



The Opequon Spirit

“Prayerfully Equipping Disciples of All Generations to be Christ’s Hands, Heart and Feet in the World”

MAY 2016

WORSHIP IN MAY

Sunday, May 1st – Older Adult Sunday/Apple Blossom Sunday

Philippians 2:1-11, Luke 24:13-35
Sermon: “Half-Time Is Now Over!”
Communion, CCAP, Older Adult Choir
Honoring Our Older Adults of Opequon

Sunday, May 8th – Mother’s Day/Christian Family Sunday

Acts 1:1-11, Revelation 22 (selected verses)
Sermon: “Going and Coming”
“Wall of Envelopes”

Open Door Worship – 6:30 p.m.

Contemporary & Casual
Music by PS 150
Teaching by Michael Weller
Regional Coordinator of PCUSA Mission
in the Horn of Africa
Sharing Joys, Concerns, & Prayer, Communion

Sunday, May 15th – Pentecost/Confirmation Sunday

Genesis 11:1-9, Acts 2:1-21
Sermon: “Promise and Purpose”
Confirmation Class Received
Communion, Pentecost Offering
Fellowship Reception, Wear RED!!

Sunday, May 22nd – Trinity Sunday

Psalm 8, John 16:12-15
Four Cents A Meal, Fair Trade Coffee
Church Picnic – “Get Your Grill On!” –12:15 p.m.

Sunday, May 29th – Memorial Sunday

I Kings 18:20-21, 30-39, Luke 7:1-10
Sermon: “Stepping Out in Faith!”
Habitat for Humanity Paint Can Offering
Remembering Those Who Have Served

COLLECTING FOR CCAP



All Types of
MACARONI & CHEESE DINNERS

MINISTRY TEAM NIGHT

Tuesday, May 3, 6:00 p.m.

Ham, Hash Brown Potato Casserole,
Green Beans, Fruit, Texas sheet cake and
Ice Cream will lovingly be prepared by
Carole Witt. Yum!

Suggested Donation \$3 per person
Devotions at 6:45 p.m.
Ministry Teams meet at 7:00 p.m.

MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND

Remember and honor those who have served
and gone before us!

Sunday, May 29th - 8:30 & 11:00 a.m.
Special Recognition Music



Memorial Day

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSING

The Church Office will be closed on Monday,
May 30 for Memorial Day. It will reopen on
Tuesday, May 31st at 8:30 a.m.

NOTES FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Friends in Christ,

On the first weekend in April, your church officers - ruling elders, deacons, and trustees - along with Kevin, Carole, and I, met at the home of Mac and Paula McNichols for our annual Officers' Retreat. The McNichols are gracious and caring hosts, as they welcomed twenty-six of us into their house, including our facilitator, Ann Held, who spent the weekend there. Ann is a retired Presbyterian teaching elder who most recently served as the pastor of Trinity Presbyterian Church in Harrisonburg for over twenty years. She led us on a journey of exploration and reflection that helped us pull apart our church's mission statement, discover our own spiritual gifts, and consider how those gifts can be employed through leadership, ministries, and small groups in building and nurturing discipleship. In first meeting with us, Ann noted that one characteristic seemed to be missing from our mission statement ("Prayerfully equipping disciples of all generations to be Christ's hands, heart, and feet in the world"): the "head." After all, Presbyterians are often known as critically thinking people, sometimes "heady" in both positive and negative ways. Several of us responded that the head is not only assumed in the statement but all-inclusive in guiding the rest of the body. Nonetheless, it was helpful to have this dialogue and so we plunged into activities, led by Carole, who introduced us to using our head, hands, heart, and feet. Prior to our arrival, each of us had taken a twenty-one question gift inventory that helped us discern our spiritual gifts. That naturally led to ongoing discussion as we shared and interacted. We also spent considerable time conversing about small groups and a house church model employed at Trinity Church, where people are members of missionally called small groups, which gather for worship, study, and service. Our discussion was fruitful, especially as we have begun to follow-up.

At a "reunion gathering" this past Tuesday, your officers met together again to begin processing what we learned, how we employ

our gifts, how we can share our growth with others, and how we can broaden this discernment and deepen this discipleship within the congregation. We also made a commitment to gather to begin looking at an overall strategic plan for the congregation as we move beyond our 280 years of celebrated history. So, stay alert and stay tuned to what you will be hearing and invited to do as we all seek to broaden, deepen, and widen the discipleship of Opequon, responding to the call of the Lord, God's plan and purpose for us as a people.

