

## Calendar of Ministries

### ✠ Saturday, June 7

Evening Prayers at 8

### ✠ Sunday, June 8

Sunday School at 9:45

Morning Worship at 11 with our Four Cents Hunger Offering

Session meets for lunch following worship

### ✠ Monday, June 9

Morning Prayers at 8

Vision Group meets at 7:30

### ✠ Tuesday, June 10

Morning Prayers at 8

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

### ✠ Wednesday, June 11

Morning Prayers at 8

Choir at 7 p.m.

### ✠ Thursday, June 12

Morning Prayers at 8

### ✠ Friday, June 13

Morning Prayers at 8

### ✠ Saturday, June 14

Evening Prayers at 8

### ✠ Sunday, June 15

Sunday School at 9:45

Morning Worship at 11

**Our Presbyterian Church (USA) General Assembly meets from June 14 through June 21 in Detroit, MI. Pray for the Commissioners to the Assembly to apply God's wisdom to the decisions that they make at the Assembly.**



# The Weekly Word

Windy Cove Presbyterian Church

June 5, 2014

## Wearing Red for Pentecost

We are encouraging our worshipers at Windy Cove to wear something red on Sunday, June 8, to celebrate Pentecost. This traditional association of red with Pentecost is part of the larger practice of the Church to use color as an aid to worship. These colors are often referred to as liturgical colors or the colors of worship for a particular season of the church year.

Interestingly, the use of color in worship did not play much part in the Christian Church for its first 1000 years. So far as we can tell, those leading Christian services during this period of history dressed as did most of the people of the time. If any color was more in use, the color was white.

White was often associated with the spiritual cleansing which came from God when a person accepted Jesus and was baptized. Catechumens (those preparing to make a profession of faith and be baptized) often received a white robe as they came out of the baptismal water.

In the second millennium of the Church, different colors began to be associated with different seasons of the church year. The Roman Catholic Church eventually developed an elaborate system of liturgical colors. In

reaction to Roman Catholic practices, the Protestant reformers sought to simplify many aspects of the Church's life.

Following the advice and example of John Calvin, most Presbyterian pastors have used only a simple, mostly black academic robe for preaching. That use represents the Reformed (that is, Calvinistic) understanding of the pastor as the Teaching Elder of the congregation.

However, in more recent times Presbyterians have realized the wisdom of including more of peoples' senses in worship, not just the mind. So, there has been more emphasis on different kinds of music and different colors for seasonal worship.

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### Take Note!

**June 8—Celebrate the Day of Pentecost by wearing something red to worship today. Also, bring your pennies for our Four Cents Hunger Offering. The Session meets for lunch after worship.**

**June 10—our monthly Food Pantry from 1:30 to 4 p.m.**

**Bible School is coming soon. It begins on Monday, June 23.**

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## Red for Pentecost (Cont.)

Currently, the Presbyterian Planning Calendar recommends four colors for the church year: white, for special days in the redemptive work of Jesus; purple, for seasons of preparation and penitence; red, for Pentecost and often for ordination services; and green, for the remainder of the church year not marked by a specific day or season. In addition to these general guidelines, there is flexibility for the special use of color.

For example, the use of red would be appropriate for any emphasis on the redeeming sacrifice of Jesus. There are many gospel hymns that speak of the blood of Jesus being poured out as a sacrifice as in "Nothing But the Blood of Jesus." In these hymns the red of Jesus' blood as a sacrifice becomes the means whereby a believer is spiritually made "white as snow."

The central notion of Jesus' sacrifice brings us back to the use of red on the Day of Pentecost. We celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit in power on Pentecost while remembering that the Spirit's advent was only made possible by Jesus' sacrificial death for us.

In the Upper Room Jesus celebrated the Passover Meal with his disciples. Jesus told them:

*But I tell you that I am going to do what is best for you. That is why I am going away. The Holy Spirit cannot come to help you*

*until I leave. But after I am gone, I will send the Spirit to you. (John 16:7, CEV)*

The color red then takes on the dual significance of a festive celebration while at the same time maintaining its original tie to the sacrificial death of Jesus on the cross. The Holy Spirit brings power and joy into the lives of believers but only because Jesus was willing to sacrifice his life for us.

After this long (perhaps long-winded) explanation, pick out an item of red clothing for Sunday to celebrate your relationship to Jesus by the presence of the Holy Spirit in your life.

On Pentecost Mr. Sherrard will turn to Luke's description in Acts 2 of the coming of the Holy Spirit. He will join the explanation of this passage with a part of his personal testimony on the activity of the Holy Spirit in his life.

## Gifts of the Holy Spirit

The gifts of the Holy Spirit were the focus for worship at Windy Cove on June 1. The congregation considered passages from 1 Corinthians 12 and from Romans 12. In each of these places, Paul lists some of the gifts of the Holy Spirit.

In his message Mr. Sherrard organized the gifts under the following headings:

- a. The Power to Say
  - i) Gift of Tongues
  - ii) Gift of Interpretation

- iii) Prophecy
- iv) Gift of Encouraging
- b. The Power to Know
  - i) Gift of Knowledge
  - ii) Gift of Wisdom
  - iii) Gift to Discern Spirits
  - iv) Gift of Teaching
- c. The Power to Do
  - i) Gift of Faith
  - ii) Gift of Healing
  - iii) Gift of Miracles
  - iv) Gift of Service
  - v) Gift of Giving Generously
  - vi) Gift of Leadership

The majority of the message was used to explain and give examples of these different gifts.

At the beginning and the end of his message, Mr. Sherrard emphasized the larger point. Each believer has unique talents and has the opportunity to receive spiritual gifts which can be used to encourage those in the Church and to minister to those outside it.

## People and Prayers

During worship on Sunday, June 1, the Windy Cove Congregation was shocked to learn of the death of Joe Smiley. Joe was an important part of the Millboro Community. Joe was devoted to helping young people, especially coaching in Little League. Joe and his family were very close to Bruce Cambata and his family. Joe had worked for Cambata Industries, and his son Justin and Alex Cambata

were good friends. Services are being handled through Nicely Funeral Home with Family Visitation on Wednesday evening from 6 to 8 p.m. The funeral will be on Thursday, June 5, at Nicely's at 2 p.m. with burial to follow in the Millboro Christian Church Cemetery. We pray God's comfort for Joe's family.

We always love to catch up on our readers. We had notes recently from Anne Lindell, Teri Venable, and Mary Ellen Tyree. Anne and her husband Gerry used to spend most of their summers along the river in a home in Millboro Springs. They were "regulars" at Windy Cove during those summers. Gerry often sang with the choir or even did an occasional special. Anne says she continues to enjoy the *Weekly Word* especially since it is now online.

Teri sent some information about daughter Rachel Sarver's graduation from West Virginia Wesleyan. We'll have that information in our next issue. Additionally, daughter Mallory is teaching Pre K and Headstart in WV. She has two children which are a joy to their grandmother Teri. Hannah has worked on the west coast, but she now has a job in her field of marine science in Louisiana.

Mary Ellen Tyree has moved in with her daughter Jeanie in Mechanicsville, VA. She had a long recovery from injuries sustained when she was hit by a golf cart. Mary Ellen often sends us a note from the Richmond area where she moved following her husband's death.