

# The Opequon Spirit

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



## April 2018

### WORSHIP IN APRIL—The Season of Easter

#### Sunday, April 1<sup>st</sup> – Easter, the Day of Resurrection

Easter Sunrise Service – 6:18 am – Pitcock Shelter  
John 20:1-18  
"The Light Dawns"  
The Flowering Cross  
Music by PS 150  
Breakfast Follows in Fellowship Hall

Resurrection Day Services – 8:30 & 11:00 am  
Acts 10:34-43, Mark 16:1-8  
Sermon: "No Fooling! This Is Not a Joke!"  
Communion, One Great Hour of Sharing

#### Sunday, April 8<sup>th</sup> – The Second Sunday of Easter

Acts 4:32-35, John 20:19-31  
Sermon: "Risus Paschalis" ("Holy Laughter")

#### Open Door Worship – 6:30 pm – Memorial Sanctuary

Teaching, Shared Joys, Concerns & Prayer  
Communion at the Table  
Come as you are for an uplifting evening!  
Covered-Dish precedes at 5:30 pm

#### Sunday, April 15<sup>th</sup> – The Third Sunday of Easter

Acts 3:12-19, Luke 24:36-48  
Sermon: "Recognizing God's Work"

#### Sunday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> – The Fourth Sunday of Easter

Acts 4:5-12, John 10:11-18  
Sermon: "The Work of the Shepherd"  
Reception of New Members  
Four Cents a Meal, Fair Trade Coffee  
G.I.F.T. Event – 9:45 am

#### Sunday, April 29<sup>th</sup> – The Fifth Sunday of Easter

Psalm 22:25-31, John 15:1-8  
Sermon: "Pollyanna"  
Habitat for Humanity "Paint Can Offering"  
Mission Event – 9:45 am

#### MINISTRY TEAM NIGHT

Tuesday, April 3

Oven Baked Chicken, Roasted Potatoes, Carrots, Sliced Pears, Rolls, Chocolate Cake and Pound Cake.

Dinner—6:00 pm

Suggested donation \$3 per person

Devotions—6:45 pm

Meetings—7:00 pm



On March 11, **Betty Ganoe** and **Bill Robinson** were recognized as OPC's Mr. and Mrs. Potato Head for starting the long-standing and beloved tradition of the Annual Potato Bake over 35 years ago. Congratulations, Betty and Bill!

## NOTES FROM THE PASTOR

"Our 'Great is Thy Faithfulness' God"

Dear Friends in Christ,

As I sit here on the first day of spring, I am gazing out the window and watching the flakes fall. It is beautiful, as the snow lays gently on the trees. One of those strange weather patterns has hit us again. I do recall several early March snowstorms, some very significant, as the one in 1993 when Rebekah was born that I mentioned last month; but, one this late in March, and the largest of the winter season for us, does seem rare, although I remember when I was a child that it snowed on Easter Sunday one year! I hope that won't be the case again! As we persevere through this unexpected weather, we do so in the hope that spring is coming soon, very soon. While today we shovel snow, in the coming weeks, we will mow our lawns. Grass and trees and flowers will flourish. The world around us will "green up." Change is coming. But, as the seasons unfold and come and go, God remains the same. Steadfast. Engaging. Holy. Providing. Righteous. Guiding. Just. Blessing. Compassionate. As the hymnwriter proclaims, "Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest, sun, moon, and stars in their courses above, join with all nature in manifold witness, to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness! Morning by morning, new mercies I see. All I have needed, thy hand hath provided. Great is thy faithfulness, Lord unto me!"

God is actively at work in our lives and in our church, in our community and in our world. Just as God brings forth new life through the resurrection of his Son, filling us with hope and promise, so God transforms you and me and us, beyond our imagining. "Behold, God is doing a new thing," (Isaiah 43:19), and aren't we glad! I know I am thankful that the people of Opequon are open to what God is doing, what God is up to, where God is leading us, where God is calling us to go. I thank each of you who took the time to respond to the 100

questions of the CAT, our Congregational Assessment Tool. While those questions were probing and challenging, the results of that survey will assist your church officers and staff in planning for our future, in understanding our core values, energy, satisfaction, and gifts. We are committed to making our "strong church, stronger" and to asking the question, "What does God want us to be doing?" We believe it will be beyond our imagining, but also a reflection of our "great is thy faithfulness" God who is changing us as surely as winter proceeds to spring.

