

# The Opequon Spirit

"Prayerfully Equipping Disciples of All Generations to be Christ's Hands, Heart and Feet in the World"



## JANUARY 2017

### WORSHIP IN JANUARY

**Sunday, January 1<sup>st</sup> - New Year's Day**  
10:00 a.m. ONLY

Isaiah 60:1-6, Matthew 2:1-12  
Sermon: "Celebrating the Journey"  
Communion, CCAP  
Covenant Renewal Service

**Sunday, January 8<sup>th</sup> - Baptism of the Lord**  
Sunday

Isaiah 42:1-9, Matthew 3:13-17  
Sermon: "Responding to Your Claim"  
Ordination, Installation, and Commissioning  
of Elders, Deacons, and Trustee

**Sunday, January 15<sup>th</sup> - Second Sunday after**  
Epiphany

Isaiah 49:1-7, John 1:29-42  
Sermon: "Carrying the Light"

**Sunday, January 22<sup>nd</sup> - Third Sunday after**  
Epiphany

Isaiah 9:1-4, Matthew 4:12-23  
Sermon: "Decisions, Decisions"  
Four Cents A Meal, Fair Trade Coffee

**Sunday, January 29<sup>th</sup> - Fourth Sunday after**  
Epiphany

Micah 6:1-8, Matthew 5:1-12  
Habitat for Humanity Paint Can Offering

### COLLECTING FOR CCAP



Oatmeal

### STAFF SCHEDULE THIS MONTH

Carole & David Witt - January 23-30  
Continuing Education, Association of  
Presbyterian Church Educators Annual  
Conference, Denver, CO

If a pastoral concern arises, please call Jean  
Steidel, 540-323-7071, Rev. Tracie Martin 304-  
856-2080, or Stella Strickler, Lead Deacon  
540-667-5150.



The Church Office will be closed on  
Monday, January 2 for New Year's.  
It will reopen on Tuesday, January  
3, at 8:30 a.m.

### MINISTRY TEAM NIGHT

Tuesday, January 3

Dinner—6:00 p.m.

Pizza, Salad & Pudding

Suggested donation \$3 per person

Devotions—6:45 p.m.

Ministry Team Meetings 7:00 p.m.

### INCLEMENT WEATHER CLOSINGS

A friendly reminder from Technology and  
Communication: It's hard to believe that Old  
Man Winter is already upon us. In the event of  
inclement weather on a scheduled  
worship day, any closings or  
delays will be communicated via  
email and on Opequon's  
Facebook page. Cancellations  
will also be announced on WINC  
and Q102.



## NOTES FROM THE PASTOR:

“An Example for a New Year”

Dear Friends in Christ,

We stand at the threshold of a New Year, God about to launch us all into 2017! We anticipate with hope what God will be doing through each of us and through his called community of faith as messengers of grace and good news in a new year. I am grateful for the wonderful blessings God has given me through our shared ministry, through opportunities, experiences, and most assuredly, through relationships that I cherish. I thank you for opening up your hearts, minds, and lives to me. It is an honor to serve as your pastor.

Several weeks ago, you received a letter in the mail from Steve Brown, writing to you as Clerk of Session on behalf of the Session. We wanted to share the good news regarding the generous bequest Opequon Church received this fall from the estate of Eugene and Frances Lupton. I knew the Luptons well and visited with them many, many times in their farmhouse out on Middle Road. They always welcomed me with warm smiles and gracious hospitality as we shared about family, neighbors, the church, and the Frederick County community that they dearly loved. They were “salt of the earth” people, faithful stewards of the land they farmed and the resources entrusted to them by our good Lord. Eugene was a member of Opequon Church for almost forty years, and while Frances retained her membership at Relief United Methodist Church (I believe for more than 85 years!), she usually accompanied him to worship on Sunday mornings, at least two or even three times a month. I can still picture the pew they sat on within the now Memorial Sanctuary. When Mr. Lupton began to experience declining health, he pro-actively planned his funeral down to the last detail, hymns, scripture, other music, and even what I was supposed to focus on in what he called, “my sermon.” He also instructed me that while we were in the process of building a new sanctuary, he wanted his funeral in the old sanctuary. The hard-working, persevering Mr. Lupton surpassed all medical forecasts and,

after being admitted to hospice care and then being discharged from hospice care, he lived for several years. And, he also changed his mind about his funeral: it would be held in the “new sanctuary,” he told me, and so it was, with every last of his details maintained. And his funeral was the first one held in the sanctuary, a new place of worship that he grew to appreciate and love.

