

Opequon Presbyterian Church



“Between People and God”
What God Wants from Us

Sunday, July 16, 2017

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 am each Sunday September-May. There are classes for all ages and interests. One adult Sunday School class meets during the summer months.
- **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 before 12:00 pm on Friday.

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David R. Witt----- Pastor
Tracie Martin----- Parish Associate
William Heavner ----- Organist
Susan Homan ----- Director of Music
Carole Witt ----- Director of Christian Education
Laurie Carver ----- Nursery Supervisor
Patty Klinefelter ----- Faith Community Nurse
Catherine Richard ----- Office Administrator
Robert Sydnor----- Sexton



SERVICE FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

July 16, 2017

10:00 am

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

PRELUDE

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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 NO. 410 (v. 1) *God Is Calling Through the Whisper*

†CALL TO WORSHIP

The word of God is a lamp to our feet

And a light for our path.

Your word, O Lord, is our heritage forever,

The joy of our hearts. Let us worship God.

†HYMN OF PRAISE NO. 645 *Sing Praise to God who Reigns Above*

(Please be seated for prayer)

CALL TO CONFESSION

Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? Our old selves were crucified with him, so that we might be slaves to sin no more. Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sin.

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God our redeemer, we confess that we remain captivated by sin. We fail in our love for you, forgetting your gracious acts. We fail in our love for one another, forsaking our neighbors in need. Forgive us, God of grace. Let us be no longer bound by sin, but released, restored, set free to worship and serve you in freedom; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

MOMENTS OF SILENT PRAYER

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

If we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. Consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

LITANY OF PARDON

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

† THE RESPONSE OF PRAISE NO. 691 (vv. 1, 4)

..... *Lord, When I Came into This Life*

† 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

SPECIAL MUSIC..... *Midnight Cry*
Jessica Eaton

THE READING OF GOD’S WORD:

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Psalm 119:105-112 Pew Bible p. 495

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: Romans 8:1-11 Pew Bible p. 918

A SPECIAL TIME WITH OUR CHILDREN

Nursery (Ages Infant - Age 3)

† HYMN NO. 53 *O God, Who Gives Us Life*

SERMON..... **“A Spirit Filled Life”**

Summer Worship Series: “Between People and God: What God Wants from Us”

Rev. Nancy Meehan Yao
Associate General Presbyter, Shenandoah Presbytery

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

OFFERTORY *Offertory on "Restoration"* Arr. Broughton
Early American melody from "*Southern Harmony*"

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

†AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Hymnal p. 35) The Apostles' Creed

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. 719 *Come Labor On*

†CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE NO. 748 *Go with Us, Lord*

**Go with us, Lord and guide the way
Through this and every coming day,
That in your spirit, strong and true,
Our lives may be our gift to you.**

†POSTLUDE

SERVANTS IN MINISTRY

Acolyte: Brenna Hathaway
Beadle: Sandy Vess
Bell Ringer: Mo Mohler
Greeters: Karen & Ray Jones
Hospitality: Ina & Robert Walker
Liturgist: Bill Deck
Ushers: Terry Hartman, Brenna & Jack Hathaway, Heide Mohler

ANNOUNCEMENTS

July 16-23, 2017

TODAY

Blood Pressure Screening

- 8:45 am: Adult Sunday School Class—Bageant Room
10:00 am: Morning Worship
3:00 pm: PS 150 Rehearsal—Memorial Sanctuary

THIS WEEK

- Monday: WATTS Board Meeting—7:00 pm—Fellowship Hall
Tuesday: Congregational Care Ministry Team—6:00 pm
—Bageant Room
Wednesday: Newsletter Deadline
Staff Meeting—9:30 am—Tracie's Office

NEXT SUNDAY

Adult Sunday School Class—8:45 am—Bageant Room
Morning Worship—10:00 am ONLY
Four Cents a Meal Offering, Lemonade in the Lobby
Romans 8: 12-25, Matthew 13: 24-30, 26-43
Sermon: "Life on God's Terms"