Together in Christ's Service,

*David*

## JUST THINKIN'



I just received a note from a friend of two churches ago. She and her family may be the only ones in New York state who are thrilled about the weather. It seems

that the most recent cold and storms have brought on a second tap of maple sap, a most unusual occurrence.

Generally, the maple season is about over by the end of March. Any sap that is still running is dark and cannot be used for good maple syrup. It is fit only for maple flavorings and such. It smells different as it boils, and it is **bitter**. This year, however, the weather has brought back the good, light sap and this family is enjoying the best tapping year ever.

My home town was full of maple trees. In Autumn it was red, orange and yellow from one end to another. In Spring, it was lined with tapped trees and buckets. Everyone...well, almost everyone... had a fire going in the back yard or at the sugar shack and the smell of maple was overwhelming. When I was very small, they collected the sap

with horse drawn sleighs and wagons. As I grew, trucks became better at driving in the woods and the sleighs were replaced. Nothing has ever replaced the open fires and sweet smell that grows more concentrated each day.



My mother made maple sugar in little dollops on waxed paper. This was the only time we kids ever fought over who got to clean the stove. The spills could be scraped up and

enjoyed after everything else was finished. My friend made maple cream, an amazing texture of sweetness. I remember that a WW2 friends of Dads from Mississippi called it "maple jelly." We laughed and used that name from then on.

But the biggest treat was to be found at the farm. My grandmother had a small apartment in the big house. She would gather Uncle Alvin, Dad and all of us for maple wax. Maple wax begins with a snowstorm. It cannot be made well on old snow. Early in the afternoon, grandma would put large pans out in the yard and they would fill with fresh snow. Sometimes, if it was snowing hard, she would pat the snow down to make a base, but it was the light, fluffy top that made her wax so good.



When we all arrived, she would already have a big pot of syrup boiling. Her maple wax required boiling beyond the soft, sugar stage to hard crack. From time to time she would check the syrup in a glass of cold water. When it hardened as soon as it touched the water, she sent someone out for the first pan of snow.

She made maple wax by quickly whipping threads of syrup over the snow. They harden on contact and are flipped off with a fork. It is an unbelievable mix of cold, warm, sweet and wet. If the threads are too thin, they can melt before you get them onto



the plate. If they are too thick they can pull out your fillings.

The day ended with popped corn to help with the sweet.

Grandma was convinced that salty popped corn would eliminate the sugar high for the young ones. She was wrong, but we never told her. Why ruin any part of a good thing?

In Christ,

*A race*

### COLLECTING FOR CCAP



**Peanut Butter**

### STAFF SCHEDULES THIS MONTH

Cathy Richard ----- April 3-6  
Vacation  
Carole & David Witt ----- April 27-May 3  
Vacation

### THE CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED

On Monday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> for Easter.  
It will reopen on Tuesday at 8:30 am

### OLDER ADULT HAPPENINGS

Happy Spring! Bloom where you are planted. You are blossoms in the life of Opequon Church! Come add your own beauty to all that is happening at OPC!

The Older Adult Ministry Team will be meeting on Monday, April 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. During the meeting this month, invitations to the Older Adult luncheon event will be prepared for mailing. The meeting is open to any older adults who would like to attend.

Happy Days this month occurs on Wednesday, April 11 at noon. This is the monthly older adult fellowship group which provides a generous dose of joy as we eat together and then have a special program each time. The gathering begins with a covered dish lunch, which is always an array of most delicious choices. Following lunch, we will enjoy guest speaker Tim Youmans from the Winchester City Government (one aspect of his presentation will be sharing about the history of Winchester street names). It is sure to be very interesting.

As you look ahead to May, reserve Wednesday, May 23 so you can attend the 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Older Adult Luncheon, in honor of YOU! Entertainment will be by Sing! Shenandoah (Sweet Adelines) followed by a provided meal. The theme is "Ageless Wonders!"

