

Steering Committee Highlights

January 21, 2008



- Opened the meeting with scripture and prayer
- Approved minutes of previous meetings
- Examined rough draft of 2008 church directory
- Referred e-mail concerning a shower trailer to Mission and Outreach
- Received Treasurer's Report ending 2007:
 - \$124,515.34 in CD's and \$34,114.40 in Development Fund
 - Total Assets \$167,722.05
 - Shared Pastoral Care Concerns of congregation
 - Elected Bill Smith commissioner to POJ February 16th
 - Organized group to serve dinner to POJ Administrative Commission, Feb. 18th
 - Heard progress report on Magnetic Church Comprehensive Plan
 - Received written and verbal reports from all five ministry groups (see articles)
 - Discussed 2007 Statistical report and church roll0
 - Noted pastor's vacation week Feb. 19-27 – Rev. Kim Sydnor substituting
 - Closed meeting with a circle of prayer

Meetings Scheduled

Missions and Outreach Ministry

after fellowship January 27

Worship and Music Ministry

after fellowship February 3

Magnetic Church Planning Committee

2:00 PM. February 6

Steering Committee

6:00 PM February 18- dinner with Administrative Commission

Christian Education Ministry

March 2

Fellowship and Congregation Care Ministry

1:00 PM .March 5

Be Our Valentines

A Valentines Brunch will be served to the ladies by the men of the church on Sunday, February 17 following the worship service.

Community Lenten Series

The Community Lenten Series will be each Wednesday during Lent, beginning on Ash Wednesday which is February 6. Lunch will be served from 11:00-11:55 and from 12:30 to 1:00. The service will be from noon to 12:25. This year the service and luncheons will be held at Beale Memorial Baptist Church

The Rev. Carson Rhyne, Executive Presbyterian of the Presbytery of the James, will be the speaker sponsored by Tappahannock Presbyterian Church. He will speak on February 13.

The Fellowship Committee will coordinate volunteers to prepare the luncheons on February 27. Please speak to Pat Morris if you are available to help.

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Soup and Movies for Souper Sunday

Everyone is invited to a soup and sandwich lunch on February 3 following the worship service. This will be in celebration of Souper Sunday and the Super Bowl. Admittance is a donation of canned goods or dollars to go to the Community Services Food Bank in Tappahannock

A ten-minute video presentation about "Operation Inasmuch" will be shown at that time and Kathy Hughes and Alice Roye will talk about the progress of the project so far.



Christian Education

Our **Lenten study on the gospel of Matthew** will begin Sunday, February 10th following the fellowship time. Each of you who have signed up for this study will be provided a book. Please read the scripture selection and book before each class. Teachers will be Mary Alice Keller, John Colby, Kim Sydnor, Anne Sydnor, and Bill Morris.

A confirmation class for children will be taught by the pastor during the same period of time, beginning February 10. The curriculum for the confirmation class is "The Big Picture." Each child will have a study book.

Anne Sydnor, Moderator

PRESBYTERIANS TODAY

Each family in our congregation should be receiving this magazine each month. If you are not getting it each month please let Anne Sydnor know (769-9021) so she can get your subscription started.

Guess Who's Coming to Dinner...

When the steering committee meets this month on February 18th they will have company for dinner. The Administrative Commission of the Presbytery of the James will join them for their annual meeting at Tappahannock Chapel.

The commission's responsibility is to oversee the progress being made by the Chapel as it develops into an official chartered church. The commission will be interested in the numerical, financial, programmatic, and mission growth of the chapel.

They will pray with us and for us as we seek the guidance of the Holy Spirit in starting a new Presbyterian Church in the Tappahannock Community.

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When St. Andrews sent a group on a mission trip to New Orleans to help clean up the destruction from hurricane Katrina, there were no showers. The Rev. Tom Coye discovered there was a great need for shower trailers for the hundreds of people who traveled to the Gulf Coast to work.

St. Andrews has invited the other four Rappahannock Area Presbyterian Churches to join forces with them in out-fitting a trailer, the skeleton of which is now parked in the St. Andrews Church parking lot in Kilmarnock. The project requires money and manpower.

The Steering Committee has approved our participation in the project and the Mission and Outreach Ministry Group will be giving more details.

Completion of shower trailer will be June 1st. They will need volunteers and funds. Stay tuned.

WSM

CONGREGATIONAL CARE AND FELLOWSHIP MINISTRY

The next event planned by the Congregational Care and Fellowship Ministry a Valentine Brunch to be held following worship on February 17th when the men will be serving the women. The menu will consist of breakfast casseroles and/or quiche, sweet rolls, cut-up fresh fruit, juice and coffee.

The group is exploring a day trip to Gloucester for the Daffodil Festival as our next event. Our next meeting will be March 5th and more information will be forthcoming after that. The date has not yet been set for the trip.

Pat Morris, Moderator

The Five T's?

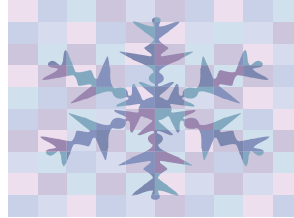
The Women's Bible Study will start up again Monday, March 3 at 10:30 AM at the Worship Center and meet weekly through May.

Mary Alice Keller will lead the study entitled "The Five T's." Hmmm- There's 1 and 2 Timothy, and Titus, and- come and find out.

Operation Inasmuch
April 26, 2008

Gulf Coast Shower Trailer

Lay Readers February and March



February	3	Sherry Jones	March	2	Anne Sydnor
	10	Vivian Smith		9	Ellen Hardy
	17	Gordon Keller		16	Roland Geddes
	24	Em Hughes		23	John Colby
				30	Betty Dyer

A Magnetic Church: one that attracts and keeps members

The Steering Committee has adopted a recommendation from the eight people who attended the Magnetic Church Workshop last November to compose a comprehensive plan for TPC. The Comprehensive Plan will draw ideas and suggestions regarding a *ministry of hospitality* from the book Welcome, by Andrew Weeks.

Some changes at the worship center can already be seen – the position of the table in the fellowship room, contents of the worship bulletin, training ushers and greeters, seating arrangements of choir and congregation. Name tags will soon be available.

More improvements in the *ministry of hospitality* will be forthcoming with the completion of the Magnetic Church Comprehensive Plan. (WSM)

One Great Hour of Sharing

Sharing Resources, Changing Lives

Since 1949 Presbyterians have joined with millions of other Christians through receiving the One Great Hour of Sharing offering to share God's love with people experiencing needs. Our gifts support ministries of disaster response, refugee assistance and resettlement, and community development. People are helped to find safe refuge, start new lives, and work together to strengthen their families and communities.

Recognizing that the hope we have in Christ is lived out in our hope for one another, we respond with gifts that help our sisters and brothers around the world find the hope for a brighter future.

Where does the money go?

The Presbyterian Hunger Program receives 36 percent of undesignated One Great Hour of Sharing gifts, while the Self-Development of People and Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) each receive 32 percent. This money has been, and continues to be, used for survivors of hurricane Katrina and other natural disasters, and more recently the wide-spread fires in California.

When is the offering received?

Most congregations receive the offering on Easter Sunday, Palm Sunday, or both, while many receive it throughout Lent. At TPC the offering will be received on Easter Sunday.

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