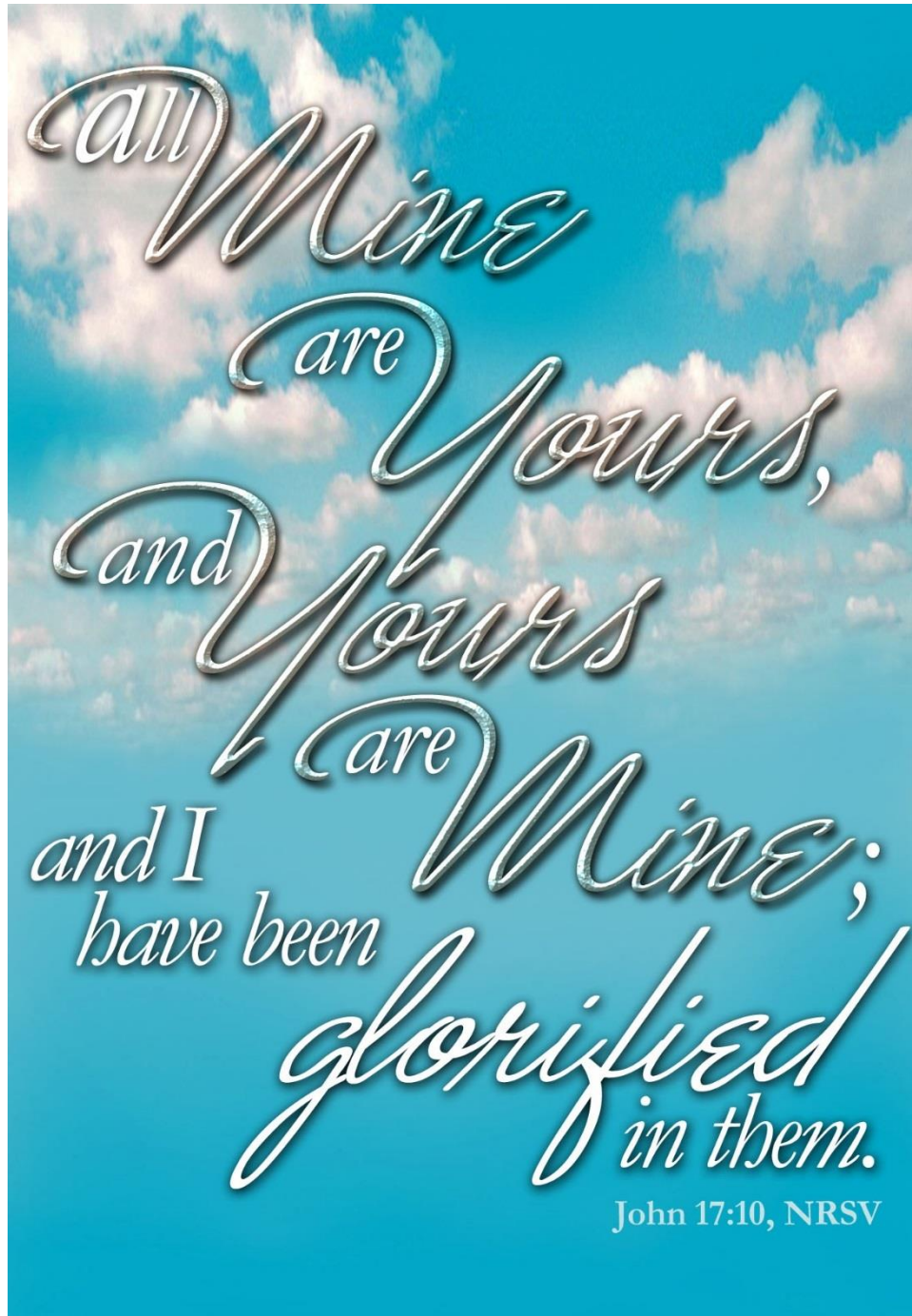


# Opequon Presbyterian Church



**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 September-May. 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

May 28, 2017

8:30 and 11:00 am

Ascension Sunday

Memorial Day Weekend

## WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

PRELUDE *God and the Nation* (A Patriotic Trio) ..... Arr. Scriveyner

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. 276 (vv. 1, 2)..... *Sing a New Song unto the Lord*

† CALL TO WORSHIP

Shout for joy, sing songs of praise,

**for God reigns over all the earth!**

God has gone up with a shout!