### **NOMINATE AN OLDER ADULT FOR "Opequon's 2018 Older Adult"**

So many of our older adults have been recognized as our "Older Adults of the Year". We celebrate that those crowned in the past were Roy Bayliss, John Boyd, Frances Smith, Louise Duncan, Bill Robinson, Shirley and Dave Brumble, Rob MacGregor, Ty Headley, Edgar Tufts, Howard Kent, Donna Coffman, Betty Gano, Carol Tubbs, Graham Taylor, and Carol and Jack Treece. It is time to share nominations for this year's older adult of the year. Who would you like to nominate? There are forms available on the Gathering Area table. Share who you nominate and **WHY**. Nominations are due by May 6 and they may come from anyone in the congregation. Forms may be returned to Carole Witt or dropped in the box provided on the table. The session will

review the nominations and make their selection at their May meeting. The 2018 Older Adult of the year will be announced at the Older Adult Luncheon on May 23.

### **THE LATEST IN LOGOS**

We have just completed our 20<sup>th</sup> year of LOGOS! Think about that- 20 YEARS! There have been SO MANY people that have participated in LOGOS over these 20 years and helped us reach this magnificent milestone. THANK YOU to everyone who has had a hand in Opequon's LOGOS ministry. LOGOS is mentioned OFTEN throughout the life of Opequon and hearing parents tell us how much their children LOVE LOGOS, is surely testimony that we are doing something good! We will continue to offer this vital midweek ministry as we begin looking at and planning for our NEXT LOGOS year that will start in September. The Leadership Team will be reviewing evaluations and discussing plans over the next few months. Thank you to all LOGOS participants, LOGOS staff, and LOGOS families for your dedication to LOGOS this year. You all make Wednesdays extra special! GO LOGOS!

### **UNDERSTANDING THE WORSHIP SERVICE**

*(highlighting a different part of worship each month)*

Let's think about the **MUSIC** that occurs within a worship service.

- The music helps us to further express ourselves in worship.
- Music allows for US to fully participate in worship.
- Music helps us transition from one part of worship to another.
- We communicate our faith in God and our love for God through music.
- Music offers time for prayer and quiet reflection.
- Music helps set a tone or mood for different times in worship.

- Music expresses joy and is comforting within worship. The uses of MUSIC in WORSHIP are endless!

## ANNOUNCING ATTRACTIVE APRIL AFFAIRS

**April 22- G.I.F.T. Event: "Potatoes in the Morning"**! All generations will come together during the morning educational hour as we understand who Jesus is to each of us. We will be meeting in the Fellowship Hall. Tater tots will be a special morning treat during this event and HOT POTATO will be a great game around the tables. Our scripture focus will be Mark 8:27-38, 'Peter's Declaration about Jesus'.

**April 29- Mission Morning:** All generations will work together during the educational hour to accomplish a service project around the church grounds. We will be doing some much-needed repainting of the parking lot curbs for safety purposes. Watch the color come alive as we freshen up the parking lot. Wear some old clothing for this fun outdoor project. Water and fruit will be provided.

## PRESBYTERIAN YOUTH CONNECTION GRADES 6-12

**April 8-Easter Egg Hunt,** 12:30 pm-2:30 pm Meet in the Fellowship Hall for an afternoon Easter Egg Hunt. It won't be your normal, easy-to-find search. We will divide into teams and see which one can solve all the riddles that lead to their group's eggs! There may even be some prizes in store for those who come. Lunch provided, but please bring \$2 if you're able.

**April 15-Olympic Games,** 12:30-2:30 pm The Olympics may be over in Pyeongchang, Korea but we will have our own competition at youth group! Stay after church or come around 12:30 pm to the Fellowship Hall for the

Olympic Games. Lunch will be provided, but please bring \$2 if you're able.

**April 22-Motel Ministry,** 12:30 pm Motel Ministry is one of our local outreach opportunities that you and your family can join on any Fourth Sunday of the month. We get some food together, pack the van, and head out to the motels down the road from our church. It's a time of conversation with those who live there, along with offering items to help them get through the next month. Come participate in this community mission experience.

**April 29-Mall Madness,** 12:30-2:30 pm March Madness has passed and so it's time for some MALL MADNESS! Stay after worship or meet at Church at 12:30 pm so we can head into town. There will be a scavenger hunt, money challenge, and "Find the Youth Leader" mission. Bring your own money to buy lunch at the food court or a brown bag lunch. We will finish back at Church around 2:30 pm.



