

SAVE THE DATES FOR SUMMER FUN!

“Wonderful Wednesdays”

with East Durham Children’s Initiative



EAST DURHAM
CHILDREN’S INITIATIVE

Every Wednesday from June 15 – August 14

11:00 am – 1:00 pm

Volunteers needed to read books, play games,
and create arts & crafts project

for children ages 1- 12.

More information to follow in summer bulletins

SAVE THE DATE

TAPC Back-to-School Summer Cookout

Date: Thursday, August 27 from 5:00—8:00pm

Given for: Our neighbors in Durham who eat their regular meals at the shelter

Sponsored by: The Community Mission Team

Where: UMD Shelter, 410 Liberty Street, Durham

How to help:

1. Sign up to bring homemade goodies (baked beans, potato salad, coleslaw & cookies)
 2. Donate money to buy burgers, hot dogs, buns, and more!
 3. Donate school supplies for homeless children.
- Watch the bulletin for updates on how to sign up as we get closer to the date.

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Youth and Children's Ministries

Youth Spring Retreat

In April, the youth group journeyed to Camp New Hope for an overnight retreat. Organized under the theme “Some Body to Love,” the youth spent time reflecting on how they are “fearfully and wonderfully made,” with unique gifts to contribute to Christ’s Body, the Church. In addition to engaging in worship and study, The youth completed a team-building course, played all manner of games, and made s’mores around a bonfire.

Thanks to adults Brian Burtram, Bert Wolf, and Abbie Nichols for accompanying the youth, and to Lauren Cates and Micheale Collie for organizing and leading the trip. TAPC adults, we hope you’ll consider joining us for next year’s spring retreat!



Vacation Church School
June 15-19 at Camp New Hope

With this year’s theme of “Living Water Everywhere,” children, youth and adults at VCS this summer will feel their way around Scripture’s stories involving God’s flowing grace through water. Vacation Church School is a sweeping experience in which Christians from various churches unite in fellowship, faith formation, and fun for five mornings. Whether you’re a senior or a student (or both!), come check us out and see what all the excitement is about. For details to drop by and visit, email Tommy at tgrimm@trinityave.org.



Kenneth Luker leads our annual Kids Club family hike.



Kids Club children making cards for Housing for New Hope

Community bible School
June 28-July 1 at TAPC

Our Intergenerational four-night camp, Community Bible School, is coming up soon! Mark your calendars to bring yourself, your family, or your friends for dinner, arts and crafts, music and fun. Look for sign-up directions in upcoming church publications.

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

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Men's Bible Study Series—The Good News of the gospel and the Nightly News

Even a quick glimpse at news headlines can unsettle and challenge us as Christians. Amidst capsized boats of refugees, brutal killings by terrorists, and unprecedented advances in artificial intelligence, we ask, 'Where is God', and how do we respond as people with good news? This summer, our Bible study will explore a range of these types of topics in the context of biblical scripture. The format of the study will be discussion-based and will draw on news articles about current events. Different members will lead each week. In an increasingly polarized climate, we will aim to listen openly to scripture and one another, welcoming a variety of perspectives. We meet every other Wednesday from 7:00—8:00am upstairs in the church with coffee and something to eat, with this study running from 6/3/15 to 8/26/15. If you have questions, please contact Ralph Gunderson at gundr@sprynet.com.

NEWS FROM THE CHRISTIAN FORMATION TEAM

Adult Summer Sunday School

Check with your class leader to see if your class will continue to meet this summer. All are welcome to join additional formation and fellowship opportunities this summer. The First Three Weeks of July: Tom Robinson will lead an elective the first three weeks of July, and Katie will teach in August. Please join us in the chapel for summer Sunday School these weeks.

Congregational Breakfast is back!

We will join together for breakfast and fellowship the last Sunday of each month (June 28, July 26, and August 30). Are you available to help with set up or clean up? Contact Caroline Armacost or Lisa Drummond to sign up!

June 14 and 21:

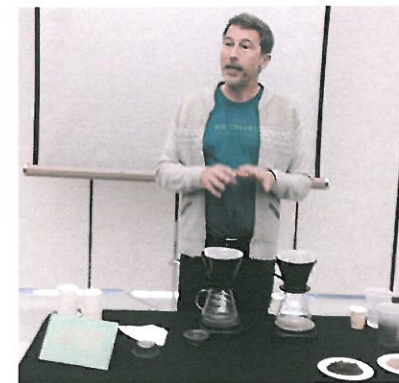
All ages are welcome to join in the fellowship hall to lend a hand with preparation for Vacation Church School. We will prep crafts, make signs, nametags, and perhaps join in song as we work.

