

Calendar of Ministries

✚ **Saturday, May 6, 2017**

Evening Prayers at 7:30

✚ **Sunday, May 7**

Sunday School at 9:45 a.m.

Morning Worship at 11

Teens at Millboro Elementary at 5.

✚ **Monday, May 8**

Morning Prayers at 8

✚ **Tuesday, May 9**

Morning Prayers at 8

Food Pantry, 1:30 to 4 p.m.

Haiti Team meets for supper at 5:30

✚ **Wednesday, May 10**

Morning Prayers at 8

Bible Club at the High School, 8:08

Choir at 7 p.m.

✚ **Saturday, May 13**

Evening Prayers at 7:30

✚ **Sunday, May 14**

Mother's Day

Sunday School at 9:45 a.m.

Morning Worship at 11

The staff of the Weekly Word appreciates your understanding of the need for periodic breaks during the year. We have enjoyed our extended Easter break following a busy season as indicated by our lead article today.

We expect to catch you up on all that the Lord is doing in and through Windy Cove. Our next break will at the end of May for Memorial Day. Then, we will conclude this year's edition with our Bible School and summer issue in June.



The Weekly Word

Windy Cove Presbyterian Church

May 4, 2017

Busy and Productive Easter Season

The Windy Cove Congregation had a busy and productive Easter season during the month of April. The congregation had prepared for the season with a series of messages on God's prophetic word. These messages also led naturally to a new ministry of the word at Windy Cove on April 12 and 13.

On those two days, the congregation proclaimed the Word of God over the local community by reading aloud through the entire New Testament. The reading began each day at 8 a.m. and continued with several short breaks until about 8 p.m. each evening. Readers ranged in age from 9 years old to age 85. Some folks read for a few minutes while some read for an hour or more. Most folks took a turn of about half an hour of reading.

On Thursday evening, April 13, the congregation began the reading of the Gospel of Mark at 7. When they came to Chapter 14 with its story of the Last Supper, folks came forward to receive Communion. After returning to

their seats, Mr. Sherrard finished the Gospel with Mark's story of Jesus' crucifixion and the empty tomb.

On Friday evening, Pastor Rob Sherrard joined six other ministers and host Pastor Ed Mansfield at Piney Grove Baptist Church for their annual service on the Seven Last Words from the Cross. Each pastor took one of the seven sayings of Jesus from the cross recorded in the Gospels. Mr. Sherrard spoke first on Jesus' compassionate words, "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing."

Easter Sunrise Worship atop the
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Take Note

Sunday, May 7, 2017

Sunday School at 9:45; Worship at 11
Teens meet at Millboro Elementary at 5.

Tuesday, May 9

Food Pantry in the afternoon
Haiti Mission Team meets at 5:30 p.m.

Sunday, May 14

Mother's Day!

Bring your pennies for our Hunger Offering. We got behind at Easter.

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Easter (Cont.)

hill on Windy Cove Farm was beautiful. For several years, our sunrise worshipers had not actually seen the sun rise because of clouds in the sky. This year was different. The sky was perfectly clear at sunrise, and worshipers saw the sun peak through the trees on top of Walker Mountain. Then, the bright yellow sun cleared the ridge to shine directly on sunrise hill.

Pastor Jeffrey Arthur of Calvary Baptist Church preached the Easter message on the hill. Mr. Sherrard led the worship that morning. Those assembled used the modern song "10,000 Reasons" with its beginning, "When the sun comes up, it's a new day dawning; it's time to sing your song again . . ."

After Sunrise Worship, most folks came to Windy Cove to enjoy an early Easter Breakfast with egg casserole, fruit, and Krispy Kreme Donuts. Community friends enjoyed the warmth of Christian fellowship with each other.

At Morning Worship on Easter, the sanctuary was comfortably filled with those eager to celebrate the resurrection of Jesus. These worshipers appreciated the two solos included in the worship. Traci Herscher gave the Lord's invitation to Communion with "Come to Jesus." Following Communion, Julie Wagoner joined by the congregation gave glory to God with "Forever": "Forever He is glorified;

forever He is lifted high; forever He is risen. He is alive, He is alive."

The Easter message focused on 1 Corinthians 15:58: "Therefore, my beloved brothers and sisters, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain."

Mr. Sherrard introduced three important questions of life: 1. What happens when a person dies? (Mortality), 2. What kind of person should I be? (Morality), and 3. What gives meaning or purpose to life? (Meaning). Paul affirms in verse 58 that those who live for the Lord are living a meaningful life. Though Christians have difficulties in this earthly life, their lives have lasting, even eternal, value. Even hard toil, as the word "labor" implies, has lasting value in the Kingdom of God. Jesus' resurrection shows conclusively that his mission for God was not in vain.

Now, in worship the congregation has moved on to consider the beginning of a new work or ministry as they look at Moses' sermons to the people of God about to enter the Promised Land. It's all in Deuteronomy. Check it out!

Dismissal Process

Windy Cove continues its conversation and negotiation as part of the process in seeking to be dismissed from Shenandoah Presbytery of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) and transferred to the East

Central Presbytery of the Covenant Order of Evangelical Presbyterians.

The Windy Cove Session sent a proposal for such dismissal to the Administrative Commission of Shenandoah Presbytery on March 1. The Administrative Commission thought it necessary to check with Presbytery's Commission on Planning and Coordination before replying to the Windy Cove proposal. That necessity caused a delay of more than a month in the negotiations.

Windy Cove did receive a counter proposal from the Administrative Commission on April 28. At its meeting on April 30, the Session discussed this latest proposal from the Administrative Commission and tasked the Session's negotiating team to formulate a reply. So, negotiations will continue between the church and the Administrative Commission until a satisfactory solution is achieved.

Second Haiti Meeting

The Haiti Mission Team for 2017 held its first orientation on Saturday, April 1. They are now preparing for their second orientation on Tuesday, May 9. The first meeting addressed two important issues of the mission experience: 1. Getting to know each other in order to function well as a team, and 2. The essentials of a trip overseas with expectations, arrangements, and pitfalls.

The second meeting will continue to strengthen group solidarity and deal with several other important issues of the trip. The group will decide on the Bible story to be used for the half-day Bible Schools at several schools. Additionally, the team will review plans for building pews and school benches. Supplies for these projects must be arranged ahead of the trip. The team will leave Bath County on Sunday, June 25, travel to Haiti the next day, and return on July 4.

Another Fallen Giant

Recent rains in our area and strong winds on Monday evening brought down the large maple tree on the east side of the church cemetery. The tree fell across Windy Cove Road avoiding damage to any tombstones. Sharon Sherrard made a preliminary count of the rings and estimates the age of the tree to be about 125 years old.

This tree was the fifth maple of the same approximate age to fall or be removed in the last 40 years. In the late 1970s, one very close to the southeast corner of the church was cut to prevent damage to the church. The second to fall was on the north side in the cemetery about 10 years ago. The third was behind the church study and fell away from the church. The fourth was at the far end of the cemetery in 2014. Good-bye, old friends, good-bye!