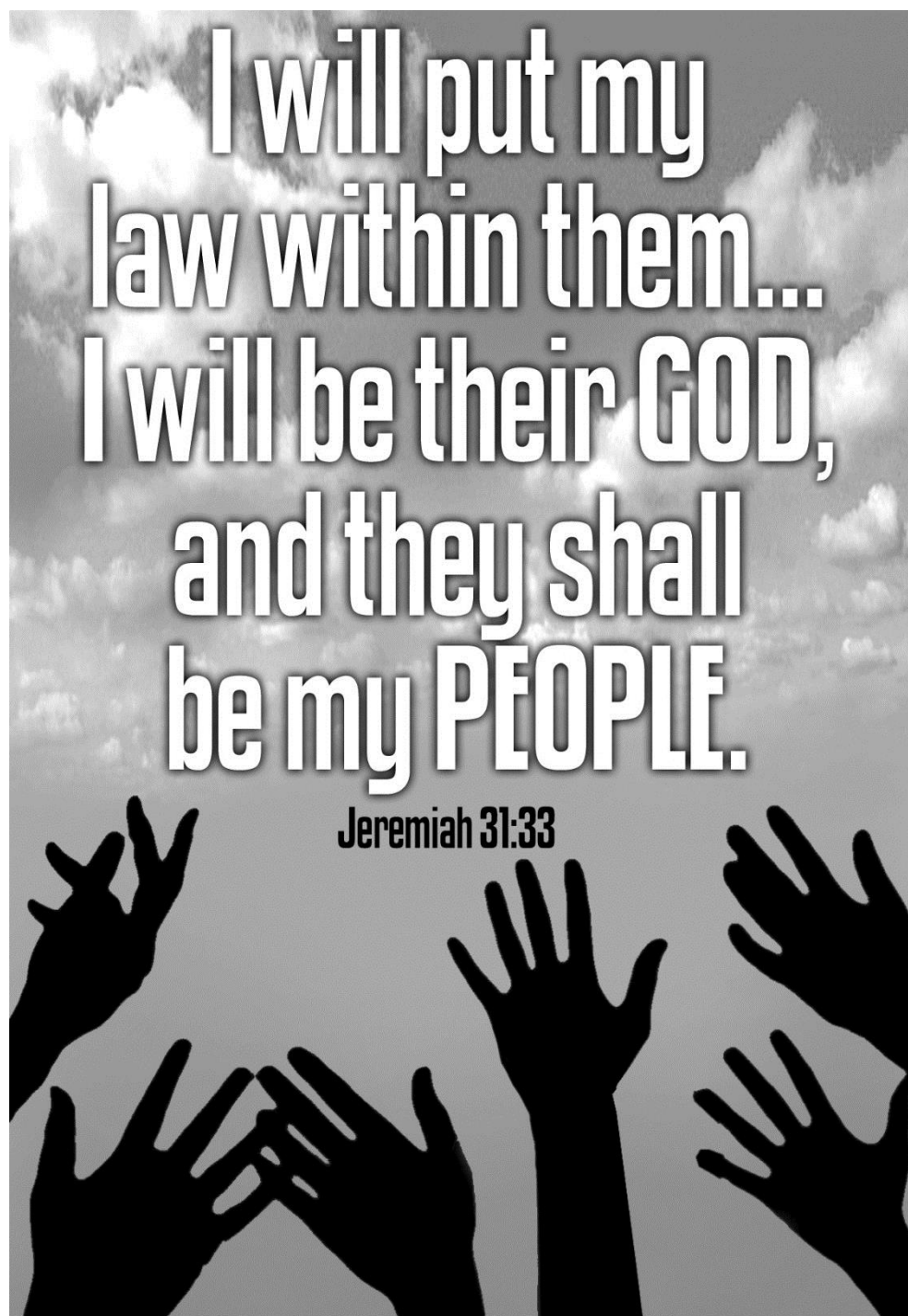


Opequon Presbyterian Church



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. 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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William Heavner ----- Organist
Robert Sydnor ----- Sexton
Laurie Carver ----- Nursery Supervisor

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SERVICE FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD
October 16, 2016
8:30 & 11:00 a.m.
Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

PRELUDE *Prelude on "Old 113th"*

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

THE CHURCH BELL RINGS

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

STEWARDSHIP MOMENTS

..... *"Expanding Our Hearts, Extending Our Ministry"*

ENTRANCE OF THE WORD AND THE LIGHT

†GATHERING SONG NO. 626 *As the Deer*

†CALL TO WORSHIP

No matter how far from God we seem to be, we do not lose heart:

For the days are surely coming, says the Lord.

No matter how many obstacles we face in life, in the church, we do not lose heart:

For the days are surely coming, says the Lord.

