

Opequon Presbyterian Church

INFORMATION FOR OUR GUESTS

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! 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 Faith Formational Education 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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David R. Witt ----- Pastor
Tracie Martin ----- Parish Associate
Laurie Carver ----- Nursery Supervisor
William Heavner ----- Organist
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

May 20, 2018

8:30 & 11:00 am

The Day of Pentecost

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

PRELUDE *Two Settings on "Come Sing O Church in Joy"*

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

†GATHERING SONG NO. 401 (vs. 1, 3) *Here in this Place*

†ENTRANCE OF THE WORD AND THE LIGHT

†CALL TO WORSHIP

God of wind and fire,

When you send your Spirit, we are created anew.

God of mighty oceans and still waters,

When we receive your baptism, we are born anew.

God of bread and the cup,

When we eat at your table, we are nourished anew.

So, pour out your Spirit.

Let sacred waters flow.

Fill us with holy food.

Open wide our hearts and our hands

to receive your gifts of life.

†HYMN NO. 286 *Breathe on Me Breath of God*

(Please be seated for prayer)

CALL TO CONFESSION

We fool ourselves if we think that our ways are hidden from God.

Therefore, let us confess our sin, trusting in the mercy of God our Maker.

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O Holy Spirit, who moves subtly and secretly in our midst, catch us off guard and illumine the rough edges and the hidden

corners of our prideful and anxious lives. Release us from the illusion that we can have life all neatly boxed and wrapped. Release us from faulty notions and early learned preconceptions of who you are and how you work in this world. Free us to experience your holy Presence, wide-eyed and eager like a newborn child. Kindle in us new visions for faithful living, through Christ our Lord, in whom we find our rest and courage.

Moments of Silent Prayer

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Friends, we have this assurance of God's forgiveness: While we were sinners, we were reconciled to God through Jesus Christ. Because we have received God's mercy, we are called to grant mercy to those who have wronged us through this same Jesus Christ.

LITANY OF PARDON

Friends, believe the Good News of the Gospel

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

†THE RESPONSE OF PRAISE NO. 288 *Spirit of the Living God*

†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 *Come Down, Lord*

Come down, Lord; dwell among us today. Come down, Lord; send your Spirit, O Lord, we pray. We are gathered in your name, Lord. We are here to lift you up. We are praising who you are, Lord; You're the Life that fills our cup. We're believing all you've taught us, as we live from day to day. We are asking for your blessing, and as one we come to say: won't you come down, Lord. Dwell among us today. Come down, Lord; send your Spirit, O Lord, today. We are in your loving fam'ly. We are one in heart and soul. We rejoice in your salvation, for your Word has made us whole. Bless the infants, bless the children. Bless the young and bless the old. Be our Master be our Shepherd, as we gather in your fold.

THE READING OF GOD'S WORD:

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Psalm 104:24-34, 35bPew Bible p. 483

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: Acts 2:1-21Pew Bible p. 885

A SPECIAL TIME WITH OUR CHILDREN
†HYMN NO. 274 *You, Lord Are Both Lamb and Shepherd*

SERMON "Babble-Babel Battle"
Tracie E. Martin, Parish Associate

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

OFFERTORY *See How Great a Flame Aspires* Arr. Krug

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

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord's Prayer (Hymnal p. 35, we say "debts" and "debtors" in the prayer)

Words of Institution

Sharing the Bread & Cup

Communion Music *Contemplation on "Sine Nomine"* Arr. Moorpark
Here in the Bread and Wine Davis

Communion Prayer

WE GO OUT IN GOD'S NAME

†HYMN NO. 295 *Go to the World!*

†CHARGE AND BLESSING

†CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE NO. 46 (vs. 1)

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

**Lord, dismiss us with Your blessing;
fill our hearts with joy and peace;
let us each, Your love possessing;
triumph in redeeming grace,
O refresh us, O refresh us,
travelling through this wilderness.**

†POSTLUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

May 20-27, 2018

TODAY

Blood Pressure Screenings

- 8:30 am: Morning Worship, Communion, Pentecost Offering
9:45 am: Faith Formation Educational Hour
11:00 am: Morning Worship, Communion, Pentecost Offering

