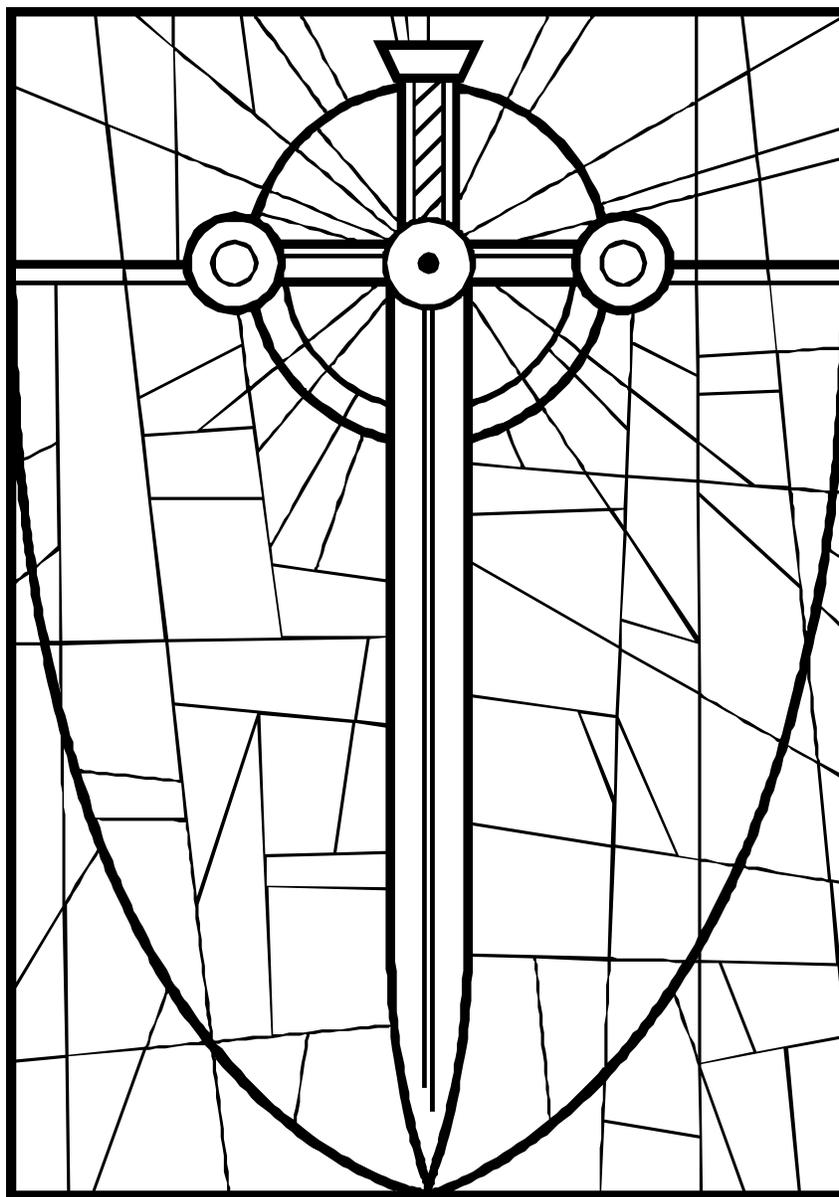


OPEQUON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

his mighty power. Put

Be strong in the Lord and in



on the full armor of God

Ephesians 6:10-11a

WELCOME! This historic church began worship on these grounds in 1732 and was organized in 1736. We are dedicated to “prayerfully equipping disciples of all generations to be Christ’s hands, heart and feet in the world.” We are strengthened today by your presence whether guest or member. Go forth, blest and renewed because you were here this day!

