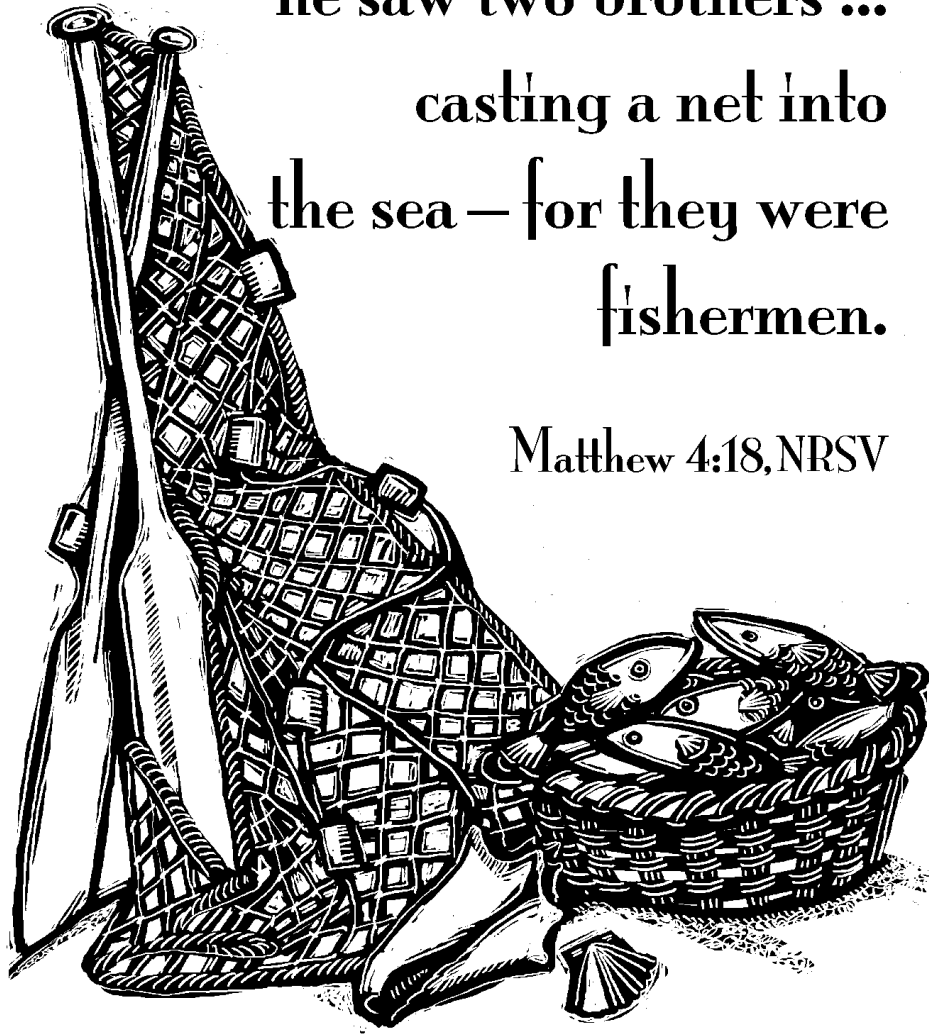


Opequon Presbyterian Church

As he walked by the
Sea of Galilee,
he saw two brothers ...
casting a net into
the sea – for they were
fishermen.

Matthew 4:18, NRSV



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, located in the back of the Sanctuary. Please return the bag and supplies to the bin when you are leaving.
- **Look forward to taking part in a Sunday School class each week.** Sunday School is held at 9:45 a.m. each 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, Bibles 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, 540-662-1843, before 12:30 p.m. on Friday.

SERVICE FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

January 22, 2017

8:30 and 11:00 am

The Third Sunday after Epiphany

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

PRELUDE

Setting on "Lasst Uns Erfreune"..... Arr Smith

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

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

PRAYER REQUEST forms are inside the pew holders – please place in offering plate.

†All who are able, please stand.

Bold print—all respond.