ATTENDANCE SUNDAY, JULY 9TH—124

REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR THE BAJA MISSION TEAM

Thirty individuals from the Shenandoah Presbytery left yesterday on the BAJA mission trip. Twelve of those individuals are from Opequon Church: **Bill Burslem, Andrew Crites, Lydia Delamatta, Maggie Heishman, Bill Hopeck, Robin & Cole Owens, Mitchell Skowbo, Graham Taylor, Joel Witt, Jim and Natalie Youngblood.** Taylor Myer, Graham Taylor's grandson, is also be traveling with the team. They will return on the following Saturday, July 22nd. Please keep them and those they serve in your prayers this week.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Baja Team
Anna Lois
Chris Williams
Kourtney McMurdo
Taylor McMurdo
Erika Reid
Pat deButts
Donna & Terry Coffman
Dick Crane
Donna Cornwell
Finn McCarty
Christina Rodgester
Rachel
The Barlow Family
Corey Jones
Lewis Williams
Gordy Lindow
Gloria Reed
Steve Scalise

Matt Mika
Susan Larimer Family
Gary Sousa
Dan Zbur
Barbara Jones
Dennis Stout
Cathy Richard
Gretchen Cooley
Bob Weidele
Frances Pitcock
Jane Drumheller
Rick Praml
Dottie Edwards
Gary Strickler
Cindy Sousa
Wayne Lake
Gail Crane
Marjory Journell
Natalie Williams

Carlos Valdez
Helen Lucas
Patricia & Ray Ferguson
Fred & Vicki Earnshaw
Tracie Martin
James Ingram
Charles Lawson
Nancy Kerns
Joe Strosnider
Rebekah Witt
Stephanie Fitch
Phyllis Dilley
Sandi Pulizzi
Colleen McMurdo
Jane Lewis
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.

WELCOME NANCY MEEHAN YAO

Rev. Nancy Meehan Yao serves as the Associate General Presbyter for Shenandoah Presbytery. She and her husband, Jim (also a Teaching Elder) have served small and rural churches in the Finger Lakes region of New York State. A graduate of Columbia Theological Seminary, Nancy has served also as a Deacon, a Ruling Elder and Sunday School teacher and youth group chaperone. They have two adult sons. She is excited about serving in ministry with the people of Shenandoah.

HIKE WITH MIKE

The "Hike with Mike" for July is scheduled for Saturday, July 22nd. The hike will be an adventure to Dolly Sods in West Virginia. This is an all-day event. We will leave the church at 7:30 am and return around 3:30 pm. If you are interested, please contact Mike at mbutler57@outlook.com or 540-533-1239. It will be an amazing hike in a magnificent setting.

CAMP PADDY RUN

July Adventure Camp at Camp Paddy Run will be held from July 23-27. Two full days of outdoor adventure including rafting, river tubing, kayaking and cave exploration. Other days include group challenges, Bible Study, arts and crafts, campfire cooking, evening worship and night games. Cost \$120 per camper. Scholarships also available. Contact Amy Tubbs Mockaitis at 540-692-9029 or info@camppaddyrun.org.

JUBILEE KITCHEN

Here's an outreach opportunity to serve lunch to the food insecure in the community. Opequon Church will provide Jubilee Kitchen man-woman-youth-kid power on Saturday, July 29, 10:00 am-1:00 pm at First Presbyterian Church in Old Town Winchester. There are activities for all skill levels such as setting up the social hall, setting the tables, serving the guests and clean up. Volunteers can enter the church from the Loudoun Street Mall entrance or church parking lot entrance off Cameron Street. If you are interested in sharing some Opequon Spirit, contact Graham Taylor at 540-247-4663 or gtaylorgofishing@gmail.com.

ADVANCE DIRECTIVES SEMINAR

On Sunday, July 30th, the Health Ministry Team of Kernstown UMC will host a covered dish luncheon followed by a program on Advance Directives. Lunch will begin approximately at 11:30 am, followed by the program. Please bring a covered dish to share. Be sure to register by calling 540-667-7298 or email dschneider@kernstownumc.org by Thursday, July 27.

COMMUNITY GARDEN

- ❖ The garden is growing by leaps and bounds. We continue to make fresh vegetable deliveries weekly to the food pantry.
- ❖ We need more volunteers for watering the gardens. Can you lend a hand for a few days? You can easily sign up by going to the church website - just look for the Sign-Up Genius icon located on the front page of the site.
- ❖ For more information, contact one of the gardeners on call:
Joelle Cafaro, drhealer@gmail.com
Dana Kelly, davedana@comcast.net
Robin Owens, robinowensopcsession@gmail.com

FELLOWSHIP HALL RENOVATION

Beginning on or about August 1, the work to renovate the Fellowship Hall will begin. When that occurs, it will be closed to all church related activities for up to four months. We hope to accomplish the work sooner than that, but that is the contractor's estimate. In the interim, we will convert the Memorial Sanctuary for use as our temporary Fellowship Hall. The pews will be removed and stored off site. Tables, chairs and serving counters will be relocated to the Memorial Sanctuary. Food service will be via the stairs as the Fellowship Hall will be closed, thus blocking access to the elevators.

