

Calendar of Ministries

✚ Saturday, March 24, 2018

Clean-Up Day postponed until Saturday, March 31

Evening Prayers at 7:30

✚ Sunday, March 25

Lenten Study at 9:45

Morning Worship at 11

Session meets for lunch after worship

✚ Monday through Friday, 26th-30th

Mr. Sherrard ordinarily begins his day around 8 with Morning Prayers.

✚ Tuesday, March 27

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 28

Morning Prayers at 8

Bible Club at the High School at 8:08

Lenten Discussion at 6 p.m.

Choir at 7 p.m.

✚ Thursday, March 29

Morning Prayers at 8

Communion Worship at 7:30 p.m.

✚ Saturday, March 31

Clean-Up Day begins at 9 with lunch served around noon

Evening Prayers at 7:30

✚ Sunday, April 1

Easter Sunrise Service atop the hill on Windy Cove Farm at 6:45 followed by breakfast at Calvary Baptist

Morning Worship at 11



The Weekly Word

Windy Cove Presbyterian Church

March 22, 2018

A Visit with Jesus in the Upper Room

On Sunday, March 18, Windy Covians began the last segment of their journey toward Easter by joining Jesus and his disciples in the Upper Room. Often, a person's last instructions to others are the most important. That fact is why Christians pay close attention to what Jesus said to his closest disciples in the Upper Room immediately prior to his arrest, trial, crucifixion, and his resurrection. The Gospel of John gives the most extensive account of that Upper Room scene.

Chapter 13 tells how Jesus knelt to wash his disciples' feet. This act of menial service was often performed in homes by the lowest worker or slave. By assuming this task, Jesus illustrated that his own ministry was one of service. Jesus, who was in his very nature God, had stooped down to become human and even lowered himself more by his willingness to suffer and die unjustly upon a cross. He exhorts his disciples to lead in the same way: to serve and not to lord it over others.

After that background on Sunday, the congregation reflected

on Jesus' encouragement from John 14:1-6. His disciples needed encouragement. Following a triumphant entry into Jerusalem on what we now call Palm Sunday, Jesus had sparked continued controversy within the city. He jostled verbally with the religious leaders, overturned the tables of the money changers in the Temple, and spoke about taking leave from his disciples. No wonder they were uncertain, anxious, worried, and probably even depressed.

To his disciples in the Upper Room and to his disciples today, Jesus has a word of inspiration:

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Take Note

Sunday, March 25

Lenten Study begins at 9:45

Morning Worship at 11

Session meets for lunch

Our Clean-Up Day has been re-scheduled from March 24 to Saturday, March 31, at 9 a.m.

No Weekly Word until after Easter

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Upper Room (Cont.)

“Let not your hearts be troubled. You believe in God. Believe also in me.” Jesus urges his disciples to have faith in him, to trust him even when surrounding circumstances look grim. What is the basis for such trust?

Jesus takes the big picture first. He tells his disciples then and now that their ultimate fate is completely secure. He says that there are many rooms in heaven and that he is going to prepare a place for each of them. Then, when the time is right, he will come again to take them to himself so that they can always be with him. Jesus says that by now they should understand the way to this secure and peaceful life with God.

Thomas questions Jesus, “We don’t know where you are going. How can we know the way?” Jesus responds with one of the great proclamations in the Bible:

“I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.”

These words furnish an amazing summary of Jesus’ life and ministry. Jesus is the only way for a person to come into the closest and most fulfilling relationship with God. Jesus reveals to people the truth about God and about their own lives. Jesus exhibits before people life as it was

meant to be lived in the close relationship with God. All these truths about God, Jesus himself, about human beings, and living an authentic life are truths that relieve uncertainty and anxiety and bring comfort and security. So, let not your hearts be troubled.

On Sunday, March 25, we will continue our visit with Jesus in the Upper Room. Don’t miss it!

Bring Your Snow Shovels?

Our Property Ministry Team had scheduled a congregational clean-up day for Saturday, March 24, beginning around 9 a.m. However, as we compose our *Weekly Word* today (that is, on Wednesday), we are experiencing our deepest snowfall of the season. At about 10 in the morning, we have six inches of snow on the ground; and it is still snowing heavily.

Since our Property Team thinks that ground conditions will not be favorable for clean-up on Saturday, the 24th, **we have re-scheduled our Easter clean-up for Saturday, March 31.** So, bring your regular shovels, rakes, and other items for cleaning up outside and inside the church on the 31st. Don’t forget a willing spirit for working together. **Besides, a good lunch will be served at noon!**

Lenten Study: Lesson 5

On March 18 we reached the fifth lesson of the video presentation *Seeking Allah, Finding Jesus*. From the beginning, Nabeel Qureshi has given a clear presentation of the gospel of Jesus centered upon the historical reliability of the gospel. Lesson 5 was no exception.

This lesson centered on making the case for the gospel. Emphasis was on Paul’s summary in Romans 10:9:

“If you declare with your mouth, ‘Jesus is Lord,’ and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.”

This simple confession of faith has three parts to it: 1. Jesus is God, 2. Jesus died on the cross, and 3. Jesus was resurrected. Each of these parts is crucial to an understanding of the good news of Jesus. In summary, the parts are Jesus’ divinity, Jesus’ death, and Jesus’ resurrection. Interestingly, most Muslims have been taught to question each of these truths about Jesus.

The Muslim resistance to Jesus’ divinity stems from a misunderstanding of the doctrine of the Trinity. Most Muslims believe that Christians are polytheistic, that is, worshiping three gods rather than one. However, the truth of the Trinity is one

God in his being who exists as three persons. We see this quality of God in a number of places in the Old Testament as well as the New. For example, at Jesus’ baptism the Son (Jesus) comes up from the water while the Father (God) speaks from heaven, and the Spirit descends as a dove on the Son.

Muslims also question the radical nature of God’s love thinking that the Messiah would not die. They also question how one person could bear the punishment for someone else. However, Jesus’ death and substitutionary punishment for human sin are essential to understand how much God loves people.

The explanation is found in the nature of God who is infinitely merciful and infinitely just. People have separated themselves from God by their sinful disobedience and rebellion. They deserve God’s punishment. Being infinitely merciful, God does not want to punish them; but God must also uphold infinite justice which demands punishment for rebellion. God’s love works out the dilemma by sending Jesus as a human being without sin who can take the sins of others and bear the punishment in their place. Thus, those who trust in Jesus’ see their sins forgiven and their debts paid in the fusion of God’s mercy and justice in Jesus.

