

Calendar of Ministries

✝ Month of June

Sunday School each Sunday at 9:45
Morning Worship each Sunday at 11
Bible School, June 22-26, 9 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. with the Bible School Program and Picnic on June 28

✝ Month of July

Beginning in July we will not have Sunday School until September 20
Morning Worship each Sunday at 10 in the Windy Cove Sanctuary
Haiti Team Trip from July 6 through July 14

✝ Month of August

No Sunday School in August
Worship each Sunday at 10 at the Windy Cove Picnic Pavilion
Worship at the Pavilion will continue through September 6

✝ Month of September

Worship at the Pavilion continues through Sunday, September 6
Homecoming at Windy Cove on Sunday, September 13 at 11 in the sanctuary

Keep up with changing plans and new things online and in our Sunday bulletins. Our web address is:

www.windycovechurch.org

Send us an email this summer while you are on vacation so we can keep in touch. We will publish your thoughts and fun in the Sunday bulletins.

Many thanks to Amir, Susan, and Caroline at the Lexington UPS store for copying and folding the *Weekly Word* this year. Truly, we could not have done this ministry without you!



The Weekly Word

**Windy Cove Presbyterian Church
June 18, 2015**

Summer Arrives: Things Happen!

A check of the calendar and of the thermometer has alerted us to the fact that summer has arrived. Of course, the official start of summer occurs on Sunday, June 21. The exact summer solstice transpires at 12:38 p.m. on Sunday just a few short minutes after worship concludes.

The solstice is the time when the sun reaches its northern most point in relation to the earth's orbit. It's called the solstice from two Latin words: *sol* meaning sun and *sistere* meaning to stand still. For a number of days around the solstice the sun appears to hang motionless in the sky around noon time. Correspondingly, June 21 will be the day during the year with the most hours of daylight.

What effect does summer have at Windy Cove? First of all, our summer Bible School begins the day after the solstice. Yes, on June 22nd at 9 a.m., we will usher in a new version of Bible School. As we told you last week, the theme this year is Everest: Conquering Challenges with God's Mighty Power. Last Sunday the congregation prayed over and then sent out 96 post cards to children in the Millboro area. We are hoping to see many of those kids on June 22.

Sunday, June 28, will include the Bible School program as Morning Worship followed by a picnic lunch. That will be our last Sunday before the switch to our summer schedule.

That summer schedule begins on July 5 with our Patriotic Worship at 10 o'clock. That's right, **10 a.m.** In July and August through the first Sunday in September, our Sunday Worship will begin at 10, and we will not have Sunday School until after Homecoming. On July 5 our Patriotic Worship will focus on the theme, An Appeal to Heaven. That phrase played an important part in the development of America and its traditional reliance upon God. Worship on July 5 will also include the celebration

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Take Note!

So long, farewell . . . Yes, it's our last issue of this publishing year. If we counted right, we have come to your home 34 times since last September. Each time it has been a privilege to share with you what the Lord is doing in us and through us here at Windy Cove. We value your friendship and encouragement as together we experience the grace of our Lord Jesus. May God bless you during the summer. Look for us again around the first of September.

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Summer (Cont.)

of the Lord's Supper. During the rest of the month of July, we will continue to worship in our sanctuary at the church.

On Monday, July 6, our 2015 Haiti Mission Team will depart for Haiti. They will travel this year from Dulles Airport in Northern Virginia to Miami and on the next day to Port-au-Prince, Haiti. While in Haiti, they will stay at the Haiti Education Foundation guest house at Cherident. The team will hold mini-Bible Schools at two of the HEF schools: Notre Dame supported by Windy Cove and Saint Thomas supported by First Presbyterian Church in Staunton. One of the team members is from First Church and has been especially commissioned to visit Saint Thomas School and bring back a report. The team will return on July 14.

We look forward to August for the celebration of marriage between Angela Herscher and Tyler Bradley. They will wed on Saturday, August 1, at the Old Dairy in Warm Springs. [See our related article on this page.]

August is also the month when we worship each Sunday at our Picnic Pavilion on Mountain Valley Road across from Kool-Dri. Again, worship will commence at 10 a.m. each week. Check the Sunday bulletins to see special events which may be planned along with our pavilion worship. The month at the pavilion will extend through September 6. The

congregation will celebrate Communion at the shelter that day.

Then, on September 13, we return to the church for Homecoming Worship at 11 o'clock. The Reverend Keith Hill from Saint Giles Presbyterian Church in Richmond will be here to preach our Homecoming message. Finally, on September 20, we will return to our regular schedule.

Wow! That sure was a short summer! Keep up with things by attending worship on a regular basis. Send us an email when you're away so that we can keep in touch.

Wedding # 4

As we mentioned above, Tyler Bradley and Angela Herscher will be married at the Dairy Barn in Warm Springs on Saturday, August 1. Mr. Sherrard will officiate the wedding.

Angela and Tyler met in high school at Bath County. Tyler was a couple of years older than Angela so they weren't really in the same classes. However, one day Angela and a friend went into Country Café where Tyler was helping his parents who own the local restaurant. A very modern romance started with texting each other back and forth.

Tyler graduated and went off to Wyotech Automotive in PA while Angela finished high school and went to Virginia Tech. Their relationship survived a number of years of long distance communication which improved when Tyler relocated to the Christiansburg/Blacksburg area after finishing his training. Tyler now

works in collision repair with Duncan Automotive in Blacksburg. He works with customers and their insurance companies getting the repairs done.

Meanwhile, Angela finished her studies at Tech and graduated this year. Unlike some graduating students, Angela was able to secure a position in her field almost immediately upon her graduation. She has gone to work for the Skyline Nursing and Rehab Center in Floyd County. She works as an Activities Assistant.

Tyler proposed to Angela atop Warm Springs Mountain at the Ingalls' Overlook. While Angela and Tyler were attending a local event, Tyler supposedly got an urgent text from his brother that his car had broken down on the mountain. When they arrived at the scene, there was no car trouble; but Tyler's brother was there to film the engagement scene. Some people might say, "Only in Bath County!"

After the wedding on August 1, the couple will take a honeymoon cruise in the Caribbean. They will visit Mexico, Haiti, Jamaica, and Grand Cayman Island. Both have been on cruises before and thought this trip would be a wonderful way to start their married life together.

Interestingly enough, before coming to Bath County, the Sherrards knew Tyler's father, David, and Tyler's grandparents in Richmond. So, in the Lord's providential care, the connection to this family has reached another major milestone.

Giving Thanks

We are celebrating with others in the community over the special recognition given to Millboro Elementary School. Governor McAuliffe and the State Board of Education recently recognized Millboro Elementary with one of the 2015 Board of Education Distinguished Achievement Awards. This award signals that our local school was one that met all state and federal benchmarks for excellence in education and made progress toward the goals of the governor and the board to improve educational opportunities for students. Congratulations to the teachers, staff, and students at Millboro Elementary!

We also offer our congratulations to Kim Lancaster upon her retirement from active teaching in our Bath County Public Schools. It doesn't seem that long ago that Mr. Sherrard visited a young and newly married couple living in one of Tom Miles's apartments at the top of the Straight Spur. With a Baptist and a Christian Church background in the couple's history, Mr. Sherrard figured the Lord would need to work hard if Windy Cove were to see two new Presbyterians. We are sure glad the Lord did so work.

And, our church and community appreciate the contribution that Kim and Paul and their family have made to us. Kim, we hope that you will enjoy this part of retirement. Thank you for all that you have done to enhance our lives in Bath County.