

Opequon Presbyterian Church

Older Adult Sunday 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 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.

Opequon Presbyterian Church

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Laurie Carver ----- Nursery Supervisor
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SERVICE FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

May 7, 2017

8:30 and 11:00 am

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Apple Blossom Sunday

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

PRELUDE

Prelude on "Brother James Air"..... Arr. Harris

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. 743 *O God, You Are My God*

† CALL TO WORSHIP

Sisters and brothers, let us gather together with glad and generous hearts.

For many signs and wonders are being done among us.

Let us break bread together and share our lives in common.

Let us give what we can to all who have needs so that all people, no matter who they are, may regard us with good will.

Let us devote ourselves to our prayers and to the gospel.

For in this way God will add to our numbers every day.

† HYMN OF PRAISE NO. 187 *Savior, Like a Shepherd, Lead Us*

(Please be seated for prayer)

CALL TO CONFESSION

Friends, in as much as God is our shepherd, let us not fear, but confess our sin that God may restore our souls.

NO. 418 (v. 1) *Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling*

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Master, Savior, Shepherd, Messiah—we know you by many names, Lord. Your presence fills our lives—all that we are and all that we have comes from you; all that you do declares your love for us. Yet when trouble comes, when adversity plagues us, we wonder where you are; we even wonder who you are. How quickly we forget that you are always with us. Dispel our gloom and despair. Spread your table before us, and feed us from your hand. Lead us in the paths of righteousness, for it is in your name that we pray.

MOMENTS OF SILENT PRAYER

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Friends, the promise of our faith is that if we entrust ourselves to the One who judges justly, we need not feel threatened, for we will be returned to righteousness. Having been brought back into the safety of God's fold, let us share our peace with one another.

LITANY OF PARDON

Friends, believe the Good News of the Gospel

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

† THE RESPONSE OF PRAISE NO. 418 (v. 3)

..... *Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling*

† 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 *'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus*

Older Adult Choir

INTRODUCTION OF OUR GUEST AND SPECIAL PRESENTATION

PSALM PRAYER NO. 473

THE READING OF GOD'S WORD:

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON NO. 473 *Shepherd Me, O God*

Psalms 23

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: John 10:1-10 Pew Bible p. 872

A SPECIAL TIME WITH OUR CHILDREN “Calling and Caring”

Nursery (Ages Infant – Age 3)

†HYMN NO. 802 *The King of Love My Shepherd Is*

SERMON.....Kes (Rev.) Tariku Tolessa

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

OFFERTORY *All the Way My Savior Leads Me* Arr. Birchwood

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

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

Communion Prayer

WE GO OUT IN GOD'S NAME

†HYMN OF DEDICATION NO. 803.....*My Shepherd Will Supply My Need*

†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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

May 7-14, 2017

TODAY

8:30 am: Morning Worship, Communion, CCAP
9:45 am: Sunday School Classes for All Ages
11:00 am: Morning Worship, Communion, CCAP
12:15 pm: Youth Council—Bageant Room

THIS WEEK

Monday: LOGOS Leadership Team—1:30 pm—David's Office
Men of Opequon—6:00 pm—Chick-fil-A

Tuesday: Celebration of Life Service for Connie Robinson—11:00 am
Shenandoah Presbytery Meeting—9:30 am
—Mt. Olive Presbyterian Church, Harrisonburg
Susanna Shade & Graham Taylor,
Ruling Elder Commissioners
God-Loving Opequon Women—7:00 pm—Bageant Room

Wednesday: Happy Days—12:00 Noon—Fellowship Hall
Opequon on the Lawn Committee—4:00 pm—Bageant Room
Choir Practice—7:00 pm—Sanctuary
Read 'em & Reap—7:00 pm—Bageant Room

Thursday: GenOn Ministry—3:00 pm—Bageant Room
Read 'em & Reap—7:00 pm—Home of the Tandys
Scout Pack 1—7:00 pm—Classroom 4 & 5
Scout Troop 1—7:00 pm—Assembly Room

Friday: GenOn Ministry—9:00 am—Bageant Room

Saturday: GenOn Ministry—9:00 am—Bageant Room
Community Garden Blessing & Planting—9:00 am
—Hedgebrook Farm
Auction Drop-Off—12:00 Noon-2:00 pm—Church Garage

NEXT SUNDAY—Christian Family/Mothers' Day

Morning Worship—8:30 & 11:00 am
Sunday School for All Ages—9:45 am
1 Peter 2:2-10, John 14:1-14

Sermon: "You Know the Way!"

