

Calendar of Ministries

✚ Saturday, February 10, 2018

Evening Prayers at 7:30

✚ Sunday, February 11

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

Morning Worship at 11 looking at entering the Kingdom of God

Teen Ski Trip to Snowshoe in p.m.

✚ Tuesday, February 13

Morning Prayers at 8

Mr. Sherrard meets his classes today.

Food Pantry, 1:30 to 4 p.m.

✚ Wednesday, February 14

Morning Prayers at 8

Bible Club at the High School at 8:08

Choir at 7 p.m.

Ash Wednesday Evening Worship at 7:30

✚ Thursday, February 15

Morning Prayers at 8

Mr. Sherrard meets his classes today.

✚ Saturday, February 17

Evening Prayers at 7:30

✚ Sunday, February 18

Sunday School at 9:45

Morning Worship at 11

Teens meet at Millboro Elementary at 5

The Windy Cove Session is searching for a member to act as secretary/clerk for the Session. The ministry includes keeping minutes of meetings and some record keeping of the rolls of the church. Free lunch once a month included!



The Weekly Word

Windy Cove Presbyterian Church

February 8, 2018

Seeking Allah, Finding Jesus during Lent

Now that the Super Bowl is over, many TV and radio ads as well as retail stores have turned their attention to Valentine's Day on February 14. According to the U. S. edition of *The Guardian* newspaper, more than 150 million cards will be delivered on Valentine's Day. In 2018 Valentine's Day has added significance for Christians: it's also the first day (that is, Ash Wednesday) of the Christian season of Lent.

So, how did Lent originate? What significance does it have? From the earliest days of the Christian Church, the last week of Jesus' earthly life held a special significance. That week was the one which Jesus spent in and around Jerusalem prior to his death and resurrection. As time passed the Church extended this period of significance to include 40 days, that number being chosen because of Jesus' 40 days of preparation in the wilderness prior to his active ministry.

In the early Church, the 40 days of Lent were considered days for fasting and study as well as prayer and humility. The time

was especially used for the training of baptismal candidates who would observe an Easter vigil at the end of the period before professing their faith and being baptized on Easter morn.

Since Sundays were never included as days of fasting in the Church, the 40-day period of Lent was extended to include six weeks and four days marking its beginning on what is now Ash Wednesday. The use of ashes carries the import of the frailty of human life along with the sorrow associated with human sinfulness and repentance.

During Lent in 2018, Windy

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Take Note

On Sunday, February 11
Sunday School at 9:45
Morning Worship at 11 celebrating
the Lord's Supper
Teen skiing at Snowshoe after worship.

Coming Soon

Fellowship Breakfast on February 18
at 9 to kick-off our Lenten series.
Sign up for the breakfast this week.

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Lent (Cont.)

Covians will engage in a significant study of their faith with the use of Nabeel Qureshi's book, *Seeking Allah, Finding Jesus*. The book and teaching videos with it detail Qureshi's personal journey from being a practicing Muslim to becoming a committed Christian engaged in outreach to his Muslim friends.

This unique Lenten series will begin with a Fellowship Breakfast on Sunday, February 18, starting at 9. The first video presentation will follow immediately after breakfast around 9:45 or so. This first video details Qureshi's early childhood, growing up in America with his primary identity as a Muslim.

Even before beginning the Lenten study, Windy Covians will gather for Evening Worship on Ash Wednesday at 7:30. That service will focus on repentance and prayer. The worship will also include the opportunity to hear Jesus' words of forgiveness as folks receive the sign of the cross in ashes on the back of their hand.

More than forty people have signed up to be a part of the Lenten study, and we hope that many of the congregation will also take advantage of the service on Ash Wednesday. Let's use the time wisely between now and Easter on April 1.

Snowfall Slims Crowd

For the first time in a long time, it was snowing in Millboro Springs on Sunday morning, February 4. Of course, as years go by, snow does come on Saturdays and Sundays, but it seems as if that had not happened for several years at Windy Cove.

The snow began around 9 o'clock and continued until the afternoon. The accumulation in Millboro Spring amounted to about four inches when the snow finally ended in the late afternoon. This total pales in comparison to the huge weekend snowfall of January 6-8 of 1996 when total snowfall was around **three feet**. Because of the timing of the snow, the Super Bowl Party at the Dairy Barn was cancelled.

For nearly 40 years, however, Windy Cove has had a winter policy of **not** canceling worship even on the worst of snow days. So, last Sunday, there were ten hearty souls gathered at the worship hour of 11 a.m. These worshipers included Terry and Mary Margaret King, Clara and Jimbo Tennant, Buck Smith, Traci Herscher, Fran Hobbs, Sharon and Rob Sherrard, and grandson Hilton. These ten shared fellowship, sang praises, prayed together, heard a message of encouragement, and celebrated the Lord's supper together.

Session Training and Organization

On the weekend of January 27-28, the Windy Cove Session held a meeting emphasizing training and organization. The meeting included a section on Saturday morning and one on Sunday afternoon. On Saturday morning elders reflected on the highlights of their life together in the Lord at Windy Cove.

Many recounted their initial visits to the church, remembering how they were first received and what had caused them to make their initial visit to the church. Mr. Sherrard shared his memory of an Easter Communion Service in which worshipers dropped nails into the Communion tray as they removed the cup of juice symbolizing Jesus' blood shed on the cross. He remembered being surprised and encouraged by the sound, "tink, tink, tink, . . ." as the nails dropped into the bottom of Communion tray.

Together, Session members remembered the Maundy Thursday service when the lights went out as the choir sang an anthem. Pianist Tammy Lindsay who had a candle on the piano continued the anthem as if nothing had happened. Later, as Mr. Sherrard finished the message, the lights came back on. After the service many remarked how

much they appreciated the service in the darkened sanctuary. They believed it had all been planned as part of that evening's special worship!

During the weekend, the elders watched three videos about making the transition from the PCUSA denomination to ECO, the Covenant Order of Evangelical Presbyterians. These videos focused on the central principle of ECO: to build flourishing churches that make disciples of Jesus Christ. Part of the distinctive emphasis of the denomination lies in its deep commitment to the authority of the Bible.

The Session also began its process of reorganization. Six elders will soon be installed on the Session. Heather Newmarker, Nancy Peery, Larry Entsminger, Vicki Grist, Jay Newmarker, and Jimbo Tennant were recently elected by the congregation; and, after training and approval by the Session, will be installed in the Classes of 2019 and 2020.

Tentative organization calls for Worship Ministry with Tammy Lindsay and Nancy Peery; Fellowship with Mary Margaret King and Heather Newmarker; Discipleship with Jon Eaton and Vicki Grist; Service with Bruce Cambata and Jay Newmarker; and Property with Jimbo Tennant and Larry Entsminger. **The Session is searching for a secretary/clerk.**