THIS WEEK

- Monday: Christian Believer—3:00 pm—Bageant Room
Sing! Shenandoah—6:00 pm—Sanctuary
WATTS Board of Directors—7:00 pm—Bageant Room
Tuesday: Shenandoah Presbytery Meeting—9:30 am
—Lexington Church
Wednesday: 16th Annual Older Adult Luncheon
Program—11:30 am—Sanctuary
Choir Practice—7:00 pm—Sanctuary
Thursday: Scout Troop 1—7:00 pm—Assembly Room
Saturday: Young Adults Geocaching—10:00 am

NEXT SUNDAY—Memorial Day Weekend/Trinity Sunday

- Morning Worship—8:30 & 11:00 am
G.I.F.T. Event—9:45 am—Fellowship Hall
Mini-Patriotic Concert—8:15 & 10:45 am—Sanctuary
Isaiah 6:1-8, Romans 8:12-17
Sermon: "The Ancient of Days"
Four Cents A Meal Offering, Fair Trade Coffee
New Members Received (11:00)
Motel Ministry 12:30 pm—Fellowship Hall

ATTENDANCE SUNDAY, MAY 13TH:

8:30 am—80 Faith Formation—69 11:00 am—215

PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER

David Burger
Victoria DiSalvio
Doreen Ricard
Betty Dobler
Jim Royston
Tommy Edwards
Debbie Sisler
Bobbie Eller
Graduating Seniors
Dr Steven VanderPoel
Pat York
Dick Crane
Sandy Haney
Patricia Ferguson
Georgeanne Gurko
Carol Ferrante
Brenda Kerr
Cam Keyser

Glyn Barbour
Braden Pierson
Deidre Kriewald
Jeanette Baccary
Amy Elson
hris Lucas
Dave Browning
Chuck Phares
Mary Ruth Joyner
Ed Duetsch
Naomi Thomas
Barbara Denmon
Laurie Carver
Teresa Ritenour
Charlie Harmon
Scott Lloyd
Mitch Orndorff
Ethiopia/Kes Amena

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.

COMMUNION TODAY IS BY INTINCTION

We will come forward to the communion table to receive the sacrament by intinction. Each section of pews should move to the left as directed by the ushers. Gluten-free bread and gluten free grape juice (blue cup) are available in the center section; please see an usher for assistance. Please tear off a piece of bread and then dip it in the cup of grape juice, eating immediately. Return to your seat by the right aisle. Elders serving at 8:30 are: Vicki Schmidt Crites, Graham Taylor, Melissa & Jim Youngblood, Robin Owens, and Jay Tibbs. Elders serving at 11:00 are: Patty & Jeff Klinefelter, Susan Ritter, John Sherman, Denise Weidele, and Bill Hopeck.

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENINGS

Patty Klinefelter, Opequon's own Faith Community Nurse, will conduct blood pressure screenings TODAY after 8:30 and before and after 11:00 worship.

SERVANTS IN MINISTRY

8:30 am

Acolyte: Ben Winn
Beadle: Paula McNichols
Bell Ringer: Mo Mohler
Hospitality: Lisa & Bill Frye
Kite Fliers: Robin Owens, Amy Tucker
Liturgist: Edwina Johansen
Ushers: Terry Hartman, Heide Mohler, Marj Praml,
Taylor Roark, Reagan Tibbs, Ben Winn
Worship Assistant: Ben Winn

11:00 am

Acolyte: Jonathan Lightcap
Beadle: Alan McKay
Bell Ringer: Kristin Blake, Bailey Cooper, AnnMarie Kelly
Hospitality: Annemarie Matthews, Kirsta Weber
Kite Fliers: Missy Moses, Amy Tucker
Liturgist: Shirley Tomblin
Live Stream: Lance Astorino
Nametags: Martha Fulton
Ushers: Jason Brown, Breanna Daggett, Hudson & Kyle Homan,
Jonathan Lightcap, Bill Robinson
Worship Assistant: Ethan Schwantes

PENTECOST SPECIAL OFFERING RECEIVED AND DEDICATED TODAY

What is the Pentecost Offering? The Pentecost Offering is received annually on Pentecost Sunday and is one of four church-wide special offerings of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). The offering is received for children at risk, youth, and young adults. Opequon will retain 40% of all gifts for community programs that benefit children, youth, and young adults, which is a special focus for us. The Presbyterian Mission Agency divides the remaining 60% between ministries with youth and young adults (50%) and

child advocacy (10%). Give generously and... invest in the Church's Greatest Resource: Our Youth!