THE CHURCH BELL RINGS

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

†ENTRANCE OF THE WORD AND THE LIGHT

†GATHERING SONG (Worship Order p. 6, vv. 1, 4) *I Have Decided to Follow Jesus*

†CALL TO WORSHIP

Call us, Holy God, to your service.

Call us out of darkness and into your light.

Call us, Holy God, to your service.

Call us and we will answer.

Call us, Holy God, to your service.

Call us and we will follow.

Call us, Holy God, to your service.

Call us, for we have decided to live for you.

†HYMN OF PRAISE NO. 86 *The People Who Walked in Darkness*

(Please be seated for prayer)

CALL TO CONFESSION

Let us confess our sins before God, the source of freedom and forgiveness.

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, we confess that we have not been faithful to you in our thoughts and actions. We have been selfish in our desires and quarrelsome in our relationships. We have allowed fear to divide us from those who seem different, and let distrust separate

us from our brothers and sisters. We have neglected to seek your counsel in making decisions and have struggled with the consequences of our choices. Shine your light into our darkened hearts. Save us from our divisive ways. Unite us in the same mind as Jesus Christ who dwells with you and the Holy Spirit in perfect harmony.

MOMENTS OF SILENT PRAYER

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

God offers forgiveness to those who turn to God in true repentance. Therefore, trust in God, who breaks the bonds of our oppression, and covers us in mercy.

LITANY OF PARDON

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

† THE RESPONSE OF PRAISE NO. 435

..... *There's a Wideness in God's Mercy*

† PASSING OF THE PEACE (Please share this prayer with those next to you)

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

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

ANTHEM *God is So Good/Where He Leads Me*
Sanctuary Choir

God is so good, God is so good, God is so good, He's so good to me. He cares for me, He cares for me, He cares for me, He's so good to me. I'll do his will, I'll do his will, I'll do his will, He's so good to me. I can hear my Savior calling, I can hear my Savior calling, I can hear my Savior calling, “Take thy cross and follow Me.” Where He leads me I will follow, Where he leads me I will follow, Where he leads I will follow: I'll go with Him all the way. He is so good. He's so good to me. Amen.

THE READING OF GOD'S WORD:

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Isaiah 9:1-4 Pew Bible p. 555
NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: Matthew 4:12-23 Pew Bible p. 785

ANTHEM (11:00) *Loving My Neighbor*
LOGOS Grs. K-5

A SPECIAL TIME WITH OUR CHILDREN..... “Follow Me!”

Nursery (Ages Infant – Age 3)

†HYMN NO. 720 *Jesus Calls Us*

SERMON..... “Decisions, Decisions, Decisions!”

Pastor David R. Witt

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

OFFERTORY HYMN NO. 488 *I Was There to Hear Your Boring Cry*

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

RECEPTION AND RECOGNITION OF NEW MEMBERS

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM (11:00) Madelyn Grace Phares Estep

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. 729 *Lord, I Want to Be a Christian*

†CHARGE AND BLESSING

†CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE NO. 69 (Refrain) *Here I Am, Lord*

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night.

I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.

†POSTLUDE

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Today we welcome into the membership of Opequon Church:

Mandy & Eric Estep, upon reaffirmation of faith

Carolyn & Gary Rutherford, by Certificate of Transfer from First Presbyterian Church, Winchester

Karen Schmitt, Certificate of Transfer from First Presbyterian Church, Winchester