No matter how hard it is to continually pray and work for justice, we do not lose heart:

For the days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will forgive and restore my people; when I will equip them for every good work; and when I will grant justice, for I hear their cries day and night.

†HYMN OF PRAISE NO. 53..... *O God, Who Gives Us Life*

(Please be seated for prayer)

CALL TO CONFESSION

The new covenant God has made with Israel, and with us, begins in forgiveness. Though we continually break covenant with God, God remains faithful. We confess our sins to God, trusting that God will forgive us and remember our sins no more.

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, we confess that we do not meditate on your commands and teachings all day long. We do not keep your word before us always and in all things. Instead, we turn away from your demanding truth and wander toward easier options. Forgive us, we pray, for pursuing our own desires rather than yours. Forgive us for growing weary in following you; for failing to pray and work tirelessly for justice; for losing hope in your power to transform the powers of this world. Tune our ears to the sound of your justice. Turn our hearts to your commandments and word of grace. Do not remember our sin, but remember your mercy forever. We pray in Christ's name.

MOMENTS OF SILENT PRAYER

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

God promises to forgive us, to put our sins out of God's own mind and heart. In this way, God gives us not just a second chance but a new beginning.

LITANY OF PARDON

Friends, believe the Good News of the Gospel

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

†THE RESPONSE OF PRAISE NO. 447 *We Are Forgiven*

†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

ANTHEM *Tell the Story of Jesus*

Arr. Lloyd Larson, Evie McCarty, David Witt (8:30), LOGOS Grades K-5 Worship (11:00)

Tell the story of Jesus, how He came to forgive and save us. Tell the wonderful story, of Jesus and His love. I love to tell the story of unseen things above, of Jesus and His glory, of Jesus and His love. I love to tell the story because I know 'tis true; it satisfies my longings as nothing else can do. I love to tell the story, 'twill be my theme in glory, to tell the old, old story of Jesus and His love. I love to tell the story, for those who know it best, seem hungering and thirsting, to hear it like the rest. And when, in scenes of glory, I sing the new, new song, 'twill be the old, old story that I have loved so long. Tell the wonderful story of Jesus and His love.

THE READING OF GOD'S WORD

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Jeremiah 31:27-34Pew Bible p. 642

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: Luke 18:1-8Pew Bible p. 853

A SPECIAL TIME WITH OUR CHILDREN..... “Erased and Rewritten”

Nursery (Ages Infant – Age 3)

†HYMN NO. 450 *Be Thou My Vision
Really*

SERMON..... “Is My Heart ↑ in It?”
Pastor David R. Witt

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

OFFERTORY *What a Friend We Have in Jesus*

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

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

(Hymnal No. 35, we say “debts” and “debtors” in the prayer.)

HYMN NO. 469 *Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying*

WE GO OUT IN GOD’S NAME

†HYMN OF DEDICATION NO. 833..... *O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go*

†CHARGE AND BLESSING

†CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE NO. 69 *Here I Am, Lord*

**Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.**

†POSTLUDE

THE SANCTUARY FLOWERS

The flowers in the Sanctuary this morning are given by Melissa and Jim Youngblood in honor of Natalie Rose Youngblood's 14th birthday today.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

October 16-23, 2016

TODAY

Blood Pressure Screenings

- 8:30 a.m.: Morning Worship
9:45 a.m.: Sunday School Classes for All Ages
11:00 a.m.: Morning Worship, LOGOS Grades K-5 Worship

THIS WEEK

- Monday: Covenant Bible Study—3:00 p.m.—Bageant Room
Trustees & Stewardship/Finance—5:00 p.m.—David's Office
Beyond the Broken Heart—6:00 p.m.—Bageant Room
PS 150 Rehearsal—6:30 p.m.—Memorial Sanctuary
- Tuesday: Session Meeting—7:00 p.m.—Bageant Room
- Wednesday: Newsletter Deadline
Staff Meeting—9:30 a.m.—David's Office
Winchester Newcomers—10:00 a.m.—Fellowship Hall
LOGOS—4:30 p.m.—Theme: "Fall Festival"
Sanctuary Choir Practice—7:30 p.m.—Sanctuary
- Thursday: Cub Pack 1—7:00 p.m.—Fellowship Hall & Classrooms
Scout Troop 1—7:00 p.m.—Assembly Room
- Saturday: WATTS Manager Training—8:30 a.m.—Bageant Room
Community Garden Work Day—10:00 a.m.
—Hedgebrook Farm

NEXT SUNDAY

- Morning Worship—8:30 & 11:00 a.m.
Sunday School Classes for All Ages—9:45 a.m.
Joel 2:23-32, Luke 18:9-14
Sermon: "Our Best Dreams"
Four Cents a Meal
"The Great Chili Cook-off Luncheon"—12:15 p.m.
Motel Ministry—12:30 p.m.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER

