

## Calendar of Ministries

### ✝ 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

Session Meeting at lunch

Community Thanksgiving at 7:30 with fellowship to follow

### ✝ Monday, November 24

Morning Prayers at 8

### ✝ Tuesday, November 25

Morning Prayers at 8

### ✝ Wednesday, November 26

Morning Prayers at 8

### ✝ Thursday, November 27

Happy Thanksgiving!

### ✝ Friday, November 28

Morning Prayers at 8

### ✝ Saturday, November 29

Evening Prayers at 8

### ✝ Sunday, November 30, First Sunday of Advent

Sunday School at 9:45

Morning Worship at 11 focusing on Advent Perspectives—Isaiah the Prophet

Bring your hunger offering pennies.

**On Tuesday, December 2, the Blue Ridge Area food truck will visit Bath County again. At its most recent visit at Windy Cove, the truck served 87 households in our area.**



# The Weekly Word

Windy Cove Presbyterian Church  
November 20, 2014

## A Philippian Thanksgiving

In this final week before the celebration of Thanksgiving, what are the thoughts going through your mind? Perhaps you are thinking of a menu of turkey or ham or venison (especially in Bath County) with mashed potatoes and dressing along with pumpkin pie. Or, instead of the menu, you are thinking of family and friends that you will see over the holiday. Or, maybe, you are thinking of football and remembering games past with the Lions or Cowboys televised on Thanksgiving Day.

For the two Sundays before Thanksgiving, Windy Covians have turned their attention to the Apostle Paul's Letter to the Philippians. Of all Paul's letters, Philippians is the one filled up with thanksgiving and joy. Variations of the word "joy" appear sixteen times in this short letter. Ironically, but perhaps not surprisingly, Paul was under house arrest in Rome when he wrote this joyful letter to the Christians in Philippi.

On Sunday, November 16, the worshiping congregation looked together at Philippians 1:9-11. Paul gives thanks for the Philippian Christians and prays that their love may overflow to the praise and glory of God.

On November 23 the congregation will look at the familiar exhortation in Philippians 4:4-7:

**Rejoice in the Lord *always*.** *I will say it again: Rejoice! Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.* [Emphasis added.]

As you approach Thanksgiving, let these words settle in your heart. May you indeed experience that peace of God that transcends all understanding. Thank you, Lord!

### Take Note!

Session meets for lunch and training after worship on Sunday, November 23.

Community Thanksgiving Service on Nov. 23 at 7:30 p.m. with Pastor Lloyd Via of Millboro Christian Church preaching

Because of the Thanksgiving holiday, we will not publish a *Weekly Word* next week.

We expect to be back with you on December 4.

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Community Thanksgiving Service  
on Nov. 23 at 7:30

Pastor: Rob Sherrard  
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## Advent Plans

Plans for Advent and Christmas are currently taking shape at Windy Cove. Advent begins this year on Sunday, November 30, and includes the four Sundays immediately preceding Christmas. Our theme for Advent will be Perspectives on Advent and Christmas.

Have you ever thought about how important a person's perspective is for seeing and interpreting the events and people surrounding that person? Take a common example, a driver heading into the sun late on a fall afternoon has her vision obscured by the bright sunshine. She may not even be aware of the countryside. At the same time, a driver heading away from the sun admires a gorgeous golden hue on the landscape ahead.

The same is true of passing events in our lives. Some, perhaps most, of what we see is determined by our perspective on the particular event. Herod looks at the birth of the baby Jesus and sees a threat to his power. The Magi look at the birth of Jesus and see God's promise of a great king. What do we see when we look at the birth of Jesus and his promised Second Coming?

To gain some perspective on the coming of Jesus, we will look at his first advent and promised return from the perspective of Isaiah the Prophet, the Magi, Anna and Simeon, and the Shepherds. In each

case we will use the unique perspective of these individuals as a lens to help us see and understand what **our particular perspective** is on Jesus' first advent and his promised return. On each Sunday, folks from the congregation will assist Mr. Sherrard in presenting the perspective of the person or persons highlighted that day.

## Fellowship Events

We have two fellowship opportunities coming up soon at Windy Cove. The first event is conjoined with the Community Thanksgiving Service on Sunday, November 23. The Service itself will begin at 7:30 p.m. with Pastor Lloyd Via of Millboro Christian Church preaching the message. Other pastors will help with parts of the service. Following worship that evening, our community will share fellowship along with some cookies and something to drink. We always appreciate seeing fellow believers renewing their friendship in the Lord at this annual event.

In addition, Windy Cove will have a Fellowship Lunch on Sunday, December 7, following Morning Worship. This lunch will be our Advent and Christmas party. The date will also remind us of our country's entry into World War 2 as Sunday, December 7, 1941 was the day of the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor in Hawaii. We hope that all of you will plan to be here for both fellowship events.

## Elders Elected

At the congregational meeting on Sunday, November 16, the congregation elected Tammy Lindsay, Bruce Cambata, Mary Margaret King, and Jon Eaton as elders for the Class of 2017. Of these four Mary Margaret and Jon have served on the Session previously. Tammy and Bruce have not.

In the next few weeks, these elders elect will receive training along with other Session members, be incorporated into the organization of the Session, and ordained and installed on the Session during worship on a Sunday in December. These folks will no doubt continue the long tradition of excellent leadership at Windy Cove.

We appreciate their willingness to serve, and we thank the Nominating Committee composed of Sam Hepler, Jon Eaton, Nancy Peery, Justin Shanks, and Sharon Sherrard for their work. Please continue your prayers for these and other members of our Session during the transition period.

## People and Prayers

We received news this week of the death of Earl Haddix. Earl often attended Windy Cove where his wife Betty is a member of the choir. After growing up in Philippi, WV, Earl taught school there until moving to New York outside of Buffalo to continue his teaching. He and Betty lived in New York for

twenty years before retiring to Bath County where she had grown up with her family, the Arbogasts.

Earl was a thoughtful and intelligent person who was considerate of others. Many local folks appreciated his part-time clerking at Millboro Mercantile. Earl was also a talented gunsmith who loved to talk hunting with people.

Betty relates that Earl did not want to "inconvenience" anyone by his passing so he requested cremation and simple burial of the ashes by his family in Philippi. Our community will surely miss our neighbor, Earl, who was truly a gentleman and a scholar.

Mr. Sherrard had made arrangements to visit with Michael Tennant last Friday at the Greensville Correctional Center. However, Michael sent word on Thursday evening that he was likely being transferred on Friday to another location, and he would not be available for a visit.

In fact, Michael was transferred last Friday to Bland Correctional Center. Michael's address at Bland is:

Michael Tennant (1327855)  
c/o Bland Correctional Center  
256 Bland Farm Road  
Bland, VA 24315-9615

Our first reports from Michael at his new location are encouraging. Michael's release date published by the VA Dept. of Corrections is January 20, 2015.