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## TUCKAHOE CALLS A NEW PASTOR

On Sunday, June 23, 2013 a Congregational Meeting was called to hear the report from our Pastor Nominating Committee. Jim McLeskey, Moderator of the PNC, introduced the candidate for approval as the next Pastor/Head of Staff for Tuckahoe – **Patrick Allen Dennis**. Jim spoke about the process that the PNC has been through over the past twenty-one months, including preparation of the Church Information Form, review of over 270 Pastor Information Forms, phone interviews with sixteen candidates and personal interviews with five candidates. He stated that the committee felt that the Holy Spirit was guiding and directing them throughout this lengthy discernment process. All of the members of the PNC then spoke and shared with the congregation the reason they felt Patrick was a great “fit” for Tuckahoe.

The congregation voted unanimously in favor of the motion to approve Patrick’s call to Tuckahoe. After that vote was counted, the congregation voted on three other motions: the Terms of Call for Patrick, the election of four members of the congregation to sign the Pastoral Call Form for Presbytery and the dissolution of the PNC. All three motions were passed.

Tuckahoe is especially grateful for the hard work and untiring dedication of the PNC. The nine members of the committee were: Julia Adair, Anne Beane, Greg Blevins, Karen Cooke, John Flournoy, Ruth Anna Langdon, Mary McGee, Jim McLeskey and Walter Smith.

Patrick will begin work at Tuckahoe on August 1 with a few weeks off to move his family to Richmond. His first Sunday in the pulpit will be September 8. More information about Patrick and his family can be found on the following page.

This is an exciting time in the life of Tuckahoe!  
We are really looking forward to having Patrick, Sarah,  
Audrey and Iain join our Tuckahoe family!



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## REVEREND PATRICK DENNIS

Reverend Patrick Dennis and his wife, Sarah, come to us from just up the road in Fredericksburg where they have served at The Presbyterian Church. Patrick has been the Associate Pastor since 2006 and Sarah has been the Director of Youth Ministry since 2008. Patrick and Sarah met at Princeton Theological Seminary and were married outside of Houston in 2007. Patrick's parents moved to Fredericksburg. Sarah's family still lives in Houston.

Patrick was born in Auburn, Washington, a suburb of Seattle, and is an only child. He attended community college and then enrolled at the University of Puget Sound where he earned a bachelor's degree in Business Administration with a Religion minor. Patrick worked as a sales representative for two years before enrolling in seminary. He graduated from Princeton Theological Seminary in May 2006 with a Masters of Divinity degree and was awarded a prize for outstanding achievement in homiletics. He began his call in Fredericksburg following graduation.

Sarah was born in Mission Viejo, California. She has an elder sister and her family moved around during her childhood, across the United States and Europe. She attended Baylor University and majored in Communications. She was raised in the United Methodist Church and was in the ordination track until discovering that her theology aligned more with the PC(USA). She earned a Masters of Divinity from Princeton a year after Patrick and shortly after marrying Patrick joined The Presbyterian Church and is currently a candidate for ordination as a teaching elder (minister).

In addition to his work at the church, Patrick serves on the Personnel committee for the Presbytery of the James and until recently on the Board of Directors for a non-medical hospice agency.

Patrick and Sarah have two children, Audrey (4), and Iain (2), and a Golden Retriever, Kona. Their family enjoys the outdoors, taking walks and riding bikes and playing seemingly endless fetch with Kona. Patrick's hobbies include playing the trumpet and singing as well as a variety of different types of exercise, including bicycling and weight training.

Sarah and Patrick are excited to unite with Tuckahoe Presbyterian Church and are looking forward to the opportunity to be part of a vibrant congregation that seeks to serve God and the surrounding community. They are eager to get to know all of you and share in this exciting next phase of ministry.

