

Calendar of Ministries

✝ **Friday, April 3**
Morning Prayers at 8

✝ **Saturday, April 4**
Evening Prayers at 8

✝ **Sunday, April 5, Easter**
Happy Easter!
Sunrise Service at 6:45 atop the hill on
Windy Cove Farm

Breakfast at Windy Cove following the
Sunrise Service

Morning Worship at 11 with the Majesty
of the Son Jesus

✝ **Monday, April 6**
Morning Prayers at 8

✝ **Tuesday, April 7**
Morning Prayers at 8

✝ **Wednesday, April 8**
Morning Prayers at 8

Bible Club at the High School at 8:08
Choir at 7 p.m.

✝ **Thursday, April 9**
Morning Prayers at 8

✝ **Friday, April 10**
Morning Prayers at 8

✝ **Saturday, April 11**
Evening Prayers at 8

✝ **Sunday, April 12,**
Sunday School at 9:45
Morning Worship at 11

Session meets with the Listening Re-
sponse Team from Presbytery

**We will not publish a *Weekly Word*
next week. The staff will be taking
their spring break. See you in a couple
of weeks with more of what the Lord is
doing in us and around us. God bless!**



The Weekly Word

**Windy Cove Presbyterian Church
April 2, 2015**

Wave Those Palm Branches!

On Sunday, March 29, worshipers at Windy Cove celebrated Palm Sunday. This celebration commemorates Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem just a week before his death and resurrection. In the church calendar, Palm Sunday is the first day of what is now called Holy Week.

For last Sunday's celebration, the Windy Cove Choir began worship with their stirring anthem, "Hosanna." The word "hosanna" actually comes from the Biblical story of Jesus' entry into Jerusalem. The people shouted, "Hosanna." It's an expression of praise which means "Now, save," or more loosely, "God saves."

As the Choir finished their number, the congregation took up the theme of praise with "Majesty":

*Majesty, worship his majesty.
Unto Jesus be all glory, honor,
and praise. Majesty, kingdom
authority, flows from his throne
unto his own, his anthem raise.
So, exalt, lift up on high the
name of Jesus. Magnify, come
glorify Christ Jesus the King.*

As the song reverberated through the sanctuary, worshipers were waving palm branches which had been

supplied by our Worship Ministry Team. For Presbyterians not generally known for their demonstrative worship, it was a real scene of joy and thanksgiving in the presence of the Lord. That joyful atmosphere at the beginning of worship remained the predominant one through the rest of the morning.

On Thursday of Holy Week, the atmosphere for worship will be somewhat different. As events developed in Jerusalem for Jesus, the enthusiastic crowds of Sunday turned more somber and even threatening toward the end of the week. By Thursday evening's Passover meal, Jesus's disciples were distressed over a sense that Jesus would soon be leaving.

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Take Note!

**April 2—Thursday Evening Communion
Worship at 7:30**

Easter Day at Windy Cove

**Sunrise Service on Windy Cove Farm at
6:45, in case of bad weather at the church**

**Easter Breakfast at the church
following the Sunrise Service**

Morning Worship at 11

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Palm Branches (Cont.)

At the same time, Jesus' mood was serious. After all, he was seeking to prepare his disciples for events that would be agonizing for him and for them.

The reflection of this change in circumstances and mood will also be evident at our Maundy Thursday Communion Worship. The beginning of the service will evoke the gathering shadows which were closing in on Jesus and his disciples. However, even in the midst of this darkening scene, Jesus did share the fellowship of the Passover meal with his disciples. That meal took on added significance as Jesus spoke to his disciples of the new commandment to love one another as he had loved them and of the new covenant of forgiveness with the sacrifice of his life. We will again share that Supper which Jesus' instituted on Passover night long ago.

The darkest days for Jesus' disciples were the parts of three days that he spent in the tomb. Imagine, all their hopes and dreams had been crushed by his untimely and unjust death on the cross. What were they to do next? Easter Day changed all that for them and for us. While the day began with the women puzzled by an empty tomb, their confusion soon turned to joy as the news of the empty tomb and Jesus' appearances spread. The return of that triumphant joy will be the atmosphere at our Sunrise Service atop the hill

on Windy Cove Farm and at our worship later in the morning.

We hope that many of you will join us for these opportunities to experience the presence of God through the Holy Spirit of Jesus in your lives. On Thursday evening our worship will begin at 7:30. Weather permitting we will be outside at Windy Cove Farm at 6:45 Sunday morning. Our Morning Worship on Easter begins at the customary time of 11 o'clock.

Of course, in between the Sunrise Service and Morning Worship, we will share Easter Breakfast at Windy Cove. We will not have Sunday School on Easter.

Clean-Up Day

We did have a very successful clean-up day on Saturday, March 28. It was very cold at the beginning of the morning, but the hearty pioneers turned out to work. Those who worked outside raked limbs and leaves from the yard and cemetery. They cleared the parking area drainage ditch. They picked up trash from the roadside ditches. They filled the pot holes in our circle road with some good shale.

Moving inside, the windows in the vestibule were washed first. Then, they were washed on the outside as well. The plastic coverings on our fluorescent lights were removed, cleaned, and replaced. New bulbs were added as needed.

Meanwhile, the women working in the kitchen were not idle. Besides

fixing a nice lunch, they cleaned and reorganized the kitchen including new bins for utensils with accurate labels. Their work extended into the next week as the ovens were sprayed and later cleaned.

Before going home on Saturday, everyone enjoyed a delicious lunch of lasagna, salad, sandwiches, and desserts.

Thanks to all who helped with our spring cleaning!

Session Meets with LRT

At lunch on Sunday, the Windy Cove Session held its regular monthly meeting. Besides usual items of business, the Session met for about an hour and a half with the Listening Response Team (LRT) from Shenandoah Presbytery. This team of four had been appointed by the Presbytery to hear the concerns of the Session and church with regard to recent actions and trends in the Presbyterian Church (USA), our denomination.

Mr. Sherrard welcomed the members of the team that includes Martin Stokes, recently retired from New Monmouth Church. Other members are Bonny Wilson from Fairfield Church, Deb Klein from Lexington Church, and Skip Hastings from Collierstown Church. As Convener of the LRT, Martin spoke words of appreciation for the ministry of Windy Cove and for the opportunity to meet with the Session. Deb Klein led a devotional to begin the discussion.

Members of the Session shared their views with the LRT about the current climate in our denomination as well as the culture at large. The LRT members were careful listeners and provided a climate for reflection and dialogue.

After this discussion, the LRT met privately in one of the Sunday School rooms while the Session continued its normal business. Before leaving, the LRT arranged to meet with the Session again on Sunday, April 12. Preliminary plans were made to have the LRT meet with the congregation as a whole on May 17. Further details for this meeting with the congregation will be announced in the coming weeks.

People and Prayers

We received word this week of the passing of Sally Rauscher. Sally and Dick Rauscher and their children were active at Windy Cove in the 1980s while Dick was working for Daniels Construction at the Pumped Storage Project. Dick eventually became project manager there.

In recent years the Rauschers had retired to the Daleville area close to where Sally's son Tom Duff lives. Dick and Sally were settled in the Troutville Baptist Church there. Dick and the family were available to greet folks at Oakey's Funeral Home on Thursday evening, and the funeral service was at the church on Friday at 10 a.m. Sally will be buried in her home community of Tazewell.