

# Opequon Presbyterian Church

## INFORMATION FOR OUR GUESTS

**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! 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.

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# SERVICE FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

April 16, 2017

8:30 and 11:00 am

Easter, the Day of Resurrection

## WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

PRELUDE ..... *Christ Hath Burst His Prison* (Tune: St. Kevin)

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

CHORAL INTROIT ..... *The Day of Celebration*

This is the day of celebration, this is the day of goodness and light. Earth and sky and all creation celebrate the wonder of life! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! Christ is risen, sing hosanna, lift your voices to the sky. Christ is risen, alleluia! He is alive, he lives on high! He is alive!

CALL TO WORSHIP

Run from fear and darkness! Hope is on the move!

**Run to tell the world: Christ is risen!**

Do not be afraid: Jesus has conquered death!

**We can proclaim with great confidence that God's love rules.**

We are free to celebrate and dance, to shout the Good News: Christ is risen!

**Christ is risen indeed! Hallelujah! Amen!**

† HYMN OF PRAISE NO. 232 ..... *Jesus Christ Is Risen Today*

(Please be seated for prayer)

† RESURRECTION DAY PRAYER

**On this Easter morning, we welcome you, Jesus, into our lives. We welcome your resurrection, for it is life-changing, life-giving, and life-sustaining. We welcome the hope you bring to the world. We welcome the joy you bring to our darkness. We welcome the empty tomb, for we know that it means you are on the loose. Lord, may your resurrection give life to those who feel lifeless, those who are just going through the motions, and those who grieve loss and mourn the death of a loved one. Lord, may your resurrection give**

hope to those who are mired in despair, who feel hopeless, and who have given up all hope. Lord, may your resurrection give joy to those who feel no joy, lost their joy, or have had their joy snuffed out. Lord, may you be on the loose in this world as the Risen One. Jesus, we lift your name on high on this day of days. Amen.

† THE RESPONSE OF PRAISE (Worship Order p. 5)

..... *Lord, I Lift Your Name on High*

† 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 ..... *Hallelujah Chorus*

THE READING OF GOD’S WORD:

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Jeremiah 31:1-6 ..... Pew Bible p. 641

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: John 20:1-18 ..... Pew Bible p. 882

A SPECIAL TIME WITH OUR CHILDREN..... “The Faces of Easter”

Nursery (Ages Infant – Age 3)

† HYMN NO. 233 ..... *The Day of Resurrection!*

SERMON..... “Rewriting the Script”

Pastor David R. Witt

## WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

OFFERTORY *I Know That My Redeemer Liveth*..... Handel  
from the *Messiah*

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

† AFFIRMATION OF FAITH ..... Adapted from the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) Study Catechism

What is the nature of resurrection hope?

**Resurrection hope is a hope for the transformation of this world,  
not a hope for escape from it. It is the hope that evil in all its forms**

**will be utterly eradicated, that past history will be redeemed, and that all the things that ever were will be made new. It is the hope of a new creation, a new heaven and a new earth, in which God is really honored as God, human beings are truly loving, and peace and justice reign on earth.**

## SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Responsive Litany

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise...**

The Lord's Prayer

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

Words of Institution

Sharing the Bread & Cup

Communion Music No. 248..... *Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!*

240 ..... *Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks*

245 ..... *Christ the Lord is Risen Today!*

Communion Prayer

## **WE GO OUT IN GOD'S NAME**

†HYMN OF DEDICATION NO. 238..... *Thine Is the Glory*

†CHARGE AND BLESSING

†CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE NO. 238 ..... *Thine Is the Glory*

**Thine is the glory, risen, conquering Son;  
endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.**

†POSTLUDE

# Lord, I Lift Your Name on High



Lord, I lift your name on high;



Lord, I love to sing your prais - es.



I'm so glad you're in my life;



I'm so glad you came to save us.



\*\* You came from heav - en to earth \_ to show the way, \_



\_ from the earth \_ to the cross \_ my debt to pay; \_



\_ from the cross to the grave, \_ from the grave to the sky; \_



\_ Lord, I lift your name on high. (\*\*Repeat)

WORDS: Rick Founds (1 Cor. 15:3-4)

MUSIC: Rick Founds

LIFT YOUR NAME ON HIGH

Irregular

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## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

April 16-23, 2017

### **TODAY**

- 6:00 am: Easter Sunrise Service—Pitcock Memorial Shelter,  
Breakfast follows in the Fellowship Hall
- 8:30 am: Morning Worship, Communion & One Great Hour of Sharing
- 9:45 am: Sunday School Classes for All Ages
- 11:00 am: Morning Worship, Communion & One Great Hour of Sharing