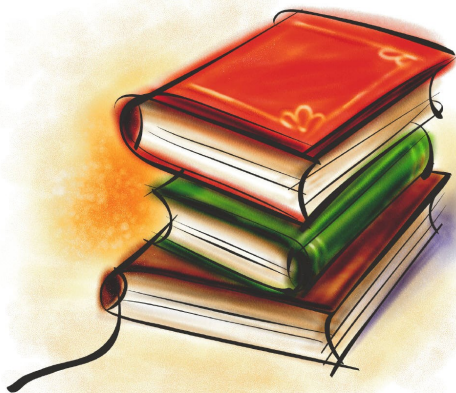
*<sup>19</sup> I am about to do a new thing;  
now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?  
I will make a way in the wilderness  
and rivers in the desert.*

*<sup>20</sup> The wild animals will honor me,  
the jackals and the ostriches;  
for I give water in the wilderness,  
rivers in the desert,*

*to give drink to my chosen people,  
<sup>21</sup> the people whom I formed for myself  
so that they might declare my praise.*

Isaiah 43: 19-21

# FROM THE PASTOR'S STUDY



## ALREADY... NOT YET

“Eschatology” is a theological word referring to the last things. Christians believe that the world has a beginning (Creation) and an end (Consummation). The New Testament says a bit about Christ’s Return, Judgment, Glory, plus Heaven & Hell. In the mid-20<sup>th</sup> century two scholars, C. H. Dodd (British) and George Eldon Ladd (American) articulated a view called “realized eschatology.” Their slogan was something like “already / not yet.” The biblical tension between *already* (Christ inaugurated the Kingdom and introduced the final things in his own person and work) and the *not yet* (this world shows a rebellious resistance and we await the return of Christ) is pervasive.

I am sensing an already/not yet sensibility in my own life right now. In early May I submitted a rough draft of my dissertation to the folks in Oxford; on June 3 I had a pre-viva (practice defense). It seems that already I have finished the research and the writing. But now I need to make some revisions and cut 10,000 words (35 pages) in order to submit the final version – and then I need to return to Oxford for the final defense (*viva voce*). So it seems like I’m already done with this academic journey but I’m not yet at the true finish line.

Likewise, Tuckahoe Presbyterian is living out an already/not yet scenario. The congregation has called a new minister. Congratulations to the PNC for their fine work and to Patrick Dennis on his new call. It seems like a new day is already here and yet it has not arrived in full. We have a summer to get ready for new leadership and a new season. Patrick and his family must say their goodbyes and make the move to Richmond. I have a few more sermons to preach and visits to make. Already a new season is coming but it is not yet here.

The already/not yet tension works itself out every day in our Christian lives. We already are disciples committed to loving God and serving our neighbors. We already are baptized believers engaged to exhibit grace and truth. We are saved by grace and not by works lest anyone should boast. But we are not yet fully on board with God’s kingdom principles. We still stumble; our selfishness till shows up from time to time. We still have Bible passages and life lessons to learn. We still have opportunities for Christian witness and service that call out to us.

Let’s embrace “realized eschatology” and live in the moment with an eye on tomorrow. Already we praise God for His marvelous deeds but we have not yet seen all the good plans God has for us – plans to prosper us and to give us hope. Glory be to God – Father, Son and Spirit!

*Peace and Grace,  
Richard*

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# CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

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## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2013 FINAL UPDATE!

WHEN: JULY 15-19 from 9:00 a.m. – 12:10 p.m.

AGES: 3 years old – rising 5<sup>th</sup> grade

THEME: Everywhere Fun Fair – Where God's World Comes Together!

### **Please Note the Open VBS Positions and Needed Items Below:**

Nursery Care (for children of VBS volunteers):

1 Adult (one or more days)

Youth Helpers:

(rising 6<sup>th</sup> grade through high school)

1 : 3 year old class

1: Rising kindergarten #2

1 : Rising 1st grade class

1: Rising 2<sup>nd</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> grades class

1: Rising 4<sup>th</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grades class (rising 8<sup>th</sup> grader or older)

Decorating Team for Duntreath Hall only - needs 4 more people

Photographer

Side-kick to the puppet

Bible characters to visit classrooms and tell story of the day

*Love the Lord your God...and love your neighbor as yourself. –  
Luke 10:27*

# CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL & CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL WISH LIST

Items can be brought to the church office.

