

Calendar of Ministries

✚ Saturday, October 8

Prayer Emphasis: America's Churches
Evening Prayers at 8

✚ Sunday, October 9

Prayer Emphasis: church Workers
Sunday School at 9:45
Morning Worship at 11

✚ Monday, October 10

Prayer Emphasis: Difficult Circumstances of Pregnant Moms
Morning Prayers at 8

✚ Tuesday, October 11

Prayer Emphasis: Babies in the Womb
Morning Prayers at 8
Food Pantry, 1:30 to 4 p.m.

✚ Wednesday, October 12

Prayer Emphasis: At-Risk Kids
Morning Prayers at 8
Bible Club at the High School at 8:08

Choir at 7 p.m.

✚ Thursday, October 13

Prayer Emphasis: People in Crisis
Morning Prayers at 8

✚ Friday, October 14

Prayer Emphasis: Struggles in Poverty
Morning Prayers at 8

✚ Saturday, October 15

Prayer Emphasis: Hungry in America
Youth Retreat in Highland County
Evening Prayers at 8

✚ Sunday, October 16

Prayer Emphasis: The Homeless
Youth Retreat in Highland County
Sunday School at 9:45
Morning Worship at 11
Mission Community at Young Life starts at 2:30, picnic at 5, music to follow



The Weekly Word

Windy Cove Presbyterian Church
October 6, 2016

Jesus the Messiah: Descendant of Abraham

Drawing closer to Jesus the Messiah was the focus of worship at Windy Cove on September 25. Two aspects of Jesus' life and ministry were considered. First, the New Testament proclaims that Jesus is the ultimate fulfillment of the promise given to Abraham that persons or even a person of his family would be a blessing to all the nations of the earth. Secondly, with the celebration of the Lord's Supper, the congregation considered the implications of feasting upon Jesus.

One can see the theme of the promise to Abraham working its way throughout much of the Old Testament and into the New Testament. For example, Joseph who was the great-grandson of Abraham blessed the entire nation of Egypt with his wise counsel to Pharaoh during an extended famine. His interpretation of Pharaoh's two dreams led to his being named the viceroy of Egypt, second only to Pharaoh. From that position, he instituted policy that saved the nation during the famine.

In Galatians 3:16 in the New Testament, Paul states that Jesus is the ultimate fulfillment of the promise to Abraham. In fact, Paul goes back to

the original promise and points out that it mentions an "offspring" (that is, one particular descendant) of Abraham not "offsprings". Paul interprets this one descendant to be the Messiah Jesus. It is through Jesus that all nations of the earth can truly be blessed.

Part of that blessing is the strength and encouragement that believers in Jesus receive from his presence with them. Jesus himself in John 6 used the metaphor that people can and should "feast on him." Early Christians were accused by their pagan neighbors of being cannibals because they spoke of eating Jesus' body and drinking his blood. Of course, the image refers instead to the sustaining

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Take Note

Windy Cove continues its regular Schedule on Sunday, October 9 with **Sunday School** 9:45 and **Morning Worship** at 11 a.m.

Food Pantry, Tuesday, Oct 11, 1:30 to 4

Youth Retreat, Saturday and Sunday, Oct 15 and 16 in Highland County.

Food Truck, Tuesday, Oct 18, 10 a.m.

Fellowship Lunch, Sunday, Oct 23

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Descendant of Abraham (Cont.)

presence of Jesus in the power of the Holy Spirit which is especially evident and available in the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper.

That sustaining presence of Jesus is most needed during difficult times in life. Two examples indicate how Jesus works in such times. Remember the words of Psalm 23, "You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies." The meaning is clear: when we are threatened is the time we most need to feast on Jesus.

Or, what about the story of Meshach, Shadrach, and Abednego? When they would not bow down to him, King Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon had these three friends of Daniel thrown into the fiery furnace. However, the fire did not consume the three. Instead, those looking on saw a fourth figure in the fire, one like the Son of Man. This figure was Jesus the Messiah who referred to himself of the Son of Man.

Yes, we often do face enemies or fiery trials in our lives. Nevertheless, the Messiah Jesus is present to feed us and protect us at these terribly difficult times.

Our series on the Advent of the Messiah will continue on Sunday, October 9 as we look at Jesus as a descendant of David. Our main lesson will be from 2 Samuel 7:12-16. Don't miss this opportunity!

Drive-By Flu Shots

Don't forget the opportunity this coming week to get your flu shots at Bath County High School.

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 for 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. If all runs smoothly, time to receive the shot should be about 15 minutes.

Administrative Commission

As we indicated last week, Shenandoah Presbytery has constituted the Listening Response Team previously assigned to Windy Cove as an Administrative Commission to continue its work with the church. At this stage of the Discernment Process, the main task of the Administrative is to negotiate a settlement

whereby the church can be graciously dismissed to another Presbyterian denomination.

The Administrative Commission will work with a Negotiating Team appointed by the Windy Cove Session. This Team consists of Elders Mike Grist, Tammy Lindsay, Jon Eaton, and Bruce Cambata. If you have thoughts about this process, speak of one of these folks or to Mr. Sherrard.

During the Fellowship Lunch scheduled for October 23, the Negotiating Team will give a report on any progress being made and listen to comments from the congregation about this work. Please pray!

Grateful for New Rails

Under the supervision of our Property Ministry Team, new handrails have been installed on the kitchen porch and rear porch of the church. Denny Forbes and son, Nathan, did the work. The old railings had become so rickety that they were more of a hazard than a help. The handrail on the back porch is especially needed during Food Pantry. Boxes and sacks of food are handed down those stairs to the waiting recipients who drive around for pick up. The new railing will steady this process.

The Property Team invites your insight into conditions on the church's property. They can't always move immediately on every suggestion, but they do appreciate your help.

Prayers

We hope that most of our local attenders have picked up their 31 Days of Prayer Brochures by this time. If not, be sure to find one in the vestibule on Sunday. This prayer sheet from Focus on the Family has suggestions for daily prayers during the month of October leading to the national election in November. The prayers do focus on praying for families, for our country, and for the coming election.

In addition to the guidance and opportunity offered by the brochure, the Sherrards will be taking a van full of people to Washington on Monday, November 7 to worship, pray, and proclaim God's word on the National Mall. This group will visit David's Tent and read the Scriptures from Ezra's Platform within the Tent. By the time of the election, this ministry will have been ongoing for more than a year on or around the Mall.

None of these opportunities is about a particular candidate or political party. People, even Christians, can often agree on what some of the issues or problems are, but they may still disagree on the best way to solve the problems or deal with the issues. Our Christian faith does call us to be good citizens, to be loyal to our country when its government performs the functions for which it was created, and to pray for our leaders. May God bless us.