Honoring the Mothers and Women of Opequon

PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Rick Praml
Larry Schryver
Robinson/Homan Family
Dottie Edwards
Gary Strickler
Cindy Sousa
Wayne Lake
Edgar Tufts
Carlene Lemasters
Dick & Gail Crane
Mary Lou Thomas
Kim Chicklo
Marjory Journell
Natalie Williams
Carlos Valdez
Bob Weidele
Helen Lucas
Patricia & Ray Ferguson

Fred & Vicki Earnshaw
James Ingram
Gary Kain
Charles Lawson
Nancy Kerns
Steve Brown
Melissa Ambers
Bill Simmons
Barbara Patterson
Gary Snapp
Kelly McCord
Doug York
Jerry Metheny
Tom & Vicki Harman
Arden & McKinney Ireland
John Sidell
Barb Sumner
Refugees

Sherry Clark
Verity Morrow
Cindy & Lance Weeks
Joe Strosnider
Susan Martin
Donna Coffman
Rebekah Witt
Stephanie Fitch
Phyllis Dilley
Sandi Pulizzi
Colleen McMurdo
Jane Lewis
Larry Matthews
Doug Koch
Illubabor Bethel Synod of
Church Mekane Yesus

PRAY FOR THOSE IN THE MILITARY SERVICE

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

WELCOME KES TARIKU TOLESSA

We are honored to welcome Kes (Rev.) Tariku back to Opequon Church. He is a beloved friend and brother in Christ. A pastor of the Ethiopian Evangelical Church Mekane Yesus (EECMY), our partner church in Ethiopia, Tariku serves as president of the Illubabor Bethel Synod (IBS), now in his second term in the office. IBS is one of 28 synods of the EECMY and has eleven presbyteries, 460 congregations, and 368,000 members. The church is growing rapidly in its witness to Jesus Christ. Tariku has warmly welcomed many traveling groups from Shenandoah Presbytery, including several from Opequon. We celebrate our shared hospitality and mutual ministry.

COMMUNION TODAY

The bread and wine/juice are passed in the pews, and the congregation holds the elements until everyone has been served, partaking together. The wine is dark red; the grape juice is white. Gluten-free bread is available; please see an usher for assistance. Those serving communion today at 8:30 are: Carroll Youngblood, Karen Winters, George Schember, Edwina

Johansen, Graham Taylor, Pat & Bill Burslem. Those serving communion today at 11:00 are: Jeff & Patty Klinefelter, Keith McMurdo, Dorothy Walker, Bill Martin, Paula McNichols and Alan McKay.

PYC NEWS

Enjoy Apple Blossom time. No youth gathering today. Stay safe.

WORM-TODAY'S WORKSHOP IS...

“Finding God Around Town”—Does God play Hide-n-Seek with us? Children will explore how God is everywhere they go. He’s already there! Come enjoy driving some little cars around the imaginary town to find God in all kinds of places. All preschool-5th grade children are invited to come enjoy the activities of the morning in Classroom #3 at 9:45 am.

IN RECOGNITION OF OLDER ADULT MONTH

“My Mind Seems Small”—I can’t hold back a giggle when someone has a senior moment; that dreaded time when you can’t remember your neighbor’s name, or an embarrassing lapse in an already checkered memory. But I admit, it’s not so funny when it happens to me. Before I grew old, I could recite every state capital. I could rattle off the grandchildren’s birthdays with ease. Now thoughts bounce back and forth as I desperately search for facts I’ve known for many years. And sometimes words simply refuse to come at all. But even though I forget ordinary things at times, I cannot forget all you have done in my long life, God. I give you thanks, knowing you are bigger than my too-small mind. Bless this brain of mine that cobwebs seem to get at times and help me seek you still. From “Talking with God in Old Age” by Missy Buchanan.

