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~GEARING UP~

A few months back I wrote about that sense of liberation most of us experience as children and youth when school lets out for the summer. Well, here we are on the other end of summer, with daily reminders that summer's end is near in the form of "Back to School" advertisements jamming the airwaves and mailboxes. As a child I noticed how these ads started soon after July 4th and I remember being annoyed and thinking, "Just let me have the rest of my summer without reminding me that school is on the way." Some children are ready to get back, suffering from the summer doldrums; I always seemed to need more time to exercise my imagination in non-academic ways. But once I got back into the routine I realized how much I missed the intellectual stimulation, the thrill of learning, the freshness of a new school year that made it seem that anything was possible.

Runners often say that the hardest part of starting a long distance run is mentally gearing up, quite literally putting on the gear, the running shoes. A similar thing might be said about starting school; the hardest part of getting back into the rhythm is putting on the gear, such as the backpack.

Unfortunately for many Christian adults, not being compelled to attend Sunday School as children means we may never take that first step of starting back in or starting at all. We think Sunday School is for children compounded by the notion that mentally engaging our faith outside of worship is not necessary. And yet, as I wrote in an earlier article, education, especially Christian education, is a lifelong occupation and there are great things that we miss out on when we don't gear up and take up our book bags and explore our faith.

Summer is restorative in that it affords us a break from the norm. Hopefully you found ways of exercising your faith with the summer reading club, Theology on Tap and Java with Jesus. However, the time for school is returning, and with it Sunday School for children, youth *and* adults. Rally Day is Sunday, September 7 during the Sunday School hour. Children and youth will meet their teachers and adults will hear about the class offerings for the Fall/Winter semester. I encourage you to gear up, grab your book bags and get ready for a great year of learning and growing in the Spirit.

Grace and Peace,

Patrick



YOUTH MINISTRIES

kick off event

YOUTH GROUP KICK-OFF

The new year of “Youth Group” will kick-off on Sunday, September 7 from 6:00-8:00 p.m. with a covered dish supper. Stay tuned for more details via emails and the September *Torch*.

YOUTH GROUP CALENDAR

August 7	All Day	Trip to Busch Gardens (RSVP to Sarah by August 5th!)
August 13	3:00 p.m.	Cool down at Sweet Frog in Carytown
August 27	2:00 p.m. 	Coffee Hour at Starbucks in the Village Shopping Center
September 7	6:00 – 8:00 p.m.	Youth Group Fall Kick-Off



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CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES



OPPORTUNITIES ABOUND IN CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL!

Remember that serving in the Children's Sunday School does not mean you aren't attending a Sunday School class. Our former and current volunteers will assure you that they learn something new every week! Snack buyer/servers can still attend adult classes, though they may miss a little class time. The new curriculum is easy to lead! You do not need to have any teaching experience, just a call to spend time with children on their Christian journey.

We strongly encourage those of you who are not parents of our Sunday School children to get your feet wet by helping for one term. There are huge benefits not just to you, but also to the children and their parents when others, besides parents, are teaching, assisting, and serving snacks. Children get to know other members of their church family, and parents can spend some time in adult Sunday School!

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| Sept. 7 - Nov. 2: | Teachers (or co-teachers) for 2-3 year olds, 2 nd -3 rd grades, 4 th -5 th grades
Assistants for 2-3 year olds, 4 th -5 th grades
Snack buyer/server |
| Nov. 9-Dec 21 | Teacher (or co-teachers) for 2-3 year olds, 4 year olds - 1 st grade, 2 nd -3 rd grades
Assistants for 2-3 year olds, 4 year olds - 1 st grade, 2 nd -3 rd grades, 4 th -5 th grades
Snack buyer/server |
| Jan. 4 - Feb. 15 | Co-teacher for 2-3 year olds
Teacher (or co-teachers) for 2 nd -3 rd grades, 4 th -5 th grades
Assistant for 2-3 year olds, 2 nd -3 rd grades, 4 th -5 th grades
Snack buyer/server |
| Feb. 22- March 29 | Assistant for 4 th -5 th grades |
| April 5- May 31 | Teachers (or co-teachers) for 2-3 year olds, 2 nd -3 rd grades, 4 th -5 th grades
Assistant for 2-3 year olds, 2 nd -3 rd grades, 4 th -5 th grades
Snack buyer/server |

Please look over the opportunities above and let Becky Goode Loggins know where you can help, if you would like to "shadow" for a day, or if you have questions.

