

## Calendar of Ministries

- ✝ **Saturday, December 2, 2017**  
Evening Prayers at 7:30
- ✝ **Sunday, December 3**  
First Sunday of Advent  
Sunday School at 9:45 with refreshments around 9:30  
Congregational Meeting at 11  
Morning Worship at 11:10  
Soup and Sandwich Lunch and Decorating Party after worship  
Teens meet at Millboro Elementary at 5
- ✝ **Monday, December 4**  
Morning Prayers at 8
- ✝ **Tuesday, December 5**  
Morning Prayers at 8
- ✝ **Wednesday, December 6**  
Morning Prayers at 8  
Choir at 7 p.m

- ✝ **Thursday, December 7**  
Morning Prayers at 8
- ✝ **Friday, December 8**  
Morning Prayers at 8
- ✝ **Saturday, December 9**  
Evening Prayers at 7:30
- ✝ **Sunday, December 10**  
Second Sunday of Advent  
Sunday School at 9:45 with refreshments around 9:30  
Morning Worship at 11
- We'll soon be decorating for Christmas. If you would like to give an offering for Christmas poinsettias to honor or remember someone, please see Tammy Lindsay, Traci Herscher, or Bruce Cambata. Such beauty is a testimony of God's creative power and blessing.**



# The Weekly Word

**Windy Cove Presbyterian Church  
November 30, 2017**

## Windy Cove Dismissed to ECO!

At its meeting on Tuesday, November 28, Shenandoah Presbytery of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) voted 112 to 11 to dismiss Windy Cove to the Covenant Order of Evangelical Presbyterians (ECO). This vote concluded three years of discussion and negotiation between the Presbytery and Windy Cove. According to the terms of the settlement, Windy Cove will keep its real and personal property by paying a redemption fee of \$150,000 to the Presbytery.

Windy Cove entered the Presbytery's process for reconciliation or gracious dismissal in 2014 when the Session notified the Presbytery that they had serious concerns over some recent decisions of the PCUSA denomination. These concerns centered on the larger issues of Biblical interpretation and authority in the life of the church. The presenting issue in 2014 was PCUSA's implicit endorsement of same-gender marriages when the denomination's Book of Order was changed to allow churches and pastors to participate in such marriages. At the

same time, the definition of marriage was changed to include a relationship between "two persons," not simply a man and a woman.

The details of the settlement which passed on Tuesday had been agreed upon by the Windy Cove Session (with the support of the congregation) and an Administrative Commission appointed by Shenandoah Presbytery. Implementation of the agreement will be worked out between now and December 31 so that Windy Cove's new status with ECO will begin with the new year.

ECO began its journey as a new  
*(Continued Inside)*

### Take Note

December 3, 2017

- Sunday School at 9:45
- Congregational Meeting at 11 to confirm Windy Cove's property trustees
- Morning Worship at 11:10 celebrating the First Sunday of Advent
- Soup and Sandwich Lunch and Decorating Party after worship
- Teen Meeting at 5, Millboro Elementary

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## Dismissal (Cont.)

Presbyterian denomination in 2012. The launch of ECO was fueled by some of the same concerns that later surfaced at Windy Cove. You can read about ECO and its journey at the website: <http://eco-pres.org>. After the first of the year, Windy Cove will integrate its ministry with the East Central Presbytery of ECO.

At the meeting on Tuesday, Shenandoah Presbytery also voted to transfer Pastor Rob Sherrard to the Covenant Order of Evangelical Presbyterians. So, Mr. Sherrard will continue his ministry with Windy Cove as part of this relationship with a new denomination.

## Redemption Fund

In order to make the payment of \$150,000 to Shenandoah Presbytery, Windy Cove has established a Redemption Fund. By Sunday, November 26, this Fund had accumulated offerings of more than \$72,000. The current offerings received into the Redemption Fund will be added to money previously held in an investment account to reach the total payment of \$150,000.

Rather than open a new bank account to receive offerings for

the Redemption Fund, the Session will be using our local Memorial Fund account to hold the offerings until they are needed to pay Shenandoah Presbytery. So, checks intended for the Redemption Fund should be made out to the Windy Cove Memorial Fund and clearly marked for Redemption.

## Congregational Meeting

The Windy Cove Session has called for a congregational meeting for Sunday, December 3, at 11 a.m. The meeting will be held prior to worship that day.

The purpose of this meeting is to confirm the trustees of Windy Cove in order to facilitate the transfer of funds and property which must take place to accomplish the settlement with Shenandoah Presbytery. Windy Cove has recently been incorporated as a non-profit organization. This incorporation will not affect the general ministry of the church. Having such a legal entity will simply facilitate the holding and transfer of different assets of the church.

This formality must occur promptly so that the transfer of property can be submitted to the Circuit Court in Bath County on the Circuit Judge's next visit to the county on December 8.

Please be on time on Sunday so that we can begin the meeting at 11 without unnecessary delay. Thanks for your attention and cooperation.

## Feeding the Children

*(We thought you would be interested in a recent article which appeared in the Trinity-Hope newsletter. Trinity-Hope is the organization that Windy Cove works through to feed the children at the school that we sponsor in Haiti. Although the article is not talking specifically about our school at David, Haiti, the circumstances mentioned apply to many of the schools in Haiti.)*

What are you afraid of? Maybe it's public speaking, or snakes and mice. Or maybe it's something more serious like whether you have enough money saved for retirement or what your health will be like in the next 10-15 years. Whatever it is, I'm hopeful you never have to share the same fears as the brave mother in this picture *(picture not included in our reprint)*. Our mission team met her and two of her children in Cap Haitian, Haiti this past May. We visited them at their small one-room, wooden "house" that had a dirt floor, no electricity and no running water.

This mother's fears include whether her children will have

the opportunity to celebrate their next birthday. Our team learned how she lost five other children to premature deaths due to the terrible living conditions in Haiti. Her fears also include that her children will get sick during the night. She explained how she and the other five members of her family take turns sleeping in the one bed they own while the others sleep on the cold, damp floor each night.

She's afraid her kids will not be given an opportunity for a better future. She told our mission team how she can't afford to send all her children to school at the same time each year; and how they must "take turns" getting a very basic education. Her other fears include whether the water her family drinks is safe, if she can find a way to give her children a pair of used shoes, and even if she will be able to give them something to eat each day. When our mission team asked her what impact the Trinity-Hope feeding programs have on her family, here is what she said:

"When I send my children to school, I am not afraid because I know they will receive something to eat at school. When they come back home, I don't have anything to give them to eat." *(Stay tuned. We will continue her story next week.)*