at 7 p.m., culminating with fireworks at 9:35 p.m. at Williams Stadium at Fort Lee. Free; adults require photo ID. 765-3176.

CHESTERFIELD COUNTY FOURTH OF JULY CELEBRATION, July 4.

Children's activities, entertainment, food for sale and fireworks at dark, gates opening at 5 p.m. at the Chesterfield County Fairgrounds, 10300 Courthouse Road. Free. 798-1623.

RACING TO THE STARS & STRIPES, July 4.

Special holiday horse racing, with post time at 5 p.m., trackside concert, fireworks and family-friendly after-party at Colonial Downs, New Kent County. \$5; 12 and younger free. 966-7223.

DOGWOOD DELL FOURTH OF JULY, July 4.

Fireworks at 9 p.m. follow free concerts featuring pop songstress Susan Greenbaum (5:30 p.m.), Carillon bells (7 p.m.) and Richmond Concert Band in patriotic and popular favorites (7:30 p.m.) in Dogwood Dell, Byrd Park. 646-3355.

INDEPENDENCE DAY AT THE DIAMOND, July 4-5.

Richmond Flying Squirrels meet Binghamton Mets 6:35 p.m. July 4 and 7:05 p.m. July 5, with fireworks displays after each game, at The Diamond, 3001 N. Boulevard. \$7-\$11. 359-FUNN (3866).

FIREWORKS AT KINGS DOMINION

Kings Dominion celebrates Independence Day with brilliant fireworks displays. On July 4, free admission for all active and retired military personnel for the Tribute to the Armed Forces.



FIREWORKS AT BUSCH GARDENS
Busch Gardens is celebrating Independence Day weekend with three nights of patriotic pyrotechnics set to an awe-inspiring original music track. On July 2-4 at 9:30 p.m., Busch Gardens will fill the skies with shimmering silvers, gorgeous golds and bright reds.

www.buschgardens.com/va

MISSION AND OUTREACH

YMCA'S BRIGHT BEGINNINGS

Just a reminder that we still have openings for YMCA's Bright Beginnings shopping. Please consider spending a couple of hours this summer to help a child get off to a wonderful start to the new school year! Contact Amanda Carr at 804-287-4637 or Amanda.Carr@longandfoster.com if you can volunteer for one of the times listed below or if you have any questions about the program.

We have volunteer spaces available for the following shopping trips:
Thursday, 8/2/12 at 5:30pm



Tuesday, 8/7/12 at 5:30pm

Thursday, 8/9/12 at 5:30pm

Tuesday, 8/14/12 at 12:30pm

Thursday, 8/16/12 at 5:30pm

Tuesday, 8/21/12 at 5:30pm

Thursday, 8/23/12 at 5:30pm

**Tuesday, 8/28/12 at 12:30pm (Please be

advised that this is an overflow date and we may not need a trip this date).

You may sign up with a friend, your own child (middle school age or older), or individually and be paired with another person.

3RD ANNUAL YARD SALE COMING SEPTEMBER 8, 2012!

Tuckahoe's third annual Yard Sale will be held Saturday, September 8. The money raised from the Yard Sale goes to help support Tuckahoe's mission trips.

Here is what you can do now:

Please put the date on your calendar!

Begin putting aside your "treasures" for the yard sale. We appreciate if your clothing donations (gently used please!!) are already on hangers. Hold onto your treasures until September! Because of the lack of storage space at Tuckahoe, we cannot accept donations until September 5 - 7.



MISSION AND OUTREACH

HELP NEEDED !!! LOCAL OUTREACH OPPORTUNITY

The Outreach Division is planning a local mission trip on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, August 16, 17, and 18. Members of our congregation will be working with the Renew Crew of project:HOMES.

The Renew Crew works in the Greater Richmond area, assisting low-income, elderly and disabled people. The small, critical projects done with community volunteers help residents stay in their homes. Types of assistance include: painting, railing and porch repair, overgrown yard cleaning, outbuilding demolition, grab bar installation, and modular wheelchair ramp construction and installation.

