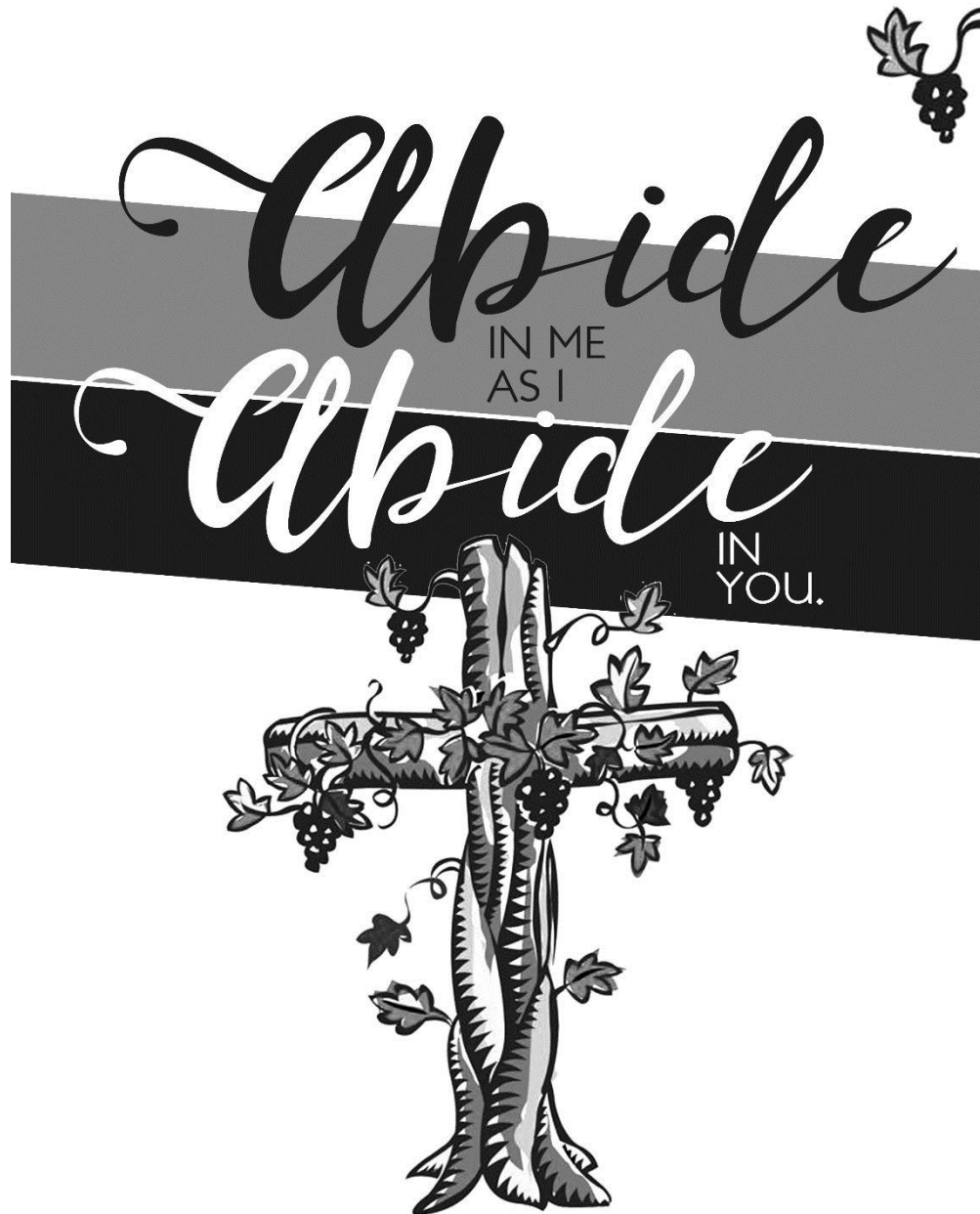


Opequon Presbyterian Church



John 15:4, NKJV

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 are located in the back of the Sanctuary. Please return the bag and supplies to the basket when you are leaving.
 - **Look forward to taking part in a Sunday School class each week.** Sunday School is held at 9:45 am 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 before 12:00 pm on Friday.
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Susan Homan ----- Director of Music
Patty Klinefelter ----- Faith Community Nurse
Catherine Richard ----- Office Administrator
Robert Sydnor----- Sexton
Carole Witt ----- Director of Christian Education
Rebekah Witt -----Director of Youth & Young Adults