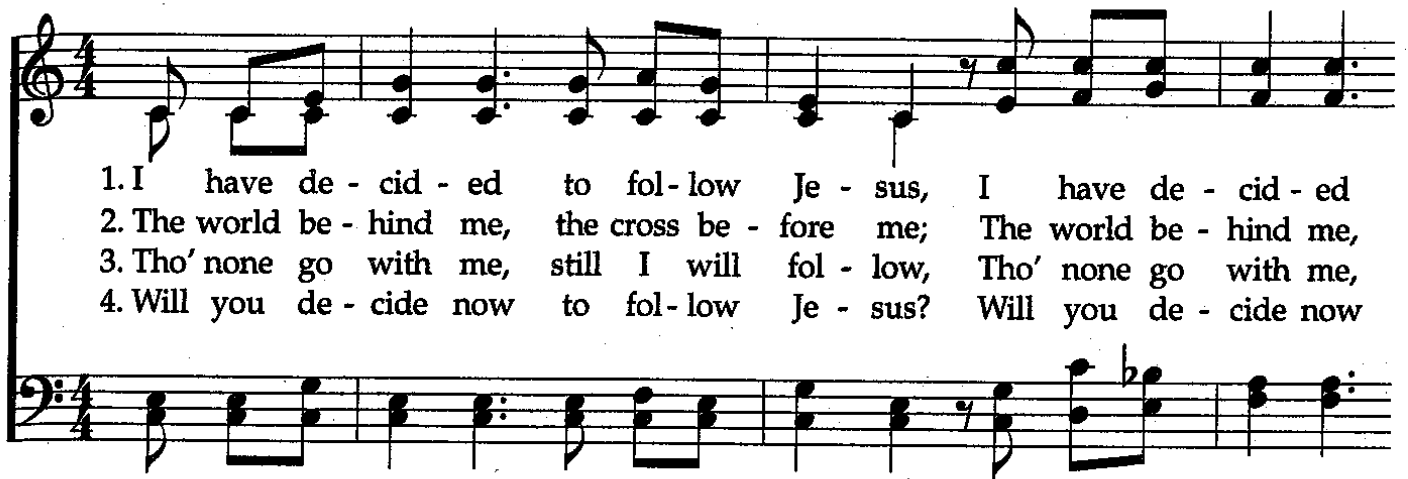
Amy Tucker, upon reaffirmation of faith

Please greet everyone in the Gathering Area after worship.