- 1) 2 small backyard-type canopies (loan)
- 2) 2 First Aid kits
- 3) Red and white rolls of plastic table covers
- 4) red and white crepe paper
- 5) pinwheels
- 6) strings of multicolored pennant flags
- 7) maps, old or new, of anyplace!
- 8) Small bottles of Elmer's brand glue (prefer 4 oz. size, but 8 oz. will work, too) - need many
- 9) wide red duct tape
- 10) Scotch brand transparent tape (regular Scotch tape) - need many
- 11) African drum that can be used (loan)
- 12) Strings of white or multicolored lights (loan)
- 13) Cheese spreaders (loan - as many as possible)
- 14) Crayola brand washable markers, classic colors both regular and thin
- 15) Children's scissors - both round tip and pointed tip
- 16) Clorox cleaning/ disinfecting wipes - 10 containers
- 17) Pre-moistened towelettes (like "Wet Ones") - 10 canister containers
- 18) CD players - donate, 3 needed

Bring items to the church office; label them as "VBS" or "Children's Sunday School". Items loaned should be labeled with your name! Questions? Contact Becky Loggins, phone: 201-0571 or email at [krebccagoode@gmail.com](mailto:krebccagoode@gmail.com)

We cannot hold VBS without your time and help.  
**Thank you to those who have already filled a position and  
or contributed items!**



wish list

# CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

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## 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! Previous year's Sunday School volunteers have "signed up" for 2013-2014 terms. We do NOT have all the help we need and would especially welcome non-parent teachers.

There will be three or four classes: 2-3 year olds (tentative), 4 year olds - kindergarten, 1<sup>st</sup>-2<sup>nd</sup> grades, and 3<sup>rd</sup> -5<sup>th</sup> 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 2013-2014 ARE:

**Sept. 8 - Nov. 3 (All Saints Term)-** Teachers in 2-3 yr old class / 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grades class; Assistants in 2-3 yr old class / 1<sup>st</sup>-2<sup>nd</sup> grades class; Snack Buyer/Server.

**Nov. 10 - Dec. 22 (Advent Term)-** Teacher in 2-3 yr old class; Assistant in 2-3 yr old class / 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grades class.

**Jan. 5 - Mar. 2 (Epiphany Term)-** Snack Buyer/Server

**March 9 - April 13 (Lenten Term) -** Snack Buyer/Server

**April 20 - May 25 (Easter/Pentecost Term)-** Teacher in 1<sup>st</sup>-2<sup>nd</sup> grades class / 3<sup>rd</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> grades class; Assistants in 2-3 yr old class / 1<sup>st</sup>- 2<sup>nd</sup> grades class / 3<sup>rd</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> grades class; Snack Buyer/Server

Note: If we do not have a 2-3 year old class, those signed up to help in that class will be asked if they are willing to help in another class.

Ready to get your feet wet? Have questions? Contact Becky Loggins, Director of Children's Ministries: phone 201-0571 or email [krebccagoode@gmail.com](mailto:krebccagoode@gmail.com).

# YOUTH MINISTRIES



## SUPER SUMMER YOUTH GROUP PLANS!

This summer the youth will be meeting Fridays at church. If you are in middle or high school, enjoy hanging out with awesome people, and love playing super amazing games, this is the place for you! Please come with friends and your Bibles! Dinner will not be provided, so remember to bring some. Most nights will run from 6 to 8, but stay tuned for news about special events! Please see Morgan Turner if you have any questions. We can't wait to see you all !

YOUTH GROUP CALENDAR		
<b>July 5</b>	6:00 – 8:00 p.m.	Bring your own dinner, your friends and come for...making ice cream!
<b>July 12</b>	No youth group	
<b>July 15 – 19</b>	9:00 a.m. – 12:10 p.m.	Vacation Bible School @ TPC...sign up to help, if you haven't already!!
<b>July 19</b>	6:00 – 8:00 p.m.	Bring your own dinner, your friends and come for...Gillette Games!
<b>July 21 – 27</b>	All Week	Montreat Youth Conference, Montreat, NC for High Schoolers
<b>July 26</b>	6:00 – 8:00 p.m.	Bring your own dinner, your friends and come for...Minute to Win It!
<b>August 2</b>	6:00 – 8:00 p.m.	Bring your own dinner, your friends and come for...FARKLE!

