

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 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, 540-662-1843, before 12:30 pm on Friday.

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www.opequonchurch.org

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Tracie Martin----- Parish Associate
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Laurie Carver ----- Nursery Supervisor
Patty Klinefelter ----- Faith Community Nurse
Catherine Richard ----- Office Administrator
Robert Sydnor----- Sexton



SERVICE FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

June 4, 2017

8:30 and 11:00 am

The Day of Pentecost

Confirmation Sunday

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

PRELUDE *O for A Thousand Tongues to Sing*..... Arr. Denton

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. 283 *Come, O Holy Spirit, Come*
Susan Homan & Jennie Wright, Leaders

†CALL TO WORSHIP

The disciples had done many things wrong, but now they had done something right:

They had taken their risen Lord at his word and had waited, just waited, for the gift of the Spirit.

Today we celebrate that gift—the gift of God’s Spirit, the gift of power to the church being born.

They were all together, like they were supposed to be, in one place and of one expectant mind.

We long for the same power, O God, to give wings to our words and courage for matching deeds.

Let us take the gospel with us, out of the church, into the neighborhood, community, and world, as witnesses both to your judgment and to your grace.

Today help us to hear the story of Pentecost as if for the first time;

And help us so to tell it to others, that they may be irresistibly attracted to our Lord Jesus, the Christ.

†HYMN OF PRAISE NO. 289 *On Pentecost They Gathered*
(Please be seated for prayer)

CALL TO CONFESSION

God has promised that everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved. Therefore, let us call upon the Lord, confessing our sins.

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Spirit of Truth, coming from the depths of God, you know all too well what lurks deep within us. We confess that we have not loved one another as the Lord has loved us. We are quick to find fault and spread gossip, sins that undermine the whole fellowship of believers. We have left the strangers and seekers among us feeling like outsiders. We have not done our best to carry the Good News of Jesus Christ beyond these walls. Forgive our casual disregard of the Lord's command to go and make disciples. We have not used faithfully the powerful gifts of love and service you gave the church at Pentecost. Renew a right spirit within us, that we may carry Christ's love and mercy from this place into our weekday community and to the world beyond. We pray in the name of Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Father, one God now and forever.

MOMENTS OF SILENT PRAYER

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Sisters and brothers, God offers forgiveness of our sins and the grace of repentance. Accept God's grace, repent of your sin, and be restored to abundant life.

LITANY OF PARDON

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

† THE RESPONSE OF PRAISE NO. 621 *I Will Call Upon the Lord*

† 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 *When He Came*
Schramm

When He came long ago; when they heard, heaven's wind coming down from above; when He came, long ago; tongues of flame touched each one, hearts were stirred, and the church was empowered with love, when He came, long ago. Lord send us your Spirit, send us your Spirit, we pray; Lord, send us your Spirit; empower us today. Come again, Gentle Dove; how we yearn, to be filled with the fire from above; come again, Gentle Dove. Touch each one with your flame; stir our hearts, and empower your church with your love; come again, Gentle Dove.

THE READING OF GOD'S WORD:

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Numbers 11:24-30..... Pew Bible p. 114

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: Acts 2:1-21 Pew Bible p. 885

A SPECIAL TIME WITH OUR CHILDREN..... "We Are the Church Together"

Nursery (Ages Infant - Age 3)

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

SERMON..... "Becoming the Church"
David R. Witt, Pastor

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

OFFERTORY HYMN NO. 691 *Lord, When I Came into This Life*

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

PRAYER FOR OUR CONFIRMATION/COMMISSIONING SEEKERS (8:30)

†AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (8:30, Hymnal p. 35)..... The Apostles' Creed

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS (8:30)

SERVICE OF CONFIRMATION AND COMMISSIONING (11:00)

Presentation of the Candidates

Words of Scripture

Profession of Faith

Promise of the Congregation

†Affirmation of Faith (Hymnal p. 35)..... The Apostles' Creed

†Sacrament of Baptism

Confirmation Prayer
Laying on of Hands and Candle Ritual
Charge to the Newly Confirmed and Commissioned

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
Communion Prayer

WE GO OUT IN GOD'S NAME

†HYMN OF DEDICATION NO. 280..... *Come, O Spirit, Dwell Among Us*

†CHARGE AND BLESSING

†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

IT IS CONFIRMATION DAY!