Together in Christ's Service,

David

OLDER ADULT SUNDAY, MAY 1ST

Celebrate the gift of generations at
Opequon!

Give thanks for our multi-generational
congregation!

Older adults share, serve, and sing!

We are so blessed!
(Wear pink & green too!!)

SESSION HIGHLIGHTS—APRIL 19, 2016

- The elders, deacons, and trustees had a fruitful discussion reviewing and reflecting on the Officers' Retreat. This led to several action items for new initiatives going forward.
- The Congregational Gathering kicking off the OPC 280 Fund was quite successful. The group leading this effort will be doing further communication with the congregation.
- Mission Ministry reported that Opequon on the Lawn raised over \$3,000 in spite of having to move the event indoors due to the weather.

- The Evangelism Team plans to go door to door promoting Vacation Bible School.
- Session approved the recommendation of Building & Grounds to repair the leaks in the roof.
- Jack Youngblood is proposing digging a well to irrigate the Memorial Garden as his Eagle Scout project.
- The Personnel Team is reviewing the Employee Handbook's policies on vacation and personal leave.
- Session approved the recommendation of the Technology & Communication Team to allow on-line giving through the Presbyterian Foundation.
- Session also approved the proposed policy on Fellowship Hall Equipment use.
- On the recommendation of the Worship Ministry, Session approved a single worship service at 10:00 a.m. in July and August.
- Christian Education Ministry expressed concern over the low participation of our high school age youth.
- Session approved the request of the Youth Council to have a "wall of envelopes" during the month of May to raise funds for youth trips, spiritual retreats, and conferences.
- Congregational Care Ministry highlighted the exceptional work of our Faith Based Nursing Program.
- The Relay for Life Spaghetti Dinner raised \$1,100.
- Session approved requests for the baptism of Claire Karys Gaines, Caleb Kernan Garcia, and Adalyn Dantro.
- The Summer Event Planning Team has met and is proposing a number of exciting special events for the summer.
- At the request of the Pastor, Session discussed "Minutes for Mission" and how to make them more effective.

OPC 280 IS HERE!

The Administration Ministry officially kicked off the OPC 280 capital campaign honoring Opequon Church's 280 years of ministry. As was evidenced by the slide presentation, the facility needs of Opequon are many and varied.

If anyone was unable to attend Congregational Gathering, there are informational sheets located in the Gathering Area. The slide presentation and FAQs will also be available for download on the church website.

The main goal of OPC 280 is to solve long term facility issues around Opequon as well as reestablishing a rainy day fund specifically for facility needs in order to prevent withdrawals from church reserves. A byproduct of the OPC 280 effort is the freeing up of monies that would normally compete with other important ministries including mission opportunities.

You'll notice a 280 donor card & envelope in the pews. As you feel called and ready to make your commitment to Opequon's future, please fill out the card and drop it in the offering plate. Our goal of \$280,000 is ambitious, but the needs of the church are great and worthy. Please take some time to consider what you can do for Opequon.

MOTHER'S DAY CHRISTIAN FAMILY SUNDAY MAY 8TH

As families, come together for worship.
Honor "Mom."

Give thanks for our faith community.
Renew your commitment as families.
Glorify God!

OLDER ADULT HAPPENINGS

The month of May is “Older Adult Month” and so we honor ALL our older adults of Opequon! We kick it off with Older Adult Sunday on May 1, with many older adults sharing in leadership of worship, an older adult choir, and our own Jean Steidel sharing the sermon message that morning. The Older Adult Ministry Team will meet on Monday, May 2, 9:30 a.m. in the Bageant Room for their monthly time of planning and fellowship. The meeting is open to any older adults who would like to come.

Happy Days gathering is Wednesday, May 11, beginning at noon in the fellowship hall with a delicious covered dish lunch followed by guest speaker, Rebekah Witt. Rebekah will be sharing about her trip to Ethiopia last summer and her work there in teaching English. An older adult outing to the Winterberry Iris Garden and Cacapon Lodge for lunch is scheduled for Tuesday, May 17. Let Carole Witt know if you would like to be on the waiting list for this trip.

