

## Calendar of Ministries

- ✚ **Friday, September 30**  
Morning Prayers at 8
- ✚ **Saturday, October 1**  
Prayer Emphasis: Thriving Families  
Evening Prayers at 8
- ✚ **Sunday, October 2**  
Prayer Emphasis: Healthy Marriages  
Sunday School at 9:45  
Morning Worship at 11 with the Lord's  
Supper on World Communion Sunday  
Teens meet at Millboro Elementary at 5
- ✚ **Monday, October 3**  
Prayer Emphasis: Husbands & Fathers  
Morning Prayers at 8
- ✚ **Tuesday, October 4**  
Prayer Emphasis: Wives and Mothers  
Morning Prayers at 8
- ✚ **Wednesday, October 5**  
Prayer Emphasis: Wisdom for Parents

- Morning Prayers at 8  
Bible Club at the High School at 8:08  
Choir at 7 p.m.
- ✚ **Thursday, October 6**  
Prayer Emphasis: Blessings on Children  
Morning Prayers at 8
- ✚ **Friday, October 7**  
Prayer Emphasis: Schools  
Morning Prayers at 8
- ✚ **Saturday, October 8**  
Prayer Emphasis: Church's Impact on  
Families  
Evening Prayers at 8
- ✚ **Sunday, October 9**  
Prayer Emphasis: Church Workers  
Sunday School at 9:45  
Morning Worship at 11



# The Weekly Word

**Windy Cove Presbyterian Church**  
**September 29, 2016**

## World Communion Sunday

Windy Covians will observe World Communion Sunday on October 2. This first Sunday of October is the day that many Christians around the world set aside to affirm the central focus of their faith, namely, the death and resurrection of Jesus. They make this affirmation by celebrating the Lord's Supper.

In a rural area like Bath County with a relatively small and stable population, it's often easy to be discouraged about the progress of the gospel of Jesus. Many congregations see their members growing older with fewer young families and children active in their fellowship. Remembering that God's work in the Messiah Jesus is not limited to a certain geographical area can bring a helpful boost to morale.

**Around the world there are actually 2.2 billion Christians!** That figure accounts for over 30% of the world's population of around 6.9 billion people. These Christians are spread around the globe, not just in one or two areas. The top ten countries with regard to Christian adherents include the United States at # 1, Brazil at # 2, Russia at # 4, Nigeria at # 6, China at # 7, and Germany at # 10.

Christianity truly is a world religion.

Windy Cove worshippers will stand with that global community on Sunday as they celebrate Communion. The celebration of the Supper will be in the context of the current messages on The Advent of the Messiah. The purpose of these messages as well as that of Communion can be summed up in Paul's prayer for the Ephesian Christians: "I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better."

Our focus on October 2 will be on Genesis 12:1-8 with its promise that through Abraham and his children God will bless all the nations on earth. You can share that blessing!

### Take Note

**Windy Cove continues its regular Schedule on Sunday, October 2**

**Sunday School** begins at 9:45 with gathering and refreshments in the Fellowship Hall.

**Morning Worship** follows at 11 a.m. as we celebrate World Communion Sunday with the Lord's Supper.

It's the first Sunday of the month; so, **the teens meet at 5 at Millboro School.**

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## News from a Faithful Reader

Occasionally our loyal staff of the *Weekly Word* does wonder if anyone out there is actually reading the words we publish each week. So, it gives us encouragement when we receive a note from one of our readers as we did last week from Charlotte Venable who lives in Opp, AL. After her husband, Frank, passed away, Charlotte eventually moved back to Alabama to be closer to her family. Charlotte has two sisters who live in Opp. All three sisters live within blocks of each other, and Charlotte's church is only two blocks from her home.

Charlotte writes that she likes the sermon recaps that we often publish, but that she really enjoys the local news. She also lifts up in prayer the requests that we publish from time to time. As with some of our other readers, her copy of the *Weekly Word* sometimes arrives in tatters. However, she does say that sealing the out of town newsletters has helped with that postal problem.

Charlotte writes that she could picture Homecoming and wished that she had been here. She also really missed hearing Michael Tenant's testimony since Mike was such a good friend to her while he lived in a trailer on the ridge next to Charlotte's Bath County home.

She misses her friends from this area and would welcome letters from them. Her address is 400 E. Hart Ave., Opp, AL 36467-2208

## Prayer Focus

During the month of October, Windy Covians will use a tool from Focus on the Family to direct part of their prayers. The 31 Days of Prayer sheet was handed out on Sunday, September 25 for use beginning on October 1. For example, on Day 1 participants are encouraged to pray for thriving families. In his introduction, President Jim Daly of Focus on the Family offers this prayer:

*Father in Heaven,  
Help us remember that, as Your peculiar people, we Christians have always been strangers and sojourners on the earth. Remind us that it is not our job to direct the destinies of nations, but simply to shine for You, reflect Your image, and bloom for Christ wherever You choose to plant us. In that spirit, inspire us to seek our country's peace and wellbeing, even as Jeremiah instructed the Jewish exiles to work for the peace of the city to which they had been carried captive. Teach us to pray to You consistently on its behalf, knowing that in its welfare we will find peace for ourselves. Never let us forget that, come what may, our calling is always to obey God rather than man. In Jesus' name. Amen*

If you did not receive this resource, pick up a copy in the vestibule on Sunday. Check the calendar on the back of the *Weekly Word* for each day's emphasis.

## Drive-By Flu Shots

The folks from the Central Shenandoah Health District along with Bath County officials are sponsoring free flu shots to Bath County residents on Tuesday, October 11, from 4 to 7 p.m. at Bath County High School. The flu shots will be available for those persons 3 years old and above. Children under 18 years old must be accompanied by an adult.

Part of this community health program will be a training exercise in case of an emergency during which mass inoculations might be necessary. So, the intended procedure is for people to remain in their cars as they drive by to receive the flu shot.

Folks are asked to turn into the high school drive and follow directions to the rear of the school where the shots will be administered.

## Look for Your Letter

Mr. Sherrard is preparing a letter to be sent to the members and regular attenders of Windy Cove. The purpose of this letter is to bring folks up to date on the Session's and congregation's work with the Listening Response Team (LRT) from Shenandoah Presbytery. At the meeting of Shenandoah Presbytery on August 13, the Presbytery constituted the Listening Response Team as an Administrative Commission to continue its work with Windy Cove. The forthcoming letter will explain this change as well as remind folks of the past history with the LRT.

## People and Prayers

We had some beautiful flowers in the sanctuary the past two Sundays. On September 18 Liz and Larry Entsminger provided the arrangement to honor their grandson, Heath's, first birthday. Heath shares a birthday with Liz's mother so the flowers also were in memory of her.

Last Sunday Mary Beth Nair presented the flowers to honor her mother who was celebrating her 101<sup>st</sup> birthday on Wednesday, September 28. We appreciate these flowers and offer prayers of thanksgiving for those who gave them and for the loved ones honored and remembered with the flowers.

Dave and Traci Herscher (especially Traci) were practically bursting with the news on Sunday that they expect to be grandparents in April 2017. Their daughter, Angela Herscher Bradley (married to Tyler) is expecting their first child in the spring. Congratulations!

Meanwhile, Mike Grist, is home from visiting his granddaughter Olivia Stein in Switzerland. Grand Ma, Vicki, stayed an extra week with daughter, Samm and her husband, Nate, and the baby. Besides a glowing report on Olivia, Mike gave insight into life in Switzerland to those attending Sunday School on the 25<sup>th</sup>. Bath County hearers were particularly impressed by Mike's description of the near universal use of the public transportation system of buses and trains in Switzerland.