# OUTREACH

## JOINING HANDS WITH CINDY CORELL (MISSION CO-WORKER IN HAITI)

Some of you who attended the Wednesday night dinner on April 17th will remember Cindy Corell, a mission co-worker who was going to work in Haiti, (Port-au-Prince), to help facilitate the Joining Hands network, a ministry of the Presbyterian Hunger program. Our church has chosen to help support Cindy in the year 2013, and on a quarterly basis we hope to keep you updated on her journey and progress. To refresh your memory, Cindy is a member of Tinkling Spring Presbyterian Church in Fishersville, Virginia, and left a 27 year newspaper career with the News Leader in Staunton, Virginia to partner in this mission service.

Cindy arrived in Port-au-Prince on May 25 to begin her three-year term there, working with Haitian agricultural groups. At the writing of this article, she has only been there a week and has been busy finding her way around and observing how the people live and work. For the present, she is dependent on others for transportation and has found that the main roads are rocky and dusty and that hills are everywhere, difficult to travel even in four-wheel drive trucks, and in her words, "Many swift and silent prayers are said."

Even though Cindy sees thousands of people living in poverty in ragged homes with dust everywhere, she also sees the palm trees moving in a soft breeze and a pure blue sky overhead.

In a couple of months we hope to have more to report on Cindy and her work. We ask you to remember this dedicated and courageous woman in your prayers as she does God's work.



## OUTREACH PRAYER REQUEST OF THE MONTH



### Prayer Requests

Each month the Outreach Division will be asking for your prayers for individuals in the community and/or organizations we support. During the month of July please pray for our workers and children at Vacation Bible School. Each summer about 65 children consisting of members and nonmembers ages 3 thru rising 5th grade come to Tuckahoe for a fun-filled week to learn about God. Every day they learn something about outreach at our church and have the opportunity to participate in an outreach project by bringing school supplies for the children at Oakgrove/Bellemeade School.





## STOP HUNGER NOW

Mark your calendar for Saturday, October 19, 2013. Tuckahoe will be hosting a Stop Hunger Now event in Dun-treath Hall. We will need approximately 75 volunteers to package 15,000 meals. We will form teams and package the meals for shipment to places around the globe. Church members, family and friends from ages 4 through senior adults are all welcome to participate in this fun-filled activity. Set-up for the event will begin at 8:00 am and we will begin packaging at 9:00 am. Ending time will be around 11:00 am, with clean-up to follow.

In addition to volunteers we will need to raise \$3,750 to pay for the raw materials needed to go into the meals. There are two ways to sign up to participate in the event and/or donate: 1) via the internet at <http://events.stophungernow.org/TuckahoePres>, and 2) you can also call the church office.

Stop Hunger Now is an international hunger relief agency that has been committed to ending hunger for more than 14 years. In 2005 the organization created a meal packaging program consisting of food that stores easily, has a shelf-life of five years and transports quickly. Stop Hunger Now provides over 70% of its meals to support school feeding programs, vocational training programs, early childhood development programs, orphanages, and medical clinics.

In participating you will gain an awareness of global hunger and food insecurity issues across a broad cross-section of the US population.

Please consider volunteering to help support this worthwhile organization by either participating on October 19th or through a monetary donation.

## BRIGHT BEGINNINGS UPDATE



Thank you to all who have signed up to help with **Bright Beginnings** this year. There has been a date change since the last *Torch* article. We still need shoppers on Tuesday, August 13th at 12:30 (the original shopping date). Our new shopping date is Tuesday August 20th at 5:30.

There are plenty of openings left. Please consider filling one of Tuckahoe's twenty shopping opportunities. It's a great way to spend a couple hours of your day!

To sign up or ask a question, call Amanda Carr at 804-673-0787 or email her at [Amanda.Carr@longandfoster.com](mailto:Amanda.Carr@longandfoster.com).

## AROUND THE CHURCH

### LUNCH BUNCH IN JULY!

The Fellowship Committee will host Lunch Bunch at noon on Monday, July 8th, in Room 106.

The menu for July will be hot dogs, cole slaw, chips, watermelon, and brownies for dessert. Gail and Bob Miller will be our "cooks". There is no charge for lunch; however, we do appreciate donations of canned goods to The Lambs Basket.

