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October Newsletter 2026

Greetings Members and Friends,

As we enter into the month of October, many may argue that apart from December, it might just be the busiest month of the year. With all the Fall decorating and Fall Harvest festivities, it can quickly become a month of the year whereby we are quickly overwhelmed with things to do. Furthermore, Halloween is at the end of October, piling on to the business of the month and of the season. Again, there are a lot of things to do and a lot of ways to spend our time. For many however, not only is October a busy month, but it is also one of the most beautiful months of the year outdoors. With temperatures cooling down and the changing of leaves it frequently becomes a favorite month for many. Once again, it is a busy month full of things to do. It is a time of gathering together. One of the great ways to do this is by starting off the month with another celebration we observe on the first Sunday of October. It is what we recognize as *World Communion Sunday*. It is a time where we , as well as many other Christians all over the world celebrate and partake of the Lord's Supper on the same day. It is a time that we remember our faith and our heritage. It is a time that we acknowledge God's love and Christ's redeeming work through the cross. Therefore, may we remember, with all the other activities we share in this season, let us be reminded of God's unifying work through Christ that has reached us and many throughout the world.

Grace and Peace,

Pastor John

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SESSION DIGEST

The Session met for its stated meeting on September 27, 2026, in the Session Room. The next stated meeting is scheduled for October 18.

Pastoral Concerns:

Ron Blevins, Shirley Cavender, The Dunford Family, Marion Griffin, Pastor John Langham, Bill and Susan Pollard, Dorothy Repass and Jim Willis.

Motions approved by the Session:

- The Nominating Committee will work to replace members of the Session who are rotating off at year's end.
- The Finance Report for August was received.
- The Session approved replacing the Hatcher Hall and flat roof by *Cenvar Roofing* at a cost of up to $45,000.
- The Session approved announcing the roofing work in weekly bulletins and asking for donations to support the project.
- The Session approved the Mission Committee sending an email describing the World Communion Offering on October 4th and how funds will be distributed at the PCUSA Missions level.
- The 2026 Stewardship theme and Fall campaign is 1 John 3:18. Weekly Service will include Stewardship Minutes from a select committee on their work.
- The Stewardship Committee will offer its annual Luncheon on October 25th, following the worship service.

Review of Calendar of Events for October:

4 – World Communion Sunday
18 – Stated Session Meeting
18 – Cove Service
25 – Stewardship Luncheon Following the Worship Service
29 – Alternative Service 6-7 p.m.
31 – Trunk-or Treat on Church Street

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Presbyterian Women Circle Meetings:

Circle 1 Presbyterian Women will meet on Monday, October 5th, at 11:00 a.m., in the Fellowship Hall. As usual, please bring a bag lunch.

Circle 3 Presbyterian Women Will meet on Monday, October 5th at 7:00 p.m., in the Fellowship Hall

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Sunday School News:

The Don Wysor Sunday School meets on Sunday Mornings at 9:45 A.M. in the Children's Classroom across from the Choir Room. Our Study until Advent will be Paul's Letter to the Ephesians. The video supported sessions are presented by Pastor and Author J.D. Greear who challenges us to live out the gospel and share it with those around us. Our group encourages everyone to join us. The discussion makes for interesting and educational gatherings. If you have not been to Sunday School for a while, please give this a try.

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Monthly Meetings:

Monday, October 5th	Circle 1 Meets, 11:00 a.m., in the Fellowship Hall
Monday, October 5th:	Circle 3 Meets, 7:00 p.m., in the Fellowship Hall
Tuesday, October 13th	Finance Committee, 4:00 p.m.
Sunday, October 18th:	Session Meeting, Following the Worship Service
Tuesday, October 20th:	Worship Committee, 10:00 a.m.
Tuesday, October 20th :	Church Growth Committee, 4:00 p.m., Fellowship Hall

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5- Cents a Meal: 

Please remember the **5 Cents-A-Meal offering on Sunday, October 18th** . You may bring it to the church or mail it in with your pledge. A basket will be placed in the narthex for your convenience. Please make a separate check and notate on the memo line. Many thanks for your giving.

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Cove Service:

The next **Cove Service will be Sunday, October 18th! Please plan to join us at 7:30 p.m**.! Invite friends and family to join us for an evening of fellowship, hymn singing, and an inspirational message within the walls of one of Wythe County's most historic remaining "rural churches". Hope to see you there!

