

# Opequon Presbyterian Church



**WELCOME!** This historic church began worship on these grounds in 1732 and was organized in 1736. We are dedicated to “prayerfully equipping disciples of all generations to be Christ’s hands, heart and feet in the world.” We are strengthened today by your presence whether guest or member. Go forth, blest and renewed because you were here this day!

## INFORMATION FOR OUR GUESTS

To get the most out of your visit, may we recommend you familiarize yourself with the following:

- **We encourage you to share requests for prayer.** You may do so by completing the pink form found in the pew rack and placing it in the offering.
  - **Trust your children to the care of our dedicated, loving workers!** The nursery rooms are located through the Gathering Area, down the Gallery and through the Dell Room. An usher will be happy to escort you. Our nursery ministry cares for infants and toddlers to age three.
  - **Worship Bags are available for children ages 3-kindergarten.** These bags 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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# SERVICE FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

May 6, 2018

8:30 & 11:00 am

Older Adult Sunday

Apple Blossom Sunday

## WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

PRELUDE

*Come Thou Font of Every Blessing* ..... Arr. Diemer

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. 276 (vv. 1, 2) ..... *Sing a New Song unto the Lord*

†ENTRANCE OF THE WORD AND THE LIGHT

†CALL TO WORSHIP

Sing to our God a new song.

**God has done marvelous things!**

Make a joyful noise to the Lord!

**Break forth into joyous song and sing praises.**

Let the sea roar and all that fills it.

**Let the world and its people sing together for joy!**

†HYMN NO. 839 ..... *Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine!*

(Please be seated for prayer)

CALL TO CONFESSION

We have been called to follow Christ by obeying his one commandment: that we love one another as he has loved us. Let us confess how we have fallen short of that love.

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God of all hope and joy, we confess that we continue to live in fear. In Christ, you claim us as children, but we disobey your commands. In Christ, you even call us friends, but we have not been faithful to you. Forgive us, God of grace. By the power of your Spirit help us to abide in your love and share that love with others; through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Christ loves us so much that he laid down his life for us and calls us his friends. If we can forgive our friends, how much more does Christ forgive us!

LITANY OF PARDON

Friends, believe the Good News of the Gospel  
**In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!**

†THE RESPONSE OF PRAISE (Worship Order p. 6) ..... *Glory, Glory Hallelujah*

†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 ..... *Loaves Are Broken, Words Were Spoken*

The Older Adult Choir

Loaves were broken, words were spoken by the Galilean shore.  
Jesus, Bread of Life from heaven, was their food forevermore.

Loves were broken, words were spoken in a quiet room one night.  
In the bread and wine you gave them, Christ, you came as Light from Light.

Loves are broken, words are spoken as in faith we gather here.  
Jesus speaks across the ages: "I am with you; do not fear!"

By the loaves you break and give us, send us in your name to share  
bread for which the millions hunger, words that tell your love and care.

By your body broken for us, by your wine of life outpoured,  
Jesus, feed again your people. Be our Host, our Life, our Lord.

THE READING OF GOD’S WORD:

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Psalm 98 ..... Pew Bible p. 48

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: John 15:9-17 ..... Pew Bible p. 878

A SPECIAL TIME WITH OUR CHILDREN ..... "Sharing God’s Unlimited Love"

†HYMN NO. 465 ..... *"Jesus, Our Friend"*

SERMON ..... "Jesus, Our Friend"

Pastor David R. Witt

## WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

OFFERTORY HYMN NO. 488 ..... *I Was There to Hear Your Borne Cry*

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

SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM (8:30) ..... Jace Clayton Hartman

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

Communion Prayer

## WE GO OUT IN GOD'S NAME

†HYMN NO. 703 ..... *Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me*

†CHARGE AND BLESSING

†CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE ..... *This Is My Commandment*

**This is My commandment, That you love one another,**

**That your joy may be full.**

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**This is my commandment, That you love one another**

**That your joy may be full.**

†POSTLUDE

## THE FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY

The hydrangea in the sanctuary is given in loving memory of Connie DeHaven Robinson, loving wife, mother, grandmother, sister and friend.

# Glory, Glory, Hallelujah!

CCLI # 1622560

Traditional



Glo - ry, glo - ry, hal - le - lu - jah!  
I feel bet - ter, so much bet - ter.  
Feel like shout - ing, "Hal - le - lu - jah!"



