

Calendar of Ministries

✚ Friday, September 2

The Sherrards left on Thursday, Sep 1, for a trip to Kansas City, MO where Mr. Sherrard will officiate at the wedding of Peter Goings and Erica Hayes.

✚ Saturday, September 3

Evening Prayers at 8

✚ Sunday, September 4

Morning Worship continues at the Windy Cove Picnic Pavilion at 10 a.m. The Reverend Paul De Gastyne of Good Shepherd Baptist Church in Blacksburg will be the guest preacher.

✚ Monday, September 5

Enjoy Labor Day! "Be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain." 1 Corinthians 15:58

✚ Tuesday, September 6

Morning Prayers at 8

✚ Wednesday, September 7

Morning Prayers at 8
Choir at 7 p.m.

✚ Thursday, September 8

Morning Prayers at 8

✚ Friday, September 9

Morning Prayers at 8

✚ Saturday, September 10

Evening Prayers at 8

✚ Sunday, September 11

No Sunday School today
Morning Worship returns to the Windy Cove Sanctuary today for Homecoming at 11 a.m. followed by Dinner on the Grounds and a Hymn Sing around 1:15.



The Weekly Word

Windy Cove Presbyterian Church
September 1, 2016

Summer Fades, Homecoming Approaches

As summer begins to fade with the change of the months from August to September, Windy Covians are thinking about Homecoming. (Of course, some might argue that, with the recent heat wave, summer hasn't done much fading!) However, this issue of the Weekly Word is dated **September 1**. And, our annual Homecoming falls this year on September 11, the second Sunday of the month. So, we will not only be celebrating Homecoming, but we will also remember the attacks of September 11, 2001 on their fifteenth anniversary.

Our Homecoming speaker this year will be the Reverend Steve Cathcart. Steve is familiar to many in our area because of his service in the 1970s and 1980s at Falling Springs, Sinking Springs, and Greenwood Presbyterian Churches. After Steve left that parish, he became pastor at Royal Oak Presbyterian Church in Marion, VA. Recently, in retirement, Steve worked as the Interim Pastor at New Mouth Presbyterian Church at Kerr's Creek.

Mr. Sherrard first met Steve when the Sherrards were still at Union Seminary in Richmond. Steve was

there in the spring of 1978 for continuing education. He was also looking for a summer intern, and he came by to see if Rob might be interested in that summer position. As it turned out, Rob already had a summer job at a church in Richmond. However, when Rob arrived at Windy Cove in 1980, Steve Cathcart was still in the area; and they attended Shenandoah Presbytery together.

Our theme for Homecoming this year is the Communion of Saints. This theme not only fits well with the idea of a Windy Cove Homecoming, but the theme will also serve as a fitting conclusion to Mr. Sherrard's series of messages on the Great Cloud of Witnesses from Hebrews 12:1-2. Watch for more details.

Take Note

With this issue the *Weekly Word* has resumed its regular publication schedule. Our staff composes each issue on Wednesday morning and sends it by email in the early afternoon to the UPS Store in Lexington for copying. The UPS folks copy and fold the newsletter having it ready for pickup on Thursday. Labels are applied on Thursday evening, and that issue goes into the mail at Millboro early on Friday morning.

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Bible School Fun

Although it may seem like a long time ago now, Windy Cove had a wonderful Bible School during the last week of June. Cave Quest proved to be a real delight for the kids who attended Bible School and for the teachers and helpers. One highlight of the week for the older kids was their visit to Blowing Rock Cave around the bend from the church. Most of the children had never been in a cave before and really enjoyed their first experience. The message of the week that Jesus is the light of the world came through strongly in the completely dark cave.

The children also illustrated the theme with one of their crafts. Using a canning jar, a special flashlight, and some cardboard, the kids made a lantern to dispel the darkness.

On Sunday we had about 25 of the children present to participate in the program of praise focused on the Bible School theme. Following this worship, everyone celebrated with a picnic.

Haiti Trip and Haiti News

The seven members of our Haiti Mission Team had a very successful trip at the end of July. They spent seven days in Haiti before returning home.

On four of those days, the Team traveled to four different schools sponsored by the Haiti Education

Foundation. In each case the Team presented a mini-Bible School based on the Parable of the Good Samaritan.

Team members first sang with the children in English. They used Bible School favorites such as "This Little Light of Mine," "Allelu, Allelu," and a particular favorite of the Haitian children: "The Lord's Army." The Team also sang some songs in Creole, especially "Esko Vi a Li" ("Come and Go with Me").

After this worship, through a translator the Mission Team told and then acted out the story of the Good Samaritan. The children were able to follow along well enough to answer the questions: Was it the first man who helped? Was it the second man who helped? Enthusiastically, the kids shouted that it was the third man who helped the man in the ditch. Then, the Team got volunteers from the children to act out the various parts in the story.

After the story had been introduced, the Team helped the children with two crafts. First, there was a coloring page with the Samaritan, his donkey, and the wounded man in the ditch. Secondly, the kids decorated a foam heart that said, "Jesus Loves Me."

Windy Cove had also sent enough money for the children to have lunch. So, the Bible School adventures concluded with a lunch for all the kids who had attended and participated during the morning.

During the summer, we also received our end-of-school-year report from Trinity-Hope the ministry that supervises the feeding program at the school that Windy Cove supports. In the 2015-2016 school year at Notre Dame school in David, Haiti, our offerings provided 8,794 meals for the children and staff of the school. The average number of meals served each of the 186 days of school was 52 meals. The total cost of the meals was \$2,374.38 or \$.27 per meal. During the year we had many letters and pictures from the children and the principal of the school thanking us for our continued interest and provision for the children.

We praise God for the opportunity to help these children with their education and their nutrition.

School Begins

The school buses are rolling again in Bath County. As most of our local readers know, Windy Cove is a transfer point for the school buses heading either to the high school or Millboro Elementary School. So, we are very conscious of the kids being back in school. Just be careful when you are out on the road. Be alert for kids in and around the buses, especially during their stops.

Mr. Sherrard has also started back to school. He continues his college teaching at Dabney S. Lancaster Community College in Clifton Forge and at the Rockbridge Center near

Buena Vista. During the fall semester, he will teach the History of Christianity and World Religions.

Dabney has changed its overall class schedule to better care for the needs of its students. Regular classes now meet either on a Monday/Wednesday schedule or a Tuesday/Thursday schedule. Classes are made available to non-traditional students in the evenings from Monday through Thursday and during the day on Fridays. Dabney has also added a lunch/activity period in the middle of the day.

Because of these changes, Mr. Sherrard meets his Christianity class at 10 a.m. on Tuesday/Thursday at the main campus in Clifton Forge. He meets his World Religions class on Tuesday/Thursday at the Rockbridge Center at 1 p.m. He ordinarily begins each weekday in his study at the church at 8 a.m.

Listening Response Team

At the August 13 meeting of Shenandoah Presbytery, the Listening Response Team from Shenandoah Presbytery that has been working with Windy Cove was confirmed as an Administrative Commission. The Commission will continue its work with the church aiming toward a gracious dismissal of church to another Presbyterian denomination. At the Presbytery meeting, one additional person was added to the Administrative Commission who had not served on the Response Team.