Email krebeccagoode@gmail.com or phone 201-0571.

IT ONLY TAKES ONE GENERATION TO MAKE CHRISTIANITY EXTINCT. CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES NEEDS YOU!

CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES



WONDERFUL WORKSHOP WEEK!

A happy and exciting Vacation Bible School week concluded on Friday, July 18, with a fun assembly, where families were in attendance and watermelon was served to all. Over 90 youth and adults had wonderful experiences in helping with preparations, or working with the 56 children in attendance during "Workshop of Wonders", where everyone imagined, built, grew, worked, and walked with God!

When the end of the week arrived and volunteers responded to being thanked by saying, "I didn't do much! I had fun and want to do it again next year!", it speaks volumes. Prayers of thanksgiving are for all who helped before and during "Workshop of Wonders", and all who prayed for everyone involved. Without the many hands, heads, hearts, and God's huge presence, it would not have been such a success!

Shepherds: Dot Smith, Hilary Robinson, Marielle Pool, Meg Packard, Ruth Anna Langdon, Pat Miller, Judy Palkovics, Jackie Stallings, Mary McGee, Terry Brady, Tom Adair, Tim Beane, Leslie Shimer

Activity Leaders: Mary Chris Werner, Laura Brady, Matthew Mahoney, Pam Burch, Jim McLeskey, Ginger Spence, Claire Galvin, Harrison Carr

Assistants: Carol Berger, Rachel Burch, Ormonde Wilkinson, Tim Beane, Tony Jenkins, Whitney Berriman, Cheryl Arrington, David Mel, Barbara Maiden, Joan Thornhill, Joie Carter, Heather Kramer, Christian Hawkes, John Campbell, Nancy Millsaps, Leah Blackburn

Youth Helpers: Langdon Martin, Callie Fabrie, Shannon Galt, Phebe Martin, Olivia Thurmond, Savannah Arline, Allison Neil, Virginia Neil, Selena Pacheco, Tabitha Piwowarski, Sarah Galt, Taylor Jenkins, Thomas Moore, Matthew Moore, M.E. Horsley, William Adair, Rachel Berriman, Madison Megenity, Jack Ereio, Nicole Olmstead, Seth Olmstead, Corinne Burch, Hannah Ray

Assembly Leaders: Dick Mateer and Bill Vogel

CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

THANK YOU, VOLUNTEERS

Nursery Caregivers: Camellia Wroniewicz, Lucky Wroniewicz, Jim Keller, Candace Martin, Olivia Buck, Julie Guller, Karen Cooke

Snack Buyer/Servers: Nancy Fabian, Dick Mateer, Mickey Mateer, Anna Hingst, Karen Cooke

Break Room: Ruth Ann Hoge, Barbie Keatts, Ann Watson

Decorating / Construction of hallways and Duntreath: TPC Youth, Discovery Class, Shelly Blackstone, Sarah Galt, Shannon Galt, Angie Meadows, Jennifer Albertson and family, Angie and Claire Smith, Heather DeBolt and family, Hilary Robinson, Joan and Jim Thornhill, Kerry Barksdale, Marielle Pool, Meg Packard, Ormonde Wilkinson

Registration: Angie Meadows and Ray Hoge

Signs: Nancy Fabian, Lucky Wroniewicz, Bill Carter

Journals: Jane Werner

Photography and display: David Mel, Sarah Paige Werner, Jane Werner

Preparation of materials: Margaret McLeskey, Ruth Erickson, Stacey Orcutt, Ginny Creech, Norris Moses, Camellia Wroniewicz, Karen Cooke, Mickey Mateer, Hilary Robinson, and many others

All who donated food and donated or loaned items, all who helped take down decorations!