The annual Older Adult Luncheon is Wednesday, May 25, with entertainment in the Sanctuary at 11:30 a.m. and the lunch to follow in the Fellowship Hall at 12:15 p.m. The entertainment is by “The Piano Man” and the lunch menu includes Roast Pork, Scalloped Potatoes, Corn, Tossed Salad, Rolls, and Pie. Please RSVP to Carole Witt, 662-1843 or dce@opequonchurch.com by May 11. The “2016 Older Adult of Opequon” will be announced at the luncheon. This event is truly in honor of all our older adults! This is an extraordinary month as we are grateful for the wisdom, leadership, and companionship of all Opequon’s older adults!

NOMINATE AN OLDER ADULT FOR “Opequon’s 2016 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 Ganoë, and Carol Tubbs. 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 11** and they may come from anyone in the congregation. Forms may 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 2016 Older Adult of the Year will be announced at the annual Older Adult Luncheon on May 25.



God-Loving Opequon Women

Tremendous thanks to Opequon’s women’s group for providing items for the food bags and packing the food bags for children at Orchard View Elementary school. The food bags are being delivered on May 5. GLOW meets the second Tuesday each month. This month women will gather on Tuesday, May 10, 7:00 p.m. in the Bageant Room. All ages of women are invited. Come celebrate womanhood through an opening devotion, a fun mixer game of ‘salt & pepper,’ a video clip of one special woman in the Bible, and much laughter. The time spent at GLOW is sure to lift your spirits and put a smile on your face.

CONFIRMATION CONNECTION

Thank you to Opequon’s Ministry teams for welcoming our Confirmation students over the past few months as they made visits to various teams. This experience certainly allows them to see a bigger picture of how their church operates and all the people who help with the ministry of Opequon Church. Recently, the students were fortunate to have Pastor David spend a class time with them to review and discuss the final paper each student is asked to write. This month the students will be making bread for communion, sharing their papers with the Session and covenant partners and we will

all celebrate on Confirmation Day, May 15. Please continue to remember these students in your prayers: Jenna Arnoldy, Anna Buonocore, Maggie Heishman, Ainsley DesMarais, Nicholas Hott, Reagan Newhouse, Bryce Williams, McKenna Williams, and Natalie Youngblood.

THE LATEST IN LOGOS

LOGOS is currently not in session, however, the LOGOS Leadership Team works year round to evaluate one year and prepare for the next; and that is precisely what our LOGOS leadership team is doing. The team has spent quality time looking at evaluations from this past year and they have gleaned areas to focus on for a new year of LOGOS. We will be giving intentional efforts to the area of LOGOS youth and incorporating some new ideas within the Bible component of LOGOS. The team has set the date for the opening night of our 19th year-LOGOS will begin on Wednesday, September 14! We will be sharing oodles of LOGOS information with you before September.

WHAT'S UP IN WORM THIS MONTH?

Great plans are ready for our concluding few weeks of WORM before our summer break. The month of May brings new and creative workshops each Sunday morning for preschool-5th grade children. Our first workshop is on May 1, known as Older Adult Sunday, so there will be some very special guests with our children that morning sharing fascinating stories of "Sunday School Many Years Ago," along with a glimpse of "WHO" Opequon's wonderful older adults are. Plans for May 8 are *secret* and *surprise*, but be sure to bring your children so they can participate and come home bearing gifts.

On May 15, come join the RED BALLOON DAY in WORM as we celebrate Pentecost in the most fun of ways and then we will conclude our WORM year on May 22 with a WORM PARTY! All these adventures will happen each Sunday morning at 9:45 a.m. We partner with parents in helping to develop faith

and a love of God in our children of all ages. Let us share one hour each Sunday morning with your child! Watch for details next month of how many food bags for Orchard View Elementary our children and youth were able to fund through their Sunday morning class offerings.



"GET YOUR GRILL ON" Church Wide Picnic May 22nd

YOU are invited to the all-church picnic on Sunday, May 22 following 11:00 worship. Come on down to the picnic shelter where the hamburgers and hotdogs will have been grilled for you and all the fixings are there to make them taste just to your liking. Many of us are dreaming of summer, so let's enjoy the comfort of the picnic shelter and the great outdoors for a congregational picnic. The hamburgers, hotdogs, buns, condiments, chips and drinks will be provided. You are invited to bring a side dish to share: **fruit, salad, vegetable, or dessert**. For any who are up to it, a big kickball game will follow lunch. If you don't want to play, stay and watch those who do! This event is sponsored by the Christian Education Ministry Team and we are excited to get picnic season going!



