

Calendar of Ministries

✝ **Friday, October 16**

Morning Prayers at 8

✝ **Saturday, October 17**

Evening Prayers at 8

✝ **Sunday, October 18**

Sunday School at 9:45

Morning Worship at 11

Wedding Shower for Catie King at 2

✝ **Monday, October 19**

Morning Prayers at 8

Men's Bible Study with supper at 6:30

✝ **Tuesday, October 20**

Morning Prayers at 8

Food Bank Food Truck at 10 a.m.

Mr. Sherrard will be teaching in Clifton Forge at 11 and Buena Vista at 2

Women's Bible Study at 7 p.m.

✝ **Wednesday, October 21**

Morning Prayers at 8

Bible Club at the High School at 8:08

Choir at 7 p.m.

✝ **Thursday, October 22**

Morning Prayers at 8

Mr. Sherrard will be teaching his college classes today.

✝ **Friday, October 23**

Morning Prayers at 8

✝ **Saturday, October 24**

Evening Prayers at 8

✝ **Sunday, October 25**

Sunday School at 9:45

Morning Worship at 11 with our Four Cents Hunger Offering

Session meets for lunch after worship



The Weekly Word

**Windy Cove Presbyterian Church
October 15, 2015**

Community Jamboree: A Good Time for All!

The most oft-repeated comment during and after the Community Jamboree last Saturday was, "Everyone seemed to be having a good time." And, it was true. Everyone did appear to have a good time at the Jamboree.

The mostly young children who attended enjoyed the kids' activities. Cindy Andrews' granddaughter said that she couldn't wait to have her face painted. She went straight to that table as soon as she arrived. Others painted faces on the available pumpkins. Others tried their hand at Corn Hole or just tossing around the Nerf balls that were available. Terry King said that Jack Sherrard and a new-found friend ran around the shelter more times than he could count. What inexhaustible energy!

The crafters who came also expressed their appreciation to the church for organizing such an event. They were grateful that they did not have to pay a fee to set up their tables. They also said they did well with their sales and enjoyed the family atmosphere of the afternoon.

The Harwell Grice Band was a big hit. Those who love good music were

impressed with the band's skill and enthusiasm. The band's leader, Josh Grice, also thanked the church for inviting the band. Josh remarked that the band plays for all sorts of gatherings. At some of these events, the band just provides background noise. Speaking of the Jamboree, Josh said, "It was wonderful to play for folks who really appreciated our music and our effort."

Many folks were delightfully surprised by Dallas Reynolds and his team of actors who did Bible skits. The crowd who gathered for the skits praised the creativity, the timing, and the infectious zeal that the troupe had for spreading the gospel in this unique way. One interesting skit was

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Take Note!

Sunday, October 18

Wedding Shower for Catie and Jim King at 2
Teen Group at 5 at Millboro Elementary

Monday, October 19

Men's Bible Study, Supper at 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, October 20

Food Bank Food Truck at 10 a.m.

Women's Bible Study at 7 p.m.

Sunday, October 25

Session meets for lunch following worship

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Jamboree (Cont.)

“It Never Really Happened.” The skit highlighted the outcome of choices that people make in their lives by looking into the future to see what did not happen because of some choices in their lives.

The antique tractors along the main road provided an eye-catching display for those driving by or those looking for where to turn in for the Jamboree. Although antique in years, the tractors looked hearty enough to be at the tractor pull held in Millboro at the same time as the Jamboree.

And, then, there was the food. Mary Margaret King and her staff of volunteers did a marvelous job in serving the simple but delicious supper to those attending. Many folks commented on the baked beans which had obviously been supplemented by some tasty, “secret” ingredient. The congregation had also responded bountifully to Mary Margaret’s request for cookies so that many cookies were sent home after the meal. Yet, there were still enough to distribute at Food Pantry on the following Tuesday.

Some other items also made it a nice day for all. Elder Fran Hobbs attracted a sizeable group to her newly published memoirs. Fran had her very first book signing! The three tents were helpful as were Rick Armstrong’s signs that directed people to various venues. Terry King’s hot dogs added to the meal as did the water supply arranged by Mike Grist.

The crowd also appreciated the coffee that helped take the edge off of what proved to be a cool fall day. Johnny Peery and his parking crew kept things organized so that people could move in and out easily during the entire event. Truly, as the hometown papers used to say, “A good time was had by all!”

Two Educational Events

Bath County Schools and Rockbridge Area Community Services are sponsoring two important educational events for the community. The first is a Mental Health Training Class scheduled for Millboro Elementary School on October 29 and 30 from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. The training is free, but the class is limited to the first 30 people who apply by contacting Jane Hall at 839-5307 by Monday, October 26.

The second event is a Suicide Intervention Training Class scheduled for Valley Elementary School on November 12 and 13 from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Again, the training is free and lunch will be provided. To register, you may call Jane Hall at 830-5307 by Monday, October 26. Registration is limited to 30 people.

Moral Decision Making

In worship on Sunday, October 11, Windy Covians began a series on moral decision making. Mr. Sherard’s first message focused on the way people actually do make moral decisions. Not all decisions that people make rise to the level of being moral decisions. A moral decision is

one that calls people to choose between right and wrong or, at the very least, to choose the best option between two or more possibilities that don’t appear to be entirely right or entirely wrong.

Choosing one’s favorite dessert or deciding which sports team to root for don’t really rise to the level of moral decision making. However, many decisions do require us to choose between right and wrong. Suppose a clerk gives you too much change at the grocery store. What to do in that situation involves a moral decision. Of course, many moral decisions are more complicated than that one is.

So, what are some ways people make moral decisions? Mr. Sherard surveyed some not-very-good-ways of making such decisions:

- 1, Not even realizing that a moral decision is called for, or being totally unaware of the importance of such decisions.
2. Just doing what people learned as children. Depending upon one’s upbringing, these decisions might be good ones or bad ones.
3. What seems good or right at the time. This approach tends toward complete moral relativism, the view that each individual is the absolute judge of what is moral or immoral in a particular situation. An oft-heard comment is, “That may be right for you, but not for me.”
4. What is easiest to get by with. This view is called expediency. For example, to avoid conflict a boss might tell two different employees

that each is likely to get a promotion that only one of them will actually receive.

5. Acting solely for one’s own self-interest. Many people live this way whether they actually admit it or not.

In philosophical discussions on moral reasoning there are some better ways for making moral decisions. The Principle of Utility states that decisions should be made on the basis of achieving “the greatest good for the greatest number of people.” That principle provides at least some basis for moral clarity. In Kantian ethics (named for the philosopher Immanuel Kant), the emphasis is on treating people as people and not as things. Finally, even before the time of Jesus, the philosopher Aristotle suggested that developing personal virtue was necessary for good decision making.

However, Christians have an even better way of making moral decisions. They are able to apply the standard of God’s revelation in Jesus’ life, death, and resurrection to making such decisions. They are aided in this application by the presence of the Holy Spirit leading them into all truth. Additionally, Christians have the written Word of God available to them in the Bible as a standard for making good moral decisions.

On Sunday, October 18, the congregation will begin to apply these Christian principles to the decisions involved in marriage and family life. Join the discussion by being present on Sunday.