## MEN OF OPEQUON

Don't forget: we'll be serving up a hot breakfast early on Easter morning! We are grateful Andy and Kyle Homan are our chefs extraordinaire as lead cooks, and we just do as they say! Gather in the church kitchen at 5:45 am!

The monthly MOO gathering will be held on Monday, April 9<sup>th</sup>, beginning with dinner at the Chick-fil-A (PYR) at 6:00 pm; ladies are invited, as always! Then we'll be meeting at the church at 7:00 p.m. in the Bageant Room. This month, Jennifer Moore, Executive Director of The Mosby Heritage Area Association, which dedicates itself to the preservation of Col. Mosby's adventures during the Civil War, will be our guest speaker.

In May, we'll welcome Austin Gisriel, a baseball aficionado and author of the book,

*Fathers, Sons, & Holy Ghosts: Baseball as A Spiritual Experience.* Don't miss this timely, spring topic as we all say, "Play ball!" We are very fortunate to have Jennifer and Austin join us. We look forward to having a great group in attendance in April and May.



### **God-Loving Opequon Women**

The Opequon's women's group, known as GLOW, is back to their monthly gatherings of friendship, support, and spiritual nourishment. Last month, we filled 15 Easter Baskets that were donated to Orchard View Elementary School. What a treat for the children that received them! This month, **GLOW will meet on April 10 at 7:00 pm in the Bageant Room** for some thrilling and hilarious "Minute to Win It" challenges. We will also be packing the food bags for Orchard View Elementary School. There will be goodies, drinks, much laughter and devotions! Come on out Ladies, you are invited!

### **YOUNG ADULT (AGES 18-35) NEWS**

#### **April 19-Game Night/Card Writing, 7:00-8:30 pm**

Let's meet at Rebekah Witt's home, 203 Halifax Court in Stephens City. We will play some games and write cards to people in the South Texas Family Residential Center. This is a part of the Angel to Angel Project that the PC(USA) participates in, so detainees are reminded they are loved. Snacks will be provided!



### **INFO FROM PATTY KLINEFELTER, FAITH COMMUNITY NURSE**

Drinking too much alcohol increases people's risk of injuries, violence, drowning, liver disease, and some types of

cancer. This April, during Alcohol Awareness Month, I encourage you to educate yourself and your loved ones about the dangers of drinking too much. According to the CDC, in Virginia alone, between 2003 – 2012 there were 2,613 people killed in crashes involving a drunk driver. According to The National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism, signs of an Alcohol Problem is diagnosed when a person answers "yes" to two or more of the following questions. In the past year, have you:

- Had times when you ended up drinking more, or longer than you intended?
- More than once wanted to cut down or stop drinking, or tried to, but couldn't?
- Spent a lot of time drinking? Or being sick or getting over the aftereffects?
- Experienced craving — a strong need, or urge, to drink?
- Found that drinking — or being sick from drinking — often interfered with taking care of your home or family? Or caused job troubles? Or school problems?
- Continued to drink even though it was causing trouble with your family or friends?
- Given up or cut back on activities that were important or interesting to you, or gave you pleasure, in order to drink?
- More than once gotten into situations while or after drinking that increased your chances of getting hurt (such as driving, swimming, using machinery, walking in a dangerous area, or having unsafe sex)?
- Continued to drink even though it was making you feel depressed or anxious or adding to another health problem? Or after having had a memory blackout?
- Had to drink much more than you once did to get the effect you want? Or found that your usual number of drinks had much less effect than before?

- Found that when the effects of alcohol were wearing off, you had withdrawal symptoms, such as trouble sleeping, shakiness, irritability, anxiety, depression, restlessness, nausea, or sweating? Or sensed things that were not there?

Here are some strategies to help you cut back or stop drinking:

- Limit your drinking to no more than 1 drink a day for women or 2 drinks a day for men.
- Keep track of how much you drink.
- Choose a day each week when you will not drink.
- Don't drink when you are upset.
- Limit the amount of alcohol you keep at home.
- Avoid places where people drink a lot.
- Make a list of reasons not to drink.

