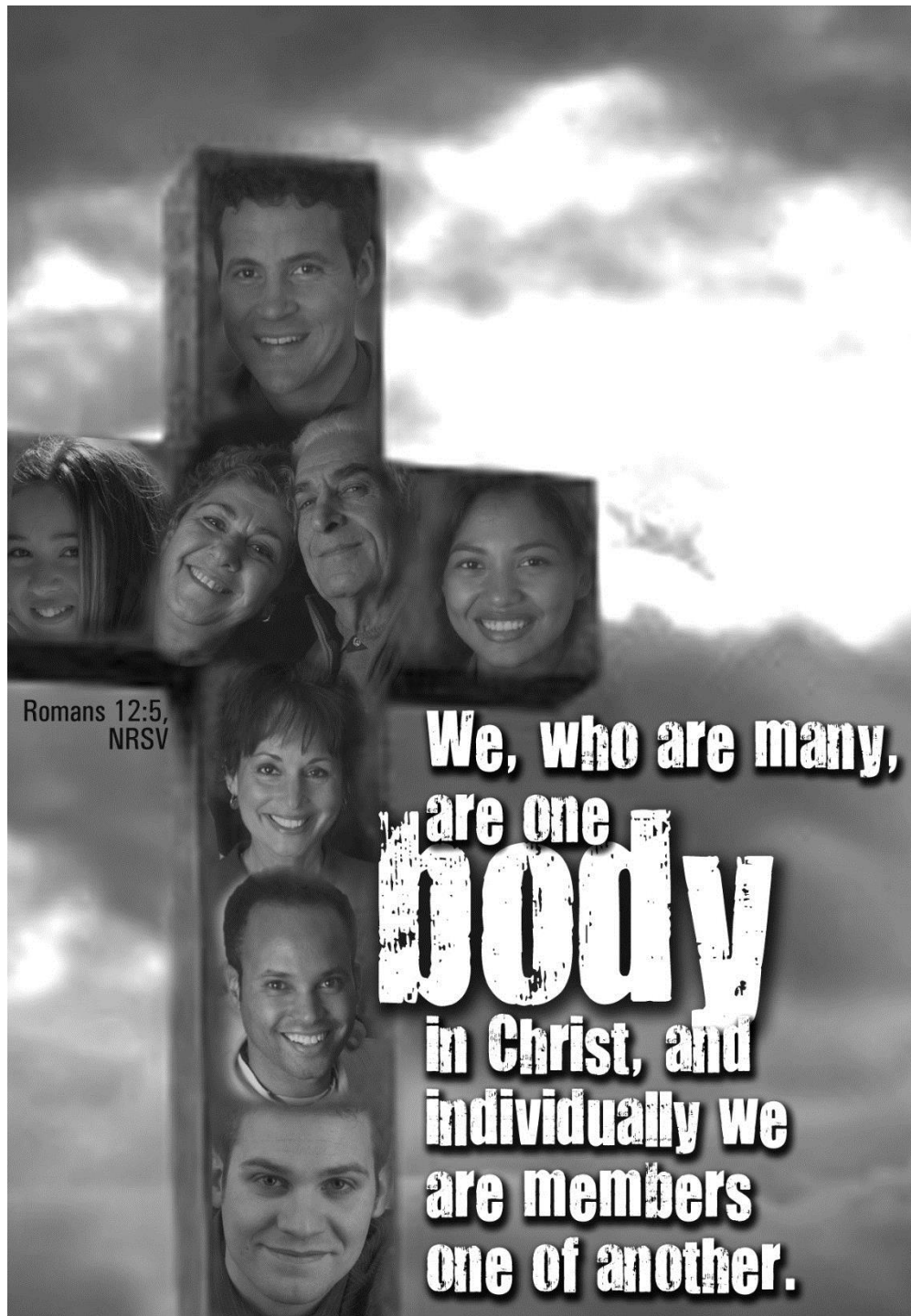


Opequon Presbyterian Church



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 the Faith Formation Educational Hour each week.** It's 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

September 16, 2018

8:30 & 11:00 am

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

PRELUDE

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. 399 (3x) *God Welcomes All*

†ENTRANCE OF THE WORD AND THE LIGHT

†CALL TO WORSHIP

Brothers and sisters, we are gathered here to proclaim a vision;

A vision of a world formed by God and transformed by Jesus' love.

We are disciples who are called to embody lives of grace,

Sharing the good news of the gospel in our words and our actions.

May the Holy Spirit open our hearts and open our eyes.

That we may live into God's vision for our lives, our church and our world. Thanks be to God! Amen.

†HYMN NO. 749 *Come! Live in the Light!*

(Please be seated for prayer)

CALL TO CONFESSION

Jesus Christ overcame evil with good so that all people might be saved from sin. Let us then confess our need for grace, confident of God's forgiveness.