PRIMETIMERS

Primetimers held an annual picnic in the Fellowship Hall of TAPC when rain prevented us from the trip to Forest Hills Park. Music was provided by TAPC member Carl Badger, along with his friends: Reverend Steve Brown, Pastor of Enon Baptist Church in Oxford, and fellow Muletown band member, Jan Pulley; and Monroe Wolf, also a TAPC member. As the group played instruments, Carl taught us about Old-Time or Traditional Fiddle music (and how it differs from Bluegrass music) and how he became involved in this music of the south. They played tunes such as "Forked Deer", "Liberty", "Booth Shot Lincoln", "Cluck Old Hen", and "Matches under the Hill", which sounds like "Turkey and the Straw". A great time was had by all as we tapped our feet to the beat of the music!

Our huge thanks go to Daryn Berlin of Counter Culture Coffee for providing the freshest, most delicious coffee for our guests this season. And, we all appreciate Lisa Drummond for preparing delicious meals for us and our wonderful guests!

Below is a review of some of our programs this past season. Everyone thoroughly enjoys the time together, filled with interesting guest speakers, good food and fellowship! Hope you will plan to meet with us in September for our first gathering of the fall and watch future bulletins throughout the year for a preview of upcoming meeting dates and guest speakers. Have a pleasant and safe summer—See you in the fall!



TAPC's own Daryn Berlin of Counter Culture Coffee, discussed the process of bringing us the world's finest specialty coffee during our December meeting.



Our guest speaker in November was Larry Stogner, our favorite ABC affiliate, and nephew of TAPC member, Jacksie Crossman.



Example of the various artwork viewed during visit to N.C. Museum of Art with host Ellen Stone in March. Before the tour, Primetimers enjoyed lunch at Panera Bread.

"The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. The Lord is my portion, says my soul, therefore I will hope in him. The Lord is good to those who wait for him, to the soul who seeks him. It is good that one should wait quietly for the salvation of the Lord." Lamentations 3:22-26 ESV

I love to read the Bible in the early hours each morning before the house begins to stir. The Lord is so good and His love shines through scripture. I could not help but see these beautiful verses in Lamentations as a comfort to me as we wind down for the summer. Change is all around us. Our dear Pastor Elizabeth has moved on to a new calling. Chauncy has left for a new adventure in his pastoral journey. Sunday School classes are coming to an end with anticipation for new classes to begin our summer term. There is even change in the lives of many church families with the addition of new family members. These changes can leave us with fear and doubt but our dear Lord tells us great is His faithfulness and we should wait for Him. This is soul food to me as it is a time to remember that God really wants us to wait quietly for the salvation of the Lord. This season of change for our church just may be the needed time to pause and remember that Jesus Christ is the head of our church. What peace that passes understanding comes from scripture and our faith in Jesus Christ as our Lord and Savior. I hope this summer will provide each of us with moments to pause and wait for the Lord. I find that when I have moments to wait quietly it is the perfect time for prayer. I would ask that we lift our church up in prayer for strength for our pastors and guidance for the future nominating committee as they begin the planning process for a new pastor. Prayer for our mission to share the love of Jesus in all that we do through our ministry teams and programs, and prayers for thankfulness that God is in control and has a plan for us. We must remind ourselves that the Lord is good to those who wait for him. He really is.

Blessings,

Julie Burtram

CALENDAR OF CONGREGATIONAL LEADERSHIP

Dates	Communion	Counters	Acolytes	Ushers/Greeters
June 7	9 am: Chris & Cathy Perry 11:00am: Mary Gunderson (lead) Bob Clarke Susie Gilbert Barbara VanDewoestine	Susan Ross (lead) Tom Hadzor Fletcher Wilson	Vinton & Grant Euler, Tristan Riley Parent-in-Charge: Euler	June 9am Services: Brian & Jenni Murphy July 9am Services: Chris & Carol Leach June 11am Services: TBA July 11am Services: TBA
June 14	9am: Chris & Carol Leach	Jeff Hendriks (lead) Sam Nichols Jim Elkins	Edward Rogers Parent-in-Charge: Rogers	
June 21	9am: Suzy Ward & Carol Rose	Chris Leach (lead) Dan Richards Art Ferguson	Luke Musser Parent-in-Charge: Musser	
June 28	9am: Edith & Marshall Boon	Bert Wolf (lead) Howard Wood Arthur Rogers	Gracie & Maggie Garrett, Nick Lockwood Parent-in-Charge: Garrett	
July 5	9am: Chris & Cathy Perry 11:00 Communion (TBA)	Jim VanderWeide (lead counter) Gail VanderWeide Michael Garrett	Luke Musser, Harper & Marney Shattuck Parent-in-Charge: Shattuck	
July 12	9am: Chris & Carol Leach	Len Stockburger (lead) Bobby Stockburger Phil Hutchings	Evan & Elly Luker Parent-in-Charge: Luker	
July 19	9am: Suzy Ward & Carol Rose	Richard Blankenship (lead counter) Chuck Lloyd Noell Tillett	Harper & Marney Shattuck Parent-in-Charge: Shattuck	
July 26	9am: Edith & Marshall boon	Todd Barbour (lead) Suzanne Freeman Randy Ray	Vinton & Grant Euler, Collin Phillips Parent-in-Charge Phillips	

