

## Calendar of Ministries

✝ Friday, January 30

Morning Prayers at 8

✝ Saturday, January 31

Evening Prayers at 8

✝ Sunday, February 1

Sunday School at 9:45

Morning Worship at 11

Super Bowl Party at the Old Dairy begins around 5 p.m.

✝ Monday, February 2

Ground Hog Day! Watch out!

Morning Prayers at 8

✝ Tuesday, February 3

Morning Prayers at 8

✝ Wednesday, February 4

Morning Prayers at 8

Bible Club at the High School at 8:08

Choir at 7 p.m.

✝ Thursday, February 5

Morning Prayers at 8

✝ Friday, February 6

Morning Prayers at 8

✝ Saturday, February 7

Evening Prayers at 8

✝ Sunday, February 8

Sunday School at 9:45

Morning Worship at 11

Teen ski trip to Snowshoe after church

**Our Fellowship and Service Ministry Team is helping Food Pantry this month by soliciting cans of mixed vegetables and tomato juice for February's Pantry. You can help by donating these targeted items prior to the next Pantry which meets on Tuesday, February 10.**



# The Weekly Word

**Windy Cove Presbyterian Church  
January 29, 2015**

## Haiti in July?

With heavy snow in the northeast and temperatures in the teens in Millboro Springs, it hardly seems like the time to think about summer in a tropical country. Perhaps such thoughts will give you a sense of warmth as you cozy up to the wood stove or your favorite space heater.

In any event, now is the time when we begin planning for our annual Haiti Mission Trip. We are currently gauging the interest of those who believe the Lord may be calling them to this ministry in 2015. We have already had several announcements in the Sunday bulletin which have generated responses from the congregation and community.

As things stand right now, we have about six people who are probables for our trip in 2015. This list includes 3 college students, 2 men including Pastor Rob Sherrard, and 1 woman who is making her first trip to Haiti. Additionally, another woman is currently thinking and praying about the situation. We are working toward a team of 10 to 12 people. Two more women and two more men would help to round out our team. **We could especially use another person with carpenter's skills.**

The mission to Haiti will take place from July 6 through July 14, 2015. At present airline fares to Haiti are in the modest range of about \$450 to \$500 for a round trip ticket. That price means that the cost of the entire adventure should hold at around \$950 per person.

The primary focus of our annual trip is to support Notre Dame School in the small community of David, Haiti. Windy Cove sponsors this school through the Haiti Education Foundation (HEF). Scholarships of \$75 per student per year support the students and teachers. We also helped to start a feeding program at the school which costs an additional \$50 per child for the year. The

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### Take Note!

**Feb 1—Bring your pennies for our Hunger Offering to help Food Pantry**

**Celebrate the Lord's Supper in worship**

**Super Bowl Party at the Old Dairy at 5**

**Donate soup items for our February Food Pantry that meets on Tuesday, February 10. Bring your canned vegetables or other items to the church before that date.**

**Thanks!**

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## Haiti (Cont.)

children at Notre Dame School are in grades kindergarten through the third grade. With more scholarships, the school could be expanded to include more grades.

While in Haiti, our team will likely build some school benches for other schools in HEF's system. There is no public education in Haiti; so these schools represent hope for the children and for the future of Haiti. Since Windy Cove has been involved with the Haiti Education Foundation, we have seen students begin their education in schools like Notre Dame and continue through high school, technical school, nursing programs, and the university.

Another purpose of our mission is to encourage the kids and their leaders by playing and working with them. We usually have several days of Bible School where we have the opportunity to interact with the children and bless them in the name of the Lord.

If you sense a leading from the Lord to join the Mission Team for 2015, be sure to contact Pastor Rob Sherrard right away. The sooner that we are able to purchase the airline tickets the cheaper they are likely to be.

## Communion on Sunday

Windy Cove will celebrate Communion on Sunday, February 1, at Morning Worship. This celebration will be the climax of the current series of messages on discipleship and

stewardship based upon Romans 12:1-2. The center piece for Sunday will be the final sentence of these verses: "Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will." Paul and the Windy Cove Congregation have been building up to this conclusion for the past month.

Come, see how the story turns out, and celebrate Communion with the Lord and with other believers.

## Session Sets Informal Gatherings

At its regular monthly meeting on January 25, the Windy Cove Session made arrangements for two informal gatherings during the Sunday School hour. These gatherings will take place on February 15 and February 22. The purpose of these gatherings is to discuss recent developments as our Presbyterian denomination responds to the challenges presented to ministry in our modern culture. **Members and regular attenders at Windy Cove will receive a letter next week explaining these gatherings and inviting them to participate.**

One of the current challenges of the denomination is an amendment to our Book of Order before our Presbyteries which would allow pastors and churches to bless marriages between two people of the same gender. The language of this amendment makes this action permissible but not compulsory. This amendment will be voted on at the

meeting of Shenandoah Presbytery to be held at Westminster Church in Waynesboro on Saturday, February 14. The Session of Windy Cove appointed Elder Sharon Sherrard as their commissioner to attend this meeting.

In other matters, the Session Ministry Teams used part of Sunday's meeting to plan for 2015. Our Worship Team is investigating the possibility of a cantata for Easter recognizing that Ash Wednesday (the beginning of Lent) is fast approaching on February 18.

Besides their current emphasis on helping our Food Pantry, the Fellowship and Service Team is dreaming for a community-wide event sometime in the early fall. Plans are still sketchy, but Team members have discussed the possibility of having a craft fair/flea market in conjunction with a blue grass/country/gospel band at the Picnic Pavilion.

One item high on the Property Team's list for the Spring is substantial repair to the front walk. The Team decided in the late fall to postpone this repair until a time more favorable to digging up the ground and pouring concrete.

At its meeting in February, the Session should have a better idea of some of these plans. They will also be able to make out a calendar for the rest of the year with some of the regular events like Homecoming, fellowship events, clean-up days, and similar things.

## People and Prayers

Around this time of year, we often have lots of prayer concerns in worship for folks in the church and community. Recently, we have had several deaths related to families in the church and community. We prayed on Sunday for Claudia Bell in the death of her father in Jamaica. Claudia was not able to be with her family at the funeral which made it doubly hard.

Mr. Sherrard recently preached the funeral for Ted Stone. After leaving the railroad, Ted and his wife, Martha, were fixtures in Bath County at Ted's Place. At the funeral Rob recounted that Sharon and he ate lunch with the Pulpit Nominating Committee at Ted's on their first visit to Bath County in March 1980.

In early December, Laura Lyons of Green Valley passed away. She had been a friend to Windy Cove over the years. She had donated several maple trees to improve the property at our Picnic Pavilion.

Two other community friends passed away in recent days. Joyce Shiflett was mourned this week. She was a valuable member of the community as a school bus driver and as a musician at Calvary Baptist Church for many years. Virginia McCoy, a sister-in-law to Windy Cove's Mary Durham, also died recently. Mrs. McCoy was a gracious Christian lady who spent many years serving the Lord through Horeb Baptist Church.