

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, should not be taken to Children’s Worship. 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 begins 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, 662-1843, before 12:30 p.m. on Friday.

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Stephen and Brenda Stelle ----- Missionaries to Ethiopia

SERVICE FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

May 29, 2016

8:30 & 11:00 a.m.

Memorial Day Weekend

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

PRELUDE

God the Omnipotent! Arr. Thygerson

Please use this time to prepare for the worship of God.

Please complete the Friendship folder and pass it along during the greeting.

PRAYER REQUEST forms are inside the pew racks—please place in offering plate.

†All who are able, please stand.

Bold print—all respond

THE CHURCH BELL RINGS

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

ENTRANCE OF THE WORD AND THE LIGHT

†GATHERING SONG NO. 616 (2x) *Our God Is an Awesome God*

†CALL TO WORSHIP

Worship the Lord in holy splendor.

Tremble before God, all the earth.

Highest heavens,

be glad!

Widest earth,

rejoice!

Mighty waters,

shout your praise!

Forests and fields,

sing for joy!

The Lord is coming to judge the earth,

with equity and strength, with righteousness and truth.

The Lord is coming to judge the earth.

The Lord is coming to reign in glory.

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

(Please be seated for prayer)

CALL TO CONFESSION

By the grace of Jesus Christ, we are beloved children of God, members of God's own family. With the confidence of beloved children, let us confess our sin.

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O Lord our God, we confess to you our unfaithfulness, our divided loyalties, our dancing around the truth. We look for human approval instead of seeking to serve you. We answer to human authority instead of listening for your Word. Turn our hearts back to you. Consume our sin with holy fire and set us free to sing your praise.

MOMENTS OF SILENT PRAYER

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

The Lord Jesus Christ poured out his very self to set us free from the idols that enslave us! It is for freedom that Christ has set us free! Stand firm, then, and do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery.

LITANY OF PARDON

Friends, believe the Good News of the Gospel

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

†THE RESPONSE OF PRAISE NO. 591 (2x)..... *Halle, Halle, Hallelujah!*

†PASSING OF THE PEACE (Please share this prayer with those near you.)

May the peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

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.

ANTHEM *Blades of Grass and Pure White Stones* arr. Keith Christopher
Blades of grass and pure white stones shelter those who've come and gone, just below the em'erald sod
are those who've reached the arms of God. Buried here with dignity, endless rows for all to see.
Freedom's seeds in sorrow sown, 'neath blades of grass and pure white stones. Blades of grass and pure
white stones cover those who left their homes, to rest in fields, here side by side, lest we forget their
sacrifice. Buried here with dignity, endless rows for all to see.

THE READING OF GOD'S WORD

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: I Kings 18:20-21, 30-39Pew Bible p. 283

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: Luke 7:1-10Pew Bible p. 837

A SPECIAL TIME WITH OUR CHILDREN "No Two Are the Same"

Nursery (Ages Infant – Age 3)

†**HYMN NO. 738** *O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee*

SERMON "Stepping Out in Faith!"
Pastor David R. Witt

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

OFFERTORY *Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory of the Coming of the Lord*
..... arr. Ritter

†**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 No. 35, we say "debts" and "debtors" in the prayer.)

WE GO OUT IN GOD'S NAME

†**HYMN OF DEDICATION NO. 441** *Hear the Good News of Salvation*

†**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**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

May 29-June 5, 2016

TODAY

8:30 a.m.: Morning Worship, Habitat for Humanity Paint Can Offering
9:45 a.m.: Sunday School—Spiritual Growth Class—Bageant Room
11:00 a.m.: Morning Worship, Habitat for Humanity Paint Can Offering

THIS WEEK

Monday: Memorial Day—Church Office Closed
Tuesday: Vacation Bible School Orientation—7:00 p.m.—Fellowship Hall
Wednesday: Staff Meeting—9:30 a.m.—Bageant Room
Thursday: Winchester Newcomers Picnic—11:00 a.m.—Shelter
Saturday: Men's Lectio Divina—8:00 a.m.—Bageant Room
Women's Lectio Divina—8:00 a.m.—Assembly Room

NEXT SUNDAY

Morning Worship—8:30 & 11:00 a.m.
Spiritual Growth Class —9:45 a.m.
Jeremiah 29:10-14, Philippians 1:1-11
Sermon: "Be Patient! God Isn't Finished with Us Yet!"
Communion, CCAP
Youth Mission Trip Meeting—9:45 a.m.—Youth Spot

THE SANCTUARY FLOWERS

The flowers in the Sanctuary this morning are given by Karen & Ray Jones in honor of their 58th wedding anniversary.

