

## Calendar of Ministries

### ✠ Saturday, October 12

Evening Prayers at 8 p.m.

### ✠ Sunday, October 13

Sunday School at 9:45

Congregational Meeting at 11

Morning Worship following our Congregational Meeting

Fellowship Lunch after worship

### ✠ Monday, October 14

Morning Prayers at 8

### ✠ Tuesday, October 15

Morning Prayers at 8

Women's Bible Study at 6:45 p.m.

### ✠ Wednesday, October 16

Morning Prayers at 8

Bible Club at the High School, 8:08

Choir at 7 p.m.

### ✠ Thursday, October 17

Morning Prayers at 8

Men's Group Meeting at 7 p.m.

### ✠ Friday, October 18

Morning Prayers at 8

### ✠ Saturday, October 19

Evening Prayers at 8

### ✠ Sunday, October 20

Sunday School at 9:45

Morning Worship at 11

Fields of Faith at Bath County High School at 7 p.m.

### Things to Come

Congregational Meeting on Sunday, October 13, at 11 a.m. to elect elders

Soup and Sandwich Lunch on Sunday, October 13, following worship

Fields of Faith at the High School, Oct 20 at 7 p.m., everyone invited



# The Weekly Word

Windy Cove Presbyterian Church

October 10, 2013

## Combined Teen Ministry

Last Sunday evening, October 6, twenty teenagers and five adult advisors met at Millboro School for fellowship, fun, food, worship, study, and recreation. This event was a follow up to the Teen Retreat held in September and our local See You At The Pole (SYATP) on September 25 at Bath County High School. SYATP was the kick off for the weekly Wednesday meetings of Bible Club (called 808) at the school. 808 is held each Wednesday before school in the Band Room at the High School as a ministry of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes.

As we reported earlier, there were 22 teens from 8 different churches who attended the Teen Retreat at Headwaters Lodge in Highland County on September 14 and 15. That group of kids and leaders formulated the plan to keep their faith strong by meeting on the first and third Sundays of each month during October, November, and December in Millboro. Their first regular meeting was last Sunday, and the adult advisors were rejoicing at the number of kids who turned out.

From 5 to 6 p.m. the teens played games, enjoyed a light supper to-

gether, and generally hung out with each other. From 6 to 7 the group had worship and study led by Sharon Sherrard, the Youth Coordinator at Windy Cove and advisor to Bible Club at the High School. The teens began a study on authentic faith. A key question was: Are you a fan or a follower of Jesus Christ? This same theme will continue through the next several months. From 7 to 8 p.m. kids could participate in recreation in the gym, enjoy more snacks, or fellowship with their leaders and peers.

As with the Teen Retreat, Sunday's group was a combination from different churches in the area. This combined teen ministry will continue on October 20 at 7 p.m. with Fields of Faith at Bath County High School.

### Take Note!

**Congregational Meeting on Sunday, October 13, at 11 a.m. to elect elders**

**Fellowship Lunch with soup and sandwiches on October 13 following worship**

**Fields of Faith at Bath County High School on October 20 at 7 p.m. Everyone is invited to attend this event sponsored by the Fellowship of Christian Athletes.**

**Session training and planning, Oct 26-27**

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## Lord's Supper Celebrated

Worshippers at Windy Cove celebrated the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper on Sunday, October 6. The first Sunday in October is designated on the Christian calendar as World Communion Day. Remembering that observance, the local congregation emphasized their unity in the sacrament with the 2.2 billion Christians around the world.

At the same time, the congregation continued its current study of the life and work of the Apostle Paul. The passage under consideration was Paul's institution of the Lord's Supper found in 1 Corinthians 11. Paul's emphasis on Communion comes in the context of his giving advice on a number of difficulties encountered by the church in Corinth.

Even by our modern standards, Corinth was a very worldly and immoral city. In fact Corinth had many of the same problems that we encounter today, both inside and outside the church. The *NIV Study Bible* puts it this way:

"Christians are still powerfully influenced by their cultural environment, and most of the questions and problems that confronted the church at Corinth are still very much with us—problems like immaturity, instability, divisions, jealousy and envy, lawsuits, marital difficulties, sexual immorality and the misuse of spiritual gifts."

God offers a three-fold remedy for such problems. First, people need to truly recognize who Jesus is. To believe that Jesus was simply a good person who taught about God is not enough to cure the ills of the world nor our personal problems. No, Jesus' power and compassion are combined and effective because Jesus was truly God and truly human. Jesus is able to empathize with our weaknesses and to do something about them through the power of the Holy Spirit.

The second part of God's remedy is to realize what Jesus has done for us and for our world. Jesus' life, death, and resurrection has reconciled people to God and redeemed people and all of creation for God's service. The natural inclination of people separates them from God. They are incapable on their own of drawing close to God, but God makes such reconciliation possible through the sacrifice of Jesus. Jesus becomes the offering that brings peace between God and people.

The final part of God's remedy for our twisted human condition is for human beings to obediently adjust their lives to follow Jesus. When we recognize who Jesus is and realize what he has done for us, we can respond with our commitment to Jesus. The Holy Spirit then helps us to walk out that commitment in practical and helpful ways in our daily lives.

All three of these aspects of God's remedy for our human condition are

evident in the Lord's Supper. We celebrate Jesus as both human and divine. We recognize Jesus' death and resurrection. We have the opportunity by our participation in the Supper to testify to our continuing commitment and loyalty to Jesus.

## Congregational Meeting and Fellowship Meal

Two important events are scheduled for Sunday, October 13. The first is a congregational meeting scheduled for 11 a.m. The Session called this meeting to hear the report of our Nominating Committee for elders for the Class of 2016. Leadership in a church can be one of the keys to an effective ministry in the name of Jesus Christ. In the Presbyterian Church, congregational members have the right to elect their leaders. Once these leaders have been chosen and set aside for their particular office, they have much authority for the management of the ongoing life of the congregation. So, choosing leaders wisely is very important to the health and effectiveness of the congregation.

Our Book of Order advises that those who are to be leaders in the church should (1) have the inward testimony of the Holy Spirit that they are being called to such service, (2) have the approval of the people through their election, and (3) have the concurring judgment of the governing body which will commission or ordain them to their particular ministry. In the case of elders, the

ordaining body is the session of the local church. In the case of pastors the concurring body is the presbytery. Such an understanding of leadership in the church provides a safeguard that certain people truly are called by God to be leaders.

The other event scheduled for October 13 is a Soup and Sandwich Fellowship Lunch. This lunch will be our main fellowship event for the month of October. Fellowship is a crucial element of our ministry for Jesus. However, as Christians we often settle for less than what the New Testament calls true Christian fellowship. The church people in Corinth had this problem. They came together in the same room to eat a meal, but they really did not have fellowship. Instead, they selfishly hoarded their own provisions as if they were not concerned about others.

Biblical fellowship represents a deep concern and willingness to be involved in the lives of others. It arises from God's willingness to be involved in our lives. After all, God sent his only son Jesus as a human being to live with us. Jesus himself shared table fellowship and many other experiences with people. In other words, Jesus demonstrated fellowship by eating with people, by teaching people, by living with people, by compassion for people, by building relationships with people, and by dying for people.

Now, that's real fellowship!