### **THIS WEEK**

- Monday: Easter Monday—Church Office Closed  
Community Garden Work Day—9:00 am  
Blue Ridge Singers Rehearsal—7:00 pm
- Tuesday: LOGOS Leadership Team—1:30 pm—David’s Office  
Session Meeting—7:00 pm—Bageant Room
- Wednesday: Newsletter Deadline  
Adult Trip—9:30 am —Edinburg Mill & Fort Valley  
Staff Meeting—9:30 am— David’s Office  
Opequon on the Lawn Meeting—4:00 pm—Bageant Room
- Thursday: Nominating Committee—5:30 pm—Bageant Room  
Scout Pack 1—7:00 pm  
Scout Troop 1—7:00 pm—Assembly Room
- Saturday: Rise Against Hunger—9:00 am—Fellowship Hall  
Eagle Scout Ceremony—3:00 pm—Memorial Sanctuary

### **NEXT SUNDAY—Second Sunday of Easter**

Blood Pressure Screenings

Morning Worship—8:30 & 11:00 am

Sunday School for All Ages—9:45 am

Acts 2:14a, 22-32, John 20:19-31

Sermon: “Celebrate Questions”

Four Cents a Meal, Fair Trade Coffee

Presbyterian Youth Connection Motel Ministry—12:30 pm—Fellowship Hall

PS 150 Rehearsal—3:30 pm—Memorial Sanctuary

Blue Ridge Singers Spring Concert—4:00 pm—Sanctuary

Newcomers’ Gathering—6:00 pm—Bageant Room

## PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Helen Lucas  
Dom Cafaro  
Patricia & Ray Ferguson  
Jim Ross Family  
Ralph Bradley Family  
Jessie Gleason Family  
Michael March  
Fred & Vicki Earnshaw  
James Ingram  
Gary Kain & Family  
Mary Lou Thomas  
Roth Family  
Mike Butler  
Charles Lawson  
Nancy Kerns  
Steve Brown  
Melissa Ambers  
Bill Simmons

Barbara Patterson  
Dorothy Rogers  
Gary Snapp  
Kelly McCord  
Doug York  
Jerry Metheny  
Gene Walker  
Tom & Vicki Harman  
Arden & McKinney Ireland  
Bob Weidele  
Buddy Chicklo  
John Sidell  
Ellie Cammer  
Barb Sumner  
Refugees  
Sherry Clark  
Verity Morrow  
Cindy & Lance Weeks

Joe Strosnider  
Susan Martin  
Mike Fries  
Cody Monday  
Donna Coffman  
Rebekah Witt  
Berlin Zirk  
Stephanie Fitch  
Phyllis Dilley  
Sandi Pulizzi  
Colleen McMurdo  
Jane Lewis  
Dottie Edwards  
Larry Matthews  
Doug Koch  
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## PRAY FOR THOSE IN THE MILITARY SERVICE

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

## COMMUNION TODAY IS BY INTINCTION

We will come forward to the communion table to receive the sacrament by intinction. Each section of pews should move to the left as directed by the ushers, **the choir being served first this morning**. Gluten-free bread and gluten free grape juice (blue cup) are available in the center section; please see an usher for assistance. Please tear off a piece of bread and then dip it in the cup of grape juice, eating immediately. Return to your seat by the right aisle. Those serving at 8:30 are: Graham Taylor, JoEllen Delamatta, Fred Johnston, Robin Owens, Larry Donovan and June Malone. Those serving at 11:00 are: Betty Ganoë, Jason Hathaway, Lynn & Jerry Metheny, Carole Witt and Nick Sardelis.

## WORM-TODAY'S WORKSHOP IS...

"It's EASTER DAY!" Children will hear the story of EASTER morning, see the "HALLELUJAHS" that come out of the box, and transform the bleak black crosses into flowering crosses of celebration! All preschool-5<sup>th</sup> grade children are invited to come enjoy the activities of the morning in Classroom #1 at 9:45 am.