ATTENDANCE, SUNDAY, May 22, 2016:

8:30 a.m.—101

Sunday School— 58

11:00 a.m.—120

PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Mike Crites
Ed Golightly
Jeanette Baccary
Annette Daggett
Paula McNichols
Mike McKiernan
Linda Dixon
Tom Lion
Dalton Chicklo
John Burchett
Marcia Jaureguizar
Nancy Lewis
Nancy Simmons
Josh Beeler
Lauren Chambers
Deborah Kron
Stanley Lickey
Denise Weidele
Lanette Orduna

Kevin Paquette
Anna Gerringer
Gene Fish
Jill Call
Wanda Royston
Donna Coffman
Mary Ann Leon
Mo Carr
Gary Snap
Rozann Evers
Mettu, Ethiopia
Donna Klinefelter
Cyndi Taylor
Barbara Spitznogle
Daniel Coolidge
Patricia & Ray Ferguson
Terry & Diane Sinclair
Dom Cafaro
Clay Knick

Carolyn Newman
Doug Pittsnogle
Dorothy Rogers
Colleen McMurdo
Jane Lewis
Gretchen Cooley
Paula Tobin
Natalie Miller
Frank Vardeman
Dottie Edwards
Larry Matthews
Doug Koch
Michael Keister
Illubabor Bethel Synod of
Church Mekane Yesus
People Looking for Work &
Challenged by the Economy

PRAY FOR THOSE IN THE MILITARY SERVICE

Taylor McMurdo, Greg Sousa, Scott Sydnor, Jerry Morgan and their families.

SERVANTS IN MINISTRY

8:30 a.m.

Beadle: Pat Heavner
Bell Ringer: Mo Mohler
Greeters: Pat DeButts, Nancy Rodgers
Hospitality: Dom Cafaro, Heide Mohler
Liturgist: Vicki Schmidt Crites
Ushers: Dom Cafaro, Bob Gaines, Dave Yost

11:00 a.m.

Beadle: Alan McKay
Bell Ringer: Kristin Blake, Bailey Cooper, AnnMarie & James Kelly
Greeter: Brenda & Clayton Carbaugh
Hospitality: Martha Fulton, Mary Himmelright
Liturgist: Bailey Cooper
Nametags: Nancy Rodgers
Ushers: Vern Gamble, Bill Robinson, Nick Sardelis

STAFF SCHEDULE THIS WEEK

Associate Pastor Kevin Hay will be on vacation Monday, May 30th through Friday, June 3rd.

VBS STAFF ORIENTATION GATHERING

The VBS Directing Team invites all VBS staff to an orientation gathering this Tuesday, May 31, 7:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. You will get to see the BIG picture of VBS week and all that will occur, with specific focus on your area(s) of leadership. Information packets will be distributed and we'll have some fun too while we are together! Let's all get on board and ready for the SURF SHACK week.

GET ON BOARD for VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL —JUST 3 DAYS LEFT TO REGISTER

With the warm season of summer awaiting us, we are gearing up for our SURF SHACK Vacation Bible School week, June 12-16, 4:30-7:30 p.m. each evening. VBS week at Opequon is always a thrilling and exuberant time, so we don't want you to miss it, whether you have young children or youth who can participate in all the fun, or you are an older youth or adult who can lend some helping hands during the week. Stop by the SURF SHACK and fill out a volunteer form and/or registration form. Now is the time! Invite your friends too—take a registration form for them. **Registration is open until this Wednesday, June 1.** We will be 'catching and riding' the waves of God's amazing love with exciting nightly themes and events. See you at the SHACK! **Special Note: A wonderful adult class is available 6:30-7:30 p.m. each night of VBS week. Blue registration forms are available at the shack.**

ITEMS NEEDED FOR VBS WEEK

Take a moment to stop by the "Items Needed for VBS" poster in the Gathering Area. We appreciate your willingness to provide any of the items listed on the chart. There are food items and non-food items needed. Sign your name indicating what you are willing to donate. Quantities of items are listed as well. A reminder will be sent to you in June. Thanks so much!

COMMUNITY GARDEN NEWS

The Community Garden is looking for volunteers to help with watering, weeding and harvesting starting June 6. You don't have to have a green thumb to help! Please visit signupgenius.com/go/opcgarden to view the calendar and sign up to help. Or you can sign up on the list in the Gathering Area. Have questions? Please contact Leslie Tucker (lesliehtucker@verizon.net) or Clare Milburn (milburncm@appstate.edu).

Also, it's almost time to begin harvesting vegetables. Donations of plastic grocery bags, newspaper and cardboard boxes are needed to help with collecting and delivering the crops to the food pantry. Drop boxes are in the Gathering Area now and through the summer.

PYC NEWS

Upcoming Summer Youth Events:

Hiking Trip to White Oak Canyon – Thursday, June 9th, 8:30 a.m. - 4/5:00 p.m. FREE! Bring a picnic lunch!