Congratulations and WELCOME to our three young people who are being confirmed and commissioned as members of the Church today! These young people began their confirmation journey with an orientation back in August and began their class sessions in September. They have also had rich experiences outside the classroom sessions. They each shared a final written paper last Sunday about their personal faith and serving as Christ's disciple and we are excited for this celebration today. Please welcome into Opequon's membership **Paige Clark, Reagan Tibbs, and Cameron Ritter**. You are invited to join them and their families at the reception in their honor following the 11:00 am service.

SERVANTS IN MINISTRY

8:30

Acolyte: Emma Abell
Beadle: Heide Mohler
Bell Ringer: Mo Mohler
Greeters: Bill & Debbie Bender
Hospitality: June Malone
Liturgist: Jack Youngblood
Ushers: Emma Abell, Nathan Deck, Dulcie Reed,
Vicki Schmidt, Graham Taylor, Ben Winn

11:00

Acolyte: Ashton Clark
Beadle: Keith McMurdo
Bell Ringer: Kristin Blake, Bailey Cooper, AnnMarie Kelly
Greeters: Laurel & Jason Hathaway
Hospitality: Vicky Astorino, Nadine DeHaven
Liturgist: Susan Cooper
Nametags: Pat deButts
Ushers: Jim Butler, Ashton Clark, Breanna Daggett,
Annemarie Matthews, Travis Morgan

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. 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. Elders and deacons serving at 8:30 are: Sherry Schryver, Graham Taylor, Melissa & Jim Youngblood, Robin Owens and Dom Cafaro. Elders and deacons serving at 11:00 are: Susan & Kyle Homan, Peggy & John Hess, Sabra Veach and Jack Drumheller.

ATTENDANCE SUNDAY, MAY 28TH: 8:30 am—59 11:00 am—86

ANNOUNCEMENTS

June 4-11, 2017

TODAY

Blood Pressure Screenings

- 8:30 am: Morning Worship, Communion, Pentecost Offering
9:45 am: Adult Sunday School Class—Bageant Room
11:00 am: Morning Worship, Communion, Pentecost Offering,
Reception for Confirmation Class
12:30 pm: VBS Staff Orientation—Fellowship Hall
5:00 pm: PS 150 Rehearsal—Memorial Sanctuary
6:30 pm: Open Door Worship—Memorial Sanctuary

THIS WEEK

- Monday: Older Adult Team—9:30 am—Bageant Room
Men of Opequon “Night at the Royals” Game—6:00 pm
Tuesday: Technology & Communication—5:15 pm
Ministry Team Night Dinner—6:00 pm
Devotions & Team Meetings—6:45
Wednesday: Staff Meeting—9:30 am—Bageant Room
Thursday: Read ‘em & Reap—7:00 pm

NEXT SUNDAY—Trinity Sunday

- Morning Worship—8:30 & 11:00 am
Adult Sunday School Class—9:45 am—Bageant Room
Genesis 1:1-2:4a, Matthew 28:16-20
Sermon: “Coming and Going”
Choir Recognition Day, New Members Received
ABUG Training with Hospitality Greeters—9:45 am—Sanctuary
Vacation Bible School—4:30-7:30 pm

PYC NEWS

Our NEXT event is a CAR WASH, June 13, 5:00-7:00 pm, here at OPC. All proceeds will go towards our Summer Midnight Gladness event in August. Have fun making other people’s cars shine. Dinner will be provided.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Douglas York	Wayne Lake	Melissa Ambers
Jessica Eaton	Carlene Lemasters	Joe Strosnider
Rebekah DesMarais	Gail Crane	Donna Coffman
Manchester Victims	Kim Chicklo	Rebekah Witt
Cathy Richard	Marjory Journell	Stephanie Fitch
Bob Weidele	Natalie Williams	Phyllis Dilley
Frances Pitcock	Carlos Valdez	Sandi Pulizzi
Evan Nordeen	Helen Lucas	Colleen McMurdo
Beatrix Poe	Patricia & Ray Ferguson	Jane Lewis
Rick Praml	Fred & Vicki Earnshaw	Larry Matthews
Dottie Edwards	James Ingram	Doug Koch
Gary Strickler	Charles Lawson	Illubabor Bethel Synod of
Cindy Sousa	Nancy Kerns	Church Mekane Yesus

