

Calendar of Ministries—For the Summer

✠ Thursday, September 4

Morning Prayers at 8

After beginning Tuesdays and Thursdays in his study, Mr. Sherrard will be teaching in Clifton Forge and Buena Vista for Dabney Lancaster Community College. His classes meet at 11 and 2

✠ Friday, September 5

Morning Prayers at 8

✠ Saturday, September 6

Evening Prayers at 8

✠ Sunday, September 7

Worship at the Pavilion at 10 a.m. with a celebration of the Lord's Supper

✠ Monday, September 8

Morning Prayers at 8

Expected Installation of the new carpet to begin during the day

Vision Group at 7:30 p.m.

✠ Tuesday, September 9

Morning Prayers at 8

Carpet installation may continue throughout the day

Mr. Sherrard's college classes meet at 11 and at 2

✠ Wednesday, September 10

Morning Prayers at 8

Choir at 7 p.m.

✠ Thursday, September 11

Morning Prayers at 8

✠ Friday, September 12

Morning Prayers at 8

✠ Saturday, September 13

Evening Prayers at 8

✠ Sunday, September 14

Homecoming Worship at 11

Dinner on the Grounds at 12:30 p.m.

Hymn Sing at 1:30



The Weekly Word

Windy Cove Presbyterian Church
September 4, 2014

Where Has the Summer Gone?

Indeed, where has the summer of 2014 gone? It seems like just yesterday that we were writing to you about Bible School in June, our Haiti Mission Trip in July, and our Sunday Worship at the Picnic Pavilion in August. And now. . .

Now we are ready to conclude our worship at the pavilion on Sunday, September 7, as we celebrate Communion there. Elder April Miller preached the first two Sundays at the pavilion while Mr. Sherrard was on vacation. (Thanks, April!) Mr. Sherrard returned to the outdoor pulpit on August 17 just in time for the after-worship picnic. Services at the pavilion has been well attended with about 50 people there each Sunday.

Now we are also preparing to celebrate our annual Homecoming on Sunday, September 14. Dr. Roy Martin, the General Presbyter of Shenandoah Presbytery, will be our guest speaker. Dr. Martin came to the presbytery less than a year ago. Homecoming will be his first official visit to Windy Cove. Our theme for Homecoming this year is The Presbyterian Connection: Shenandoah Presbytery and Windy Cove Church.

The usual preparations for Homecoming have begun. Planning for worship is underway. Our Choir has resumed practice. Plans for the meal are taking shape. A hymn sing and sharing time for the afternoon are coming together. One little item remains to be put in place: our carpet.

Earlier in the summer our Session ordered new carpet for the sanctuary through Lowes in Lexington. Then, a dozen Windy Covians moved the pews to the Fellowship Hall, took up the old carpet from our platforms and floor, checked the subfloor which was still in excellent condition, and generally made everything ready for installation of the new carpet.

However, Lowes has reported a
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Take Note!

September 7—Worship at the Pavilion at 10 with a celebration of the Lord's Supper

September 14—Homecoming at Windy Cove: Morning Worship at 11 with Dinner on the Grounds and a Hymn Sing to follow

September 20-21—Teen Retreat at Headwaters Lodge in Highland County: see Sharon Sherrard to register

September 21—Sunday School resumes at 9:45 with Morning Worship at 11

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Summer Gone? (Cont.)

delay in shipping the carpet from the manufacturer to the delivery and installation center in Roanoke. The carpet was shipped on September 2 and should be in Roanoke by the end of this week. Installation **should** take place next week, hopefully early in the week!

Anyway, it's not the carpet that makes Homecoming. It's the joy of worshiping a Lord who has now preserved a church in Bath County for 265 years; it's about the warm fellowship with Christian friends; it's about the security of having Christian roots and a home with the Lord that is represented by our familiar Windy Cove.

We will look for you on Sunday, September 14, whether on the carpet or the bare floor. Morning Worship begins at 11 with Dinner on the Grounds around 12:30 and our Hymn Sing around 1:30. We will not have Sunday School on Homecoming.

New Directory

One project that we have been working on this summer is a new address and telephone directory for the church. We expect to have this new directory ready to distribute by Homecoming. We will not be able to include pictures in this edition, but we are looking toward the addition of pictures in an updated directory later on. Local folks are checking their information prior to publication.

Haiti Mission Team

Our 2014 Haiti Mission Team made their successful trip from July 7 through July 15. The eleven folks on the team continued to build our relationship with the Principal and children at Notre Dame School in the small Haitian community of David. The school currently serves children beginning with preschool through the third/fourth grade. At the end of the last school year, about 60 students were attending the school.

The Team's first priority was to secure scholarships for the children to continue in school for 2014-2015. The team reached that goal and deposited the money with the Haiti Education Foundation (HEF) for the school year beginning in September.

The Team also received a report from the Principal that a feeding program for the children had begun last spring. Team members saw the small lean-to kitchen where cooks fix the beans and rice for the noon meal each school day for the children. Our 2014 Team also raised enough offerings to pay for most of this feeding program for the new school year.

Additionally, the Team built benches for the children at another HEF-sponsored school. Notre Dame already had enough benches built by two previous teams from Windy Cove, but other schools in the system still need benches following the earthquake in 2010.

Elder April Miller, one of Windy Cove's team leaders and a member of the HEF Board of Directors, was taken ill while in Haiti. April had an intestinal bug which drained her system. She had intended to stay an extra week in Haiti to help with another mission team from Connections Community Church in Inwood, WV. However, with her illness, April rearranged her schedule and came home with the Windy Cove Team. Once at home, she recovered well.

April's daughter, Mikayla, who was part of the Windy Cove Team stayed in Haiti to complete her mother's duties by working with the next team. Mikayla also had the responsibility and joy of going to Notre Dame School for a summer parents' rally and presenting each family with a school bag filled with educational and health items for the children.

Your Weekly Word

The staff of the *Weekly Word* and the Windy Cove Session have done deliberated this summer about how to improve service to our readers. We know from prior feedback from our out-of-town readers that there are quite a few weeks when the *Weekly Word* arrives much later than it should and in mangled condition. We have spoken to our local postal officials about this problem, but the problem lies with the machines that process our mail once it leaves our area. Another consideration is the number of pieces of mail that we must send out to make our

mailing permit worthwhile. In other words our mailing permit saves us money even though we may appear to be paying for some copies that are destroyed in the mailing process.

When all these ideas were considered, we decided to maintain our current format and practice. So, we will continue composition of the *Weekly Word* on Wednesdays, post a copy to our website late Wednesday or early Thursday, mail our paper copies on Thursday, and hope for the best. We may try some heavier paper or some other ideas which could possibly alleviate some problems. Thanks for your patience and for your loyal support.

Nominating Committee

Our 2014 Nominating Committee will meet soon to consider folks to nominate for our 2017 Class of Elders. If you have some suggestions for our Committee, please pass them along to a member of the Committee in the next few weeks.

The members of the Nominating Committee include Nancy Peery, Jon Eaton, Sam Hepler, Sharon Sherrard, and Justin Shanks. These folks will be responsible for presenting a slate of candidates to the congregation at a future meeting of the congregation. Those folks who are elected to eldership by the congregation will receive training from the Session and will then be ordained and installed during Morning Worship at a later time. Their 3-year term will be 2014 through 2017.