CHECK OUT A BOOK, A DVD, OR A CD

You are invited to check out any of the wonderful materials and items that are in our Church Library. The library is nestled neatly in the corner at the bottom of the spiral stairway near the Youth Spot. Much care

has been taken to create attractive shelving and in arranging all the useful items that can be found there. There are books for information, pleasure reading, inspirational reading, and resource purposes. There are children's movies and adult movies. There are music CD's for all ages. Take a walk down the staircase and "check it out" for yourself. Simple instructions are there to explain the check-out procedure. Help yourself in borrowing items for use at home and then bring them back when you are done. In taking a look at the library area, you will notice that the shelves are very full, and with a good number of additional items to come, there is limited space. **THUS, we are no longer taking donations of books.** We appreciate your respect of this. Watch for Library items to be on display periodically in the Gathering Area to help highlight some of the great items that are available to you.

CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES!

Opequon's high school seniors will be honored during 11:00 a.m. worship on Sunday, May 22. The Christian Education team is privileged to highlight each of these young people at this special milestone in their life. Caps and gowns are waiting to be worn with pride during upcoming graduation ceremonies. We are very proud of our high school graduates and wish them happiness and fulfillment in the next chapter of life. Congratulations to:

- Madison Clark**..... Sherando High School
- Ella Gray** Sherando High School
- Liza Homan** Handley High School
- James Kelly** Sherando High School
- Ty Martin**..... Millbrook High School
- Lauren Reed**..... Millbrook High School
- Joshua Sherman**..... Millbrook High School

IN HONOR OF MOTHERS' DAY MAY 8

Enjoy these humorous stories as we say THANK YOU to all Mother's and honor them.

A mom had just put her little boy to bed for the umpteenth time her patience was running out. When she heard him cry "Mama" again,

she said firmly back to him, "If I hear you say "Mama" one more time, I am going to make you go to bed much earlier tomorrow night, and without any dessert."

For a little while, all was quiet. Then she heard a little voice whisper, "Mrs. Green, can I have a drink?"

A census taker stopped at the door of a woman who had six children. He asked her how many children she had. She began to name each of her children. The census taker interrupted her and explained that he only needed the numbers. The insulted mother responded angrily, "I love each and every one of my children; they each have NAMES and I have never considered giving them NUMBERS!" She then immediately shut the door.

Happy Mother's Day to all Moms!

PYC NEWS

NO PYC - enjoy time with family!
 May 1st Apple Blossom
 May 8th Mothers' Day

FINAL PYC - Sunday, May 15th,
 1:00-3:00 p.m., Slip-'N-Slide Kickball!!!!

June 21-24—**Middle School Retreat @ Massanetta**—6th-8th Graders
 July 17-22—**Mission Trip to Asheville, NC**—
 Rising 7th Graders through
 Graduating 12th Graders



The A B C D E's of MELANOMA
 News from your Faith Community
 Nurse, Patty Klinefelter

Consult your physician immediately if any of your moles or pigmented spots shows *any* of the following:

- **A Asymmetry**
 One half unlike the other half
- **B Border Irregularity**
 Notched or ragged edges, or poorly defined edges

- **C Color**
Varied from one area to another; mixed shades of tan and brown, black; sometimes white, red or blue
- **D Diameter**
Generally larger than 6 millimeters (size of a pencil eraser)
- **E Evolving**
ANY pigmented lesion with a change in size, shape or shade of color. Irregularities in an existing *OR* a newly developed pigmented lesion could be a sign of melanoma, and should be examined immediately by a physician.

Early detection of melanoma can be lifesaving since it may be curable in its early stages. Practice frequent self-examinations. Ask your Faith Community Nurse (Patty Klinefelter) about danger signs in pigmented lesions of the skin. When in doubt, have your physician check it out

Therefore my heart is glad, and my glory rejoices; my flesh will also rest in hope.

