

Calendar of Ministries

✚ Saturday, January 28, 2017

Evening Prayers at 7:30 with a discussion of Ted Dekker's *The Forgotten Way*

✚ Sunday, January 29

Sunday School at 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship at 11
Teen Ski Trip to Snowshoe in the p.m.
Negotiating Team meets in Lexington with the Administrative Commission from Shenandoah Presbytery at 2:30

✚ Monday, January 30

Morning Prayers at 8
Session meets at 7 p.m.

✚ Tuesday, January 31

Morning Prayers at 8
Mr. Sherrard teaches today at 1

✚ Wednesday, February 1

Morning Prayers at 8
Bible Club at the High School, 8:08
Choir at 7 p.m.

✚ Thursday, February 2

Morning Prayers at 8
Mr. Sherrard teaches today at 1

✚ Friday, February 3

Morning Prayers at 8
Mr. Sherrard teaches at DSLCC at 10

✚ Saturday, February 4

Evening Prayers at 7:30 with a discussion of Ted Dekker's *The Forgotten Way*

✚ Sunday, February 5

Sunday School at 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship at 11 with Communion
Super Bowl Party at the Barn in Warm Springs begins around 6 p.m.



The Weekly Word

Windy Cove Presbyterian Church
January 26, 2017

The Forgotten Way

Windy Covians have been experiencing an exciting, thought-provoking, and at times perplexing, but fulfilling journey since the beginning of the year. This journey commenced with their use of Ted Dekker's devotional book, *The Forgotten Way*. As outlined in his introduction, Dekker intends the book to be an opportunity for spiritual renewal and growth.

One main idea of *The Forgotten Way* is that people who have a relationship with God through Jesus are "in the world, but not of the world." This idea originates from Jesus' prayer found in John 17. There Jesus prays for his disciples and for those who will come to believe in him through their testimony. In several places in this prayer, Jesus indicates that there is a qualitative difference between being in the world but not of the world. In effect Jesus was praying that those who follow him would presently live as full and complete sons and daughters of the Kingdom of God even though temporarily living in the natural world of ordinary existence.

Dekker emphasizes this same idea when he recites the Apostle Paul's

message that people who come to Jesus are new creations. They don't immediately go to heaven, but they begin to exhibit a new quality of life here on earth. Paul makes a similar point in his letter to the Ephesians where he writes,

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him.

Dekker stresses Paul's idea of being "in Christ" even though Christians continue for the time being

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Take Note

Sunday, January 29, 2017

Sunday School at 9:45 with a study of Ecclesiastes

Morning Worship at 11 continuing our renewal with *The Forgotten Way*

Teen Ski Trip to Snowshoe in the p.m.

Sunday, February 5

Bring your pennies for **our 4 Cents Hunger Offering** to help with Food Pantry.

Prepare for our Communion together.

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to live “in the world.” This different quality of life in Christ is what Dekker calls “the forgotten way.” That oft-forgotten way is to realize one’s own true identity in Christ and to live out that true identity each day.

Dekker uses the image of the valley and the mountaintop to express this idea of authentic Christian discipleship. When a person comes to “know” God in Jesus, that person experiences a personal relationship with Jesus through the Holy Spirit. He or she has been to the mountaintop. However, much of life is lived “in the valley of the shadow of death.” However, it is possible to live without fear and, indeed, to live triumphantly in the valley when Christians do not forget their true identity in Christ.

Dekker’s title, *The Forgotten Way*, is his recognition that he himself and many other Christians do often forget this new way of living in Jesus. His book is Dekker’s way of reminding believers of their new life in Christ and encouraging them to align themselves each day with that new life. As he says in several places, the mere recognition that there is a forgotten way is a step in the right direction.

To trace out and apply this insight and others found in *The Forgotten Way*, we will be having a discussion group on Saturday evenings at 7:30 at the church. All are

invited to bring their questions, comments, and personal reflections on issues raised by the book. Mr. Sherrard will also continue his present sermon series based on the Biblical background of Dekker’s book. On Sunday, January 29, he will explore the idea, What Happened in the Garden?

Have a Heart?

We all do have a heart, and in the month of February, we are going to be thinking about matters of the heart. On Sunday, February 12, we will have a Soup and Sandwich Lunch following worship. Besides the usual soup and sandwiches, you can contribute desserts centered on the heart-oriented Valentine’s theme. Even now, can’t you imagine the variety of dreamy desserts that will appear that Sunday?

In fact, we are also concerned about your internal organ heart. So, Heather Newmarker and Barbara Howell will present a demonstration immediately after lunch on how to use a heart defibrillator. For quite a few years, we have had a defibrillator housed in our vestibule and available for use.

Additionally, we always have quite a bit of traffic and parking around the church; many people pass through the church road each day. Also, each school day, most of the buses transfer students here. Finally, on Food Pantry and Food Truck days, we have quite a few elderly folks who participate with these ministries. For all these reasons, we thought a clear demonstration was in order just in case of some future emergency. Come for fellowship; come to learn.

ECO Reps Meet with Session

On Wednesday, January 11, two representatives from the Covenant Order of Evangelical Presbyterians (ECO) met with the Windy Cove Session. Jon Heeringa, Pastor of First Presbyterian Church in Harrisonburg, and Larry Moffett, an Elder from Saint Giles Presbyterian Church in Richmond, represented ECO.

Jon and Larry were present to discuss Windy Cove’s transition from Shenandoah Presbytery of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) to East Central Presbytery of ECO. The Session was encouraged with the discussion of its ministries, its vision for the future, and its reasons for wanting to join ECO. Larry and Jon congratulated the Session on the high involvement of members of the congregation in hands-on ministry in the local community and beyond.

After this period of discussion, the ECO representatives asked Windy Cove’s elders if they were ready to pledge themselves to the Essential Tenets of the Reformed Faith as outlined in ECO’s constitutional documents. The elders said they were ready and answered “yes” to the question on the Essential Tenets. Subsequently, the Session got an email indicating that the East Central Presbytery is ready to receive Windy Cove when it is officially dismissed by Shenandoah Presbytery. Mr. Sherrard also met separately with Larry and Jon pending his transfer to the new denomination.

In a related matter, the Negotiating Team from the Windy Cove Session is slated to meet on Sunday, January 29, with the Administrative Commission from Shenandoah Presbytery. The purpose of this meeting is to work out the terms by which Windy Cove will be dismissed from the Presbytery to join ECO. This Negotiating Team consists of Elders Jon Eaton, Mike Grist, Tammy Lindsay, and Bruch Cambata, along with Pastor Rob Sherrard.

Haiti Here We Come!

The Haiti Team for 2017 is set and airline tickets have been purchased for the summer trip. Team members include Kim and Paul Lancaster, Heather and Jay Newmarker, Russ Woodzell, Fran Hobbs, Dallas Reynolds, Aislinn Ryder, Debbie Darcus, and Rob Sherrard.

The Haiti trip will take place between Monday, June 26 and Tuesday, July 4, 2017. The team will fly from Washington Reagan Airport via Fort Lauderdale to Port-au-Prince, Haiti and return a week later. These dates were selected to include the team’s participation in a yearly celebration in memory of Father Jean-Wilfrid Albert whose life of Christian service touched many in Haiti and in the United States. The celebration will include two days of special worship and fellowship on Saturday and Sunday, July 1 and 2. Father Albert died in 2005 while serving as Parish Priest at Cherident in the mountains of Haiti.