The Lupton’s have been extremely generous to their two churches in their bequest. They have set before us an example of Christian discipleship and stewardship through their lives and in their deaths. Their witness to the grace and goodness of God is a challenge to us, to think and act generously, to take seriously our worship, nurture, fellowship, and service as active Christians in the world. Through their bequest, we are able to continue building our Endowment Fund, preserving the legacy of Opequon in the years ahead; to fulfill the goal of our OPC 280 Fund, in order to maintain and improve our property; to extend our pledge to Shenandoah Presbytery; and to grow our Reserve Fund, with the particular challenge of considering projects that will expand our hearts and extend our ministry and launch us into a new year, our 281<sup>st</sup>, of serving Christ in our community. I am grateful to have had the privilege of knowing and spending time with the Luptons. I am awed that they have given so much through their devotion to the Church. And, I am thankful that we have the opportunity as a congregation to soar and sail into the future because of their generosity and challenge to us.

Happy New Year!

Together in Christ’s Service,

*David*



## **ORDINATION, INSTALLATION, & COMMISSIONING**

Elders - Mitch Orndorff, Robin Owens,  
Susanna Shade, Leslie Tucker

Deacons - Dom Cafaro &  
Brenda Hawkins

Trustee - George Schember

Sunday, January 8, 2017  
Join us as we celebrate the joy of  
serving Christ!

### **SESSION HIGHLIGHTS**

#### **December 20, 2016 Stated Meeting**

- Session welcomed Gary and Carolyn Rutherford and Eric and Mandy Estep into the fellowship of Opequon Presbyterian Church
- The Session examined the newly elected elders and deacons and sustained their examination.
- The Evangelism Ministry Team reported on successful Christmas caroling at Kernstown Commons. Evangelism asked the Technology and Communications Team to facilitate getting information onto social media faster.
- Fellowship Ministry will sponsor the annual Opequon Talent Show on February 25.
- Session approved a position description for a part time Minister for Congregational Care, with the condition that the position be reviewed by Session within six months.
- Building & Grounds reported that the manse will soon be on the market as a rental property.
- Stewardship & Finance will present the 2017 budget for approval in January. However, Session did approve notifying Presbytery that OPC will give \$31,000 to the Presbytery in 2017 in response to the Presbytery asking.

- We continue to experience shortfalls on the revenue side; expenses are under control and under budget.
- On the recommendation of Worship Ministry, the 2017 communion schedule was approved.
- Mission Ministry reported that the schedule for our WATTS week (December 26-January 2) is out.
- Session approved the Pastor's request for study leave January 23-30.

### **NURSERY NEWS**

Happy New Year from the Nursery Team— Laurie Carver, Alicia Campbell, Nancy Grubb and Karen Naylor. We hope that the blessings of the Christmas season will last throughout 2017 and beyond for you and yours!

A quick reminder: The Nursery is open weekly for children 3-years-old and younger for 8:30 and 11:00 a.m. worship services and Sunday School weekly. We are also staffed monthly on Ministry Team Night for children of any age. Please mark your child's name on any toys/belongings they bring with them. Also, tuck an extra set of clothing in their diaper bag for emergencies. Thanks!

### **NEW STUDY IN FAITH IN FAMILIES CLASS**

"Half Truths," a DVD and discussion based study by Pastor Adam Hamilton, will be the focus of the Faith in Families Sunday school class beginning on Sunday, January 8. This five-week study will take some common "Christian sayings" and compare them with the wisdom found in Scripture. While they are simple phrases and sound Christian, like something you might find in the Bible as truth, they miss the point in important ways. We'll talk about "Everything Happens for a Reason," "God Helps Those Who Help Themselves," "God Won't Give You More Than You Can Handle," "God Said It, I Believe It, That Settles It," "Love the Sinner, Hate the Sin." Come and join this intergenerational, adult class at 9:45 am in the Assembly Room as we enjoy lively discussion.