All children who participated, and the parents and grandparents who brought them!

Becky Goode Loggins, Director of VBS and Children's Ministries

"You are the God who works wonders." – Psalm 77:14

MARK YOU CALENDARS NOW FOR JULY 20-24, 2015 TO BE A PART OF VBS 2015, "G-FORCE, GOD'S LOVE IN ACTION!"



TREASURES NEEDED FOR OUR YARD SALE

We are gearing up for Tuckahoe's annual yard sale on Saturday, Sept. 13, 2014. The proceeds from this sale are used to help fund mission trips and other related programs of the Outreach Division. In order for this sale to be a success, we need merchandise. Where do we get this merchandise? From you! As you clear storage areas, decide you are tired of looking at an item, or have treasures that can no longer be called treasures—**donate** them to the yard sale. Other people will find your discards to be their new treasure.

You may bring these items to the church on September 10, 11, or 12. If for some reason you have treasures that must go now, contact Terry Brady at 740-1768 or atmbrady@gmail.com and we will try to accommodate you.



YARD SALE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

“Many hands make light work”, my mother used to say as she was recruiting me to help with some chore around the house. We do need many hands to help with this year's yard sale. One way to use your hands is to volunteer to help. What qualifications must one have in order to help with this fun event? If you possess any one of the following abilities you can qualify:

- Unpack and sort items
- Organize items for sale
- Price items
- Act as a sales assistant
- Add fun to any event

None of the above- don't worry, you still qualify. We will train you!

We will be getting ready for the sale on Wednesday, September 10; Thursday, September 11; and Friday September 12. The sale will be on Saturday, September 13.

We need you for whatever time frame you are able to help. You can sign up to help in Duntreath Hall after church on August 17, 24, 31, and September 7.

If you are not able to sign up at these times, contact Terry Brady at 740-1768 or atmbrady@gmail.com. I promise this will be an interesting experience!



VOLUNTEERS FOR OAK GROVE – BELLEMEADE ELEMENTARY

It is time to turn your monthly calendar to August. If you have school-age children or you work in a school, then you know exactly how many days there are before school doors are open for students, teachers, and other staff. For those of us who volunteer at Oak Grove – Bellemeade Elementary School, it is time to convince members of our congregation to join us in some aspect of our ministry at the school.

We are beginning our tenth year at OG/B, and we know that our presence does have a positive impact and is appreciated by both the students and the staff. Many of the students who attend OG/B live in the Hillside Court public housing location. When we moved into our new building in January, 2013, the enrollment increased to 650 students because of an enlargement of the area served by the school. We welcomed a larger number of Hispanic speakers who are learning a second language.

Our volunteers may choose to fill one or more roles in our OG/B ministry: classroom/teacher assistant, literacy team member, or special team member.

Classroom/Teacher Assistant – This volunteer typically will address one or more of the following tasks: A) With the teacher's direction assist small groups of children to complete tasks at activity centers. B) Read to students. C) Tutor students as they further develop their reading ability. D) Maintain homework files for each student. Conversation between the classroom teacher and volunteer will determine how the teacher's needs and volunteer's interests can be accommodated. Last year five of our ten volunteers spent 60-90 minutes once a week at the school; the remaining volunteers contribute 60-90 minutes every other week.

Literacy Team Member – After being trained, this volunteer will work with two children for an hour/week (half hour/child) in an attempt to raise the reading ability of these children from below grade level to above grade level. The children are enrolled in kindergarten or first grade.

