

## Calendar of Ministries

### † Saturday, August 31

Evening Prayers at 8 p.m.

### † Sunday, September 1

Morning Worship at 10 a.m. at the Picnic Pavilion with Communion

### † Monday, September 2

Enjoy the Labor Day holiday!

### † Tuesday, September 3

Morning Prayers at 8 in the Pastor's Study

### † Wednesday, September 4

Morning Prayers at 8 in the Pastor's Study

Choir at 7 p.m.

### † Thursday, September 5

Morning Prayers at 8 in the Pastor's Study

### † Friday, September 6

Morning Prayers at 8

### † Saturday, September 7

Clean Up Day prior to Homecoming  
Evening Prayers at 8 in the Pastor's Study

### † Sunday, September 8

Homecoming in the Sanctuary at 11  
Dinner on the Grounds at 12:30 p.m.  
Hymn Sing begins around 1:15 or so

### Coming Attractions

Food Pantry on Tuesday, September 10, from 1:30 to 4 p.m.

High School Youth Retreat on Saturday and Sunday, Sep 14 and 15 at Headwaters Lodge

Regular Sunday Schedule resumes on September 15 with Sunday School at 9:45 and Worship at 11.

Session Retreat on Sunday, September 22 following worship



# The Weekly Word

Windy Cove Presbyterian Church

August 29, 2013

## Homecoming Nears: The Sound of Music

Our annual Homecoming at Windy Cove lies just over a week away. We will celebrate Homecoming on Sunday, September 8, with Morning Worship at 11, Dinner on the Grounds around 12:30, and an afternoon Hymn Sing around 1:15.

Our theme for Homecoming this year is from Colossians 3:16:

**“Sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs to God with thankful hearts.”**

Our Windy Cove Choir has planned a wonderful worship around this theme which celebrates the musical heritage of the church.

Our worship on Homecoming will emphasize different aspects of the church's musical heritage. There will be praise and worship music, music from Christian families, Sunday School music, and music from Bible School. There will also be service music like the Doxology and Gloria, music from special seasons of the year such as Christmas and Easter, and music from other important occasions such as weddings and funerals. Choir Director Tammy Lindsay and our Windy Cove Choir are now practicing to blend all these aspects into a marvelous day of celebration.

In addition to our Morning Worship, we will also share Dinner on the Grounds. Many look forward to the wide variety of good food from the Windy Cove community cooks.

We have planned a traditional hymn sing for the early afternoon. This hymn sing will allow for the congregation to choose music which may not have been sung during worship. The hymn sing will also provide an opportunity for folks to share favorite stories about the musical heritage of the church and to celebrate those folks who have participated in that music ministry.

Now, all we need to make the day complete is your presence with us on Sunday, September 8, beginning at 11 with Morning Worship. See you!

### Take Note!

Yes, the *Weekly Word* is now back in circulation. Vacations are mostly over. Kids are back in school, and we are publishing again.

We have one more Sunday of worship at the Picnic Pavilion on Sep 1. We will celebrate Communion at the Pavilion on Sunday with the service beginning at 10.

Youth Retreat, Sep 14 and 15, at Headwaters Lodge. See Sharon Sherrard.

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## Summer Worship

We have had a delightful summer of worship at our Windy Cove Picnic Pavilion. The weather has been cooperative: mainly warm and sunny with only one Sunday when the skies were gray with a little bit of rain. August 25 was a spectacular day of cool temperatures and bright sunshine with an exceptionally clear sky. The Session met that day after worship at the shelter and enjoyed the meal and lovely spot for their meeting.

Even more important than the weather was the actual worship of God. Except for the one rainy Sunday, our attendance and enthusiasm for worship was high. The congregation continued its summer study of the Lesser Known Books of the Bible. On August 4, we looked at Obadiah and considered the topic, How We Treat Others Matters to God. On behalf of the Lord, Obadiah reminded the Edomites that they had treated the Israelites badly and would suffer for it. We applied this message to our national life and to our personal lives as well.

On August 11 the congregation focused on the importance of building good character. The Bible lesson was Third John. A particular emphasis was on the trait of hospitality. In this letter John commends those who receive the traveling teachers whom he has sent to them, but he warns those who have not shown such hospitality. Again, this lesson can be applied at the level of the

church to welcome new folks. It also applies to individuals as we have the opportunity to welcome others into our lives and homes.

Justice was the topic on August 18. Nahum's entire book concentrates on God's justice that will come to the ruthless Assyrians who conquered much of the Middle East in 8<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> centuries BC. As we explored this theme, we noted that it was God who would bring the justice.

Although the prophets often exhort people to live just lives, the prophetic message includes a caution that people should be careful when they try to execute justice on others. The Apostle Paul reiterates this message in Romans 12 when he reminds his readers, "'Vengeance is mine; I will repay,' says the Lord." However unjust this present life may seem, God is a god of ultimate justice. Jesus himself mentions this aspect of justice in his Parable of Lazarus and Rich Man in Luke 16.

On August 25 Mr. Sherrard preached a somewhat difficult message based on Haggai. After the exile of Israelites to Babylonia in 586 BC, they longed to return to Jerusalem. When Persia conquered Babylonia in 538, the Israelites did come home. They rebuilt the foundations of the Temple, but then the work slackened. By 522 the Temple was still not completed. The people were paying more attention to their own personal affairs than to the ministry of God in their midst. On

behalf of the Lord, Haggai admonishes the Israelites to pay attention to the Lord's work.

Such a rebuke is often hard for good church folks to hear. However, it is a word that is at times needed when distractions and discouragement lead God's people away from their focus on what God is doing in their midst. Mr. Sherrard phrased the issue this way: Consider what you have your heart set on. Then, consider what God has his heart set on. The closer that these two ideas correspond to each other, the more service we can be to the Lord.

On Sunday, September 1, we will end our summer at the Pavilion as we consider Communion as a Sign of Commitment looking at Jude.

## Fall Schedule

We will resume our regular Fall Schedule on Sunday, September 15. Sunday School will begin at 9:45 with a Rally Day program involving children and adults. Our teens will be on retreat at Headwaters Lodge that Sunday. Morning Worship will begin at 11.

On September 22 and 29 Mr. Sherrard will teach lessons in Sunday School on the Apostle Paul. These lessons will serve as an introduction to a new series of messages on Paul, his missionary journeys, and his letters. After this introduction, lessons will include some video presentations from the Visual Bible as well as a look at Paul's theology of the gospel. It should be an interesting fall.

## People and Prayers

During the summer while we were not publishing, our community suffered together in the untimely death of Cory Williams. Cory had grown up at Windy Cove. Then he served his country in the Marine Corps. After his service duty, he worked for a defense contractor and eventually began a move back to Bath County by operating Millboro General Store. In July while still working away during the week, Cory suffered a heart attack and died at age 43. His Mom and Dad, Helen and Glenn Williams, had a measure of comfort for their deep loss from their Windy Cove friends who surrounded them with the love of Jesus.

Wanda Clark had breathing problems during the summer and spent some time in the hospital. Wanda is now recovering at home.

Mary Durham was suffering from pain in her back and legs which sent her to Alleghany Regional Hospital. Mary moved to the Woodlands Nursing Home where she continued treatment and rehabilitation. She recently got the O. K. to come home to husband, Alvin, and should be there by the time you read this note.

Mary told Mr. Sherrard that sons, Al and Randy and their families, were taking good care of her and Alvin. She gave thanks to God that she has such a wonderful family to look after Alvin and her. Yes, thank you, Lord, for faithful families who offer help when we need it!