SERVICE FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

April 29, 2018

8:30 & 11:00 am

Fifth Sunday of Easter

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

PRELUDE *Setting on "Hymn to Joy".....*Arr. Haggerty
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 Pictorial Directory
Becky Proctor, Ruling Elder

†GATHERING SONG NO. 837 (vv 1, 3) *Leaning on the Everlasting Arms*

†ENTRANCE OF THE WORD AND THE LIGHT

†CALL TO WORSHIP

We are people of the word, and today that word is ...

Christ is risen. He is risen indeed!

We are people of the world, and today that world is ...

In need of peace and a Savior.

We are people of work, and today that work is ...

Laid aside so that we might find rest for our souls.

We are people of worship, and today that worship is ...

Offered in a spirit of humility and gratitude.

Accept, O God, the words of our mouths and the meditation of our hearts, for we pray in Christ's name.

†HYMN NO. 157 *I Danced in the Morning!*
(Please be seated for prayer)

CALL TO CONFESSION

Friends, we are God's children because of the love God has for us, yet we sometimes fail to respond to God's outpouring of love. Let us confess our sins together.

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of grace and mercy, we recognize that we are unworthy to be called your children; we are unworthy to be called your friends. Yet

you call us son, daughter and friend. You love us with a love unlike any we have ever known – love that is completely unconditional. We cannot wrap our human minds around what it would look like to love someone unconditionally. We often try, but we fail. Still, you love us even in our failings. You love us, even in our unworthiness. We also confess the ways that we have rejected your love. Give us hearts that are open to receiving it -- that we may experience the full measure of the love of a friend like no other. And may we love you always in return, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Moments of Silent Prayer

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

The gospel is foolishness for those who do not understand, for God's power and love are shown not in our strength but in our weakness. All praise for a God who truly knows us for who we are but still never gives up on us.

LITANY OF PARDON

Friends, believe the Good News of the Gospel

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

†THE RESPONSE OF PRAISE NO. 175 *Seek Ye First*

†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 *You Are the Branches*

Rebecca Coryell, soloist

I am the vine, you are the branches, I am the vine says the Lord! I am the vine, you are the branches, says the Lord! In my word I have spoken unto you; in my word you are made clean! In my word it shall be done for you. Spread the news in my name! Abide in me, I in you, all who abide in me shall glorify my name! In my love you shall not wither, you shall bear fruit, and glorify, my name! I am the vine, you are the branches, I am the vine says the Lord! I am the vine, you are the branches.

THE READING OF GOD’S WORD:

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Psalm 22:25-31Pew Bible p. 435

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: John 15:1-8Pew Bible p. 878

A SPECIAL TIME WITH OUR CHILDREN..... “Old Toys”

†HYMN NO. 182..... *I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say*

SERMON..... “Pollyanna”

Tracie Martin, Parish Associate

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

OFFERTORY *The Joyous Heart*.....Paxton

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

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS (11:00)

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

(Hymnal p. 35, we say “debts” and “debtors” in the prayer)

WE GO OUT IN GOD’S NAME

†HYMN NO. 846..... *Fight the Good Fight*

†CHARGE AND BLESSING

†CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE NO. 546 (vs 2)

..... *Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing*

Thanks we give and adoration, For Your gospel’s joyful sound.

May the fruit of Your salvation, In our hearts and minds abound.

Ever faithful, ever faithful, To Your truth may we be found.

