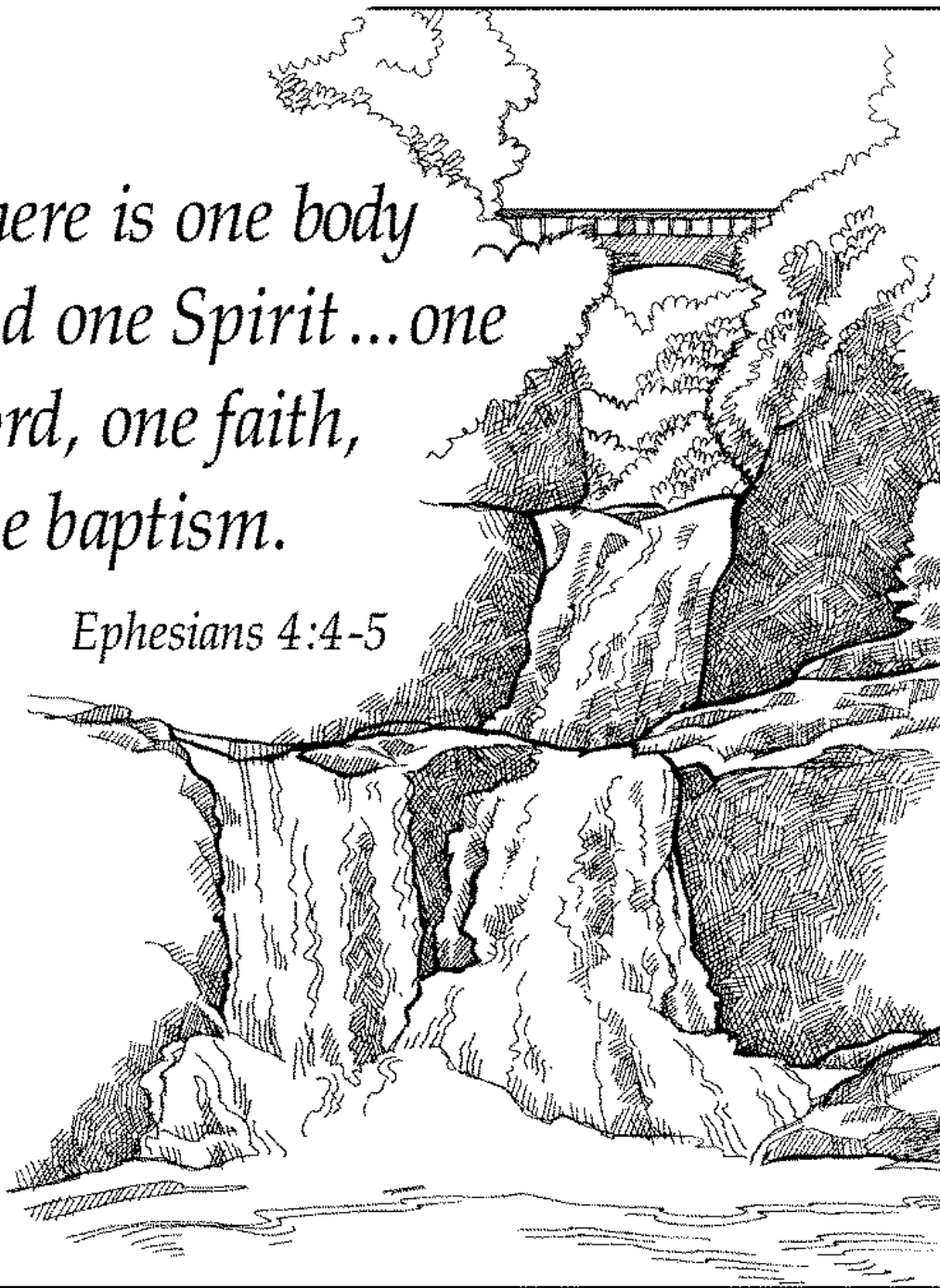


OPEQUON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

*There is one body
and one Spirit...one
Lord, one faith,
one baptism.*

Ephesians 4:4-5



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

October 18, 2015

8:30 & 11:00 a.m.

The Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

PRELUDE *Christ Has Made the Sure Foundation*

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

ENTRANCE OF THE WORD AND THE LIGHT

†GATHERING SONG No. 322 *We Are One in Christ Jesus*

†CALL TO WORSHIP

Come, let us worship our God,

For there is one Lord, one faith, one baptism;

There is one God, creator of all humankind, who is above all and through all and in all.

We come with humility, gentleness, and patience, bearing with one another in love.

†HYMN OF PRAISE NO. 301 *Let Us Build a House*

(Please be seated for prayer)

CALL TO CONFESSION

Let us confess our sin together, for we have all fallen short of the glory of God.

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, we confess our spiritual immaturity; we confess the presumed superiority that seeks attention for ourselves, our gifts, our particular ways of worship, our fellowship, and our doctrinal understandings. We confess that within the body of your church, we fail to prefer one another in love and to nurture each other's gifts for the good of the whole. We do not always do our best to

preserve the unity of the Spirit and to contribute to the peace which binds us together. Rather, we participate in those things that undermine unity: jealousy and competitiveness, pride and indignation, gossip and unforgiveness. Forgive our resistance to the continuing conversion that renews baptismal growth and builds us anew, in the unity of the Holy Spirit.

Moments of Silent Confession

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

At the foot of the cross, there is neither Jew nor Greek, male or female, rich or poor, but one people made clean and holy by love out poured. All who turn from their sin become new creations in Christ, joined by grace and responding with gratitude. Thanks be to God!

LITANY OF PARDON

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

†THE RESPONSE OF PRAISE NO. 519

..... *You Are My Strength When I am Weak*

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

May the peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

STEWARDSHIP MOMENTS..... **“Opequon’s Community Garden”**
Bill Hopeck (8:30), Patty Klinefelter (11:00)

WE HEAR GOD’S WORD

ANTHEM *Down to the River to Pray*

As I went down to the river to pray, studyin’ about that good ole way and who shall wear the starry crown, good Lord, show me the way. O brother, let’s go down, let’s go down, come on down. O brother, let’s go down, down to the river to pray, down to the river to pray. O Lord, listen to your children prayin’. O Lord, send your Spirit in this place. O Lord, listen to your children prayin’, send us love, send us pow’r, send us grace. Something’s gonna happen like the world has never known, when the people of the Lord get down to pray. A door’s gonna swing open and the walls come a-tumblin’ down, when the people of the Lord get down to pray.

THE READING OF GOD'S WORD

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Psalm 51:1-12Pew Bible p. 452

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: Ephesians 4:1-16Pew Bible p. 951

ANTHEM (11:00) *Come Follow Me*

LOGOS Worship Grs. K-5

A SPECIAL TIME WITH OUR CHILDREN..... "Let's Get Together!"

Nursery (Ages Infant – Age 3)

†HYMN NO. 300..... *We Are One in the Spirit*

SERMON..... "Bind Us Together"

Pastor David R. Witt

Fall Worship Series: "Grace & Gratitude"

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

OFFERTORY *The Church's One Foundation*

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

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

WE GO OUT IN GOD'S NAME

†HYMN OF DEDICATION NO. 767..... *Together We Serve*

†CHARGE AND BLESSING

†CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE NO. 468 (v. 1, 3)..... *In My Life*

In my life, Lord, be glorified; be glorified.

In my life, Lord, be glorified today.

In your church, Lord, be glorified; be glorified.

In your church, Lord, be glorified today.

†POSTLUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

October 18-25, 2015

TODAY

- 8:30 a.m.: Morning Worship
9:45 a.m.: Sunday School for All Ages
Newcomers' Class—David's Office
11:00 a.m.: Morning Worship
1:00 p.m.: Camp Paddy Run Day
Presbyterian Youth Connection—Camp Paddy Run

