

Calendar of Ministries

✝ Month of June

Sunday School each Sunday at 9:45
Morning Worship each Sunday at 11
Bible School, June 20-24, 9 a.m. to 12:15
p.m. with the Bible School Program
and Picnic on June 26

✝ Month of July

Beginning in July we will not have Sunday School until September 18
Morning Worship each Sunday at 10 in the Windy Cove Sanctuary
Teen Trip to D.C. middle of the month
Haiti Team Trip from July 18 through July 26

✝ 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 4
Homecoming at Windy Cove on Sunday, September 11 at 11 in the sanctuary
Our regular schedule of Sunday School and Morning Worship will resume on September 18 with Sunday School at 9:45 and Worship at 11.

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

www.windycovechurch.org

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The Weekly Word

Windy Cove Presbyterian Church

June 9, 2016

Bible School: Cave Quest

Our week of summer fun in Bible School is fast approaching. Bible School begins on Monday, June 20, and runs through Friday, June 24. The daily schedule begins at 9 a.m. and goes until 12:15 p.m. The Bible School Program will be our Morning Worship on Sunday, June 26, at 11.

The theme for Bible School, Cave Quest: Following Jesus the Light of the World, is particularly appropriate for our area and Windy Cove. Bath County has lots of known caves including two very close to Windy Cove. Blowing Rock Cave is right around the bend from the church. Just a short distance up Indian Draft from the church is a sandstone cave which is reportedly one of the largest of its kind in Virginia. Blowing Rock Cave is also part of Windy Cove's history as the name of the church may have come from the wind which blew out from the mouth of the cave.

Cave Quest will highlight Jesus as the Light of the World. On Day One the kids will look at how the prophets foretold the coming of Jesus as the light. These prophecies brought hope to people who lived in darkness. For example, Psalm 71 proclaims, "O Lord, you alone are my hope."

On Day Two the children will explore the story of Jesus and Peter walking on water. Jesus says to Peter and the rest of the disciples, "Take courage. I am here!" Day Three looks at Jesus' teaching as a light to guide our way in life. Jesus' Sermon on the Mount in Matthew 5-7 will lie in the background of this lesson.

Day Four focuses on the love of Jesus. The Bible lesson of the death and resurrection of Jesus from the Gospel of Luke is the highlight. The darkness of Jesus' crucifixion was overwhelmed by the incredible light of Jesus' resurrection. On Day Five the kids learn that Jesus' light and power are passed on to present-day disciples through the coming of the Holy Spirit.

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 35 times since last August. 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 Fun

In addition to Bible School, we have lots of other summer fun planned for Windy Covians. On June 15, Mr. Sherrard is taking a carful of guys to Washington, D. C. to see a baseball game between the Washington Nationals and the Chicago Cubs. This trip follows up on an adventure several years ago when Jimbo Tennant, Johnny Peery, and Pastor Rob traveled to New York City to see the Yankees play the Boston Red Sox. We can safely say that New York was never the same again; or maybe we should say that the three country boys were never the same again!

On Sunday, July 3, our church schedule will change. We will suspend Sunday School until after Homecoming in September, and Sunday Worship will begin at 10 a.m. in the sanctuary. July 3 will also be the day for our annual Patriotic Worship. We will be exploring the heritage of freedom in our nation in the context of our faith and commitment to serve the Lord Jesus.

Youth Coordinator, Sharon Sherrard, is presently arranging a youth trip to Washington, D. C. around the middle of July. The times and date are not completely set at the present time. However, the young people will visit some of the historical sites as well as experiencing the worship at David's Tent. The Tent is a ministry that currently maintains an around-the-clock vigil of worship

and prayer and Bible reading in downtown Washington. Since the Sherrards last visited the tent in the winter, it has been forced to move several times. However, the Tent expects to return to the Mall for most of the summer. The ministry of the Tent will carry forward until the national elections in November.

As we reported in our last issue, July will also include the trip for the 2016 Haiti Mission Team. Team members Dallas Reynolds, Josh Herndon, Catherine Chestnut, Aislinn Ryder, Tyler Bryant, Debbie Darcus, and Rob Sherrard will leave on July 18 when they fly from Washington, D.C. to Fort Lauderdale, FL before going on to Haiti the next day. After a week of ministry in Haiti, the team will fly home on Tuesday, July 26, arriving back to Bath County in the early morning hours on Wednesday.

Sunday, August 7, will be our first day of worship at the Windy Cove Picnic Pavilion. As in July, worship will begin at 10 a.m. Worship at the Picnic Pavilion will continue through Sunday, September 4. One Sunday in August, we will have a picnic lunch at the pavilion following worship. Keep a check in the Sunday bulletins for the exact date.

Finally, our Homecoming arrives on Sunday, September 11. We will return to the sanctuary that day for a glorious celebration at 11 a.m. with a recollection also of the anniversary of the 9/11/2001 tragedy.

Listening Response Team

The Listening Response Team from Shenandoah Presbytery met with the Windy Cove Session on Sunday, May 16. At that meeting the Session reiterated its belief that the best course for the vitality of Christian ministry at Windy Cove was for the church to be dismissed by Shenandoah Presbytery from the Presbyterian Church (USA) to the Covenant Order of Evangelical Presbyterians. The Listening Response Team indicated that they would continue their consideration of this request and reply to the Session.

On May 26 the Session received an answer from the Listening Response Team indicating that they were moving forward to become an Administrative Commission of Shenandoah Presbytery. This action is the next step in the Presbytery's current policy of Discernment toward Reconciliation or Gracious Separation. Windy Cove began this process when it sent a letter to the Presbytery's Transitional Presbyter in October of 2014. In response to that letter, the Listening Response Team was appointed and has worked with the Session and congregation since that time.

During the administrative commission phase of the process, the administrative commission will work to negotiate a settlement between Windy Cove and Shenandoah Presbytery which will become part of the agreement for the Presbytery to

transfer Windy Cove to another Presbyterian denomination, namely, the Covenant Order of Evangelical Presbyterians.

Up to the present time, Shenandoah Presbytery has dismissed two congregations after reaching a financial settlement with each. There is no formula for such settlements. The settlements depend upon the individual circumstances of the particular congregation and upon the negotiations between the church and the Presbytery. Both congregations were dismissed to the Covenant Order of Evangelical Presbyterians.

The Windy Cove Session has already made financial records available to the Listening Response Team. The Session has also appointed a committee of four to conduct negotiations with the administrative commission at the appropriate time. These four include Mike Grist, Tammy Lindsay, Bruce Cambata, and Pastor Rob Sherrard.

Please continue to pray about this transition in ministry at Windy Cove and for the progress of the gospel in our area. May we be a good witness of the truth and grace found in Christ Jesus.

Congratulations

We congratulate Elizabeth Ailstock on her graduation from Bath County High. Elizabeth plans to enter the nursing program at Dabney S. Lancaster Community College.