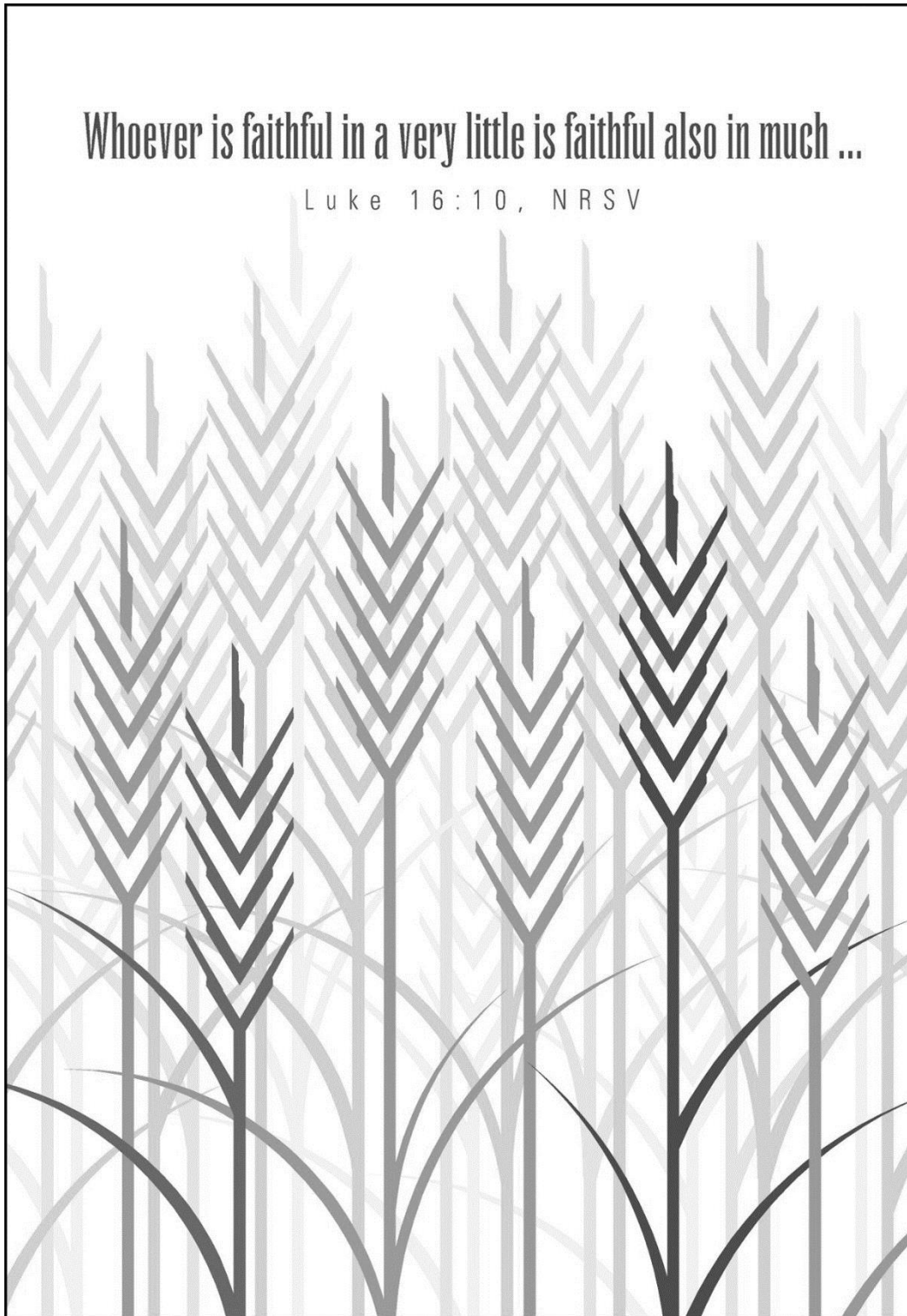


OPEQUON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



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.

Opequon Presbyterian Church

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

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SERVICE FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

September 18, 2016

8:30 & 11:00 a.m.

The Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

PRELUDE *Lead on O King Eternal*

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

MINUTES FOR MISSION “Stop Hunger Now”

Mike Butler (8:30), Susanna Shade (11:00)

ENTRANCE OF THE WORD AND THE LIGHT

†GATHERING SONG NO. 670 *From the Rising of the Sun*

†CALL TO WORSHIP (based on Psalm 113)

O people of God, praise the Lord!

Blessed is God's name forever.

From break of day to setting sun,

Let us praise the name of the Lord

Let us worship God.

†HYMN OF PRAISE NO. 620..... *Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven*

(Please be seated for prayer)

CALL TO CONFESSION

Even though we continually turn away from God, the Lord is eager to forgive. Trusting in the promise of grace, let us confess our sin.