We could certainly use Volunteers to HELP with this project. Can't make a three day commitment? No problem! You can sign up for 1 or 2 days or even a portion of a day. The sign-up sheets are on the Outreach Bulletin Board (located in the church main hallway across from the mailboxes). Make plans now to help our neighbors in need right here in the Richmond Area. For additional information contact Dot Smith at 282-3297.



THANK YOU, TUCKAHOE!

The children's Sunday School classes donated enough items to the ISH Backpack Project to fill four backpacks.

These backpacks go to children who have been removed from their homes.

Great job kids!

~ Meg Packard and Kaye Keyes



SUNDAY, JULY 1 FIRST UNITED PRESBYTERIAN JOINS TUCKAHOE IN WORSHIP

On Sunday, July 1, Reverend Dr. Willie Woodson will preach and members of First United Presbyterian Church will join us for our Sunday Worship service and Fellowship Hour.

We hope you are able to attend with your whole family and extend the hand of fellowship to our "Sister Church" and its members.

MISSION AND OUTREACH

MEET OUR NEIGHBOR OF THE MONTH: SELMA MANN

Mrs. Mann is Tuckahoe's oldest neighbor: she will turn 101 years old in October. She and her late husband, Berthold (Bert) Mann moved into the neighborhood in 1954 after having their house built. Mrs. Mann tells me that when they moved in everything beyond Edmondstone was trees. She was born Selma Rothschild in Richmond and grew up on West Grace Street. Her ancestors were German Jews who immigrated to the United States in the late 1700s.

Mrs. Mann graduated from John Marshall High School and continued her studies at Westhampton College (now the University of Richmond) where she graduated in 1931 with a degree in chemistry. At the time, the "acceptable" job was to become a teacher but Mrs. Mann had no interest in that. Instead she found a job working for two doctors as their lab technician at Westbrook Sanitarium which we know today as Westminster Canterbury. She worked there until she was married in 1942.

Mrs. Mann's late husband was from Germany and was quite an athlete in cycling, soccer and track. In 1935 he participated in the Maccabiah Games which is an international Jewish athletic event similar to the Olympics. Bert was able to escape Nazi Germany thanks to the help of William Thalhimer. In the 1930s Mr. Thalhimer did his part to assist youth at the Gross Breesen Agricultural Institute in coming to the United States by providing them with jobs. (You can read more about this in Robert H. Gillette's book: *The Virginia Plan: William B. Thalhimer and a Rescue from Nazi Germany*). Bert arrived in the United States in 1936 and was employed by Thalhimer's selling linens. In 1937 Mrs. Mann's mother was shopping for linens and the manager of the linen department knew her personally and introduced her to Bert since she had two eligible daughters. She invited Bert for supper and he and Selma began dating.

Bert and Selma dated for five years and then were married. Afterwards Bert returned to Germany during the war and worked as an interpreter. His fluency in German was a valuable skill as a translator. Following the war, Bert was in the army for three years and then opened a furniture store on 2nd Street: Mann Furniture Company.

Mrs. Mann has two children, five grandchildren and one great grandchild. She has been a longtime member of Beth Ahabah which I learned is the oldest synagogue on the East Coast. Mrs. Mann also loves orchids and I was able to admire some of her beautiful orchids in her home. The Manns were featured recently in the Virginia Holocaust Museum's newsletter after donating a silver service which had been taken from one of Hitler's homes during a raid and was given to Bert in appreciation for his efforts during the war.

I asked Mrs. Mann about her secrets to living to be over 100. She credits her neighbor and caregiver, Aileen Cruz, for taking such good care of her. She also says her dog, JB, keeps her going. Until Mrs. Mann was 96 she was very active socially in addition to walking the neighborhood three to four times a day - even in winter.

