

## Calendar of Ministries

✝ **Friday, May 6**

Morning Prayers at 8

✝ **Saturday, May 7**

Evening Prayers at 8

✝ **Sunday, May 8**

Happy Mother's Day!

Sunday School at 9:45

Morning Worship at 11 with a message for mothers and Communion

Ruritan Mother's Day Lunch at their Club House from noon until 3 p.m.

✝ **Monday, May 9**

Morning Prayers at 8

✝ **Tuesday, May 10**

Morning Prayers at 8

Shenandoah Presbytery meets in Front Royal at 9:30

Food Pantry, 1:30 to 4 p.m.

✝ **Wednesday, May 11**

Morning Prayers at 8

Bible Club at the High School at 8:08

Choir at 7 p.m.

✝ **Thursday, May 12**

Morning Prayers at 8

✝ **Friday, May 13**

Morning Prayers at 8

✝ **Saturday, May 14**

Evening Prayers at 8

✝ **Sunday, May 15**

Sunday School at 9:45

Morning Worship at 11 continuing the Great Cloud of Witnesses

Session meets with the Listening Response Team from Shenandoah Presbytery at 1 p.m.



# The Weekly Word

Windy Cove Presbyterian Church

May 5, 2016

## Greater Than Moses

On Sunday, May 1, the worshipping congregation at Windy Cove continued its consideration of the Great Cloud of Witnesses. Sunday's worship focused on a comparison between Moses, the most dominant figure in the Old Testament, and Jesus, God's good news in the New Testament. The Gospel of Matthew actually highlights this comparison as a way of explaining the unique importance of Jesus as God's Anointed Son and the "pioneer and perfecter of our faith" (Hebrews 12:2).

This comparison between Moses and Jesus includes the following elements. Moses was threatened as a baby by the Egyptian Pharaoh; baby Jesus was threatened by Herod the Great who ruled Israel at the time of his birth. Moses was the great deliverer of the Hebrews from the slavery of Egypt; Jesus delivers his people from the slavery of sin. Moses was the great law-giver as he brought down God's Ten Commandments from Mount Sinai; Jesus proclaimed and interpreted God's commands in his famous Sermon on the Mount in Matthew 5-7.

Perhaps the most striking comparison between Moses and Jesus is their

role as an intercessor between God and his people. Twice in his career, Moses interceded with God for the people. One intercession was at Sinai when the people had made and worshiped the Golden Calf while Moses was on the mountain (Exodus 32). The other was as their camp south of the Promised Land when the Israelites refused to go into Canaan because they feared the giants in the land. In both cases, Moses pleaded with God not to destroy his people but rather to remain true to his character and the promises made to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.

The New Testament makes clear that Jesus' ministry includes his perpetual intercession for people as he

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### Take Note

Mother's Day is May 8. We will have Communion as part of our worship that Sunday. Also, check inside for information about the Ruritan Mother's Day Lunch from noon to 3.

Session meets with the Listening Response Team on Sunday, May 15, at 1 p.m.

For the future: Bible School is just over a month away, June 20- 24.

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is seated at the right hand of God the Father. There Jesus pleads for people who have accepted him. Jesus' very presence reminds the Father that all the sacrifice necessary for the saving of God's people has already been completed in the work that Jesus did as a living sacrifice upon the cross.

Truly, this comparison of Moses and Jesus does bolster our faith as we celebrate Jesus as the pioneer (the one who has gone before us and blazed the trail for those who follow) and perfecter (the one who exhibits true maturity) of faith. Moses' leadership of God's people was not only important for his own day and time, but his life also pointed forward toward Jesus the Messiah who would bring to fulfillment all that God had promises when he called Abraham and his descendants to be a blessing to all the nations of the earth.

On Mother's Day on May 8, we will study another person from the Cloud of Witnesses: Mary the mother of Jesus. Being a good mother is difficult under the best of circumstances, but just think how hard your job would be if you were the mother of God's anointed son. We will also devote some time to thinking about the transition that Mary had to make from being the mother of Jesus to being one of Jesus' disciples. What an amazing woman!

## Mother's Day Dinner

The Millboro Ruritan Club is again sponsoring a Mother's Day Lunch on Sunday, May 8. From noon until 3 p.m. at the Ruritan Club Building in Millboro, they will have turkey and ham with extras such as dressing, mashed potatoes, baked apples, desserts, and more for \$9.

Many have enjoyed this local Mother's Day treat not only for the good food but also for the opportunity to renew friendships with their neighbors. We hope to see many of you there on Sunday afternoon.

## Teens Gather for Woodlawn

After seeing God's Not Dead 2 at the theater in Waynesboro two weeks ago, our community teens watched the movie Woodlawn at their meeting on May 1. The teens saw the movie via the internet at their regular meeting place at Millboro Elementary School where they ordinarily meet on the first and third Sundays of each month.

Woodlawn is based on the true story of football star Tony Nathan and his career at Woodlawn High School in Birmingham, AL. Nathan entered Woodlawn in the early 1970s during the first real racial integration of schools in Alabama. Nathan went on to play for the University of Alabama and also for the Miami Dolphins.

Besides racial integration in the country, Christian revival was also spreading through the country in the form of the Jesus Movement. The movie, Woodlawn, depicts how these two forces impacted each other at Woodlawn and other high schools in Birmingham.

The teens are also making plans for a canoe or bike trip in June and for a trip to Washington, D.C. in July.

## Session to Meet with LRT

The Listening Response Team from Shenandoah Presbytery has scheduled a meeting with the Windy Cove Session for 1 p.m. on Sunday, May 15. This meeting will continue the conversation of the church with the LRT concerning reconciliation with the Presbytery or possible dismission to another Presbyterian denomination. This Discernment Process has been ongoing since the beginning of 2015.

If members or attenders at Windy Cove have questions or comments, be sure to talk to a Session member before May 15. Otherwise, be in prayer for the Lord's direction and a good outcome of this Process for the church and for the Presbytery.

## Clothes Store Officially Opens

Windy Cove officially opened its Clothes Store in the upper end of the former Deitz's Store at the corner in Millboro Springs. Windy Cove is renting the space from owner, Len

Foutz, for a nominal fee. We had lots of clothes come in. Then last Friday and Saturday, we opened the store. We have not yet established formal hours for the store. So, check the sign for times and dates.

Remember, everything is free!

## People and Prayers

We mentioned last week that Ruth Cauley was in Tennessee visiting her family there and that she would be celebrating her birthday there. We did wish Ruth a happy birthday during worship last week even though she was not present. Ruth also remembered us and provided flowers for the sanctuary on Sunday. She had already made arrangements to have the flowers delivered even in her absence.

Ruth graced us with a beautiful spray of colored roses given in memory of her parents, Della and Carl Plecker, and in memory of her sister and brother, Hilda Hobson and Paul Plecker. Ruth, we do so appreciate your flowers and your family. We hope that you had a wonderful celebration with your Tennessee family even while you were blessing your church family here. Thanks!

Gary Nair is scheduled for outpatient back surgery at Lewis Gale Hospital in Roanoke on Wednesday, May 11. Gary is very hopeful that the surgery will relieve his pain. He really misses being able to come out to choir and worship, not to mention playing golf with Mr. Sherrard.