### **CRYPTS AT SHENANDOAH MEMORIAL PARK**

Through the generosity of former OPC member Mel Piper, two crypts in the mausoleum have been donated at Shenandoah Memorial Park in Winchester, VA. They are located on the third level and are end-to-end. We are offering these for sale for the suggested price of \$3500/crypt or \$6,900 + a titling fee of approximately \$300. The current selling price for this pair of crypts directly from Shenandoah Memorial Park is \$14,000. The proceeds of this sale will go into the general fund at Opequon.

Should you have any interest or questions, please reach out to any of the current Trustees, Larry Donovan, Mac McNichols or George Schember. Please contact Cathy Richard in the office for the best way to reach any of us. Our thanks to Mel Piper for his kindness; we wish him the best in his new home in North Carolina.



### **ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING – PARTICIPATE! GIVE!**

The One Great Hour of Sharing offering is one of the four church-wide special offerings sponsored by the Presbyterian Church (USA). It is usually taken during Lent, especially on Easter. This year marks the 69th anniversary of the first OGHS, begun as American Christians recognized the need to

respond to the worldwide devastation caused by World War II. In March 1949, a national broadcast on a Saturday evening asked Americans to give generously the next morning in their churches; a remarkable assembly of national leaders and celebrities gave their efforts to the broadcast, and more than 75,000 churches responded the next day.

Today, our contributions to One Great Hour of Sharing are divided equally among the Presbyterian Hunger Program, Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, and Self-Development of People. When it comes to Easter Sunday, when most churches collect the One Great Hour of Sharing, let there be no mistake about our commitment to feed the poor and help the afflicted. We encourage everyone to give to OGHS.

### **ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING RECEIVED AND DEDICATED EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 1<sup>st</sup>**

### **OPEQUON SUPPORTS ICARE**

Four years ago, following an intensive iCARE campaign, individuals and groups from OPC joined together to establish seventeen new iCARE sponsorships. Seventeen new students were recruited to join the Gore Children's Home and began the 2014-2015 school year in public school in Gore.

Last year, eighteen students in the Home were supported by OPC members. There is a total of 48 iCARE sponsored students at the Home, thus the OPC family is the largest supporter of students in Shenandoah Presbytery. We can rejoice in the support OPC has shown for the program.

iCARE (Illubabor Children's Response Effort) was established some years ago, by Shenandoah Presbytery to provide financial support for needy children in the Illubabor Bethel Synod in Ethiopia. Through iCARE's support, the Synod supplies housing, food, clothing, medical services, and tutoring for students from primary through high school in Gore. After graduation from high school, those students attending college continue to receive iCARE support. Many of the students have lost one or both parents and are otherwise unable to continue schooling without the financial support of two parents. Some students come from very rural areas with no local secondary school and iCARE gives these children a chance to complete their schooling. They live in a supervised dormitory setting in the Home, with regular meals, supervised study times, and regular recreational activities. Those with families go home for holidays and summer school vacations. A few with no family support live in the Home year-round.

For the coming school year, the iCARE committee is asking sponsors for \$950 per student. The Ethiopian Ministry of Education recommends \$1,100-1,200 for this type of residential care for 2018. The Synod and iCARE are struggling to meet governmental requirements and recommendations. Regardless, potential students in Illubabor need your prayers, and where possible your financial help. Those who can only support a partial sponsorship may be matched with others. Hopefully, all the current sponsoring individuals and groups will be able to continue their gifts for the coming school year and new partial or full sponsors will join in supporting the program. We would love to give the Home the opportunity to find new students!

Please feel free to contact **Pam Bayliss**, [baylissfour@comcast.net](mailto:baylissfour@comcast.net), 540-662-5745 or **Bill Burslem**, [wburslem331@comcast.net](mailto:wburslem331@comcast.net) or 540-667-0172 for further information and questions.

### **SUMMER PLANS – HELP AND INPUT NEEDED!**

Our summer worship schedule will be slightly modified this summer. We will move to one worship service at 10:00 am on Sunday mornings in June and July. In August, we will return to two worship services at 8:30 and 11:00 am. This is to bring our Opequon church calendar more in line with our local schools, which are opening earlier in August each year.

We also are looking for some help and input this summer. Each year, we pull together a special Summer Event Planning Team (to facilitate things like picnics, socials, unique education, fellowship, and mission programs). We hope to have several events this summer. If you would like to participate, let Pastor David or Pastor Tracie know.