INFORMATION FOR OUR GUESTS

To get the most out of your visit, may we recommend you familiarize yourself with the following:

- We encourage you to share requests for prayer. You may do so by completing the pink form found in the pew rack and placing it in the offering.
- Trust your children to the care of our dedicated, loving workers! The nursery rooms are located through the Gathering Area, down the Gallery and through the Dell Room. An usher will be happy to escort you. Our nursery ministry cares for infants and toddlers to age three.
- Worship Bags are available for children ages 3-kindergarten. These bags are located in a basket in the back of the Sanctuary. Children are welcome to pick one up as they arrive for worship each week. Please return the bags (and contents) to the basket as you leave worship.
- Parenting in the Pew notebooks are great tools for PARENTS to use while in worship. We value children and parents worshipping together. Parents are invited to pick up one of the 3-ring notebooks in the basket in the back of the Sanctuary and use the suggestions, tools, and ideas within it as you worship with your child. Please return the notebooks to the basket as you leave the sanctuary. Thank you.
- Look forward to taking part in a Sunday School class each week. Sunday School resumes at 9:45 a.m. starting next Sunday. There are classes for all ages and interests.
- Restrooms and a coat rack are located off the Gathering Area, just outside the Sanctuary.
- A water fountain is located off the Gathering Area.
- Large-print hymnals and bulletins are available from an usher.
- Personal hearing assistance devices are available from an usher if you would like to use one.
- Transportation can be provided to worship. Call the church office, 662-1843, before 12:30 p.m. on Friday.

SERVICE FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

November 1, 2015

8:30 & 11:00 a.m.

All Saints' Day

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

PRELUDE

Swing Low, Sweet ChariotImprovisation

Please use this time to prepare for the worship of God.

Please complete the Friendship folder and pass it along during the greeting.

PRAYER REQUEST forms are inside the pew racks—please place in offering plate.

†All who are able, please stand.

Bold print—all respond

THE CHURCH BELL RINGS

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

STEWARDSHIP MOMENTS..... “Technology and Communication”
Ruling Elder Lance Astorino

ENTRANCE OF THE WORD AND THE LIGHT

†GATHERING SONG NO. 701 *Lord Prepare Me*

†CALL TO WORSHIP

Fling wide the temple gates!

Open up the ancient doors!

The mighty and glorious one is coming.

Who is this mighty and glorious one?

This is the Lord for whom we have waited.

Let us be glad and rejoice in God.

†HYMN OF PRAISE NO. 732 (Tune-Lyons) *Rejoice in God's Saints*
(Please be seated for prayer)

CALL TO CONFESSION

God has promised to make of us a new creation, laying to rest the former things, making all things new. Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sin.

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty Lord and God, in Jesus Christ you came from heaven to dwell among us, calling us to be your faithful people. Yet we remain shrouded in sin—we hurt and disgrace ourselves; we abuse and destroy one another; we dishonor your holy name.

Forgive us; unbind us and let us go so that we may stand among your saints, rejoicing in your saving grace; through Jesus Christ our Redeemer.

Moments of Silent Confession

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Hear the good news: Christ himself is the Word that offers eternal life to all who receive him. This proves his love for us.

LITANY OF PARDON

Friends, believe the Good News of the Gospel
In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

†**THE RESPONSE OF PRAISE** (Worship Order p. 7, vv. 1, 3, 4)

..... *O When the Saints Go Marching In*

†**PASSING OF THE PEACE** (Please share this prayer with those near you.)

May the peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

TIME OF REMEMBRANCE AND THANKSGIVING ON ALL SAINTS' DAY

On this All Saints' Sunday, we celebrate our great communion with the saints and especially honor the memory and lives of those who have died in the past year and joined the Church Triumphant...

David A. Brumble

Winifred H. Clevenger

Morgan "Duke" Foulk

Thomas C. Gruenther

Kitty Bonnett Hockman

Betty Lou Melton

Andrea Rose Stossel

Almighty God, we remember before you those who have lived among us, who have directed our steps in the way, opened our eyes to the truth, inspired our hearts by their witness, and strengthened our wills by their devotion. We rejoice in their lives dedicated to your service. We honor them in their death, and pray that we may be united with them in the glory of Christ's resurrection. Amen.

On the small white cross you were given this morning you are invited to write a name or names of those who have died who you would personally like to remember. Following the children's conversation and during the hymn, you may bring that small cross forward to the larger cross and place it on a hook in a time of remembrance and thanksgiving.

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

ANTHEM *Tribute to the Saints*

For all the saints who from their labors rest, who Thee by faith before the world confessed, Thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest. Alleluia!

Thou wast their rock, their fortress and their might; Thou, Lord, their captain in the well-fought fight; Thou in the darkness drear, their one true light. Alleluia!