†POSTLUDE

THE FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY

The flowers in the sanctuary are given by Bill Bayliss to the Glory of God, and in honor of the other half of who I am—Pam’s 50-something birthday, April 28th.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

April 29-May 6, 2018

TODAY

- 8:30 am: Morning Worship, Habitat for Humanity “Paint Can Offering”
9:45 am: Mission Sunday—Dell Room
11:00 am: Morning Worship, Habitat for Humanity “Paint Can Offering”
New Members Received
12:30 pm: Presbyterian Youth Connection—Fellowship Hall

THIS WEEK

- Monday: Christian Believer—3:00 pm—Bageant Room
Sing! Shenandoah—6:00 pm—Sanctuary
Tuesday: Ministry Team Night Dinner—6:00 pm—Fellowship Hall
Devotions—6:45 pm
Meetings—7:00 pm
Wednesday: Staff Meeting—9:30 am—Bageant Room
Older Adult Choir Practice—4:00 pm—Sanctuary
Friday: Apple Blossom Prayer Brunch—9:15 am

NEXT SUNDAY—Apple Blossom Sunday/Older Adult Sunday

Morning Worship—8:30 & 11:00 am
Faith Formation Educational Hour—9:45 am
Psalm 98, John 15:9-17
Sermon: “Jesus, Our Friend”
CCAP, Communion
Older Adult Choir

ATTENDANCE SUNDAY, APRIL 22ND:

8:30 am—80 Faith Formation—57 11:00 am—133

PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Pat York
Elmer Denmon
Gerri Bayliss & Family
Dick Crane
Cooper/Nickelson Family
Sandy Haney
Becky Proctor
Patricia Ferguson
Carole Metheny
Georgeanne Gurko
Carol Ferrante
Brenda Kerr
Cam Keyser
Barbara Youngblood
Ginny Evans
Mike Shade
Christine Clark
Glyn Barbour

Braden Pierson
Deidre Kriewald
Jeanette Baccary
Amy Elson
Chris Lucas
Dave Browning
Chuck Phares
Mary Ruth Joyner
Ed Duetsch
Jared Kravitz
Naomi Thomas
Barbara Denmon
Laurie Carver
Teresa Ritenour
Charlie Harmon
Scott Lloyd
Kathy Milliser
Mitch Orndorff

Ethiopia
Keith McMurdo
Gary Saunders
Katie Heavner Baker
Kevin Ganoe
Ann Held
Larissa Strosnider
Megan McCord
Bruce Metcalf
Gretchen Cooley
Mark Wilhelm
Frances Pitcock
Phyllis Dilley
Jane Lewis
Larry Matthews
Doug Koch
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PRAY FOR THOSE IN THE MILITARY SERVICE

Max Crane, Stephen Crane, Taylor McMurdo, Samuel & Julia Phillips, Brandon Michael, Jared Snawder, Greg Sousa, Michael White, and their families.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Today we welcome into the membership of Opequon Church:

Carole Fox, upon Reaffirmation of Faith

Sandy Haney, upon transfer from Dunns Corners Community Church
Presbyterian, Westerly, RI

Sue-Ann Haney, upon transfer from Port Chester Presbyterian Church,
Port Chester, NY

David Schwantes, upon Reaffirmation of Faith

Corine Fox Schwantes, upon Reaffirmation of Faith

Please greet everyone in the Gathering Area after worship.

A MORNING SERVICE PROJECT EXPERIENCE TODAY!

The Christian Education Team has dedicated the fifth Sundays of the month (there are 4 of them in 2018) to sponsoring an intergenerational, hands-on service/mission project during the morning educational hour. TODAY is the first of these events this year. All ages are invited to join in the project this morning at 9:45 am. Meet in the Dell Room as everyone prepares to help in the efforts of repainting some of our parking lot curbing the bright yellow

color it is meant to be! This is done for safety purposes. Watch the color come alive as we freshen up the curbing with our joint efforts. Paint and brushes will be supplied. Fruit and water are available to nourish you during your morning work. Enjoy the fellowship as we work side by side outdoors!

PRESBYTERIAN YOUTH CONNECTION GRADES 6-12

March Madness has passed and so it's time for some MALL MADNESS! Stay after worship TODAY 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.

