



THE TORCH

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WHAT IF...?

Everything we have, everything we are, is a gift from God. We are each blessed with many gifts given by the grace of God, and all that we have belongs to God. As Christians, we are called to be good stewards and to do the best we can in providing time, talent, and treasure to further the work of the church.

Please carefully consider how you can support our Christian community through your generous gift. We encourage you to use the prayer below as you prepare to pledge your support for our ministry this coming year.

What next?

Mark your calendar and join us on Dedication Sunday, October 18, 2015.

If you know you cannot attend on October 18th, we ask that you complete your pledge card, which was mailed to you earlier this month, and return it to the church office on-or-before Dedication Sunday.

Thank you again for making the ministry of our church a vibrant expression of Christ's heart, voice, hands and feet in our community and the world.

The Stewardship & Finance Committee

STEWARDSHIP PRAYER

O Lord, giver of life and source of freedom, we know that all we have received is from your hand. Gracious and Loving Father, you call us to be stewards of your abundance, the caretakers of all you have entrusted to us. Help us to always use your gifts wisely and teach us to share them generously. Send the Holy Spirit to work through us, bringing your message to those we serve. May our faithful stewardship bear witness to the love of Jesus Christ in our lives. We pray with grateful hearts, in Jesus' name.

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1 PETER 4:10

**AS EACH HAS RECEIVED A GIFT,
USE IT TO SERVE ONE ANOTHER,
AS GOOD STEWARDS OF GOD'S
VARIED GRACE.**

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

WELCOME (BACK) SARAH COTHERN!

It seems as though we have been through a season of “farewells” of late with the most recent being the departure of our Director of Youth Ministries, Sarah Morgan, who will now call Knoxville, Tennessee home. Our prayers go with her, and her husband Andy, as he begins his campus ministry position at the University of Tennessee and Sarah continues to search for an ordained parish position.

When Joan Neff left back in June, we wondered how God would provide someone as talented as Joan who also had a love for our congregation and its ministry. What a splendid surprise we had when Sarah Cothorn’s resume came our way!

Many of you know Sarah. She was our first assistant organist who worked with Mark Cain, Director of Music Ministries, in developing that position. Sarah was a member of our church for 16 years and left 13 years ago to pursue a minister of music position. In that time, she has been the Minister of Music at St. Paul’s Episcopal Church in Hanover. When she left, we were left wondering how God would provide, and God did, in a great way, in the form of Joan.

Sarah returns to us with years of music leadership experience and an enduring love for Tuckahoe which she considers her “home.” In light of her experience and our dynamic music ministry, the Administration and Personnel Committee considered it only fitting that we incorporate her skills and interests. Accordingly, her position title is, “Assistant to the Director of Music Ministries.” The once “Assistant Organist” position now includes the development and leading of children’s choirs as well as working more closely with Mark and me for music selection and special choral events.

We could not have imagined a better replacement for Joan—evidence, again, that our God often provides in ways that exceed our imagination. Welcome (back) Sarah!

Thanks be to God from whom all blessings flow!

Patrick



As you all know, the much awaited time is almost here. Our baby boy is due sometime toward the middle of this month. I am so appreciative of all the loving support you have given our family in the form of the exquisite baby shower and the expressions of kindness and prayers.

Just so you are aware, I will be taking paternity leave. That means I will likely miss at least a couple of Sundays toward the end of the month. Diane Prevary, our Parish Associate, will be stepping in for me. I will also not be in the office regularly and will attend to email and calls as I am able.

Please let me know if you have questions. I feel honored to serve as your pastor during this exciting time in our family’s life.

Warmly,
Patrick

CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES OPPORTUNITIES : FINDING JOY THROUGH GIVING TIME

If you found joy in leading, or assisting with, a group of children at VBS, you are someone who would easily find that same joy giving the gift of teaching or assisting in children's Sunday School for a few Sundays during the year. There are also opportunities to give time to our children's Wednesday night program, and in our nurseries. Becky Goode will be happy to tell you the details!

Please prayerfully take a look at the wonderful opportunities below, and also consider helping with Wednesday nights and in the Sunday nurseries . These are all ways to give your time that are truly full of wonder! Let Becky Goode know where you can help for one or more Sundays or Wednesdays, if you would like to sit in on a class, or if you have questions.

Email: krebccagoode@gmail.com or phone: 201-0571.

