

Calendar of Ministries

- ✚ **Saturday, December 3**
Evening Prayers at 8
- ✚ **Sunday, December 4**
Sunday School at 9:45
Morning Worship at 11
Teens meet at Millboro Elementary at 5
- ✚ **Monday, December 5**
Morning Prayers at 8
- ✚ **Tuesday, December 6**
Morning Prayers at 8
- ✚ **Wednesday, December 7**
Morning Prayers at 8
Bible Club at the High School at 8:08
Choir at 7 p.m.
- ✚ **Thursday, December 8**
Morning Prayers at 8
- ✚ **Friday, December 9**
Morning Prayers at 8

- ✚ **Saturday, December 10**
Evening Prayers at 8
- ✚ **Sunday, December 11**
Sunday School at 9:45
Morning Worship at 11
Bring your Christmas Cards to send to folks in our worshipping congregation

We will be having our Christmas Card Mailbox again this year. You can save lots of postage by bringing to church the Christmas Cards you intend to send to folks in the congregation. Simply put them in the mailbox in the vestibule beginning on Sunday, December 11. We will lay them out for folks to pick up before Christmas.

Spread the word about Christmas Eve worship at 7:30 p.m. celebrating the Messiah's birth with Communion.



The Weekly Word

**Windy Cove Presbyterian Church
December 1, 2016**

Thanksgiving Revisited

Windy Covians and the Millboro Community celebrated the national holiday of Thanksgiving and gave thanks to God in a variety of ways. The Millboro Christian Church and our local Ruritan Club both had Hunters' Suppers on Sunday, November 20. The Christian Church combined their Supper with an evening service of thanksgiving.

Others from the Millboro Community also gathered for evening worship on the 20th at Woodland Church. Pastor David George led the worship with participation from pastors John Haney and Rob Sherrard who preached the evening message.

Mr. Sherrard focused the congregation's attention on the beginning of the simple mealtime blessing, "God is great; God is good." He suggested that God's greatness can be seen in the magnificent creation, in God's healing power experienced in the ministry of Jesus and currently through medical personnel as well as the continued supernatural work of the Holy Spirit, and in God's awesome demonstration of power shown in the resurrection of Jesus.

Such power, in and of itself, might be used to do good or to do evil. Thus, the second part of the prayer, "God is good," is vitally important. The Biblical idea of "good" surpasses the current understanding of the word. In today's culture, "good" is often not good enough. Rather, people or conditions must be better or best. Better yet are excellent, awesome, or superlative.

However, the Biblical use of "good" expresses that a person or condition has reached the highest development or expression of its existence. Good means totally complete, lacking in nothing. When applied to God, good means that God always acts for the

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Take Note

December 4

Regular Schedule of Sunday School at 9:45 and Worship at 11 with Teen Ministry at 5 p.m. at Millboro Elementary.

December 11

Regular Schedule of Sunday School at 9:45 and Worship at 11. We will have our Christmas Mailbox ready for your cards today.

Tuesday, December 13

Food Pantry meets from 1:30 to 4 p.m.

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best interests of others. This idea is well expressed in the familiar John 3:16: "God loved the world so much that he gave his one and only Son so that whoever believes in the Son may have eternal life."

The death of Jesus on the cross made God's goodness suspect. After all, evil people had killed the only totally righteous person who has ever lived. The crucifixion of Jesus as a criminal called into question all the promises of Jesus. Evil seemed to have won the universal struggle between good and evil. However, the resurrection of Jesus confirmed the goodness of God and the victory of good over evil.

After the Thanksgiving worship at Woodland, worshipers lingered for a delightful time of fellowship in the church hall. They enjoyed the delicious refreshments provided by the Woodland congregation. Even more valuable was the encouraging conversation between very thankful Christian people.

Decorating Day

The Windy Cove congregation spent a wonderful day together on Sunday, November 27. Morning Worship was filled with the celebration of the First Sunday of Advent. The first Advent Candle was lit during the singing of "Here I Am to Worship." As the congregation sang "Light of the world you stepped down into darkness, opened my

eyes, let me see," Pastor Rob Sherrard lit the first candle. Worship continued with the singing of other songs and carols of the season.

After worship the congregation shared a fellowship meal of soup and sandwiches. This fellowship meal has become one of the favorites of the congregation owing to the diversity of delicious soups that appear on the serving table. One soup was so tasty that Sharon Sherrard was heard to remark, "Please bring this soup to comfort me when we have the meal at Rob's funeral." So far as we know, no date has yet been set.

About 1 p.m. Tammy Lindsay invited those finishing their meal to begin decorating for Advent and Christmas. The Worship Ministry Team had laid out many of the traditional decorations and presented a plan for putting them in place. Each year at Windy Cove there is a comfortable feel to these traditional decorations, but there is also enough change to highlight the wonder of the season as well.

So, wreaths went up on the windows outside the church. With some supervision from great-grandfather, Leo Shanks, and Worship Team member, Bruce Cambata, Camden Wagoner spearheaded this effort. Maybe young legs going up and down the ladder wasn't such a bad idea! Inside, folks were working on wreaths for the sanctuary and a Christmas tree for the Fellowship

Hall. Both sets of decorations had a distinctive blue tinge to them that proved to be a lovely addition to past years. Candles in the windows, a new drape on the piano, and the repositioning of our old lanterns added variety to our seasonal scene.

About 3 p.m. people took a step back and were amazed at how much had been accomplished in two hours. What is more, the work had been fun; and the fellowship of doing it together had been encouraging. No doubt you will want to see how things turned out. See you on Sunday!

Angel Tree Ministry

Sunday, November 27, also marked the beginning of our Angel Tree Ministry for 2016. The Angel Tree has many opportunities on it to help with unique ministries of the church. These include several individuals (adults and a child), food boxes. Bath County seniors, Camp Scholarships, help for the Comfort Care Women's Center in Lexington, and the Samaritan Fund. Some of these opportunities may have been taken last Sunday, but you can be sure that many are left.

Rest of Advent

Mr. Sherrard mentioned in his message on November 27, the First Sunday of Advent, that folks might profit from reading Isaiah 52:13 to 53:12 each day during Advent. These verses describe the difficult

ministry of God's messiah Jesus, the subject of our consideration in worship during Advent.

On the 27th the message highlighted Jesus' true humility which in turn led to his incredible enthronement as Lord of All. On December 4, our emphasis will be on Isaiah 53:1-6 which presents the Messiah as a sacrifice for us. December 11 will include verses 7 through 9 as we look at the depth of Jesus' sacrifice as the Messiah. December 18 advances to verses 10 through 12. This part focuses on Jesus as the once and forever sacrifice to free people from the bondage of sin.

On Saturday, December 24, at our Christmas Eve worship, we will shift our attention to the actual incarnation of the Messiah. It's one thing to expect the Messiah; it's another thing to know that the Messiah has indeed come. On Christmas morning, we will conclude our consideration of Jesus the Messiah by looking at the visit of the Magi to pay homage to the King of the Jews.

People and Prayers

We are praying for the Holy Spirit to comfort Jason Coleman's family. Jason's uncle, Robert Dameron, was killed in an industrial accident at the paper mill at Big Island recently. His family includes a wife and three children grieving over his tragic death. We continue to pray for Kris Hepler and her family in the death of her mother two weeks ago.