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, Word and Wisdom, as we pray for the gift of your vision, we confess that we have not wanted the things that you want, that we have not loved the people whom you love, and

that we have not gone where you have called us to go. We admit that our love for you and for others has not been genuine. We have not held fast to what is good, and we have lagged in affection for our brothers and sisters. We have failed to do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with you. We have fallen short in practicing hospitality, welcoming all. Grant us the courage to embody your word in our actions, to surrender ourselves to your Holy Spirit, to embrace one another and to express your love for the world. Empower us to a different way of living as disciples of your Son, Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray.

Moments of Silent Prayer

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Friends, hear the good news: Christ welcomes all, strangers and friends. Christ forgives and restores. Christ breaks the power of sin and evil and opens to us the way to eternal life.

LITANY OF PARDON

Friends, believe the Good News of the Gospel

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

†THE RESPONSE OF PRAISE NO. 441 *Hear the Good News of Salvation*

†PASSING OF THE PEACE (Please share this prayer with those near you.)

May the peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

INTRODUCTION OF 2018-19 CONFIRMATION CLASS (11:00)

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

ANTHEM *Speak, O Lord*

Keith Getty & Stuart Townend

Speak, O Lord, as we come to You, to receive the food of Your Holy Word. Take Your truth, plant it deep in us, shape and fashion us, in Your likeness. That the Light of Christ may be seen today; In our acts of love and our deeds of faith. Speak, O Lord, and fulfill in us, all Your purposes for Your glory. Teach us, Lord, full obedience, holy reverence, true humility. Test our thoughts and our attitudes, in the radiance of Your purity. Cause our faith to rise, cause our eyes to see, Your majestic love and authority. Words of pow'r that can never fail, let their truth prevail

over unbelief. Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds; help us grasp the heights of Your plans for us. Truth unchanged from the dawn of time that will echo down through eternity. And by grace we'll stand on Your promises, and by faith we'll walk, as You walk with us. Speak, O Lord, 'til Your Church is built, and the earth is filled with Your glory! Speak, O Lord, as we come to You, to receive the truth of Your Holy Word.

THE READING OF GOD'S WORD

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Micah 6:6-8Pew Bible p. 757

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: Romans 12:9-21Pew Bible p. 922

A CONVERSATION WITH ALL AGES "What Do You Do with a Chance?"

†HYMN NO. 301 *Let Us Build a House*

SERMON "God Isn't Finished with Us Yet!"

Pastor David Witt

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

OFFERTORY *Be Thou My Vision*

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

INTRODUCTION OF 2018-19 CONFIRMATION CLASS (8:30)

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. 761 *Called as Partners in Christ's Service*

†CHARGE AND BLESSING

†CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE NO. 468..... *Lord, Be Glorified*

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In my life, Lord, be glorified, be glorified.

In my life, Lord, be glorified today.

†POSTLUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

September 16-23, 2018

TODAY

- 8:30 am: Morning Worship, Visioning Sunday,
Confirmation Class Introduction
- 9:45 am: Faith Formation Educational Hour
- 11:00 am: Morning Worship, Visioning Sunday,
Confirmation Class Introduction
- 12:15 pm: "Happy Birthday, Everyone!" Luncheon
- 5:00 pm: Presbyterian Youth Connection

THIS WEEK

- Monday: LOGOS Leadership Meeting—1:30 pm—David's Office
Sing! Shenandoah—6:30 pm—Fellowship Hall
WATTS Board of Directors—7:00 pm—Bageant Room
Trustees Meeting—7:00 pm—David's Office
- Tuesday: Session Meeting—7:00 pm—Bageant Room
- Wednesday: Newsletter Deadline
Staff Meeting—9:30 am—Bageant Room
Winchester Newcomers—10:00 am—Fellowship Hall
LOGOS—4:30 pm—Theme: "Greek Night"
Choir Practice—7:30 pm—Sanctuary
- Thursday: Scouting Ministry—7:00 pm—Assembly Room

NEXT SUNDAY—"Back to Church Sunday"

- Morning Worship—8:30 & 11:00 am
Church Coffees after each Service
G.I.F.T. Event—9:45 am—Fellowship Hall
Mark 9:30-37
Sermon: "Refocusing"
Four Cents A Meal, Fair Trade Coffee
Motel Ministry/Presbyterian Youth Connection—12:30 pm

PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER

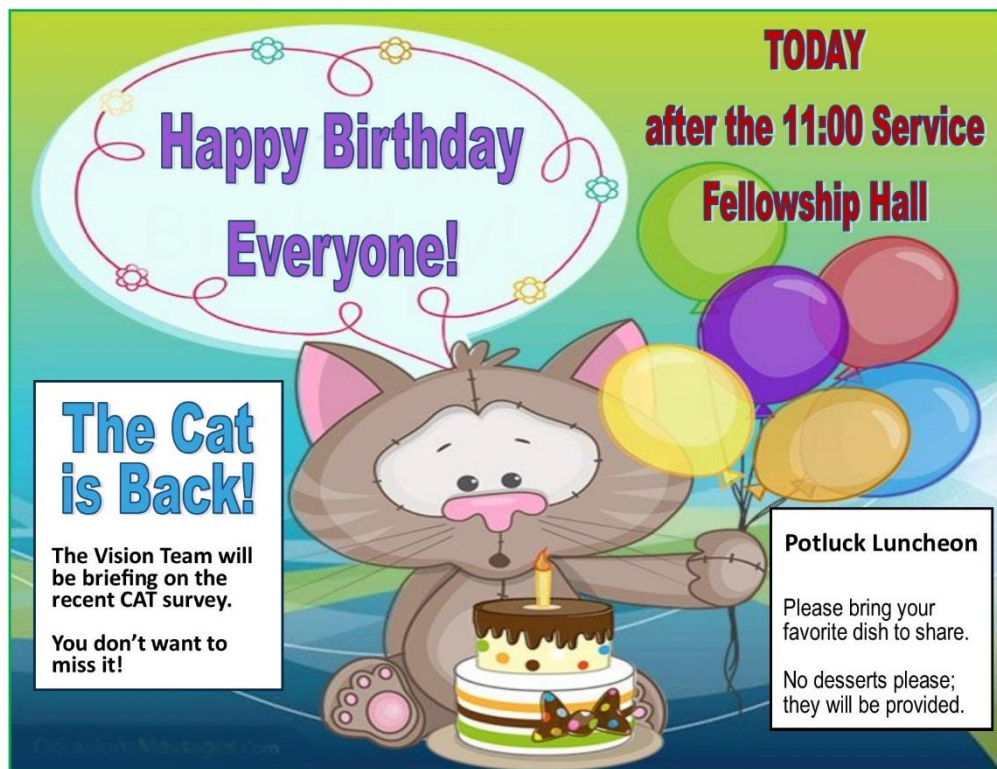
Heather Leake
Lyn Warren
Samantha & Liam Pingley
Melissa (Myers), Carter, Emma
Nancy Grubb & Family
Lisa Callanan & Family
Hilda Zalonis & Family
Brenda Kain Family
Marion Schottelkorb
Mary Flagg
JoEllen Delamatta & Family
Bill Foster
Ben Weber
Susie Hurst
McKenna Williams
Jack Feeney
Ashley Tiberio
Jay Horne
Baker/Heavner Family
Patricia Ferguson

Jil & Gregory DeHaven
Nathan Windle
Russ Cutshall
Mary Anne Guard
Amber Burney
John Lown
Melissa Madagan
Martha Ryder
Ed Duetsch
Kes Mersha
Steve Vanderpoel
Robbie Richman
Kelley Henry
Those Experiencing
Homelessness in Our
Community
Deana Shade
Families/Communities Along the
Border
Brad Treece

Sandy Haney
Cherie Wubbe
Brenda Kerr
Teresa Ritenour
Ethiopia/Kes Amena
Larissa Strosnider
Megan McCord
Gretchen Cooley
Mark Wilhelm
Frances Pitcock
Phyllis Dille
Jane Lewis
Larry Matthews
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PRAY FOR THOSE IN THE MILITARY SERVICE

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



THE SANCTUARY FLOWERS

The flowers in the Sanctuary this morning, are given by Alyce Callahan in honor and memory of her parents, George and Carol Gurko.

SERVANTS IN MINISTRY

8:30

Acolyte: Virginia Barr
Beadle: Tom Tandy
Bell Ringer: Mo Mohler
Hospitality: Ina & Robert Walker
Ushers: Drew Arnoldy, Virginia Barr, Jordan Hartman,
Terry Hartman, Heide Mohler

11:00

Acolyte: Sydney Burton
Hospitality: Debi Hodgson, Annemarie Matthews
Livestream: Susan Witt
Nametags: Martha Fulton
Ushers: Sydney Burton, Andy & Hudson Homan, Joel Witt

ATTENDANCE, SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 9TH:

8:30—83

Faith Formation—60

11:00—134

Open Door—20

PRESBYTERIAN YOUTH CONNECTION GRADES 6-12

- **TODAY**-Mini Golf Adventure at 5:00 pm! Meet at church with a brown bag dinner and \$6 to go play some putt-putt. We will finish back at church by 7:00pm. Make sure your parent has filled out a year-long permission form. Ask Rebekah Witt if you need a blank one. If the weather is poor, then we will have Game Night!
- **September 23**-Motel Ministry! Meet in the Dell Room at 12:30 pm to gather supplies, pack the van, and head down Valley Avenue to two local motels. We will greet the residents and offer them food and other necessities. Everyone from the congregation is invited to participate, so bring your family along!

