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November Newsletter 2026

Greetings Members and Friends,

As we enter into this season of the year, the days will soon be shorter, and the temperatures will soon be much cooler. As a result of both of these things, there is the potential for folks to socialize much less with each other and see much less of each other. However, Albert Einstein said, and I quote. **"In the midst of every crisis, lies great opportunity!"** Not that we will be in an actual crisis, but the truth is, this time of year, our chances to connect with each other and see each other decreases considerably. However, we are reminded, in **Hebrews 10:25, "To not stop meeting together as many are in the habit of doing."**

That being said, let me be the first to extend to you an invitation to come and join us indoors. Come and join us indoors where it will be warm; where we will have several functions and gatherings throughout the winter. We will have warm food, and warm drinks for your body. We will have plenty of warm, spiritual food for your soul. So, we hope you and the friends you invite will join us. Come in from the cold and enjoy the friendly warmth inside this building and within these walls.

Grace and Peace,

Pastor John

SESSION DIGEST

The Session met for its stated meeting on October 18, 2026, in the Session Room. The next stated meeting is scheduled for November 22.

Pastoral Concerns:

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

Motions approved by the Session:

- Accepted the financial reports for September 2026.

Review of Calendar of Events for November:

1 – *All Saints' Day*
1 – *Daylight Saving Time Ends*
1 – Commitment Sunday
3– Election Day
11 – *Veterans Day*
12 – Abingdon Presbytery Meeting @ Green Spring PC
15 – Cove Service
22 – Stated Session Meeting
26 - *Thanksgiving Day (Office Closed)*
29 – First Sunday of Advent

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Presbyterian Women Circle Meetings:

Circle 1 Presbyterian Women will meet on Monday, November 2nd, at 11:00 a.m., in the Fellowship Hall. As usual, please bring a bag lunch.

Circle 3 Presbyterian Women Will meet on Monday, November 2nd at 7:00 p.m., in the Fellowship Hall

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Sunday School News:

Christmas is Coming!

The Don Wysor Sunday School Class study of Ephesians will conclude on November 8th. Starting on November 15th, we begin a study called "Advent" led by the Evangelist Derwin Gray. This program will run until December 13th. On December 20th, we will see a presentation by Billy and Franklin Graham titled "Rediscovering Christmas". We meet in the Children's Classroom across from the Choir Room at 9:45AM each Sunday and would love for folks to join us.

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Monthly Meetings:

Monday, November 2nd:	Circle 1 Meets, 11:00 a.m., in the Fellowship Hall
Monday, November 2nd:	Circle 3 Meets, 7:00 p.m., in the Fellowship Hall
Tuesday, November10th	Finance Committee, 4:00 p.m.
Tuesday, November 17th	Worship Committee Meeting, 10:00 a.m.
Tuesday, November 17th:	Church Growth Committee, 4:00 p.m., Fellowship Hall
Sunday, November 22nd:	Session Meeting Following the worship Service

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5- Cents a Meal: 

Please remember the **5 Cents-A-Meal offering on Sunday, November 15th** . 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, November 15th! 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, November 25th at 5:00p.m.!
(unless postponed due to the Thanksgiving holiday)

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Property Committee Update:

Roofing Project! We are happy to report that CENVAR ROOFING has restored our "worn-out" roof! Wytheville Presbyterian Church is more than a brick-and-mortar structure that needs some T.L.C., it's been a home and refuge to generations of our ancestors, and to us, for more than 2 Centuries! We wish to thank those who have contributed to this much needed, but costly renovation! If anyone would like to contribute to the cost of 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:

As we think about Stewardship, let's remember that everything we have is a gift from God. Stewardship is more than simply giving financially, it's about giving our time, talents, and our resources to serve God and this church. Each of us has something valuable to offer. Whether it's through our giving, volunteering, encouraging others, or using the gifts God has given us. Every act of service makes a difference.

Let's prayerfully consider how we can be better stewards of all God has entrusted to us. When we give with a willing heart, we're not only supporting our church, but we're also helping share God's love and further His work in our community.

Thank you for faithfully giving, serving, and sharing the gifts God has blessed you with.

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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:

The Church Office will be closed on Thursday, November 26th in observance of the Thanksgiving Day holiday. It will reopen on Friday, November 27 at 9:00 a.m. for business as usual.

Please submit your information for the **December 2026 Newsletter** to the church office by **Friday, November 20th**. Your help is greatly appreciated!

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NOVEMBER 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 23RD Sunday after Pentecost 11 A.M. Worship Service Adult Sunday School 9:45am **ALL SAINTS DAY** **Daylight Saving Time Ends**	2 **Circle 1 meeting 11:00 am Fellowship Hall** **Circle 3 meeting 7:00pm F.H.**	3 **Election Day**	4	5 Happy Birthday! Ron Smiley	6 Happy Birthday! Kayla Lavallee	7
8 24th Sunday after Pentecost 11 A.M. Worship Service Adult Sunday School 9:45am	9 Happy Birthday! Bill Smith	10 **Finance Comm. 4:00**	11 Veterans Day Happy Birthday! Kym Dunford	12 Abingdon Presby meeting	13	14 Happy Birthday! Linda Rice
15 25th Sunday after Pentecost 11 A.M. Worship Service Adult Sunday School 9:45am 5-Cents-A-Meal offering **COVE Service 7:30pm**	16	17 **Worship Comm 10: 00** **Church Growth 4:00 pm F.H.**	18 Happy Birthday! Marsha Boone & Sam Crockett	19	20	21 Happy Birthday! Ethan Lavallee
22 Christ the King/Reign of Christ Adult Sunday School 9:45am 11 A.M. Worship Service **SESSION MEETING**	23	24 **Worship Comm 10: 00** **Church Growth 4:00 pm F.H.**	25	26 Happy Birthday! Debbie Larson **Thanksgiving Day (**office closed)	27 Happy Birthday! Letty Nance	28
29 1st Sunday of Advent Adult Sunday School 9:45am 11 A.M. Worship Service	30					