

Calendar of Ministries

✠ Saturday, January 20, 2018

Evening Prayers at 7:30

✠ Sunday, January 21

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

Morning Worship at 11

Teens at Millboro Elementary at 5

✠ Tuesday, January 23

Morning Prayers at 8

Mr. Sherrard has resumed his Tuesday/Thursday teaching schedule at the college. His classes are at 10 in Clifton Forge and 1 in Buena Vista
Food Pantry meets from 1:30 to 4 p.m. postponed from January 9

✠ Wednesday, January 24

Morning Prayers at 8

Bible Club at the High School at 8:08

Choir at 7 p.m.

✠ Thursday, January 25

Morning Prayers at 8

Mr. Sherrard has resumed his Tuesday/Thursday teaching schedule at the college. His classes are at 10 in Clifton Forge and 1 in Buena Vista

✠ Saturday, January 27

Session meets for training from 9 to 12

✠ Sunday, January 28

Sunday School at 9:45

Morning Worship at 11

Teen ski trip to Snowshoe after worship

Session meets for lunch

Remember our winter policy for worship at Windy Cove. We will not cancel worship on Sunday because of the weather. However, we do recommend caution when venturing out during inclement weather.



The Weekly Word

Windy Cove Presbyterian Church

January 18, 2018

Christmas and New Year's at Windy Cove

Windy Covians celebrated a joyous Christmas season which extended to the end of 2017 and into the new year. The joy was especially evident during the two services on Christmas Eve which fell on a Sunday.

In Morning Worship on December 24, the congregation focused on the Unlikely Couple and their participation in the Kingdom of God as the parents of the Messiah Jesus. No human could have predicted that the Messiah would be born to a young, unknown virgin already engaged to a carpenter in the out-of-the-way community of Nazareth. As one skeptic of Jesus said later, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Indeed, in God's timing and plan, something very good did come from Nazareth even though Jesus was in fact born in Bethlehem to fulfill a prophecy about the Messiah.

What this unlikely couple had going for them was their willingness to be an integral part of God's plan, not just for their own lives but for the very life of the world. Luke tells the story of

Mary's acceptance of God's word through the angel Gabriel: "Let it be to me according to your word." Matthew Gospel's records Joseph's initial misunderstanding of Mary's condition. But, when God speaks to Joseph in a dream, he readily assumes his role as the adoptive father of Jesus.

Those assembled for Morning Worship contemplated their own responsibilities in the Kingdom of God. At times people are called upon to serve the King in unlikely ways. Yet, with the help of the Holy Spirit, unlikely people do continue to play significant parts

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Take Note

January 21, 2018

Sunday School at 9:45

Morning Worship at 11:00

Teens meet at Millboro Elementary at 5

Today's issue of the *Weekly Word* resumes our coverage of what the Lord is doing in and through the folks at Windy Cove and in Bath County. If you have items for publication, send us info in an email by early Wednesday morning.

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Christmas (Cont.)

in service to Jesus. Each person does have a unique role to play and the prospect to respond positively to God's call to participate in the Kingdom.

Later on Christmas Eve, the congregation and community re-assembled at Windy Cove for Candlelight Communion Worship. The Windy Cove Choir played a prominent part in this evening service. The Choir set the mood with "How Quietly" and with readings from Psalm 146 and John 1. Light was struck to the Christ Candle as the Choir continued, "Light of the Word, you stepped down into darkness," from the chorus "Here I Am to Worship."

Through the rest of worship, the Choir contributed with "Redeeming Love," "O Come to Us, Emmanuel," and "Go, Light Your World." The congregation joined in with several Christmas carols including the traditional "Silent Night, Holy Night" as light was passed from the Christ Candle to all the worshipers in the sanctuary. With eighty or more present for the service, the sanctuary became filled with light as worshipers raised their candles high during the last verse of "Silent Night."

Joyous celebration continued on December 31 as the congregation considered how they might respond if Jesus came

walking through the door that morning. This question was posed by the differing responses that Jesus did receive from the Magi and King Herod as well as others during his ministry.

Again, on New Year's Eve a very small group gathered to end the old year with praise and worship along with celebrating Communion as the new year began.

Then, on Sunday January 7, Erik Koroneos preached a challenging message to "Go the Distance" with Jesus. The Sherrards were spending a few days relaxing in northern Virginia during that very cold week.

Now, Windy Cove is back on a more regular schedule with Sunday School at 9:45 and Morning Worship at 11. We'll look for you there!

Christmas Flowers

Our Worship Ministry Team did an amazing job planning, directing, and implementing the decorations for the Christmas season. Our flowers this year were white poinsettias surrounding the Communion Table and Pulpit in addition to a Poinsettia Tree behind the choir area. The windows held feathery arrangements highlighted with tiny lights creating an ethereal effect around the room.

We thank all who helped with the decorations and flowers.

We are deeply grateful for those who gave flowers to remember and to honor cherished people.

To Remember

Hunter and Sadie Hepler
By the Hepler Family

**Carl and Della Plecker
Paul and Jean Plecker, and Hilda
Hobson**
By Ruth Cauley

Glenn and Corey Williams
By Helen Williams

**Jack and Valeria Sherrard
Harry M. and Miriam Strickland**
By Sharon and Rob Sherrard

**Sonny Clark
Lillian Corbett Hepler**
By Norma Jean and Bob Taylor

Wilbur and Nancy Nichols
By Katie Nichols Zachary
Robert and Gwendolyn Simmons
By Eleanor Woods

**To Honor
Tammy Lindsay**
By Ruth Cauley

Transfer Details

Over the holidays during December and early January, the lawyers for Shenandoah Presbytery and Windy Cove continued to work on the details of the transfer of Windy Cove's property from the Presbytery back to the church.

The process has included the congregation's affirmation of trustee's Leo Shanks and Sam Hepler and the election of one

new trustee, Jon Eaton. Additionally, the lawyers submitted the proper paperwork to the Circuit Court of Bath County. The only details that remain are the signing of the Bill of Sale and the Deed to the Property along with the payment of the redemption money of \$150,000 to the Presbytery.

These details should be accomplished within the next couple of weeks. Look for more information about a signing ceremony to bring closure to the entire process of settlement.

Coming in February

We will begin a **new learning adventure on Sunday, February 18**. We encourage everyone to register for the series: **Seeking Allah, Finding Jesus**. We believe that you will find this video and discussion material helpful for deepening your own faith in Jesus. In addition, these lessons will promote your understanding of life in the Muslim community. **We need folks to register for the class so that we may order the appropriate materials for the class.** This series will present a significant Lenten opportunity for the entire congregation. Look for a registration sheet in the coming weeks.

This special program is not just for Sunday School folks. It's a whole church opportunity.