James Minor
Loretta Homan
Art Fulton
Impact of Hurricane Matthew
Dom Cafaro
Robert Sydnor
Tena Willemsma Family
William Heavner
Heidi McMurdo
Betty Lou Kelley
Jonathan Lightcap
Vicki Harman
Ken Johansen
Detra Michaels
Kevin Hay
Opequon Church
Tiffany Judge
Samantha, Owen & Brian Cox
Jolissa Matthews

Joe & Barbara Alderman
Carol Treece
Rebekah Witt
Kevin Paquette
Larry Schryver
Richard Young
Wayne Lake
Berlin Zirk
Natural Disaster Relief
Ethiopia Unrest
Patricia & Ray Ferguson
Marj Praml
Dorothy Rogers
Cody Monday
Stephanie Fitch
Phyllis Dilley
Peter Schieve
Gary Snapp
Sandi Pulizzi

Lanette Orduna
Donna Coffman
Mettu, Ethiopia
Donna Klinefelter
Doug Pittsnogle
Colleen McMurdo
Jane Lewis
Gretchen Cooley
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, and their families.

STAFF SCHEDULE THIS WEEK

Carole and David Witt will be on vacation and out of town this Thursday through Saturday, October 20 through 22. If a pastoral concern arises during this time, please contact Stella Strickler, Lead Deacon at 540-667-5150 or Jean Steidel at 540-323-7071.

MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT OPPORTUNITY

Energize your relationship! Receive huge returns on time spent with your spouse! Appreciate your differences! Balance busy lifestyles! All this is at your fingertips; it just may need a little 'tapping into'. Couples of all ages and stages are invited to these short series of gatherings that will open opportunities that can enrich your relationship. The gatherings begin TODAY, 9:45 a.m., meeting in the church office area. We will meet today and NEXT Sunday, October 23, 9:45 a.m. too. Laughter is guaranteed, along with hope and excitement for some great times ahead with your spouse!

WATTS DATES AT OPEQUON

Sign up today to help during Opequon's WATTS Week using the blue insert enclosed.

SERVANTS IN MINISTRY

8:30

Beadle: Tom Tandy
Bell Ringer: Mo Mohler
Greeters: Nancy Newman, Hazel Spriggs
Hospitality: Lisa & Bill Frye
Liturgist: Dave Richards
Ushers: Terry Hartman, Heide Mohler, Carroll Youngblood

11:00

Beadle: Mac McNichols
Bell Ringer: Kristin Blake, Bailey Cooper, AnnMarie Kelly
Hospitality: Betty Ganoe, Debi Hodgson
Liturgist: Susanna Shade
Nametags: Nancy Rodgers
Ushers: Jason Brown, Andy Homan, Joel Witt

PYC NEWS TODAY

- **THANK YOU** to Mac & Paula McNichols for having the youth at their home yesterday for a TAILGATE party before the Handley vs. Sherando Varsity Football game. What a super event and we are grateful to you!
- **IMPORTANT NEWS:** Youth Council decided last week that the Summer 2017 Youth Mission trip will be to BAJA! We will be part of the larger Shenandoah Presbytery group that travels to BAJA in July to build homes for families. We appreciate Bill Burslem sharing his previous experience on the Baja trip and providing information pertinent to this decision.
- **NEXT SUNDAY** youth will be serving through the Motel Ministry. Chili lunch provided prior to setting out for distribution of food and supplies at the Motels.

WORM—SUNDAY MORNING WORKSHOPS FOR CHILDREN

This morning children are invited to the TERRIFIC workshops on PRAYER! You'll find yourselves enjoying games, stories, demonstrations, and skits as you learn to pray honestly, willingly, boldly, and thankfully. Preschoolers through 5th graders are invited downstairs to this creative and lively educational hour. Children rotate to various workshops each week to learn the stories of faith and God's love through hands on activities. Locations of the workshops for various ages are on the boards inside the Dell Room door and at the bottom of the steps just outside the kitchen.

BREAKFAST ITEMS FOR PRESBYTERY MEETING

A sign-up sheet is available in the Gathering Area during October for those wishing to provide breakfast items for the Shenandoah Presbytery meeting being held at Opequon on Tuesday, November 1st.

