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PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

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FROM THE PASTOR

The Church is more than the building

A common cliché is “the church is not the building.” This past year we have been forced to test the limits of this statement. Three months into 2020, the pandemic shut everything down and worship, Sunday School, committee meetings, small group studies, and fellowship events were forced to go virtual. We learned new skills like how to record and livestream worship and do meetings over ZOOM. Throughout this past year I have reflected on two questions: “What have we lost?” and “What have we gained?”

What have we lost?

The most obvious is physical interaction. Our faith is an *incarnational* one. We worship a God who came in the flesh and brought people together to learn, eat, pray, and worship. Being together is good for our souls, it fosters creativity and creates environments to laugh together which is healing; it affords comfort and closure in times of personal loss. There is no substitute for being together in one place and perhaps that is one of the biggest takeaways. As much as daily activities have shifted to on-line forums, nothing takes the place of face to face, in-person fellowship. So hopefully our experience this year has assuaged any fears that someday we will no longer desire to get together. Even though the church is more than the building, it is also true that the building avails us the space to be the church gathered.

What have we gained?

As I stated before, we learned to do things differently, and in so doing, we have learned how to reach more people. Our livestreaming of worship has enabled homebound members to join in worship, as well as members who are out of town, relatives who live far away and even visitors. Our ZOOM meetings allow for people to participate in ministries from wherever they are which has increased participation (some even have expressed that they prefer to meet this way). We have also been afforded the chance to step out of the busyness, to examine what really is essential in our life together, what things need to change, or done away with all together to allow space for new things. The Session this year will be spending time examining that question. Because of the reduced activity on campus, we have also been able to do much needed renovations to enhance the hospitality and accessibility of our campus.

But perhaps the greatest thing we have gained is a greater awareness of how God is faithful and makes a way through any challenge. When Jesus was met with challenges in the gospels, such as the feeding of the 5000, he didn't throw up his hands and say, "Well, I don't know how we are going to take care of this!" Instead, he leaned into God through prayer and confidently claimed the power of God. He also told his disciples, in the example above, "You give them something to eat." In other words, you can do wonders too and need to trust that with God's power, all things are possible.

I believe you, our congregation, have lived out this truth this past year and for that: **I THANK YOU!!!** You gave your time, talents, money and energy to sustain and expand our ministry, using the challenge of the pandemic to lean more fully on God's power at work in this place and in this people.

I look forward to another year in ministry with you and to see how God will continue to expand the witness of Tuckahoe Presbyterian Church.

In Christ,



Rev. Patrick Dennis

Pastor, Head of Staff

Jesus said, "...All things can be done for the one who believes." - Mark 9:23

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One of my favorite TV shows is *Friends*. In one episode, the character Ross has bought a new couch and is trying to get it up a flight of narrow stairs with the help of his friends. He keeps yelling "Pivot!" All year this year I have heard Ross in my mind as we have continually had to pivot with ministry and life.

This year started strong with dreams of ministry: VBS, a youth mission trip, a Tuckahoe Women's retreat, worship planning, and so much more. But as we all know, March of 2020 was the real equivalent of Ross yelling "PIVOT". And so, we did. We moved ministry online, moved worship online, started new groups to study racism in America, studied the enneagram, and so much more.

With each news headline, and influx of information about the COVID-19, we pivoted again and learned how to the church in a distancing world.

I have been so grateful to be part of the community as we have navigated this strange time. I am looking forward to ways to continue to pivot as we move into the future and continue to grow as disciples of Christ, loving God and our neighbor as ourselves-together.

Thanks be to God for a love like that!

Rev. Sarah Dennis

**TUCKAHOE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
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ADMINISTRATION AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE**

Members: Tim Beane, Barbie Keatts, Dave Bauer, Ray Hoge, Harold Cothorn,
Pam Dickerson, Tim Estes, [& non-voting] Clay Macaulay & Patrick Dennis

Here are some of the highlights of our work this past year:

- Approving funding to upgrade the office network
- Approving funding for recording and livestreaming church services
- Approved entering into an agreement for Dogwood Preschool to use TPC facilities
- Approval of the 2021 A&P budget to include a 1.5% increase for all staff.

Submitted by: Tim Estes, Moderator

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COMMITTEE: CHRISTIAN FORMATION

“Welcoming, nurturing, and preparing children, youth and adults for life-long faith journeys.”

