

## Calendar of Ministries

- ✚ **Saturday, February 3, 2018**  
Evening Prayers at 7:30
- ✚ **Sunday, February 4**  
Sunday School at 9:45 with refreshments around 9:30  
Morning Worship at 11 celebrating the Lord's Supper  
Super Bowl Party at the Dairy Barn in Warm Springs at 6 p.m.
- ✚ **Tuesday, February 6**  
Morning Prayers at 8  
Mr. Sherrard meets his classes today.
- ✚ **Wednesday, February 7**  
Morning Prayers at 8  
Bible Club at the High School at 8:08  
Choir at 7 p.m.

- ✚ **Thursday, February 8**  
Morning Prayers at 8  
Mr. Sherrard meets his classes today.
- ✚ **Saturday, February 10**  
Evening Prayers at 7:30
- ✚ **Sunday, February 11**  
Sunday School at 9:45  
Morning Worship at 11
- The Season of Lent will begin at Windy Cove on Wednesday, February 14 with an Ash Wednesday evening service at 7:30 p.m. Worshipers will have the opportunity for repentance and prayer. Ashes are a sign of mourning over sin and of repentance, a reorientation of life away from sin and towards God.**



# The Weekly Word

**Windy Cove Presbyterian Church**  
**February 1, 2018**

## Celebrating Communion

In Morning Worship on Sunday, February 4, the Windy Cove congregation will celebrate the sacrament of the Lord's Supper, often referred to as Communion. In fact, the different names for this sacrament reveal much of its meaning and power in the lives of faithful Christians.

When we refer to this unique meal as the "Lord's Supper," the emphasis lies on two aspects. First, we remember the last earthly Passover Meal that Jesus celebrated with his disciples. At this meal in the upper room, Jesus extended the meaning of Passover to include his own sacrifice to take away the sins of the world. Jesus attached deeper meaning to the Old Testament meal which commemorated the deliverance of God's people from bondage in Egypt.

Secondly, the reference to the "Lord's Supper," reminds us that Jesus continues to nourish our spiritual relationship with God. Just as the body needs physical food, so our spirits need the spiritual food that Jesus offers in the Lord's Supper.

When we refer to the sacrament as "Communion," the emphasis is on the relationship or spiritual connection that believers have with Jesus through the Holy Spirit. Jesus continues to nurture that relationship by hosting a special meal in which he is spiritually present to his people.

Additionally, "Communion" emphasizes the relationship of believers with each other because of their relationship with Jesus through the Holy Spirit. God's relationship with people since the time of Abraham has always involved a family or a people called into covenant with God. God's

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### **Take Note**

On Sunday, February 4  
Sunday School at 9:45  
Morning Worship at 11 celebrating the Lord's Supper  
Super Bowl Party at the Dairy Barn in Warm Springs starts at 6 p.m. and includes a better half-time program  
Coming Soon  
Fellowship Breakfast on February 18 at 9 to kick-off our Lenten series.

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## Communion (Cont.)

call has always created a community of people whose mission has been to bless all the nations of the earth.

Another name for the sacrament of the Lord's Supper is the "Eucharist." That term is more common in Episcopal churches than in Presbyterian congregations. "Eucharist" derives from the Greek word which means to give thanks. As Jesus lifted up the bread and the cup at the Last Supper, the Bible says that he gave thanks to God. So, in the Eucharist, we give thanks to God for his blessings and especially for his blessing of the Messiah-Savior-Son, Jesus.

On Sunday, February 4, we will give thanks when we gather as a community of God's people to celebrate the special meal of the Lord's Supper.

## Don't Be Offended

In worship on January 28, Windy Covians focused on two aspects of the Kingdom of God. In Matthew 11:1-6, Jesus answers a question brought to him by the followers of John the Baptist. The Baptist had asked, "Are You the Messiah we've been expecting, or should we keep looking for someone else?"

Jesus answers John's question by noting all the Kingdom activities that have been going on

around Jesus and his disciples. Jesus says, ". . . the blind see, the lame walk, the lepers are cured, the deaf hear, the dead are raised to life, and the Good News is being preached to the poor." In other words, Jesus points out the evidence that he is the promised Messiah. His ministry corresponds to the previous prophecies for the Messiah such as those in Isaiah 61:1.

But, Jesus concludes with the rather odd statement, "God blesses those who do not turn away because of Me." In other translations of the Bible, Jesus statement appears as, "And blessed is the one who is not offended by me." Or, "Blessed is anyone who does not stumble on account of me."

From John's perspective, the evidence of Jesus' ministry as the Messiah had a different look. Why? The facts did not look the same because John was in prison. None of those wonderful things that had been happening around Jesus had prevented John's imprisonment nor would they save John from being beheaded by Herod Antipas. So, John's expectations about the Messiah were not being fulfilled, at least not in his current circumstances.

How often do people today think like John the Baptist? If someone we know gets healed,

do we think, "What about me?" Or, "What about the person in my family that I prayed for that was not healed?" Or, even in a more positive situation, when someone we know receives a true blessing, do we think, "What about me, Lord? Where's my blessing?"

Jesus' answer to such questions is the same as he gave to John the Baptist. In effect, Jesus says, "Just look at the evidence and trust me. Don't stumble or take offense or fall away because of me just because your personal expectations of who I should be don't correspond precisely to who I actually am. If you remain faithful, you will receive the blessings of the Kingdom even if they come in a way that you cannot anticipate."

Many people in Jesus' day and in our own day don't understand Jesus' messianic ministry. They do stumble; they do fall away. But, those who are faithful to the end receive the victor's crown of life.

## Coming in February

So far, we nearly forty people have signed up for our Lenten program **Seeking Allah, Finding Jesus**. There's still time to get your name on the list. This video and discussion series will begin on Sunday, February 18, during the Sunday School hour.

However, the series is not just your usual Sunday School class. We encourage everyone to register for the series. We believe that you will find this video and discussion material helpful for deepening your own faith in Jesus. In addition, these lessons will promote your understanding of life in the Muslim community. **We need folks to register for the class so that we may order the appropriate materials for it.** This series will present a significant Lenten opportunity for the entire congregation.

Our Fellowship Ministry Team has scheduled a breakfast for the first Sunday of our Lenten series. We'll begin breakfast promptly at 9 a.m., and our lesson will start after breakfast.

## The Check Is in the Mail!

At the Signing Ceremony on January 28, the Windy Cove trustees signed the deed to the church's real property receiving title from Shenandoah Presbytery. Clerk of Session, Nancy Peery, signed the bill of sale for the personal property.

On Monday, the 29<sup>th</sup>, the documents were mailed to our attorney along with our check for \$150,000 to Shenandoah Presbytery. This concludes all the business necessary for our transfer to the Covenant Order of Evangelical Presbyterians.