Since I laid my bur - den down.  
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## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

May 6-13, 2018

### **TODAY**

Blood Pressure Checks

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

### **THIS WEEK**

Monday: Older Adult Ministry Team—9:30 am—Bageant Room  
Christian Believer—3:00 pm—Bageant Room  
Christian Ed Ministry Team—6:00 pm  
Sing! Shenandoah—6:00 pm—Sanctuary

Tuesday: Tuesday Morning Mission—9:30 am—Home of David Witt  
God-Loving Opequon Women—7:00 pm—Bageant Room  
WATTS Leaders—7:00 pm—Fellowship Hall

Wednesday: Happy Days—12:00 Noon—Fellowship Hall  
Choir Practice—7:00 pm—Sanctuary

Thursday: Read `em & Reap—7:00 pm—Home of the Tandys  
Scout Troop 1—7:00 pm—Assembly Room

Saturday: Community Garden Planting Day—9:00 am  
Donna Coffman Memorial Carpool—12:15 pm  
Highland Food Pantry—Afternoon/Evening

### **NEXT SUNDAY—Mothers' Day/Christian Family Sunday**

Morning Worship—8:30 & 11:00 am

Faith Formation Educational Hour—9:45 am

Session Meets with confirmation Class—9:45 am—Memorial Sanctuary

Psalm 1, Ephesians 1:15-23

Sermon: "God's Power at Work in Us"

Confirmation Class Received, Honoring High School Graduates

Fellowship Reception Following 11:00 am Worship

Open Door Worship—6:30 pm—Memorial Sanctuary

Covered Dish Supper—5:30 pm

## PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Tommy Edwards  
Austin Schmitt Family  
Debbie Sisler  
Bobbie Eller  
Graduating Seniors  
Final Exam Time  
Juanita Foster  
Dr Steven VanderPoel  
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.

## ATTENDANCE SUNDAY, APRIL 29<sup>TH</sup>:

8:30 am—78

Faith Formation—28

11:00 am—116

## THROUGH THE WATERS OF BAPTISM

We welcome Jace Clayton Hartman into the baptized membership of Opequon this morning. Jace is the son of Joshua and Tiffanie Hartman, grandson of Clayton and Terry Hartman, and great-grandson of Carroll and Barbara Youngblood. May God's Spirit rest upon Jace and may we, as his church family, nurture and love him.

## COMMUNION TODAY

The bread and wine/juice are passed in the pews, and the congregation holds the elements until everyone has been served, partaking together. The wine is dark red; the grape juice is white. Gluten-free bread is available; please see an usher for assistance. Those serving communion today at 8:30 are: Bill Martin, Carroll Youngblood, Barbara Agreggaard. Tom Tandy, Becky Proctor, Graham Taylor and Vicki Schmidt Crites. Those serving communion today at 11:00 are: Peggy Hess, Curt Budny, Susan Ritter, Ann Denison, John Hess, and Kirsta Weber.



## **SERVANTS IN MINISTRY**

**8:30 am**

Beadle: Mac McNichols  
Bell Ringer: Mo Mohler  
Greeter: Leslie Tucker  
Hospitality: Dom Cafaro, Heide Mohler  
Liturgist: Edwina Johansen  
Ushers: Vicki Schmidt Crites, Pat deButts, Ward Edwards,  
Fred Johnston, Dulcie Reed, Graham Taylor

**11:00 am**

Beadle: Keith McMurdo  
Bell Ringer: Kristin Blake, Bailey Cooper, AnnMarie Kelly  
Greeter: Brenda Hawkins  
Hospitality: Vicky Astorino, Jack Drumheller  
Liturgist: Shirley Tomblin  
Live Stream: Susan Cooper  
Nametags: Pat deButts  
Ushers: Jim Butler, John Hess, Ray Jones,  
Annemarie Matthews, Keith McMurdo, Travis Morgan

### **NOMINATE AN OLDER ADULT FOR**

#### **“OPEQUON’S 2018 OLDER ADULT OF THE YEAR!”**

TODAY is the final day to submit a nomination for “Older Adult of the Year”. Forms are located on the nametag table and 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.