PRAY FOR THOSE IN THE MILITARY SERVICE

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

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS THIS SUMMER

What a tremendous opportunity we all have to share in learning and discussion this summer! A Sunday school class for adults of all ages will be held each Sunday during June, July, and August. It will be focused on the ongoing conversation between the Bible and our contemporary life. The class will gather in the Bageant Room each week according to the following schedule...

June Sundays - 9:45 am

July & August Sundays - 9:00 am.

Please join us. If you have questions, please speak with Ellie Cammer or Edwina Johansen.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Today we welcome into the membership of Opequon Church:

Joe, Cheryl, Rachel, Hannah Burton (Joseph), upon Certificate of Transfer from First Presbyterian Church, Winchester, VA

Bill & Jodi Deck (Wyatt), upon Certificate of Transfer from Providence Presbyterian Church, Virginia Beach, VA

Ann Denison upon Certificate of Transfer from St. Andrew Presbyterian Church, Purcellville, VA

Please greet everyone in the Gathering Area after worship.

VBS REGISTRATION CLOSES TODAY!

TODAY is the last day to get registered for the terrific VBS week of “Tinkering at the Factory”, June 11-15, 4:30-7:30 pm. VBS is open to 4-year old’s through 8th grade along with an adult class opportunity. (Special track planned for 5-8th grade) Registration forms are available at the display in the Gathering Area. Friends are welcome; register them today too!

VBS STAFF ORIENTATION

An informative and fun orientation time for ALL VBS staff will be held **TODAY at 12:30pm.** in the Fellowship Hall. Lunch is provided and all details of VBS week will be shared. VBS staff, please plan to attend this meeting.

ITEMS NEEDED FOR VBS

There are some food items as well as other supply items that are needed for Vacation Bible School week. These items are listed on a board in the Gathering Area. Your contribution of these items is greatly appreciated. Quantities are listed for each item as well as when the item is needed. Thank you.

YOU CAN BE A PART OF OUR VBS MISSION PROJECT

Our VBS mission project is filling HOPE Boxes for school children in areas of Appalachia, southeastern Kentucky and southwestern Virginia. These are areas that have been hit hard by natural disasters over recent years, leaving families and school children without much. If you would like to help us, take a gallon size Ziploc bag from the bin by the VBS display in the Gathering Area. **ALL INSTRUCTIONS are inside the Ziploc bag. Filled bags MUST BE RETURNED BY NEXT SUNDAY, JUNE 11.** Our goal is to pack 50 HOPE BOXES.

OLDER ADULT MINISTRY TEAM

The Older Adult Ministry Team meets tomorrow morning at 9:30 am in the Bageant Room. This meeting is open to any older adults who would like to attend. There is always great work done in planning and discussing along with laughter and enjoying some morning treats.

MOO SPONSORS ROYALS BASEBALL ADVENTURE

The Men of Opequon invite women and men, girls and boys to the Royals game tomorrow night at the Bridgeforth Stadium in Jim Barnett Park on Cork Street. The cost for the evening is \$15 and will cover dinner and admission. We have a reserved area for dinner, behind home plate. The dinner/picnic begins at 6:00 pm. Game starts at 7:00 pm. Contact Mike Butler with questions and to register at 540-533-1239 or mbutler57@outlook.com.

