

The Opequon Spirit

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



October 2018

WORSHIP IN OCTOBER

SUNDAY WORSHIP – 8:30 & 11:00 am

October 7th – World Communion Sunday

Genesis 2:18-24, Mark 10:2-16

Sermon: "Living in Relationship"

Communion, Peacemaking Offering

Bread Basket Buffet (9:30 am)

All LOGOS Worship Groups, K-5 & Youth (11:00 am)

October 14th

Hebrews 4:12-16, Mark 10:17-31

Sermon: "The Costly Demand of Discipleship"

LOGOS K-5 Worship Group (11:00)

Luncheon & Congregational Care Symposium (12:15 pm)

Open Door Worship-6:30 pm -Memorial Sanctuary

Music by PS 150, Offering for Highland Food Pantry
Teaching, Conversation, Prayer & Communion

Preceded by 5:30 pm Dinner

October 21st–Volunteer Appreciation Sunday

Hebrews 5:1-10, Mark 10:35-45

Sermon: "To Serve"

G.I.F.T. Event – 9:45 am

Sunday, October 28th–Reformation Sunday

Hebrews 11:1-3, Mark 10:46-52

Sermon: "By Faith"

Four Cents a Meal, Fair Trade Coffee

G.I.F.T. Event (9:45 am) – Memorial Sanctuary

COLLECTING FOR CCAP



Soup & Crackers

MINISTRY TEAM NIGHT

Tuesday, October 2nd, in the Fellowship Hall

Dinner 6:00 pm

Beef Tips on Mashed Potatoes, Vegetable
Medley, Applesauce, Bread,
and a selection of Cakes
Prepared by Carole Witt

Devotions 6:45 pm

Ministry Team Meetings 7:00 pm

STAFF SCHEDULES THIS MONTH

Cathy Richard ----- October 25
Medical Leave

WORLD COMMUNION FESTIVAL

**Sunday, October 7th
8:30 & 11:00 am**

Don't miss this annual celebration of
languages and loaves,
prayer and praise as we gather with the
world around the Table of our Lord!

NOTES FROM THE PASTOR

"Moving Days"

Dear Friends in Christ,

On two consecutive Fridays in late-August, our two sons and their wives moved. Carole and I were there to help in these times of transition, sorting, organizing, cleaning, and running errands. Most of all, we were present as supportive parents. As you know, moving day can be filled with questions, concerns, dilemmas, emotions, and downright hard work. Memories of in-between times, relocating life from one place to another, reflecting on what has been and looking forward to where we're going, are etched on my mind. I know many of you have such memories, too, some very recent. Many parents within our church family have in recent months helped relocate their young adult children to new surroundings, as they have taken up residence in communities where they are beginning their first full-time job; or, they have moved their son or daughter into a dormitory or an apartment on or near a college campus. You can remember what those days are like. I still recall when Carole, Joel, and I moved Rebekah into her dorm room at JMU back in August of 2011. It was the day of the earthquake in central Virginia! I had taken a break, and was sitting by myself in her suite, while the others were talking in her room. I definitely felt the "shake, rattle, and roll," mistaking it for the train that runs through campus. The others didn't even notice the rumble, they were so involved in their conversation. Only later, when we were back in the parking lot at Joel's townhouse, did we learn that an earthquake had struck in Louisa County, not very far from our other son in Charlottesville! It was quite a moving day, indeed!

What can the church learn from moving days? Well, first and foremost, as in any times of transition, people pitch in to help one another. It's all for one and one for all. We do what we need to do to get the work done. And, the work can be hard, requiring some heavy lifting,

some pushing and pulling and prodding of furniture to get it through tight spaces, and some mental gymnastics, as there are always decisions to be made about the strategy that will best complete the task at hand. Along with the physical effort, there are some emotions that may surface, as one reminisces simultaneously as one experiences newness and excitement and the overwhelming nature of change. So, a prayerful spirit, a patient attitude, and a persevering character may be the best ingredients to add to a strong back, a thoughtful mind, and agile hands. These are all essentials within the life of the church as we consider our mission and ministry, our generosity, our support of one another as we care and serve. Much continues to change at Opequon as we welcome new people, ideas, goals, strategies, and projects. While we are not physically relocating after 286 years on the same land here in Kernstown, we are on the move! Much is happening. The Spirit is at work to melt, mold, fill, and use us for God's glory. So, what do we do? We help one another, we pitch in, we work hard, we give our best to the Lord and one another. And, we pray, embrace patience, and persevere together as the people of God. Aren't moving days fun?