## OLDER ADULT HAPPENINGS

A new year, a new month, and brand new days are upon us each morning! As we put our feet on the floor each day, let us say with sincerity, "THANK YOU GOD FOR THIS DAY"! May this month bring new hopes and joys to your life. There is certainly some NEW news to share about our older adult ministry at OPC.

The Older Adult Ministry Team will be meeting on Monday, January 9, 9:30 am in the Bageant Room. There is always a great deal of laughter and fun during the planning and discussions that the team shares. Morning goodies are always a treat too. The meeting is open to any older adults who would like to attend.

Happy Days occurs this month on Wednesday, January 11 at noon. This is our older adult fellowship group that is full of spirit as they have great times together. The gathering will begin with a covered dish lunch followed by a program this month lead by Kitty Bird Hockman who will be sharing about Hedgebrook Farm; its' history, life on the farm, its' focus, and special activities. You are also invited to **bring a ROLL of PAPER TOWELS** that will benefit OPC's Motel Ministry program that occurs each month. Thank you for your generosity in this way. Come on out for a very informative and personal presentation.

## THE LATEST IN LOGOS

LOGOS Wednesdays continue to keep things exciting at Opequon Church as the children and staff arrive and are greeted each week. We had terrific fun with recent themes of "Warm Fuzzies", Mix & Match Night, and our annual Caroling night. LOGOS participants donated hats-gloves- scarves-mittens to people who may be without these items during these cold months. This month we are having a "Birthday Night" to celebrate EVERYONE'S birthday followed by 'Around the World', 'Poetry night' and 'Blizzard night'. There are always exciting times at LOGOS! There is always room for more, so come visit us on Wednesday 4:30-7:30 pm. If you have any questions, please feel free to speak with Carole Witt or Kristi Cooper.

## WORKSHOPS FOR CHILDREN EACH SUNDAY MORNING



We are in the midst of our 3<sup>rd</sup> year of doing WORM rotation model for the Sunday morning educational hour for children preschool-5<sup>th</sup> grade. The exciting lessons and creative nature of this style give our children hands on and interactive experiences as they grow in faith. No more just sitting in a chair to listen. Most recently, WORM workshops have offered our children a closer look at the Christmas story through "Advent Idol", a music workshop and a marvelous Advent storytelling time. Children love the workshop experiences on Sunday morning. This month the workshops will be focusing on Epiphany, Biblical characters, and how some specific scripture verses are very helpful to us. WORM workshops are held on Sunday mornings at 9:45 am. Has your child been here to enjoy it? Let the children come!



## MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT OPPORTUNITY

The marriage enrichment sessions continue next month with gatherings being held on Sundays, **February 12** and at **9:45 a.m.** in the church office suite. Each session stands alone and thus you can 'pop' in whenever the sessions are convenient for you. The sessions in February will focus on "Finding Unity in Diversity" and "Sharing Responsibility and Working Together". Sessions have been great fun for the participants along with gaining insight for even healthier relationships with one another. Look forward to what's in store at each gathering. Come join us. These gatherings are for couples of any age or stage!

## CONFIRMATION CONNECTION

The Confirmation Class has been moving along steadily with their class lessons. Recently they have studied how God sees us for who we are and yet He loves us anyway, and they have learned about God's covenant

with us. This month, the students will be participating in the Confirmation Retreat, a beneficial time outside of class when they can look further at faith through additional creative experiences with one another. Continue to remember Paige Clark, Cameron Ritter, and Reagan Tibbs in your prayers as these young people participate in the journey of Confirmation. We are grateful to their covenant partners, Katherine Newhouse, Terry Hartman, and Judy McKay, who provide additional support to these students.

### WORDS WORTH SHARING!

During a December morning WORM workshop titled "Advent Idol", the children got to 'ham it up' by inserting some new words into familiar Christmas carols, and then they all sang them up on stage! One of the songs they worked with was "Go Tell It on the Mountain". The 'revised lyrics' are certainly worth sharing. Enjoy singing along with the new words:

*(Tune- Go Tell it on the Mountain)*

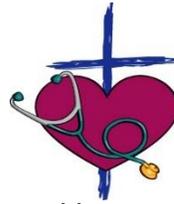
Go tell it in Hawaii  
Over the sun and everywhere,  
Go tell it in New York,  
That Jesus Christ is loving.

