

Calendar of Ministries

✚ 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

Super Bowl Party at the Dairy Barn
around 6 p.m. Game begins at 6:30.

✚ Monday, February 8

Morning Prayers at 8

✚ Tuesday, February 9

Morning Prayers at 8

Food Pantry, 1:30 to 4 p.m.

Mr. Sherrard meets his classes today.

✚ Wednesday, February 10

Morning Prayers at 8

Bible Club at the High School at 8:08

Choir at 7 p.m.

Ash Wednesday Worship at 7:30 p.m.

✚ Thursday, February 11

Morning Prayers at 8

Mr. Sherrard meets his classes today.

✚ Friday, February 12

Morning Prayers at 8

✚ Saturday, February 13

Evening Prayers at 8

✚ Sunday, February 14

Valentine's Day, spread the love of Jesus

Sunday School at 9:45

Morning Worship at 11

**Watch for the beginning of Lent on
Wednesday, February 10. Use the 40
days of Lent (not counting Sundays) to
renew your precious walk with God.**



The Weekly Word

**Windy Cove Presbyterian Church
February 4, 2016**

A Unique Anniversary

Mr. Sherrard began the Sunday morning message on January 31 by referring to the anniversary of the liberation of the Nazi concentration or death camp at Auschwitz in Poland. The camp was liberated on January 27, 1945 by Russian soldiers who were part of the Allied forces still battling Germany near the end of World War 2. Some special events marked this 71st anniversary of the liberation, and these events were duly noted on the evening news.

However, the anniversary made a deeper impression on Mr. Sherrard since at the time he was providentially reading a book called *Escape from Auschwitz*. The book is historical fiction. Even though the book deals with fictional characters, it faithfully tells the story of the camp and the many thousands who were imprisoned and killed there. *Escape from Auschwitz* also records the awful but incredible stories of the people who survived the ordeal and of the very few who actually managed to escape the horror of the camp.

The stories of these survivors and escapees helped to focus the congregation on the provocative question: What do we really need?

The prisoners at Auschwitz had very few of the things that we normally consider essential to life. They had inadequate shelter and clothing; they were practically starved to death; they were subjected to inhuman torture and medical experiments; and, yet, some did survive and continue to treat others with respect and kindness.

Our Christian faith does supply an answer to the question of what we really do need. Our faith proclaims that, above all else, we need Jesus. During the weeks remaining until Easter, we will explore together different reasons why we do need Jesus more than anything else. Our

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Take Note!

Sunday, February 7

Sunday School at 9:45

Morning Worship at 11 with the Celebration of the Lord's Supper

Super Bowl Party at the Dairy Barn in Warm Springs, Game begins at 6:30

Wednesday, February 10

Ash Wednesday Service of Prayer and Penitence begins at 7:30, start the season of Lent with a serious consideration of your spiritual health

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Anniversary (Cont.)

consideration will take the form of completing the following statement: "I need Jesus in order to . . ." Some of the answers that we will cover include: find forgiveness and reconciliation with God and others, know who God truly is, be justified and belong to God, understand my purpose in life, live a meaningful and abundant life, grow in wisdom with a moral compass, have peace of mind and heart, and bless others with good news.

We hope that many of you will join us on a consistent basis to let the Lord speak to you about these aspects of a relationship with him.

Andrew Hobbs Report from the Philippines

We want to pass along a message that Fran Hobbs received from her grandson, Andrew, who is currently on a mission trip to the Philippines. (See last week's issue for the details.) Andrew wrote:

I'm having a great time! The metal is still in my eye [a previous injury which happened before Andrew left] but by the grace of God and prayer (I know I'm being prayed for), I'm in no pain. Very little irritation. Welding went great today! The students are very receptive and I actually got to teach five of their pastors. They are very poor and uneducated but so ready to learn. This trip has already been a huge blessing. Love, Andrew

Financial Reports

The regular monthly meeting of the Windy Cove Session was postponed from January 24 until January 31 because of the snow storm. While enjoying a picnic lunch prepared by Bea Clark, the Session heard a number of yearly financial reports prepared by Treasurers Mike Waggoner, Jo Ann Shanks, and Fran Hobbs. The following figures confirm the overall financial health of the congregation.

Checking Account

Balance 1/1/15	\$ 4,483.57
Weekly Offering	110,881.20
Transfer from Savings	12,500.00
Other Offerings	2,857.03
Total	130,771.80
Expenditures	- 127,230.66
Balance 12/31/15	\$ 3,541.14

Savings Account

Balance 1/1/15	\$ 8,514.79
Special Easter Offering	20,000.00
Shenandoah Pres. Corp	
Dividends	2,694.00
Interest	5.83
Total	\$ 31,214.62
Transfer to checking	- 12,500.00
Balance 12/31/15	\$ 18,714.62

Shenandoah Presbytery Corporation (Investments)

Memorial Fund	\$ 81,957
Preservation Fund	\$ 7,130
Building Fund	\$ 111,187
Cemetery Fund	\$ 36,433

Memorial Fund (Local)

Balance 1/1/15	\$ 202.01
Donations	0.00
Total	\$ 202.01
Expenditures	0.00
Balance 12/31/15	\$ 202.01

Building Fund (Local)

Balance 1/1/15	\$ 16,586.80
Receipts	1,310.00
Total	\$ 17,896.80
Transfer to Shenandoah Pres. Corp.	- 10,000.00
Total	\$ 7,896.80
Expenditures	- 499.47
Balance 12/31/15	\$ 7,397.33

Windy Cove Women

Balance 1/1/15	\$ 902.81
Receipts	45.00
Total	947.81
Expenditures	- 456.63
Balance 12/31/15	\$ 491.18

Food Pantry

Balance 1/1/15	\$5,059.89
Receipts	6,946.93
Total	12,006.82
Expenditures	- 7,597.67
Balance 12/31/15	\$4,409.15

Windy Cove Samaritan Fund

Balance 1/1/15	\$ 527.55
Receipts	5,360.00
Total	5,887.55
Expenditures	4,303.26
Balance 12/31/15	\$ 1,584.29

Windy Cove Mission Project

Balance 1/1/15	\$ 14,339.34
Project Offerings	15,012.31
Total	27,351.65
Project Expense	- 2,897.23
Balance 12/31/15	\$ 26,454.42

Haiti Mission Team

Team Contributions	\$ 4,300.00
Expenditures	- 4,300.00
Balance 12/31/15	\$ 0.00

Windy Cove Camp Fund

Balance 1/1/15	\$ 284.38
Receipts	700.00
Total	\$ 984.38
Bank Service Charges	- 37.50
Balance 12/31/15	\$ 946.88

Lyle Chapel

Balance 1/1/15	\$ 1,553.65
Receipts	1,045.00
Total	2,598.65
Lawn Care	- 600.00
Balance 12/31/15	\$ 1,998.65

We appreciate the faithful giving of our members and friends who bless themselves and others through these ministries. The Session rejoiced to see a 10% increase in our weekly offerings in 2015 compared to 2014. Truly the blessings of the Lord can be seen in these ministries in the name of Jesus.