

Calendar of Ministries

✚ Saturday, May 26, 2018

Evening Prayers at 7:30

✚ Sunday, May 27

Sunday School at 9:45 with refreshments and study

Morning Worship at 11 focused on ECO's Core Values

Baccalaureate at the High School at 7 p.m., Sibling Rival to Sage Advisor

✚ Monday through Friday, May 28th –June 1st

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

✚ Wednesday, May 30

Morning Prayers at 8
Choir at 7 p.m.

✚ Saturday, June 2

High School Graduation at 10 a.m.

Evening Prayers at 7:30

✚ Sunday, June 3

Sunday School at 9:45

Morning Worship at 11 featuring a One-Minute Sermon

Haiti Mission Team meets for lunch and planning

Bible School opportunities are open in the areas of registration, video presentation, Bible discovery, and recreation. We especially need a photographer with imagination and presence to help prepare the final video for the Bible School Program. Watch for the sign-up sheet on Sunday or call Rob Sherrard.



The Weekly Word

Windy Cove Presbyterian Church

May 24, 2018

Windy Cove Honors the Young at Heart

On Sunday, May 20, Windy Cove honored those in the congregation who are older-in-years but young-at-heart with a special fellowship lunch. The passing of the gospel from one generation to the next is a key emphasis in the Bible and an important part of practicing our Christian faith. The Young at Heart Seniors at Windy Cove have shown mature wisdom in their responsibility to ensure that the message of good news has been passed to a new generation of Christian believers.

On the 20th the Fellowship Ministry Team had a head table reserved for these seniors. Those sitting at the head table were Buck Smith (including wife Barbara who was unable to attend), Betty Haddix, Leo and Emma Jean Shanks, Ruth Cauley, Fran Hobbs, Bea Clark, Helen Williams, and Bob and Norma Jean Taylor. These folks have furnished much spiritual and practical wisdom to their families and to the Lord's church throughout their years.

As a group, these young-at-heart seniors led the congregation through the line of food.

There were all sorts of casseroles, salads, fruits, and vegetable dishes to choose from. At the end were the delicious home-made rolls that Windy Covians have come to expect. Not to mention, there were many desserts on a separate table in the Fellowship Hall.

In his message earlier, Mr. Sherrard had concentrated on the work of the Holy Spirit since Sunday also celebrated Pentecost. He noted that the relationship and work of the Spirit was not limited to a select few people. Rather, in Peter's sermon at Pentecost, he mentions the prophecy

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Take Note

Sunday, May 27, 2018

Sunday School at 9:45

Morning Worship at 11

Baccalaureate at the High School at 7

Monday, May 28

Celebration of Memorial Day with memorial flags available in the church vestibule through Sunday the 27th

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Young at Heart (Cont.)

from the Old Testament prophet Joel:

And in the last days it shall be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams; even on my male servants and female servants in those days I will pour out my Spirit, and they shall prophesy.

This message delivered to the early Christian believers was in concert with the core value of the Covenant Order of Evangelical Presbyterians which was also highlighted last Sunday. That core value, Egalitarian Ministry, states, "We believe in unleashing the ministry gifts of women, men, and every ethnic group." The church, as the Body of Christ, needs all its parts functioning together to do the work of ministry to show forth the Kingdom of God in different situations. Such cooperation and ministry can come only through a lively relationship among all believers and the Holy Spirit of Jesus.

Windy Cove hopes to continue to build upon this relationship with the Holy Spirit. With the help of our young-at-heart seniors, our faith can grow; and our ministry can increase under the watchful eye of God's Holy Spirit.

Baccalaureate

Baccalaureate for Bath County High School graduates is scheduled for Sunday, May 27, at 7 p.m. in the High School auditorium. The Baccalaureate is a traditional part of graduating ceremonies at most colleges and high schools. At many schools, Baccalaureate was an official part of the graduation ritual. The first Baccalaureate in America is believed to have been held at Princeton University in 1760. The aim of Baccalaureates has been to honor the graduates and provide them with a time for reflection, inspiration, and guidance for the journey of life ahead.

Because of the judicial doctrine of the separation of church and state, Baccalaureates have now been separated from the official events of graduation at secular institutions. In Bath County, the Baccalaureate is sponsored by one of the school clubs, the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, and is not a required part of graduation activities. Nevertheless, it remains an important part of the graduation experience for many seniors and their families.

Mr. Sherrard has been asked to be the speaker for Bath County's Baccalaureate this year. Worship leaders will come from Lifeline Ministries, and Pastor Steve Shaver will host the event. Mr. Sherrard acknowledges that he is looking forward to

this opportunity. He readily recalls the Baccalaureate delivered when he and wife Sharon graduated from Martinsburg High School in the same class 51 years ago. He also remembers when one of his French professors, Dr. William Holbrook, delivered the Baccalaureate in College Church at Hampden-Sydney in 1971 on the topic of Relevancy.

Mr. Sherrard's previous experience with Bath County's Baccalaureate includes offering a prayer at a Baccalaureate when Pastor Mike Rollins was the main speaker. Mr. Sherrard himself was the main speaker at the 1990 Baccalaureate as well as the 1997 Baccalaureate when his daughter, Katy, was a graduating senior. In addition to a few anecdotes, Mr. Sherrard intends to focus on the story of Joseph in the Old Testament under the heading of Sibling Rival to Sage Advisor.

We hope that all seniors, their parents, and friends will feel welcomed to attend this event, especially those who are associated with Windy Cove. It's such a good way to honor the graduating class.

Memorial Day Flags

Windy Cove has acquired some American flags to use as cemetery memorials during the celebration of Memorial Day on May 28. These flags will be available in the church vestibule through Sunday for families who wish to use them for the celebration.

Coming Attractions

In the coming month or so, Windy Cove has significant events on the calendar. Besides the Baccalaureate on May 27, our seniors will graduate on Saturday, June 2, at 10 a.m. at the High School.

In worship on June 3, Mr. Sherrard will attempt a One-Minute Sermon. Some in the congregation are no doubt saying that such an occurrence would be a near-miracle. We shall see.

The Session has called for a meeting of the congregation to be held at 11 a.m. on Sunday, June 10. The purpose of this meeting is to elect members to the Nominating Committee. Those elected will join two Session members to nominate candidates for Elders in the Class of 2021 and a Trustee for that same class.

Bible School will begin at Windy Cove on Monday, June 18, at 9 a.m. The theme for Bible School is Shipwrecked: Rescued by Jesus. There are still opportunities for service in Bible School. We'll have a sign-up sheet circulating around for a few weeks before the opening day. Watch for your chance to serve in this important ministry of the church. The Bible School Program is on Sunday, June 24.

Patriotic Worship on July 1 begins our summer schedule with our gathering at 10 still in the main sanctuary.