November 8-December 20:

Teacher (or co-teachers) for 2-4 year olds (12/6 only); kindergarten-1st grade

Assistant for 2-4 year olds (12/6 only); kindergarten-1st grade

February 14- March 20:

Assistant for 2-4 year olds; 4th-5th grades

March 27-May 8:

Assistant for 2nd-3rd grades; 4th-5^h grades

May 15-May 29:

Teacher (or co-teachers) for 2-4 year olds; 2nd-3rd grades

Assistant for 2-4 year olds; 2nd-3rd grades; 4th-5th grades

NEW NURSERY VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY: SPEND TIME WITH OUR NEWEST LIVES!

As we welcome several new lives into our church family, we are blessed with joyful, new nursery volunteer opportunities! We are in need of adults (or youth with experience in infant babysitting) to help our paid caregiver, Khon Mel, in the nursery during Sunday School and/or worship for one or more Sundays.

The biggest need is for help during Sunday School, so that new parents can teach a class or attend adult Sunday School.

If you feel called to serve in this way for one or more Sundays, contact Becky Goode as soon as possible. Phone: 201-0571 or email: krebccagoode@gmail.com



CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

MODERN DAY SAINTS ARE COMING!

On All Saints Day, November 1, the children's Sunday School will once again welcome a variety of visitors who help others, as we celebrate modern day saints.

We will be reminded in a big way that everyone, of any age, can and should find ways to help others and that God calls people to help others in many ways. If you see a fire truck or two, don't be alarmed!



MUSIC, MOTION, DRAMA, AND MORE ON WONDERFUL WEDNESDAYS!

Our program year is off to a fun and busy start with our Wednesday children's activities. Bring your family to join our church family for dinner at 6:00.

Then at 6:30, while adults enjoy an enriching program, M&M Kids (children age 2 through 1st grade) and Skittles (2nd grade and up) will sing, move, pray, work on skits, and more!

The weekly emails and Sunday bulletins always highlight details of each meal and adult program. Sign up each week on the friendship pad or by calling the church office. Let's all make time for these mid-week get-togethers!

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

The children stay busy with work that responds to the word of God.

Currently, our classrooms and programs need:

- Legos
 - Model Magic, "Natural Colors", boxes of 6 individual packages (can be found at Michael's Crafts)
- Items may be brought to the church office or the counter outside of Becky Goode's office, room 201.



A PRAYER FOR THE CHILDREN

Almighty God, heavenly Father, you have blessed us with the joy and care of children. Give us calm strength and patient wisdom as we bring them up, that we may teach them to love whatever is just and true and good, following the example of our Savior Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

OUTREACH

STOP HUNGER NOW OCTOBER 24, 2015

Have you ever wanted

- ♦to participate in helping stop world hunger ?
- ♦to participate in an outreach event, but didn't have the time or opportunity to travel ?
- ♦to feel like you could truly help others around the world in need?
- ♦to do a "hands on" mission project with everyone in your family and many of those in your church family?

You now have an "easy to access" opportunity to do all four of these in one short morning event close to home - TPC. Its fun, its participative and its abundantly meaningful - its the Stop Hunger Now event on Saturday morning October 24th from 9:00 am to 11:00 am in Duntreath Hall.

This is a team project involving all age groups and absolutely requires no skill or experience to help package meals for those in need around the world.

We need lots of volunteers and we also need financial support. In order to reach our goal of 10,000 meals, we will need to raise \$3,000. You are welcome to invite family and friends outside of your TPC community to join you in this event. Please go to the Tuckahoe web site to locate the link to register for the event or to donate. Find the Stop Hunger Logo on the first page of the web site and click on it. It will take you directly to the registration page for our event.

The direct link to the registration site is:

<http://events.stophungernow.org/TuckahoePresbyterian2015>.

Or you may contribute to the event by writing a check directly to Tuckahoe Presbyterian Church and denoting "Stop Hunger Now" in the memo line.

Questions? Please contact Shawna Shade at 564-3379.



ANOTHER COOK NEEDED FOR SHELTER MEAL

A group of Tuckahoe's outstanding cooks provide a meal for the Hilliard House Shelter on the fourth Tuesday of each month. For the coming year we need another cook to provide dessert - a dozen cupcakes, brownies, etc. - enough to feed 12 people.

If you can help with this effort or for more information, contact Terry Brady. 740-1768 or atmbrady@gmail.com.

HENRICO THANKSGIVING FOOD BOX PROGRAM

HEARTH (formerly INTERFAITH SERVICES OF HENRICO)

Individuals, families or groups (Sunday School Classes, Youth Groups, School Clubs) can participate. Thanksgiving food boxes are provided to needy families and individuals within the caseloads of the Henrico Department of Social Services. Donors prepare food boxes to be distributed for Thanksgiving. Most of the boxes include food for Thanksgiving Dinner plus other food items.

PLEASE NOTE: All food boxes should feed a family of six. Please, no frozen or fresh turkeys and no perishables.

