

Calendar of Ministries

✚ Saturday, May 5, 2018

Evening Prayers at 7:30

✚ Sunday, May 6

Sunday School at 9:45 with refreshments and study

Morning Worship at 11 with emphasis on the Core Values of ECO

Teens meet at 5 at Millboro Elem.

✚ Monday through Friday, 7th –11th

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

✚ Tuesday, May 8

Morning Prayers at 8

Mr. Sherrard has an exam today.

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

✚ Wednesday, May 9

Morning Prayers at 8

Bible Club at the High School at 8:08

Choir at 7 p.m.

✚ Friday, May 11

Morning Prayers at 8

✚ Saturday, May 12

Evening Prayers at 7:30

✚ Sunday, May 13

Mother's Day

Sunday School at 9:45

Morning Worship at 11 with a special Mother's Day Message

Bible School is coming to Windy Cove on June 18 through June 22. How can you help with this community ministry? Think and pray first. Then, respond to God's call.



The Weekly Word

Windy Cove Presbyterian Church

May 3, 2018

First Official Presbytery Meeting

On April 27 and 28, Windy Cove's group split up with Fran and Sharon sitting at one table and Nancy and Rob sitting at another. Since ECO Presbyteries are limited to approximately twenty churches, there is an opportunity to develop a familial atmosphere among pastors and elders.

This atmosphere was enhanced by the fact that most of the Presbytery attendees were staying in two of the local motels in Gloucester. On Saturday morning, Fran Hobbs had breakfast with representatives from the Dublin Presbyterian Church. Sharon, Rob, and Nancy breakfasted

Each church in the Presbytery can send all its regularly installed pastors and an equal number of Ruling Elders as voting commissioners. Other persons may attend as observers and be granted permission to speak on the floor though not to vote. Windy Cove's delegation included Pastor Rob Sherrard, Elder Nancy Peery as the voting commissioner, and elder-observers Fran Hobbs and Sharon Sherrard.

Friday night's activities included a fellowship meal provided by the church, worship, and an ice cream social following worship. Prior to the meal, various committees of the Presbytery held individual meetings to promote the work of the Presbytery. At supper tables were arranged to promote fellowship and interaction between those attending

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Take Note

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Morning Worship at 11

Teens at 5 at Millboro Elementary

Coming Up Soon

Mother's Day on May 13

Celebrating Senior Wisdom on May 20

Student Sunday on May 27

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with an elder from Crestwood Presbyterian Church in Chesterfield County, VA. This group had lots to talk about since Crestwood and Windy Cove have both been involved for years with ministry in Haiti.

Worship on Friday evening was prepared by the host pastor who also served as the pianist for the music. The guest preacher was Fakhri Yacoub who pastors the Christian Arabic Church in Richmond. Mr. Yacoub preached an excellent message centered on the story of Hagar in the Old Testament.

Hagar, of course, was Sarah's servant-maid. She bore a child to Abraham when Abraham and Sarah misunderstood God's promise that they would have a son even in their old age. Hagar became an outcast, but God watched over her and her son Ishmael. And, there are substantial indications in the Bible that Ishmael and Isaac who was the child of God's promise were both blessed by the Lord and co-existed in peace. The focus of the message was on our God who sees and hears the cries of people who turn to him.

The main emphasis at the meeting on Saturday morning was on reports from the Pres-

bytery Committees. These reports were not primarily about what the committees were doing procedurally but how their work was promoting the mission of ECO "to build flourishing churches that make disciples of Jesus Christ." Mr. Sherrard was called forward during this part of the meeting to speak about his experience at Windy Cove and how Windy Cove had embraced his dual vocation as pastor and college teacher.

A time of sharing and encouragement followed these committee reports. Individuals and churches shared stories of how the Lord was moving in various ways within the Body of Christ. The Windy Covians were greatly encouraged by the whole tenor and substance of the meeting in which most of the time was spent on what the Lord was doing in and through the churches and a minimal amount of time was spent on the administration of church business. Thank you, Lord!

Core Value: Thoughtful Theology

Worship at Windy Cove on Sunday, April 29, focused on the Core Value of Thoughtful Theology. This value is one of the nine core values of the Covenant

Order of Evangelical Presbyterians or ECO. The beginning of the message posed the question of whether we can even do theology. Theology, of course, is thinking about or studying God, his attributes and character.

One strand of Biblical teaching says that human wisdom alone cannot understand who God is and how God operates. In First Corinthians and elsewhere Paul says that human wisdom cannot penetrate the mystery of God.

However, there is another strand of Biblical teaching which plainly says that God has indeed revealed himself and his wisdom. The writer of Hebrews begins his letter with this message: that God has spoken to people in many ways before, but in these last days God has spoken clearly through his Son Jesus. Jesus is the exact expression of who God and we can know God because of Jesus.

This Core Value contains three areas of clarification: theological education, constant learning, and the life of the mind. Education about God is not necessarily formal education. On the one hand, the Apostle Paul was one person of his day with an incredible formal education. He put that education to use in understanding who God is. Conversely, the original twelve disciples had very little formal

education. What they did have was three years of experiential learning as they traveled and lived with Jesus. Both methods qualify as good, theological education.

However, our knowledge of God is not static. We mature in our understanding of God during a life of constant learning. Most Christians have the sense that their insight into the mind and heart of God grows as they continue to read the Bible, worship God, reflect on their experiences in life, and listen for God's voice.

The final part of Mr. Sherrard's message concentrated on the life of the mind. So often, people do not take time for reflection. Instead, they seek constant stimulation of the senses. Mr. Sherrard illustrated this point with the story of Dr. Maurice Allan of Hampden-Sydney College. Dr. Allan used to offer philosophy students a passing grade if they would spend one-hour each day simply thinking—not sleeping, watching TV, or reading—just thinking! Very few students ever used this opportunity. In some challenging situations when people are cut off from outside stimuli, they are forced to rely solely on the life of the mind. Those are times when reflection, especially thoughtful theology, can mean the difference between a fruitful life or a meaningless death.