Psalm 16:9

LEARN 'N' GO Wellness Promotion Tips from the Northwestern Virginia Faith Community Nurse Coalition, Winchester, VA
References: American Academy of Dermatology, <http://www.aad.org>



Following an excellent conversation last month with the Rev. Brandan Thomas, the new director of the Men's Rescue Mission, our men invite the **WHOLE CHURCH** to join us this month!! We look forward to welcoming Rachel and Michael Weller, PCUSA mission workers stationed in western Ethiopia. Michael serves as the regional coordinator for PCUSA mission in the Horn of Africa. It is truly a blessing to have the Wellers join us and men and women are invited! We'll still gather at the Pleasant Valley Road Chick-fil-A at 6:00 p.m. and return to the Bageant Room of the church for our 7:00 p.m. gathering. Don't miss out on this unique opportunity to hear our guests.

Young Adult - 20's & 30's News

For all Young Adults in their 20's and 30's in all stages of life (young professionals, newlyweds, married with kids, college students, graduate students)

Young Adults Sport & Social - Dodgeball
Wednesday Nights - Come cheer us on!
May 4th - 7:00 p.m.,
May 10th - 8:00 p.m., May 18th - 7:00 p.m.

Next Young Adult Social Event: TBA soon!

OPEQUON ON THE LAWN - THANK YOU!

Thank you to everyone who came out and invited a friend to help make this a great event - bringing together Opequon and the community in fellowship to support three important local community organizations - Highland Food Pantry, CCAP, and WATTS! We have raised over \$3,000 to support these local organizations! Thanks to everyone who gave of their time, gifts, and donated items to make this a success! Special thanks to the Planning Team that has worked hard for months to plan this event: **Mike Butler (Chair), Graham Taylor, JoEllen Delamatta, Cady McCarty, Mary Himelright, Ellie Cammer, Abby Zimmerman, Kevin Hay, David Witt,** and our food sponsor - **Top Flight BBQ (Michele and Steve Wilson).**

A NEW SEASON SPRINGS FORTH FOR OPEQUON'S COMMUNITY GARDEN

As we start to see the flowers and trees blooming, we know it's just about time for planting season. There will be new and exciting opportunities at the community garden this year, starting with our planting day on **May 14**. Come out and join us starting at 9:00 a.m. as we plant seeds and prepare the garden.

Volunteers of all sorts are needed this gardening season. Green thumbs are welcome but not necessary as there are many tasks to accomplish that require different

talents. Are you a good organizer? Can you write? Do you like to go shopping? Can you navigate a spreadsheet? Can you save seeds? Do you preserve food? If you said yes to any of these, please consider volunteering your time. You can sign up online now! Please use our online schedule to sign up at:

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/opcgarden>

For more information, contact **Leslie Tucker** at lesliehtucker@verizon.net or **Clare Milburn** at milburncm@appstate.edu. We look forward to seeing you in the garden!



UPCOMING MISSION OPPORTUNITIES

Being Christ's hands, heart, & feet in the world

**Highland Food Pantry - Tuesday, April 26th
6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.**

The Hands, Heart, & Feet - Mission-Oriented Sunday School Class invites anyone interested in joining us in our commitment to serving at Highland Food Pantry once a month on the 4th Tuesday. Contact Kevin:
associate@opequonchurch.com

**Habitat for Humanity - Interfaith Build—
Saturday, May 21st**

Opequon has signed up for a Saturday Workday as a part of the Interfaith Build. Come help the faith community build a house for a family in need.

Sign up with Kevin -
associate@opequonchurch.com

**Habitat for Humanity - Rock the Block!
Saturday, June 18th**

Habitat is having a city-wide day of service; join the Opequon team in being a part of this community-wide rebuilding project!

93RD ANNUAL BIBLE CONFERENCE & CHURCH MUSIC CONFERENCE July 24-30

Join us at Massanetta Springs for the 93rd Annual Bible Conference and the Church Music Conference. For more information, go to massanettasprings.org.

GLOBAL MISSION GATHERING

The Global Mission Gathering will meet on a special date, May 2, joining Men of Opequon and others to hear from our PCUSA Mission co-workers, Rev. Michael & Rachel Weller. Rachel is a community health nurse working in Gambella, Ethiopia and Michael is the PCUSA regional mission coordinator for the Horn of Africa working in Sudan, Southern Sudan, and Ethiopia. They have lived and worked in Ethiopia for many years, including raising their family there. Please join us to hear from real pioneers spreading the Word in very difficult parts of the Horn of Africa.

