

Calendar of Ministries

✠ Saturday, March 17, 2018

Evening Prayers at 7:30

✠ Sunday, March 18

Lenten Study at 9:45

Morning Worship at 11 focusing the Upper Room in John 13-14

Teens at Millboro Elementary at 5

✠ Monday through Friday, 19th-23rd

Mr. Sherrard ordinarily begins his day in the study around 8 with Morning Prayers. He invites others to join him regularly or on occasion.

✠ Tuesday, March 20

Morning Prayers at 8

Mr. Sherrard teaches his college classes on Tuesdays and Thursdays

Food Truck arrives around 9:30 with distribution around 11

✠ Wednesday, March 21

Morning Prayers

Bible Club at the High School at 8:08

Choir at 7 p.m.

✠ Saturday, March 24

Evening Prayers at 7:30

✠ Sunday, March 25

Lenten Study at 9:45

Morning Worship at 11

Session meets for lunch after worship

Calvary Baptist will host the Easter Breakfast on April 1 following the Sunrise Worship atop the hill on Windy Cove Farm. Worship will begin at 6:45. Mr. Sherrard will be preaching the Easter Sunrise message. Invite your friends and family.



The Weekly Word

Windy Cove Presbyterian Church

March 15, 2018

Lent Moves Quickly Toward Easter

Do you recall hearing the expression, "It seems like only yesterday"? Well, it does seem like only yesterday that we began the observance of Lent at Windy Cove. Actually, of course, it was a month ago that Lent began on Ash Wednesday, February 14. Now, there are only a little more than two weeks until the glorious celebration of Easter on April 1.

Lent is moving quickly toward Easter as our lives pass day by day. So, let's recap where we have been and where we are headed in the next couple of weeks. In worship, we began on Ash Wednesday with an appropriate reflection on the meaning of repentance. Repentance is not simply feeling sorry for something wrong that you have done. Rather, it's a complete change of heart and mind. It's a resolve in attitude to turn from an unproductive, self-centered way of life to a meaningful, God-centered way of life. In modern computer imagery, repentance is a reboot of life that gets all the hardware and software up to date and running as it should.

On the Sundays before and after Ash Wednesday, we looked at problems of life that God has a remedy for. From another perspective, these God solutions were ways Jesus invites people into the Kingdom of God. We examined the ideas of being saved, being justified, being cleansed, finding rest, experiencing peace, and some others. On March 11, Erik Koroneos continued this general theme with his emphasis on the very personal relationship between Jesus and the individual believer.

On March 18, Mr. Sherrard will return to the pulpit and take the

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Take Note

Sunday, March 18

Lenten Study begins at 9:45

Morning Worship at 11 focusing on John 13 and 14

Teens at Millboro Elementary at 5

Looking Ahead

Communion on Thursday, March 29

Easter Sunrise Worship at 6:45 atop the hill on Windy Cove Farm

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Lent/Easter (Cont.)

congregation into the Upper Room with Jesus and his disciples. That Sunday we'll look at Jesus as "the way, the truth, and the life." On the 25th, the focus will be on Jesus' proclamation, "Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father." On Maundy Thursday with Communion, we will consider Jesus' commandment, "Love one another as I have loved you." Easter will bring Windy Covians to the peak of their celebration when they consider in John 20:30-31 John's purpose in writing the Gospel.

Lenten Study Progresses

While we have been moving toward Easter in worship, our Lenten study, *Seeking Allah, Finding Jesus*, has also progressed. Lesson 3 centered on two issues: Did Jesus die on the cross? And, did Jesus rise from the dead? Positive answers to these two questions lie at the very heart of Christianity.

There is overwhelming evidence that Jesus did die on the cross. Romans were expert executioners often using crucifixion as the means of execution. In fact, many did not even survive the preliminary whipping that led up to the actual crucifixion. Jesus was so weakened by this whipping that he could not carry his cross to the appointed place.

Additionally, the Roman soldiers pierced Jesus' side to make sure he had expired.

There is also conclusive evidence that Jesus did in fact rise from the dead. The Gospels recount early stories of Jesus' empty tomb as well as several resurrection appearances. Paul, who was initially an opponent of Christianity, met the risen Jesus on the road to Damascus, Syria. Paul was convinced then that Jesus had risen from the dead. Paul also lists in his First Letter to the Corinthians resurrection appearances by Jesus including one to more than 500 people at the same time. The best explanation of the accepted evidence that historians agree upon is that Jesus did in fact rise from the dead. So, on Easter as followers of Jesus, we continue to celebrate Jesus' life, death, and resurrection which bring hope and eternal life to us.

Lesson 4 in our Lenten Study focused on the person of Jesus. Muslims do consider Jesus to be a prophet and in some respects a messiah, but they do **not** believe that Jesus was a divine being and one of the three persons in the Godhead. The crucial questions arise: Does the New Testament portray Jesus as God? And, did Jesus ever claim to be God? One main answer to the first question can be found in John 1:1-18.

John clearly says that Jesus was the eternal living Word of God who took on human flesh and entered the world as we know it. "The Word became flesh and dwelt among us." If this chapter or this Gospel were the only testimony of Jesus' claim to be God, one might hesitate to proclaim Jesus as God. However, Mark's Gospel, the earliest written Gospel, also shows clearly that Jesus himself claimed to be God.

All through Mark, Jesus does things and makes claims that only God can do and make. He forgives a man's sins and then heals the man as a demonstration of his authority to forgive sins. Jesus heals a person on the Sabbath and then tells the Jewish authorities that he is "Lord of the Sabbath." Jesus calms the wind and the waves, and his disciples marvel at his power and authority. In Mark 14 Jesus unmistakably tells the High Priest that he is the divine messiah revealed in the Old Testament in Daniel 7:14. This pronouncement by Jesus causes the High Priest to tear his garments and proclaim that Jesus has blasphemed the name and authority of God. That's why the religious leaders wanted Jesus to be killed.

As Christians we do worship a crucified and resurrected savior and Lord whose name is Jesus.

Easter Flowers

A symbol often used in conjunction with Easter is the Easter lily. We will have a few of those in the sanctuary at Easter as well as other floral arrangements. If you would like to give a special offering for these adornments, please see Tammy Lindsay or Nancy Peery with your offerings and remembrances.

What's Up with ECO?

(Along with Windy Cove's transfer to the Covenant Order of Evangelical Presbyterians (ECO), we will run some articles about our new denomination.)

The Windy Cove Congregation saw in the installation of six elders on March 4 that these officers pledged to uphold the Essential Tenets of the Reformed (Presbyterian) Faith as outlined in ECO's polity document. The first of these Essential Tenets is a commitment to Jesus and the Bible as the infallible Word of God. Here's how the document puts that commitment:

"We glorify God by recognizing and receiving His authoritative self-revelation, both in the infallible Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments and also in the incarnation of God the Son."

This commitment makes Jesus and the Bible the infallible rule for faith and life.