Together in Christ's Service,

David

Remember
OPC
in
Your Will



JUST THINKIN'

They tell me that this year the Fall leaves will be especially brilliant because of all the rain we have had. It is hard for me to imagine anything more colorful

than last year. Are you ready for cooler evenings and apple crisp? I am. There is something about Autumn that renews me even more than Spring. I love Mother nature's last hurrah before winter and ice and snow.

In New York, Fall seemed to come very suddenly. There would be a few red leaves at the end of August, school would start in September and then...BANG! The season changed.

Speaking from the vast knowledge gained by two Falls down here, the Autumn season seems to creep in more slowly. It is almost a gentle approach. I am watching the first steps now and I love it.

Our tomato plants have given their all. The zucchini is about finished. Those annoying late summer weeds that appear out of nowhere are flourishing and we are savoring the last of the season's fresh corn. The blue jays are chortling. The grass seems to be slowing even with the wet weather. The earth is slowing down – just a bit for now – but we all know what is on the horizon. Soon costumed children will be seeking more sugar than their parents can allow. Then comes the holidays.

I find myself wondering what people who live where there is little seasonal change use to keep track of the year. Do palm trees change in some way I do not understand? Does the light change in the same way it does here? I do not know, and I do not expect to ever know because here has become home and I do not want to spend Fall anywhere else. I think God was very wise to give humans a sense of home. Deuteronomy 24:5 tells us that God considers creating home so important that, "When a man is newly married, he shall not go out with the army or be charged with any related duty. He shall be free at home for one year, to be happy with the wife whom he has married." This in a land that was constantly at war.

It was and still is considered an important mitzvah – a good deed – to bring someone who lacks a home into one's own

house. This is what I believe God is calling us to do. We are to invite those who do not have a church home into ours. We are to welcome them and help them find what they need from Opequon and from God.

For Bill and me, this OPC welcome has allowed us to settle. Because friends have shared themselves and this area with us, we are free to enjoy the colors, the changes of season and the community. Home is like a



candle. It can be shared again and again from the same source and it never diminishes. Home does not go "out."

Home expands to welcome all who will come. Home makes room ...and celebrates with welcome.

In Christ,

A race

SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

September 18, 2018 Stated Meeting

- After examining newcomers Curt and Nancy Budny, the Session welcomed them into the fellowship of Opequon Presbyterian Church.
- Session held its semi-annual meeting with the Trustees and received their report on the status of the three funds (Scholarship, Endowment, and Reserve) managed by the Trustees.
- Evangelism reported that the sign on Valley Avenue has been repainted to make it more visible and it has also been shored up.
- The Personnel Team is actively seeking volunteers to back up church staff when staff are absent.

- Building & Grounds reported it has awarded a contract for the repair of the garage roof at the Manse.
- Stewardship & Finance commended the Treasurer for his outstanding management of cash flow. However, while expenses are on budget, we are about 5% behind on revenue.
- On recommendation of Worship, Session approved a Taizé service the evening of November 11, the annual Thanksgiving Eve service with Kernstown UMC (at Opequon this year), and three services on Christmas Eve.
- Congregational Care will hold a meeting on "Five Wishes" (Advance Medical Directives) on Sunday, October 14 after the 11 o'clock service.
- Session approved the request of PS 150 to hold a Christian Coffeehouse the evening of Sunday, December 9.
- The playground is now in use. Session approved the request of the Playground/Recreation Work Group to have a "Wall of Envelopes" as a fund raiser to finance their work.
- Session continued its discussions on the future of the Manse.
- Session expressed its support for the idea of a food pantry in southern Frederick County, hopefully at the site of Sherando Presbyterian Church.

HELP WANTED

Do you have a desire to serve the church? Do you enjoy working in an office environment? Is yard work and maintenance more your specialty? If you answered yes to either of these questions, then Opequon's Personnel Team wants you. We are looking for folks with a servant's heart and the requisite skill set to fill in for our church staff, particularly the church office administrator and sexton, when they are sick, on vacation, or in training. If you would like to use your talents to serve the church, please send an email regarding your

area interest and include a brief overview of your work experience to Mitch Orndorff, Chair of the Personnel Team, at morndorf@specialmade.com. If you don't have an email address, then you may leave a hard copy in an envelope in Mitch Orndorff's mailbox with Personnel Team on the envelope.