**Sound the trumpets and sing songs of praise!**

† HYMN OF PRAISE NO. 267 ..... *Come, Christians, Join to Sing*

(Please be seated for prayer)

CALL TO CONFESSION

Jesus tells us that repentance and forgiveness is to be offered in his name. Therefore, let us confess our sins to God, who assures us of new life through the power of Christ's redeeming love.

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Living God, we confess that our faith is sometimes weak, our love for others can be faint, our prayers are often timid, and our gratitude is frequently unconvincing. When we stand looking toward heaven, yet feel far from you, you draw near in mercy to forgive us, and fill us with your power, through the grace of Jesus, our resurrected Savior.**

MOMENTS OF SILENT PRAYER

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Sisters and brothers, as Christ is our witness, God’s power to pardon is immeasurable. Therefore, proclaim this good news to the ends of the earth: through the mercy of Christ, our sins are forgiven.

LITANY OF PARDON

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

† THE RESPONSE OF PRAISE NO. 273 (vv. 1, 3) ..... *He Is King of Kings*

† 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.”**

REMEMBERING THOSE WHO HAVE SERVED AND GIVEN THEIR LIVES

O beautiful for heroes proved in liberating strife,  
Who more than self their country loved, and mercy more than life!  
America! America! God mend thine every flaw.  
Confirm thy soul in self-control, thy liberty in law.

**WE HEAR GOD’S WORD**

ANTHEM ..... *Healing River*

Minkoff/Hellerman/Hayes

O healing river, send down your waters. Send down your waters upon this land. O healing river, send down your waters, and wash the blood from off the sand. This land is thirsting. This land is parching. No seed is growing in the barren ground. This land is thirsting. This land is parching. O heal us now, send your waters down. Let the seed of freedom awake and flourish. Let the deep roots nourish. Let the tall stalks rise. Let the seed of freedom awake and flourish, proud leaves uncurling against the skies. O healing river come heal our land.

THE READING OF GOD’S WORD:

FIRST LESSON: Acts 1:6-14 ..... Pew Bible p. 902

GOSPEL LESSON: John 17:1-11 ..... Pew Bible p. 877

A SPECIAL TIME WITH OUR CHILDREN ..... “Time to Say Good-bye”

Nursery (Ages Infant - Age 3)

† HYMN NO. 462 ..... *I Love to Tell the Story*

SERMON ..... “Moving On and Out”

David R. Witt, Pastor

## WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

OFFERTORY *Look Ye Saints the Sight Is Glorious* .....Arr. Innes

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

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. 733..... *We All Are One in Mission*

†CHARGE AND BLESSING

†CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE NO. 238 (Refrain)..... *Thine Is the Glory*

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

†POSTLUDE

## SERVANTS IN MINISTRY

8:30

Beadle: Graham Taylor  
Bell Ringer: Mo Mohler  
Greeters: Bill & Lisa Frye  
Hospitality: Betty Chicklo, June Malone  
Liturgist: Jack Youngblood  
Ushers: Mike Butler, Sherry Schryver, John Winn

11:00

Beadle: Shirley Tomblin  
Bell Ringer: Kristin Blake, Bailey Cooper, AnnMarie Kelly  
Greeters: Brenda & Clayton Carbaugh  
Hospitality: Gail & Dick Crane  
Liturgist: Susan Cooper  
Nametags: Kail Barbe  
Usher: Joel Witt