THIS WEEK

- Monday: "Jesus in the Gospels"—2:30 p.m.—Bageant Room
PS 150 Rehearsal—7:00 p.m.
Tuesday: Session Meeting—7:00 p.m.—Bageant Room
Wednesday: Newsletter Deadline
Older Adult Trip—"Josiah for President"—8:15 a.m.
Staff Meeting—9:30 a.m.—Bageant Room
Winchester Newcomers—10:00 a.m.—Fellowship Hall
"Lunch Bunch"—12:00 Noon—TVOR
LOGOS—4:30 p.m.—Theme: "Campfire Night"
Sanctuary Choir Practice—7:30 p.m.—Sanctuary
Thursday: Cub Scout Pack 1—7:00 p.m.—Fellowship Hall
Boy Scout Troop 1—7:00 p.m.—Assembly Room
Saturday: Memory Lane Travelers—9:00 a.m.
Progressive Dinner—5:00 p.m.—Gathering Area

NEXT SUNDAY—Reformation Sunday

- Morning Worship—8:30 & 11:00 a.m.
Sunday School for All Ages—9:45 a.m.
Newcomers' Class—9:45 a.m.—Pastor David's Office
Fall Worship Series: "Grace & Gratitude"
Ephesians 4:25-5:2
Four Cents A Meal, Fair Trade Coffee, LOGOS Youth Worship (11:00)
Presbyterian Youth Connection—12:30 p.m.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Melissa Ambers
Bill & Pam Bayliss
Bill Burslem
Robert Sydnor
Bill Ralston
SC Flooding Victims
Dave & Tonia Sweeney Family
Sophia Hamm
Roseburg, OR/Umpqua C. C.
Betty Lee Foulk
Nancy Lloyd
Ricky Praml
Sandy Vess
Shirley Brumble
Dom Cafaro

Colleen Zbur
Daniel Coolidge
Mary Lou Thomas
Syrian Refugee Crisis
Joe Maynard
John deButts
Doug Pittsnogle
Betty Ganoe
Dorothy Rogers
Colleen McMurdo
Jackie & John Boyd
Jane Lewis
Gretchen Cooley
Paula Tobin
Natalie Miller

Robin Owens
Frank Vardeman
Ronny DeHaven
George Tubbs
Dottie Edwards
Larry Matthews
Lou Ann Thompson
Doug Koch
Michael Keister
Illubabor Bethel Synod of
Church Mekane Yesus
People Looking for Work &
Challenged by the Economy

PRAY FOR THOSE IN THE MILITARY SERVICE

Taylor McMurdo, Greg Sousa, Scott Sydnor, TK Tandy III, and their families.

SERVANTS IN MINISTRY

8:30 a.m.

Acolyte: Sydney Burton
Beadle: Nancy Grubb
Bell Ringer: Mo Mohler
Greeter: Nancy Newman, Karen Winters
Hospitality: Debbie & Bill Bender
Liturgist: Jennie Wright
Ushers: Cheyenne & Sydney Burton, Terry Hartman,
Heide Mohler, Carroll Youngblood

11:00 a.m.

Acolyte: Caleb Cooper
Beadle: Shirley Tomblin
Bell Ringers: Kristin Blake, Bailey Cooper, AnnMarie & James Kelly
Greeter: Susie Cherry, Susanna Shade
Hospitality: Martha Fulton, Annemarie Matthews
Liturgist: Kevin Hay
Nametags: Nancy Rodgers
Ushers: Jason Brown, Caleb Cooper, Andy Homan,
Chase Pierce, Joel Witt

ATTENDANCE SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11TH:

8:30 a.m.—68 Sunday School—54 11:00 a.m.—77
Open Door Worship—42

**CAMP PADDY RUN DAY
FOR EVERYONE (ALL AGES) AT OPEQUON!**

TODAY 1:00 p.m.

Chili, Soup, Bread, & Drinks Provided

Just Bring a Dessert to Share

Fun & Games to Enjoy!

Celebrate & Give Thanks for a

Fabulous Fall Day!

PROGRESSIVE DINNER THIS SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24TH

5:00 p.m. Appetizers – Gathering Area

6:00 p.m. Dinner – Fellowship Hall

7:00 p.m. Dessert – Bageant Room

Attendees are invited to wear costumes. Sign up TODAY to bring an appetizer, side dish, or dessert in the Gathering Area. The Fellowship Team will provide baked ham and beverages.

CALLED MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION

The Session of Opequon Presbyterian Church calls for a meeting of the congregation on Sunday, November 1 at 10:45 a.m. in the Sanctuary. The purpose of the meeting is to hear the report of the Officer Nominating Committee and then proceed to elect five ruling elders, three deacons, and one trustee. Please be present to actively participate in the life and governance of your church.