"BECAUSE WE CARE SO DEEPLY FOR THEM"

**Pentecost Offering Received
Sunday, May 15th**

What is the Pentecost Offering? The Pentecost Offering is received annually on Pentecost Sunday (surprise, surprise!) and is one of four church-wide special offerings of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). The offering is received for children at risk, youth, and young adults. Opequon will retain 40% of all gifts for community programs that benefit children, youth, and young adults, which is becoming a unique focus for us. The Presbyterian Mission Agency divides the remaining 60% between ministries with youth and young adults (50%) and child advocacy (10%). Give generously and... invest in the Church's Greatest Resource: Our Youth!

SHENANDOAH PRESBYTERY SCHOLARSHIPS

The Committee in Educational Resources is now accepting applications for the following scholarships:

Camp and Conference Scholarships - Deadline HAS BEEN EXTENDED TO May 15, 2016.

There are still funds available to help youth get to camp/conferences this summer.

College Scholarships - Deadline - July 14, 2016

Applications for both scholarships can be found at <http://shenpres.org/scholarship-grants/>. Please note the different application deadlines on each scholarship application.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Recently, we welcomed the following new members into the fellowship and mission of Opequon Church:

Lisa & Bill Frye ----- Certificate of Transfer
from Fellowship Bible Church

John Hess ----- Certificate of Transfer
from Sunnyside Presbyterian Church

Susan Ritter----- Certificate of Transfer
from Stephens City United Methodist Church

Leslie & Jim Tucker ---- Certificate of Transfer
from Sherando Presbyterian Church

We look forward to getting to know each one of you!

WE'VE MOVED!

Matt & Jennifer Frey
Jonny & Sabrina Lunsford
204 Stephens Run St
Stephens City VA 22655

George & Carol Tubbs
400 Clocktower Ridge DR Apt 427
Winchester VA 22603

Kylie Vess
4106 Loston Court
Fairfax VA 22033-4307

New Members

Jim & Leslie Tucker
442 Westmoreland DR
Stephens City VA 22655
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540-869-7109

Susan Ritter
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Stephens City VA 22655
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540-869-5231

Bill & Lisa Frye
401 Moonshine Run
Winchester VA 22602
Billandlisa@hotmail.com
540-931-1462 Bill
540-247-9552 Lisa

Phil & Heather Kochel Dantro announce the birth of their daughter, **Adalyn Ann Dantro**, on March 28. Her big brother is Garrett and her grandparents are Glenn and Lisa Kochel. May God bless and nurture Adalyn and her family.



We express our Christian love and sympathy to...

Julie Herrick upon the death of her brother, Richard Clark, in Florida on March 16

Myrt Nissen upon the death of her husband, **Harry**, on April 15
"I am the resurrection and the life," says the Lord. "Those who believe in me shall live, even though they die; and those who live and believe in me shall never die."
John 11:24-25

NEW TREE

A tree has been planted near the church's south entrance. Dick & Gail Crane donated this tree in celebration of the 56th anniversary of their marriage April 2nd. It is a slow-growing Flowering Magnolia and will provide beautiful spring tulip-like reddish-purple flowers.

NOTES OF GRATITUDE

Dear David & Church Family,
I would like to thank you for the cards and phone calls. Thanks for the prayers; as always they sure helped. May God bless you all for your kindness!

Ellie Lingo

As Ray and I continue to deal with health issues, we wish to express our deep appreciation for your prayers, cards, acts of kindness, and those so-delicious meals from Tuesday Morning Mission. We feel blessed to be a part of Opequon, and we continue to keep you in our prayers.

Patricia & Ray Ferguson

My family and I would like to thank the members of the Opequon Presbyterian Church for their many prayers, phone calls, cards and other acts of kindness during the illness and passing of John deButts. I feel so blessed to be a member of such a caring church.

Pat deButts

Thank you to both David and Kevin for their visits and prayers for each of our recent hospital stays. Thanks to the Tuesday Morning Mission group for their delicious lunches; and, of course, we truly appreciate the concern and love shown to us by the many members of our church family.

