

## Calendar of Ministries

### ✚ Thursday, November 13

Morning Prayers at 8  
Mr. Sherrard's classes at 11 and at 2

### ✚ Friday, November 14

Morning Prayers at 8  
Mr. Sherrard will be visiting Mike Tennant at Greenville Correctional Ctr.

### ✚ Saturday, November 15

Churches of Bath County will host Shenandoah Presbytery at Bath County High School beginning at 9:30 a.m.

Evening Prayers at 8

### ✚ Sunday, November 16

Sunday School at 9:45  
Congregational Meeting at 11  
Morning Worship to follow

### ✚ Monday, November 17

Morning Prayers at 8  
Men's Bible Study at 6:30

### ✚ Tuesday, November 18

Morning Prayers at 8  
Mr. Sherrard's classes at 11 and 2

### ✚ Wednesday, November 19

Bible Club at the High School at 8:08  
Morning Prayers at 8  
Choir at 7 p.m.

Women's Bible Study after Choir

### ✚ Thursday, November 20

Morning Prayers at 8  
Mr. Sherrard's classes at 11 and at 2

### ✚ Friday, November 21

Morning Prayers at 8

### ✚ Saturday, November 22

Evening Prayers at 8

### ✚ Sunday, November 23

Sunday School at 9:45  
Morning Worship at 11  
Community Thanksgiving at 7:30



# The Weekly Word

Windy Cove Presbyterian Church  
November 13, 2014

## Community Events Coming Up

As we move toward Thanksgiving on the calendar, several important community events lie immediately ahead. **On Sunday, November 16, Millboro Christian Church is holding a distinctive Hunters Service at 5 p.m.** The church is encouraging all those who attend to wear their camouflage hunting clothes.

For those who have lived in our area for some time, this service is a reminder of the early 1980s when Williamsville Presbyterian hosted a Hunters Service right before hunting season was to begin. In the era before hunting season had been extended as in recent years, the back roads of Bath County were often lined with vehicles and campers during hunting season.

That worship at Williamsville was always very well attended with folks even sitting in the balcony. We hope that the service at the Christian Church will also find many folks ready to hear the gospel message.

Millboro Area Pastors have also set the arrangements for the Community Thanksgiving Service. **The Thanksgiving worship will be at Windy Cove on Sunday, November 23, at 7:30 p.m.** Pastor Lloyd Via of Millboro Christian

Church will speak at this service. Other pastors from the Millboro area will share in the worship as well.

This Thanksgiving Service also has a long history in our community. In the late 1970s and early 1980s, the Bath County Ministerial Association sponsored a countywide Thanksgiving Service on the Wednesday evening before Thanksgiving. Participation was often affected by those not wanting to venture across Warm Springs Mountain at night, and bad weather was an issue as well.

By 1983 Millboro area churches were hosting a Thanksgiving Service of their own. The service was moved to the Sunday evening before Thanksgiving to accommodate families who

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### Take Note!

Congregational Meeting on Nov. 16 at 11

Millboro Ruritan Club Hunters Supper on Nov. 16 from noon to 6 at the Ruritan Building

Hunters Service at Millboro Christian Church on Nov. 16 at 5 p.m.

Community Thanksgiving Service on Nov. 23 at 7:30 p.m. We need cookies for the fellowship time. Check with Sharon Madison.

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Requested

Bake some cookies for the fellowship  
following Community Thanksgiving on Nov. 23

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planned to travel over the Thanksgiving holiday.

The Thanksgiving Service now rotates between the different churches in the Millboro area. On average churches host the service once in seven years. In recent years host churches have been comfortably filled with worshipers, and churches have provided an opportunity for fellowship following the worship itself.

**The Millboro Ruritan Club is hosting its annual Hunters Supper on November 16 from noon until 6 p.m. at the Ruritan Building in Millboro.** The menu for this year includes country fried steak and gravy for \$10 for adults and \$5 for children ten years old and younger. Proceeds of the Supper will go toward a new heating and air conditioning system for the Ruritan Building.

We hope that many of our readers will take advantage of these community activities during the season of hunting and Thanksgiving.

## The Resurrection of the Dead

The Windy Cove Congregation continued their travels with Paul on Sunday, November 9. Following a video presentation on November 2 of Paul's arrest in Jerusalem, on the 9<sup>th</sup> the congregation witnessed Paul's defense before the Jewish Council. This meeting ended in a near riot when

Paul as a Pharisee proclaimed his belief in the resurrection of the dead. In Paul's era Pharisees believed in the resurrection, but Sadducees did not. As a consequence of this unruly meeting, the Roman authorities whisked Paul away and eventually transferred him to a prison at Caesarea to await trial.

With this incident as background, Windy Covians studied what Paul says in 1 Corinthians 15 about the significance of the resurrection of Jesus. First and foremost Paul reminds the Christians in Corinth that the resurrection of Jesus is crucial to faith in God.

In fact Paul says that, if Jesus has not been raised from the dead, our faith in God is useless and we are to be pitied. Paul resoundingly proclaims, however, that Christ has been raised from the dead, the first harvest of all those who have died.

What strengthens our faith even more is Paul's testimony of the many eyewitnesses who had seen the resurrected Jesus. Indeed, the resurrection of Jesus is one of the most well attested events of history. People still deny that resurrection because it plays havoc with their view of how the world should work. Nevertheless, the historical evidence for the resurrection is very solid.

Jesus' resurrection has enormous implications for living. For

example, Jesus' resurrection confirms the promises that Jesus made during his earthly life. He promised forgiveness and eternal life to those who believe in him; he promised to be with his followers by the presence of the Holy Spirit until he returns in glory; he promised to bring comfort to those who sorrow; he promised to prepare a home for his followers when they die; and many more. All these promises were called into question by Jesus' crucifixion, but they were validated by Jesus' resurrection.

Additionally, Jesus' resurrection confirmed that Jesus himself had proclaimed and lived a life consistent with God's intention for human existence. When we read in the Bible about putting off old, bad habits and putting on new, good habits, we recognize that this is the life that Jesus endorsed by his preaching and his living. The Apostle Paul has several of these lists in his letters. He knows that Jesus' resurrection is the motive and power for living a true and authentically godly life.

For example in Colossians 3, Paul writes: *Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience.*

*Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you.*

*And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity.*

Paul's emphasis on Jesus' crucifixion and resurrection is a timely reminder of just how much we owe to Jesus.

## Congregational Meeting

The Session has set a congregational meeting for Sunday, November 16, at 11 a.m. The purpose of this meeting is to hear the report of the Nominating Committee regarding elders for the Class of 2017.

This nominating process began with the election of three members to the Nominating Committee by the congregation. Those elected by the congregation were Sam Hepler, Nancy Peery, and Jon Eaton. Following that action by the congregation, the Session appointed two members to the Committee: Sharon Sherrard and Justin Shanks. These five folks with prayer and deliberation have selected a list of nominees to be presented to the congregation on the 16<sup>th</sup>.

After the election on the 16<sup>th</sup>, those elected will be trained by the Session. At a future time, these elders will be ordained and installed as members of the Session for their 3-year term. We appreciate those who have agreed to be nominated and look forward to their service.