And, we definitely want your input as we seek your questions and topics to be addressed through our annual summer worship series. What questions might you have about the bible and its characters, faith, theology, mission, real life issues and concerns? We'll try to be faithful in addressing them through our sermons this summer, in a series called, "Just Askin', Dear Pastor." Watch for the suggestion forms this month.



**Daniel Mbunui Batcha** was born on March 16 to Juliet Ndofor and Stanley Batcha. Daniel joins big brother Joshua at home. May God bless and nurture Daniel and his family.

**Save this date!**  
**Blessing of the Pets**  
**June 3**



DEEPEST SYMPATHY

We express our Christian love and sympathy to...

**Edgar Tufts** upon the death of his sister Anna Lois Hayes on February 26 in Colorado

**Phil Dantro** upon the death of his grandmother Anna Bellam on February 28

**Bill Robinson** upon the death of his brother in law, Syd Pitzer

**Marjory Journell** upon the death of her husband, Jay Journell on March 16

**Patience Sydnor** upon the death of her brother on March 25

*"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



WEDDING NEWS

**Barbara Jackson and Michael Butler** were united in marriage by Pastor David Witt on February 24.

Congratulations Barbara & Mike!

**NOTES OF GRATITUDE**

Dear Opequon Family,  
 We wish to thank you for all of the support shown to us through our many surgeries. Your prayers, visits, calls, cards and food were greatly appreciated, and mean more than you know.

Stephen Armstrong, Lori Jones & Lauren

There is a song that starts out "Precious memories, how they linger and flood my soul." My memories are first and foremost of Dottie's loving and caring soul for me and you. Second, my memories will always be about you, my

Opequon family, for your prayers, cards, food, visits and night time travel assistance. In concluding, I simply say thank you to all and I cherish our relationship.

In God we trust,  
 L. Ward Edwards

The CAT assessment is over. We have gathered your information and we thank you for your participation. Now comes the time when we wrestle with what you have told us. We'll keep you in the loop and share the results with you. Visioning should never be done in a vacuum. But please, as we all move forward, share your current insights and ideas. It is all too easy to say, "been there...done that, and move on. Wise churches, however, never stop searching for how God would have us discern and accomplish OPC's future...OUR future together as a church – as a people – as persons of Christian faith - as the Church.

Many thanks,  
 The Visioning Team



- 3 Christine Clark, Dave Daggett, Nancy Kerns, Bill Robinson
- 4 Robin Owens, Dorothy Walker
- 5 Jordan & Paige Hughes
- 7 William Bayliss, Sandy Vess, Denise Weidele
- 8 Norma Horsburgh
- 9 Anthony Lunsford
- 10 Jeff Nordeen
- 12 Meagan Leonard
- 13 Kim Hoxton, Judy Payne, Karen Winters
- 14 Bobbie Joyner, Kate Kochel
- 15 Travis Carr, Rick Praml
- 16 Ray Jones
- 17 Anna Fox, Paula McNichols
- 18 Brenna Hathaway, Reagan Tibbs
- 20 Elmer Denmon, Bob Gaines, Heidi McMurdo
- 21 Ben Hawkins
- 22 Judy McKay, Diana Treece
- 23 Ashton Clark
- 24 Madison Clark

25 Mike Shade  
26 Kaye Daggett, Cindy Vaughn  
27 Joel Witt  
28 Pam Bayliss  
29 Edwina Johansen, Drew Painter  
30 Jordan Weir



1 Ben & Kirsta Weber  
2 Dick & Gail Crane, Edgar & Ann Tufts  
3 Rick & Marj Praml  
16 Kyle & Lindsey Denison  
18 Fred & Vonnie Johnston,  
Alex & Esther Odei  
21 Jeff & Ann Nordeen  
24 Dave & Dana Kelly  
25 Brian & Claudia Reppert

### SERVANTS IN MINISTRY

#### Acolytes

8:30  
1 Natalie Youngblood  
8 Sydney Burton  
15 Lauren Moses  
22 Sarah Carter  
29 Adelyn Astorino

11:00  
1 Erika Reed  
8 Paige Clark  
15 Grace Morgan  
22 Joseph Burton  
29 Jordan Hughes