When I was a hockey player,  
I ran both night and day,  
I asked the Lord to love me-  
And he showed me the way.

Go tell it on the beach,  
Over the moon and everywhere,  
Go get yourself to Bethlehem,  
To yell Jesus Christ is born!

He made me a parent,  
So I could help others,  
And after Christmas is over,  
We will follow in his way-ay!

Go tell it in Australia,  
Over the noise and Christmas doings,  
Go scream it from England,  
That Jesus Christ is in the bathroom!



### ARE YOUR 2017 NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS SMART?

With the start of 2017, you may be considering a New Year's resolution. A fresh start is exciting and like me you may be considering setting a goal. However, often we stumble or struggle getting started, then retreat back to our unhealthy habits. So, let's try something different. Please consider the following tips to help you be successful in 2017. One way of making goals powerful is to use the SMART mnemonic. SMART stands for:

- S - specific or significant
- M - measurable or meaningful
- A - attainable or action-oriented
- R- relevant or rewarding
- T - time-bound or tractable

For example, instead of having "be healthier in 2017" as a goal, it's more powerful to use a SMART goal "To lose 10 pounds by May 30, 2017" or "Have a mammogram by the end of June" or "To have a blood pressure of 120/80 as measured by the faith community nurse each month at church" or "Walk one mile three times per week."

Other general tips include

1. Write your goals down and review them periodically, keeping them where you will see them i.e. bathroom mirror, refrigerator, with your medications
2. Be realistic and make sure the goal is attainable i.e. don't say lose 30 pounds in one month or pay off all my debt in two months
3. Be positive; don't say "quit being a fatty" but state "lose 10 pounds in three months"
4. Celebrate your successes. Reward yourself for reaching your goal, dinner and a movie, a massage, a new outfit. You get the idea!

If you need help writing or setting your goals let's talk. You can contact me, Patty Klinefelter, at [pklinefe@valleyhealthlink.com](mailto:pklinefe@valleyhealthlink.com) or 540-869-6080.



**“MEN OF OPEQUON” PULL IT TOGETHER THIS MONTH!**

The Men of Opequon (MOO) invite all men to join them for their first gathering of the New Year.

We'll first meet at Chick-fil-A on Pleasant Valley Road on Monday, January 9<sup>th</sup> for dinner at 6:00 p.m. Then, we'll get back together at the church down in the Youth Spot for devotions and our planning time for monthly gatherings. So, ALL MEN: come on out and share your ideas!



**God-Loving Opequon Women**

The Opequon's women's group, known as GLOW, typically meets monthly for great gatherings of friendship, support, enjoyment, and spiritual nourishment. During the coldest winter months, January and February, GLOW is on break. We will be back to our regular meeting schedule of the second Tuesday each month in March. Stay tuned for what's coming up!

**PRESBYTERIAN YOUTH CONNECTION IN JANUARY**

Our youth have really been engaged with awesome activities, including our Midnight Gladness Christmas Outreach project (serving three families this year), lunch and blessing downtown pedestrians with warm cinnamon buns, and a fun and uplifting Christmas party. Now, we plunge into a new year with our middle and high schoolers:

**Sunday, January 1<sup>st</sup> - Happy New Year**  
- No PYC

**Sunday, January 8<sup>th</sup> - "Movie & Pizza Night"**  
- 5:00-7:00 p.m. Come watch the special feature on the big screen and enjoy pizza, popcorn, candy, & drinks! Bring \$2.00.

**Monday, January 16<sup>th</sup> - STOP HUNGER NOW**  
@ SU. Meet at 1:00 p.m. at the church for this great project.

**Sunday, January 23<sup>rd</sup> - Chili Lunch & Motel Ministry** - 12:30 p.m. Enjoy a chili lunch and preparing food and other items to take to area motels. The more, the merrier!

**Sunday, January 30<sup>th</sup> - Lunch & Ice Skating**  
Lunch at Five Guys and then we're off for some ice skating fun! Watch and listen for more details.

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT**

- ❖ We appreciate everyone—youth, youth leaders, parents, cooks and food donors, and all participants—who made the Pilgrims' Feast such a grand event for fellowship and a fundraiser for our youth. Over \$1,100 was generously contributed to Midnight Gladness, our youth Christmas outreach project in support of three families from our community.
- ❖ The offering from the Thanksgiving Eve Worship Service was \$421. These monies have been directed to support our church's Motel Ministry, led by our youth and intergenerational leaders.