Members: Elders: Leslie Shimer (Moderator) and Ginger Spence. Other Members: Laura Brady, Sarah Dennis (Covenant Pastor), Becky Groves, Julie Kent, Barbara Luckett, Melissa Mascher

Description of 2020 activities:

- Children’s Church—Sarah led lunch bunch zooming with Bible stories; children-led worship May10 (with skits on video)
- Youth Group— January fund-raising lunch (raising over \$1600) for future activities (those activities will happen!); meeting outside to escape screen time and yet another zoom meeting; youth-led worship/online version honoring our high school seniors (May 3)
- Adult Sunday School—New Covenant Class and Discovery Class weekly zoom meetings; gaining more proficiency; the unexpected blessing of adding some members who were out of town or local but unable to drive to church regularly
- Vacation Bible School- led a virtual only VBS with prerecorded YouTube videos. WE were able to provide VBS take home kits for free to any family who registered. We had 25 registered and more that participated.
- Theology on Tap--- Sarah faithfully led zoom meetings; wide range of discussion questions, some deep and serious, others “random and out of the blue” plus periodic games online
- Woven Word Podcasts—Patrick and Sarah led conversations for reflections; a Lenten series “Lament”; a series of “Conversations of Consequence” (such as Haiti, the Bible and politics); a series “Unraveled” (stories about God’s response when people’s lives were upended)
- Book Discussion Group—led by Sarah to discuss “Be The Bridge” by Latasha Morrison about ways to encourage respectful, inspirational cross-cultural relationships
- Presbyterian Women’s---monthly zoom meetings (“Life Lessons From Women in the Bible” by Rhonda Harrington Kelley) and a February retreat themed “Let It Go” right before the world stopped for everyone and we could not go anywhere
- Bible Study, Prayer Group, and MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers)---continued and adapted to zoom formats

Submitted by: Leslie Shimer, Moderator

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FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE

Members: Cindy Barrow, Amy Glass; elder, Kit Crawford, Angie Meadows, Mary Jo Dennis, Debbie Lebo, Barbie Keatts, Sherry Flournoy, Jeanne Webster, Jim Webster, Mary Chris Werner (Moderator; elder), Patrick Dennis (Staff)

Well, 2020 was quite the year for our committee. Before March, we continued to have Wednesday Night Supper, After Worship Fellowship Time and we hosted a Dinner and a Movie night. Once the pandemic hit, we had to cancel future events for the safety of the congregation. Throughout the year, we met in attempts to find unique ways to create fellowship including the kindness crews. We were able to host Trunk or Treat, which was a great success and we hope to have more events this year as the weather gets nicer and more people get vaccinated.

Goals for 2021: We are in the process of planning several outside events to foster fellowship and are working towards getting some form of After Worship Fellowship Time back for Sunday's. We are excited to see everyone soon!

Submitted by: Mary Chris Werner, Moderator

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COMMITTEE: OUTREACH

Members: Sue Albaugh, Terry Brady, Amanda Carr, Ross DeBolt; elder, Sarah Dennis, Nancy Millsaps, Meg Packard, Ben Wilson; elder

Our job in the Outreach Committee is to support Tuckahoe's mission beyond the walls of the church. We try to find causes that resonate with our congregation, and support them with our time, talent and money. That's challenging in normal times, with so many great causes that seem equally deserving and equally in need of help. 2020 took many things from us, but it also delivered Outreach an amazing blessing: The clarity to see where our help was needed most. The following is a summary of our collective thoughts, and the highlights of our responses, through the spring, summer and fall of 2020.

Spring 2020: Covid-19 has been declared a worldwide pandemic and everyone was scared. We were scared for our health, scared for our loved ones, scared for our church, scared for our jobs. News reports of rising hunger and homelessness became more frequent, even in our local community. We felt a special call to focus on human necessities, food and shelter. We also felt called to do more than we normally would so early in the year. In early April we sent donations to Feedmore (\$4,000), Caritas (\$1,000) and One Great Hour of Sharing (\$1,500).

Summer 2020: Months of quarantine left us longing for fellowship, and one of Tuckahoe's most treasured places of fellowship, Camp Hanover, was in trouble. Unable to host summer camps, it faced a dire financial situation. Once again, Outreach felt compelled to stretch beyond our normal contribution routine. Our \$6,500 contribution to Camp Hanover was part of a very successful fund-raising campaign that allowed it to weather the storm.

Fall 2020: One Outreach tradition wasn't going to change for a pandemic: Helping those in need during the holidays. In early November we delivered \$1,500 in grocery gift cards to Hearth of Henrico for Thanksgiving and contributed \$1,000 to Project Homes. To cap off our year, we contributed \$2,000 to Jacob's Ladder, a fantastic organization that helps intellectually gifted middle and high-schoolers from at-risk environments.