PAYING YOUR CHURCH PLEDGE THROUGH YOUR BANK

Do you realize you can schedule your one time or recurring General Fund pledge payments to Opequon Presbyterian Church through your online bank account? Many people find this is easier than writing separate checks each month and depositing them in the offering. And if you are out of town or on vacation you don't have to worry about missing a scheduled gift to your church. Many people find this is as easy as paying their electric or water bill and realize it saves them time, too.

What is the advantage of Bill Pay through my bank?

Basically, the advantage is convenience, time savings, and for many, forgetfulness. Donations can be made "24/7," meaning any time, any day convenient for you. Once the system is set up with your bank, you can specify an amount and the day you want it sent to OPC. Many find it even easier to automatically set the payment amount monthly and forget about it. Your bank simply sends a check to OPC on the date you specify.

How do I set up Bill Pay through my bank?

While each bank is a little different, the procedure is generally the same. If you have an online bank account, you log into it on your computer. There is usually a tab that says "Bill Pay" or something like that. You click on the tab, then follow the instructions to set up single or recurring donations to the General Fund in support of your pledge (or even if you have not pledged but want to donate

regularly). You can always contact your bank for help in setting up your online account.

What is the cost to me or to Opequon Presbyterian Church?

The Bill Pay feature is available at most banks through your online account and is usually free to the account holder (donor) and costs OPC nothing.

How does OPC track your donations?

The church receives a check and credits the amount to your name/envelope number. You will see this credit on your quarterly statements sent out by OPC's Financial Secretary, Cathy Richard. You have written confirmation that the amounts you specified were received by OPC.

Do I still receive a cancelled check to verify my donation?

You will not receive a cancelled check since the procedure is a little different. However, your monthly bank statement will show Bill Pay transactions including your donation to OPC. You may also print out the transaction at the time you make it on your computer.

What if I try online giving and don't like it?

The solution is easy – don't use it again. You can cancel recurring monthly payments online in your bank account. If you do cancel, please remember to start writing checks again.

What if I need additional help?

You are welcome to direct any questions to Marc DesMarais, Mac McNichols or Cathy Richard. The Stewardship & Finance Team thanks you and is always here to help.

A GENEROUS CHURCH



Within the English language there are words that have taken on additional meanings in the American culture. This is the October Newsletter. It is time to talk about the "S" word. Generally, we try to find cute ways of

addressing the need to support our church and its work. We laugh nervously and respond to the request as we can. This tried and true method of soliciting support is no longer appropriate for OPC.

Listen closely when you enter the church. You will not hear the "sound of silence." Instead, you will hear people greeting each other. You will hear genuine conversation. You will hear celebration, courage, fear, sorrow, grief...pretty much everything. There is a word for this. What you will hear and experience is generosity.

In all the church work I have done over the years, I have not experienced the level of personal generosity we here accept as natural. People are generous with their listening, with their concern and with their joy.

OPC people are generous because we actually value each other as friends, as Christians and especially as church family. When we generously support OPC, we are responding to all of this and more. We are also responding to the initial generosity of God. The electric interactivity of this congregation speaks volumes to the generous God we serve and worship.

You already know the basics by heart... nature, the air we breathe, shelter, sustenance. Then there is the opportunity for personal relationship with God in Jesus Christ. All of this is Christian doctrine, and all of this is true, but what amazes me is God's willingness to covenant Godself with knuckleheaded people like me. Don't laugh, you are in that mix, too.



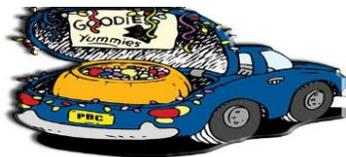
God has covenanted to be with us under all circumstances. We have covenanted to be God's hands, heart, and feet (and I would add God's smile) within this community and beyond. Our support for this commitment matters to this area, this world, this church and to God. Our generosity is never taken for granted. It is valued more than any one of us can know.

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THE LATEST IN LOGOS

Our 21st year of LOGOS has begun in a big way! Opening night was September 19, with the theme "Greek Night". We learned some of the Greek alphabet and have a better understanding of what "LOGOS" means- it is the Greek word for "THE WORD-JESUS". We have the privilege of being with 41 (which includes 14 youth) young people (K-12) each Wednesday evening for recreation, worship, Bible, and dinner. The staff of 62 adults is dedicated to sharing faith so our young people can catch the faith. We hope it is contagious! There are new faces on the LOGOS staff and new faces of LOGOS young people. Over the 25 weeks of this midweek miracle, we will experience themes of all kinds that shape our time together as children of God. This month we are looking forward to "Bring a Friend to Hat Night", "Lion King Night", and "Dance Night". It is another exciting year at LOGOS! Come try LOGOS ANYTIME—visit us any Wednesday, 4:30-7:30 pm. Questions? Feel free to talk with Carole Witt.