~Pam Burch

YOUTH MINISTRIES

Things tend to slow-down a bit in the summer months, but we will still continue to gather. Take a minute to note the exciting opportunities in store while you're on break. In case you've misplaced your decoder ring, I've provided a description for each of the events below.

SWAG TUESDAY—SWAG (Super Wicked Awesome Game) Tuesdays are everything you hope they might be, and more. Indoor, Outdoor, Active, Inactive, we're going to hang out, have some snacks and just play. Bring yourselves, your friends, your X-Box joysticks, (we have an X-Box 360 w/ Kinect) your running shoes. It will be super wicked awesome! Meet in the Sr. High Room.

ULTIMATE—Quite possibly the official sport of Presbyterians worldwide, we'll get together at Bandy Field (Next to the Village Shopping Center on Three Chopt) and chase a 175g plastic disc (not to be confused with a Frisbee). Bring shoes or cleats and friends.

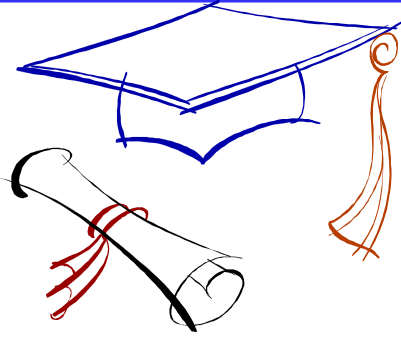
SUMMER YOUTH GROUP—If you thought a typical youth group night was laid-back, see what happens when we get into summer mode. We'll join together for some recreation, singing, and have a conversation about Jesus. Because that's what we do.

— From Steven Good —

MONTREAT— Our annual trip to the youth conference will be July 23-30. Registration closes June 15. Please contact Steven Good for more information.

SUMMER SCHEDULE		
Dates	Time	Event
July 10	1:30-4:00	SWAG Tuesday
July 15	6:00-8:00	Summer Youth Group
July 17	1:00-4:30	SWAG Tuesday
July 21-28	All Day	Montreat
July 31	1:30-4:00	SWAG Tuesday
August 11	6:00-8:00	Summer Youth Group
August 13	10:00-12:00	Ultimate @ Bandy Field
August 20	1:30-4:00	SWAG Tuesday

ABOUT OUR MEMBERS



CONGRATULATIONS, GRADUATES!!

Sixteen members of Tuckahoe celebrated either High School or College Graduation this year. Please offer your congratulations to them (and their parents!) when you see them!

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES

Margaret Fitzgerald Beane (Maggie), daughter of Tim and Anne Beane, graduated from Douglas S. Freeman High School and will be attending Fordham University, Bronx, New York City in the fall of 2012.

Genevieve Claire Estes, daughter of Tim and Marilyn Estes, graduated from Mills E. Godwin High School and will be attending Liberty University in the fall of 2012.

Anna Elizabeth Lacy, daughter of Bob and Kathy Lacy, graduated from Mills E. Godwin High School and will be attending James Madison University in the fall of 2012.

Sarah Jeanne Shimer, daughter of Chuck and Leslie Shimer, graduated from The Steward School and will be attending Colby College Waterville, ME in the fall of 2012.

Sara Catherine Sommers (Sally), daughter of Jeff and Sara Sommers, graduated from Collegiate School and will be attending the University of Virginia in the fall of 2012.

William Alexander Theuer (Will), son of Stephen and Becky Theuer, graduated from Mills E. Godwin High School and will be spending a year in Germany with the Congress-Bundestag Youth Exchange then enrolling in the College of William and Mary in the fall of 2013.

Morgan Leigh Turner, daughter of Roger and Cheryl Turner, graduated from Mills E. Godwin High School and will be attending Virginia Tech in the fall of 2012.

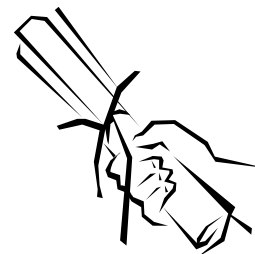
COLLEGE GRADUATES

Sarah Anne Beane, daughter of Tim and Anne Beane, graduated from Georgetown University in December 2011 with a Masters in International Security and is working for the Department of Defense in Washington, D. C.

