

Tappahannock Memorial Messenger

May 2023



MONTHLY HIGHLIGHTS!

All Meetings & Events
Are Offered In-Person
and Virtually When Possible



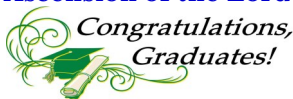
- 1: Finance Committee Meeting
- 4: National Day of Prayer
- 5: Cinco de Mayo
- 6: Fishin' Fun Club Meeting



- 7: 5th Sunday of Easter
- 14: 6th Sunday of Easter
- Special Offering:
Pinnacle Living



- 18: Ascension of the Lord
- 21: Congratulations,
Graduates!



- 24: Aldersgate Day
- 28: Pentecost Sunday
- 29:



- 4: Trinity Sunday
- 5: Admin Council Meeting
- 9 - 11:



Fishin' Fun Club Summer Edition

- 11: 2nd Sunday After Easter
Contemporary Service w/



- 14-17: VAUMC Annual Conference
- 18: 3rd Sunday After Pentecost
Spec. Offering: Annual Conf
- 25: 4th Sunday After Pentecost
- 28: John Wesley's Birthday

COVID-19 UPDATE:

TMUMC continues to offer both in-person & virtual worship services and meetings. Zoom access is provided for all meetings and live streams of our worship services are available on our Facebook and YouTube pages.



Please note the following:

- ⇒ Everyone may make their own choice about wearing a mask; however, masks are required when singing. (Worship leaders are exempt from this restriction).
- ⇒ We strongly encourage everyone to continue social distancing. Please remember that not everyone is able to be vaccinated.
- ⇒ We ask that everyone please be mindful of those who are immunocompromised, receiving treatments, awaiting surgery, or recovering from surgery.
- ⇒ If you are feeling under the weather, we ask that you stay at home and join us virtually.

Pastor's Pen

“Everyone, then, who hears these words of mine and acts on them will be like a wise man who built his house on rock. The rain fell, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house, but it did not fall because it had been founded on Rock.” Matthew 7:24-25

As I am writing this Pastor's Pen, it is a miserable wet day. It rained all night. It's been raining all morning and will continue to rain until late tonight. Sometime the rain has been a light drizzle, but other times hard and sideways with the force of the wind. Today reminds me of that saying, "When it rains, it pours!" This saying is to reflect that when you come to a point of a bad situation, or a hardship comes your way there seems to be even more bad stuff around the corner to compact the time of difficulty or trial in your life. I have definitely been feeling this way lately, as I have personally and vocationally had a lot on my plate. Yes, I will admit it has been stressful. I have truly appreciated the reminders to rest, and set aside time for myself. *Continued on page 6*

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May Lay Leaders

LECTORS

- 05/07: Rodney Minor
- 05/14: Diane Carter
- 05/21: Kelly Wright
- 05/28: Frauke Darnell

NURSERY

05/07

Dolly Loomis & Karen Ramirez

05/14

Mary Alice Passagaluppi &
Tami-Ward-Dahl

05/21

Brenda Hamilton & Lindsay Knight

05/28

Frances Boykin & TBD

USHERS

- 05/07: Jim Wawner & **TBD**
- 05/14: Jim Wawner & **TBD**
- 05/21: **TBD & TBD**
- 05/28: **TBD & TBD**

TELLERS

Diane Cater & Frauke Darnell

ALTAR GUILD

Kathy Parker & Edna Parrish

CONGREGATIONAL CARE - TEAM 2

- Diane Carter
- Carol Smith
- Lauriel Turner
- Barbara Watrkins



- 2 Rachel Garrett
- 2 Molly Hendricks
- 2 Donna Rae Thrift
- 3 Jim Croxton
- 7 Patricia Dalton
- 8 Robin Harmon
- 9 Scott Carson
- 9 Pastor Becca Minor
- 15 Don Nicholas
- 16 Kallie Carson
- 17 Wilber Ramirez
- 22 Barbara Brooks
- 25 Susan Hendricks



Faith & Fellowship
(Currently)

Adult Sunday School
Sundays @ 11:15 am
In-Person Only

TMUMC Choir
Mondays @ 6:30p.m.
In-Person Only

TMUMC Glory Ringers
Sundays @ 8:45
In-Person Only

Wednesday Morning Group:
Wednesdays @ 10:30 am
In-Person & Via Zoom

*Use This Link to Access
E-Giving*



Chuck & Bonnie Harding

Celebrating their 60th
Anniversary on May 17th!

Special Offering



Sunday, May 21st: Pinnacle Living

“The Samaritan Program is a benevolent mission at Pinnacle Living that provides financial assistance to residents who have outlived their monetary resources and, through no fault of their own, can no longer afford the full cost of their care. Benevolent assistance has been given in Pinnacle Living communities since 1948, the year the organization was founded.

You can have a vital role in the continuation of this legacy through a gift to the Samaritan Program. 100 percent of contributions to the Samaritan Program are tax-deductible and go directly to the financial support of residents in need and are not used for operational, capital, or administrative costs. All gifts to the Samaritan Program are tax-deductible gifts and help us ensure the personal security and peace of mind for our most vulnerable residents.