#### Hospitality

8:30  
1 Heide Mohler & Dom Cafaro  
8 Bill & Lisa Frye  
15 Bill & Debbie Bender  
22 Robert & Ina Walker  
29 Heide Mohler & Dom Cafaro

11:00  
1 Jack Drumheller & Martha Fulton  
8 Betty Ganoë & Debi Hodgson  
15 Annemarie Matthews & Susan Ritter  
22 Marj Praml & Kirsta Weber  
29 Mary Himelright

#### Liturgists

8:30 Rebecca Coryell  
11:00 Robyn Ervin

#### Livestream

1 Bud Proctor  
8 Mike Birchenough  
15 Susan Ritter  
22 Joel Witt  
29 Lance Astorino

#### Nametags

Week 1 Pat deButts  
Week 2 Dulcie Reed  
Week 3 Martha Fulton  
Week 4 Kail Barbe  
Week 5 Dulcie Reed

#### Ushers (Head Usher in **bold**)

8:30  
1 Vicki Schmidt Crites, Dulcie Reed,  
Leah Rogers, **Graham Taylor**,  
Reagan Tibbs, Natalie Youngblood  
8 Cheyenne & Sydney Burton, Alyce Callahan,  
**Pat Heavner**, Kat Kibler,  
Jim Youngblood  
15 Elise Buonocore, Terry Hartman,  
**Heide Mohler**, Lauren Moses,  
Taylor Roark, Pat York  
22 Mike Butler, John & Sarah Carter,  
Ainsley DesMarais, **Sherry Schryver**,  
John Winn  
29 Adelyn & Aubrey Astorino, Dom Cafaro,  
Bob Gaines, Brenna Hathaway,  
Dave Yost

11:00

1 Jim Butler, Bailey Cooper,  
AnnMarie Kelly, Annemarie Matthews,  
**Travis Morgan**, Erika Reed  
8 Jenna Arnoldy, Paige Clark,  
Jason Hathaway, Kyle Homan,  
Reagan Newhouse, **Bill Robinson**  
15 Jason Brown, Carter Cooper,  
**Andy Homan**, Grace Morgan,  
Abbie Rogers, Joel Witt  
22 Drew Arnoldy, Curt Budny, Joe Burton,  
Joseph Burton, **Bill Hopeck**,  
Griffin Hott  
29 Joshua Batcha **Vern Gamble**, Jordan &  
Paige Hughes, Nick Sardelis

## MISSION FAIR

Opequon & First Presbyterian Team Up!

SAVE THE DATE!!!!

Saturday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>  
Downtown Winchester @ First  
Presbyterian Church

Crafts, Baked Goods, Food, Live Auction  
& More!

## MEMORIAL GARDEN ORIENTATION

Alan McKay, visionary behind Opequon's Memorial Garden (scatter cremains garden), will provide an orientation and respond to questions on Sunday, April 22 at 12:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall. We will gather for a light lunch and sharing. With good weather, we may also go on a brief excursion to the garden. Please join us.

### SUMMARY FINANCIAL STATEMENT February 2018

EXPENSES	2018 Budget	Net Expenses Current	Net Expenses	Budget Balance
		Month	Year to Date	Remaining
Administrative Ministry	405,427	35,013	74,400	331,028
Christian Education Ministry	13,550	-140	-551	14,101
Congregational Care Ministry	1,400	193	345	1,055
Evangelism Ministry	2,250	0	155	2,095
Fellowship Ministry	3,500	196	149	3,351
Mission Ministry	50,200	2,694	7,813	42,387
Worship Ministry	7,700	53	1,111	6,589
Capital Expenses	115,000	9,584	19,168	95,832
<b>Total Budget</b>	<b>599,027</b>	<b>47,593</b>	<b>102,590</b>	<b>496,438</b>

INCOME	Current	Year to Date
	Month	Year to Date
Envelope Offerings	32,790	69,212
Loose	290	615
<b>Total Operating Income from Offerings</b>	<b>33,080</b>	<b>69,827</b>
<b>Adjustments to Income (YTD)</b>		
Checking Account Interest		16
Transfer from Building Fund		0
Room/Facility Usage		500
Wedding Fees		0
Manse Rental Income (Net)		516
<b>Operating Income After Adjustments</b>		<b>70,859</b>
<b>Expenses (YTD)</b>		<b>102,590</b>
<b>2018 Operating Balance as of February 28</b>		<b>-31,730</b>

**Let's think SUMMER! VBS Registration opens this month!**

Look for the WHALE to come ashore in the Bageant Room with all that you need to register or volunteer for VBS!