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

May 28- June 4, 2017

## TODAY

- 8:30 am: Morning Worship, Four Cents a Meal, Fair Trade Coffee
- 9:45 am: Sunday School Classes for All Ages
- 11:00 am: Morning Worship, Four Cents a Meal, Fair Trade Coffee
- 3:30 pm: PS 150 Rehearsal—Memorial Sanctuary

## THIS WEEK

- Monday: Church Office Closed—Memorial Day
- Wednesday: TVOR Lunch Bunch with Staff—11:30 am  
Choir Practice—6:30 pm—Sanctuary
- Thursday: Winchester Newcomers—10:30 am—Fellowship Hall  
Pastors' Meet & Eat—12:00 Noon—Roma
- Saturday: Men's Lectio Divina—8:00 am—Bageant Room  
Women's Lectio Divina—8:00 am—Classroom #2  
Church Work Day—9:00 am  
WATTS Food Truck Rodeo—3:00-8:00 pm

## NEXT SUNDAY—Pentecost/Confirmation Sunday

- Morning Worship—8:30 & 11:00 am
- Adult Sunday School Class—9:45 am—Bageant Room  
Numbers 11:24-30, Acts 2:1-21  
Sermon: "Becoming the Church"  
**You Are Encouraged to Wear Red!**  
Confirmation Class Received,  
Communion, Pentecost Offering, Fellowship Reception  
VBS Staff Orientation—12:30 pm  
Open Door Worship—6:30 pm—Memorial Sanctuary

## THE SANCTUARY FLOWERS

The flowers in the Sanctuary this morning, are given by Karen and Ray Jones in celebration of their 59<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on May 31<sup>st</sup>.

## PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Manchester Victims  
Cathy Richard  
Anne Dickinson Family  
Evelyn Shaffer  
Doug Moyer Family  
Bob Weidele  
Frances Pitcock  
Evan Nordeen  
Beatrix Poe  
Rick Praml  
Dottie Edwards  
Gary Strickler  
Cindy Sousa  
Wayne Lake  
Carlene Lemasters  
Gail Crane

Kim Chicklo  
Marjory Journell  
Natalie Williams  
Carlos Valdez  
Helen Lucas  
Patricia & Ray Ferguson  
Fred & Vicki Earnshaw  
James Ingram  
Charles Lawson  
Nancy Kerns  
Melissa Ambers  
Bill Simmons  
Barbara Patterson  
Kelly McCord  
Doug York  
Tom & Vicki Harman

Arden & McKinney Ireland  
John Sidell  
Verity Morrow  
Joe Strosnider  
Susan Martin  
Donna Coffman  
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.

## ATTENDANCE SUNDAY, MAY 21<sup>ST</sup>:

8:30 am—72

Sunday School—73

11:00 am—123

## PYC NEWS

- ❖ Have a fantastic Memorial Day holiday!
- ❖ NEXT event is a CAR WASH, June 13, 5-7pm, 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.

## CHURCH WORK DAY

We will have a church work day **this Saturday, June 3** between 9:00 am and 12 Noon. We will be weeding, mulching and maybe some trimming. Bring a wheelbarrow if you have one. Many hands make light work!

## **FOOD TRUCK RODEO & MUSIC JAMBOREE**

This Saturday, June 3<sup>rd</sup> is the Food Truck Rodeo & Music Jamboree at the OakCrest parking lot on Kent Street to benefit Winchester Area Temporary Thermal Shelter. Tickets are available and selling quickly!!! Please see **David Witt or Graham Taylor** today! Only \$10 pre-purchase or \$15 at the gate. There will be great music - 5 food trucks- craft beers, fine wines and new this year KIDZONE - a world of fun just for kids!