ART, STORYTELLING & A MOVIE!

What do these things have in common? They are the NEW workshops starting 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 a.m. each Sunday. It is a lively place to be. Let the children come!

OLDER ADULT TRIP THIS WEDNESDAY

It is time for our trip up to Lancaster to see “Josiah for President” at the Bird-in-Hand Stage and enjoy a terrific lunch buffet prior to the show. Those who have signed up for this trip, please arrive at church on Wednesday morning **by 8:15 a.m.** We will be leaving at 8:30 a.m. Goody bags and bottled water will be provided as well as some traveling fun. We are in store for a great treat on a fall day!

LOGOS BRING A FRIEND NIGHT

All LOGOS children and youth are reminded that “BRING A FRIEND” night is NEXT Wednesday, October 28. Please invite a friend to come along and enjoy a fantastic time at LOGOS with you! The theme is “Trick or Treat Night” with a ‘tricky & treaty’ twist. Please RSVP to Carole Witt to let us know your friend is coming!

GIVE THE GIFT OF WORDS

YOU have the potential to give a gift to SO MANY people without even opening your wallet or pulling out your debit card! How can that be? It can be done by sharing your own words in writing and submitting them for our annual Advent Devotional! Our Advent 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. Put your thoughts in writing and let them be that gift that our Opequon congregation will 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. All writings for the devotional are due by November 1. Please be sure your name is included on your submission.

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: November 8, 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.

SEND NOTES IN PERSON TO ETHIOPIA

Bill and Pam Bayliss and Bill Burslem will be leaving this Wednesday, October 21st for a partnership trip to Ethiopia. They would love to take handwritten notes to the iCARE sponsored children at the Gore Children's Home and to our brothers and sisters of the Illubabor Bethel Synod, especially the Kollo Korma Church. If you would like to write a note, please have it completed and to the church (box on nametag table) by TOMORROW. Thank you for sending well wishes around the world.

BANANA BOXES EVERYWHERE!

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!

SEEKING MOTEL MINISTRY SUPPLIES

Our youth are reaching out once a month on the 4th Sunday afternoon to those in need living in nearby motels. We invite you all to help us by providing household items on the 3rd Sunday each month or bring next Sunday, October 25th. Please place items in the bin in the Gathering Area: toilet paper, paper towels, laundry detergent, bath soap, toiletries, cat food.

UPDATING PERSONAL DATA

As the Technology and Communication Ministry Team begins the process of updating our church database, we are asking that everyone complete the yellow card placed in your name tags. If the information is correct, please write correct on the back of the card. However, if corrections need to be made, please make note of this on the back of the card. With the hopes of moving towards an email or text message communication system in the future, we are asking for your permission by checking the box on your card

if you wish to be enrolled in this form of communication. If you wish to not be included in this form of communication, please do not check the box. Once you have completed your card, please place it in the offering plate. Only one card needs to be completed per family. Lastly, if you are a guest or new member to our church, we ask that you complete a yellow card found in the Gathering Area on the name tag table or the yellow card found in the back of the pews.

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 cooking 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.

OPC WATTS WEEK

Hold the dates:

December 28, 2015 to January 4, 2016

Volunteer sign-up sheets (Blue Insert) will be available through January 3.

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

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, gravy, 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 to be dropped off Tuesday, November 17- Friday, November 20. Please talk to Kevin if any questions.

PYC News

Camp Paddy Run Day

TODAY 12:30-4:00 p.m.

PYC will celebrate fall by joining in the events at Camp Paddy Run!

Chili, Frisbee Golf, Hiking, 4-Square, and more!

Leaving after 11:00 a.m. worship @ 12:30 p.m.

Friends are always welcome!

PYC Motel Ministry

Sunday, October 25th after 11:00 a.m. worship.

12:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

We will share lunch together, prepare for Motel Ministry, and then go reach out to those in need. Please bring any household items to donate:

toilet paper, paper towels, laundry detergent, bath soap, toiletries, cat food.

20s & 30s

Young Adults Sport & Social - Pass Only Football

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

October 28th - December 12th

Online Registration Deadline: Sunday, October 25th

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.