Hershey Park – Thursday, July 7th, ALL DAY, 8:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m., Cost: \$45/person - includes Admission and 1 Meal Ticket (entree, side, drink) Sign up by Sunday, June 5th with \$25 deposit.

Mission Trip to Asheville, NC – July 17-22 —Rising 7th Graders through Graduating 12th Graders

Church-Wide Nationals Baseball Game

Friday, August 5th, 4:00 p.m.– Midnight

Cost: \$50/person - includes ticket and transportation

Sign up Deadline: Sunday, June 26th, w/ \$25 deposit

CHURCH-WIDE, ALL AGES BASEBALL TRIP

Close out the summer with a ballgame—Washington Nationals vs. San Francisco Giants on Friday, August 5th, 4:00 p.m. – 12 Midnight. The cost is \$50/person which includes ticket and transportation. The deadline to sign up is Sunday June 26th, with a \$25 deposit The game starts at 7:00 p.m., we plan to leave the church at 4:00 p.m. Youth in grades 6-12 may come

unaccompanied; children 5th grade and below must be accompanied by an adult chaperone or parent. Contact Kevin at associate@opequonchurch.com for details or to sign up.

SPIRITUAL GROWTH CLASS CONTINUING

The Sunday morning adult class that meets in the Bageant Room will continue with sessions at 9:45 a.m. each Sunday. You may be interested in upcoming topics:

TODAY-"Faith and the Presidential Election/A Worthy Vision for America"

June 5-"Homosexuality @ The Center/ The Questions of War"

June 12-"The Radical Center/A Look at PCUSA's Brief Statement of Faith"

CONGRATULATIONS TO GRAHAM TAYLOR, OPEQUON'S 2016 OLDER ADULT OF THE YEAR!

A total of 27 nominations were received, nominating nine different people for this honor. The session reviewed and discussed all the nominations, unanimously selecting Graham Taylor for this special recognition. Graham relates to the church as his second home as he has been active in a number of projects either as chairman or as a devoted volunteer. His involvement includes serving as a Ruling Elder, CSI Mission co-coordinator, WATTS director, participant in Men of Opequon and Happy Days, helping with the Memorial Garden and Community Garden, being a volunteer at Highland Food Pantry and Jubilee Kitchen and serving at Habitat for Humanity. He is the chair of our Mission Ministry Team, co-coordinator of our big Spring Festival events, and a great encourager for others to get involved. He is always willing to do MORE. His even temper and calm nature make him most pleasant to work alongside. He has a servant's heart. Since Graham stepped through the doors of Opequon, he has demonstrated and lived out what putting faith into action really is. You can find Graham with a smile on his face and will always get a warm greeting from him. Graham has been a great sport in participating in the womanless beauty contest, helping to raise money for Relay for Life. It has been said, "he has beautiful hair". His service goes way beyond the doors of the church. He is wonderful to his family and grandchildren. He has been on mission trips, recently to New Orleans and soon will be going to Baja in July. Graham works tirelessly and

sincerely appreciates the work of others around him! It is very fitting that Graham receives this honor as our Older Adult of 2016.

WALL OF ENVELOPES

The PYC Youth invite you to show your love for our youth by prayerfully supporting us in our Wall of Envelopes Project. All proceeds will support summer PYC trips (Youth Mission Trip, Conferences, Retreats) and local mission projects including Motel Ministry. As individuals or in groups with others, please choose an envelope and give the amount on the envelope. Please place the envelope in the box below the Wall of Envelopes, or place in the offering plate. We welcome donations of any amount, every little bit helps! Envelopes are \$1-\$100, and some "bonus" envelopes valued at \$250, \$500, or \$1,000.

Upcoming Mission Opportunity:

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

Habitat for Humanity - Rock the Block!

Saturday, June 18th 8:45 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Habitat is having a city-wide day of service, mulching, painting, sprucing up the neighborhood (no construction skills required). Join the Opequon team in this community-wide rebuilding project! Also seeking people to help prepare lunch if that's more up your alley. Talk to Kevin for details or to sign up!

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)

Wiffle Ball – Sign up now, starts June 8th - mid-July
Talk to Kevin for details.

Save the Date - Young Adult Brunch after Worship

Sunday, July 10th, 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

OPC 280 IS HERE AND CONTINUES!

On April 17th, following the 11:00 a.m. worship service, 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 which is playing today out in the Gathering Area, the facility needs of Opequon are many and varied.



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 an OPC 280 envelope & donor card 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. **As of May 23rd, the OPC team has collected approximately \$79,000 in donations.** This is a great start, but we still have a journey ahead to reach our stated goal by July 1st. Your help is still needed. Please take some time to consider what you can do for Opequon.

"According to the grace of God given to me, like a skilled master builder I laid a foundation, and someone else is building on it. Each builder must choose with care how to build on it. For no one can lay any foundation other than the one that has been laid; that foundation is Jesus Christ."

1 Corinthians 3:10-11