

1. **Communion procedure.** All of the comments I have heard about the February 21 communion service were positive, such as appreciation for more time to meditate on the meaning of the sacrament. Does Session wish to use six elders to serve communion for some/all services in the future?
2. **Lenten-Holy Week events.** Here are some of the upcoming events over the next month:
 - Sunday, March 7: PW Sunday, Olivia Haney, Guest Speaker
 - Wednesday, March 10: Church Night supper and program by Rhonda Howdysshell, SAW Habitat for Humanity
 - Sunday, March 21: Staunton Presbyterians Pulpit Exchange. I will be at Bethany; Joe Brandon will come to Second
 - Sunday, March 28: Palm Sunday – Parade (10:25 a.m.); Luncheon (12:00 p.m.)
 - Thursday, April 1: Maundy Thursday Communion (7:30 p.m.)
 - Friday, April 2: Good Friday Service of Shadows (7:30 p.m.)
 - Sunday, April 4: Easter Sunday and the One Great Hour of Sharing
3. **Meeting reminder.** There is no March meeting of Session. The next Session meeting will be Wednesday, April 28, 7:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall.
4. **Highland Augusta Mission Community pulpit exchange.** Having heard reports of our Staunton Presbyterian exchange, HAMC wants to gauge interest in doing this across a mission community. The date that has been floated is sometime in May, after Mothers' Day, most likely May 16. Would Session be interested in Second participating in this?
5. **Presbytery Council.** I was nominated and elected to serve as the Vice Chair of Presbytery Council, to replace the Rev. Jason Whitener (former pastor of Tinkling Spring Church), for the rest of this year. I will serve as Chair of Council next year.
6. **Vacation-Study Leave.** At this point, the only times I know that I will be away this year where Sunday supplies will be needed are:
 - Sunday, July 4 (Vacation: 219th General Assembly attendance)
 - Sunday, July 25 (Study Leave: Baja Mission Trip)
 - Sunday, August 1: Study Leave, Baja Mission Trip)

SHENANDOAH PRESBYTERY FACT SHEET

Shenandoah Presbytery comprises 110 churches within the Shenandoah Valley and the Potomac Highlands of Virginia and West Virginia. The presbytery is divided into six mission communities. second is in the Highland Augusta Mission Community, the largest of the six. I served as the convener of HAMC from 2003 through early 2009.

Shenandoah Presbytery meets four times each year, in February (Saturday), May (Tuesday), August (Saturday), and November (Tuesday). Meetings vary throughout the presbytery, according to invitations extended by sessions and institutions. Presbytery Council coordinates the business of the presbytery in between meetings. The presbytery maintains an office at 1111 North Main Street in Harrisonburg (U.S. 11), and employs staff including a General Presbyter (Sally Henchman), Communications Coordinator and Hunger Action Enabler (Doug Sensabaugh), Assistant of Constitutional Services (Kim Troupe), Resource Center Coordinator (Lisa Hedrick), Stated Clerk (Jan Owen), Receptionist/Secretary (Cheri Bowman), as well as a bookkeeper and treasurer.

Because of the mission community structure put in place around 2000, much of the work of the presbytery is decentralized. The only presbytery-wide structures are those mandated by the *Book of Order* and a few others.

Constitutional Committees:

- Presbytery Council (mentioned above)
- Committee on Ministry, which includes several subcommittees: Professional Development, Salary, Sessional Records, Pastoral Care and Wellness, Churches In Transition, Examinations, and Ministerial Relations
- Committee on Preparation for Ministry
- Nominations Committee
- Permanent Judicial Commission

Standing Committees and Organizations:

- Budget and Finance (includes Partners in Endowment)
- Church Development
- Communications
- Funds Administration
- Office and Personnel
- Committee on Representation
- Resource Committee
- Self Development of People
- World Wide Ministries (includes Partnership Committee and iCARE)
- Presbyterian Women

Shenandoah Presbytery's 2010 Budget calls for a total expenditure of \$998,641 for 2010. The expenses of Presbytery can be broken down as follows:

- Administrative and Mission Support for Synod and G.A. 186,651
- Administration: Salaries and Benefits. 345,843
- Administration: Office and meeting expenses. 142,744
- Constitutional Committees expenses. 36,248
- Mission Community grants. 31,184
- Presbyterian Women. 6,293
- Presbytery Council 11,136
- Presbytery Funds Administration. 13,841
- Standing Committees. 177,017
- Chaplain's Service of Churches VA. 6,000
- Lutheran Presbyterian Campus Ministry. 15,750
- Westminster Foundation, Inc. 15,000
- Youth Programming, Montreal, Triennium. 16,500

In the Standing Committees, the largest expense is for the Church Development/Redevelopment Committee, at \$116,700. The partnership with the Illubabor Bethel Synod of the EECMY is funded by \$23,350. I have a copy of the budget for anyone who would like to see it.

Our most frequent contact with Shenandoah Presbytery would be the following:

1. Quarterly meetings
2. Participation in HAMC (quarterly meetings plus the Baja Mission Trip)
3. Presbyterian Women programs and events
4. Sessional Records Committee: annual review of minutes
5. Salary Subcommittee of COM: annual recommendation pertaining to terms of call COLAs