

Calendar of Ministries

† Saturday, October 5

Evening Prayers at 8 p.m.

† Sunday, October 6

Sunday School at 9:45

Morning Worship at 11 with our Four Cents Hunger Offering and Communion on World Communion Day

Teen Group at 5 p.m. at Millboro Elementary School

† Monday, October 7

Morning Prayers at 8

† Tuesday, October 8

Morning Prayers at 8

Food Pantry, 1:30 to 4 p.m.

Women's Bible Study at 6:45 p.m.

† Wednesday, October 9

Morning Prayers at 8

Bible Club at the High School, 8:08

Choir at 7 p.m.

† Thursday, October 10

Morning Prayers at 8

Men's Group Meeting at 7 p.m.

† Friday, October 11

Morning Prayers at 8

† Saturday, October 12

Evening Prayers at 8

† Sunday, October 13

Sunday School at 9:45

Congregational Meeting at 11

Morning Worship following our Congregational Meeting

Fellowship Lunch after worship

Things to Come

Congregational Meeting on Sunday, October 13, at 11 a.m. to elect elders

Soup and Sandwich Lunch on Sunday, October 13, following worship



The Weekly Word

Windy Cove Presbyterian Church

October 3, 2013

October 13: A Big Day

Sunday, October 13, is shaping up as a big day at Windy Cove. Two important events are scheduled for that day. First, on the out-of-the-ordinary schedule for that Sunday is a congregational meeting scheduled for 11 a.m. The purpose of the meeting is to hear the report of the Nominating Committee for Elders for the Class of 2016. The second event is a Soup and Sandwich Lunch after Morning Worship.

Three members of the Nominating Committee were elected by the congregation at a meeting last June. These congregational members included Tammy Lindsday, Jon Eaton, and Terry King. Subsequently, the Session appointed Vicki Grist and Nancy Peery as sessional members on the Nominating Committee. These folks have been working behind the scenes and are ready to report to the congregation on their work at the meeting on October 13.

Windy Cove operates with a Session composed of three classes of four elders in each class. Each elected, ordained, and installed elder serves a term of three years. Thus, in each calendar year, a class of four new elders is elected by the congrega-

tion. By our Presbyterian government, elders ordinarily may serve two consecutive terms if elected by the congregation. If an elder does serve two terms, then a rest period of at least one year is required before reelection.

Over the years Windy Cove has had excellent leadership on the Session. One only has to think of some of the past elders to recall some of the important names in Windy Cove's history. A list would include such names as Betty Jo Armstrong, Marian McCray, Orpha Cauley, Carl Plecker, Richard Durham, Mutt Cauley, Jim Tennant and many more that could be added to this list of stalwarts. Such good leadership has been an

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Take Note!

Bring your pennies on Sunday, October 6, for our Four Cents Hunger Offering.

Regular Food Pantry Day is Tuesday, October 8, 1:30 to 4 p.m.

Congregational Meeting on Sunday, October 13, at 11 a.m. to elect elders

Fellowship Lunch with soup and sandwiches on October 13 following worship

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Big Day (Cont.)

important part of what the Lord has done and is doing in and through Windy Cove Church.

Soup and Sandwiches has become a regular part of our fellowship at Windy Cove. There are sign-up sheets in the vestibule to give our Fellowship Ministry workers an idea of what to expect in the way of food.

The Session aims to promote one fellowship event each month to encourage the congregation to get to know each other at a deeper level. In September the fellowship event was our annual Homecoming. In October we look forward to our soup and sandwiches together on October 13.

The Quiet or Silent Years

In our current study in worship about the Apostle Paul's life and work, September 29 was devoted to Paul's "Silent" or "Quiet" years. Those are terms often applied to the time between Paul's conversion and the beginning of his First Missionary Journey. This period includes about 12 to 14 years encompassing the years 34 to 46 A.D. The years are called "silent" since the Book of Acts and Paul's letters give us only minimal evidence of Paul's activity during that time.

However, we can reasonably conclude several things from the evidence that we do have. First, Paul was reorienting his life. Previously, as a Pharisee, Paul had focused his life on keeping the commands of the

Jewish law. After he met the risen Lord Jesus, Paul became aware that his own efforts to justify himself by keeping the law perfectly were futile. So, Paul began to reorient his life toward God through his trust in Jesus. Such a reorientation of life should cause us to ask: What is the primary focus of our lives? Do we need to refocus on those things that are lasting and important to God?

Part of Paul's reorientation involved a new understanding of God's word in the Jewish Bible, our Old Testament. Paul had been a serious student of the Scriptures, but he had been previously blind to the truth that they contained about Jesus the Messiah. Once he met Jesus, Paul's understanding was opened to a deeper revelation of Jesus in the Old Testament. Again, do we allow the Bible's teaching to reshape our lives?

We also know that Paul began sharing the Good News of Jesus right away. He preached and taught first in and around Damascus. Later, he returned to his home territory around Tarsus in Syria and Cilicia. Paul was always a very active Christian. He did not sit on his hands while waiting for Jesus to return. Instead he worked tirelessly to spread the message of Jesus. What about us? Do we translate our faith into coordinated and useful ministry for Jesus?

Finally, we know that Paul did not have an easy life after his conversion. In 2 Corinthians 11-12, Paul

writes about the trials that he has suffered after becoming a believer in Jesus. He mentions five whippings by Jews who opposed him and three by the Romans. He includes being shipwrecked three times as well as exposure to the elements and going without food. He finally mentions a bodily ailment that he prayed earnestly about. However, God's answer was that God's power could be seen better through Paul's weakness than through Paul's strength. Such a recitation gives us insight into a person who can then write, "I can do all things through Christ who gives me strength."

Pumpkin Patch

Windy Cove now has its own Pumpkin Patch. It's not the traditional kind with the pumpkins attached to the vines growing in the soil. Rather, it's a patch which will help to bind us with closer ties to the school children in Haiti at our adopted Notre Dame School.

About a month ago, Elder April Miller reported to the Session about the Haiti Mission Trip for 2013. That trip was in July when our team of twelve visited and worked at Notre Dame School in David (pronounced **da-vide**), Haiti. Windy Cove had adopted this school in the fall of 2012 as a mission project.

April mentioned during her report that the principal of the school said that his biggest need was to provide a nutritious meal for the children. Indeed, he told the Windy Cove

team that children would leave school in the middle of the day because of hunger pangs and an inability to concentrate.

April also reported that there was about \$1,000 in extra offerings beyond what was necessary for scholarships for the children to attend the school. She presented the opportunity to use these extra offerings to begin a feeding program at the school. The Session heartily endorsed this idea and authorized our Pumpkin Patch.

The Pumpkin Patch is in the vestibule. The patch has "pumpkins" of various sizes. These pumpkins represent the different offerings that folks might give toward the feeding program. For example, did you know that 26 cents will provide one meal for one child in Haiti? So, \$20 will provide 77 meals. \$100 will provide 384 meals. Every offering is important to those children who attend Notre Dame School. **You can find your particular pumpkin on Sunday in the vestibule. Then, attach it to your check or cash when you place it in the offering plate.**

Special offerings for the Pumpkin Patch have begun to pour in. Be sure to use this opportunity to help those who have much less food and opportunity than we do. We will probably need about \$5,000 to pay for feeding all the children at Notre Dame during the entire school year which runs from the middle of September to the end of May. Thanks for your generous help!