<https://vaumc.org/pinnaclepartnership>

TMUMC is pleased to announce that our Summer Edition of the Fishin' Fun Club will be held on June 8-11th. Thursday and Friday, the schedule will be 9am – 4pm; Saturday is 10am - 3pm and Sunday is 9am – 11am. Worship on June 12 will be followed by a picnic lunch.



The biblical text includes many references to water—an essential element in the Palestinian landscape. This curriculum seeks to explain four properties of water found in both Old and New Testaments. Those properties are hydration, hygiene, hospitality, and healing. Since the theme for FFC Summer 2023 is “Life-Giving Water,” and activities will involve the importance of the Rappahannock River and its watermen to the Tappahannock area, these lessons will connect the continued role of water in both ancient and contemporary society. A big THANK YOU to Rev. Barb for creating our curriculum for FFC!

Focus activities will include fishing, boating, and learning about the water life in the Rappahannock River. As always, there will be fun, games, music, crafts, recreation, lunch, snacks, and gifts. On Sunday, Fishin' Fun Club participants will provide our special music in worship and the RockFish Band will lead the congregational singing.

Remember, all of this is FREE to participants. Children ages 4 – 12 are invited to attend. Please invite your children, grandchildren, great grandchildren, and neighborhood children to register. Registration forms are available in the narthex and will be available at the Farmer's Market on May 20.

THE FARMER'S MARKET IS UNDERWAY

This year all items, in exchange for donations, will benefit the Backpack Buddies for Essex County. Below is a schedule of the monthly items so that you can begin now to prepare.



- May:** Baked Goods
- June:** White Elephant
- July:** Fresh produce
- August:** Books
- September:** Fall & Holiday Decorations
- October:** Bake sale

A volunteer sign-up sheet is in the narthex for anyone who can work at our booth. **We especially need help on May 20th and June 17th.** Thank you for contributing to this important outreach ministry to our community!

CONGRATULATIONS



GRASS MOWING VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: please contact Bill Croxton, croxco@gmail.com or (804) 370-5929, if you would like to volunteer to help keep the church property well groomed!





How do we begin to express our appreciation to someone who has been so devoted and efficient in their line of work. But not only that, a staff member that was so generous, gracious and helpful to all that she served. Cindy, we are so grateful for the over 6 years that you have served as the Administrative Assistant here at TMUMC. We are thankful that you will still be a part of our congregational family. We are praying for you and hope and trust in God's Blessings for you!

HOW CAN WE
Thank
 God
 ENOUGH FOR YOU?

- 1 Thessalonians 3:9, NIV -



CONGREGATIONAL CARE COMMITTEE UPDATE

The Congregational Care Committee (CCC) continues to remember our homebound folks each month. Missing You in Worship cards are also prepared each week to remember those who are absent from worship. Church family members are also remembered on their birthdays and anniversaries. Care baskets are prepared for the church family when there is sickness, hospitalization, bereavement, and/or folks enduring difficult times.

In addition to sponsoring the Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper, the CCC plans to host the church picnic in the fall. Thank you to all of our committee members who give so selflessly to this caring ministry of TMUMC.

Palm Sunday and Easter 2023



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UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

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Pastor:

The Reverend Rebecca Minor

Administrative Assistant:

Co-Music Directors: Kelly & Rob Wright

Pianist: Beth Harvey

Custodian: Amanda Hart

*We seek to be disciples of Christ, welcoming
all as we nurture and support one another
through service and outreach.*

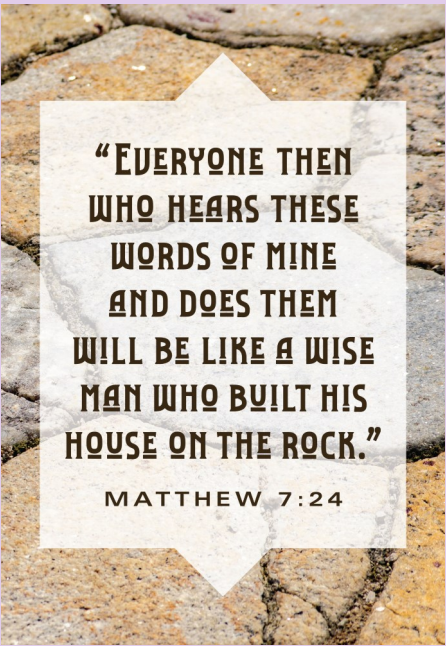
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I am very grateful for volunteers who have stepped up, and the non-stop support of family. It is absolutely ok to let others know when it's raining or even pouring in your life. That is what your family, friends, and church are for. This time is just for a season and it will pass. Just like the rain of today will pass and new life and growth will be found because of that rain that poured down on the earth.

I have faith in joys. I have faith in hardships. I have faith in times of peace. I have faith in times of sorrow. At all times I have faith. Do you? We hear in the gospel of Matthew about the wise man who built his house upon the rock and the foolish man who built his house upon the sand. Jesus Christ our Lord is the rock on which my house is built. If Jesus Christ is the rock on which your house is built, no matter what rain, wind, storm surge, comes your home will not fall, for Christ is the sure foundation. It might be raining or pouring today outside, or maybe in your life, but the rainbow and the sunshine will come, and you will stand even stronger if you put your full trust and hope in Jesus Christ our Lord.

You Are Loved!

Pastor Becca



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MATTHEW 7:24