Denise & Bob Weidele



- 1 Olivia Shiley
- 2 Mike Butler
- 3 Myrt Nissen
- 4 David Joyner, Steve Rockwell
- 5 Jonny Lunsford
- 6 Terry Hartman, Les Veach
- 7 Joshua Brown, Kay Odei,
Becky Proctor

- 9 Matt Sousa
- 10 Annie Delamatta
- 11 Joel Sherman
- 12 Lydia Delamatta
- 13 Harriet Smith
- 14 Jan Donovan, Kitty Bird Nicholas
- 16 Bill Bayliss, Suzi White
- 18 Anne Carter, Hannah Wright
- 19 Vicky Astorino, Helen Schieve
- 20 Alex Plumb
- 21 Evan Nordeen
- 22 Tom Tandy, Megan Triplett
- 23 Erin Wilson
- 24 Mike Crites, Andrew Frey, Marj Praml
- 25 Graham Taylor
- 26 Hank Agreggaard, Alexis Weir
- 27 Bill Bender
- 29 Leah O'Connell
- 30 Dom Cafaro, Mo Mohler, Dave Sweeney
- 31 Tracy Drumheller, Nicholas Leonard,
Alan McKay



- 14 Robert & Patience Sydnor
- 16 Jayson & Kalley Bormann,
Marc & Rebekah
DesMarais,
Sparkey & Sara Gomez
- 20 Chris & Missy Moses
- 21 Jeff & Sherry Schryver,
John & Pam Stevens
- 24 Bill & Debbie Bender
- 25 Clayton & Terry Hartman
- 26 Kraig & Brenda Hawkins,
Mike & Christy Usa
- 30 Marshall & Joan Beverly
- 31 Ray & Karen Jones,
Tom & Rhoda Tandy

SERVANTS IN MINISTRY

Beadles

8:30 Dom Cafaro (1, 15, 22) Pat Heavner (8, 29)
11:00 Alan McKay (1, 8, 22, 29)

Bell Ringers

8:30 Mo Mohler
11:00 Kristin Blake, Bailey Cooper, AnnMarie
& James Kelly

Greeters

8:30 Pat DeButts and Nancy Rogers
11:00 TBD

Hospitality

8:30
1 Vickie Astorino, Brenda Hawkins
8 Betty Chicklo, June Malone
15 Robert & Ina Walker
22 Bill & Debbie Bender
29 Heide Mohler, Dom Cafaro

11:00

1 Nadine DeHaven, Betty Ganoe
8 Debi Hodgson, Annemarie Matthews
15 Richard & Nancy Lloyd
22 Jack Drumheller, Alice Foley
29 Mary Himelright, Martha Fulton

Liturgists

8:30 Vicki Schmidt Crites
11:00
8 & 15 Rebekah Witt
22 & 29 Bailey Cooper

Nametags

Week 1 Pat deButts
Week 2 Dulcie Reed
Week 3 Nancy Rodgers
Week 4 Kail Barbe
Week 5 Nancy Rodgers

Ushers (Head Usher in **Bold**)

8:30
1 Vicki Crites, Dulcie Reed, **Graham Taylor**
8 **Pat Heavner**, Dick Widell, Jim Youngblood
15 Terry Hartman, **Heide Mohler**, Carroll
Youngblood
22 **Keith McMurdo**, Sherry Schryver, John Winn
29 **Dom Cafaro**, Bob Gaines, Dave Yost

11:00

1 Jim Butler, Annemarie Matthews, **Travis Morgan**
8 Jason Hathaway, Kyle Homan, **Bill Robinson**
15 Jason Brown, **Andy Homan**, Joel Witt
22 **Mike Birchenough**, Bill Hopeck, Bob Weidele
29 **Vern Gamble**, Nick Sardelis, Jamie Symons



Remember
OPC
in
Your Will



SUMMARY FINANCIAL STATEMENT
March 2016

| EXPENSES | 2016 Budget | Net Expenses Current Month | Net Expenses Year to Date | Budget Balance Remaining |
|------------------------------|----------------|-------------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Administrative Ministry | 415,048 | 36,018 | 108,632 | 306,416 |
| Christian Education Ministry | 13,900 | 479 | 1,844 | 12,056 |
| Congregational Care Ministry | 300 | 0 | 74 | 226 |
| Evangelism Ministry | 600 | 71 | 226 | 374 |
| Fellowship Ministry | 1,600 | 264 | 758 | 842 |
| Mission Ministry | 47,000 | 5,002 | 9,592 | 37,408 |
| Worship Ministry | 5,000 | 205 | 824 | 4,176 |
| Capital Expenses | 115,025 | 9,584 | 28,751 | 86,274 |
| Total Budget | 598,473 | 51,623 | 150,701 | 447,772 |