TRUNK & TREAT
October 28,
4:00-6:00 pm
Pitcock
Memorial Shelter & Opequon Field



This is a safe and fun Halloween alternative for families and children. Bring your vehicle and

open the trunk, decorating it for a theme of your choice! There are tons of ideas available by simply googling "trunk & treat". (See photos of this past year's event in the Gathering Area) It is loads of fun as children come in costume to play simple games at each TRUNK and get TREATS. A concession area will be available that evening with donations appreciated. TRUNKERS are needed; partner with someone to design your own trunk display and come join the other open vehicles with fun themes. A sign-up sheet for Trunkers and concession donations is on the display in the Gathering Area. Mom, Dad, and grandparents can look forward to bringing their youngsters and friends to the festive event on October 28! Any questions, feel free to ask Susan Homan, Marj Praml, Vicky Astorino or Carole Witt. In the event of bad weather, this event will be held in the Fellowship Hall.

MEET THE 2018-19 CONFIRMATION CLASS

The 2018-19 confirmation young people began their class sessions on Sunday, September 9, as they experienced what it means to "Belong to God" with some creative activities. The students have toured all around the church building so they are familiar with areas beyond their classroom. Class sessions are based on lessons pulled from a curriculum titled "THEOCADEMY" and from "Professing Our Faith". There are humorous videos, interviews with pastors, and active activities that bring to focus the essence of what it means to be Presbyterian. Confirmation students and their covenant partners this year are: **Drew Arnoldy & Bill Deck, Joseph Burton & Lance Astorino, William Callanan & Bill Bender, Griffin Hott & Debbie Bender, Jordan Hughes & Susan Homan, Paige Hughes & Rebekah DesMarais, Carson Ritter & Bill Bayliss, Ethan Schwantes & Susan Ritter, and Will Schwantes & Bill Heavner.** Thank you for your prayers for all of them.

A "GIFT" EVENT Sunday, October 28

GIFT stands for "Generations in Faith Together," and it truly will be a gift to have all ages and stages together during the morning Faith Formation Educational Hour at 9:45 am. The theme of our time together will be "A Pumpkin Party," focusing on how we are to be salt and light of the world. There are no age requirements in being able to follow these instructions of Jesus, so this is relevant for all ages! Rather than segregating ages and classes and separating our wisdom and wonder, this GIFT experience will bring all of us together as we enjoy conversation, listening and laughing with others and creating and working together. Individuals, couples, whole families, all ages are encouraged to come. Plan to park the car and COME IN with your child, confirmation student, youth, other adult classmates and enjoy the morning event centered around Jesus' Sermon on the Mount. Let this be an enriching time for you. Join in the GIFT event on October 28!



BREAD BASKET BUFFET

The Bread Basket Buffet has become an annual tradition sponsored by the Christian Education

Team on World Communion Sunday, October 7. You are invited to taste a wide variety of breads set out for you in the Dell Room after 8:30 worship. Spread some butter or jelly on it, and oh how yummy! Come help yourself to a tasty treat and learn some tidbits about 'bread' as you roam around the table checking out all the different choices!

FOOD BAGS FOR ORCHARD VIEW ELEMENTARY

We are beginning our 4th year of providing food bags for Orchard View Elementary School that go home in student's backpacks on the first Friday of each month. This provides some food for those children over the weekend. We are currently packing 60 food bags for students. This outreach project is mostly funded through our Mission Ministry budget with supplements from Faith Formation offerings. The average cost per food bag ranges from \$3.75-\$4.50. Various groups of OPC assist in packing the food bags from month to month. We have a challenge before us: **LET'S FUEL the SCHOOL!** You are invited to help our efforts in providing for the food bags by providing something from the following list. **(Please ONLY provide items listed below as the items for the food bags are very specific)** If you are able, purchase something from the list and place it in "THE SCHOOL" located in the Gathering Area. Can we fill the "SCHOOL" by the end of October?

Items needed:

- Individual applesauce, peach or pear cups
- Individual **single-serve** cereal boxes/bags
- **100%** juice boxes or pouches (MUST be 100% juice)
- Pudding or Jell-O Cups
- Single-serve Mac-n-Cheese bowl (microwave)
- Individual oatmeal packets (flavored ones are good)

WHY NAMETAGS?