**GOOD NEWS IS OURS TO TELL**

"Ty Headley Tree of Warmth"  
As this newsletter goes to print, we have received **818** Blankets for Church World Service, totaling **\$4,092**. Thank you for your generous support as we blanket the world in memory of Ty!



A 2017 Flower Chart is on display in the Gathering Area on the CCAP table. Select the special Sundays when you want to honor a loved one with flowers in the Sanctuary.

We express our Christian love and sympathy to...

**Judy Payne** upon the death of her husband, Harry on November 30

**Pam Stevens** upon the death of her mother

WE MOURN WITH YOU



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

John 11:24-25

### NOTES OF GRATITUDE

Opequon Presbyterian Church Family,  
On behalf of the Willemsma family, I would like to take this opportunity with our deepest heartfelt appreciation to thank you for all your prayers and support for our family as our mother Tena S. Willemsma passed away recently. We are most grateful for all your efforts in preparation and carrying out her memorial service and the reception afterwards. Thank you, kind ladies! God's family at Opequon has held a special place not only in our mother's heart for so many years, but to us her children also. It is our prayer that our Savior's Glory will continue to shine through you and throughout those beautiful windows for many years to come.

God's Blessings,  
Hank Willemsma

Dear Opequon Family,  
I wish to thank you for all the cards, phone calls, visits and food which I received the past few months. Your care and concern has greatly helped me cope with my battle with shingles.

Carol Treece

Many thanks to the following people who decorated our church for Christmas—Melissa Ambers, Robin Eddy, Mary Elson, Susan Homan and Jennie Wright.



Dear Opequon Church Family,  
Thank you for the food, visits, calls, and cards during my recent illness. I sincerely appreciate your thoughtfulness.

Alice Foley



- 1 Carol Henry, Gretchen Homan
- 2 William Green, Ellen Neff
- 4 Mandy DiToto
- 6 Gerri Bayliss, Anna Buonocore, Eric Estep
- 8 Bailey Cooper, Amelia Keaton
- 10 Sam Frye, Alice Hagen
- 11 Joshua Blake, Anne Hack
- 13 Sydney Sardelis
- 14 Jeff Schryver, Kim Counts
- 15 Emma Gomez, Kat Kibler
- 16 Beth Barr
- 17 Eric Donovan, Sherry Schryver, Ryan Witt, Will Wright
- 18 John Ervin, Katie Kraemer
- 19 Katherine Gianino, Reese Tibbs
- 20 Philip Ritter
- 21 Jennifer Williams
- 22 Zane Hawkins
- 23 Madison Sherman
- 24 Tony DiToto, Jerry Metheny
- 25 Leigh Jenks
- 26 Greer Birchenough
- 27 Jim Butler, Carole Metheny
- 29 Krystal Place, Bryce & McKenna Williams, Michele Wilson
- 30 Sara Birchenough, Ali Hoxton, Terry McKay, Bev Parrish, Neil Place
- 31 Ruth Richards



- 2 Hank & Barbara Agregard
- 5 Larry & Judy McKay
- 23 Ken & Edwina Johansen
- 27 Larry & Annemarie Matthews

# Servants in Ministry

## Bell Ringers

8:30 Mo Mohler  
11:00 Kristin Blake, Bailey Cooper,  
AnnMarie Kelly

## Hospitality

10:00 1 Brenda Hawkins

8:30  
8 Debbie & Bill Bender  
15 Dom Cafaro, Heide Mohler  
22 Betty Chicklo, June Malone  
29 Lisa & Bill Frye

11:00  
8 Debi Hodgson, Annemarie Matthews  
15 Nancy & Richard Lloyd  
22 Jack Drumheller, Betty Ganoe  
29 Mary Himelright, Debi Hodgson

## Liturgists

8:30 Jim Youngblood  
11:00 Sarah Shade

## Name Tags

Week 1 Pat deButts  
Week 2 Dulcie Reed  
Week 3 Nancy Rodgers  
Week 4 Kail Barbe  
Week 5 Nancy Rodgers