Special Events Team Member – There are events during the school year that necessitate having 4-6 volunteers available to implement the event. For example, volunteers can assist by reading to a class on Dr. Seuss Day, assisting with graduation ceremonies for kindergarten and fifth grade students, and writing birthday cards for students in kindergarten or first grade celebrating their birthdays in a specific month. Last year the average number of cards needed per month was nineteen.

In 2004, the Outreach Division chose to focus its attention on children at risk.

The students at Oak Grove – Bellemeade remain at risk! If you have any interest in being involved as a volunteer in this ministry during the 2014-15 school year, please contact Mickey or Dick Mateer in person or by phone (270-6932) as soon as possible.

We would love to be able to identify our participants by September 15. We would enjoy talking with you about the joys we have experienced.

Mickey and Dick Mateer

OUTREACH

LAMB'S BASKET FOOD DONATION

We collected 68 pounds of non-perishable food items for the month of July. Let's see if we can top that in August!

Bring your donations on Sunday, August 10th or anytime you are by the church. Your donations can be placed in the collection box in the hallway between the narthex and Duntreath.

Remember those in need in our community!



LOCAL OUTREACH EFFORT WON'T YOU JOIN US?!

Join other TPC volunteers in building a fence at a Habitat for Humanity house on Friday, August 22 and Saturday, August 23. We will send teams of 8 volunteers to work for a deserving Habitat for Humanity homeowner. We still need workers for each of the two days.

This is a great local outreach effort for those who can't spend a week on a Mission Trip, or for those who can only work a day or two. Contact Nancy Millsaps at 288-0996, or email her at nhmillsaps@gmail.com, if you have questions or want to volunteer. Or you can add your name to the sign-up sheet on the hall bulletin board nearest our TPC mailboxes.

Habitat for Humanity®



AROUND THE CHURCH



PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

SAVE THE DATE... FALL KICK-OFF

The Presbyterian Women will hold their fall kickoff on **Tuesday,**

September 9 at 11:00 AM in room 106.

Ginger Spence will introduce the 2014/2015 Bible study, *Reconciling Paul*.

A catered lunch will follow at noon.

Look for more details in the August bulletins. Reservations may be made after worship on August 31 or

September 7, or

by contacting Meg Packard at 754-0602.

All women are welcome.

SAVE THE DATE FALL ALL-AGES RETREAT

TPC's 2014 All Church Retreat is scheduled for October 11 & 12. Please save the date on your calendar and look forward to another wonderful get-away to Camp Hanover.

More details to follow, with sign-up during Fellowship Hour, beginning in September.



SCREEN FOR LIFE **LIFE LINE SCREENING COMING TO TUCKAHOE** *Prevention for Peace of Mind*

Tuckahoe Presbyterian Church is pleased to offer a preventive health event. Life Line Screening, a leading

provider of community-based preventive health screenings, will host their affordable, non-invasive and painless health screenings on Friday, August 15. Five screenings will be offered that scan for potential health problems related to: blocked arteries which is a leading cause of stroke; abdominal aortic aneurysms which can lead to a ruptured aorta; hardening of the arteries in the legs which is a strong predictor of heart disease; atrial fibrillation or irregular heart beat which is closely tied to stroke risk; and a bone density screening, for men and women, used to assess the risk of osteoporosis. Register for a Wellness Package which includes 4 vascular tests and osteoporosis screening from \$149 (\$139 with our member discount). All five screenings take 60-90 minutes to complete. In order to register for this event and to receive a \$10 discount off any package priced above \$129, please call 1-888-653-6441 or visit www.lifelinescreening.com/community-partners.

AROUND THE CHURCH

FAITH NIGHT AT THE DIAMOND

Please join other members of Tuckahoe for a fun night at the Richmond Flying Squirrels game. Faith Night at the Diamond is Thursday, August 7 at 7:00 PM. The Squirrels will play Binghamton. **An anonymous donor has given 26 tickets for the game and only four are spoken for at this time!** Please see Kit Crawford on Sundays or contact her via email or phone if you would like to claim one of these donated tickets! Contact Kit Crawford at 405-9722 or kmcrawford03@hotmail.com. We will meet at a specific section so everyone can all sit together.