SERVANTS IN MINISTRY

8:30 am

Acolyte: Adelyn Astorino
Beadle: Tom Tandy
Bell Ringer: Mo Mohler
Greeter: Cindy Sousa
Hospitality: Heide Mohler & Dom Cafaro
Liturgist: Rebecca Coryell
Ushers: Adelyn & Aubrey Astorino, Bob Gaines,
Jordan Hartman, Brenna Hathaway, Lance Pearce
Worship Assistant: Jack Youngblood

11:00 am

Acolyte: Jordan Hughes
Beadle: Leslie Tucker
Bell Ringer: Kristin Blake, Bailey Cooper, AnnMarie Kelly
Greeter: Dana Kelly
Hospitality: Mary Himelright
Liturgist: Robyn Ervin
Live Stream: Bud Proctor
Nametags: Dulcie Reed
Ushers: Joshua Batcha, Vern Gamble, Jordan & Paige Hughes
Nick Sardelis, Chris Seaton
Worship Assistant: Kristin Blake

THE WITTS ON VACATION

Pastor David Witt and Educator Carole Witt will be on vacation through Thursday, May 4. If a pastoral or educational concern arises, please contact Parish Associate Tracie Martin at 304-856-2080 or 315-247-5969.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL REGISTRATION IS AVAILABLE!

AHHH! Think Summer. Won't we be glad when it arrives! The Bible School Team is thinking SUMMER as we prepare for the "WHOLLOPING WHALE of A TIME" that is in store for Vacation Bible School, June 10-14, 5:00-7:30 pm each evening. Please note the modified starting time- ½ hour later than past years and YES, dinner is still included. The theme for VBS week is "Swallowed Up in God's Love." We will be immersed in the story of Jonah! Visit the 'whale' in the Gathering Area to pick up registration brochures and volunteer forms. Completed forms can be placed in the 'mouth of the whale'. Invite a friend too! When you get a friend to register, your name gets placed in the whale for a GRAND PRIZE drawing. VBS is open to 4-year-old-8th grade young people. A special track is planned for the VBS youth (5th-8th grades). A class for ADULTS will also be included nightly from 6:30-7:30 pm. Plan to join in this great kick off week to summer!

APPLE BLOSSOM PRAYER BRUNCH TICKET HOLDERS

Those who signed up to be at our OPC tables at the Prayer Brunch are reminded to MEET at Fellowship Bible Church on Friday, May 4 by 9:15 am. REMEMBER to bring your ticket! We look forward to the great experience this event always proves to be. There will be a 'table activity' for our group with a door prize awaiting to be awarded. Put on your PINK and GREEN!

SERVICE FOR DONNA COFFMAN

The Celebration of Life Service for Donna Coffman will be held on Saturday, May 12 at 2:00 pm at Trinity Presbyterian Church in Harrisonburg. We will gladly provide transportation—meet here at 12:15 pm. Please sign-up in the Gathering Area to register.

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 Ganoë, Carol Tubbs, Graham Taylor, and Carol & 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** (that is just ONE WEEK AWAY- DON’T DELAY) 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.

“DEAR PASTOR: JUST ASKIN’” SUMMER WORSHIP SERIES

June-July-August 2018

What questions would you like our pastors to address this summer?

- ❖ Here are a few examples...
- ❖ What do you (the pastor) do when you don’t understand the Bible?
- ❖ Is God always good?
- ❖ What happens to a baby/person who dies before they are baptized?
- ❖ How does forgiveness work?

Complete a form in the Gathering Area and place it in the box.

SAVE THE DATE—JUNE 23, 2018

What: Sewing Bee for Baja

When: 10:00 am– 2:00 pm, Come when you can, leave when you must.

Purpose: To sew curtains and sundresses for Baja

Who: All who want to help, no skills needed

Where: Fellowship Hall

Why: Support for Baja community, OPC group leaves for Baja July 7-14

Watch for more information coming soon!! Contact Susanna Shade at shadesathome@aol.com or 540-868-1248 with questions.

WORSHIP NOTES AND REFLECTIONS

Notes on Today's Music

How did today's music witness to the strength and power of God made known through the various trials and celebrations of our lives?

Notes on Today's Children's Sermon

How can our children serve us as role models?

Notes on Today's Prayers

Notes on Today's Scripture and Sermon

What is the ultimate source of our strength?

When you think of the Opequon Church, do you jump to something positive or a complaint?

How can you help others see their lives as good gifts?

Was Jesus more positive or negative?

How will I respond to what I have learned from John 15:1-8?