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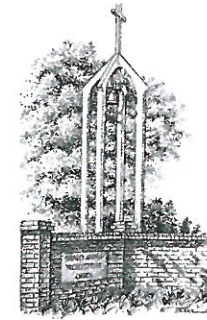
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TAPC Summer Dinner Series

All TAPC women are invited to join the Circle of Faith for our informal Dutch treat summer dinner series featuring speakers from our congregation and beyond. The dinners will be held on the **second Monday of each month at 6:30pm**, as shown below. Please RSVP to Susan Ross at ssross@mossandross.com or 919-383-0586 preferably a week before each date.

Monday, June 8

Duke Presbyterian Ministry

Saladelia Café

4201 University Drive

<http://www.saladelia.com/café/>

Rev. Katie Owen Aumann is the Student Minister at Duke University. We've asked her to come tell us about the program there and how we can remain involved. We've been pleased to have several of the Duke Presbyterian students worship with us during the year.

Monday, July 13

TAPC Archives

Blu Seafood

2002 Hillsborough Road

<http://bluseafoodandbar.com>

Sally Adkin and Ann Kirkland have spent many hours this year in the TAPC library organizing our archives. They will present what they have learned and share with us some examples of the treasures they've found.

Monday, August 10

Place and speaker tbd—Save the date!

Dear Friends,

Walking through the halls on a recent Ministry Team night was a sight to behold. On this single Wednesday evening once a month, the dynamism, vitality and commitment of our ministries and those who steward them is on full display.

The Care Team was discussing the pastoral needs of our congregation, and how they might better come alongside members of our church who could benefit from a long-term connection with a group of friends who provide loving support and accompaniment through life's challenges. Christian Formation developed a plan for nurturing and enriching the saints through meaningful summer studies and neighborhood projects, while the Youth Team dug deep into discussion about the spiritual, social and organizational needs of young people, sparked by the book that they were reading together about discipleship and youth.

Down the hall, the Worship Team spoke about the significance of the sacraments and extending hospitality to visitors as an act of worship, while downstairs the Community Ministry team talked with David Reese, Executive Director of the East Durham Children's Initiative, about ways to deepen our connection with the community through our involvement this summer, and Outreach met with Gretchen Senez, Executive Director of Housing for New Hope and Dr. Beverly Ford, board Vice-Chair, about ending homelessness in our community one valuable person at a time. These are just a few examples of the work of some of our teams on a single evening, but there are many more teams, and many more stories to be told.

A recent study conducted by the Pew Research Center found that the number of Americans who identify themselves as Christian is on the decline, while the share of Americans who do not identify with any organized religion is growing. In a recent Sunday School class conversation about these findings, we spoke about some of the difficulties associated with Christian evangelism (literally translated, "to declare good news"), and the negative experiences of some who had had religion forced upon them at different stages of life. But we also spoke about what it meant to be Presbyterian, and the virtue of the way that we as a denomination have historically tried to frame sharing the good news of the gospel: As one beggar telling another where to find bread.

There is a rich banquet of worship, fellowship, study, and service taking place at Trinity Avenue as we are nourished by the bread of life as a community of faith each day. There is much good news to be declared as we encounter the living God together and, together, follow Jesus out into the world. This summer as you spend time with neighbors and friends, and encounter strangers through new experiences and throughout your ordinary days, I encourage you to share the love of Christ by asking others where they are feeling hungry inside, and telling the story about how you have been fed. Then, invite them to the feast. There is plenty of room at the table.

In Christ,

Katie

Newsletter items should be sent to jburney@trinityave.org. Please submit items for the August Newsletter by July 15th.