Timothy Paul Beane, Jr. (Paul), son of Tim and Anne Beane, graduated from the University of Virginia in May, 2012 and is working for CapCenter in Richmond.

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Kevin Edward Calhoun, son of Phil and Valerie Calhoun, graduated from Hampden-Sydney College in May and will attend the Norman A. Wiggins School of Law, Campbell University, Raleigh, NC beginning in August 2012.



Matthew Bates Clegg, son of Bill Clegg and Sarah Bates, graduated from the Florida State University Film School in December, 2011 and is working for Bloomberg TV in New York City.

Gray Spotswood Crenshaw, daughter of Bill and Judi Crenshaw, graduated Magna Cum Laude from Fordham University in May and is working for Spero Media, an advertising and digital media firm, in New York City.

Laura Elizabeth Hogan, daughter of Walter Hogan, graduated from East Carolina University in May and has joined Bevello, a women's clothing retailer, in its management training program in Raleigh, NC.

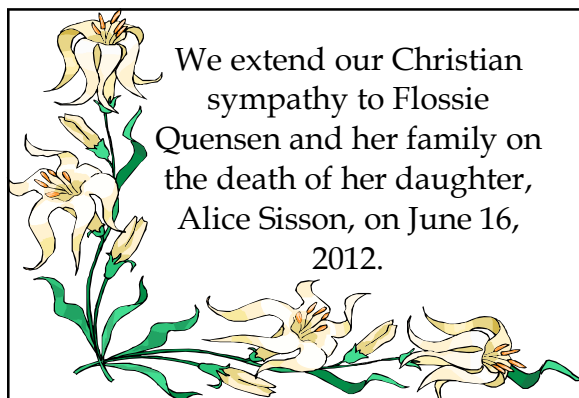
Kathryn Austin Lacy, daughter of Bob and Kathy Lacy, graduated Summa Cum Laude from Virginia Tech in May and will be attending the Virginia-Maryland Regional College of Veterinary Medicine in Blacksburg, VA beginning in August 2012.

Ann Powell Smith, daughter of Walter and Dot Smith, graduated from James Madison University in May and will enroll in the Master of Arts in Teaching program at James Madison in the fall.

Catherine Patricia Theuer, daughter of Stephen and Becky Theuer, graduated from Cornell University in May and is working for IBM in Boston, MA.



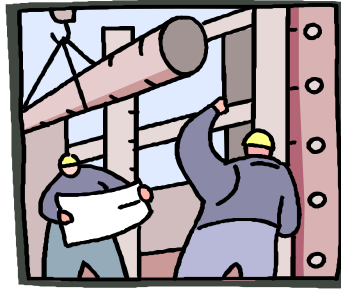
Joan Neff welcomed a new grandson, Danny Patrick Edmiston, on May 29th. **Congratulations!!!**



We extend our Christian sympathy to Flossie Quensen and her family on the death of her daughter, Alice Sisson, on June 16, 2012.

 * ~THANK YOU~ *
 * **Ruth Nauman writes**, "I am enjoying the beautiful roses that adorned the chancel for the June 3rd Worship Service. The lively visit with Olivia and Robins Buck who delivered them, was appreciated also!"
 * **Greg Wilson's Family writes**, "We, the entire family of Greg Wilson, would like to express our heartfelt thanks to Rev. Haney and Rev. Good and the Tuckahoe Presbyterian Church for the funeral service, the genuine friendship, the nice reception and Greg's burial in the Memorial Garden. May God's blessings be with all of you. Greg was right in claiming your church as his and his two daughters, Amanda and Katie. Sincerely, Cecil and Martha Wilson"

BUILDING COMMITTEE UPDATE



We are providing this information to make you aware of the capital campaign totals and the renovation projects completed through May 31, 2012. If you have any questions about this information, please contact a member of the Building Committee.

