

Calendar of Ministries

✠ Saturday, April 12

Clean-Up Day begins at 10
Evening Prayers at 8

✠ Sunday, April 13

Sunday School at 9:45
Morning Worship at 11

✠ Monday, April 14

Morning Prayers at 8

✠ Tuesday, April 15

Morning Prayers at 8

✠ Wednesday, April 16

Morning Prayers at 8
Bible Club at the High School, 8:08
Choir at 7 p.m.

✠ Thursday, April 17

Morning Prayers at 8
Evening Worship with Communion at 7:30

✠ Friday, April 18

Morning Prayers at 8

✠ Saturday, April 19

Memorial Service for Hilda Plecker
Hobson at 11 a.m.
Evening Prayers at 8

✠ Sunday, April 20, Easter

Sunrise Worship atop the hill on Windy
Cove Farm at 6:15
Morning Worship at 11

Food Pantry served about 60 families this past Tuesday. Thanks for your pennies last Sunday!

Don't forget our Clean-Up Day on Saturday the 12th. Let's get things looking especially good for Easter.



The Weekly Word

Windy Cove Presbyterian Church
April 10, 2014

Easter Is Approaching

The signs are all around that Easter is fast approaching. We finally have had some beautiful spring days. The daffodils are blooming. Tulips shoots are at least poking up through the ground. Palms for this Sunday and Easter flowers for next week have been ordered and scheduled for delivery. Worship plans for Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, and Easter are in place. The glorious celebration of the resurrection of Jesus is near.

In addition to these visible signs, we trust that the Holy Spirit has been doing his invisible work in the lives of worshipers at Windy Cove and at the other churches in our community. Here at Windy Cove, we are now more than halfway through our study of the Beatitudes from Jesus' Sermon on the Mount.

We began our reflection on the first Sunday in Lent and have so far looked at the following beatitudes:

*Blessed are the poor in spirit,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.*
*Blessed are those who mourn,
for they shall be comforted.*
*Blessed are the meek,
for they shall inherit the earth.*

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.

*Blessed are the merciful,
for they shall receive mercy.*

We will continue our consideration on Sunday, April 13, with "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God." Then, at Evening Worship on Thursday, April 17, we will look at "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called children of God." Finally, on Easter, April 20, we examine our last beatitude, "Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness sake, for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven."

These sayings of Jesus outline for
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Take Note!

There will be a Memorial Service for Hilda Plecker Hobson at Windy Cove on Saturday, April 19, at 11 o'clock. Hilda died two months ago in North Carolina. Her body was cremated; and following the Memorial Service, her ashes will be buried on the Plecker family lot at Woodland Cemetery. Our Fellowship Ministry will host a meal for the family and friends following the interment.

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Easter (Cont.)

us the authentic way that God intended for life to be lived. As human beings, we have often strayed far from God's intent. As the Bible and an honest reflection on our own lives reveal, "All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned—every one—to his own way . . ." Thankfully, Easter testifies to us of the shepherd who came to seek and to save his lost and wandering sheep.

Come, celebrate with us this message of good news which leads us to the authentic life of a child in the Kingdom of God.

Easter Possibilities

Here's a recap of some of the things going on in our Easter season. On Saturday, April 12, our Property Ministry is heading up a Clean-Up Day at the church beginning at 10. This event is an all-hands-on-deck affair to clean up, straighten up, fix up, wash up, and get ready for Easter. Bring some tools, cleaning supplies, and a willing spirit to spend a few hours on the Lord's House.

On Palm Sunday, April 13, we will have our palms in place along with a few of our Easter flowers. As noted above, we will continue our study of the Beatitudes.

On Thursday, April 17, we will worship in the evening at 7:30. Communion will be available at this service remembering Jesus' last Passover Supper with his disciples.

On Easter, our Sunrise Worship will begin at 6:15 atop the hill on Windy Cove Farm. The Dudleys who are the new owners of part of Windy Cove Farm have graciously allowed us to continue our tradition of worshiping on the Farm. In case of rain on Easter, our Sunrise Service will be indoors at Calvary Baptist Church. Calvary is hosting our Easter breakfast this year following the early service. Pastor Darren Keithley will lead the worship, and Mr. Sherrard will bring the message.

We will not have Sunday School on Easter, but our Morning Worship will begin at the regular time of 11 o'clock. At that service, our study of the Beatitudes will lead us to consider Jesus' sacrifice for us.

Stepping Up Men's Bible Study Concludes

Our Bible Study began on February 24, and the eleven men met for six weeks. (The men took one week off because of snow.) They covered four lessons including: 1. Surveying the Terrain (Defining Manhood), 2. Scaling the Summit (Living Courageously), 3. Strengthening your Heart (Building a Life of Faith), and 4. Showing the Way (Stepping Up to Lead). Each of these lessons had two parts to it.

The video presentations made the men think through what it really means to be a man, and especially how that Biblical view of manhood impacts spouses and families. The

men were challenged to leave adolescence behind and live as men.

Another challenge was to live courageously by doing the right thing even when that thing was hard to do. The courage to do the right thing was related then to strengthening personal faith. There was a strong emphasis on mentoring others and being mentored in the faith, both in families and beyond the family circle. Finally, the study challenged the men to be leaders by resisting temptation and persevering in their faithful commitments.

The men also enjoyed the fellowship that they shared during the study. Each week began with a good supper together. Some of the main dishes included spaghetti, fried chicken, hamburger stew and vegetable soup, chili, chicken and dumplings, and pork chops. A variety of vegetables, salads, and desserts (of course) completed the menus.

But beyond the meals, there was a deep sense of sharing in the group as the men together confronted serious issues under the Lord's care.

As the men concluded last Monday, they discussed other possible avenues for growth including a weekend retreat or a more traditional Bible study where they might go through a passage verse by verse asking what the implications of God's word would be. Check in the future for such opportunities.

People and Prayers

Several weeks ago we promised you an explanation of a display of the Lord's grace in the midst of the congregation. One Sunday in March, Mr. Sherrard had a general sense as Sunday School began that someone needed healing for a painful hip. Later, while leading the Morning Prayer, he had an overwhelming sense that he should pray for a person's hip to be healed of pain.

Following the service, Melanie Ryder asked what had prompted him to pray in such a manner. Pastor Sherrard told her it was the Lord's strong leading. Melanie admitted that she had been troubled by a painful hip especially while trying to sleep. During the remainder of the week, her pain went away; and she expressed deep gratitude to God.

She later told Mr. Sherrard that she had not thought to pray about the pain thinking that it was part of the process of growing older. However, just the day before her healing began, she had said to herself, "I've got to do something about this pain." When Mr. Sherrard prayed the word of knowledge that the Lord had given him, Melanie said her head shot up to see what was going on. Somehow she knew that the prayer must be for her.

We are grateful to God for her healing and for her courage to tell some friends. We also appreciate her willingness to share her story with our readers.