

Calendar of Ministries

✚ Saturday, May 12, 2018

Evening Prayers at 7:30

✚ Sunday, May 13

Mother's Day

Sunday School at 9:45 with refreshments and study

Morning Worship at 11 with a Mother's Day Message

✚ Monday through Friday, 14th –18th

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

✚ Tuesday, May 15

Morning Prayers at 8

Food Truck arrives around 9:30 with distribution around 11 a.m.

Mr. Sherrard will be out of town on Tuesday and Wednesday for a baseball trip to Washington, D.C.

✚ Wednesday, May 16

Morning Prayers at 8

Bible Club at the High School at 8:08

Choir at 7 p.m.

✚ Friday, May 18

Morning Prayers at 8

✚ Saturday, May 19

Evening Prayers at 7:30

✚ Sunday, May 20

Sunday School at 9:45

Morning Worship at 11

Fellowship Meal to honor the wisdom of our senior worshipers

We will not publish a *Weekly Word* during the week of May 14-18. Part of our staff will be on vacation that week. Look for us again on the 24th of May.



The Weekly Word

Windy Cove Presbyterian Church

May 10, 2018

Young People Meet, Move Toward Graduation

On Sunday, May 6, the Teen Group gathered at Millboro Elementary for its last regular meeting of the school year. The teens usually meet on the first and third Sundays of each month, while planning special activities for the months that include a fifth Sunday. Sunday's meeting was the last of the school year because the band concert will occur on May 20, and most teens in the Teen Group are also in band.

On the 6th the teens completed a study of the reliability of the New Testament and the heart of the gospel message contained in the Bible. This study took several months and included resources from the video series, Seeking Allah, Finding Jesus, and the video series The Case for Christ. The last lesson featured a presentation by Franklin Graham on the power of the gospel to overcome sin.

Of course, this teen ministry has other components besides the study material. Regular meetings begin with food and fellowship. Folks from the church and community bring the food.

Last Sunday featured hoagies, chips, drinks, and dessert.

Youth Leader Sharon Sherrard always has a game or two planned for the teens. On the 6th, they played a memory game which the teens call On the Couch. It's too hard to explain in our short article, and almost too hard to explain while you're playing it! Then, there was a round of Catch Phrase, the party game where participants describe a word or phrase to get their teammates to guess it. It sounds easy, but it's done under time pressure and competition which is not easy. All the while, the teens are

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Take Note

Sunday, May 13, 2018

It's Mother's Day! Celebrate or remember the important women in your life.

Sunday School at 9:45

Morning Worship at 11 with Communion

Sunday, May 20

Sunday School at 9:45, Worship at 11

Fellowship Lunch to honor seniors

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just hanging out with each other and even talking to each other, not just texting each other on their phones.

Before the lesson begins, there is also time to worship. Mrs. Sherrard usually plans the worship, but she often plays songs requested at the time by the teens themselves. Besides some of the popular current songs, a few weeks ago the teens did a retro move in worship with “The Long Black Train” and “Jesus Take the Wheel.” These two country songs were popular a few years ago with teens.

The evenings usually end with some spirited activities in the gym. Mr. Sherrard has played basketball with a succession of teens for the last 20 years or so. As he commented recently, “The teens always seem to be teenagers, but I’m the one who is not as young as I used to be.” Do these names ring a bell? Keith Manion, Jason Lancaster, Matt Phillips, Zach Madison, Justin Shanks, and many more over the years. There has been a good core group of about a dozen in this year’s Teen Group. However, we have several teens who are moving toward graduation. These teens include Skylynn Lee,

Utah Kershner, Nevada Kershner, William Taylor, and Aislinn Ryder. We hope to catch you up on their plans in an upcoming edition of the *Weekly Word*.

Mr. Sherrard will be preaching the Baccalaureate Message for the High School seniors this year on the evening of May 27. Graduation ceremonies are scheduled for the morning of Saturday, June 2.

Core Value: Accountable Community

In Morning Worship on May 6, the congregation continued its emphasis on the Core Values of the Covenant Order of Evangelical Presbyterians (ECO). The description of this value reads:

We believe guidance is a corporate spiritual experience. We want to connect leaders to one another in healthy relationships of accountability, synergy, and care.

There is a myth circulating, particularly in America, that a person’s religion is strictly a private matter. For Christianity especially, that idea truly is a myth. From its Old Testament roots through its birth in the New Testament, Christianity has always involved a community of God’s people, not just a personal encounter between the individual and God.

In Genesis 12 God calls Abraham to establish his family as the people of God. That extended family through Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob becomes the Israelite nation under the leadership of Moses. In the New Testament, Jesus does not work alone. He calls twelve disciples to be with him. After Jesus’ resurrection, his followers quickly expand and become known as Christians and the Church. Always there has been and is a community of God’s people.

Relationships within that community should be characterized by accountability, synergy, and care. Most people do think of the church as a caring community. That aspect of church life is particularly important to folks who have little or no family to furnish such care during difficult times.

On the other hand, accountability within God’s community has been harder to practice. When it’s too severe, accountability may appear to be overly judgmental. Also, most people resist accountability when they are the ones being held accountable. Children learn very early to deny accountability, “It’s not my fault.” Adults often continue this refrain. Besides, often when church members try to hold each other accountable, people just leave one church to worship and participate in another one close by. Accountability is necessary, but it is hard.

Synergy is a word that has come into more widespread use in recent years. Its base meaning is “working together.” Its connotation is a working together that produces a result greater than the sum of the parts involved. Often churches do experience synergy as members work together. Theologically, one might say that the synergy comes from the involvement of the Holy Spirit when the church is functioning as the Lord Jesus intended it to function. That’s real synergy!

Keeping a Pledge: The One-Minute Sermon

For many years, Mr. Sherrard has been pledging (or perhaps teasing) to preach a one-minute sermon. There are those who have doubted his ability to do so, especially when the promise is made before or during a message that lasts considerably longer than a minute. Some of our current teens have been the most outspoken proponents of and skeptics about the One-Minute Sermon.

To uphold his integrity and perhaps prove the nay-sayers wrong, Mr. Sherrard has scheduled his One-Minute Sermon for Sunday, June 3. Several teens have volunteered to have their stop watches ready that morning. It reminds us of Justin Fry who used to time Mr. Sherrard’s prayers to see if they were even longer than the sermons.