Opie says, "You are very special. Your name is very special. God knows who you are and will call you by name. We also



want to call you by name!" Wearing your nametag is a great courtesy to those who are new, visiting, or just have a bad memory for names. It also gives people a chance to start connecting folks. If your nametag has wandered off or needs to be refreshed, please print your name on the "Nametag Needed For" list which is found on top of the nametag boxes. Thank you for helping to make our church a place of welcome.



FIVE WISHES OCTOBER 14

A private, non-profit organization, Aging with Dignity's driving principle is to safeguard and affirm

the human dignity of every person who faces the challenges of aging, serious illness, disability or loneliness. Their *Five Wishes* document is the most widely used advance directive or living will in America and is accepted in 42 states, including Virginia and West Virginia.

This document is easy to use and understand and is often called the "living will with a heart and soul." It is the only advance directive that deals with spiritual matters when making end of life decisions.

So, on October 14th directly after the 11:00 service, let's start a conversation about the Five Wishes:

Wish 1: The Person I Want to Make Care Decisions for Me When I Can't

Wish 2: The Kind of Medical Treatment I Want or Don't Want

Wish 3: How Comfortable I Want to Be

Wish 4: How I Want People to Treat Me

Wish 5: What I Want My Loved Ones to Know

This program will be led by Patty Klinefelter and Bill Martin, Opequon's Faith Community Nurses. More than just an advance directive, *Five Wishes* brings a holistic approach to a living will by including an individual's care and comfort choices. It provides a means to legally

document your choices for medical treatment, comfort, and care wishes. An overview including the history, meaning, signing and legal requirements will be discussed along with a free *Five Wishes* booklet for each participant. Lunch will be provided! See you there.

OLDER ADULT HAPPENINGS

Some words to ponder this month: "Never lose your wonder". Do you still 'wonder' about things in all of God's creation? It is good to WONDER! You don't have to wonder what is going on for older adults at OPC. Here is the latest information.

The month begins with the Older Adult Ministry Team meeting on Monday, October 1, 9:30 am in the Bageant Room. Ideas and planning are shared around the tables along with great fellowship and refreshments. The meeting is open to any older adults; you are welcome to come join in.

Happy Days this month occurs on Wednesday, October 10 at noon. The theme this month is "**B DAY**". **BURGERS on BUNS** will be served along with the covered dish items you bring. You are encouraged to bring items that start with B, such as broccoli, brussels sprouts, beans, brownies, bread, and more. A list of "**B food ideas**" is on the Older Adult bulletin board near the elevator. Look for the **BLUE piece of paper!** Following our "B meal", we will enjoy a Bounty of Blessings as we Blow Bubbles, Bite Bugles, Balance Balloons, and 'Beaucoup' other things! It won't be Boring!

An older adult trip for a SNACK CRUNCH TOUR in Hanover, PA takes place on October 16, leaving at 8:00 am. A full crew is on board for this trip as we set out to enjoy seeing how some of our favorite snacks are made and packaged as well as tasting them too! We will have a satisfying lunch at a restaurant in the area. A great day is in store for all.

MOO!



MEN OF OPEQUON MONTHLY NEWS

The Men of Opequon (MOO) will gather for dinner on Monday, October 8 at 6:00 pm at the Chick-fil-A on Pleasant Valley Road. We'll then return to the church for our monthly program at 7:00 pm, which this month will feature a representative from NW Works, who will give us insight into the mission of this wonderful community organization. We'll also begin to look at plans for next year. Come learn and grow in character and discipleship, as we build relationships with Christ and one another.



God-Loving Opequon Woman

Opequon women have great fun being together and it can only get better when more women join us! We enjoyed a unique experience last month as we shared personal stories of our 9-11 memories. Uplifting prayer and devotions gave us hope as we revisited the happenings of that tragic day.

This month GLOW meets on Tuesday, October 9, 7:00 pm in the Bageant Room/Dell Room area for a night of **BUNCO!** Never played before: NO WORRIES. It is simple, easy and quick to learn. If you can roll dice and like to laugh, this is a perfect game for you. Each player is invited to bring a set of clear, glass SALT & PEPPER shakers as your 'ticket to play'. These will be donated to our church kitchen for use at many events. Treat yourself to some 'time with the girls' and join us on October 9. Refreshments are provided!



READ 'EM & REAP

Read 'em & Reap, a small group, meets on the second Thursday of each month. This month's

meeting is on Thursday, October 11, 7:00 pm, at the home of Tom and Rhoda Tandy (128 Cahille DR, 22602). This month's discussion will be on the book, "Notorious RBG." You are welcome to join us.

