

Calendar of Ministries

✝ Friday, September 11

Morning Prayers at 8

✝ Saturday, September 12

Evening Prayers at 8

✝ Sunday, Sept. 13, Homecoming

Morning Worship in the Sanctuary at 11

Dinner on the Grounds at 12:30

Hymn Sing and Remembrance at 1:30

✝ Monday, September 14

Morning Prayers at 8

✝ Tuesday, September 15

Morning Prayers at 8

Mr. Sherrard teaches his college classes at Dabney S. Lancaster Community College on Tuesdays and Thursdays. He begins those days in the study around 8 and leaves for class around 10 a.m.

✝ Wednesday, September 16

Morning Prayers at 8

Bible Club at the High School at 8:08

Choir at 7 p.m.

✝ Thursday, September 17

Morning Prayers at 8

Mr. Sherrard will be teaching his college classes today.

✝ Friday, September 18

Morning Prayers at 8

✝ Saturday, September 19

Youth Retreat, Teens leave church at 8:30 a.m.

Evening Prayers at 8

✝ Sunday, Sept. 20

Sunday School at 9:45

Morning Worship at 11

Teens return to the church around 5.



The Weekly Word

**Windy Cove Presbyterian Church
September 10, 2015**

Homecoming: Last Call

Today's issue of the *Weekly Word* will, of course, be our last call for Homecoming 2015 at Windy Cove. We will celebrate Homecoming on Sunday, September 13, at 11 a.m. in the church sanctuary. After worship Dinner on the Grounds will follow at 12:30 p.m. The organized program for the day will conclude with a Hymn Sing and Remembrance around 1:30.

Our guest preacher for Homecoming will be the Reverend Keith Hill who is currently Pastor of Saint Giles Presbyterian Church in Richmond, VA. Keith and his wife, Sarah, have been personal friends of the Sherrards since 1977 when they met at Union Seminary in Richmond. Their family ties were strengthened in 2000 when the Sherrard's son, Matt, married the Hills's daughter, Lindsay. So, the Hills and Sherrards currently share grandchildren, Jack and Hilton.

Keith will be tracing out our theme of From . . . To . . . in his message, From One Season To the Next. This message seems especially appropriate at this particular time of the church's life since Windy Cove is currently discussing its future with the Listening Response Team from Shenandoah Presbytery. Additionally, the

idea of the changing seasons of life follows well with Mr. Sherrard's exploration of transitional leadership in a recent sermon on Mary the mother of Jesus.

In addition to this main focus of Homecoming, Sunday's worship will also include the commissioning of Logan Peery as one of the chaplains for Bible Club for this school year at Bath County High School. Logan and Warren Markham will share the duties as chaplains.

Bible Club is a ministry of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes at the High School. Pastor and Coach Steve Shaver and Elder Sharon Sherrard are the adult advisors to Bible Club. The Club meets every Wednesday in the band room at the school at 8:08 a.m.

Take Note!

Homecoming Schedule on Sept. 13 has:

Worship at 11

Dinner on the Grounds at 12:30

Hymn Sing and Remembrance at 1:30

Youth Retreat, Sep 19-20 (See Inside)

Our regular Fall Schedule resumes on Sep 20 with Sunday School at 9:45 and Morning Worship at 11.

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Summer Worship Ends

The advent of Homecoming brings with it the end to our summer worship at the Picnic Pavilion. We had another delightful summer there with six Sundays of worship from August 2 through September 6. Attendance at the shelter was around 45 each Sunday.

During these weeks the weather for outdoor worship was beautiful. Most of the Sundays were cool in the morning even when the days grew hot in the afternoon. For the years that we have been worshipping at the pavilion, bad weather has only been a hindrance on one occasion.

For two of the six Sundays, Kyle Key filled in for Mr. Sherrard during his vacation. Upon his return, Mr. Sherrard received very good reports of Kyle's preaching and his pleasant personality with our folks. One member tactfully suggested that if Rob should ever think of retiring, Kyle would be a good fit to replace him!

Mr. Sherrard did preach the other four Sundays on the theme of Great Leaders of the Bible. The congregation thought through the leadership qualities of Moses, David, Mary, and Jesus. Jesus' servant leadership was the theme for worship on September 6 when the congregation shared Communion at the pavilion.

Worshippers together thought through questions prompted by the story from John 13 of Jesus kneeling to wash the feet of his disciples at

the last Passover meal that he shared with them. These questions included: How much did Jesus love his disciples? What kind of leader was Jesus? Why did Peter react the way he did when Jesus knelt to wash Peter's feet? And, are you willing to lead as Jesus did?

After this consideration, those attending came forward to receive Communion by intinction. Each communicant broke off a piece from the common loaf and dipped it in the cup of juice held by our elders.

Summer worship at the shelter then closed with the giving of offerings and the singing of the Doxology.

Annual Youth Retreat

In conjunction with the beginning of Bible Club at the High School (See page 1), plans are moving forward for the 2015 Youth Retreat at Headwaters Lodge in Highland County. This retreat has served as a fall rally point for Bible Club at the High School as well as a kick off for Windy Cove's regular ministry to teens in the community. Teens have been attending this retreat for well over ten years.

The Retreat is scheduled for Saturday and Sunday, September 19 and 20. Teens will leave from the church at 8:30 a.m. on Saturday and return by 5 p.m. on Sunday.

Youth Coordinator Sharon Sherrard will lead worship at the retreat, and Bryan Keyser will be the main speaker. Bryan serves in the Revival

Scene Community Church in Roanoke. As a young revivalist, Bryan has a passion for revival, for healing, for the presence of God, for hope, for salvation, and for Jesus to be lifted high. News about Bryan's ministry first came to our notice through our own Chelsea Dudley who has been attending services at the church in Roanoke.

Along with worship the teens will also have the opportunity to test themselves with the ropes course at Headwaters Lodge. These challenging stations help the teens to experience faith and security as well as promoting cooperation and teamwork.

Another long-standing feature of this retreat will be the Silent Prayer Walk. During this exercise teens separate into groups for boys and girls. Each group takes a different trail through the woods. As they walk, they pause at different intervals to have directed personal prayers. These prayers include topics relating to their own spiritual lives, their churches, their families, and their schools. The entire walk takes place in silence except for prompts from the leaders about when to pray for the different topics.

It took a few years of traditioning for the silence of the walk to catch on. However, in recent years our leaders have commented that the teens really can be quiet for the hour that it takes for the walk. The walk has become one of the highlights of this annual Youth Retreat.

Noticeable Improvement

Those folks coming back for Homecoming will immediately notice the new section of walk at the front of the church. Elder Justin Shanks coordinated the efforts that led to this substantial improvement to the entrance to the church.

Justin made arrangements with Mike and Mitchell Stinespring to take up the old slabs of concrete which had begun to deteriorate. The cracks and holes had been very noticeable for a number of years. Working carefully during this phase, the Stinesprings were able to preserve the hand railing at the top of the walk.

Once the old walk was removed, the opportunity to eliminate the two steps at the road became apparent. With the proper fill and grading, the slope was eased to a proper proportion to have a continuous ramp rather than steps. Stone and reinforcing mesh was added before the concrete was poured.

As we reported earlier, Elders Glenn Williams and Buck Smith spent nearly an entire workday spreading the concrete and smoothing it out. After Glenn and Buck had finished that task, the Stinesprings returned a few days later to fill dirt where the forms had been removed.

The sidewalk got its first real test last week when some Methodist ladies met at the church. Several were using walkers and had no trouble negotiating the new concrete ramp.