

Calendar of Ministries

✚ Saturday, April 1, 2017

Haiti Team meets for supper at 5:30
Evening Prayers at 7:30

✚ Sunday, April 2, Pack the Pews #2

Sunday School at 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship at 11
Fields of Faith at the High School at 7

✚ Monday, April 3

Morning Prayers at 8
Men's Bible Study with supper at 5:45
and study at 6:30.

✚ Tuesday, April 4 through Thursday, April 6

Mr. Sherrard will be on vacation attending the Masters Golf Tournament with his son and grandson.

✚ Wednesday, April 5

Morning Prayers at 8

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

✚ Saturday, April 8

Evening Prayers at 7:30

✚ Sunday, April 9, Pack the Pews #3

Sunday School at 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship at 11

The Session added Traci Herscher and Justin Shanks to our Nominating Committee to serve with Terry King, Paul Lancaster, and Sharon Sherrard. The Session also recommended to the Committee that they consider the current structure of the Session to see if recommending a reduction to nine elders serving on the Session would be best. If you have suggestions of candidates for the Committee, please talk to one of the members.



The Weekly Word

Windy Cove Presbyterian Church

March 30, 2017

Session Approves Bible Reading Initiative

At its meeting on Sunday, March 26, the Windy Cove Session approved a unique initiative of Bible reading in our community. In conjunction with the celebration of Holy Week, Wednesday (April 12) and Thursday (April 13) have been set aside for the public proclamation of the New Testament in our community.

Beginning that Wednesday morning, volunteers will start reading the New Testament aloud from the Windy Cove pulpit. Reading will continue from 8 a.m. until 8 p.m. On Thursday reading will resume at 8 a.m. and continue until closing worship around 8 that evening.

In approving this program, the Session had several considerations in mind. First and foremost was the declaration of God's powerful word in the midst of our community. Several Windy Covi-ans had participated in a similar exercise at David's Tent in Washington D. C. during the last three years. As recently as last November, Pastor Rob Sherrard and Elders Traci Herscher and Sharon

Sherrard had proclaimed the God's word in Washington at David's Tent.

The Session also believes that this devotional exercise will promote an open-door policy to our community encouraging those who might not otherwise attend worship to stop at the church for this unique event. Additionally, the Session thinks that the event will highlight the importance of Holy Week and Easter as well as providing encouragement to our own members and attenders.

By all accounts, it takes somewhere between 20 and 24 hours to read the entire New Testament

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Take Note

Saturday, April 1

Haiti Mission Team meets for fellowship and orientation at 5:30.

Sunday, April 2, 2017

Sunday School at 9:45; Worship at 11
Fields of Faith at the High School at 7

Monday, April 3

Men's Bible Study continues with an amazing video testimony of a man's calling to be a prophet. Supper at 5:45.

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Bible Reading (Cont.)

aloud. So, we will be reading for about 12 hours on each of the two days that we have set aside.

In order to accomplish this ministry, we will need the full support of our entire congregation and volunteers from our community. We will send out a sign-up sheet for the next two Sundays to encourage folks to volunteer to read at various times during the two-day event. Whether you can read for just a few minutes or for an extended time, the Session believes that you will be blessed by your participation and that you will bless the community as well.

Begin now to pray that the proclamation of God's word will change the atmosphere of our community. Also, make plans to join this important event both as a reader and hearer of the powerful word of God. Following is a schedule for our reading on April 12 and 13.

Wednesday, April 12

8 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.—Gospel of Matthew

10:30 to 11—Interlude of worship and prayer

11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.—Gospel of Luke

1:30 to 2— Interlude of worship and prayer

2 to 4:30—Acts of the Apostles

4:30 to 5— Interlude of worship

and prayer

5 to 7:30—Romans and 1 Corinthians

7:30 to 8—Concluding Worship

Thursday, April 13

8 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.—Gospel of John and 1, 2, 3 John

10:30 to 11— Interlude of worship and prayer

11 to 1:30 p.m.—2 Corinthians through 2 Thessalonians

1:30 to 2— Interlude of worship and prayer

2 to 3:30—1 Timothy through Hebrews

3:30 to 4— Interlude of worship and prayer

4 to 6:30—James, 1, 2, Peter, Jude, and Revelation

6:30 to 7— Interlude of worship and prayer

7 to 8:30—Gospel of Mark including the Lord's Supper

The Voice of Jesus

Morning Worship on Sunday, March 26, focused on hearing the voice of Jesus and responding to that voice. Our first lesson was from John 5 where Jesus heals the lame man by the pool of Bethesda. In effect, Jesus asks the man whether he is ready to receive the word of healing. Jesus says, "Do you want to be healed?" The man does receive Jesus' powerful word of healing.

The second lesson was from John

10 where Jesus says that the sheep know and respond to the voice of the shepherd. That word from Jesus prompts the question, "Do we recognize and respond to the voice of Jesus?"

For one thing, we hear so many voices speaking to us from our society. The noise is often confusing and frustrating. To illustrate this point on Sunday, Mr. Sherrard used the contemporary music video, "Hello! My Name Is." The teens often request this song in our Teen Group. It speaks of the labels that society tries to put on people: confused, depressed, heartbroken, worthless, and on and on. The hopeful part of the song replaces such labels with ones like forgiven, understood, loved, and, "I am a child of the one true King." It's crucial to tune into the voice of Jesus and not that of the world.

As with Adam and Eve and all people who have come after them, the voice of the tempter is also a strong one. In John 10 Jesus says, "The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly." When we hear the voice of the tempter, the power of the Holy Spirit is available to tune us into the voice of the Shepherd Jesus and help us resist temptation.

Our lessons on the powerful prophetic word will continue on April 2 with an emphasis on the process of the prophetic.

Pack the Pews

We can't exactly say that our pews were packed on Sunday, but we did have 22 folks sitting on the south side of the sanctuary and 18 on the north side when we divided the choir and the folks under the clock evenly. Besides, we had six more people in the nursery.

So, for the first week of our challenge, the south has forged ahead. We will still be counting for the next two weeks with delicious desserts in view after worship on April 9.

Your attendance at worship does make a difference, for others around you and in you. See you Sunday.

Haiti Team to Meet

The Haiti Mission Team for 2017 will hold its first orientation on Saturday, April 1. Although many team members have previous experience in Haiti, some have not been there recently. Besides, the thirteen signed up for this year's trip have never all been a team together. At this first meeting, they will build their relationships with each other to help their functioning as a team.

Mr. Sherrard recently sent individual letters to many folks asking that they continue their financial support of the projects in Haiti. These projects include education, feeding, school benches, and church pews. This project money is administered separately from travel and expenses for the annual trip to Haiti.