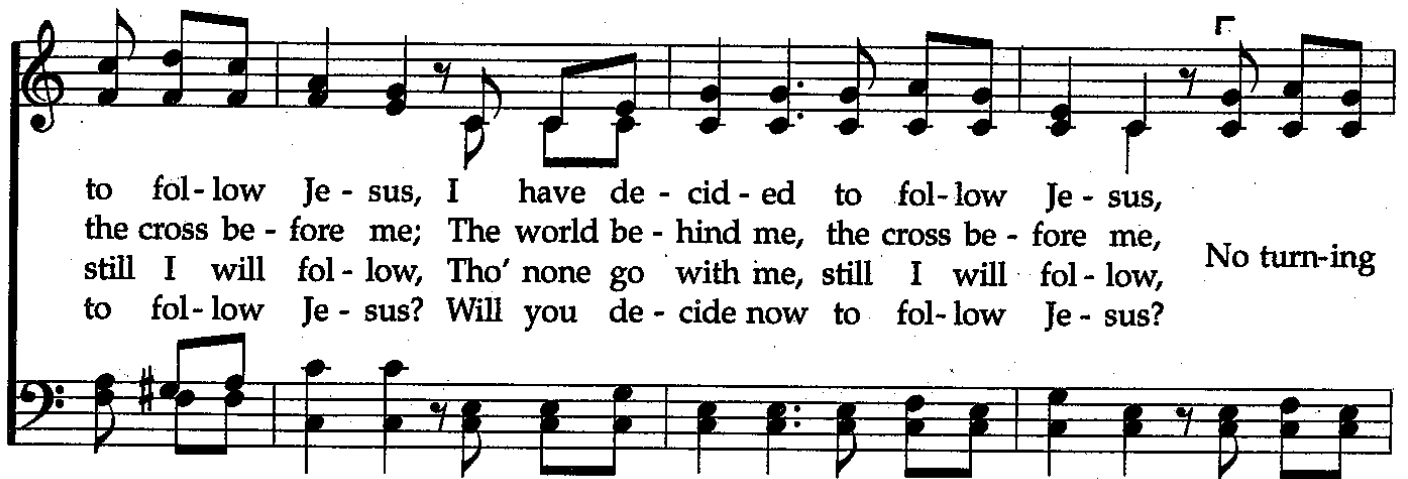
I Have Decided to Follow Jesus

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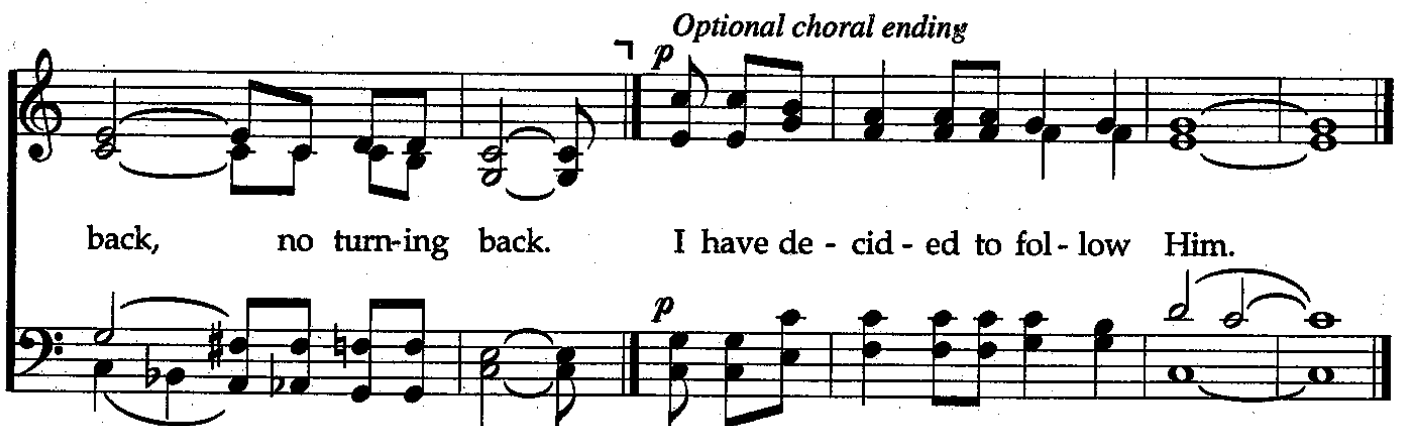
Whoever serves Me must follow Me. John 12:26



1. I have de - cid - ed to fol - low Je - sus, I have de - cid - ed
2. The world be - hind me, the cross be - fore me; The world be - hind me,
3. Tho' none go with me, still I will fol - low, Tho' none go with me,
4. Will you de - cide now to fol - low Je - sus? Will you de - cide now



to fol - low Je - sus, I have de - cid - ed to fol - low Je - sus,
the cross be - fore me; The world be - hind me, the cross be - fore me,
still I will fol - low, Tho' none go with me, still I will fol - low, No turn - ing
to fol - low Je - sus? Will you de - cide now to fol - low Je - sus?



Optional choral ending
back, no turn - ing back. I have de - cid - ed to fol - low Him.

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Irregular meter

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

January 22-29, 2017

TODAY

Blood Pressure Screenings

- 8:30 am: Worship, Four Cents A Meal, Fair Trade Coffee
9:45 am: Sunday School Classes for All Ages
11:00 am: Worship, LOGOS Grs. K-5 Worship, Four Cents A Meal,
Fair Trade Coffee
12:30 pm: Presbyterian Youth Connection Motel Ministry
3:30 pm: PS 150 Rehearsal—Memorial Sanctuary

THIS WEEK

- Monday: Covenant Bible Study—3:00 pm—Bageant Room
Adult ESL Class—6:00 p.m.—Assembly Room
Tuesday: Hands & Hearts—10:30 am—Assembly Room
HH&F Class—6:00 pm—Highland Food Pantry
WATTS Operations Committee—6:30 pm—Bageant Room
Wednesday: TVOR Lunch Bunch—11:30 am
LOGOS—4:30 pm—Theme: “Blizzard Night”
Choir Practice—7:30 pm—Sanctuary
Thursday: Scout Pack 1—7:00 pm—Fellowship Hall
Scout Troop 1—7:00 pm—Assembly Room
Friday: Memory Lane Travelers—9:00 am—Woodbrook