A.W. Dickerson
Dick Mateer

Ray Hoge
Chuck Shimer

Bob Lacy

Tom Lee

Camellia Wroniewicz

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN RESULTS (AS OF 5/31/12)

Gifts pledged: \$680,000.00 **Gifts received:** \$663,174.37 **% Received:** 97.5

Our congregation has been generous in their giving during several years of worldwide financial difficulty. On behalf of the larger congregation, the Building Committee would like to express its appreciation for the pledges that were made and the gifts that were received. If you have not fulfilled your pledge, we gratefully would receive the remainder of the pledged amount.

FINAL PROJECT



The project remaining on the original list approved by Session is the installation of an elevator in the shaft that currently exists.

We have received a bid of \$85,992 to accomplish this task. We have \$23,884.51 remaining in the capital campaign fund and \$9,490.53 in the elevator fund*. The total of these two available funds is \$33,375.04, leaving a balance of \$52,617 to make this project a reality. We have sent a request to the congregation seeking to raise the additional funding. The first \$25,000 contributed will be matched with funds from the Endowment as approved by Session.

Thank you for considering a gift to this project. Pledges should be completed and returned to the church office by September 15, 2012 and your gift received no later than December 31, 2012.

***Church members have been contributing to this fund for approximately twenty years.**

RENOVATION PROJECTS AND COSTS (AS OF 5/31/12)

Administration (Analysis of physical plant needs; commissions on stock gifts)	\$11,013.52
John Knox Chapel (Gifts in kind not included in total expense)*	5,300.00
Sanctuary, Narthex and Foyer (Project included roof repair, exterior painting, barrier free access from Park Ave. to the foyer, audio system improvements, plaster repair, new floor covering, interior painting, and a new ceiling and lighting in the narthex)	284,430.79
Exterior Painting (Wood surfaces of all buildings but the Sanctuary; repair of the Wilson Hall cupola)	54,260.55
Repaving of parking lot; repair of gravel parking areas	31,065.00
Establishment of the Ned Warinner Capital Replacement Fund (Money available for planned replacement of mechanical systems)	125,000.00
Wilson Hall (Interior painting, new air conditioning unit, new chairs)	15,000.02
Duntreath Hall ** (Painting, floor covering, ceiling acoustic system)	43,013.09
Sidewalk Repair **	3,500.00
Education Wing (Renovation of the major room on the second floor of the education wing including the creation of a new classroom; renovation of two stairwells)	67,074.27
TOTAL	<u>\$634,357.24</u>

* In kind gift, \$5,300 not included in total shown.

** Indicates this project was not on the original list of projects approved by Session.
Projects inserted because of obvious need.

He is like a man who built a house, and dug deep, and laid the foundation on a rock: and when the flood arose, the stream beat vehemently upon that house, and could not shake it: for it was founded upon a rock.

Luke 6: 48



Registrants AND volunteers please complete and return!

Vacation Bible School will be held from **9:00 a.m. to 12:10 p.m.** the week of **July 16th - 20th**. VBS is open to all children ages three years (born by 1/1/09) through rising fifth graders. Please note that all participants must be toilet trained. Nursery will be available only for younger children of VBS volunteers. This summer's program is "**Operation Overboard - Dare to Go Deep with God!**"

At Operation Overboard, your children will become "divers-in-training" as they explore God's underwater universe. They will dive into:

- Daily Ocean Insights and Sea Scriptures; Deep Sea Voyage Bible Stories of people showing deep faith;
- Ocho's Cove (assembly time); Choral Reef (music); Aquatic Arts (crafts); caring Outreach projects; High Tide Hangout (recreation); and the Diver's Diner (cooking), and much, much more!

PLEASE consider being a volunteer for Vacation Bible School and complete the information at the bottom of this form.

We need many people to make this week a success.