O blest communion, fellowship divine! We feebly struggle; they in glory shine. Yet all are one in Thee, for all are Thine. Alleluia!

(Congregation joins in on verse 4 at Director's cue)

From earth's wide bounds and ocean's farthest coast, through gates of pearl streams in the countless host, singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost: Alleluia!

READING OF GOD'S WORD

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Psalm 24 Pew Bible p. 436

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: Ephesians 5:15-20; 6:10-20 Pew Bible p. 952

A SPECIAL TIME WITH OUR CHILDREN

Nursery (Ages Infant – Age 3)

†HYMN NO. 730 *I Sing a Song of the Saints of God*

SERMON "Be Strong in the Lord!"

Pastor David R. Witt

Fall Worship Series: "Grace & Gratitude"

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

OFFERTORY *The Day of Resurrection* Shackley

†THE DOXOLOGY (Hymnal No. 606) AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord's Prayer

(Hymnal p. 35, we say "debts" and "debtors" in the prayer)

Words of Institution

Sharing the Bread & Cup

Communion Music *For All the Saints* arr: Boertje

I Sing a Song of the Saints of God Livingston

Communion Prayer

WE GO OUT IN GOD'S NAME

†HYMN OF DEDICATION NO. 838..... *Standing on the Promises*

†CHARGE AND BLESSING

†CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE NO. 384 (v.1) *Soon and Very Soon*

Soon and very soon we are going to see the King.

Soon and very soon we are going to see the King.

Soon and very soon we are going to see the King.

Hallelujah, hallelujah, we're going to see the King!

†POSTLUDE

SERVANTS IN MINISTRY

8:30 a.m.

Acolyte: Zane Hawkins
Beadle: Heide Mohler
Bell Ringer: Mo Mohler
Greeters: Mike Butler, Cathy Plumb
Hospitality: Vicky Astorino, Brenda Hawkins
Liturgist: Terry Hartman
Ushers: Vicki Crites, Jacob Gaul, Zane Hawkins,
Dulcie Reed, Mitchell Skowbo, Graham Taylor

11:00 a.m.

Acolyte: Caleb Cooper
Beadle: Paula McNichols
Bell Ringers: Kristin Blake, Bailey Cooper, AnnMarie & James Kelly
Greeters: Matt & Kristi Cooper & Sons
Hospitality: Vicky Astorino, Jack Drumheller
Liturgist: Lance Astorino
Nametags: Pat deButts
Ushers: Jim Butler, Bailey & Caleb Cooper,
AnnMarie Kelly, Annemarie Matthews, Travis Morgan

When the Saints Go Marching In

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Verses by JOHN T. BENSON JR.
Chorus Traditional

Arranged by H. F. HAMMOND

1. I'm a pil-grim and a stran-ger Wan-d'ring thro' this world of sin,
2. Oh, I know I'll see my Sav-iour If my life is free from sin,
3. When we gath-er 'round the Throne And the gates are closed with-in,
4. I'm wait-ing for the char-iot To swing low and I'll step in.

On my way to that fair cit-y. When the Saints go marching in.
Heav-en's doors will o-pen for me When the Saints go marching in.
I'll be shout-ing "Glo-ry, Glo-ry" When the Saints go marching in.
On the clouds I'll ride to Heav-en When the Saints go marching in;

CHORUS

When the saints go marching in. When the saints go marching in. Saints go

march-ing in; march-ing in go march-ing in O Lord I want to be in that

num-ber that num-ber, When the saints go march-ing in. go march-ing in.
count less num-ber.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

November 1-8, 2015

TODAY

8:30 a.m.: Morning Worship, CCAP, Communion
9:45 a.m.: Sunday School for All Ages
10:45 a.m.: Called Meeting of the Congregation
11:00 a.m.: Morning Worship, CCAP, Communion
12:30 p.m.: Presbyterian Youth Connection
2:30 p.m.: Opequon Hosts MVMC Officer Training
3:30 p.m.: Youth Council

THIS WEEK

Monday: Older Adult Ministry Team—9:30 a.m.—Bageant Room
“Jesus in the Gospels”—2:30 p.m.—Bageant Room
PS 150 Rehearsal—7:00 p.m.

