

Calendar of Ministries

✝ **Friday, March 6**

Morning Prayers at 8

✝ **Saturday, March 7**

Millboro School Reunion Committee meets at 10 a.m.

Evening Prayers at 8

✝ **Sunday, March 8**

Sunday School at 9:45

Morning Worship at 11 with The Majesty of the Son Jesus

Teens to ski at Snowshoe after worship

✝ **Monday, March 9**

Morning Prayers at 8

✝ **Tuesday, March 10**

Morning Prayers at 8

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

✝ **Wednesday, March 11**

Morning Prayers at 8

Bible Club at the High School at 8:08

Choir at 7 p.m.

✝ **Thursday, March 12**

Morning Prayers at 8

✝ **Friday, March 13**

Morning Prayers at 8

✝ **Saturday, March 14**

Evening Prayers at 8

✝ **Sunday, March 15**

Sunday School at 9:45

Morning Worship at 11

Soup and Sandwiches after worship

Teens meet at Millboro Elementary at 5



The Weekly Word

**Windy Cove Presbyterian Church
March 5, 2015**

And Then, Fellowship Lunch Broke Out

The prevailing weather pattern of the past month persisted through the weekend of February 28 and March 1. This pattern has brought changing weather during the day on Saturdays with the effects continuing into Sunday morning. So, on Saturday it was cold and somewhat cloudy. Then, overnight into Sunday brought sleet and freezing rain to Millboro Springs.

Early Sunday morning, there was a thin glaze of ice especially on the untreated side roads. The treated main roads were in fair condition. The temperature was still in the 20s around 8 a.m. However, about 15 hearty souls braved the conditions and were present at Sunday School to discuss the process of discernment that Windy Cove has initiated with Shenandoah Presbytery.

Shortly before 11, more folks drifted in to the sanctuary, and the number present reached around 21 to 22. Mary Margaret King was busy in the kitchen at the time making things ready for the Session lunch which was to follow worship. Mr. Sherrard paid her a visit to inquire if we had enough for everyone to stay for lunch. She cheerfully said, "Yes." At the opening of worship, Rob gave

the invitation to lunch; and many heads nodded that lunch together was indeed a good idea.

Later, Mary Margaret joined the worshipers and noticed the congregation had increased to around 30. She said later that she had a moment when she thought Jesus might have to multiply the chili and salad. There was indeed plenty for everyone and so a fellowship lunch broke out in the middle of an icy and rainy Sunday. Besides the warming temperature, the delicious brownies for dessert helped everyone head home with a sense of satisfaction for having ventured out on a less than ideal day.

The Session members who were present did stay for their meeting

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Take Note!

Mar 8—Confirmation Class begins in Sunday School

Mar 8—Lenten worship centers on The Majesty of the Son Jesus, read Hebrews 1:1-3 to prepare

Mar 8—Teens to ski at Snowshoe following worship if weather permits

Mar 15—Soup and Sandwich Lunch after Morning Worship

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Lunch (Cont.)

after lunch. The primary focus of the meeting was work on a calendar of ministries for 2015. The Fellowship Ministry Team presented their plans for fellowship events throughout the year, usually about one each month. For example, we will have a Soup and Sandwich Lunch after worship on March 15. By that date, we certainly hope the weather will have cleared to allow for a full congregation. Additionally, Windy Cove will host the Easter Breakfast following the Sunrise Service on April 5.

The Property Team has scheduled a clean-up day on March 28 prior to Palm Sunday and Easter. A modest lunch will be provided that day for those who are working together. The Team also reiterated plans to improve the front walk as soon as weather permits the work to begin.

Traci Herscher reported for the Worship Team. Dates for Communion are consistent with recent practices including Maundy Thursday, April 2, and Easter Day on April 5. The Lord's Supper will also be celebrated the first Sundays in July, September, and October as well as Christmas Eve and Watch Night on December 31.

With snow on the ground, it's difficult to think of summer. However, Bible School Director, Denise Eaton, has already selected the curriculum. Bible School is scheduled for June 22 through June 26 with the program and picnic on Sunday, June 28

Rescheduling, Again!

Schedule for Lent

Although we did have a substantial number of worshipers present last Sunday, Mr. Sherrard decided to postpone the continuation of our Lenten theme until March 8.

So, in the next weeks, we will present our Lenten theme, The Majesty of the Son Jesus:

Mar 8: Jesus is heir of all things.

Mar 15: Jesus is the agent of creation; and Jesus sustains all things.

Mar 22: Jesus radiates God's glory.

Mar 29: Jesus expresses the character of God.

Apr 2: Jesus cleanses our sin. (Part 1)

Apr 5: Jesus cleanses our sin. (Part 2)

Apr 12: Jesus sits at the right hand of God.

Those who were not able to attend worship last Sunday will be able to pick up Lenten devotional booklets on March 8 to use at home. These daily devotions for Lent and Easter will help folks to explore the theme of God's Gift of Forgiveness.

Informal Gatherings

We did have the second of our informal gatherings in Sunday School on March 1. The group had a lively discussion of the issues and procedures related to the discernment process that the church has initiated

with Shenandoah Presbytery. However, because of the weather, the Listening Response Team (LRT) from Presbytery was not able to meet with the Session last Sunday. The meeting with the LRT has been rescheduled for Sunday, March 29.

After meeting with the LRT, the Session and the LRT may schedule more informal gatherings for further discussion during the process of discernment. Watch for information.

Confirmation Class

Mr. Sherrard will teach a confirmation class in Sunday School during the remainder of Lent. The class will organize on March 8. The class is designed primarily for teens who are considering a formal, personal commitment to the Lord Jesus. However, all teens and perhaps some older elementary kids will be included in the class.

Some topics for the class will be the Roman Road to Salvation, what it means to have a personal relationship with Jesus, the history of the Presbyterian Church, the ministry of Windy Cove, and important Biblical passages like the Ten Commandments and the Beatitudes. The video presentation of the Gospel of Matthew will also be used as a resource for the class.

If you have children who can benefit from this opportunity, please have them in Sunday School in the coming weeks.

Lenten Reflection

With the continued brutal turmoil in the Middle East, one question which might arise is just how much your faith really means to you. Some of those who have been cruelly executed were targeted because of their Christian faith. One wonders if these ordinary Christians were given the opportunity to renounce their faith and thus save their lives.

We do know that in the time of the Roman Empire, Christians were brought to trial because of their faith and given the opportunity to renounce their faith in Jesus and acknowledge the emperor as a god. At this point of decision, some did turn away from faith in Jesus. However, many did not. They stood firm to the end, even when that end involved a horrible death.

In one instance 40 Christian soldiers in the Roman army were marched onto a frozen lake and ordered to remove their armor and garments. Their pagan companions built a fire on the shore to entice their comrades to renounce their faith in Jesus. One soldier did come ashore, but he was immediately replaced by a Roman centurion who professed faith in Jesus and walked onto the lake to suffer death with the other Christians.

Lent is a good time to build the strength of our own faith. Are we willing to suffer any inconvenience for our faith, not to mention any real trouble or persecution?