| INCOME | Current Month | Year to Date |
|--|---------------|----------------|
| General Fund Pledges | 64,458 | 143,632 |
| Loose | 425 | 1,141 |
| Total Operating Income from Offerings | 64,883 | 144,774 |
| Adjustments to Income (YTD) | | |
| Checking Account Interest | | 4 |
| Transfer from Building Fund | | 0 |
| Room/Facility Usage | | 250 |
| Wedding Fees | | 0 |
| Operating Income After Adjustments | | 145,028 |

Expenses (YTD) 150,701

2016 Operating Balance as of March 31 -5,673



Tickets available online at:
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MAY 2016

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|--|---|---|---|---|---------------|--|
| 1 Older Adult Sunday 8:30am & 11:00am Worship, Communion 9:45am Sunday School | 2 9:30am Older Adult Ministry 2:30pm Jesus in the Gospels 6pm MOO @Chick-fil- A 7pm MOO & Global Mission Gathering-BR 7pm Adult ESL | 3 1:30pm LOGOS Leadership 6pm Ministry Team Night | 4 9:30 am Staff Mtg 7pm Choir Practice 7pm VA Dodgeball | 5 7pm Scout Pack 1 7pm Scout Troop 1 | 6 | 7 8am Men's Lectio Divina-BR 8am Women's Lectio Divina-AR 10am-3pm Blood Drive |
| 8 Mothers' Day Christian Family Sunday 8:30am & 11:00am Worship 9:45am Sunday School 6:30pm Open Door Worship | 9 7pm Adult ESL | 10 9am Shenandoah Presbytery 9:30am Tuesday Morning Mission 7pm GLOW-BR | 11 Noon Happy Days 6:30pm Summer Event Team 7pm Choir Practice 7pm VA Dodgeball | 12 7pm Scout Pack 1 7pm Scout Troop 1 7pm Read 'em & Reap | 13 | 14 9am Planting @ Community Garden |
| 15 Confirmation Day 8:30am & 11:00am Worship 9:45am Sunday School 5pm PYC | 16 7pm Adult ESL 7pm WATTS Board | 17 10am OA Trip to Cacapon 7pm Session Mtg | 18 Newsletter Deadline 9:30am Staff Mtg 10am Winchester Newcomers 12pm TVOR Lunch Bunch 7pm Choir Practice 7p VA Dodgeball | 19 7pm Scout Pack 1 7pm Scout Troop 1 | 20 | 21 Interfaith Habitat Build 8am Men's Lectio Divina 10 am Luminary Bag Decorating RFL |
| 22 Trinity Sunday Honor Graduates 8:30am & 11:00am Worship 9:45 Sunday School 12pm Church Picnic | 23 12pm G&IS Students 7pm Adult ESL | 24 12pm G&IS Students 7pm Session Meeting | 25 12pm G&IS Students 7pm Choir Practice | 26 7pm Scout Pack 1 7pm Scout Troop 1 | 27 | 28 |
| 29 Memorial Sunday 8:30am & 11:00am Worship 9:45am Sunday School | 30 Church Office CLOSED | 31 | | | | |

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 William Heavner ----- Organist
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 Patty Klinefelter ----- Faith Community Nurse
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GET YOUR RED OUT AND ON!
PENTECOST SUNDAY
CONFIRMATION SUNDAY

May 15th – 8:30 & 11:00 am
 A Day to Celebrate the Holy Spirit!
 Pentecost Offering Received
 Communion Celebrated
 Remember to Wear Red!

JUNE WILL BE JUMPING!!

Sunday Worship – 8:30 & 11:00 a.m.
 Choir Recognition – Sunday, June 5
 Baptisms – Sundays, June 12 and 26
 Father’s Day – June 19
 Interfaith Lunch & Conversation – June 5
 Relay for Life – Saturday, June 11
 Vacation Bible School – June 12-16
 MOO @ Winchester Royals – Monday, June 13
 “Picnic in the Garden” – Sunday, June 26
 “Double Feature” Movie Night – Wednesday, June 29