GLOW–GOD-LOVING OPEQUON WOMEN

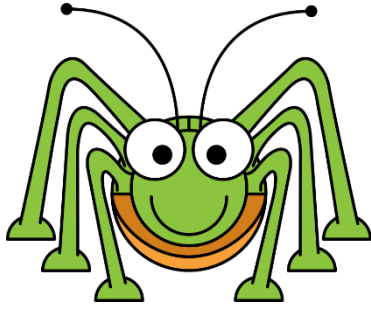
Will be preparing the dinner for Tuesday evening's Ministry Team Night meal. The menu includes a full "Make your own Salad" assortment with all the fixings, rolls and Texas sheet cake. Dinner is at 6:00 pm. Opequon Women look forward to providing this meal for all the ministry team members.

COMMUNITY GARDEN UPDATE

We've been busy over at the community garden. We didn't let the rain hold us back on last Saturday's planting day. We planted tomatoes, sweet potatoes, potatoes, radishes, okra, beets, cucumbers, tomatillos, squash, winter squash, chard, herbs and marigolds. Huge thanks to Pastor Witt for coming out and providing a blessing over the garden. We've also converted two beds into wicking beds (4 more to go!); harvested 3.25 pounds of broccoli and 1.75 pounds of strawberries that were delivered to Highland Food Pantry. We now need people to begin signing up to help with watering and pulling weeds. Signing up is easy - just go to the church website.

MANY THANKS TO...

This great group for coming out on Wednesday morning to pack the 55 food bags for Orchard View Elementary School: Dick Crane, Bill Robinson, Sherry Schryver, Graham Taylor, Lauren Reed, Nadine DeHaven and Bill Hopeck. Bill Robinson and Dick Crane delivered the food bags to the school. This is the second year we have provided food bags that go home in children's back packs for the weekend. We will begin our third year in September. Our mission ministry funds this outreach project. The food bags contain 2 breakfast items, 2 drinks, fruit, vegetable, 2 lunch items, and a snack. The average cost of a food bag is about \$3.50.



Are you **A BUG** Now?
Would you like to be **A BUG**?

There will be mandatory training for everyone who fulfills the role of Acolyte, Beadle, Usher or Greeter

Next Sunday, June 11 @ 9:45 a.m.—Sanctuary

If you are interested in learning more about serving as an Acolyte, Beadle, Usher or Greeter, you are cordially invited to join us! Training will be led by the Worship Ministry Team & Pastor David. Oh no! There will also be an added invasion of bugs, those we call “Hospitality Greeters.” Please join us so you will be trained and prepared as well.



INSTALLATION OF THE REVEREND DR. DAN MCCOIG

Shenandoah Presbytery and the Congregation of Winchester First Presbyterian Church invite you to the Installation of the Reverend Dr. Dan McCoig as Pastor of Winchester First, today at 4:00 pm at Winchester First Presbyterian Church, 116 S. Loudoun Street. A reception will follow.

JOINT HEALTH FAIR

There will be a Health Fair at Kernstown UMC on Saturday, June 24th from 10:00 am-12:00 Noon, sponsored by Opequon Presbyterian Church and Kernstown UMC.

GERANIUMS 2017

In Memory of

Given by

Hubert T. Stratton----- Thelma Cameron
My Parents, Allen & Mabel DeHaven-----Nadine DeHaven
Arthur Fulton ----- Martha Fulton
My Wife, Carol Hopeck ----- Bill Hopeck
Harry Payne----- Judy Payne
Ruth & Tom Boyer, Dick Richards-----Dave & Ruth Richards
Loved Ones -----Hazel Spriggs
My Husband, George ----- Carol Tubbs
Our Daughter, Alison Tufts Morra ----- Ann & Edgar Tufts

In Honor of

Given by

Cameron Ritter, in recognition of his confirmation ----- Rob & Kristy Gaines
Our Grandchildren, Morgan, Devin, Hayden & Cole -----Karen & Ray Jones
Dorothy Richards -----Dave & Ruth Richards
Our Children & Grandchildren -----Bobby & Harriet Smith
To the Glory of God and in Celebration of Our Family's
20 Years at Opequon Church ----- Carole & David Witt
My Family ----- Jennie Wright

To the Glory of God
Ellie & Dan Cammer
Sue Lee
Paula & Mac McNichols
Becky & Bud Proctor
Carol Tubbs