Our Deepest Sympathy

Our Christian sympathies are extended to Mildred Jones and her family on the death of her husband, Ed, on July 7.

And to Katharine Townsend and her family on the death of her infant grandson, Paul Churchill Hutton, V on May 4.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

The Session received Wendel Gouldman and Stacey Orcutt into the membership of Tuckahoe on June 29th. When you see them, please extend the right hand of fellowship to welcome them into our membership!

**New
Members!**

MEMBER THANK YOU'S

Bob Ramsey writes: *"What a blessing it turned out to be having visited my 95-year old dad in Ohio just two weeks before he died. All the cards and calls from our Tuckahoe family were overwhelmingly comforting following his quick death. He lived a long and happy life driving 405,000 miles in his motorhome with my mother until her death in 2004. He motivated sick and injured people for 20 years as a volunteer at his local hospital. I can't describe how meaningful the outreach from Tuckahoe touched Linda and me. Thank you.*

P.S. Don't wait until tomorrow to do something you love. Do it now."



AROUND THE CHURCH

NEW ADULT SMALL GROUP BIBLE STUDY

TPC is offering a new small group Bible study starting this fall. Groups of 8-12 will study the COVENANT we have with God. Three eight-week sessions will explore how the COVENANT was created, how we live out the COVENANT, and the trust inherent in the COVENANT. Sign-up will take place in August during Fellowship hour and through the office. Please direct questions to Patrick Dennis or a member of the Christian Formation Division. Look for more detailed information in the September *Torch*.



STEPHEN MINISTRY PROGRAM—NEW TRAINING SESSIONS TO BEGIN IN THE FALL

*"Bear one another's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ."
Galatians 6:2*

You are invited to share the blessings and joys people have experienced in training to become Stephen Ministers. If God has given you gifts and talents to reach out with Christ's love to hurting people, please consider joining our training sessions beginning in October. We will meet either on Sunday afternoon or Monday evening, depending on the schedules of those who participate. We all experience challenges in our lives – times when we could benefit from the support of a caring Christian friend. Stephen Ministers are ready to provide the emotional and spiritual care we need when faced with a crisis or difficult times.



Please contact any of the Stephen Leaders for more information:
A.W. Dickerson, Barbie Keatts, Sherry Flournoy, or Ginger Spence

AROUND THE CHURCH

FOOD & FELLOWSHIP



Ice Cream Social

We hope you will join us each Wednesday night this year from 6:00 – 7:30 p.m. for evenings of good food, fellowship and programs. Menus are not yet finalized for each evening, so stay tuned for more information in the September *Torch*.

You can help out by: (1) volunteering to be on a cooking team or (2) bringing dessert on a night that we have the catered meal. Contact Gail Miller or Ruth Ann Hoge if you would like to help! Children will continue to participate in the Music & Motion Kids and Skittles programs during the adult programming.

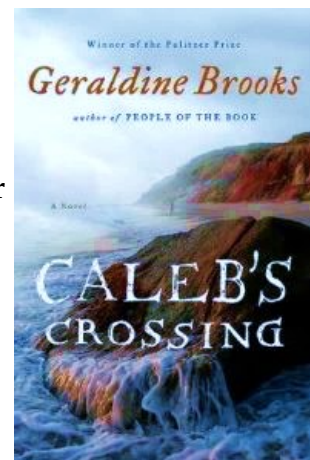
Our first fall Wednesday night is September 3 when the Fellowship Committee will host an Ice Cream Social at 6:30 p.m. Fun for all ages! Ice

DATE	TIME	PROGRAM
September 3		Ice Cream Social
September 10		No WNS due to Yard Sale set-up
September 17	6:00 p.m.	Dinner
	6:30 p.m.	M & M Kids; Skittles and Adult Programming
September 24	6:00 p.m.	Dinner
	6:30 p.m.	M & M Kids; Skittles and Adult Programming

“TUCKAHOE READS”

Our church-wide discussion of *Caleb's Crossing* by Geraldine Brooks is scheduled for Wednesday, August 20, at 7 p.m. in Duntreath Hall. Come for dessert and a conversation about this novel inspired by the first Native American graduate of Harvard College. The book captures the triumphs and turmoil of Caleb and Bethia, the daughter of a Calvinist minister who seeks to convert the natives on Martha's Vineyard.

