

## Calendar of Ministries

### ✠ Friday, February 19

Morning Prayers at 8

### ✠ Saturday, February 20

Evening Prayers at 8

### ✠ Sunday, February 21

Second Sunday in Lent

Sunday School at 9:45

Morning Worship at 11 focusing on Why I Need Jesus

Session meets at 5:30 for supper and conversation about ECO: the Covenant Order of Evangelical Presbyterians

### ✠ Monday, February 22

Morning Prayers at 8

### ✠ Tuesday, February 23

Morning Prayers at 8

Mr. Sherrard meets his classes today.

### ✠ Wednesday, February 24

Morning Prayers at 8

Bible Club at the High School at 8:08

Choir at 7 p.m.

### ✠ Thursday, February 25

Morning Prayers at 8

Mr. Sherrard meets his classes today.

### ✠ Friday, February 26

Morning Prayers at 8

### ✠ Saturday, February 27

Evening Prayers at 8

### ✠ Sunday, February 28

Third Sunday in Lent

Sunday School at 9:45

Morning Worship at 11 focusing on Why I Need Jesus

Soup and Sandwiches after worship followed by the LRT presentation



# The Weekly Word

**Windy Cove Presbyterian Church  
February 18, 2016**

## Food Pantry Avoids Snow; Makes Soup

Our Windy Cove Food Pantry was scheduled for its monthly distribution on Tuesday, February 9. Since the forecasters were predicting bad weather for that day, we postponed the Pantry until a better day. That better day came on Friday, February 12, a bright and sunny day in Millboro Springs.

Our emphasis for the February Pantry was on vegetables, pasta, and juice to make soup. The congregation had been gathering these supplies to add to the usual items that we acquire from the Blue Ridge Area Food Bank in Verona. When Pantry Coordinator, Bea Clark, weighed the soup ingredients from the congregation, they added up to 225 pounds.

However, the Food Pantry also received soup items from Millboro Elementary School where the kids had held a "Souper Bowl" to vote for their favorite team prior to the Super Bowl between Carolina and Denver. So, the kids added 75 pounds more to the Pantry's soup supplies. (By the way, the Millboro kids accurately predicted the outcome of the game since Denver's food box had more cans in it than did Carolina's.)

But, that's not all! Woodland Union Church, which regularly supplies extra things for our Pantry, also brought soup items. Their cans added another 75 pounds to the total available for distribution at the Food Pantry. Altogether then, 375 pounds of good soup ingredients were given out on the lovely Friday in February. At quite a few places around the county, we're sure that folks sat down to some delicious soup when more snow did arrive as predicted on the Sunday night and Monday following the Pantry.

Our Food Pantry is one of those ministries that operates mainly behind the scenes except on the actual Food Pantry day, the second Tuesday

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### Take Note!

#### **Sunday, February 21**

Session will meet for a light supper and for discussion at 5:30 p.m.

#### **Sunday, February 28**

We will have a Soup and Sandwich Lunch following worship. After lunch the Listening Response Team from Shenandoah Presbytery will make a presentation.

#### **Sunday, March 6**

Teens will meet at Millboro Elementary at 5.

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## Food Pantry (Cont.)

of each month. However, there is a lot of work that needs to be done, and we are very grateful for all the workers from the church and community that help with Food Pantry. We are also pleased by the community support of those who receive the help that our Pantry is able to provide. We appreciate the trust and friendship of these folks.

## Soup and Sandwiches with the Listening Response Team

Our Fellowship Event for February will be a Soup and Sandwich Lunch on Sunday, February 28, following Morning Worship. The sign-up sheet will go around again on February 21 so that you can contribute to this meal.

Around 1:15 on the 28<sup>th</sup>, members of the Listening Response Team (LRT) from Shenandoah Presbytery will share their observations with the congregation. The LRT is ready to report to the congregation about the work that they have done with the Session and congregation of Windy Cove during the last year or so. The LRT was originally appointed by the Presbytery at the request of the Windy Cove Session to help Windy Cove work through important concerns that the church had with the Presbytery and with our larger denomination, the Presbyterian Church (USA).

The LRT conducted a series of listening meetings with the Session and the congregation during 2015. The LRT also sent out a survey to the congregation in the summer of 2015. Additionally, the LRT recently talked by telephone with many of Windy Cove's members and attenders about their concerns and the overall direction of the church. Now the LRT is ready to discuss their information with the congregation and to consider the way forward. This work of the LRT is all part of Shenandoah Presbytery's policy of Reconciliation or Gracious Dismissal.

We hope that all of our members and attenders will be present to share the fellowship of the meal along with the information provided by the LRT.

## What We Really Need Is Jesus

On Sunday, February 14, Windy Covians continued their Lenten reflection on what we really need in life. Since the day was Valentine's Day, the message centered on the power of God's love. We really do need Jesus in order to understand the power of God's love. The Bible lesson focused on the truly incredible 8<sup>th</sup> Chapter of Paul's letter to the Christians in Rome.

The chapter begins with this amazing declaration: "There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ

Jesus has set us free from the law of sin and death." Before Jesus came into our lives, we were prisoners of our own sin; and we were destined for destruction. Jesus, in his great mercy, got hold of us on the road to destruction and turned us around toward eternal life with him.

However, the road of Christian discipleship is no easy street. We still face significant challenges in life. In Romans 8 Paul calls these challenges "the sufferings of this present time." Three aspects of our relationship to Jesus bring hope. First, these sufferings are not worth comparing to the glory that we will experience as God's children. The challenges will be completely outshined by the resplendent glory.

Secondly, the Holy Spirit helps us pray. Even when all we can do is groan, the Spirit interprets these groans as our heartfelt prayers for God's mercy and deliverance. Finally, and most importantly, God works in all circumstances for the good of those who love Jesus and are called according to God's purpose.

In the concluding verses of this chapter, Paul gives a strong reminder that nothing can ever separate us from the love of God which comes to us in the person of Jesus. He mentions a whole laundry list of things which might threaten us, but Paul boldly proclaims that none of them can ever separate us from God's love. God's love is that strong.

## People and Prayers

Jimbo Tennant had hip replacement surgery on January 8 in Roanoke. He was in the hospital overnight, but came home on Wednesday of that week. By Friday Jimbo was using a walker to get around the house. Clara was taking good care of him, and he was to receive home therapy as well. He told Mr. Sherrard that he expected to back in church soon.

Elders Sharon Sherrard and Traci Herscher will leave on Saturday, February 20, to attend a prophetic conference at Bethel Church in Redding, CA. Bethel is known for its worship, its emphasis on the healing ministry of the church, and its regard for continued prophecy in the church. Bethel sends many of its regular services and special events around the world through live streaming on the internet and through recorded podcasts. Traci and Sharon will enjoy two weekends at Bethel as well as the conference in the week between. They will return on the 29<sup>th</sup>.

Ruth Cauley recently returned from a Christmas vacation with her daughter and son-in-law, Phyllis and Greg Persinger, in Murfreesboro, TN. While she was there, Ruth visited with her grandchildren and great-grandchildren as well. She brought home news of a wonderful miracle of healing for her great-grandson. We are gathering details of this blessing and will share them with our readers soon.