

Calendar of Ministries

✝ **Friday, April 17**

Morning Prayers at 8

✝ **Saturday, April 18**

Haiti Mission Team meets for supper and training at 5:30

Evening Prayers at 8

✝ **Sunday, April 19**

Sunday School at 9:45

Morning Worship at 11 beginning a series on the Holy Spirit

Teens meet at Millboro Elementary at 5

✝ **Monday, April 20**

Morning Prayers at 8

✝ **Tuesday, April 21**

Morning Prayers at 8

Food Truck at Windy Cove around 11

✝ **Wednesday, April 22**

Morning Prayers at 8

Bible Club at the High School at 8:08

Choir at 7 p.m.

✝ **Thursday, April 23**

Morning Prayers at 8

✝ **Friday, April 24**

Morning Prayers at 8

✝ **Saturday, April 25**

Evening Prayers at 8

✝ **Sunday, April 26**

Sunday School at 9:45

Morning Worship at 11

Session meets for lunch

Sharon Madison is leading our Sunday School Opening Worship this month.



The Weekly Word

**Windy Cove Presbyterian Church
April 16, 2015**

Easter and More

Easter was a lovely day in Millboro Springs. At sunrise the temperature was a bit cool with a reading of about 28 degrees during the worship on Windy Cove Farm. About 60 worshipers began the day with “Come, Christians, Join to Sing.” In leading worship, Mr. Sherrard had encouraged the early risers to wake up the community both physically and spiritually. Pastor Darren Keithley continued that theme with his message, “The Power of the Resurrection.” After the Sunrise Service, most of the folks came to Windy Cove to enjoy a breakfast of egg and sausage casserole, fruit salad, donuts or cinnamon rolls, and hot coffee or juice. What a great beginning to the day!

At Morning Worship on Easter, Jack Sherrard (grandson of Sharon and Rob Sherrard and son of Lindsay and Matt Sherrard) began the service with a recitation of the Easter story from John 20. The passage was part of Jack’s Bible memory work with his parents and his two grandmothers.

Jack’s beginning led directly to the Windy Cove Choir anthem, “Days of Elijah.” This inspiring song highlights God’s work with the people of God

throughout their long history beginning with the call of Abraham and continuing through Moses and Elijah and through Jesus unto the present day as God pours out the Holy Spirit.

The morning message centered on Jesus as the once and for all sacrifice necessary to reconcile people to God. Since people had rebelled against God by their sinful attitudes and actions, something had to be done to make things right. As a human being, Jesus offered himself as the appropriate sacrifice from human beings. At the same time, as God Jesus offered the eternally sufficient sacrifice necessary for full reconciliation with God.

Worshippers indicated their
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Take Note!

April 18—Haiti Mission Team meets for supper and orientation at 5:30

April 19—Teens meet at Millboro Elementary at 5:30 p.m.

April 21—Food Truck makes its monthly visit to Windy Cove from the Blue Ridge Food Bank in Verona

April 25—Session holds its monthly meeting at lunch

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Easter (Cont.)

participation in this sacrifice of Jesus during Communion. Again, the Choir played a major role in our worship as they sang "Our God." This strong anthem reminds believers, "That if our God is for us, then none can stand against." The resurrection of Jesus proves that nothing can ever separate us from the love of God poured into our midst in Jesus.

By the end of Morning Worship, the day had warmed to a comfortable temperature in the 60s. The sun was shining, and people left worship ready to rejoice in the day that God had made.

On Sunday, April 12, Windy Covians concluded their focus of Lenten worship on Hebrews 1:1-3 which had begun on the first Sunday of Lent. The last phrase for consideration was that which indicated that when Jesus had cleansed us from our sins, "he sat down in the place of honor at the right hand of the majestic God in heaven." Mr. Sherrard's message traced out the three offices of Jesus as Redeemer. These offices specify the amazing power that Jesus has as indicated by his seat in the place of power and honor in heaven. These offices are those of Prophet, Priest, and King.

As a Prophet, Jesus delivers the very counsel of God to us. He encourages us with the Word of God. As a Priest, Jesus mediates between people and God. He makes intercession for us. As a King, Jesus rules

and protects his people. All of these offices indicate the great honor and power that Jesus has and deserves.

On Sunday, April 19, we will begin a new focus in worship. From that Sunday until the Day of Pentecost on May 24, our worship will appropriately center on the Holy Spirit.

Session Holds Second Meeting with LRT

At lunch on April 12, the Windy Cove Session met for a second time with the Listening Response Team (LRT) from Shenandoah Presbytery. This team of four has 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.

Three members of the LRT were available for this meeting: Martin Stokes, recently retired from New Monmouth Church, Bonny Wilson from Fairfield Church, and Deb Klein from Lexington Church. Skip Hastings from Collierstown Church was not able to attend owing to previous commitments at Collierstown.

Deb Klein led a devotional on the parable of the fig tree from Luke 13 to begin the discussion. Members of the Session and LRT shared their understanding of the parable along with praying together. Session members then continued their dialogue with the LRT about the current climate in our denomination as well as the culture at large. The LRT furnished the Session with a summary

of their first meeting on March 29 to see if LRT had accurately processed what the Session members were saying. Members of the Windy Cove Session thought that the LRT's summary was a very good record of what they had been trying to convey.

After further discussion, the LRT and the Session agreed that it was time for the LRT to listen to members of the congregation at large. An informal gathering of the congregation has been planned for Sunday, May 17, at 1 p.m. There will be a fellowship lunch after worship that day followed by the gathering with the congregation and LRT. Look for more details on this event in the weeks to come.

Haiti Team

The 2015 Haiti Mission Team will hold its first orientation meeting on Saturday, April 18, at 5:30 p.m. at the church. Members of the team are Kathy Barden from Windy Cove, Sara Lewis Anderson from First Presbyterian Church in Staunton, Russ Woodzell from Ashwood United Methodist and his son, Ryan, who is now a student at Emmanuel College, and Pastor Rob Sherrard.

Four of these five will have supper together on Saturday; Ryan will not be home from school to attend the meeting. The first orientation will include getting to know each other better and answering basic questions about this year's trip.

The team will be doing a project to further the educational ministry of

the Haiti Education Foundation. They will also visit Notre Dame School sponsored by Windy Cove. Additionally, they will visit the HEF School sponsored by First Church in Staunton. Dates for the mission trip are July 6 through July 14.

Confirmation and Pentecost

The teen class at Windy Cove has been exploring the idea of confirmation since the middle of Lent while heading toward Pentecost. Pentecost derives from the Jewish Festival of Weeks. This Jewish name comes from the fact that the festival occurred seven weeks or a week of weeks after the Passover celebration. The word "Pentecost" comes from the word meaning fifty, that is, fifty days after Passover.

Originally, Pentecost celebrated the first fruits of the wheat harvest. However, for Christians Pentecost represents the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on the church as recorded in Acts 2. On that single day about 3,000 people were added to the number of those who believed in Jesus and accepted him as Lord.

That's what confirmation with young people is all about: reviewing the good news of Jesus, the history of the church, and determining God's call upon these young people. In many cases it means the teens are being asked to confirm the vows taken previously by their parents when they were baptized into the community of faith. Pentecost arrives this year on May 24.