## **ONE WEEK TO REGISTER!**

**Just 1 week remains to get registered for the terrific VBS week of “Tinkering at the Factory”, 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 old’s through 8<sup>th</sup> grade along with an adult class opportunity. (Special track planned for 5-8<sup>th</sup> grade to include a field trip night and some special projects) Invite your friends now and register yourself too! **Registration is open until June 4.** Registration is very important for planning purposes so we appreciate you honoring the deadline. Meander over to the Factory Fun Shop display for registration and volunteer forms.

## **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 contributions of these items are greatly appreciated. Quantities are listed for each item as well as when the item is needed. Thank you.

## **VBS STAFF ORIENTATION**

An informative and fun orientation time for ALL VBS staff will be held **NEXT Sunday, June 4 at 12:30 pm.** Lunch is provided and all details of VBS week will be shared. VBS staff, please plan to attend this meeting.



## **ADULT VBS CLASS AT OPC**

June 11-15 (Sunday-Thursday) 6:30-7:30 pm

Please register at the "Factory Fun Shop" display

Great nightly class sessions facilitated by Pastor David Witt.

Join this time of study and fellowship together.

*Happiness: "We all look for it. Few find it. So, let's talk about it!"*

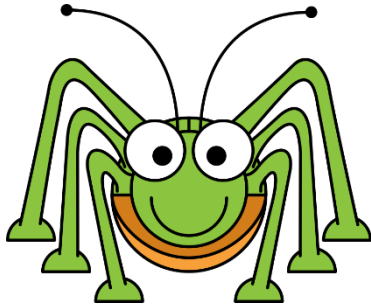
We all dream of being happy. If we could just lose the extra weight, get the job, buy the house, we could truly be happy. But over time, it begins to seem as though lasting happiness is unattainable. Despite our best efforts, true happiness will never be a reality for us. So how do we find lasting happiness and contentment in our lives? Maybe the answer isn't in our own lives at all. UMC Pastor Matt Miofsky connects the existential question, "Am I happy?", with basic theology and unexpected biblical texts. Starting with the book of Ecclesiastes, considering if any "thing" can make us happy, he explores the value of relationships, a forgiving lifestyle, living in the present, feeling gratitude, and learning to release control.

## **MOO SPONSORS ROYALS BASEBALL ADVENTURE**

The Men of Opequon invite women and men, girls and boys to the Royals game on Monday, June 5<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:mbutler57@outlook.com).

## **COMMUNITY GARDEN UPDATE**

The strawberries are looking great. The broccoli, onions and cauliflower are doing wonderful as well. As a reminder, we are always in need of people to help us with weeding and watering. A huge thanks to all that came out Saturday for the official planting and blessing of the garden.



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** on

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.



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

Sunday, June 4, 2017 4:00 in the afternoon

Winchester First Presbyterian Church

116 S. Loudoun Street

Winchester, VA 22601

Reception to follow - R.S.V.P to

540-662-3824 [info@fpcwinc.org](mailto:info@fpcwinc.org)

### **Congratulations to Carol and Jack Treece**

Carol and Jack have been selected as Opequon's Older Adults of 2017! We are privileged to honor these long time, hardworking servants who have been very faithful members of OPC. Carol and Jack have given of themselves in many ways to the life of the church. Their bright smiles welcome many to Opequon. They are always present doing good deeds. They both have been long-time choir members, Happy Days participants, and serve on ministry teams of Opequon. We are thankful for Carol and Jack!

## THE SESSION—ELDERS

Stephen Brown ..... Clerk  
David Witt ..... Moderator

### 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

### Class of 2018

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

### Class of 2019

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

## DEACONS

Dom Cafaro ..... Congregational Care Ministry  
Terry Hartman ..... Congregational Care Ministry  
Brenda Hawkins ..... Congregational Care Ministry  
Pam Orndorff ..... Congregational Care Ministry  
Stella Strickler ..... Congregational Care Ministry

## TRUSTEES

Mitch Orndorff, Chair ..... Class of 2017  
Mac McNichols ..... Class of 2018  
George Schember ..... Class of 2019

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