## **ATTENDANCE SUNDAY, APRIL 9<sup>TH</sup>:**

8:30 am—96

Sunday School—74

11:00 am—182

### **SERVANTS IN MINISTRY**

8:30

Acolyte: Natalie Youngblood  
Beadle: Mac McNichols  
Bell Ringer: Mo Mohler  
Greeters: Bill & Debbie Bender  
Hand Bells: Johanna Abell, Bailey & Matt Cooper  
Hospitality: Ina & Robert Walker  
Liturgist: Mark Leonard  
Trombone: Noah Flanigan  
Trumpet: Michael Relihan, Anthony Wiencko  
Tuba: Jamie Tucker  
Ushers: Terry Hartman, Evelyn McCarty, Heide Mohler,  
Jack & Natalie Youngblood

11:00

Acolyte: Sydney Sardelis  
Beadle: Bill Hopeck  
Bell Ringer: Kristin Blake, Bailey Cooper, AnnMarie Kelly  
Greeters: Kirsta & Ben Weber  
Hand Bells: Johanna Abell, Bailey & Matt Cooper  
Hospitality: Debi Hodgson, Annemarie Matthews  
Liturgist: Shirley Tomblin  
Nametags: Dulcie Reed  
Trombone: Noah Flanigan  
Trumpet: Michael Relihan, Anthony Wiencko  
Tuba: Jamie Tucker  
Ushers: Brady Cooper, Jordan Hartman, Jack Hathaway,  
Andy Homan, Sydney Sardelis, Joel Witt



## **PYC NEWS**

- ❖ The youth are still savoring the delicious meal they had last week around town as they enjoyed a Progressive Dinner! Many thanks to all the hosts!
- ❖ There is no youth gathering today—HAPPY EASTER! Enjoy the day with your family.

## **FROM THE MUSIC DEPARTMENT**

We would like to thank both First Baptist Church, Winchester and Bob McNichols of Fredericksburg, for loaning us their beautiful hand bells this morning.

## **BLUE RIDGE SINGERS CONCERT AT OPEQUON**

The Blue Ridge Singers will perform “Dreams in Song,” their spring concert at OPC on Sunday, April 23 at 4:00 pm in the Sanctuary. It is a free concert; however, it is suggested that a \$10 donation be made. For more information, go to [www.blueridgesingers.com](http://www.blueridgesingers.com).

## **ADULT TRIP TO EDINBURG MILL**

Those who have signed up to join the trip this Wednesday, April 19, to Edinburg Mill are asked to meet at church by **9:30 am**. Payment of \$8 per person for the trip is due that morning. This covers museum ticket (including the film, “The Burning”), transportation and goody bags. Following our time at the museum/mill, we will be enjoying lunch at the Garden Café at Fort Valley Nursery.

## **A NEW SEASON SPRINGS FORTH FOR OPEQUON’S COMMUNITY GARDEN**

Do you love

- ✓ watching plants grow?
- ✓ hearing cows moo?
- ✓ admiring peacocks?
- ✓ putting your hands in the soil?

✓ enjoying a pig roast with friends?

Then, join us this year at the community garden where you can celebrate all these things! Circle these dates and plan to be there:

**Garden Work Day—Tomorrow—9:00 am-Noon**

“Blessing of the Garden” & Planting—Saturday, May 13—9:00 am-Noon

Picnic in the Garden—Sunday, June 25—6:30 pm

Pig Roast Coming in August

**RISE AGAINST HUNGER THIS WEEK**

Rise Against Hunger (formally Stop Hunger Now) will be held this Saturday, in Opequon’s Fellowship Hall from 9:00 am-12:00 Noon. Room set up will begin at 8:00 am. All age groups are welcome to come and be a part of packing 10,000 meals for the hungry. Each packet can feed six individuals a meal of fortified rice & soy. Imagine, during this three-hour period we can provide nutritious food for 60,000 hungry individuals! Indeed, this is time well spent. Sign-up sheets are available in the Gathering Area. Need more information? Contact: Graham Taylor 540-247-4663, Susanna Shade 540-550-7150, or JoEllen Delamatta 540-931-2667.

**BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENINGS**

Next Sunday, members of the Health Ministry Team will be available for blood pressure screenings after 8:30 worship, and before or after 11:00 am worship.

**NEWCOMERS’ GATHERING**

Next Sunday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>—6:00 pm—Bageant Room

Come and learn about Opequon Church and our Reformed & Presbyterian heritage, government and mission! A light supper will be served. Questions?

Contact Pastor David Witt at [pastor@opequonchurch.org](mailto:pastor@opequonchurch.org) or 540-662-1843

## **NOMINATE AN OLDER ADULT FOR “OPEQUON’S 2017 OLDER ADULT”**

So many of our older adults have been recognized as our “Older Adults of the Year”. We celebrate that those crowned in the past are **Roy Bayliss, John Boyd, Frances Smith, Louise Duncan, Bill Robinson, Shirley and Dave Brumble, Rob MacGregor, Ty Headley, Edgar Tufts, Howard Kent, Donna Coffman, Betty Ganoe, Carol Tubbs, and Graham Taylor**. It is time to share nominations for this year’s older adult of the year. Who would you like to nominate? There are forms available on the Gathering Area table. Share who you nominate and WHY. Nominations are **due by May 7** and they may come from anyone in the congregation. Forms can be returned to Carole Witt or dropped in the box provided on the table. The session will review the nominations and make their selection at their May meeting. The Older Adult of 2017 will be announced at the annual Older Adult Luncheon on May 24.

