

Calendar of Ministries

✚ Saturday, November 4, 2017

Evening Prayers at 7:30

✚ Sunday, November 5

Sunday School at 9:45 with refreshments around 9:30

Morning Worship at 11

Teen Movie Night at 6

✚ Monday, November 6

Morning Prayers at 8

✚ Tuesday, November 7

Election Day in Virginia

Morning Prayers at 8

College Teaching for Mr. Sherrard at 10 and 1

✚ Wednesday, November 8

Morning Prayers at 8

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

Choir at 7 p.m.

✚ Thursday, November 9

Morning Prayers at 8

College Teaching for Mr. Sherrard at 10 and 1

✚ Friday, November 10

Morning Prayers at 8

✚ Saturday, November 11

Veterans Day, Pray for the nation

Evening Prayers at 7:30

✚ Sunday, November 12

Sunday School at 9:45 with refreshments around 9:30

Morning Worship at 11

Check in the vestibule for items that are needs for Food Pantry this month. Food Pantry meets on Tuesday, November 14.



The Weekly Word

Windy Cove Presbyterian Church

November 2, 2017

Successful Breakfast and Consultation

On what began as a rather bleak and rainy Sunday, the congregation at Windy Cove enjoyed a warm and hearty breakfast together on October 29th. There were numerous breakfast casseroles along with sweet rolls, fruit, and lots of coffee, tea, and juice. More than forty people attended the breakfast and the consultation that followed.

The consultation between the Session and congregation centered on the recent financial offer by the Administrative Commission from Shenandoah Presbytery for the church to redeem its property and be transferred to the Covenant Order of Evangelical Presbyterians. The Administrative Commission from Shenandoah Presbytery originally proposed a financial settlement of \$186,806.25. The Windy Cove Session made several more modest offers without much success. However, the Administrative Commission recently indicated that they would agree to a settlement figure of \$150,000.

After questions and discussion about the process by which the Administrative Commission had

arrived at this figure, those present heard the Session's proposal for paying this amount in order to continue the active worship and ministry of the church. On behalf of the Session, Mr. Sherrard pointed out that Windy Cove currently has approximately \$90,000 in unrestricted investment assets. That money could be used for part of the payment of the \$150,000 settlement. Therefore, Windy Cove will need to raise an additional \$60,000 to meet the \$150,000 settlement. Although there was general agreement that \$150,000 was a high figure to continue the church's present

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Take Note

November 5, 2017

Adjust your clocks (Fall back one hour) since Daylight Savings Time ends.

Sunday School at 9:45 Standard Time

Morning Worship at 11 focused on the Prophet Elisha

Teens meet at 5 at Millboro Elementary School.

Election Day in Virginia is Tuesday, November 7.

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Consultation (Cont.)

ministry, there was also general agreement that the church should and could raise the additional \$60,000 necessary.

In an email discussion on Monday, the Session agreed that special offerings toward the \$60,000 could be received and held in our local Memorial Fund until they need to be paid to Shenandoah Presbytery. Additionally, members and attendees at Windy Cove will be notified by letter of the plan to settle with the Presbytery and how folks might contribute toward the settlement.

At present, the finishing touches are being made to the Memorandum of Agreement between the Administrative Commission and Windy Cove. That Memorandum will be presented as part of the Administrative Commission's report to Shenandoah Presbytery at its next regular meeting on Tuesday, November 28, at Third Presbyterian Church in Staunton, VA.

Also going on behind the scenes is the necessary legal work to ensure clear title to Windy Cove's property in the future. Part of that process will likely involve the incorporation of the church as an acknowledged non-profit legal entity. You can expect more details in the future. Meanwhile, pray!

Reformation Day

Amid all the preparations, decorations, costumes, and candy for Halloween, a more important celebration was largely overlooked in the United States. That celebration was Reformation Day.

October 31, 2017 was the 500th anniversary of Martin Luther's publication of his 95 Theses Against the Sale of Indulgences. This document eventually led to the historical movement known as the Protestant Reformation.

Luther struggled much of his early life to understand how sinful people could be reconciled to a holy God. In his era, the dominant Roman Catholic Church believed that faith in Jesus combined with good works approved by the church were the keys to such reconciliation. Part of those "good works" included the payment of money on behalf of oneself or family members to guarantee a quicker entry into heaven at the time of death. These payments were called indulgences.

As Luther studied the Bible, he saw no mention of the practice of indulgences. His study of the Book of Romans convinced him that reconciliation with God came only as a result of God's grace. That

grace was appropriated by a person's trust or faith that Jesus had done everything necessary for a person to be right with God.

His publication of the 95 Theses set in motion a dialogue with the Roman Catholic Church which became a dispute which led to his excommunication from the Church. These actions triggered the Protestant Reformation throughout Europe and eventually changed the landscape of Christian belief and practice worldwide.

In Germany Reformation Day is a national holiday each year, but it was especially celebrated this year because of the 500th anniversary of Luther's 95 Theses. On October 31, German Chancellor Angela Merkel attended a special service in Wittenberg Germany commemorating Luther's historic proclamation.

Windy Cove owes its existence to the second wave of the Protestant Reformation called Reformed Christianity in which John Calvin was the most influential leader. That branch of Protestantism came to Bath County through Scotland and Ireland via central Pennsylvania and the migration of staunch Christians down Virginia's Shenandoah Valley and beyond.

Times and Dates

It's that time of year when we are encouraged to change our clocks, moving them back one hour early Sunday morning. We are switching from Daylight Saving Time back to regular Standard Time. So, you can rest an extra hour on Sunday morning. Or, you can come an hour earlier and be in time for Sunday School and not just in time for worship.

We also are looking forward to our Community Thanksgiving Service on Sunday evening, November 19 at 7:30. Rehoboth Church on Pig Run has agreed to host the service this year. Bill Gram is the pastor there. David George of Woodland Church has agreed to be the guest preacher to share the good news. Light refreshments and good fellowship will follow the service.

After Thanksgiving we are looking toward to a Fellowship Lunch and church-decorating day on Sunday, November 26. We had such a good day of food, fun, and fellowship at this event last year. After Thanksgiving, we also think of Advent which begins on Sunday, December 3. Mr. Sherrard will begin a new series of messages that day focusing on the Kingdom of God: Characters and Characteristics of the Kingdom.