NEXT SUNDAY

- Worship—8:30 & 11:00 am
Sunday School for All Ages—9:45 am
Micah 6:1-8, Matthew 5:1-12
Habitat for Humanity Paint Can Offering
Presbyterian Youth Connection Lunch & Ice Skating—12:00 Noon

PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Art Stanley & Family
David Witt
New Administration
Lauren Armstrong
Gary Snapp
Gretchen Cooley
Joe Strosnider
Pam Pierce
Melissa Ambers
Susan Martin
Nancy Lewis
Art Fulton
Trudie Cope
Carolyn Clemens
Paulette Willemsen
Bob Weidele
Gracyn Sharples
Terry Hartman
Hazel Spriggs

Mike Fries
Dick Widell
Cody Monday
Sally Nelson
Lori Jones
Beth Drummonds
Debbie Buckley
Nancy Simmons
Paula McNichols
Gary Dove
Mollie Guthrie
Gene Fish
Patricia & Ray Ferguson
Janet Thompson
Sarah Bauwer
Myrt Nissen
Connie Robinson
Donna Coffman
Rebekah Witt

Berlin Zirk
Ethiopia Unrest
Dorothy Rogers
Stephanie Fitch
Phyllis Dilley
Sandi Pulizzi
Lanette Orduna
Mettu, Ethiopia
Donna Klinefelter
Colleen McMurdo
Jane Lewis
Frank Vardeman
Dottie Edwards
Larry Matthews
Doug Koch
Illubabor Bethel Synod of
Church Mekane Yesus
People Looking for Work &
Challenged by the Economy

PRAY FOR THOSE IN THE MILITARY SERVICE

Taylor McMurdo, Brandon Michael, Greg Sousa, Scott Sydnor, Michael White, and their families.

ATTENDANCE SUNDAY, JANUARY 15TH:

8:30 am—79

Sunday School—71

11:00 am—111

THE SANCTUARY FLOWERS

The flowers in the Sanctuary this morning, are given by Rebekah & Marc DesMarais in loving memory of Robert DesMarais.

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENINGS

Patty Klinefelter, Opequon's own Faith Community Nurse, will conduct blood pressure screenings TODAY after 8:30 and before and after 11:00 worship.

THROUGH THE WATERS OF BAPTISM

We welcome Madelyn Grace Phares Estep into the baptized membership of Opequon this morning. Madelyn is the daughter of Mandy and Eric Estep and the younger sister of Noah and Wyatt. May God's Spirit rest upon her and may we, as her church family, nurture and love her.

SERVANTS IN MINISTRY

8:30

Beadle: Bill Burslem
Bell Ringer: Mo Mohler
Greeters: The Sousa Family
Hospitality: Betty Chicklo, June Malone
Liturgist: Jim Youngblood
Ushers: Mike Butler, Sherry Schryver, John Winn

11:00

Acolyte: Kristin Blake
Beadle: Dan Cammer
Bell Ringer: Kristin Blake, Bailey Cooper, AnnMarie Kelly
Greeters: The Batcha Family
Hospitality: Jack Drumheller, Betty Ganoe
Liturgist: Sarah Shade
Name Tags: Kail Barbe
Ushers: Mike Birchenough, Kristin Blake, Bailey Cooper, Brenna Hathaway, Bill Hopeck, Bob Weidele

WORM—TODAY'S WORKSHOP IS...

Biblical Characters—with the focus on GOLIATH! Oh, the arrogance and pride that Goliath displayed was not pleasing to God. Children will have the opportunity to discover interesting facts about the story of Goliath and David and learn how trusting that God is always with us makes a tremendous difference. All children are invited to classroom 4 for this exciting workshop at 9:45 am. Come hear the story of GOLIATH, see a great illustration that will surprise you, and play some games!

2017 FLOWER CHART

This year's Flower Chart is on display in the Gathering Area on the CCAP table along with arrangement ordering instructions. Select the special Sundays when you want to honor a loved one with flowers in the Sanctuary.