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, you know our sin: we have squandered the gifts you have given us. We have failed to forgive our debtors as you have forgiven us. We have been unfaithful and dishonest in small things and great things alike. We are shrewd in seeking wealth and foolish in following your way. Forgive our sins, O Lord, for your name's sake. Make us faithful stewards of the grace you have given and generous in forgiving others; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

MOMENTS OF SILENT PRAYER

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Beloved of God, the mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting. It cannot be contained, but must be poured out. Nothing you have done, nothing you will ever do, is enough to separate you from the love of God made known in Jesus Christ. I declare in the name of the risen Christ that our sin is forgiven and our lives are made new.

LITANY OF PARDON

Friends, believe the Good News of the Gospel

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

†THE RESPONSE OF PRAISE NO. 792 (vv. 1, 2) *There Is a Balm in Gilead*

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

May the peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

INTRODUCTION OF THIS YEAR'S CONFIRMATION CLASS (11:00)

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

ANTHEM *Fill This House with Grace*

Joseph M. Martin

Lifted up from firm foundations, living stones reach out in faith. Rising high to touch the heavens with the sacrifice of praise. On God's Cornerstone eternal we have built this sacred place. Now we gather in your presence, Alleluia. Come fill this house with grace. Lord, fill this house with grace. Lord, we empty now our temples leaving hate and fear outside. Purging all the sin and sadness, all our selfishness and pride. Fill us with your Holy Spirit, come inhabit ev'ry space. Till our hearts are overflowing Alleluia. Let the music of our worship resonate throughout these halls. Let us consecrate our purpose to proclaim the Lord of all. Let our hearts be your cathedral; make our lives a gift of praise. Fill our temples with your spirit; set our altars all ablaze. Let your church rise up together, one in Jesus' strong embrace. For the church will stand forever. Alleluia!

THE READING OF GOD'S WORD

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Jeremiah 8:18-9:1 Pew Bible p. 619

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: Luke 16:1-13..... Pew Bible p. 851

A SPECIAL TIME WITH OUR CHILDREN..... "Stone Soup"

Susanna Shade

Nursery (Ages Infant – Age 3)

†HYMN NO. 708 *We Give Thee but Thine Own*

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

OFFERTORY *Take My Life and Let it be Consecrated Lord to Thee*
arr: Rodriguez

†THE DOXOLOGY (Hymnal No. 606) AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION
INTRODUCTION OF THIS YEAR’S CONFIRMATION CLASS (8:30)
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. 700.....*I’m Gonna Live So God Can Use Me*
†CHARGE AND BLESSING
†CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE NO. 600*Amen*
†POSTLUDE

SERVANTS IN MINISTRY

8:30

Acolyte: Emma Abell
Beadle: Dick Crane
Bell Ringer: Mo Mohler
Greeters: Mike Butler, Nancy Grubb
Hospitality: Ina & Robert Walker
Liturgist: Terry Hartman
Ushers: Emma Abell, Virginia Barr, Terry Hartman,
Heide Mohler, Brayden Rockwell, Carroll Youngblood

11:00

Acolyte: Breanna Daggett
Beadle: Bill Hopeck
Bell Ringer: Kristen Blake, Bailey Cooper, AnnMarie Kelly
Greeters: Susie Cherry, Carole Metheny
Hospitality: Betty Ganoë, Debi Hodgson
Liturgist: Lynn Metheny
Nametags: Nancy Rodgers
Ushers: Jason Brown, Breanna Daggett, Andy Homan,
Abbie Rogers, Joel Witt

ANNOUNCEMENTS

September 18-25, 2016

TODAY

Blood Pressure Screenings

- 8:30 a.m.: Morning Worship, Introduction of Confirmation Class
9:45 a.m.: Sunday School Classes for All Ages
11:00 a.m.: Morning Worship, Introduction of Confirmation Class
12:15 p.m.: Stroke Prevention/Awareness Seminar—Fellowship Hall
3:00 p.m.: Communion Education Workshop—Sanctuary
5:00 p.m.: Presbyterian Youth Connection—Fellowship Hall

THIS WEEK

- Monday: Covenant Bible Study—3:00-5:00 p.m.—Bageant Room
PS 150 Rehearsal—6:30 p.m.—Memorial Sanctuary
Beyond the Broken—6:30 p.m.—David’s Office
WATTS Board of Directors—7:00 p.m.—Assembly Room
- Tuesday: Session Meeting—7:00 p.m.—Bageant Room
- Wednesday: LOGOS—4:30 p.m.—Theme: “Viva Italia”
Sanctuary Choir Practice—7:30 p.m.—Sanctuary
YA Volleyball—8:30 p.m.—Body Renew
- Thursday: Cub Pack 1—7:00 p.m.—Fellowship Hall & Classrooms
Scout Troop 1—7:00 p.m.—Assembly Room
- Saturday: Fall Church Work Day—8:30 a.m.