HYMN SING TODAY

The congregation of Buckton Presbyterian Church would like to invite you to our second annual hymn sing this afternoon at 4:30 pm. We will enjoy sharing hymns and short stories, and then have a light dinner of sandwiches, salad and dessert. We are located on Route 55 in Front Royal.

16TH ANNUAL OLDER ADULT LUNCHEON IS THIS WEDNESDAY!

The annual older adult luncheon is this Wednesday, May 23! This is our 16th year of this spectacular event! The festivities will begin in the sanctuary at 11:30 am with entertainment by Sweet Adelines followed by the prepared luncheon and more fun in the Fellowship Hall. A delicious meal awaits our older adults as we honor all of you and celebrate you being here! The 2018 "Opequon's Older Adult" will be announced at the luncheon. Let yourselves be pampered for a couple hours as you enjoy special music and great food.

YOUNG ADULTS (AGES 18-35)

Saturday, May 26-Let's meet at the church to go geocaching! We will head out around 10:00 am for an adventure. Feel free to bring friends and dogs. We will finish about 12:00 pm and we will grab lunch together somewhere.

PRESBYTERIAN YOUTH CONNECTION GRADES 6-12

- ❖ **Sunday, May 27**-Motel Ministry at 12:30 pm! This is one of our local outreach opportunities that you and your family can join in 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.
- ❖ **High School Seniors**-All of you who are graduating are invited to a Senior Picnic at Rebekah Witt's home, 203 Halifax Court in Stephens City. It will be on Friday, June 8 at 6:00 pm. No need to bring anything

except for yourself! There will be hot dogs, hamburgers, macaroni and cheese, chips, drinks, dessert, outdoor games, etc. Come hangout to celebrate all that you've accomplished so far.

G.I.F.T. EVENT NEXT SUNDAY- 9:45 AM

"GENERATIONS in FAITH Together"- that is exactly what we will be doing during the morning educational hour next Sunday in the Fellowship Hall. With our theme "PLAY BALL", we will enjoy peanuts and soft pretzels in the midst of our 'ball bark' atmosphere. We will be considering the rules of game along with 'rules for our life'. ALL AGES are invited to this holiday weekend event. Wear your favorite ball cap and get ready for some serious fun next Sunday morning!

CHURCH PHOTO DIRECTORY

We are updating our Church Directory and asking all members and friends of Opequon to schedule your photo appointment online at: <https://booknow-lifetouch.appointment-plus.com/ycmekdz8/> or you can find the link on our OPC site: <http://opequonchurch.org/>. We will be available in the Gathering Area on Sundays between both services to assist you with scheduling your photo appointment. If you haven't received your Reminder card or Photography Guide, please see Debbie Bender or Becky Proctor. Please bring any canned food item for the Highland Food Pantry to your Church Directory Photo Session and you will receive a coupon for \$5 off any photo should you make a purchase.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL REGISTRATION IS AVAILABLE FOR TWO MORE WEEKS!

The weather outside has been delightful, giving us a taste of summer! Vacation Bible School week is a perfect way to kick off the summer season! **REGISTER TODAY** to be a part of the "WHOLLOPING WHALE of A TIME" June 10-14; 5:00-7:30 pm each evening. (Please note the modified starting time- ½ hour later than past years. 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 grade) as well as adults (6:30-7:30 pm class). Plan to join in this great kick off week to summer! BE SURE TO REGISTER YOUR CHILD/YOUTH and ADULTS TOO BY JUNE 3. Get your friends on board too!

ITEMS NEEDED FOR VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

There are some food items as well as miscellaneous other supplies that are needed for Vacation Bible School week, June 10-14. These items are listed on a board in the Gathering Area. Quantities are listed for each item as well as when the item is needed. Stop by the board and see if there is anything you could provide. Thank you! Your contributions are greatly appreciated.

COMMUNITY GARDEN

- *"Gardening requires lots of water - most of it in the form of perspiration."* - Lou Ericsson
- Thanks to all who came out last weekend and helped us plant all those delicious summer vegetables. We are excited and looking forward to sharing these bountiful blessings with those in need. Please consider signing up to water the gardens this season. You could sign up on our website or contact Dana Kelly: davedana@comcast.net; Robin Owens: robinowensopcsession@gmail.com or Joelle Cafaro: drhealer@gmail.com.

