Tappahannock Memorial Messenger



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



2: 5th Sunday after Pentecost
 3: Finance Committee Meeting



- 9: 6th Sunday After Pentecost
- 15: Tapp. Farmer's Market
- 16: 7th Sunday After Pentecost
- Spec. Offering: Jacob's Ladder
- 23: 8th Sunday after Pentecost
 30: 9th Sunday after Pentecost
 5th Sunday Wooden Plate

Offering Potluck Luncheon



6: 10th Sunday after Pentecost7; Admin. Council Meeting13: 11th Sunday after Pentecost



14: 2023-2024 Essex County Public Schools Year Begins
19: Tapp. Farmer's Market
20: 12th Sunday After PentecostSpecial Offering: The Local Food Bank 3pm Music Benefit Concert
27: 13th Sunday After Pentecost



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:

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

Pastor's Pen

"On the sixth^[a] day God finished the work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all the work that he had done. So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that he had done in creation." Genesis 2:2-3

God worked, and God worked hard. Six days of creating the Heavens and the Earth, of establishing the light from the dark, of forming the clouds, of setting stars in the sky, filling the seas, populating the earth with every creature of the sky, earth, and sea, and breathing life into humanity created in God's image. I am not God, in any way imaginable. You are not. We sometimes would love to have all the power and play God, but every day we are reminded that we are not God. We are creative with the knowledge, skill sets, and resources, which God has given to us, but we are not God, Continued on page 6

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Sunday School Every Sun. @ 11:15am In-Person Only

Wednesday Morning Group: Every Wed. @ 10:30 am In-Person & Via Zoom

Newsletter Blurbs and Adds

Did someone share a meaningful prayer, a motivating poem, a proverb of hope, etc.? Would you like to share that with your church family? Our monthly newsletter is not only an opportunity to inform you of the business of the church, or highlight was has happened over the past month or what will happen. It is also an opportunity for you to share a word of faith, hope and love, in all of the various ways that you can. We want you to submit items to be added to the monthly print. Also is there a very important community event that you would love to advertise. Here is a great way to do so. Please let us hear from you!

Tappahannock Memorial United Methodist Church Finance Ministry Announcements

EXTRA MILE GIVING: As we try to meet our yearly



we try to meet our yearly budget goals, we are offering up new opportunities to give to the church through extra mile giving in two ways. First, the jars are back... please take a jar per household to collect coins and/or bills. As your

jar gets full, bring it in and empty to it into the big jar. Then take it home and repeat. Secondly, we are going to establish 5th Sunday potluck luncheons starting in July. We ask that you bring a neighbor, bring a friend, or bring a family member along with your dish to share. Everyone will be invited to give an extra-mile gift in the offering plates on those Sundays.



Sunday, July 17 Jacob's Ladder

"Our mission is to aid and encourage intellectually gifted, at-risk middle school through high school students

to reach their full potential and become leaders equipped to help others in similar economic and social situations." <u>http://jladder.org</u>

Sunday, August 21 Local Food Bank

"Since there will never cease to be some in need on the earth, I therefore command you, "Open your hand to the poor and needy neighbor in your land." Deuteronomy 15:11

We are really in need of volunteers to sign-up for ushering as well as lector reading. Our ushers are the first impression visitors will receive. Our Altar Guild team is also seeking people to joint hem. Two people sign up for a month at a time to put together the Altar Flower arrangements for each Sunday as well as a little something for the Narthex table. Kathy Parker, who head up the Altar Guild, will be happy to talk to anyone interested and answer any questions you might have. The different sub groups of the committee play a role in making sure the worship experience is the best that it can possibly be. Please help make it that way by using the gifts God has given you to lend a hand.

Young Adult/Family Get-together

The young adults and young families of the church have been trying to spend quality time outside the church on a re-occurring basis. Our last time together include some kid favorite water activities. Thank you to Lauren Ficklin and roommate Nicky Fones for hosting in the month of June.





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Sunday Worship: 10:00 am Sunday School: 11:15 am Phone: 804.443.2278 Email: tappmethodist@gmail.com Website: http://www.tappahannockmethodist.org Temp. Office hours: Tue, Wed, Thu 9 am-2 pm

Join us on Facebook and YouTube!

Pastor: The Reverend Rebecca L. 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.

who can create anything and everything out of nothing. We also find that we are not God in our finite and human nature. God rested, but let's be honest, God did not have to rest. We find all throughout scripture ways in which God shows us by example how we are called to live, and this was especially seen in God incarnate Jesus Christ.

Jesus gave us example after example, parable after parable, of who we are called to be and how we are called to live. Jesus himself would leave the crowd, go on a boat, or into a garden, and even up a hill side to rest and to pray. We need to live out this way of being, just like God the Father, and God the Son did. We too need to stop and rest. We can't keep pushing ourselves over and over again. Our minds, bodies, and souls need rest, to recharge, to rejuvenate, and to refresh. I don't know about you, but I am ready for some of that rest God calls us to. I look forward to vacation. But, I also want to remind us all that God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it. We fill our weeks with work hours, house cleaning, meal preps, kids or grandkids activities and sports. Are we finding the seventh day of

rest? Are we even making room for an hour or two? When we are in worship, our minds, bodies, and souls are to find rest in that space and time with God. Now let me caveat this, if you come to worship with a grudge, agenda, closed mind, or closed heart, then the rest God desires for you might not be found. How do you prepare for worship? God rested and desires for us to rest, so that we can recharge, rejuvenate, and refresh. It is only then that we can go back to the real work God calls us to do.

You Are Loved.

Pastor Becca

