

Calendar of Ministries

✠ **Thursday, September 11**
Remember the significance of this date and pray for those affected by the tragedy
Morning Prayers at 8
Mr. Sherrard's college classes meet at 11 and at 2

✠ **Friday, September 12**
Morning Prayers at 8

✠ **Saturday, September 13**
Evening Prayers at 8

✠ **Sunday, September 14**
Homecoming Worship at 11 (No Sunday School today)
Dinner on the Grounds at 12:30
Hymn Sing at 1:30

✠ **Monday, September 15**
Morning Prayers at 8
Vision Group at 7:30 p.m.

✠ **Tuesday, September 16**
Morning Prayers at 8
Mr. Sherrard's college classes meet at 11 and at 2
Food Pantry, 1:30 to 4 p.m.

✠ **Wednesday, September 17**
Morning Prayers at 8
Choir at 7 p.m.

✠ **Thursday, September 18**
Morning Prayers at 8

✠ **Friday, September 19**
Morning Prayers at 8

✠ **Saturday, September 20**
Teen Retreat at Headwaters Lodge begins in the morning

✠ **Sunday, September 21**
Teen Retreat continues
Sunday School at 9:45
Morning Worship at 11



The Weekly Word

**Windy Cove Presbyterian Church
September 11, 2014**

9/11: A Remembrance in Perspective

As I began an article for this edition of the *Weekly Word*, it struck me hard that our publication date for this issue would be September 11. Most of us remember exactly where we were when we first heard the news of the shocking terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001. I was right where I am now as I compose this note to you: in my study at church at my desk.

A church member called me saying, "Have you seen the report on television of a plane flying into the World Trade Center?" I replied, "No, I have been here at work." In response to her call, I rushed home. I turned on the television in time to see the collapse of the South Tower.

Since that day was a Tuesday, I was scheduled to teach a class at Dabney S. Lancaster Community College at 11 o'clock. At school we simply sat in silence in class watching the continued coverage. We learned of subsequent events like the attack on the Pentagon and the crash of United Airlines Flight 93 in Shanksville, PA.

A few years ago, Sharon and I visited the national memorial in Shanksville. To say the least, our visit was a

moving reminder of terrible tragedy and great heroism.

We had previously listened to the audio book by Lisa Beamer whose husband, Todd, was aboard Flight 93. Todd had been speaking with a Verizon GTE operator just minutes before the plane crashed. He told the operator of the passengers' determination not to be pawns in a terrorist plot. They would retake control of the plane or die in their effort. His last words, "Let's roll," have become a symbol of great courage in the face of overwhelming adversity.

Even now as I shed tears in my study over past events, I recall with horror the recent beheadings of two journalists in the Middle East. Such

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Take Note!

September 14—Homecoming Sunday
Morning Worship at 11 with Dr. Roy Martin of Shenandoah Presbytery preaching and a special presentation included

Dinner on the Grounds at 12:30 with a delectable array from the wonderful cooks of Windy Cove and their friends

Hymn Sing and Sharing around 1:30 taking requests and sharing stories of faith

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unimaginable evil continues to infect our lives. Such evil is not new to human existence, but each new variation which touches our lives makes us recoil as if with a heavy blow to our bodies. We cry out with the psalmist, "How long, O Lord? How long will the wicked be allowed to gloat?" (Psalm 94, NLT)

Yet, our strength of faith brings to mind the poetical answer to our cry from two different hymns. First, we recall from "This Is My Father's World" the placid reminder,

*This is my Father's world,
O let me ne'er forget
That though the wrong seems oft
so strong,
God is the Ruler yet.*

Then, from the more aggressive "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God," we hear,

*Did we in our own strength
confide,
Our striving would be losing,
Were not the right man on our
side,
The man of God's own choosing:
Dost ask who that may be?
Christ Jesus, it is He; Lord Sabaoth
His name,
From age to age the same,
And He must win the battle.*

Whether our struggle is a personal and internal one against the power of evil evident in our world or a more global and public struggle against such evil, we have the enduring confidence that Jesus has

won the battle of good over evil. Though evil surely exhibits much power in our world and in our lives, evil has been conquered by the obedient life, death, and resurrection of Jesus. As Paul puts it for those who accept the reality of Jesus' grace, "No, despite all these things, overwhelming victory is ours through Christ, who loved us." (Romans 8:37 NLT)

Yes, we are shocked by the horror of evil; we weep in the face of terrible tragedy; we grieve for ourselves and others who have lost loved ones in the battle, but we do not abandon ourselves to utter despair. "God is the Ruler yet."

With faith and hope
even in the midst of grief,

The Carpet Is Here

The news spread rather quickly on Monday morning, September 8, that the carpet installers had arrived at Windy Cove. Three young men from a Lowe's Installer arrived about 10:30 in the morning. They went right to work on installing the new carpet that the church had purchased.

Much of the preliminary work had been done by Windy Covians. In late August a dozen energetic volunteers had moved the sanctuary furniture and removed the old carpet including lots of nails and staples

that had kept it attached to the various surfaces. After the old carpet was out, Ruth Cauley swept the plywood subfloor thoroughly twice to take up the dust and any loose impediments.

So, the installers were ready to begin when they arrived on Monday. They worked steadily until 5 p.m. and finished the job in that one long day. Those who have taken a peek so far have proclaimed the new carpet "beautiful" or "much less likely to show casual dirt." We hope that you will agree when you see things on Homecoming Sunday.

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.

People and Prayers

For the second time in a month, a family death has struck the Leo and Emma Jean Shanks family. The first time was the death of Leo's sister, Maxine, who lived in Tidewater. This time Emma Jean's sister-in-law, Helen Cauley, has died. Helen lived in Craigsville and was married in Emma Jean's brother, Everette. Helen was a lively friend to those who knew her. Helen's granddaughter, Tiffany, went on Windy Cove teen mission trip to Pittsburgh with her cousin, Amy Shanks, in 1987.

Another family experienced personal loss this week as Dorsey Mines passed away. Dorsey was a member of Westminster Chapel, but her family had a history with Windy Cove through pastoral care for her parents, Hubert and Lena Brinkley. Many years ago Elder Jim Tennant and Pastor Rob Sherrard prayed for Hubert at Bath Community Hospital and witnessed a rather remarkable and immediate turn of events. Mr. Sherrard has been involved with the family since that time. He will share in Dorsey's funeral at Westminster Chapel with Punker Robertson and Larry Brunson on Saturday afternoon at 4 p.m.

We received word last week that Jerry Bradley, brother of Bath County teacher Terry Bradley, had taken a turn from the worse and was in critical condition at UVA.

Let your prayers go up for these and others you know.