Conclusion: 2020 was an especially heartwarming year for Outreach. We were blessed with the opportunity to help when help was most desperately needed.

Submitted by: Ross DeBolt, Moderator

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PROPERTY COMMITTEE

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As defined in the Property Committee Policies and Procedures, the Property Committee cares for the real property of the congregation, striving to keep in proper repair the church edifice and other buildings belonging to the congregation, fully aware that the congregation has provided these buildings and grounds for the glory of God.

The members of the Property Committee for 2020 were Bob Lacy, Pat Brady, Bill Carter, Bill Crenshaw, Harry Edwards, Bob Glass, Bob Lacy, Tom Lee, Ethan Sherman; elder, Ann Watson, Camellia Wroniewicz and Lucky Wroniewicz; Moderator, elder.

Highlights of activities performed by the Committee in 2020:

- The exterior of the Education Building (including the ceiling of the porch) and the windows in the atria) were painted.
- We continued updating our electrical system by installing additional motion detecting light switches as appropriate.
- The sanctuary boiler pressure reducing valves and a relief valve were replaced.
- A contractor reworked/repaired 21 external doors. Five openers were replaced in these activities and doors were adjusted to assure adequate closure.
- Assisted in obtaining the materials required to contend with COVID-19 in our facility.
- Supported the development of plans for reopening the Tuckahoe facilities for Sunday services.
- Worked on a plan for the procurement of new chairs for Duntreath, meeting rooms, the office workroom, and the office. Session approved the plan, to be funded from the Endowment.
- A successful outside workday (due to COVID-19) was held in November. Turnout was terrific and much was accomplished.
- Woodpecker destruction of the Wilson Hall steeple was repaired. A woodpecker essentially destroyed the upper molding of the steeple.
- A UV light filtration system was installed in the Sanctuary HVAC system.
- The cleaning crew continued to perform its functions to maintain the areas of the facility that were in use. They also sanitized areas of the when required by COVID criteria.

With a little help from our friends:

- Windows were installed in the Park Avenue doors (with the assistance of A. W. Dickerson).
- Several areas have been brightened by the expert painting skills of Tim Beane.

In spite of the disruptions and changes on protocol created by the required responses to COVID, activities continued at Tuckahoe. Most activities were, of course, performed behind the scenes with little fanfare or acknowledgement. It is our pleasure to serve the members of this Church.

Submitted by Lucky Wroniewicz

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STEWARDSHIP & FINANCE

Members: Kerry Barksdale, Tim Beane, Shelly Blackstone; elder, Bill Carter, Tom Coleman, Patrick Dennis, John Flourney, Bob Lacy, Carol Martin, Mary McGee, Robert Park, Chuck Shimer, Walter Smith; elder, and Dixon Wallace.

Created the Financial Task Force to study/improve the way TPC organizes and utilizes its' financial data and resources.

Fully funded the Warriner Maintenance Fund in March bringing it up to the projected sustainable level originally envisioned when it was created.

Expanded the use of the Technology Fund to incorporate expenses to pay for our move to 'livestream' our Sunday Worship Services.

Completed the process of simplifying the churches financial reporting by retiring and consolidating a number of unused accounts.

Analyzed and consolidated cash accounts to take advantage of additional interest available and create more income for TPC.

Sought Session approval to extend and revise church officer terms to 6/30/21 and then have them run every year from 7/1/20XX-6/30/20XX.

Created a 'Testimonial video' for the purposes of assisting with TPC's 2021 Stewardship Campaign.

Requested Session to approve funding of the Visions (campus renovation) Project.

Approved the consolidation of a number of Endowment Funds to make it easier for Committees requesting use of our endowment to understand what is available for use.

The Investment Committee had an outstanding year after a big dip in the stock market in the Spring of 2020, the accounts rebounded to end the year in very positive territory.

Submitted by Walter Smith

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2020 TREASURER'S REPORT

It has been a pleasure serving you during this past year as Treasurer. Throughout the difficult uncertainties of 2020, I have been impressed and humbled by your faithful and generous support of our church. Your commitment to the ministries of Tuckahoe is a blessing to those who benefit from our efforts. Because of you, our church is on sound financial ground entering 2021.

We closed 2020 with a surplus sufficient to cover our 2021 budget shortfall. While our committee moderators reduced their requests for 2021 by nearly \$14,000, the total amount of our pledges was down about \$25,000. Since well over 90% of the money we raise for our ministries comes from pledged and unpledged contributions, it is wonderful that we enter this year with a surplus from 2020.