VBS dates: June 10-14, 2018: **5:00-7:30 pm**



**“Swallowed Up in GOD’S LOVE!**

***A tale of much more than a WHALE!***

VBS is open to 4-year old’s through 8<sup>th</sup> grade with a special track for 5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade youth.

**Invite a friend to come too!**

**APRIL 2018**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1</b> 8:30 & 11am Worship, Communion, CCAP 9:45am Faith Formation Educational Hour	<b>2</b> 3pm Christian Believer 6pm Sing! Shenandoah 7pm Visioning team	<b>3</b> <b>Cathy Vacation</b> 5:15pm Technology & Communications 6pm Ministry Team Night	<b>4</b> <b>Cathy Vacation</b> 9:30am Staff Meeting 5:30pm LOGOS Celebration Dinner 7pm Choir Practice	<b>5</b> <b>Cathy Vacation</b> 7pm Scout Troop 1	<b>6</b> <b>Cathy Vacation</b> 3pm Staff CAT 6pm Visioning Team	<b>7</b> 8:30 am Officer Retreat
<b>8</b> 8:30 & 11am Worship, Communion, CCAP 9:45am Faith Formation Educational Hour 12:30pm PYC 5:30pm Dinner 6:30pm Open Door	<b>9</b> 9:30am Older Adult Ministry Team 3pm Christian Believer 6pm MOO @ ChickfilA 7pm MOO @ OPC	<b>10</b> 9:30am Tuesday Morning Mission 7pm GLOW	<b>11</b> 12:00pm Happy Days 7pm Choir Practice	<b>12</b> 7pm Scout Troop 1 7pm Read 'em & Reap	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>15</b> 8:30 & 11am Worship 9:45am Faith Formation Educational Hour 12:30pm PYC	<b>16</b> 3pm Christian Believer 6pm Sing! Shenandoah	<b>17</b> 7pm Session Meeting	<b>18 Newsletter Deadline</b> 9:30am Staff Meeting 10am Winchester Newcomers 7pm Choir Practice	<b>19</b> 7pm Scout Troop 1 7pm YA Game Night	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>22</b> 8:30 & 11am Worship, 4 Cents a Meal Offering, Fair Trade Coffee 9:45am Faith Formation Educational Hour 12:15pm Motel Ministry 12:30pm Memorial Garden Lunch	<b>23</b> 3pm Christian Believer 6pm Sing! Shenandoah	<b>24</b> 10:30am Hands & Hearts 5:30pm Highland Food Pantry	<b>25</b> 11:30am TVOR Lunch Bunch 7pm Choir Practice	<b>26</b> 7pm Scout Troop 1	<b>27</b> <b>David &amp; Carole</b> <b>Vacation</b> 1pm Life Goes On	<b>28</b> <b>David &amp; Carole</b> <b>Vacation</b>
<b>29</b> <b>David &amp; Carole Vacation</b> 8:30 & 11am Worship, 9:45am GIFT Event 12:30-m PYC	<b>30</b> <b>David &amp; Carole Vacation</b> 3pm Christian Believer 6pm Sing! Shenandoah					

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Newsletter deadline is the Wednesday after the Stated Session Meeting.  
 Sunday Worship at 8:30 and 11:00 am  
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**A MEMORABLE MAY IS COMING!**

Apple Blossom Prayer Brunch – Friday, May 4<sup>th</sup>  
 Older Adult Sunday – Sunday, May 6<sup>th</sup>  
 Mother's Day – Confirmation Sunday/Christian Families –  
 Sunday, May 13<sup>th</sup>  
 Adult Trip to Museum of the Bible – Wednesday, May 16<sup>th</sup>  
 Pentecost – Sunday, May 20<sup>th</sup>  
 Annual Older Adult Luncheon – Wednesday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>  
 Memorial Day Sunday – Sunday, May 27<sup>th</sup>