## Ushers (Head Usher in bold)

8:30  
8 **Pat Heavner**, Dick Widell, Jim Youngblood  
15 Terry Hartman, **Heide Mohler**,  
Carroll Youngblood  
22 Mike Butler, **Sherry Schryver**,  
John Winn  
29 **Dom Cafaro**, Bob Gaines, Dave Yost

11:00  
8 Jason Hathaway, Kyle Homan,  
**Bill Robinson**  
15 Jason Brown, **Andy Homan**, Joel Witt  
22 **Mike Birchenough**, Bill Hopeck,  
Bob Weidele  
29 **Vern Gamble**, Nick Sardelis

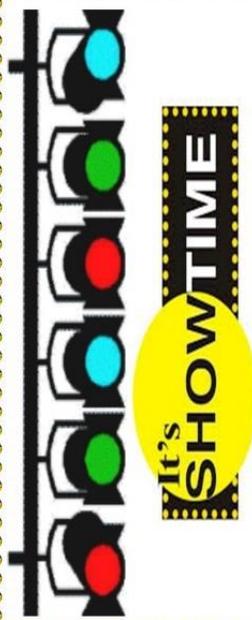


Remember  
OPC  
in  
Your Will

## A FABULOUS FEBRUARY FORTHCOMING - SAVE THESE DATES

- ❖ "Souper Bowl Sunday" - February 5<sup>th</sup>
- ❖ 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Talent Show & Covered-Dish -  
Saturday, February 25<sup>th</sup>
- ❖ Sunday of the Transfiguration - Sunday,  
February 26<sup>th</sup>





**Saturday, February 25, at 5:00 p.m.**  
**4th Annual OPC Talent Show**  
**Fellowship Hall**

Do you have talent? Would you like to share it? If so, please come join the fun at OPC's 4th Annual Talent Show organized by the Fellowship Ministry Team. We are looking for talent from our OPC family. Do you sing, dance, play a musical instrument, act, cook, or make crafts? If so, we need you! If you are unable to participate, please come to be entertained.

**We are asking all who plan to attend to please bring a covered dish, side, or salad. Dessert will be provided.**

Please sign up in the Gathering Area or contact Sabra Veach (sveach@su.edu) or Becky Proctor (beckyproc@comcast.net).

SUMMARY FINANCIAL STATEMENT  
November 2016

EXPENSES	2016 Budget	Net Expenses Current Month	Net Expenses Year to Date	Budget Balance Remaining
	Administrative Ministry	415,048	29,494	386,887
Christian Education Ministry	13,900	326	8,922	4,978
Congregational Care Ministry	300	9	1,006	-706
Evangelism Ministry	600	0	548	52
Fellowship Ministry	1,600	-697	1,599	1
Mission Ministry	47,000	4,520	37,839	9,161
Worship Ministry	5,000	308	3,807	1,193
Capital Expenses	115,025	9,584	105,422	9,603
<b>Total Budget</b>	<b>598,473</b>	<b>43,544</b>	<b>546,029</b>	<b>52,444</b>

INCOME	Current Month	Year to Date
	General Fund Pledges	35,876
Loose	148	3,848
<b>Total Operating Income from Offerings</b>	<b>36,024</b>	<b>491,090</b>
<b>Adjustments to Income (YTD)</b>		
Checking Account Interest		49
Transfer from Building Fund		0
Room/Facility Usage		350
Wedding Fees		0
<b>Operating Income After Adjustments</b>		<b>491,490</b>
<b>Expenses (YTD)</b>		<b>546,029</b>
<b>2016 Operating Balance as of November 30</b>		<b>-54,540</b>

