

Calendar of Ministries

✠ Saturday, May 10

Samatha Grist and Nate Stein wedding in Warrenton, VA

Evening Prayers at 8

✠ Sunday, May 11

Happy Mother's Day!

Sunday School at 9:45

Morning Worship at 11

✠ Monday, May 12

Morning Prayers at 8

Vision Group at 7:30 p.m.

✠ Tuesday, May 13

Morning Prayers at 8

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

✠ Wednesday, May 14

Morning Prayers at 8

Bible Club at the High School, 8:08

Choir at 7 p.m.

✠ Thursday, May 15

Morning Prayers at 8

✠ Friday, May 16

Morning Prayers at 8

✠ Saturday, May 17

Evening Prayers at 8

✠ Sunday, May 18

Sunday School at 9:45

Morning Worship at 11

The Vision Group appointed by the Windy Cove Session has been meeting on Monday evenings. The Group is developing a process for evaluating the ministry of the church and for envisioning the future that the Lord has in store for Windy Cove. Keep these folks in your prayers.



The Weekly Word

Windy Cove Presbyterian Church

May 8, 2014

One Potato, Two Potato . . .

The worshipping congregation at Windy Cove had lots of potatoes on Sunday, May 4. After worship was over, folks filed into the Fellowship Hall to enjoy the Potato Bar set up by our Fellowship and Service Team. The Team had scrubbed and baked about 80 potatoes, and the congregation had supplied lots of toppings to make a meal with the potatoes. One favorite was the chili supplied by Gary Nair. In fact, some folks could be seen eating bowls of Gary's delicious chili even without a potato!

The hour of worship began with a congregational meeting. Nancy Peery, Sam Hepler, and Jon Eaton were elected to serve on the 2014 Nominating Committee. These three folks will join two Session members on the Committee. This Nominating Committee will eventually present a slate of nominees to the congregation for the office of elder for the Class of 2017.

Sunday worship also included reports from each of our Ministry Teams. Vicki Grist reported for Fellowship and Service on the many activities that they oversee. This Team, of course, arranges for our fellowship meals like the Potato Bar on Sunday.

Another important part of their ministry is to provide meals for families at the time of a death or burial. Recently, Fellowship and Service sent food to the home of Jean Plecker following Paul's death. Then, this Team arranged a meal for the Hobson family following Hilda's memorial service on the Saturday before Easter. The Team also oversees the administration of our Food Pantry although Bea Clark organizes its operation.

Julie Wagoner gave information about the work of the Worship Ministry Team. Julie began with a reading from the Book of Order emphasizing the nature and importance of worship. In her report she mentioned providing a congenial and expressive

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Take Note!

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May 11—Mother's Day

May 12—Vision Group meets at 7:30 p.m. at the church

May 13—Food Pantry from 1:30 to 4. If you have never seen the Food Pantry in action, stop by to see how this important ministry of the church operates.

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atmosphere for worship including seasonal decorations and appropriate symbols. Ushers are present each Sunday to greet people and hand out worship bulletins. The Worship Ministry coordinates music with pianist Tammy Lindsay, worship leader Traci Herscher, and Pastor Rob Sherrard. The Team also prepares for the sacramental observance of the Lord's Supper.

The Discipleship and Evangelism Ministry Team gave its report through a slide presentation prepared by team member Kim Lancaster. These slides highlighted major responsibilities of the Team including Sunday School, Bible School in the summer, Bible Studies, Teen Ministry, and our Haiti Mission Teams. Many of these ministries are responsible for the continued growth and guidance of Christians in their daily living. Appropriately, members of our current Haiti Mission Team were in attendance at worship prior to their orientation meeting later that afternoon.

Elder Justin Shanks reported on the work of the Property Ministry to provide up-to-date, adequate spaces for many of these ministries to take place. Justin complemented the work of Tammy, Mike, and Mitchell Stinespring in keeping the lawn looking nice during the moving season. Justin did acknowledge that their Team had a big job with a list of improvements that needed to be made in the building and on the property.

One emphasis of the Team for 2014 is to look at the church the way visitors might see it. Too often regular attenders become used to how things are or have been. For example, how many folks who come each Sunday pay attention to the small holes in the sidewalk? Yet, for a visitor, those small holes might be the first thing they note about their experience at the church.

To accomplish these ministries well, the commitment and support of the entire congregation is necessary. Session members can take the lead, but the congregation must join them in the work.

Budget Presentation

Last Sunday's presentation on the current ministry of the church also included a presentation of the budget for the last two years along with a general estimate of income and expenses for the current year. We do not have the space to reproduce the entire budget in our publication, but copies are available in the vestibule at church.

However, we offer our readers some highlights. Remember, it's not just about the money; it is about the ministry that occurs with the help of your generous offerings through the leadership of the Holy Spirit.

As in many small organizations, personnel costs are a high percentage of the overall cost. Windy Cove pays for Mr. Sherrard's professional leadership and experience, for Tammy Lindsay's exceptional skill as

a pianist and choir director, for Ruth Cauley's faithful attention to cleaning the church, and recently for Mikayla Miller's availability to keep the nursery for preschool children. Together these personnel costs add up to about \$75,000 per year

Other major items include general maintenance and improvements on our three properties: the church and study, the manse where the Sherrards live, and our picnic shelter. We had an exceptionally high expense for heating this winter because of the extended cold weather and the cost of propane.

At the same time, much good ministry gets done in and through the church. It's hard, for example, to estimate the impact that a Sunday School teacher has on a young child or that education has on a child in Haiti or that the opportunity to experience the presence of God has on a person who is hurting and desperate. Such things will reveal their true value only when we get to heaven and see the treasures that we have been storing up there.

Following is a list of general estimates of income and expenses for 2014.

Income Sources	Expected Income
Discipleship	\$2,000
Fellowship	\$300
Service	\$300
Weekly Offerings	\$100,000

Ministry	Expected Expenditures
Discipleship	\$7,000
Evangelism	\$1,500
Fellowship	\$3,000
Pastoral Leadership	\$61,000
Property	\$30,000
Service	\$7,000
Worship	\$10,000

Of these estimates the one that has considerable leeway is Property. There are a number of improvements needed at the church that may not be as expensive as recent improvements at the church and manse. For example, in 2012 we upgraded the heating and cooling at the church with a new system. That project will benefit the church for many years. In 2013 we installed new windows at the manse, those will be in place for years to come. So, the estimate of \$30,000 for our property ministry may be adjusted downward during the year.

People and Prayers

We anticipate the wedding this weekend of Samatha Grist to Nate Stein in Warrenton, VA. We wish Samatha and Nate all the richest blessings in the Lord. Nate's current job is located in Switzerland. So, following the wedding, Samatha will make arrangements to join him there.

Mr. Sherrard is planning another visit to Mike Tennant at the Greensville Correctional Center in Jarratt, VA. Keep praying for Mike.