Please sign up on the Friendship Pads during church service or call the church office so that we will know how many to expect. The Fellowship Committee wants to thank all of those who came out in June and hope to see even more folks in July.



## SUMMER FELLOWSHIP



### TUCKAHOE AT THE DIAMOND

Let's go to a baseball game! On Thursday, July 18 at 7:00 p.m., the Richmond Squirrels will be playing Bowie at the Diamond.

General admission tickets are \$7.00 for a group of 1-19 people. If 20 or more sign up for tickets, prices go down to \$5.00 each.

So let's all get together for an evening of family fun and support our local Richmond Flying Squirrels.

The deadline for ticket reservations is July 7.

Please contact Kit Crawford for more information at 804-346-0616.

## AROUND THE CHURCH



### A WEDDING SHOWER FOR SARAH!

Please join us following worship on July 14<sup>th</sup> to celebrate the upcoming marriage of Sarah Pugh, our Director of Youth Ministries, and Andy Morgan.

We will gather in Duntreath for fellowship and to wish the happy couple our congratulations and best wishes!

If you would like to bring a wedding gift for Sarah and Andy, please feel welcome to do so. You may bring gifts, provide a gift card to a store where they have registered or give a gift of cash if you like. They are registered at Sur La Table, Target and Belk. A guest book will be provided during the reception for everyone to sign and wish them a long and prosperous life together.

The reception will begin just after the worship service. We hope you can attend! The happy couple will be married in August in North Carolina.



### FOOD TRUCK COURT COMES TO ALL SAINTS

Richmond's newest gourmet sensation, a "Food Truck Court", will be coming to All Saints Episcopal Church, beginning May 22 and continuing on Wednesdays throughout the summer. The "Street Foodies" have been very well received in The Fan, delivering a variety of homemade foods near the Virginia Historical Society for many months now. So come out to the All Saints parking lot on Wednesdays from 5:30 to 8:30pm, and bring a friend! For more info, the Street Foodies' website is at <http://rvastreetfoodies.com/>.

**The Fellowship Committee would love to hear any feedback from members who check out this new sensation!**

# AROUND THE CHURCH

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## NEW CHURCH DIRECTORIES AVAILABLE NOW

New editions of our Tuckahoe Member Directory are available through the church office. Please stop by and get your copy (one per family, please!). If you are unable to get to the office to get your copy of the directory, please contact your Deacon to have your directory delivered to you.

We haven't published a directory since 2009, so this one is full of updated member information.

Many thanks to Barbie Keatts for the untold hours of research, correcting, and correcting again that she put into making this happen! If you find an error in your information, please let the church office know. We will publish a page of corrections/changes in the future.



## SUNDAY MORNING FLOWERS...HOW CAN YOU HELP?

A dedicated committee of flower purchasers, arrangers and deliverers work each week to insure that our Chancel is adorned with a beautiful fresh flower arrangement to the Glory of God. After the service each Sunday the arrangement is broken down into smaller arrangements to be delivered to our sick and shut-in members.

How can you help?

1) If you can arrange flowers, or would like to learn how to, let the office know...we would love to have more members on the committee. You only have to arrange about three -four times each year.

2) If you can help with delivering to our shut-ins, hospitalized or grieving members, let the office know. The flowers are arranged in small, manageable arrangements after worship and you can deliver anytime during the week.

3) If you would like to help defray the cost of this tradition, please sign up on the Flower Calendar outside the church office to give flowers in honor of or in memory of someone special to you. You choose the dedication Sunday, how much you want to spend and the Flower Committee will make it happen. *There are numerous Sundays available for giving flowers between now and the end of the year.*



Questions? Call Mary McGee in the church office at 282-2860.

# JULY 2013 CALENDAR

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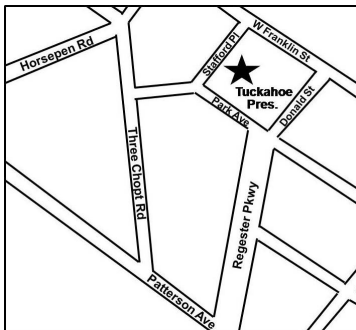
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**OUR MISSION STATEMENT:**

Called by God, to be the heart,  
voice, hands and feet  
of Christ where  
the Spirit leads us.



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