During the construction, in the interest of safety and liability issues, access to the Fellowship Hall will be restricted to contractors and the Buildings & Grounds Team. While we realize that this will be a significant inconvenience, we are looking forward to having a newly refurbished Fellowship Hall soon. We appreciate your understanding and cooperation during this time of upheaval.

WATTS HAPPENING ON THE MALL

Winchester Area Temporary Thermal Shelter is partnering with the Bluemont Concert Series to bring you WATTS Happening on the Mall on Friday, August 4, from 5:00-9:00 pm. We will have a Bake Sale Fundraiser on the mall behind the old Court House. Volunteers and baked treats are needed. Donations can be delivered to the church between 8:30 am-12:00 noon or brought to the sale location after 3:30 pm. To volunteer or donate please contact Ellie Cammer (540-667-3683, edgukaytor3@aol.com), or Graham Taylor (540-247-4663, gtaylorgofishing@gmail.com).

LIVE STREAM ANNOUNCEMENT

Opequon is excited to announce that we are Live Streaming our 10:00 am service during July and August. You can access them at 10:00 am on our YouTube channel by searching Opequon Presbyterian Church on YouTube or by following the link "Upcoming Events" on the home page or via the section on the website titled "Watch Sunday Worship Services on YouTube LIVE. The entire service will be available Live on Sundays, but will also be recorded and saved each week on our YouTube channel. We encourage you to check it out and to share with those who may not be able to be with us every Sunday.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

God is not packed away for the summer. The adult Sunday school "Spiritual Growth" class continues this month, using the "Feasting on the Word" curriculum materials. The class will gather in the Bageant Room during the month of July thru the end of August at 8:45 am. This study is being facilitated by various leaders, coordinated by Edwina Johansen. The class is open to all adults. Please join us whenever you like and discover what God wants you to learn.

"OFF THE GRID"

David and Carole Witt are on sabbatical. Pastor David's sabbatical continues through Sunday, August 27th, while Carole's continues through Tuesday, August 1st. A sabbatical is a period of "Rest, Renewal, and Study." For them, taking that time away is both an act of faith that God will sustain them through a period of reflection and changed activity, and an occasion for recovery and renewal of vital energies.

In this computer age, digital and otherwise, immediate, rapid and sometimes frequent communication is simply a part of our normal day and week. Both David and Carole communicate freely and timely. However, when they go into sabbatical mode, they will be "Off the Grid" for the time periods listed above. That means we are not to call them, text them, email them or yell real loudly for them. To be clear, we have instructed them to do the same.

Tracie Martin, our wonderful Parish Associate, will be leading the charge during their needed time away. You may reach out to her at the OPC office, **540-662-1843**, her home phone **304-856 2080** or by email, **tracie-martin@juno.com** (she and Bill live in the wilds of West Virginia, it takes three days for email to reach her—just kidding)!

SAVE THESE AUGUST DATES

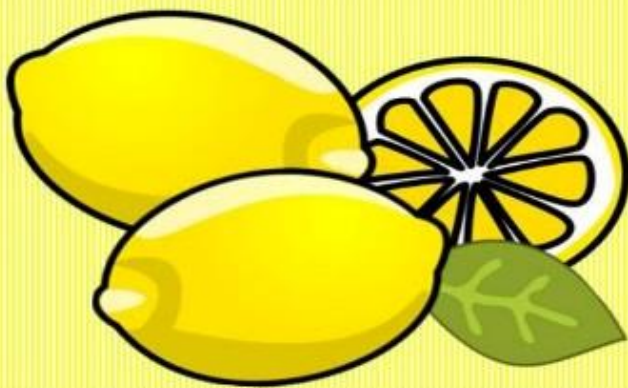
Sunday, August 6th - Annual Blessings of the Backpacks - 10:00 am

Sunday, August 13th - Open Door Worship Outdoors - 6:30 pm

Sunday, August 20th - Confirmation Orientation - 11:15 am

Sunday, August 27th - LOGOS Fun Fest - 11:15 am

Lemonade in the Lobby



Sunday
July 23

STOP BY AFTER CHURCH
FOR A REFRESHING GLASS OF
LEMONADE AND LEMON TREATS.