Suggested Contents of boxes: Canned vegetables, Mac & Cheese, Canned Soup, Canned Fruit, Peanut Butter, Jelly, Canned Gravy, Stuffing Mix, Potatoes, Dessert Item, Gift Card for value of turkey (\$15-20)

Please have all food items to the church by Sunday, November 15.

Contact Meg Packard (754-0602), Kay Keyes (360-7371) or Amanda Carr (287-4637) if you have any questions.



ALTERNATIVE GIVING FAIR NOVEMBER 15TH

Mark your calendar for the Alternative Giving Fair to be held in Duntreath Hall immediately following worship on Sunday, November 15th. Products will include: coffee, peanuts, jewelry and much more.

Bring your Christmas list and do some holiday shopping. More details to follow in the November *Torch*.



OUTREACH

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

October 3–4	All Church Retreat @ Camp Hanover
October 14	WNS Fund Raiser for SHN
October 24	Stop Hunger Now Event – Duntreath Hall
November 29	Angel Tree Project – Pick up angels
December 6	Angel Tree Project – Pick up angels
December 13	Angel Tree Project – gifts due back, ready to deliver
March 5–12, 2016	TPC hosts CARITAS

Volunteers Needed



**DRIVERS NEEDED:
CAN YOU HELP
TUCKAHOE MEMBERS
GET TO CHURCH ON
SUNDAYS AND TO
OTHER EVENTS?**

There is a need for volunteers to drive members of Tuckahoe to Sunday school, Sunday worship and other Tuckahoe events. Members from all parts of our community are in need of transportation assistance. If you might be able to help weekly or even once or twice during the year, please call or email Ginger Spence.

Her email address is: mosesbulrushes@gmail.com; her cell phone # is: 804-399-0081. Please consider how you can help!

MONTHLY PRAYER REQUEST

The Outreach Division is asking for your prayers this month for the successful completion of our “Stop Hunger Now” project and for those it will benefit and for the many hunger issues the world faces.



AROUND THE CHURCH

2015 TUCKAHOE PRESBYTERIAN ALL-CHURCH FAMILY RETREAT

6 Reasons to Join Us at the Congregational Retreat!

1. It's fun for *all ages*.
2. You can bring your friends! (And your parents, children, and grandkids.)
3. It works with your schedule - you can come for all or part of the retreat.
4. There will be a campfire.
5. Camp Hanover's brunch is especially good.
6. It's a time of refreshment, fellowship, spiritual growth, and fun!

Our 2015 Congregational Retreat will be at Camp Hanover on October 3 and 4. Activities officially start at 2:00 on Saturday, but you're invited to come early and take advantage of all that Camp Hanover has to offer (boating, hiking, etc.)!

Bring your entire family, and bring friends too!

Saturday, October 3

2:30-4:30 pm Canoeing, Paddle boating

5:30 pm Dinner

7:00 pm Campfire

8:00 pm Fun program in Wise

Sunday, October 4

8:30 am Worship preparation

9:00 am Worship

10:00 am Brunch



SOUND SYSTEM ASSISTANCE?



Tom Adair is looking for volunteers, from adults through high school-age youth, to help run the sound system during Sunday worship and other events.

Please contact him at tjadair4@verizon.net, if you are interested in joining the team!

AROUND THE CHURCH



SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25TH

Participants arrive at 5:30 p.m. to set up in the paved parking area and decorate

TRUNK OR TREATING, 6 PM–7 PM

Come in costume

Hot dogs, drinks, popcorn

CONTACT AMY GLASS BY OCTOBER 18TH TO
VOLUNTEER

AKGLASS@HOTMAIL.COM OR CALL 379-3072

James Dettmer, Children's Director at St. Andrew's United Methodist Church, writes: *"Thank you all so very much for sharing your Vacation Bible School supplies with us. It greatly helped our program, which in turn was able to share God's grace with so many. We greatly appreciate your generosity! Blessings, James M. Dettmer"*

thank
you!

FOOD & FELLOWSHIP

Church Supper



WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPERS CONTINUE IN OCTOBER

Please join us each Wednesday night from 6:00 - 7:30 p.m. for evenings of good food, fellowship, and programs.

Children will have "M&M Kids" (Music & Motion) and "Skittles" while the adults enjoy programming on various topics of interest. The October programs continue the theme of "Stewardship".

