

Calendar of Ministries

✠ Saturday, May 3

Memorial Service for Gus Deeds at Millboro Elementary School at 10
Evening Prayers at 8

✠ Sunday, May 4

Sunday School at 9:45
Morning Worship at 11
Potato Bar Lunch at 12:30
Haiti Team meets following lunch
Area Youth Meeting at 5 at Millboro Elementary

✠ Monday, May 5

Morning Prayers at 8

✠ Tuesday, May 6

Morning Prayers at 8

✠ Wednesday, May 7

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

✠ Thursday, May 8

Morning Prayers at 8

✠ Friday, May 9

Morning Prayers at 8

✠ Saturday, May 10

Samatha Grist and Nate Stein wedding in Warrenton, VA
Evening Prayers at 8

✠ Sunday, May 11

Sunday School at 9:45
Morning Worship at 11

We have started a new series of messages in worship focusing on the ministry of the Holy Spirit. We will celebrate Pentecost this year on June 8. Find out more about this part of God and experience more of God's power in your life. See Acts 2 for a start.



The Weekly Word

**Windy Cove Presbyterian Church
May 1, 2014**

Joyful Easter at Windy Cove

The Windy Cove Congregation and the surrounding community of Millboro Springs celebrated a joyful Easter on Sunday, April 20. The day began with our Community Sunrise Worship atop the hill on Windy Cove Farm. Elizabeth Dudley, the current owner of the Farm, was up early to open the pasture gate as Sharon and Rob Sherrard made their way up the hill in the last dark of night around 6 o'clock. We appreciate the Dudleys gracious hospitality in hosting the community at the Sunrise Service.

The Sherrards had barely made it to the top of the hill when other cars from the community trailed into the meadow. There was a thick but high cloud cover so daylight began to arrive just after 6. The sun remained hidden by the clouds during the service though the morning was pleasant. Early arrivers did notice a strange spectacle toward the northeast. There was a distinct pink glow over Walker Mountain much farther to the north than where the sun comes up at this time of year. Several folks mentioned that, if the sun came up that far north, we had all better take note of what God was doing. Later in the day the sun shined.

By 6:20 around 50 worshipers had assembled. They read and sang together and joined in an Easter prayer led by Darren Keithley, pastor at Calvary Baptist Church. Mr. Sherrard preached a brief Easter message on The Words We Hate to Hear and Why We Need Not Fear Them. The text from Philippians 2 emphasizes that the name of Jesus triumphs over all other powers in the universe including such dreaded enemies as cancer, Alzheimer's disease, divorce, and even death.

One of the worshipping families had even come from North Carolina via a stay at Fort Lewis Lodge. John and Carol Cowden of Fort Lewis had sent them off in the right direction early
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Take Note!

May 3—Memorial Service for Gus Deeds at Millboro Elementary School at 10 a.m.

May 4—Congregational Meeting at 11 including Ministry Team Reports and election of the Nominating Committee

May 4—Fellowship Lunch after Worship

May 4—Haiti Team meets following lunch for second orientation

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that morning, and we were delighted to welcome them on the hill. The DeCramers decided to return to Fort Lewis for breakfast, but many of the other early risers went to Calvary to enjoy a sumptuous morning feast. At Calvary there were hot cakes, sausage, fruit, donuts, biscuits and gravy, as well as coffee, juice, milk, and tea. What a way to start a lovely day!

After the warm fellowship of breakfast, many of the early worshippers went home to change clothes before returning at 11 for our Morning Worship on Easter. And return they did along with many others who filled the sanctuary on Easter. The extended Shanks family filled up more than a pew. Jack Pearson, a colleague of Mr. Sherrard's from our local community college, was there with his extended family and took a whole pew and a half.

Eddie Homes and his family were there from Staunton. They have been worshipping at Windy Cove on Easter since the 1990s prior to going out to lunch at the Homestead. During our sharing of joys, Susan Simons Goings announced that she would be a grandmother this year. Daughter Rachel and her husband Jaime Talbot who were also present are expecting. Susan and Doctor Ron often come back to Windy Cove on Easter bringing family with them.

The Windy Cove Choir sang two anthems for worship that inspired

the congregation. One of these began worship on the high note of praise. The other invited folks to the Lord's Table for Communion. Additionally, Paul Lancaster closed the service with a solo.

Mr. Sherrard's message centered on the testimony that Easter gives that Jesus' way of life is the true and authentic way to live. That message finished a series on the Beatitudes from Matthew 5. As Jesus ends his famous Sermon on the Mount found in Matthew 5-7, he encourages Christians to build their lives on the solid foundation of his teaching. That teaching is confirmed by his resurrection from the dead.

By the time Morning Worship ended just after noon, the day was warm, bright, and sunny. Oh, what a glorious and joyful day!

Hilda's Homecoming

On the Saturday prior to Easter, Windy Cove hosted a memorial service for Hilda Plecker Hobson. Hilda had died in North Carolina at the end of January. Her body was cremated, and her ashes were placed in unique urn created by a famous potter friend of hers. That urn was buried on the Plecker family plot in Woodland Cemetery as part of the memorial service.

Originally, Hilda had intended to have her ashes placed in a columbarium at the Presbyterian Conference Center at Montreat. Hilda and husband Dick had lived in retirement at Black Mountain, NC near Montreat.

However, in a visit to Bath County just a few months before her death, Hilda had a strong sense of wanting to come home to rest in Bath County. Dick and the rest of Hilda's family worked diligently to honor the strong yearning that Hilda had.

Mr. Sherrard's message at the memorial service highlighted the sense of belonging and coming home. Additionally, he touched on the theme of passing on the faith from one generation to another within strong family ties. Many who attended the service knew stories of Hilda's experiences with her family of origin and with her own Hobson family with her children and grandchildren.

Her son Rick Hobson, a surgeon from Greenwood, SC spoke at the church. Other family members participated in the committal service at the graveside which Hilda's pastor husband, Dick, led. Following the service at the graveside, family members returned to Windy Cove for a meal contributed by family and church members and hosted by our Windy Cove folks.

Session Meets

The Windy Cove Session held its regular monthly meeting on Sunday, April 27, at lunch. The Session reaffirmed the call for a congregational meeting on Sunday, May 4, at 11 o'clock. The purposes of this meeting are to hear reports from our Ministry Teams and to elect members to our Nominating Committee for 2014. During worship that day,

each of the Ministry Teams will give a brief update of their work enlisting the commitment and participation of the general congregation

Sunday, May 4, is also the day of our next fellowship event. Lunch that day will be a Potato Bar. The church will supply the baked potatoes and drinks. Our Fellowship Ministry encourages folks to fill in with various toppings for the potatoes and also with desserts.

Following lunch on the 4th, our Haiti Mission Team will hold its second orientation meeting. The agenda for this meeting will include planning for the projects on the trip as well as preliminary plans for travel to the airport in Washington. Our team will leave Bath County on July 7 and return on July 15. We have received the good news that our feeding program for Notre Dame School in David, Haiti is now functioning. The children are receiving one nutritious meal each day at school.

Sharon Sherrard reported that she is still working with a company in Lexington to perfect a new sign for Windy Cove. We now know that the letters have to get bigger in order to make the sign more easily readable. The Session is working toward a sign that has a semi-permanent part with the possibility of additions to highlight significant seasons or events of the church year.

Bible School is coming from June 23 to the 27 with the program on Sunday, June 29.