TRUNKERS NEEDED FOR TRUNK & TREAT—OCTOBER 30TH

Want to be a little goofy and crazy for the benefit of children? Then being a TRUNKER for Trunk & Treat is perfect for you! TRUNK & TREAT is a safe, fun alternative for Halloween trick or treating. TRUNK & TREAT will be on Sunday, October 30, 4:00-6:00 p.m. A trunker is one who brings their vehicle, opens the trunk and decorates with a theme and provides treats for children as they visit your trunk. Imagine seeing vehicle trunks turned into a COOKIE MONSTER, A PAC MAN CAVE, A FROG, OR A FOOTBALL FIELD! Tons of ideas are available online, and it doesn't take too much work to transform a trunk. Look at the "BIG MOUTH" trunk example by the elevator. Sign up to join the gang of TRUNKERS that will provide a great evening of fun for the children.

ADULT CHRISTMAS TRIP

An adult trip to see "Our Christmas Dinner" show at Bird-in-Hand in Lancaster is scheduled for Wednesday, December 7. There are a few spots still available on this trip. The sign-up sheet is in the kiosk in the Gathering Area. Come join us. The cost is \$60 and includes the show, buffet lunch, transportation, gratuity, and traveling entertainment.

ATTENDANCE ON SUNDAY, OCTOBER 9TH:

8:30 a.m.—63

Sunday School—60

11:00 a.m.—92

Open Door—25

CHURCH FAMILY INFORMATION UPDATE

The Technology and Communication Ministry Team is in the midst of our communication update "blitz." If you are new to Opequon, visiting, or your contact information has recently changed, we ask that you please complete the bright pink card found in the back of the pew racks and drop it in the offering plate so that you can be added to our church communication registry. *If your information has not changed, you do not need to complete the card.* Thank you for your time and effort in this matter. Please do not forget to "Like" Opequon Presbyterian Church on Facebook and to check out our website at <http://opequonchurch.org>.

SHARING YOUR TALENTS

The Mission Ministry Team wants to get to know you better. As we come across needs, we want to be able to focus requests to people who have an interest or talent in that skill. For example, if a builder is needed, we don't want to bother people who are only interested in cooking. A new update of interests in an easy to use checklist can be found in the Dell Room or Gathering Area. Please take a few minutes to complete and return the form to the box or mail it to the church office. Completing the form does not obligate you to participate in any activity. If you need additional forms for other members of your family, send a request to Susanna Shade, shadesathome@aol.com. We look forward to hearing from you soon.

BID TO OWN A LIMITED KUNSTLER PRINT

Opequon recently received an *additional* print of "Southern Stars". It used to belong to George and Janet Nickels. You have a chance to submit a sealed bid on this classic snow scene by Mort Kunstler of historic Opequon Presbyterian Church in Kernstown, Virginia during the winter of 1862. It is framed, matted and signed by the artist. You will find paper and envelopes on the table under the print to submit a bid. The beginning bid is \$1,350.

COMING SOON:

Community Garden Work Day—Saturday, October 22

Opequon Night at Highland Food Pantry—Tuesday, October 25

Please text/email Robin Owens at 540-550-4784 or
robinsttv@gmail.com if you plan to help.

PRESBYTERIAN DISASTER ASSISTANCE

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) urges your support for those affected by Hurricane Matthew. The category 4 hurricane has already been blamed for hundreds of deaths and continues on a path of destruction toward the southeastern US coast. Earliest assessments confirm extensive damage in southwestern Haiti and eastern Cuba. PDA was already active in the area, doing long-term recovery work related to the 2010 earthquake in Haiti and Superstorm Sandy of 2012. Immediate response will help provide essential food, water, and supplies for impacted communities and villages. As long-term recovery needs are determined, PDA will continue to support those in impacted areas to ensure a comprehensive recovery. As more information becomes available on conditions in Haiti, Cuba, the Bahamas, and the United States, PDA will update this information and keep the church apprised on the emerging disaster response and community needs for recovery. Thank you for your generosity in prayer and in giving to those whose lives have been impacted by wind and water; as the Holy Spirit once brooded over the unformed waters of the earth and created order and life, so your prayerful gifts bring hope out of chaos.

- **GIVE**

Financial support for relief efforts can be by check made out to OPC. Designate to Matthew Hurricane Relief on the memo line.

- **ACT**

Learn how you and your congregation can help families who have lost everything in the devastation. Stay informed and like us on Facebook, download resources, and share updates with your congregation.

- **PRAY**

Pray for those who suffered loss of family or home or for those who are working tirelessly to provide rescue, humanitarian aid, and spiritual and psychological support



Chili Cook-Off

and Luncheon

Sunday, October 23



(Following 11 a.m. Service)

Fellowship Hall

One of the **HOTTEST** events of the year!

Lunch includes all the chili you can eat (with all the toppings), cornbread, and beverages.



We are seeking 10 Cooks to have their Chili judged to determine the winner! Please e-mail Sabra Veach at sveach@su.edu or sign up in the Gathering Area.



COME ON DOWN AND JOIN THE FUN!