PYC NEWS

- ❖ Thank you to those who gave time to participate in the STOP HUNGER NOW event this past Monday. 15,000 meals were packed and ready to be shipped where they are needed. Some of our group members were brave enough to do a TASTE TEST to know what the meals are like!
- ❖ TODAY, ALL YOUTH are invited to join forces as we serve through the Motel Ministry. Meet after 11:00 worship to pack up chili and bread along with other supplies to take to the Motels. You can taste some of the chili too! We'll be done around 2:30 pm. The rest of the day is YOURS!

THE WITTS ARE AWAY THIS WEEK

Carole and David Witt will be on study leave for continuing education this week through Monday, January 30, attending the Association of Presbyterian Church Educators conference in Denver, CO. They will be back in the church office on January 31. If a pastoral concern arises, please call Jean Steidel, 540-323-7071, Rev. Tracie Martin 304-856-2080, or Stella Strickler, Lead Deacon 540-667-5150.

FINANCE AND STEWARDSHIP INFO

- Offering envelopes are now available in the Gathering Area. If you want to use envelopes and don't see a box with your name on it, please contact Cathy, office@opequonchurch.org or 540-662-1843.
- **2017 Pledges** are still being accepted. You'll find a pledge card in the pew rack. Please return these via the offering plate.

WATTS

"Lessons Learned"

Debriefing

Come and Share about your participation in our OPC WATTS Week!

Tuesday, January 31st

7:00 pm—Bageant Room

ADULT TRIP TO APPLE BLOSSOM PRAYER BRUNCH

Think SPRING! Think Apple Blossom time! Would you like to join the Opequon group in attending the Apple Blossom Prayer Brunch? It is a sell-out event each year! The event is on Friday, May 5, 9:30 am at Fellowship Bible Church. We are reserving three tables. The cost is \$25 per person. A signup sheet is available in the Gathering Area kiosk. Come join us. Payment is due to Carole Witt by February 1.

PREPARING FOR THE BIG GAME

What BIG GAME? Just around the corner we will be upon SUPER BOWL Sunday, February 5. We can turn the nation's largest weekend of football into the largest weekend of caring, just by bringing in CANS OF SOUP! You can prepare by purchasing any type of soup you like, keep them at home and bring them on Sunday, February 5 to place them for the TEAM you hope will win or predict will win. We will see which team OPC is rooting for the most. After the game weekend, all our soup and \$ donations will be contributed to Highland Food Pantry.

Save the Date
Sunday, February 5
12:15 pm—Bageant Room
Baja Youth Mission Trip
Informational Meeting
All High School Youth & Interested Adults

4TH ANNUAL OPC TALENT SHOW

Do you sing, dance, play an instrument, or act? Perhaps you are a juggler, magician or can ride a unicycle. If so, the Fellowship Ministry Team is looking for you! The 4th Annual OPC Talent Show and covered-dish dinner will be held on Saturday, February 25th, at 5:00 pm. NOW is the time to sign up in the Gathering Area to share YOUR TALENT. You can also contact Sabra Veach, sveach@su.edu or Becky Proctor, beckyproc@comcast.net. Everyone is warmly invited to participate as a member of the audience. It will be a night to remember so be sure to save the date!

RULING ELDERS OF THE SESSION

Class of 2017

Lance Astorino Administration Ministry, Technology & Communications Team
Mike Birchenough Administration Ministry, Technology & Communications Team
Bill Hopeck Administration Ministry, Building & Grounds Team
Lynn Metheny Christian Education Ministry

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Bill Burslem Administration Ministry, Building & Grounds Team
Marc DesMarais Administration Ministry, Stewardship & Finance Team
Vicki Schmidt-Crites Evangelism Team
Graham Taylor Mission Ministry

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Mitch Orndorff Administration Ministry, Personnel Team
Robin Owens Christian Education Ministry
Susanna Shade Mission Ministry
Leslie Tucker Worship Ministry

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Terry Hartman Congregational Care Ministry
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