NEXT SUNDAY—Evangelism Sunday

- Morning Worship—8:30 & 11:00 a.m.
Apple Harvest Fellowship Following 8:30 Worship—Gathering Area
Sunday School Classes for All Ages—9:45 a.m.
Jeremiah 32:1-3,6-15, Luke 16:19-31
Sermon: “Acting on the Promise”
Four Cents a Meal, Fair Trade Coffee
Middle School Youth Conference—9:00 a.m.—Massanetta Springs
High School Youth Motel Ministry—12:30 p.m.—Lunch & Delivery

PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Jolissa Matthews
Joe & Barbara Alderman
Carol Treece
Rebekah Witt
Karen & Gary Dove Family
E.J. Poole Family
Kevin Paquette
Larry Schryver
Richard Young
Wayne Lake
Patrick Lanaghan
Berlin Zirk
Connie Robinson
Jane Damewood
Betty Wilson
Natural Disaster Relief
Garrett Hodgson
Patricia Wines

Sandra McKee & family
Bob Wilson
Ethiopia Unrest
Patricia & Ray Ferguson
Dino Urena
Marj Praml
Dorothy Rogers
Dr. Donald McNeill
Cody Monday
Stephanie Fitch
Al Owens
Phyllis Dilley
Peter Schieve
Gary Snapp
Sandi Pulizzi
Lanette Orduna
Donna Coffman
Mettu, Ethiopia

Donna Klinefelter
Doug Pittsnogle
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, and their families.

THE SANCTUARY FLOWERS

The flowers in the sanctuary this morning are given by Nancy & Richard Lloyd, in loving memory of Lou & Ginger Martino and Bill & Lynn Lloyd. You are gone but certainly not forgotten.

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING

Blood pressure screenings are available before and after both worship services today.



STROKE PREVENTION/AWARENESS

TODAY – 12:15 p.m. – Fellowship Hall – Lunch Provided

Presenter: Laurie Schutz, RN

Valley Health Neuroscience Program Coordinator



ATTENDANCE ON SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11TH

8:30 a.m.—79

Sunday School—68

11:00 a.m.—115

COMMUNION EDUCATION WORKSHOP

A communion education workshop for children ages 4 through 5th grade is being held TODAY, 3:00-4:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary. This time is led by David and Carole Witt. They will share stories, visual illustrations, and provide a hands-on opportunity for the children as we explore the meaning of celebrating the Lord's Supper. Parents are invited to stay with their children and be a part of this time as well. This workshop is meant to help prepare our children so that they better understand this special sacrament and can enjoy it with you during worship.

MEET OUR 2016-17 CONFIRMATION CLASS

Our new confirmation class is being introduced today. The students began class last week and will start with their new lessons from THEOCADEMY curriculum this morning. Confirmation students this year are **Paige Clark, Cameron Ritter, and Reagan Tibbs**. Each student is paired with a special covenant partner. These mentors this year are Terry Hartman, Judy McKay, and Katherine Newhouse. We are thankful for the students and their mentors! Leaders of the confirmation class are Pam Bayliss, Joel Witt, and Carole Witt.

PYC NEWS TODAY

Youth (grades 6-12)—come join us tonight, 5:00-7:00 p.m. at the church for a fantastic evening of fun and fellowship focusing on teamwork through games and challenges, and enjoying dinner together. There's a lot in store for you! Encourage a friend to be here, bring a friend with you, and become better friends with one another. Dinner menu includes pulled chicken sandwiches, sides, and dessert. Please bring \$2 for dinner. See you tonight!

"Back to Church/Evangelism Sunday"
Invite a friend! Reach Out to Someone Missed!
September 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>.

FALL WORK DAY

This Saturday, September 24
8:30 a.m. until ?
Join Us for Work Inside and Out!

APPLE HARVEST FELLOWSHIP

Next Sunday, September 25th, please stop in the Gathering Area after 8:30 worship. We will fellowship and enjoy apples, apple cider and gingersnaps courtesy of the Fellowship Team before heading to our Sunday School classes.

WORLD COMMUNION FESTIVAL UPCOMING IN OCTOBER

World Communion Sunday has become a special, celebratory festival each year at Opequon Church and it will be coming up on Sunday, October 2nd. You may anticipate uplifting, global music and creative gifts shared by our young people. As always, a variety of home-baked breads are appreciated, the differing textures, colors, shapes, and sizes representing the world-wide Christian community. We also like to include people who are willing to offer a communion invitation in their native or acquired language. Please let Pastor David know if you are able to assist and participate in these ways.

The annual "Bread Basket Buffet," sponsored by our Christian Education team, will also be featured over in the Dell Room following 8:30 worship.