During 2020 all deposits were made on a weekly basis and bills were paid when due. Mary McGee, our Finance Administrator, has done a superb job keeping our books current and accurate. There were numerous accomplishments in 2020, many of which were spearheaded by Mary. WE....

- Took steps to increase interest income (interest in 2020 exceeded budget by 58%)
- Reallocated assets to replenish the Warinner Capital Reserve Fund to a level estimated to be sufficient to meet future needs and invested those funds in an interest-bearing account
- Consolidated numerous accounting funds to streamline and simplify accounting procedures and defined each of those funds in detail, explaining sources and uses of funds so that Session might better understand the purpose of each fund
- Altered the money counting/deposit process in light of COVID-19 restrictions
- Participated on the Financial Task Force run by Stewardship & Finance
- Prepared monthly financial reports for S&F and Session

Mary and I have approached 2021 as another year for simplification of processes where possible and structuring our assets to better serve Tuckahoe's anticipated needs. During 2021 we plan to....

- Reduce the number of Endowment Funds from nine to two – the Unrestricted Fund and the TPC Scholarship Fund. (Accomplished in March 2021)
- Establish a Capital Expenditure Fund to pay for capital expenses not covered by the Warinner Capital Reserve Fund. (Accomplished in February 2021)
- Complete the process to gain online access to our accounts at Atlantic Union bank. (Accomplished in February 2021)
- Commission an independent review of TPC's financial transactions for 2019 and 2020.

The following page contains the highlights of our financial status. You may always reach out to me at timothybeane@gmail.com if you have any questions about our church's finances. Let's all hope and pray that 2021 ends better than it began.

Thank you again for your faithful support of Tuckahoe Presbyterian Church!

Tim Beane, Treasurer

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INVESTMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT**

2020 was a very good year for Tuckahoes Endowment return in an otherwise scary investment year due to the Covid Pandemic. A timely rebalancing in late Q1 and the rebound in the stock market late in the year, led to a double-digit return for TPC by year end even beating the benchmark S&P 500's performance. We are blessed with an experienced Investment Team that does an excellent job of keeping an eye on market, economy and our holdings and makes suggested moves as they deem appropriate.

Submitted by Bill Carter

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WORSHIP COMMITTEE

The Worship Committee encourages and provides for faithful discipleship through sacred individual, family and corporate worship under the guidance of the Book of Order. The 2020 Committee members included Tom Adair, Anne Beane (elder), Hal Breitenberg, Susan Breitenberg, Mark Cain, Karen Cooke, Patrick Dennis, Walter Hogan, Al Kent (elder) and Alex Miller.

COVID-19 changed the way we worshiped in 2020. January and February were “normal” months with attendance averaging 181 and 150 people respectively. In March we began discussions around COVID-19 precautions and by March 15th we suspended Sunday worship and began having virtual services. Patrick and Sarah worked tirelessly on providing these services and they were very well received and very effective.

In May we began discussions about reopening the church for in-person worship in adherence with all CDC and state guidelines for COVID-19. A Reopening Task Force was formed to develop and implement a plan of action. This Task Force along with the Property Committee worked diligently to ensure that our services were safe for all who attended. We also decided that the services would be livestreamed. August 23, 2020, we opened our doors for in- person worship. Since the church has reopened, COVID-19 safety procedures have been followed, music has included organ and piano pieces, other instrumental music and recorded music by choir members that has been blended and mixed. Individual packaged communion elements have been distributed and lay readers returned to the pulpit. Attendance at services between August 23, 2020 and December 24, 2020 has averaged 45.

-Christmas Services and Holy Week services were held and were either live streamed or recorded. The Youth led a service that had been recorded in segments and spliced together. There were healing services. Our pastors, staff, session and church members have been creative, flexible, committed and relentless in ensuring that our congregation has had continuity in their ability to worship during this unprecedented time.

Submitted by Al Kent

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DIRECTOR OF MUSIC MINISTRY REPORT

Tuckahoe Presbyterian Ministry of Music in 2020 and 2021 was met with challenges during the COVID-19 Pandemic. Throughout this time, our music offerings goals were met in many new and technological ways. At the beginning of the Pandemic, most of our services were only virtual, where weekly; we recorded separately hymns, anthems, piano and organ pieces that were woven into the pre-recorded services and played through YouTube. As the church began to find it safer to return to in person services, in August of 2020, the organ and piano were played live, but still no ensemble singing or congregational singing.