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Hope Packs: 

Assembly of the HOPE PACKS resumed commensurate to the fall reopening of Wythe and Bland County Schools. We welcome anyone who is available to come to THE OPEN-DOOR CAFÉ at 5:00 p.m. on the 4th Wednesday of each month, which is designated to WPC, to help assemble food bags for the children of our community who don't always have access to food. The process only requires about an hour of your time, one afternoon per month. It's such a small sacrifice that can change the life of a child. Please consider joining us to help. **Hope to see you on Wednesday, October 28th at 5:00p.m.!**

Property Committee Update:

Major Roofing Project! The Property Committee has been diligently working on getting a badly needed new roof on both Hatcher Hall and the flat roof. CENVAR ROOFING will be performing the work this fall at a cost of about $45,000. If anyone would like to contribute to this project, donations will be gratefully accepted. **Checks can be made out to Wytheville Presbyterian Church with "Roofing Project" on the subject line. Thank you.**

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Stewardship Message:

The 2026 Stewardship Theme is—1 John 3:18 "Dear Children, let us not love with words or tongue, but with actions and in truth". Each Fall our congregation is asked to make a pledge for the coming year. In order to plan for doing the Lord's work in 2027, the income anticipated must be known. This month during each service, a committee will report on their actions in 2026. Our Stewardship Luncheon will be held on October 25th. Please begin to consider your pledge for 2027. Thank You, Your Stewardship Committee.

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Mission Committee Update:

MOUNTAIN MOVERS MINISTRY

Scott and Rebecca Owens established Mountain Movers Ministry to bring community resources directly to people in need. They "moved" their faith into practice following the promise of Matthew 17:20, He said to them, "Because of your little faith. For truly I tell you, if you have faith the size of a mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there', and it will move; and nothing will be impossible for you."

"Mountain Movers Ministry specializes in matching donated items to families in need. We collect furniture, appliances, household items, clothing, linens, baby items, etc. We clean, if needed, and inventory the items and then match them to needs identified in our community through churches, schools or other agencies. We pick up donated items and provide delivery. We do not pay for items and will never sell any items donated."

This ministry serves people in need in Wythe, Smyth and Bland Counties. We learned about them through our connection with SWVA Crossroads and the Care Portal Program. Recently our Church had the opportunity to share donated furniture that was stored in our upstairs Youth Room. Scott, Rebecca and their daughter, Charmie arrived with their trailer and loaded couches, chairs, tables, a bed frame and a playpen. Within a few days they communicated that they had served five households with the donated furniture we shared.

Scott and Rebecca say, "Mountain Movers Ministry exists for the purpose of helping and supporting people who have found themselves in a season of need. We don't care why they're in that season or how they got there, we only care about helping them move forward".

God is Great! (Continued on page 5)

You can find Mountain Movers Ministry, Wytheville (there is another non-profit with the same name in Richmond) on Facebook. If you are interested in donating items, you can reach them at mtn.movers26@gmail.com or at (336) 289-1948.



Newsletter & Office Information:

Please submit your information for the **November 2026 Newsletter** to the church office by **Friday, October 23rd**. Your help is greatly appreciated!

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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4 19th Sunday after Pentecost 11 A.M. Worship Service Adult Sunday School 9:45am **World Communion Sunday** Happy Birthday! Farron Smith	5 **Circle 1 meeting 11:00 am Fellowship Hall** **Circle 3 meeting 7:00pm F.H.**	6 Happy Birthday! Joey Moore	7	8	9 Happy Birthday! J.B. Willis	10
11 20th Sunday after Pentecost 11 A.M. Worship Service Adult Sunday School 9:45am Happy Birthday! Ron Boone	12 Happy Birthday! James Crockett Scott	13 **Finance Comm. 4:00**	14	15 Happy Birthday! Derek Williams & Rose Stone	16	17
18 21st Sunday after Pentecost Adult Sunday School 9:45am 11 A.M. Worship Service 5-Cents-A-Meal offering **COVE Service 7:30pm**	19	20 **Worship Comm 10: 00** **Church Growth 4:00 pm F.H.**	21 Happy Birthday! Danny Dean	22	23	24
25 22nd Sunday after Pentecost Adult Sunday School 9:45am 11 A.M. Worship Service **Stewardship Luncheon after Worship Service**	26	27	28 **Hope Packs Assembly 5:00 p.m.**	29 Happy Birthday! Sherry Dean **Alternative Service 6pm**	30	31 **Trunk-or-Treat** Happy Birthday! Judy Crouse