CAMP PADDY RUN DAY IN TWO WEEKS

Camp Paddy Run Day is Sunday, October 2, at 1:00 p.m., and will be sponsored by the Men of Opequon. We will leave after the 11:00 a.m. worship service and travel out to Paddy Run for fun and games, food, and getting to know one another in the glorious outdoors of a fall afternoon. Chili, soup, bread, and drinks will be provided; bring a dessert to share. **THIS IS AN EVENT FOR THE WHOLE CHURCH FAMILY AND PEOPLE OF ALL AGES!**

TRUNK & TREAT RETURNS THIS YEAR!

Have you been in the store lately and noticed THAT pumpkins, costumes, and fall wreaths are in full stock! Fall is around the corner bringing with it the return of a hugely fun event: TRUNK & TREAT! This is a safe, fun alternative for Halloween trick or treating. TRUNK & TREAT will be on Sunday, October 30, 4:00-6:00 p.m. TRUNKERS are needed! A “trunker” is one who brings their vehicle, opens the trunk that is decorated with a theme, and provides treats for children as they visit your trunk. TRUNKER forms will be available beginning next Sunday. Can’t think of a theme for being a “trunker”? No worries, simply Google “Trunk & Treat” for tons of ideas.

2016 MISSION FAIR WINNERS

Last Saturday, the 2016 Mission Fair was held during the BIG Event at Massanetta Springs. There was a total of twelve displays, of which nine were eligible for judging for awards. A total of 34 votes were cast by those viewing the displays. The first place certificate and check for \$100 went to the **Opequon Presbyterian Church Community Garden!** Thank you faithful servants for your hard work to grow and harvest vegetables for the food insecure in our community.

REBEKAH WITT’S CONTACT INFO

If you are interested in Rebekah Witt’s Young Adult Volunteer journey or want to encourage her during this time, here is her information: 1330 Wolff Street, Denver, CO 80204. You can email: wittrc@dukes.jmu.edu and follow her blog: <http://lilwitt02.wixsite.com/missionarylife/blog>.

PYC KICK-OFF CORN HOLE TOURNAMENT

We are happy to announce Paul and Ashton Clark as our PYC Kick-off Corn Hole Tournament winners. They had a flawless record until the championship round. They responded in the final winner-take-all game to win 21-13! The two champions won \$10 gift cards to Chick-fil-A for their accomplishment! Congratulations to Paul and Ashton and thank you to all the participants who played in the tournament. It was a great relaxing, yet competitive time!

BEYOND THE BROKEN HEART

Beyond the Broken Heart is a support group for those who are grieving the death of a loved one; please join us on the journey through grief. We meet on Mondays, from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. in Pastor David's Office. Please contact: **Patty Klinefelter**, OPC Faith Community Nurse, 540-869-6080, pklinefe@valleyhealthlink.com or **Lori Henley**, 585-943-3159, lhenley@rochester.rr.com to register.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENT—VOTING

Citizens are reminded that the deadline to register to vote in the commonwealth for the upcoming election on November 8 is October 17. For all those that have children away at college or anyone that can't be here for election/voting day November 8th, you can do an Absentee Ballot application online. Go to <http://elections.virginia.gov/casting-a-ballot/absentee-voting/index.html>. Absentee ballots will be mailed starting on September 23.

You are invited to
Ethiopian Mission Partnership Banquet

The Rev. Bill Cox
Retired Pastor

"I Never Heard That Before"

What can we receive from our Ethiopian sisters and brothers?

Celebrating the 27th Anniversary of the Partnership
between
Shenandoah Presbytery PC(USA)
and Illubabor Bethel Synod,
Ethiopian Evangelical Church Mekane Yesus



at
Massanutten Presbyterian Church
50 Indian Trail – Penn Laird, VA 22846

Friday, October 14, 2016

5:30-Registration 6:30pm-Banquet
7:30pm - Guest Speakers

Banquet Reservations
\$16.50 per person with PREPAID reservation
Children under 12 are free and welcome!

2016 Banquet Reservation Form

Banquet Meal Featuring Ethiopian Cuisine
Alternative Meal Will Be Offered

Please Register ALL individual and GUEST meals in ADVANCE

Name _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Church Name _____

Group Registration-List all names-

_____ **Ethiopian Meals - Adults (age 12 and older)** _____

_____ **Children under 12 (free)** _____

_____ **Alternative Meals – Adults (age 12 and older)** _____

_____ **Children under 12 (free)** _____

Total Amount Enclosed (\$16.50 per adult) \$ _____

Make Checks Payable to: "Shenandoah Presbytery"

Please mail FORM and CHECK to ARRIVE NO LATER THAN
Wednesday, October 5, 2016 to:

Partnership Banquet – Shenandoah Presbytery, 1111 N. Main St.,
Harrisonburg, VA 22802