As vaccinations became available and we felt more comfortable with individuals socially distantly singing, Sarah Dennis, Sarah Cothorn and I began to record voices individually and then electronically 'sew' these voices together into one 'choir' anthem. Obviously, this process was/is very time consuming considering each piece has to be recorded one by one by each person individually, for those choosing to sing into a microphone with the pre-recorded accompaniment playing through their required headsets. After the first person or persons have been recorded, then the next person was able to hear what had previously been recorded as we were recording their individual voice. After that, considering all voices are different editors would go through an electronic editing process; our goal being to electronically blend those voices together, the final: a choir like sound. Marshall Cooke was also instrumental as an electronic editor of those individual voice recordings. Our goal was to have at least one hymn, plus an anthem, recorded with accompaniment and voices to be played during each service. Certainly, *many many thanks* to those who came to the church and recorded their voices individually and the large amount of time and effort it took for the recording.

We were also blessed during the year to have live String players for many of our services during the year, and especially for the Christmas Eve Service 2020. We look forward to their return late August 2021.

For Holy Week 2021, were able to record selections from the Cantata "I Danced in the Morning" by Joel Raney, making us able to have a mini virtual Maundy Thursday cantata. Many thanks to the "Vaccinated 6" who felt comfortable recording some selections together at the same time. Our Easter Choir recorded two virtual anthems for Easter Sunday, plus the familiar Easter hymns.

Obviously, we have discovered new and innovative ways to carry on during this time, even with a few Zoom Fellowship Choir times together.

As the Pandemic seems to be going away, I look forward to a Glorious Congregational Singing Service, and *real* Chancel Choir singing anthems; when we deem all will be safe! Lord, SOON...please!

I look forward to seeing all your smiling faces ...Without....Masks...!!

Mark Cain
Director of Music Ministries
Tuckahoe Presbyterian Church

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TPC SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE**

The TPC Scholarship Funds Committee manages the Warinner Family Scholarship.

General Committee: Anne Anderson, Beth Ayers, Greg Blevins, Pam Burch, Susan Galvin, Kathy Mahone, Matt Mahoney, Donna Sauer, Stan Sauer, Leslie Shimer

Selection Committee: Bob Andrews (VCU colleague of Pam Burch), Beth Ayers, Greg Blevins, Colleen Earp (Camp Hanover staff), Matt Mahoney, Ethan Sherman, Rachel Sherman

Established in 2012, the Warinner Scholarship Fund provides a merit-based lump-sum grant of up to \$6,000 over a 4-year period. Eligible applicants (members of Tuckahoe) may be as old as 24 and must be attending a four-year college, a graduate school, community college, junior college, or career education school.

Prior recipients: Amelia Adair (Sarah Lawrence), Owen Ayers (Princeton), Claire Galvin (William & Mary), Corinne Burch (Berklee College of Music), Laura Anderson (VCU), Bailey Kane (University of the Sciences), and Thomas Moore (JMU)

We mourned the death of Bill Millsaps in 2020, a founding Committee member and an ardent advocate for the Scholarship Fund. We were grateful for the generous memorial gifts the Fund received from his family and friends. Those gifts were especially appreciated since we were unable to have our annual fundraising event due to the pandemic.

As of the end of 2020, the net assets in the Scholarship Fund totaled \$64,764.24.

Submitted by: Leslie Shimer, Moderator

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BOARD OF DEACONS

The 2020 Board of Deacons consisted of 18 Deacons: Anne Anderson, Terry Brady, Pam Burch (Moderator), Rachel Burch, Sarah Cothorn, Mary Jo Dennis, Nancy Fabian, Sherry Flournoy, Becky Groves, Eric Johnson, Pat Macaulay, Mary McGee, Meg Packard, Marielle Pool, Sallie Rhett, Rachel Sherman, Emily Theuer, and Camellia Wroniewicz. With one exception, all the Deacons with terms expiring in December 2020 agreed to extend their terms through June 2021 to accommodate the transition of the terms to beginning in July instead of January.

Each deacon is assigned a Care/Share Group (C/S Group) consisting of approximately 15-20 Tuckahoe members. In 2020 to June 2021, there were 17 C/S Groups. The moderator stepped in to fill in for one deacon during the transition to the new term beginning in July.

