

Calendar of Ministries

✚ Saturday, October 14, 2017

Evening Prayers at 7:30

✚ Sunday, October 15

Sunday School at 9:45 a.m.

Morning Worship at 11

Teens meet at Millboro Elementary at 5

✚ Monday, October 16

Morning Prayers at 8

✚ Tuesday, October 17

Morning Prayers at 8

College Teaching for Mr. Sherrard at 10 and 1

Mobile Food Truck unloads around 9:30 with distribution around 11

✚ Wednesday, October 18

Morning Prayers at 8

Bible Club at the High School, 8:08 a.m.

Choir at 7 p.m.

✚ Thursday, October 19

Morning Prayers at 8

College Teaching for Mr. Sherrard at 10 and 1

✚ Friday, October 20

Morning Prayers at 8

✚ Saturday, October 21

Evening Prayers at 7:30

✚ Sunday, October 22

Sunday School at 9:45 a.m.

Morning Worship at 11

Session meets for lunch

The *Weekly Word* staff is working on an article about our two hunger ministries: Food Pantry and Mobile Food Truck. We'll bring you up to date on how things work and on the benefit of these community oriented programs.



The Weekly Word

Windy Cove Presbyterian Church

October 12, 2017

Session Schedules Breakfast and Consultation

At a called meeting on Sunday, October 8, the Windy Cove Session made plans for a fellowship breakfast and consultation with the congregation to be held on Sunday, October 29. The breakfast will begin at 9 o'clock that morning. Worshipers can expect to see sign-up sheets for the next two Sundays to coordinate the breakfast.

Following breakfast, the Session wants to consult with the congregation about the status of the negotiations between the Administrative Commission from Shenandoah Presbytery and Windy Cove. On Friday, September 29, the Negotiating Team from Windy Cove met with Martin Stokes (Chair of the Administrative Commission) and attorney David Penrod who was representing Shenandoah Presbytery. There was a constructive exchange of ideas at this meeting.

Mr. Stokes agreed to take this information back to the full Administrative Commission for their reaction. Subsequently, the Administrative Commission sent a revised proposal of settlement to Windy Cove's Negotiating Team.

The Negotiating Team presented that proposal to the Windy Cove Session on October 8. The Session believes that this revised proposal represents a solid framework for a final settlement with Shenandoah Presbytery.

The complete details of the proposal are still being worked on by the Administrative Commission but should be available shortly. As soon as these details are available, they will be published to the congregation. Then, on October 29 the congregation will have the opportunity to consult with the Session about the particulars of this proposed settlement. In the meantime, continue your prayers on this matter.

Take Note

October 15, 2017

Sunday School at 9:45, coffee is usually ready by 9:30, so come early. Mr. Sherrard will be teaching the adult class on Genesis 16 and 17. Mike Grist expects to return to the adult class on October 22. Mike is improving from a hip replacement.

Worship at 11 focused on the renewal of God's covenant with David in 2 Samuel 7

Teen Group at Millboro Elementary at 5

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Samuel

In worship on October 8, Windy Covians studied the engaging story of Samuel from the first three chapters of 1 Samuel. Besides God, the story has three main characters: Hannah, her son Samuel, and the priest Eli.

Hannah was married, but she remained childless for several years. Each year when presenting an annual offering to the Lord at Shiloh, Hannah prayed earnestly for the Lord to grant her a child. In fact, Hannah was crying out to God in such distress that Eli the priest thought she was drunk. She declared she was not, only baring her soul before the Lord. Eli sent her home with a blessing.

The Lord did indeed bless her, and Hannah bore a son, Samuel. When Samuel was old enough, Hannah took him to Shiloh to dedicate him to the Lord as she had promised. Samuel became a young attendant to Eli.

One night Samuel thought that he heard Eli call his name. So, Samuel checked on Eli only to find that Eli had not called for him. This same thing happened three times. Finally, Eli realized that the Lord was calling Samuel. So, Eli instructed Samuel to reply, "Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening."

Using this verse as his text, Mr. Sherrard encouraged the

congregation **to listen for the Word of the Lord and to listen to the Word of the Lord.** Listening for the Word of the Lord includes an openness to hear what God is saying, being tuned in on a regular basis to God's channel, and staying close to God so as to distinguish God's voice from the many others demanding one's attention.

Just as important as listening **for** the Word of the Lord is listening **to** that Word. In this sense, "listening to" means obeying God's Word. In responding to God's Word, we should remember that it is God who is speaking. On the Mount of Transfiguration (Mark 9), God's voice came from heaven, "This is my beloved Son. Listen to him." Jesus speaks with the authority of God.

Additionally, in responding to God, we should check with the consistency of the communication. Jesus is the same "yesterday, today, and forever." That consistent character of the Lord helps as we pledge our obedience to God. Finally, we have the written Word of God which helps us to check our obedience in a particular situation.

Following his early encounter with God, Samuel's ability to rightly discern the Word of the Lord became a keystone of his ministry as a judge and prophet.

A Careful of Women

A careful of women including Fran Hobbs, Traci Herscher, Krista Armstrong, and Sharon Sherrard attended a Christian rally in Washington, D.C. on Monday, October 9. This rally was organized by leaders of The Call. The Call is a Christian movement and organization which holds prayer rallies in urban venues around the United States. The primary spokesman for The Call is revivalist Lou Engle.

The prayer rally in D.C. was called Rise Up: The Movement Continues. Our Bath County folks left around 6 a.m. to spend the day in prayer on the Mall with thousands of others. The women returned home around 8 p.m.

This rally of The Call was scheduled to commemorate the historic gathering of men on the Mall on October 4, 1997 when one million men came together to pray for the nation. That Stand in the Gap rally was planned by the Promise Keepers Christian organization.

On that occasion two careful of men from Windy Cove attended the rally. To this day Mr. Sherrard declares that just being in attendance was one of the most significant experi-

ences of his ministry. The impact of seeing one million people gathered to pray for the nation was huge. As a child and an adult, Rob had been on the Washington Mall many times. To see the whole area covered with praying men was overwhelming.

The men from Windy Cove arrived around 10 a.m. at the Capitol South Metro Station. After walking to the east end of the Mall in front of the Capitol, the men walked the entire length of the Mall to the Washington Monument before they could find a place to sit down. Jumbotron screens had been arranged and coordinated visually and aurally so that there was no time delay between the main platform and the screens themselves. Listening to the speakers on radios was the same as hearing them talk directly from the main platform.

One person from Hot Springs who had come on a charter bus was watching on a screen with about 40,000 others in a small amphitheater near the Washington Monument. He believed that gathering was the extent of the crowd until at the end of the day he walked up to the Monument and saw the throng stretching to the Capitol Building. Surprise! Surprise!