

Calendar of Ministries

✝ **Friday, January 29**

Morning Prayers at 8

✝ **Saturday, January 30**

Evening Prayers at 8

✝ **Sunday, January 31**

Sunday School at 9:45

Morning Worship at 11 with our Four
Cents Hunger Offering

Teen ski trip to Snowshoe after worship
Session meets for lunch

✝ **Monday, February 1**

Morning Prayers at 8

✝ **Tuesday, February 2**

Morning Prayers at 8

Mr. Sherrard teaches at Dabney S. Lan-
caster Community College on Tues-
days and Thursday at 11 a.m. and 2
p.m.

✝ **Wednesday, February 3**

Morning Prayers at 8

Bible Club at the High School at 8:08

Choir at 7 p.m.

✝ **Thursday, February 4**

Morning Prayers at 8

Mr. Sherrard meets his classes today.

✝ **Friday, February 5**

Morning Prayers at 8

✝ **Saturday, February 6**

Evening Prayers at 8

✝ **Sunday, February 7**

Sunday School at 9:45

Morning Worship at 11 with Communion

Teens meet at Millboro Elementary at 5



The Weekly Word

**Windy Cove Presbyterian Church
January 28, 2016**

They Were Right!

The weather forecasters were right when they predicted about a week ahead of time that a big snow storm was headed for the eastern part of the United States. During the week, we watched as the storm moved across the country. We had a preliminary event on Wednesday evening when a winter clipper moved through scattering about an inch of snow. The clipper caused some fender benders in our area but wreaked havoc on rush hour in Washington.

Then, the big snow event reached Millboro Springs on Friday morning around 8. The exact path of the storm, which had been uncertain from the beginning, spared Bath County some of the heavier accumulations of snow over the next two days. Around Windy Cove we got about 14 inches of snow from Thursday until late Saturday evening. Glengary, WV, a small community about 7 miles from where Mr. Sherrard grew up in church, was the big "winner" with 42 inches of snow. Glengary even made the national news. Most of us were saying, "We're glad it wasn't us."

With just 14 inches of snow, we had 23 people at Sunday School

and/or Worship on Sunday. There was a warm, informal atmosphere as we worshiped the Lord together. In Sunday School we focused on our favorite Bible characters. In Worship we explored the question, "What Do You Really Need."

To highlight this issue, Mr. Sherrard referred to an interview that he and several members of the congregation had seen on the news. A broadcaster was interviewing folks coming out of a grocery store about the run on food prior to the storm's arrival. One lady was obviously upset when she declared, "They even ran out of organic carrots." Really? Somehow, that comment served to focus attention

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Take Note!

Sunday, January 31

Sunday School at 9:45

Morning Worship at 11

Session meets for lunch—postponed from last Sunday

Teen Ski Trip to Snowshoe

Sunday, February 7

Morning Worship will include a Celebration of the Lord's Supper

Teens meet at Millboro Elementary at 5 p.m.

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on the issue of what we really do need in life, not just what we desire or what makes us comfortable.

Both the Apostle Paul and Jesus had something to say about what people really do need. In Philippians 4, Paul writes, "I pray that God will take care of all your needs with the wonderful blessings that come from Christ Jesus!" His prayer arises from his own experience that God will indeed supply a person's needs from God's abundant blessings.

Paul says that he has learned to be content in whatever circumstance he finds himself. Sometimes he has had more than enough; sometimes he had less than he may have wanted; but God has cared for him in each case. Such contentment helps a person focus on what she or he really needs.

At the same time, Jesus says in the Sermon on the Mount, "I tell you not to worry about your life. Don't worry about having something to eat, drink, or wear. Isn't life more than food or clothing?" Jesus goes on to say that the Heavenly Father knows that we need such things. However, the key, Jesus says, is to "seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you."

On Sunday the congregation followed this reflection with a contemporary version of the hymn, "I Need Thee Every Hour." This contemporary song contains a chorus of

prayer, "I need Jesus; I need Jesus." We will continue with this theme in the coming weeks as we explore the reasons why we really do need Jesus.

Andrew Hobbs Heads for Philippines

Andrew Hobbs leaves on Thursday, January 28, for a mission trip to the Philippines. Andrew has heard the Lord's call through his grandmother, Fran Hobbs, and through Windy Cove Elder Bruce Cambata.

Bruce has been active with a group called Advancing Native Missions (ANM). ANM has its headquarters in Charlottesville, VA. The leaders meet there each Thursday for an open-door Bible study. Bruce invited Fran to attend one of those studies about seven months ago. During the meeting Fran learned of a planned trip to the Philippines in 2016 where building trades specialists would be sharing their expertise with local Filipinos. The group needed an additional team member to teach welding. Fran immediately thought of her grandson Andrew.

Andrew had received his Welding Certificate from Dabney S. Lancaster Community College. While at Dabney, he had served as a student assistant to Welding Teacher Mike Bryant. Andrew seemed like the perfect addition to the team. When his grandmother explained the opportunity to him, Andrew felt strongly that the Lord was calling

him to this ministry. He relates that he had enjoyed listening to his grandmother's stories of Haiti and China through the years, but he had never really sensed a clear call to join her on any of those trips. However, this trip to the Philippines was different. He had a clear sense that God was calling him to join the team and to share his skill with others.

Andrew will visit several of the Philippine islands on his journey in order to share his skill with different groups of people. He also will profit from the association with other committed Christians who will be teaching other trades. Andrew expects to return to Bath County near the end of the month of February.

Use your prayers to bless Andrew in this step of faith and ministry.

Food Pantry: Tomato Juice, Mixed Vegetables, Macaroni

Because of Bea Clark's efficient management and her faithful helpers, our Food Pantry moves along nearly silently from month to month. When something is working so well, we tend to take it for granted; but we should not. Our local Food Pantry is a big ministry. In recent years the number of households that we serve has steadily increased from about 30 to 40 a month to more than 60 or 70 each month.

To encourage these faithful ministers and to enhance this important ministry, we are looking for vegetable soup items between now and the February Food Pantry which falls on

February 9. Cans of mixed vegetables, tomato juice, and boxes of macaroni can be placed in the box in the vestibule for the next few weeks. Here's your opportunity to help and to show your appreciation for those who administer this program.

We will also receive our Four Cents a Meal Hunger Offering on Sunday, January 31. The proceeds of this special offering are one of the main supports of our Food Pantry. So, bring your pennies and your dollars on Sunday the 31st.

Listening Response Team

The Listening Response Team (LRT) from Shenandoah Presbytery that has been working with Windy Cove for about a year has decided that they would like to speak directly to more individuals from the congregation. Members of the LRT include Martin Stokes, Deb Klein, Bonny Wilson, and Skip Hastings. These members of the LRT will be calling folks who regularly attend and are involved with various aspects of the ministry at Windy Cove. Folks can probably expect to begin receiving these calls within the next two weeks.

Previously, the LRT has met twice with the Windy Cove Session and held a general meeting with the congregation. The LRT also sent questionnaires to members and attenders of Windy Cove seeking their feedback on issues of concern to the Session and congregation. The present follow-up with telephone calls is a further attempt by the LRT to give each person an opportunity for input into the future direction of Windy Cove and its relationship to Shenandoah Presbytery and the larger denomination.