General Deacon Duties

With the pandemic, the duties of the Deacons became even more crucial for keeping the members of TPC connected while sheltering in place. The Deacons reach out on a regular basis to their C/S Group in person, by phone, email or postal mail to keep in touch. They also communicate to their C/S Group upcoming Tuckahoe events and notices such as deaths of congregation members. Deacons may organize meals for members as needed, visit members in the hospital, and provide or arrange for transportation to church, Wednesday Night Supper, doctor's appointments, and other needs. When Deacons were not able to provide a ride, they coordinate an Uber ride.

Deacons became inventive during the pandemic. Phone calls were a welcome voice for members when the church services were only virtual. Deacons were inventive, doing things such as "food bombing" where a Deacon would leave a loaf of bread or even a meal outside a member's door, ring the doorbell, and leave.

When a member of a Deacon's C/S Group passes away, the Deacon supports the Pastor and the Memorial Committee when the family is making funeral arrangements. The Memorial Committee works with the family regarding food for the memorial reception, but the Deacon may organize at-home meals for the family. The Board of Deacons also maintains a "Bereavement Box" which may be loaned to a grieving family. This box contains paper products, thank you notes, stamps, and other items the family may find useful. The moderator sends sympathy cards to families of the deceased on behalf of the Board of Deacons.

Monthly Reports - Deacons submit monthly reports detailing their contact with members. The reports may indicate a visit is needed by the pastoral care staff, flowers should be delivered, or recommendation for the assignment of a Stephen Minister. The Moderator summarizes the reports and shares the summary along with the individual reports with the pastoral care staff.

Card Shower - Each month, two Deacons send cards to our Homebound members. Cards are intended to let our homebound members know they are in our thoughts and prayers and are still a part of our church community. Deacons receive positive feedback and appreciative comments from members who receive these cards.

Flower delivery - The Deacons deliver Easter flowers and Christmas poinsettias to homebound members following each holiday.

Emergency Shelter Meals - In July, the Deacons provided the dinner for the Men's Emergency Shelter to give the year-round cooks a break. This ministry has been ongoing for over 20 years.

Other Duties/Responsibilities - The Deacons met on Zoom monthly on the third Wednesday of the month and rotated the responsibility each month of the opening devotional, closing prayer, Card Shower, and attending the monthly Session meeting. Those who attend the Session meeting report to the Board of Deacons what they learned at that meeting.

Goals for 2021 - The Deacons are looking forward to be able to do more visitations in person and to reconnect with their C/S groups in person in 2021.

*Respectfully submitted,
Pamela Burch, 2020 Moderator*

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PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN (THE WOMEN'S STUDY GROUP)**

The Presbyterian Women of Tuckahoe Church (known as the Women's Study Group) have approximately 25 regular attendees who normally meet on the first Monday evening of each month, October to May. In April, because of the pandemic, we began meeting by ZOOM and continued through the summer. In May, we completed a study of *Psalms*. We had several lessons on forgiveness during the summer months. In the fall, we began a new study, *Life Lessons from Women in the Bible*, by Rhonda Harrington Kelley.

In November, the group had a brief business meeting to review our general direction, budget, and outreach efforts.

Our streamlined approach of offering only one circle is working well; attendance and enthusiasm remain strong. A small group of dedicated teachers plan all lessons. We advertise that membership is low-pressure - no teaching or hosting responsibilities. We undertake outreach projects occasionally, with a focus on not overwhelming members with too many requests. We carefully consider monetary donations each year, based on current contributions plus a portion of funds that had accumulated during the years when PW was a larger organization.

Following is a summary of the outreach projects of the Women's Study Group for 2020:

1. Made financial contributions to Camp Hanover, Covenant Woods Guild, Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, and Presbyterian Missions in support of Cindy Corell, our missionary in Haiti.
2. Purchased and presented Bibles to eight confirmands in February.

Submitted by, Becky Theuer

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PARISH ASSOCIATE REPORT FOR 2020**

Due to the pandemic, my service as a Parish Associate was significantly reduced during 2020. I assisted with a baptism, participated in staff planning sessions, continued as a member of the mentoring team for seminary intern Martin Pinckney, taught a Feasting on the Word Sunday School class, served on the Worship committee, and represented it on the Financial Task Force. As a member of the Presbytery of the James, I attended virtual Presbytery meetings and was a member of the Presbytery's Leadership Connection Team.

With vaccinations now available to everyone 16 and older and a loosening of restrictions, I look forward to more opportunities for preaching, teaching, assisting in worship and administration of sacraments, and supporting the life and ministry of Tuckahoe Presbyterian Church in 2021.

Respectfully submitted,

Hal

The Rev. E. Harold Breitenberg, Jr.