### **OLDER ADULT MINISTRY TEAM MEETING**

The Older Adult Planning Team is meeting tomorrow morning at 9:30 am in the Bageant Room to review upcoming Happy Days plans and trip plans, discuss other matters pertinent to our Older Adult Ministry and enjoy laughter and friendship at the same time. Special morning goodies are provided along with a cup of coffee too! The meeting is open to all older adults.

### **GLOW: God-loving Opequon Women**

The Opequon’s women’s group, known as GLOW, is a monthly gathering of Opequon women that offers friendship, support, tremendous fun and spiritual nourishment. GLOW will meet this Tuesday, May 8 at 7:00 pm in the Bageant

Room. We will be 'CELEBRATING WOMEN' as we share favorite quotes from "special women" in our own lives and offer our own 'words of wisdom' from our life experiences. We will try our skill with a 'women of the Bible' puzzle and enjoy goodies, drinks, much laughter and devotions! Come on out ladies, you are invited! Ponder a favorite quote you have received from a special woman in your life and 'bring' it to share with other ladies. We can't wait to be filled with inspiration and wisdom!

### **HAPPY DAYS GATHERING ON WEDNESDAY**

Happy Days will take place this Wednesday, May 9 at noon in the Fellowship Hall. 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 (including Rotisserie Chicken). Lunch is always an array of most delicious choices. After lunch, during a special program time we will share "Our Stories of How We Came to Opequon". What brought you here? How did you first hear about Opequon? And what has kept you at Opequon? It will be inspiring and interesting to hear the stories of one another! You can choose to share or simply listen as others share. Either way, it will be a most delightful time!

### **SERVICE FOR DONNA COFFMAN**

The Celebration of Life Service for Donna Coffman will be held this 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.

### **COMMUNITY GARDEN**

The community garden is accepting garden glove donations. If you'd like to contribute, please place them in the garden box located in the gathering area. Just a reminder that our Annual Blessing of the Garden and Planting Day is scheduled for Saturday, May 12. Come out and join us that day starting at 9:00 am as we plant seeds and prepare the garden for summer vegetables. Volunteers of all sorts are needed this gardening season. Green thumbs are welcome but not necessary as there are many tasks to accomplish that require different talents. For more information, contact Dana Kelly, [davedana@comcast.net](mailto:davedana@comcast.net); Robin Owens, [robinowensopcsession@gmail.com](mailto:robinowensopcsession@gmail.com) or Joelle Cafaro, [drhealer@gmail.com](mailto:drhealer@gmail.com). You can also sign up on the church's website using sign-up genius. Hope to see you soon!

## **HIGHLAND FOOD PANTRY**

The US Postal Service holds its annual food drive on Saturday, May 12. Some of the food that carriers pick up on their routes is delivered directly to Highland Food Pantry. It's more than 5 tons of bottles, bags, boxes, and cans. All must be sorted piece-by-piece into big banana boxes and stored on-site so the pantry can be open for business the following Tuesday. HFP staff have developed a good set of practices and procedures, but it is still a lot of work! If you think you can help for a few hours on the afternoon or evening of Saturday, May 12, please call Ruth or Dave Richards 540-858-2889.

## **SPECIAL EVENTS NEXT SUNDAY**

- ❖ WE will be honoring our 2018 High School Graduates during morning worship.
- ❖ It is CONFIRMATION Day for our ten Confirmation Students. They will be sharing written papers with the Session and Covenant Partners and will be confirmed for their life as disciples of Jesus.

## **SIGN UP AND SMILE!**

We are updating our Pictorial Directory and asking all members and friends of Opequon to schedule your photo appointment online at: <https://booknow-lifetouch.appointment-plus.com/ycmekdz8/> or find the link on our OPC site: <http://opequonchurch.org/>. Additionally, we will be available in the Gathering Area on Sundays between both services to assist you with scheduling your photo appointment.

## **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 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-8<sup>th</sup> grade young people. A special track is planned for the VBS youth (5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade) as well as adults. 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!

## **“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](mailto: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 God's love for us in Jesus? How does today's music witness to God's love for us in Jesus?

### **Notes on Today's Children's Sermon**

### **Notes on Today's Prayers**

### **Notes on Today's Scripture and Sermon**

How is Jesus your friend?

What is the basis of that friendship?

How is that relationship nurtured?

How can that friendship be shared with others?

How will I respond to what I have learned from John 15?