

Calendar of Ministries

✝ Sunday, June 18, 2017

Informal gathering of the congregation to discuss our negotiations with the Administrative Commission of Shenandoah Presbytery at 9:45

Morning Worship at 11

✝ June 19 through June 23

Bible School each day from 9 to 12:15

✝ Sunday, June 25

Sunday School at 9:45 a.m.

Morning Worship at 11 with the Bible School Program

Picnic after Worship

✝ Month of July

Worship each Sunday at 10 a.m. in the church sanctuary. No Sunday School until September 17.

✝ Sunday, July 2

Patriotic Worship at 10 a.m. with Elder Erik Koroneos of Lynchburg leading the service

✝ Month of August

Worship each Sunday at 10 a.m. at the Windy Cove Picnic Pavilion. No Sunday School until September 17.

✝ Sunday, September 3

Morning Worship at 10 at the Picnic Pavilion with Communion

This edition of the *Weekly Word* will be our last until late August. We appreciate the continued encouragement of our loyal readers. We also thank the faithful employees of the UPS Store in Lexington for their unwavering support. We are especially grateful for their help with several special mailings this year.



The Weekly Word

Windy Cove Presbyterian Church

June 15, 2017

Summer Soon to Arrive

The calendar, the recent hot weather, and the activity around Windy Cove tell us that Summer is soon to arrive. Indeed, next Monday signals the beginning of our summer Bible School at the church. Bible School runs from June 19 through June 23 with the Bible School Program and Picnic on Sunday, June 25.

The theme for this year's Bible School is Maker Fun Factory. It's all about how each kid has been created by God for a unique purpose and how each one can creatively serve God in return. The main Bible points for each day include:

God Made You from Psalm 139

God Is For You from Joshua 1-2

God Is Always with You from Judges 6-7

God Will Always Love You from Luke 22-24

God Made You for a Reason from 1 Samuel 25

As in past years, the children will learn about these different aspects of their relationship with God as they pass through various learning

centers that include a Bible video center, a drama center, the worship and music center, a craft center, and their recreation and snack center. Each day will begin and conclude with worship and fellowship in the sanctuary. Each day begins at 9 and ends around noon.

On Monday morning, we will register the children as they arrive. We will have groups for preschoolers through those who will attend 6th and 7th grades next school year. As in past years, the children in those upper grades will enjoy the privilege of having recreation at the Millboro Pool. So, these kids need to bring their swim clothes with

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Take Note

Sunday, June 18

The Session has set aside the Sunday School hour for an informal gathering of the congregation to discuss the progress of our negotiations with the Administrative Commission of Shenandoah Presbytery.

Wednesday, June 21

A second informal gathering of the congregation is scheduled for 7:30 p.m.

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them. The younger kids will have recreation and snacks at the church.

Be sure to spread the word to your kids, grandchildren, and neighbors about Bible School. All they need do is show up on Monday, June 19, for a week of learning and fun.

Next: Haiti Ministry

The next item on our summer calendar is our annual mission trip to Haiti. After finishing the Bible School Picnic on June 25, a team of 11 from Windy Cove and our area will journey to Washington, D. C. to begin their trip to Haiti.

After overnighting in D. C., the Team will fly on Monday through Fort Lauderdale, FL to Port-au-Prince, Haiti. They will eventually travel to the small mountain community of Cherident where they will stay at the Haiti Education Guest House of Saint Matthias Episcopal Church.

Their week at Cherident will have three main emphases to it. First, team members will build 75 pews for the sanctuary of Saint Matthias. The church was destroyed by the earthquake in 2010, but it has been rebuilt over the past 7 years. A model of these pews was on display at Windy Cove in recent weeks.

Secondly, other team members

will conduct one-day Bible schools at four different church schools supported by the Haiti Education Foundation and served by pastors from the Episcopal Church of Haiti. These Bible schools will comprise stories and activities featuring the Book of Daniel including the fiery furnace (Daniel 3) and the lions' den (Daniel 6).

Finally, the team will participate in the annual celebration in Saint Matthias Parish remembering the ministry of Father Jean-Wilfrid Albert. Saint Matthias was Father Albert's main church in the mountains of Haiti. However, under the Lord's favor, his outreach of the gospel spread to about 30 churches and eventually schools for nearly 10,000 children. Windy Covians first met Father Albert in 1984 when he was Chaplain at Hospital Sainte Croix in Leogane, Haiti. Later, he was moved to Saint Matthias Parish where he pastored until his death in 2005.

Father Albert partnered with Frances Landers of El Dorado, AR to establish the Haiti Education Foundation to provide support for the mountain schools. The Foundation has continued to support these schools beyond Frances' death in 2010. Windy Cove has adopted Notre Dame School in David, Haiti about a half-hour's drive beyond Cherident toward Baint. The Church provides money for the teachers' salaries and for feeding the children a good meal each day.

Next: Summer Schedule and Patriotic Worship

Our summer schedule of worship begins on Sunday, July 2, while the Haiti Team is still away. Sunday School will not meet in July, August, and early September. Beginning July 2, Morning Worship will start at 10 a.m. During July, worship will be held in the sanctuary.

On that first Sunday in July when Mr. Sherrard is away in Haiti, Elder Erik Koroneos from Lynchburg will lead the worship at Windy Cove. Erik has been involved with the lay pastor's program in the Presbytery of the Peaks. Erik and his family discovered Windy Cove while on a vacation trip to the Homestead. He and Rob found that they both had attended Hampden-Sydney College as had their sons. Erik and Rob have kept in touch since that first meeting and have begun a warm friendship.

That first Sunday in July will also be our annual patriotic worship. We will remember and honor the history of our nation and remember our Christian responsibility of good citizenship as Erik leads our worship.

Next: At the Pavilion

Sunday, August 6, will begin our summer worship at the Windy Cove Picnic Pavilion. We will have the chance to enjoy the beautiful and more informal atmosphere at the Pavilion during August and the first Sunday in September.

Watch for more details in our Sunday bulletins about specific events happening at the Pavilion. We might share a picnic together as well as Communion on September 3.

Next: Finishing Strong with Homecoming

Wow! The summer seemed to go by quickly in this article, but truly it won't be that long until we will be thinking about our annual Homecoming on September 10 with worship in the sanctuary at 10 a.m. Mr. Sherrard has been investigating the possibility of a pictorial directory in conjunction with our Homecoming.

What would you think about this theme for Homecoming: A Picture in Time? It's been a while since we have taken a good picture of the whole congregation, and it is time for a new directory, with or without pictures. So, maybe God's providence is lining things up for a unique Homecoming this year.

One idea might be to highlight several different eras of Windy Cove history. We could have the founding fathers, the Samuel Brown era, the Windy Cove revival of 1895-96, and the contemporary era. If you have some ideas, let our Worship Ministry Team and our Fellowship Folks know what you think about our Homecoming.

After Homecoming, we will return to our regular schedule of Sunday School at 9:45 and Worship at 11.