YOUNG ADULT NEWS AGES 18-35

Intimidated by the Bible? Have questions about scripture? Need a group to study the Bible with? If you've had some of these thoughts, then think about coming to Young Adult Bible Study this fall! We meet on the 2nd & 4th Wednesday of each month from 6:10-6:55 pm with dinner provided at no cost to you.

Please contact Rebekah Witt at 540-686-0752 if you want to join or have questions.

LIFE GOES ON



"Life Goes On" is a small support group of people whose lives are undergoing change as the result of the death of a spouse. For some it is a recent loss, for others more time has passed, but for all it is a major change in our lives. We invite you to join us at Firefly Cafe at 1:00 pm on Friday, October 26. Come and share conversation and lunch. Contact Martha Fulton, with questions at 540-542-6161 or fultonmartha@gmail.com.

PRESBYTERIAN YOUTH CONNECTION GRADES 6-12

October 7th Apple Picking 12:30-2:30 pm

October 14th Middle School Rally

9:00 am-4:30 pm

October 21st Outdoor Movie Night

6:45-9:00 pm

October 28th Motel Ministry at 12:30 pm



**Chili Cook-Off
and Luncheon**

Sunday, October 21

(Following 11 a.m. Service)

Fellowship Hall

One of the **HOTTEST** events of the year!

Lunch includes all the chili you can eat (with all the toppings), cornbread, and beverages.

We are seeking 10 Cooks to have their chili judged to determine the winner! Please sign up in the Gathering Area.

COME ON DOWN AND JOIN THE FUN!

**CHILI COOK-OFF
October 21 Fellowship Hall**

Sign up in the Gathering Area to bring your award-winning chili to be judged. Lunch includes all the chili you can eat (with all the toppings), cornbread, and beverages. The judged winner will receive a trophy. We will also have the "People's Choice Award" where you select your favorite chili by placing a donation in your favorite cook's cup. All donations will go to the Salvation Army Food Bank.

OPEN DOOR WORSHIP

Sunday, October 14th
Memorial Sanctuary – 6:30 pm
Join us for an uplifting, joyous, experience
as we encounter the living Christ!

We will enjoy a covered-dish dinner
at 5:30 pm.
Please come and join us!

**MOTEL MINISTRY
Every Fourth Sunday at 12:30 pm**

I was shopping in Walmart and the cashier said, "Wow, your church is going to love all these supplies you're buying for them!" I replied, "Actually, this is for Motel Ministry where we go visit two local motels to help residents make it through the month by providing non-perishables and other necessities. The rent is extremely high in our area, making it difficult for people to afford living anywhere but a motel." This is usually something people don't know about, but the cashier told me about her own struggles, "I live in my car and long for a night sleeping in a motel room." I was taken aback as our conversation continued. Most of you don't realize how many people in our community really are doing their *best* to make it through each day. Therefore, the congregation is invited to participate in this much needed Motel Ministry. If you're unable to attend, then your donations are welcome through cash or items such as diapers, food, soap, shampoo, dish soap/sponges, toilet paper, paper towels, etc. Contact me, Rebekah Witt, at 540-686-0752, 662-1843 or wittrc@dukies.jmu.edu if you have any questions. Thank you!

**HIGHLAND FOOD PANTRY NEEDS
EGG CARTONS**



Please bring in empty egg cartons and place them in the crate in the Gathering Area. It's located near the elevator. This will be an ongoing project so be prepared to recycle egg cartons all year long.

Questions? Contact Dave Richards at button76@gmail.com or 540-858-2889.

HIGHLAND FOOD PANTRY MEN ON A MISSION

It is time again for the Highland Food Pantry's main fundraising event. It's called "Men on a Mission" and will be held Saturday, November 3, at 5:00 pm at First Presbyterian Church Fellowship Hall. This fun evening for adults and children twelve and older features 30 community "chefs" who will prepare their favorite dish for you to taste. These "chefs" are men from our community who like to cook and participate in the event to raise money for the pantry. Any man who likes to cook is welcome to be a chef in the event. Tickets to attend and eat are \$30 each with all proceeds going directly to the pantry to purchase food. Expect to find 30 chefs with great tasting food and a great night of fun fellowship while raising funds for the pantry. If you would like to be a chef and/or would like tickets to this event, please contact Dave or Ruth Richards, or visit the HFP website at highlandpantrywinc.org.

COMMUNITY GARDEN

The garden team helped decorate the July table for the "happy birthday everyone" event that was held on Sunday, September 16. We also just recently designed and purchased a retractable garden banner. It's located in the Gathering Area, so be sure and check it out. We plan to use the banner to promote our work to the community and possibly even get additional volunteers.

