

Calendar of Ministries

✠ Thursday, October 9

Morning Prayers at 8

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

✠ Friday, October 10

Morning Prayers at 8

✠ Saturday, October 11

Evening Prayers at 8

✠ Sunday, October 12

Pancake Breakfast at 9

Sunday School at 9:45

Morning Worship at 11

✠ Monday, October 13

Morning Prayers at 8

Men's Bible Study begins with supper at 6:30

✠ Tuesday, October 14

Morning Prayers at 8

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

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

✠ Wednesday, October 15

Bible Club at the High School at 8:08

Morning Prayers at 8

Choir at 7 p.m.

✠ Thursday, October 16

Morning Prayers at 8

✠ Friday, October 17

Morning Prayers at 8

✠ Saturday, October 18

Evening Prayers at 8

✠ Sunday, October 19

Sunday School at 9:45

Morning Worship at 11

Fields of Faith at the High School



The Weekly Word

Windy Cove Presbyterian Church

October 9, 2014

Communion Stretches across Lands and Generations

Last Sunday at worship Windy Covi-ans experienced the broad scope of Christian unity in the celebration of Communion on World Communion Sunday. The Lord's Supper first tied us together with Presbyterian missionaries, John and Gwen Haspels, who had been ambushed by bandits in Ethiopia late last week.

Both John and Gwen were wounded by gunfire. John was still able to drive them about 4 hours to the nearest hospital. Then, they were flown to a well-equipped hospital in South Africa where they continue to recover.

The Haspels have worked to spread the gospel through the Illubabor Bethel Synod in Ethiopia. Their connection with Windy Cove comes through the mission partnership between the Synod and Shenandoah Presbytery. Several folks from Windy Cove have been instrumental in that partnership including Fran Hobbs, Brian Gilcrest, and Sharon Sherrard.

Communion also tied us together with our friends in Haiti. In fact our team members usually celebrate the Lord's Supper in worship each year with our Haitian friends. Many times Father Jean-Wilfrid Albert and Mr.

Sherrard served Communion together in Haiti.

We had another connection in the Supper on Sunday as we welcomed over twenty members of the family of Harriet Byron Cook McDannald to our worship. These descendants of Mrs. McDannald were present to place a new marker on her grave following worship. Family members came from Florida and primarily from Kentucky for the family reunion. This family's presence helped to emphasize that our Christian community spreads well beyond the local church.

The placement of Mrs. McDannald's new marker also highlighted the fact that our unity in Christ also stretches from one generation

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Take Note!

October 12

Pancake Breakfast at 9 a.m. followed by Sunday School at 9:45 and Worship at 11

October 13

Men's Bible Study with supper at 6:30 followed by our study

October 14

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

October 18

Fall Festival at Millboro School. 11-3

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Communion (Cont.)

to another. Mrs McDannald lived in Bath County in the mid-1800s. She died in 1855. She is part of the "communion of saints" that have bequeathed a heritage of faith from one generation to the next at Windy Cove since its founding in 1749.

At the placing of Mrs. McDannald's new marker, her great, great, grandson Steve read a letter from his grandmother that emphasized how crucial it was to pass the gospel from one generation to the next. Mr. Sherrard also stressed this aspect of Christian and family faith as he read from the hymn "For All the Saints":

*O blest communion, fellowship divine!
We feebly struggle;
they in glory shine. Yet all are one
in thee, for all are thine.
Alleluia! Alleluia!*

*From earth's wide bounds,
from ocean's farthest coast,
through gates of pearl streams
in the countless host, singing to
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost:
Alleluia! Alleluia!*

Throughout the day there was a warm sense of God's presence and blessing among the congregation even as they affirmed their connection with others not physically present with them at this particular celebration of the Supper. May the Lord continue to bless us with strong families who pass the gospel from generation to generation.

Sunday School Study Continues

The Adult Sunday School Class agreed to continue its current discussion of the relationship between Christianity and Islam for at least one more week. The class plans to explore further the concept of jihad which often plays a prominent part in media coverage of militant Islamic groups.

Last Sunday the class looked primarily at the Five Pillars of Islam. These Pillars are the main worship practices of devout Muslims. The Pillars include a profession of faith each day: "There is no god but God, and Muhammad is the prophet of God." Additionally, devout Muslims pray five times daily while orienting themselves toward Mecca in Saudi Arabia. Muslims also practice fasting as a religious devotion especially during the month of Ramadan. Care for the poor is one of the Five Pillars with Muslims expected or even required to give 2½% of their possessions to charity. The final Pillar is a pilgrimage to the holy site in Mecca at least once in one's lifetime. Of course, many Muslims make the pilgrimage more than once.

Wisdom

Mr. Sherrard's message on October 5 centered on God's wisdom revealed in Jesus. He began the sermon with some examples of children's wisdom that he had gathered from the internet. We thought

these gems might come in handy for some of our readers.

From Michael, age 14

Never tell your mom her diet's not working.

From Randy, age 9

Stay away from prunes.

From Amir, age 9

You can't hide a piece of broccoli in a glass of milk.

From Naomi, age 15

If you want a kitten, start out by asking for a horse.

From Eileen, age 8

Never try to baptize a cat.

There were also some thought-provoking quotes from famous people. One quote from former President Calvin Coolidge went like this:

Knowledge comes, but wisdom lingers. It may not be difficult to store up in the mind a vast quantity of facts within a comparatively short time, but the ability to form judgments requires the severe discipline of hard work and the tempering heat of experience and maturity.

The main part of the message explored the meaning of 1 Corinthians 1:26-31 including, ". . . Christ Jesus, who has become for us wisdom from God--that is, our righteousness, holiness and redemption." God's wisdom about living a productive life has been revealed to us through Jesus. In Christ we find out how to live well and gain the power to live life as we were created to do.

Pancakes and More

Windy Cove will begin Sunday, October 12, with a Fellowship Breakfast at the church. Pancakes and sausage are part of the menu of the day. Rob Sherrard will be behind the griddle flipping his family-famous Sunday Morning Buttermilk Pancakes. We hope that those worshipers who do not normally attend Sunday School **will make an effort** to come for the breakfast.

On Sunday afternoon, October 5, Windy Cove will host a meeting of the Maury River Mission Community. The Mission Community is a division of our Shenandoah Presbytery. The Presbytery will actually meet in Bath County on November 15 at Bath County High School.

Men's Bible Study is now set to begin on Monday, October 13. The study will include supper at 6:30 with Bible Study to follow around 7 p.m. The focus of the study will be passages from the Bible that the men want to explore in a deeper way. If you have a passage that has specifically intrigued you, now is the time to gain some more insight. We can supply Bibles for the men; but, if you have a favorite that you really like, bring your Bible with you.

On October 25th the Maury River Mission Community will host a leadership training event at New Monmouth Presbyterian Church. Topics relevant to elders, deacons, and other church leaders will be discussed.