Come - and bring a friend if you'd like. If you plan to attend, please call the church office or make a note on the friendship pad on Sunday so that we will know how many will be coming.



AUGUST 2014 CALENDAR

TPC Events, Adult Education, Children's Ministry, Community Events, Outreach Events, TPC Meetings, Aug 2014 (Eastern Time)
 Worship and Music Ministry, Youth Ministry

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
27 10 am - Worship 11 am - After Church	28 A/V Installation - Duntreath Hall @ 10:30am - Meals on 3pm - Swing Band @	29 2pm - A/V System 7pm - Scottish	30 9:30am - Staff 7:30pm - "Praise"	31 7 am - Men's Bible 8pm - AA meetings	1 1	2 1
3 10 am - Worship & 11 am - After Church	4 3pm - Swing Band @	5 5:30pm - Bright 7pm - Fellowship 7pm - Scottish	6 9:30am - Staff 7:30pm - "Praise" 7:30pm - VA Terrier	7 7 am - Men's Bible 7pm - Faith Night at 7:30pm - Chancel 8pm - AA meetings	8 10:30am - Meals on	9 1
10 10 am - Worship 11 am - After Church 12:30pm - BP Check	11 8:30am - SPARC 3pm - Swing Band @ 7pm - Christian 7pm - Outreach 7:30pm - Worship/M	12 8:30am - SPARC 5:30pm - Emergency 7pm - Administratio 7pm - Scottish 7pm - Stewardship	13 8:30am - SPARC 7:30pm - "Praise" 7:30pm - Property	14 7 am - Men's Bible 8:30am - SPARC 8pm - AA meetings	15 Life Line Stroke 8:30am - SPARC 10:30am - Meals on	16 1
17 10 am - Worship 11 am - After Church	18 Torch Deadline 8:30am - SPARC 3pm - Swing Band @ 6:30pm - Stephen 7pm - Virginia	19 8:30am - SPARC 7pm - Scottish	20 8:30am - SPARC 9:30am - Staff 10:30am - Meals on 6:30pm - Tuckahoe 7:30pm - "Praise"	21 7 am - Men's Bible 8:30am - SPARC 9:30am - Lamb's 8pm - AA meetings	22 1	23 1
24 10 am - Worship 11 am - After Church	25 10:30am - Meals on 3pm - Swing Band @ 5:30pm - Theology	26 10am - Java with 3:30pm - Hilliard 7pm - Scottish	27 9:30am - Staff 7pm - Session 7:30pm - "Praise"	28 7 am - Men's Bible 8pm - AA meetings	29 1	30 1
31 10 am - Worship 11 am - After Church	1 Office Closed 3pm - Swing Band @ 7pm - Circle 2 @	2 7pm - Fellowship	3 9:30am - Staff 7pm - Ice Cream 7:30pm - VA Terrier	4 7 am - Men's Bible 8pm - AA meetings	5 1	6 1

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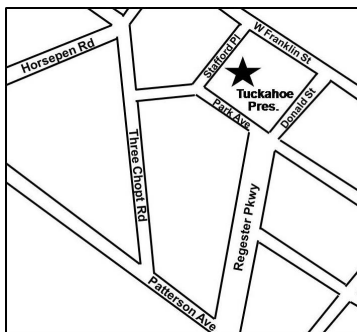
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Called by God, to be the heart,
voice, hands and feet
of Christ where
the Spirit leads us.



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