Please register each child with the information below and return the registration forms (to the church office, mailing address below, or to the VBS mailbox inside the church) **with a check for \$10 per child (a maximum of \$25 per family)** to Tuckahoe Presbyterian Church **as soon as possible**. Please contact Becky Loggins, 201-0571 or bg18@comcast.net if you have any questions or need additional forms.

"Faith is the reality of what we hope for, the proof of what we don't see." - Hebrews 11:1

Child's Name _____ Sex _____ Age on 7/16/12 _____ Birthdate _____
 Street Address _____
 City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____
 Parents' Names _____ Email Address _____
 Home phone _____ Work phone _____ Cell phone _____
 Child will be entering: _____ Preschool or _____ Kindergarten or the _____ Grade in the fall of 2012.
 Attends what church? _____

How did you hear about Vacation Bible School? _____
 Other Emergency Contact & Relationship _____ Phone _____
 Allergies or Conditions: _____

Pediatrician's Name _____ and phone number _____

*** HOW CAN YOU HELP? VOLUNTEER NOW!** Areas including: teachers and assistants for classes, music, *recreation, cooking, arts & crafts, worship, nursery, refreshments, supplies, decorating, and publicity.

* _____ I can help as a teacher or assistant and would prefer _____ grade.

* _____ I can help with _____ Days, if any, not available: _____

*Name _____ Phone number _____ Email: _____

Please return this form with a check as soon as possible to:
Tuckahoe Presbyterian Church, 7000 Park Ave., Richmond, VA 23226

CHURCH CALENDAR

JULY 2012



SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
1 10:00 am Worship with First United Presbyterian/ Communion 11:00 am Fellowship Hour	2 8:00 am SPARC 9:30 am & 7:00 pm Stephen Ministry 12:00 pm Lunch Bunch 3:00 pm Swing Orchestra	3 8:00 am SPARC 7:00 pm PNC	4 OFFICE CLOSED HAPPY JULY 4TH!	5 7:00 am Men's Bible Study 8:00 am SPARC 8:00 pm AA	6 8:00 am SPARC	7
8 10:00 am Worship Freedom House Meal 11:00 am Fellowship Hour	9 8:00 am SPARC 9:30 am & 7:00 pm Stephen Ministry 3:00 pm Swing Orchestra 7:00 pm Outreach 7:30 pm CF	10 8:00 am SPARC 1:00 pm SWAG Tuesday 5:30 pm Emergency Shelter Meal 7:00 pm PNC	11 8:00 am SPARC 9:15 am Staff Meeting 7:30 pm Property 7:30 pm Wor- ship/ Membership	12 7:00 am Men's Bible Study 8:00 pm AA	13 10:30 am Meals on Wheels	14
15 10:00 am Worship 11:00 am Fellowship Hour 6:00 pm Youth Group	16 VBS 9:30 am & 7:00 pm Stephen Ministry 3:00 pm Swing Orchestra 7:00 pm A & P	17 VBS 1:00 pm SWAG Tuesday 7:00 pm PNC	18 VBS TORCH DEADLINE 9:15 am Staff Meeting 10:30 am Meals on Wheels	19 VBS 7:00 am Men's Bible Study 9:30 am Lamb's Basket 6:00 pm Flying Squirrels Game 8:00 pm AA	20 VBS 10:30 am Meals on Wheels	21 YOUTH DEPART FOR MONTREAT YOUTH CONFERENCE
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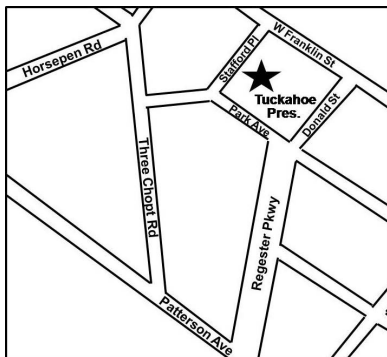
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voice, hands and feet
of Christ where
the Spirit leads us.



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