The harvest season is wrapping up, but some vegetables are still growing. To date, we've harvested 967.80 pounds of vegetables. We want to thank each of you for another successful season.

PEACE AND GLOBAL WITNESS SPECIAL OFFERING

The annual Peace & Global Witness Offering will be received and dedicated on World

Communion Sunday, October 7th. 25% will be retained by Opequon Church for us to carry the hope of peace to places around the corner and around the globe. 75% will support programs of our denomination that work to restore communities and help make our world more just and peaceful through Christ.

Give the gift of peace. Give generously.

INDEPENDENCE THROUGH MOBILITY

The Foundation for Rehabilitation Equipment Endowment repairs, sanitizes, and gifts gently used mobility related rehabilitative equipment to adults, resulting in improved independence and enhanced quality of life. If you, or someone you know needs this equipment, please contact a FREE Chapter nearest you at 540-664-7552 or go to www.free-foundation.org.

"VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION" HANDS, HEART, FEET SUNDAY

**Sunday, October 21st
8:30 & 11:00 am**

Thanking you for all you do
as the called, serving people of God,
through the church, in the community &
world!

**Join us for a delicious & fun chili
lunch!**

THROUGH THE WATERS OF BAPTISM

We welcomed **Kennedy Layne Jordan** and **Ethan Charles Jordan** into the baptized membership of Opequon on September 2nd. Kennedy and Ethan are the children of Katie and Brad Jordan. May God's Spirit rest upon Kennedy and Ethan and may we, as their church family, nurture and love them.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

On September 9th, we welcomed into the membership of Opequon Church:

Brad & Katie Jordan by Reaffirmation of Faith

Sheryl Massey by Reaffirmation of Faith

Ron & Ann Smith by transfer from Trinity Presbyterian Church, Herndon



Samantha Pingley welcomed a son Liam Guzman, on September 7. The proud grandparents are Susie & Phil Pingley. Congratulations!

WE'VE MOVED!

Ryan & Elizabeth Witt
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We express our Christian love and sympathy to...

Brenda Kain's Family upon her death on September 1st

Lisa Callanan & Family upon the death of her stepfather, Ron

Hurst in South Carolina September 6th

Hilda Zalonis & Family upon the death of her son, Jeffrey Strosnider, on September 7th

Nancy Grubb & Family upon the death of her brother, Bill Lewis on September 10th

"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

SERVANTS IN MINISTRY

Acolytes

8:30

7 Reagan Tibbs
14 Andrew Crites
21 Natalie Youngblood
28 Zane Hawkins

11:00

7 Paige Clark
14 Hannah Burton
21 Nicholas Hott
28 Logan McGunnigle

Bell Ringer

8:30 Mo Mohler

Hospitality

8:30

7 Bill & Debbie Bender
14 Bill & Lisa Frye
21 Robert & Ina Walker
28 Betty Chicklo & June Malone

11:00

7 Kirsta Weber & Martha Fulton
14 Betty Gano & Debi Hodgson
21 Annemarie Matthews & Vicky Astorino
28 Marj Praml & Jack Drumheller

Livestream

7 Susan Ritter
14 Joel Witt
21 Lance Astorino
28 Susan Witt

Nametags

Week 1 Pat deButts
Week 2 Need a Volunteer
Week 3 Martha Fulton
Week 4 Kail Barbe
Week 5 Need a Volunteer

Ushers (Head Usher in **Bold**)

8:30

7 Vicki Schmidt Crites, Dulcie Reed,
Leah Rogers, **Graham Taylor**,
Reagan & Reese Tibbs
14 Alyce Callahan, Andrew Crites, Al Owens,
Addison Williams, **Jim Youngblood**
21 Terry Hartman, Kennedy Jordan,
Heide Mohler, Natalie Youngblood
28 Adelyn & Aubrey Astorino, Mike Butler,
Zane Hawkins, John Winn

11:00
 7 Jim Butler, Ashton & Paige Clark, **Vern Gamble**, Annemarie Matthews, Brooke Moses
 14 Jenna Arnoldy, Hannah Burton,
 Jason Hathaway, Kyle Homan,
 Reagan Newhouse, **Bill Robinson**

21 Cheyenne Burton, William Callanan,
Andy Homan, Nicholas Hott, Joel Witt
 28 Curt Budny, Wyatt Estep, **Bill Hopeck**,
 Joe Seaton, Logan & Aubrey McGunnigle