We celebrate and honor all of Opequon’s older adults this morning. We are grateful for your wisdom, guidance, presence, and gifts. You are appreciated. We especially want to highlight those who are 90 years old and above:

		<u>Age in 2017</u>
Vann Thompson	August 17, 1918	99
Jim Royston	October 18, 1920	97
Katherine Jefferies	March 17, 1922	95
Naomi Thomas	June 5, 1923	94
Jean Smith	November 20, 1924	93
Thelma Cameron	March 25, 1925	92
Burneice Witt	February 20, 1927	90

ATTENDANCE SUNDAY, APRIL 30TH:

8:30 am—75

Sunday School—54

11:00 am—75

SERVANTS IN MINISTRY

8:30

Beadle: Tom Tandy
Bell Ringer: Mo Mohler
Hospitality: Dom Cafaro, Brenda Hawkins
Liturgist: Dave Richards
Ushers: Vicki Schmidt, Dulcie Reed, Graham Taylor

11:00

Beadle: Alan McKay
Bell Ringer: Kristin Blake, Bailey Cooper, AnnMarie Kelly
Greeters: Brenda & Clayton Carbaugh
Hospitality: Vicky Astorino, Alice Foley
Liturgist: Tracie Martin
Nametags: Pat deButts
Ushers: Jim Butler, Annemarie Matthews, Travis Morgan

NOMINATE AN OLDER ADULT FOR

“OPEQUON’S 2017 OLDER ADULT”

Nominations are **due TODAY!** Who would you like to nominate? There are forms available on the Gathering Area table. Forms can be dropped in the box provided on the table or returned to Carole Witt. 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 24th.

MEN OF OPEQUON THIS MONTH FOR ALL!

We invite everyone, men and women, to join us this month!! We look forward to welcoming Kes (Rev.) Tariku Tolessa, President of the Illubabor Bethel Synod of the Ethiopian Evangelical Church Mekane Yesus as our special guest tomorrow night. Tariku has visited with us before and it is truly a blessing to have him join us again. We’ll still gather at the Pleasant Valley Road Chick-fil-A at 6:00 pm and return to the Bageant Room of the church for our 7:00 pm gathering. Don’t miss out on this unique opportunity to hear our guest.

GLOW: GOD-LOVING OPEQUON WOMEN

Opequon's Women's group will be meeting this Tuesday evening at 7:00 pm. We will begin in the Bageant Room for an evening devotion and then join efforts to do some special "spring cleaning" projects around the church. Prizes will be awarded periodically throughout the evening. None of our work will be too strenuous, but all of it will make a difference. All ages of women are invited. The time spent at GLOW is sure to lift your spirits and put a smile on your face.

HAPPY DAYS THIS WEDNESDAY

Our Happy Days gathering is Wednesday, May 10, beginning at noon in the Fellowship Hall. We will gather and share a delicious covered dish lunch followed by a guest speaker from Kernstown Battlefield. We hope we will see you on Wednesday!

LOGOS LEADERSHIP TEAM

The LOGOS Leadership Team is currently planning for our 20th anniversary year of LOGOS at OPC! On September 13th, LOGOS will begin another brand-new year, yet we have been doing this for 20 years! "Great are You Lord" is the theme for the upcoming year. We are so excited for all that will be in store during this fantastic anniversary year. The LOGOS Leadership Team has recently welcomed two new members, Rebekah DesMarais and Cady McCarty. Additional members of the team are Pam & Bill Bayliss, Kristi Cooper, Susan Homan, Katherine Newhouse, Carol Tubbs, David Witt, and Carole Witt. We will be sharing so much more with you over the coming weeks and months. We are thankful God is present with us as we strive to offer a most worthwhile LOGOS ministry.

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 20th. 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!

Kick off the summer with “**Tinkering at the Factory**”, VBS week June 11-15, 4:30-7:30pm. We will be discovering how God made each of us ON PURPOSE for A PURPOSE! VBS is open to 4-year old's through 8th grade along with an adult class opportunity. (Special track planned for 5-8th grade) Invite your friends now and register yourself too! **Registration is open until June 4.** Many volunteers are needed too. Meander over to the Factory Fun Shop display for registration and volunteer forms.

ADULT VBS CLASS AT OPC

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.

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.

In Remembrance

Connie DeHaven Robinson

July 26, 1939-May 2, 2017

"I am the resurrection and the life," says the Lord. "Those who believe in me shall live, even though they die, and whoever lives and believes in me shall never die."

John 11:25-26

Blessing of the Garden and Planting Day *



OPC COMMUNITY GARDEN
AT HEDGEBROOK FARM

MAY 13, 2017
9:00 A.M. – NOON

*** No previous gardening experience is necessary -
many hands lighten the load.**



*Our Mission: Growing and Sharing the Light of Christ
with our Community and the World.*