**JANUARY 2017**

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Monday</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Friday</b>	<b>Saturday</b>
<b>1</b> 10am Worship, Communion, CCAP Offering	<b>2</b> CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED	<b>3</b> 5:15pm Technology & Communications Team 6pm Ministry/Team Night	<b>4</b> 9:30am Staff Meeting 11:30am TVOR Lunch 4:30pm LOGOS 6pm Choir Party @ McNichols	<b>5</b> 4:30pm Opequon on the Lawn 7pm Scout Pack 1 7pm Scout Troop 1	<b>6</b> Confirmation Retreat	<b>7</b> Confirmation Retreat 8am Men's Lectio Divina 8am Women's Lectio Divina 9am Officer Training 9am WATTS Lead Volunteer Training
<b>8</b> 8:30 & 11am Worship, Ordination/Installation 9:45am Sunday School 4pm Youth Council 5pm PYC Movie Night	<b>9</b> 9:30am Older Adult Team 1:30pm LOGOS Leadership 3pm Covenant Study Group 6pm Adult ESL Class 6pm MOO @ Chick-fil-A 6:30pm PS150 Rehearsal 7pm MOO @ OPC	<b>10</b> 9:30am Tuesday Morning Mission	<b>11</b> 12pm Happy Days 4:30pm LOGOS 7:30pm Choir Practice	<b>12</b> 7pm Read 'em & Reap 7pm Scout Pack 1 7pm Scout Troop 1	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> 2-6pm GIS Impact Project & Covered Dish 5pm Young Families/Young Adults @ Birchenoughs
<b>15</b> 8:30 & 11am Worship 9:45am Sunday School	<b>16</b> 2pm Stop Hunger Now 3pm Covenant Study Group 6:30pm PS150 Rehearsal 7pm WATTS Board Meeting	<b>17</b> 7pm Session Meeting	<b>18</b> Newsletter Deadline 9:30am Staff Meeting 10am Winchester Newcomers 4:30pm LOGOS 7:30pm Choir Practice	<b>19</b> 7pm Scout Pack 1 7pm Scout Troop 1	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> 8am Men's Lectio Divina GIS Inclement Weather Date
<b>22</b> 8:30 & 11am Worship 9:45am Sunday School 12:30pm Motel Ministry	<b>23</b> David & Carole Witt APCE Conference 3pm Covenant Study Group 6pm Adult ESL 6:30pm PS150 Rehearsal	<b>24</b> ⇒⇒⇒⇒ 10:30am Hands & Hearts 6pm HHF @Highland Food Pantry 6:30pm WATTS Operations	<b>25</b> ⇒⇒⇒⇒ 11:30 TVOR Lunch 4:30pm LOGOS 7:30pm Choir Practice	<b>26</b> ⇒⇒⇒⇒ 7pm Scout Pack 1 7pm Scout Troop 1	<b>27</b> ⇒⇒⇒⇒ 9am Memory Lane	<b>28</b> ⇒⇒⇒⇒
<b>29</b> ⇒⇒⇒⇒ 8:30 & 11am Worship 9:45am Sunday School 12 noon PYC Lunch & Ice Skating	<b>30</b> ⇒⇒⇒⇒ 3pm Covenant Study Group 6:30pm PS150 Rehearsal	<b>31</b>				

# MASON JAR nightlight

Because Jesus is the light of the world, his followers don't need to fear darkness or life's dark times. Make this nightlight to remind you of Jesus' light and presence.



### What you need:

- Work area with good ventilation
- Mason jar
- Clear glue that works on glass
- Paintbrush
- Glass stones
- Tealight candle
- Lighter
- Adult supervision

### What you do:

1. Starting at the top of the jar, brush glue on a small section.
2. Press glass stones onto the glue in rows. Let dry.
3. Continue gluing stones, in small sections, until the entire jar is covered.
4. When dry, place a candle inside. Light with adult help.



# Light OF THE World

In a world full of sin and darkness, how can we find our way?  
Discover Jesus' answer in John 8:12, NIV.

*Directions: Use the key to fill in the missing vowels.  
Then read the completed Bible verse.*

KEY: A E I O

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J \_ H N 8:12, NIV

Answer: "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness." John 8:12, NIV

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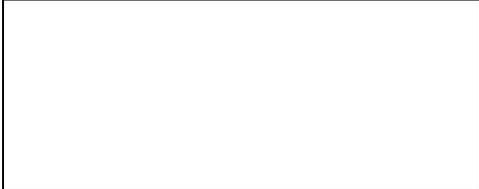
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**A NEW YEAR'S PRAYER**

Lord, You make all things new.  
You bring hope alive in our hearts  
and cause our Spirits to be born again.

Thank you for this new year,  
for all the potential it holds.  
Come and kindle in us  
a mighty flame  
so that in our time, many will see the wonders of God  
and live forever to praise Your glorious name.

Amen.