SUMMARY FINANCIAL STATEMENT
 August 2018

EXPENSES	2018 Budget	Net Expenses	Net	Budget
		Current Month	Expenses	Balance
			Year to Date	Remaining
Administrative Ministry	405,427	34,101	273,137	132,291
Christian Education Ministry	13,550	902	5,805	7,745
Congregational Care Ministry	1,400	76	981	419
Evangelism Ministry	2,250	65	553	1,697
Fellowship Ministry	3,500	249	1,341	2,159
Mission Ministry	50,200	5,442	32,604	17,596
Worship Ministry	7,700	478	4,929	2,771
Capital Expenses	115,000	9,584	76,670	38,330
Total Budget	599,027	50,897	396,021	203,006
		Current	Year to Date	
INCOME		Month	Year to Date	
Envelope Offerings	40,157	367,719		
Loose	339	3,453		
Total Operating Income from Offerings	40,496	371,172		
Adjustments to Income				
Checking Account Interest	3	52		
Room/Facility Usage	0	650		
Wedding Fees	0	0		
Manse Rental Income (Net)	1,125	7,310		
Unplanned Facilities Maintenance (EXP)	0	-28,316		
Operating Income After Adjustments	41,624	350,867		
Operating Expenses	50,897	396,021		
2018 Operating Balance as of August 31	-9,273	-45,154		

OCTOBER 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
	9:30am Older Adult Ministry Team 3pm Kerygma Bible Study 6pm Sing! Shenandoah	5:15pm Technology & Communications 6:00pm Ministry Team Night	9:30am Staff Meeting 4:30pm LOGOS 7:30pm Choir Practice	7pm Scouting Ministry		
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
8:30 & 11am Worship, World Communion, CCAP 9:45 am Bread Basket Buffer 9:45am Faith Formation 12:30pm PYC 3:30pm PS150 Rehearsal	3pm Kerygma Bible Study 6pm MOO Chick-fil-A 7pm MOO OPC 6pm Sing! Shenandoah	9:30am Tuesday Morning Mission 7pm GLOW	12 Noon Happy Days 4:30pm LOGOS 6:10pm YA Bible Study 7:30pm Choir Practice	7pm Read 'em & Reap 7pm Scouting Ministry		9am WATTS Lead Volunteers-Memorial Sanctuary
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
Thanksgiving Boxes Available 8:30 & 11am Worship, 9am Middle School Rally @ Massanetta 9:45am Faith Formation 5pm PYC	3pm Kerygma Bible Study 5:30 pm LOGOS Leadership 6pm Sing! Shenandoah	8am OA Snack Tour Trip 7pm Session	9:30am Staff Meeting 10am Winchester Newcomers 4:30pm LOGOS 7:30 Choir Practice	7pm Scouting Ministry		8:30am WATTS Manager Training- Bageant Room
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
21 Volunteer Recognition 8:30 & 11am Worship, 9:45am Faith Formation 12:15 pm Chili Cook-Off 6:45pm PYC	3pm Kerygma Bible Study 6pm Sing! Shenandoah	10:30am Hands & Hearts 5:30pm Highland Food Pantry	9:30am Staff Meeting Noon TVOR Lunch 4:30pm LOGOS 6:10 YA Bible Study 7:30pm Choir Practice	Cathy Medical Leave 7pm Scouting Ministry	⇒⇒⇒⇒ 1pm Life Goes On	
28	29	30	31			
8:30 & 11am Worship, Back to Church Sunday, 4 Cents a Meal Offering, Fair Trade Coffee 9:45am GIFT Event 12:30am Motel Ministry 4pm Trunk & Treat	Cathy Medical Leave 6pm Sing! Shenandoah	⇒⇒⇒⇒	⇒⇒⇒⇒ 11:30am Staff Costume Luncheon 4:30pm LOGOS 7:30pm Choir Practice			

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Catherine Richard ----- Office Administrator
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Rebekah Witt ----- Director of Youth & Young Adults



NOTABLE NOVEMBER DATES TO SAVE

All Saints’ Sunday with Communion – Sunday, November 4th
Election Day – Tuesday, November 6th
Generosity Sunday – Sunday, November 11th
Veterans’ Day (100th Anniversary since end of World War I)
LOGOS Teacher Night – Wednesday, November 7th
Pilgrims’ Feast Sunday – Sunday, November 18th
Thanksgiving Eve Service at Opequon – Wednesday, November 21st
Christ the King Sunday – Sunday, November 25th

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