## **DOWNSIZING OR SPRING CLEANING?**

Maybe you’ve found some treasures while cleaning out and letting go during the Lenten Challenge. If you haven’t yet donated those nicer/gently used items to your favorite charity, we need auction items for Opequon on the Lawn’s Live Auction on May 20<sup>th</sup>. Proceeds will benefit three local missions. All auction items must be dropped off at the church garage on Saturday, May 13 (Noon-2:00 pm), Monday, May 15 (5:00-7:00 pm), or Wednesday, May 17 (5:00-7:00 pm). The committee reserves the right to donate unsuitable items. Contact JoEllen Delamatta 540-931-2667, or Susanna Shade 540-868-1248, if you have any questions.

## **THE VBS ‘FACTORY FUN SHOP’ IS HERE!**

Vacation Bible School plans are underway! Plan for your children and younger youth to kick off the summer with “**Tinkering at the Factory,**” VBS week June 11-15, 4:30-7:30 pm. We will be discovering how God made each of us ON PURPOSE for A PURPOSE! VBS is open to 4-year-olds through 8<sup>th</sup> grade along with an adult class opportunity. (Special track planned for 5-8<sup>th</sup> grade) Stop by the “Factory Fun Shop” display in the Gathering Area for registration forms and volunteer forms. We hope your children and younger youth will be with us for VBS week. We hope YOU will volunteer to help. Friends are very welcome. Invite them now!



## TULIPS 2017

In Honor Of:	Given By:
June Seal .....	Emily Baker
My Beautiful Family—Kaity, Meredith, Zach and Teddy .....	Mike Butler
Family & Friends .....	Mary Elson
Keith, Ela & Marc Crocker .....	Martha Jackson
Our Grandchildren.....	Karen & Ramon Jones
Howard & Jean Kelly, Anita Abell.....	Dave, Dana, James & AnnMarie Kelly
My Children and Their Families.....	Carole Metheny
My Parents, Abraham & Alice Ndofor.....	Juliet Ndofor
My Grandchildren, Brooke, Clay & Lauren .....	Shirley Tomblin
My Grandson, Evan Nordeen.....	Carol Tubbs
David, Carole & Family .....	Burneice Witt
Our Children, Joel, Susan, Ryan, Elizabeth & Rebekah .....	Carole & David Witt

### To the Glory of God

Mary Elson  
Juliet Ndofor

In Memory Of:

Given By:

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Husband & Father, Dave Brumble ..... Shirley, Cathy & Becky  
Allen & Mabel DeHaven ..... Nadine DeHaven  
Bob Dobler ..... Betty Dobler  
Kitty & Robert Hockman, Robbie Hockman ..... Robin Eddy  
Our Parents, Norman & Katherine "Kitty" Edwards ..... Dottie & Ward Edwards  
Arthur Fulton ..... Martha Fulton  
Winifred H Clevenger ..... Anne Hack  
John & Adalene Hess, John & Nancy Lewis ..... John & Peggy Hess  
Carol Hopeck ..... Bill Hopeck  
Doris & Ray Monger ..... Martha Jackson  
Our Son, Rev Michael Johnston,  
Mr & Mrs William Petite,  
Mr & Mrs C Wilmer Johnston ..... Vonnie & Fred Johnston  
Kenny & Chris Abell, Bob & Pat Thompson  
..... Dave, Dana, James & AnnMarie Kelly  
Lawrence Kibler ..... Scarlett Kibler  
Family ..... Jeff & Patty Klinefelter  
Kitty & Paul Austin, June & Chuck McNichols ..... Paula & Mac McNichols  
My Husband, Jerry & My Son, Kyle ..... Carole Metheny  
Lucille & Ed Duetsch, Connie & John Praml ..... Marj & Rick Praml  
Our Parents ..... Becky & Bud Proctor  
Howard Schmitt ..... Karen Schmitt  
Loved Ones ..... Hazel Spriggs  
Mothers: Nana Tandy,  
Della Ricketts Hauck & Ruth Thornton Hauck ..... Tom & Rhoda Tandy  
My Husband, Rev. John L. Thomas,  
My Parents, Mr & Mrs Rodney Haines,  
My Brother, William G. Haines ..... Naomi Thomas  
George Tubbs, Husband, Father & Grandfather ..... Carol Tubbs  
Doris Belak, Sherod—and all those experiencing  
homelessness who have died on the streets ..... Rebekah Witt