"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

There will be a Sewing Bee for Baja on Saturday, June 23, 10:00 am–2:00 pm, in the Fellowship Hall. We will be creating curtains and sundresses for Baja. All who want to help are encouraged to come, no skills needed! Come when you can and leave when you must. Contact Susanna Shade at shadesathome@aol.com or 540-868-1248 with questions.

UNDERSTANDING THE WORSHIP SERVICE

(highlighting a different part of worship each month)

Let's think about the Affirmation of Faith that occurs within a worship service.

- When we say the Affirmation of Faith in worship, we are expressing what we believe.
- The Affirmation of Faith allows us a way to respond to all that God has done.
- It might feel like we are being moved to stand up and shout AMEN.
- There are many official CREEDS available to use; they are found in the Book of Confessions.
- We can write our own affirmation of faith, which is often done by youth for special services.
- In saying the affirmation of faith, we are unified as a church community, as a whole-sharing what we believe.
- Often an Affirmation of Faith may state what is believed about God, Jesus and the Holy Spirit.

MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND

Next Sunday, May 27th

Join us for a mini-patriotic concert

by William Heavner

8:15 or 10:45 am

Sanctuary

BEYOND THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS JUNE 1ST & 2ND

Beyond Thoughts and Prayers is a new program offering from Massanetta Springs designed to educate and empower participants to faithfully engage some of the most relevant issues facing church and society. Our first gathering will be focused on: "Faithful responses to Gun Violence in America." Friday Evening will provide a screening and facilitated conversation of the documentary film "Trigger: The Ripple Effect of Gun Violence." Saturday will include a Keynote Address from Christian Iosso, Coordinator of the Advisory Committee on Social Witness Policy for the PCUSA. Two workshop sessions will also be offered. For more information, or to register, visit the webpage at www.massanettasprings.org/conference/btp/.

Save the Dates

Newcomers Class

Sunday, June 3, 10 & 17

9:00 am

Memorial Sanctuary



PENTECOST GERANIUMS



In Memory of

Given By

James Guthrie Anderson, Sr-----	CoraHelen Anderson
Allen & Mabel DeHaven -----	Nadine DeHaven
Kitty, Robert & Robbie Hockman -----	Robin Eddy
Lindsay Robinson-Griggs, Chuck Bonar-----	John & Peggy Hess
Estelle Virginia Hunter, Philip N. Hunter, Sr., Elisa Hunter Symons-----	Phil Hunter
Family Members -----	Patty & Jeff Klinefelter
My Aunt "Hermine" -----	Annemarie Matthews
Our Great Grandparents, A. Keith & Sarah McMurdo, Michael Sopoliga -----	Melissa & Larry McGunnigle
Robert & Elizabeth Curtis -----	Heidi & Keith McMurdo
Our Parents -----	Paula & Mac McNichols
My Husband, Harry Payne -----	Judy Payne
Loved Ones -----	Hazel Spriggs
My Husband, Reid-----	Shirley Tomblin
Our Daughter, Alison Morra, Our Parents -----	Ann & Edgar Tufts
My Husband, Rudy-----	Burneice Witt

In Honor of

Given By

Janet Bonar, Tami Robinson, Vicki & Fred Earnshaw -----	John & Peggy Hess
Martha Fulton-----	Susan Ritter
My Grandchildren, Brooke & Lauren Moses, Clay Tomblin -----	Shirley Tomblin
Our Son, Ryan, and in Celebration of His Graduation from the University of Virginia School of Law Today-----	Carole & David Witt
My Family-----	Jennie Wright

To the Glory of God

Dan & Ellie Cammer

Tom & Rhoda Tandy

WORSHIP NOTES AND REFLECTIONS

Notes on Today's Music

How did today's music witness to the presence of the Holy Spirit in our worship today?

Notes on Today's Children's Sermon

What did I learn today as a child of God?

Notes on Today's Prayers

Notes on Today's Scripture and Sermon

Am I a carrier of the Good News? Do I communicate my faith appropriately?

When has your focus on keeping things private caused an inability to perceive or to share God's work in your life?

How can you help others see God's desire for the people of God to respect each other?

How will I respond to what I have learned from the Pentecost story?