Date	Menu	Program
October 7	Pizza Extravaganza - pizzas for all tastes, salads and dessert	Watch The Andy Griffith Show episode "Opie's Charity" and participate in a discussion led by Pat Macaulay
October 14	Fund Raiser for Stop Hunger Now Project - the Outreach Committee will prepare Tortilla Soup, Salad, Bread and Dessert	Animal Rescue: Kathy Bauer, DVM, will discuss stewardship to God's creatures
October 21	Two kinds of chili, Texas Toast, dessert	Reducing Our Carbon Footprint: Discussion led by Bob Glass
October 28	Covered Dish Supper	Tips on Recycling at Home: Discussion led by Ginger Spence

OCTOBER 2015 CALENDAR

TPC Events, Adult Education, Contacts, Children's Ministry, Outreach Events, TPC Events, TPC Meetings, Worship and Music Ministry, Youth Ministry Oct 2015 (Eastern Time)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
27	28	29	30	1	2	3
<p>All Church Retreat @ Camp 9:30 am - Sunday School @ 11 am - Worship & 12 pm - After Church 1 pm - New officer Training</p>	<p>7 pm - Women's Study</p>	<p>9:30 am - Staff Meeting @ 5:30 pm - KMD Bell Choir @ 6 pm - Wednesday Night 6:30 pm - M & M Kids; 7:30 pm - Adult Bell Choir @</p>	<p>9:30 am - Staff Meeting @ 5:30 pm - KMD Bell Choir @ 6 pm - Wednesday Night 6:30 pm - M & M Kids; 7:30 pm - Adult Bell Choir @ 7:30 pm - Property 7:30 pm - Worship &</p>	<p>7 am - Men's Bible Study @ 7:30 pm - Chancel Choir @</p>	<p>10:30 am - Meals on Wheels</p>	<p>All Church Retreat @ Camp 2 pm - Suzanne Peery</p>
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
<p>All Church Retreat @ Camp 9:30 am - Sunday School @ 11 am - Worship 12 pm - After Church 12:30 pm - BP Check @ 12:30 pm - Warinner 6 pm - Youth Groups @</p>	<p>7 pm - Christian Formation 7 pm - Outreach Committee</p>	<p>5:30 pm - Emergency 7 pm - Stewardship</p>	<p>9:30 am - Staff Meeting @ 5:30 pm - KMD Bell Choir @ 6 pm - Wednesday Night 6:30 pm - M & M Kids; 7:30 pm - Adult Bell Choir @ 7:30 pm - Property 7:30 pm - Worship &</p>	<p>7 am - Men's Bible Study @ 9:30 am - Lamb's Basket 7:30 pm - Chancel Choir @</p>	<p>10:30 am - Meals on Wheels</p>	<p>Presbytery Meeting Youth Groups @ Feed More</p>
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
<p>Torch Deadline 9:30 am - Sunday School @ 11 am - Worship 12 pm - After Church 12:30 pm - Fellowship</p>	<p>7:30 pm - Administration</p>	<p>9:30 am - Staff Meeting @ 10:30 am - Meals on Wheels 5:30 pm - KMD Bell Choir @ 6 pm - Wednesday Night 6:30 pm - M & M Kids; 7:30 pm - Adult Bell Choir @ 7:30 pm - Diaconate</p>	<p>9:30 am - Staff Meeting @ 10:30 am - Meals on Wheels 5:30 pm - KMD Bell Choir @ 6 pm - Wednesday Night 6:30 pm - M & M Kids; 7:30 pm - Adult Bell Choir @ 7:30 pm - Diaconate</p>	<p>7 am - Men's Bible Study @ 7:30 pm - Chancel Choir @</p>	<p>8 am - Stop Hunger Now</p>	
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
<p>9:30 am - Sunday School @ 11 am - Worship 12 pm - After Church 5 pm - Trunk or Treat @</p>	<p>10:30 am - Meals on Wheels 7 pm - TPC Book Club @</p>	<p>9:30 am - Staff Meeting @ 5:30 pm - KMD Bell Choir @ 6 pm - Wednesday Night 6:30 pm - M & M Kids; 7:30 pm - Adult Bell Choir @ 7:30 pm - Session</p>	<p>9:30 am - Staff Meeting @ 5:30 pm - KMD Bell Choir @ 6 pm - Wednesday Night 6:30 pm - M & M Kids; 7:30 pm - Adult Bell Choir @</p>	<p>7 am - Men's Bible Study @ 7:30 pm - Chancel Choir @</p>		
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

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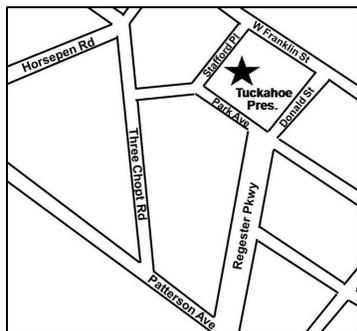
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