Tuesday: Election Day—Remember to Vote!
Ministry Team Night—6:00 p.m.—Fellowship Hall

Wednesday: Staff Meeting—9:30 a.m.—Bageant Room
LOGOS—4:30 p.m.—Theme: “Mix & Match Night”
Sanctuary Choir Practice—7:30 p.m.—Sanctuary
20s & 30s All Pass Football—8:00 p.m.—Body Renew

Thursday: Cub Scout Pack 1—7:00 p.m.—Fellowship Hall
Boy Scout Troop 1—7:00 p.m.—Assembly Room

NEXT SUNDAY—Stewardship Dedication Sunday

Morning Worship—8:30 & 11:00 a.m.
Sunday School for All Ages—9:45 a.m.
Fall Worship Series: "Grace & Gratitude"
Deuteronomy 26:1-11, 2 Corinthians 8:1-9:15
Sermon: “Sailing into the Future”
Annual Stewardship Walk
LOGOS Youth Worship (11:00)
Open Door Worship—6:30 p.m.—Memorial Sanctuary

PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER

William Ritenour
Suzi White
Cindy Palmer
Marcia Tatum-Spencer
Liam Ruddy
Bob Weidele
Martha Gay Joyner
Betty Bly
Jim Baccary
Peggy Dix
Sarah Shade
Becky Proctor
Baby Autumn
Jermaine Frye
Melissa Ambers
Bill & Pam Bayliss
Bill Burslem

Robert Sydnor
Bill Ralston
Sophia Hamm
Betty Lee Foulk
Nancy Lloyd
Ricky Praml
Shirley Brumble
Dom Cafaro
Colleen Zbur
Daniel Coolidge
Joe Maynard
John deButts
Doug Pittsnogle
Betty Ganoë
Dorothy Rogers
Colleen McMurdo
Jackie & John Boyd

Jane Lewis
Gretchen Cooley
Paula Tobin
Natalie Miller
Frank Vardeman
Ronny DeHaven
George Tubbs
Dottie Edwards
Larry Matthews
Lou Ann Thompson
Doug Koch
Michael Keister
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Church Mekane Yesus
People Looking for Work &
Challenged by the Economy

PRAY FOR THOSE IN THE MILITARY SERVICE

Taylor McMurdo, Greg Sousa, Scott Sydnor, and their families.

ATTENDANCE SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25TH:

8:30 a.m.—80

Sunday School—75

11:00 a.m.—93

THE SANCTUARY FLOWERS

The flowers in the Sanctuary this morning are given by Bill Hopeck in memory of his wife, Carol.

COMMUNION TODAY

The bread and wine/juice are passed in the pews, and the congregation holds the elements until everyone has been served, partaking together. The wine is dark red; the grape juice is white. Gluten-free bread is available; please see an usher for assistance. Those serving communion today at 8:30 are: Betty Dobler, Bill Bender, Pat Burslem, Lance Astorino, Vicki Schmidt Crites, Graham Taylor, and JoEllen Delamatta. Those serving communion today at 11:00 are: Kyle & Susan Homan, Jack Drumheller, Nathan Windle, Jason Hathaway, Robin Eddy and Bill Hopeck.

OLDER ADULT MINISTRY TEAM

This team meets tomorrow morning at 9:30 a.m. in the Bageant Room for planning of Happy Days programs and trips. It is a delightful time of fellowship as well, with coffee, tea and goodies provided. The meeting is open to any older adults who may like to join us.

ADVENT DEVOTIONAL

Preparations for publishing our own Advent Devotional are underway. If you have enjoyed the past years' devotional booklets with stories and reflections from Opequon friends, pay it forward and give the gift of your words back to the congregation by writing a reflection for the 4-week devotional booklet. The theme is "Do Not Be Afraid". How does this theme speak to you as you reflect on Advent and Christmas? Your thoughts and stories are valuable to us as we compile our daily devotional for Advent. Submissions for the devotional are due this week so put your thoughts in writing and let them be a gift that our Opequon congregation and beyond treasure as we move through Advent this year. Send your writing to Carole Witt (dce@opequonchurch.com) or simply drop it off at her office. Please be sure your name is included on your submission.

WOMEN'S GROUP: GLOW!

The women's group had a name change during the first gathering, so it is now known as GLOW, standing for God-Loving Opequon Women! The next gathering for GLOW is Tuesday, November 10, 7:00 p.m. at the church. Come enjoy the tremendous time with other women, an evening devotion, interactive activities, laughter, and dessert goodies. Invite a friend to come too as each woman enriches our time together. What a gift our first gathering was and we are so eager to meet again. We hope to have many Opequon women with us.

FAMILY CHRISTMAS JARS

Opequon families are invited to participate in the "Family Christmas Jar" project that kicks off TODAY! It is simple, yet in the end it will have profound results! Get started on this project today by picking up a jar for your family from the display table in the Gathering Area. Over the days and weeks ahead, up until Christmas Eve, drop coins in the jar and watch it fill up. On Christmas Eve, families are invited to bring their filled Christmas Jar

back to worship at 5:00 or 7:30 p.m. The surprising culmination of the project will be revealed at that time! The jars are easily recognized by the 'paisley' cloth on the lid. Instructions for this project are also inside each jar. Work as a family to fill your jar and join us on Christmas Eve for the conclusion. This could be the start of a special family tradition.

WEEKEND FOOD BAGS FOR OVES

We continue our commitment to Orchard View Elementary School by providing 50 food bags that go home in backpacks of children at the school once a month. Food bags will be delivered to OVES this week from Opequon for children to take home next weekend. We are tremendously grateful for the support of the mission team enabling this commitment to happen and to our children and youth Sunday School offering that supplements the project as well.

ART, STORYTELLING & A MOVIE!

What do these things have in common? They are the super fun workshops continuing today for children 4 years- 5th grade during the morning educational hour. The workshops are focusing on STEWARDSHIP, sharing a terrific message for children of all ages. Children will be painting Stewardship Banks, hearing the story of "The Giving Tree," and enjoying the classic movie THE LORAX (popcorn included!), as they experience how important GIVING is in our lives and showing our gratitude to God. You will find all this activity going on downstairs beginning at 9:45 each Sunday. It is a lively place to be. Let the children come!

COOKING FOR YOUTH?

Our PYC youth share dinner together most Sunday nights and we invite you to help lovingly prepare a meal for us to enjoy together. We are looking for 1-2 cooks per night on the following nights: December 13 and January 31. Team up with your spouse or a friend! Sign up on line <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0948aca62da6fa7-opequon> or let Kevin know what dates work for you: associate@opequonchurch.com.

NEW WEBSITE!

We're so excited to share that Opequon Church has a new website! Check it out at www.opequonchurch.org (same address as before with new ending, .org instead of .com). You can find tons of helpful information such as the church calendar, news and events, church newsletter, worship bulletins, and more! Thanks so much for all the hard work by our Website Design Team: Dom Cafaro, Joelle Cafaro, Jamie Symons, and Kevin Hay. And very special thanks to our AWESOME Web Designer, Ashleigh Hodgson!

BANANA BOXES EVERYWHERE—25 AWAIT ADOPTION!

During the fall, the Mission Ministry sponsors one of OPC's favorite mission projects—filling Thanksgiving food boxes for families in need within our community. A list of suggested food items is included in the box; Mission Ministry will provide a turkey. Please keep in mind that no perishables (fruit, dairy, vegetables, or bread) can be accepted and that the roasting pan should be left outside the box. If you are able, consider preparing two boxes as the needs have increased this year. Return filled boxes to the Gathering Area by Sunday, November 15th. Bless you and thank you for helping those in need!

Open Door Worship – 6:30 p.m. Next Sunday

Memorial Sanctuary
Praise Music, Teaching,
Shared Prayer, Communion
Please bring a friend

Special Guest Speaker: Kes Amene

MEN OF OPEQUON OPEN TO ALL THIS MONTH (that means ladies too!)

We have something special happening at our monthly men's gathering on Monday, November 9th: we are inviting the women of Opequon to join us! Come to eat dinner at Chick-fil-A on Pleasant Valley Road at 6:00 p.m. Remember to bring your Sunday bulletin for a free sandwich or nuggets.

Then, join us back at Opequon Church in the Bageant Room at 7:00 p.m. where we will hear from our special guest, Kes Salomen from the Ethiopian Evangelical Church Mekane Yesus. Salomen will share about the unique mission work that he coordinates for the Illubabor Bethel Synod, mission work that reaches out to the whole person in Christ's name. This is a Men's Group meeting for everyone that you won't want to miss!

MEN ON A MISSION FUNDRAISER

On Saturday, November 7, starting at 5:00 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church, 30+ chefs (men in the community) will cook up 100 samples of their "signature dishes." Tastings include appetizers, soups, chili, main courses and desserts. The chefs compete for the "People's Choice Award" where the chef with the most money in their tip jar is deemed the winner. Come join in the fellowship with guests and learn about the Highland Food Pantry goals and mission. Tickets are \$30 each and bring along pocket change suggested for auction and tip jars. 100% of the proceeds benefit Highland Food Pantry.

PILGRIMS' FEAST SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 22ND—FOOD DONATIONS NEEDED!

We are seeking volunteers to donate food, equipment, and time for this year's Pilgrims' Feast. **NEW THIS YEAR:** "Chef" Kevin Hay's Southern Fried Turkey! Pilgrim's Feast is a Church-Wide Thanksgiving dinner sponsored by our PYC Youth to raise funds for Midnight Gladness where we share Christmas gladness with families in need from Orchard View Elementary School. This year we are seeking to **borrow a few Turkey Fryers, along with food donations:** whole uncooked frozen turkeys (approximately 10 lbs.), stuffing, mashed potatoes, green beans, cranberry sauce, applesauce, pumpkin and apple pies. We are also seeking a **few adult volunteers to assist inside the kitchen or outside frying turkeys. Please let us know how you can support this Youth Mission effort by signing up in the Gathering Area.** Food donations should be dropped off Tuesday, November 17- Friday, November 20. Please talk to Kevin if any questions.

OPC WATTS WEEK

Hold the dates:

December 28, 2015 to January 4, 2016

Volunteer sign-up sheets are available in the Gathering Area & Dell Room.

Contact: **Graham Taylor**, Co-Lead Volunteer
540-247-4663 or gtaylorgofishing@gmail.com

Heather Burton, Co-Lead Volunteer
540-771-0121 or mcpitch5@hotmail.com

PYC News

Corn Maize

TODAY after 11:00 a.m. worship.

12:30–3:30 p.m.

Please bring a lunch for the road and \$5 for the maize.

Youth Council Meeting

TODAY after Corn Maize

3:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

20s & 30s

Young Adults Sport & Social - Pass Only Football

Wednesday Nights (most games 8:00 p.m. or 9:00 p.m.)

All Pass Football (no blocking, minimal contact, 1-hand touch)

Check Young Adult Emails for link to sign up online or talk to Kevin!

Team Opequon/Gold had an awesome time playing Wiffle Ball and many plan to continue in the next season.

Family Game Night

Saturday November 14th - 6:30 p.m.

As a church of All Ages, we invite our young adults to join in this church-wide fellowship event.

Young Adult Christmas Party

SAVE THE DATE: Saturday, December 12th, 6:00-9:00 p.m.

All Young Adults in their 20's and 30's in all ages and stages of life are invited to come together for a Christmas Party. Childcare provided. More details coming soon!

RULING ELDERS OF THE SESSION

Class of 2015

Vicki Schmidt-Crites.....	Evangelism Team
JoEllen Delamatta.....	Mission Ministry
Graham Taylor.....	Mission Ministry
Mark Walter.....	Fellowship Ministry

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Robin Owens.....	Christian Education Ministry
Stuart Williams.....	Administration Ministry, Personnel

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Mike Birchenough.....	Administration Ministry, Building & Grounds
Bill Hopeck.....	Administration Ministry, Building & Grounds
Lynn Metheny.....	Christian Education Ministry

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Peggy Gruenther.....	Congregational Care Ministry
Brenda Hawkins.....	Congregational Care Ministry
Edwina Johansen.....	Congregational Care Ministry
David Meyer.....	Congregational Care Ministry
Nathan Windle.....	Congregational Care Ministry

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