LOGOS BEGINS THIS WEDNESDAY!

We are excited to widely open the doors this Wednesday as we begin our 21st year of LOGOS! With a staff of 62 and currently 36 young people registered, great things are in store for all ages as we teach faith, catch faith, and live out faith with each other. The theme for our opening night is GREEK Night. Through our holy hilarity, we aim to help everyone understand what "LOGOS" means! LOGOS registration is always open and if you would like to 'try it' for a couple weeks, that is an option too! Feel free to talk with Carole Witt if you have any questions.

MUMS FOR BAJA

There will be mums of various colors for sale next Sunday the 23rd to benefit the 2019 Mission Trip to Baja. The price will be \$15 per pot; available for pick up after each worship service.

YOUNG ADULT NEWS AGES 18-35

September 23-Bonfire at Rebekah Witt's home, 203 Halifax Court in Stephens City, 7:00-9:00 pm! Let's make some s'mores and hang out for an evening of fellowship together. There will be drinks and snacks for those who don't have a sweet tooth. Bring a lawn chair, if you have one.

GIFT EVENT NEXT SUNDAY, 9:45 am-FELLOWSHIP HALL

All generations, all classes, everyone will be together next Sunday morning during the Faith Formation hour for a fantastic experience of "The Phone is Ringing, God is Calling!" Come enjoy the humorous skit, be inspired by personal testimony, and reflect on how God is using YOU to be his hands-heart-feet through your own life.

WANTED: TRANSLATORS WITH OPEN HEARTS

As part of the Refugee Resettlement Project, we are signing up volunteers who are fluent in any and all non-English languages to help legal immigrants settle into successful new lives in the Winchester area. They may arrive with short notice, and it could be tomorrow or next year, so we would like to be as prepared as possible with a wide range of translators and interpreters who are patient, flexible, and compassionate. If your heart answers this call, please contact us at RRPTranslationTeam@gmail.com.

COMMUNITY GARDEN

Q: What did the sweet potato say to the pumpkin? A: I yam what I yam! We had several folks join us as volunteers for United Way's Day of Caring event held on Wednesday, September 12. They were so much fun and helped us do a ton of upkeep. We are grateful that the weather held off and we were able to have a nice garden day with these wonderful volunteers. Our Community Garden is very blessed by so many kind individuals. Thanks be to God. It has been a great harvest season. If you'd like to get involved with this most important project, contact one of the gardeners on call: Dana Kelly, davedana@comcast.net or Robin Owens, robinowensopcsession@gmail.com.

CALLED CONGREGATIONAL MEETING ON SEPTEMBER 30TH

The Session of Opequon Presbyterian Church calls for a meeting of the congregation on Sunday, September 30 at 10:45 am in the Sanctuary. The purpose of the meeting is to hear the report of the Officer Nominating Committee and then proceed to elect five ruling elders, three deacons, and one trustee. The Nominating Committee will place before us the names of **Bill Deck, Carole Fox, Al Owens, Lance Pearce, and Jim Youngblood** to serve as ruling elders; **Alyce Callahan, Bill Martin, and Graham Taylor** to serve as deacons; and **Mac McNichols** to serve as trustee. Nominations made be made from the floor with the prior consent of the person nominated. Please be present to actively participate in the life and governance of your church.

PREPARE TO PARTICIPATE IN CAMP PADDY RUN DAY!

Plans are in place for Opequon Church's September 30th fellowship event at Camp Paddy Run, our presbytery's camp near Star Tannery that straddles the Frederick County and Shenandoah County line. While this annual event was sidelined for several years, it was revived five years ago through the efforts of our Men of Opequon, who will be sponsoring it again this year. We will leave after the 11:00 am worship service and travel out to Paddy Run for fun, food, and getting to know one another in the glorious outdoors of a fall afternoon. **SO, PLAN ON ATTENDING RIGHT NOW! GET THE DATE – SEPTEMBER 30th – ON YOUR CALENDAR! BRING FRIENDS!** Soup, sandwiches, and drinks will be provided. Just bring a dessert to share. **THIS IS AN EVENT FOR THE WHOLE CHURCH FAMILY AND PEOPLE OF ALL AGES!**

COMMUNION EDUCATION WORKSHOP

A communion education workshop for children age 4 through 5th grade is being offered on Sunday, September 30, 4:00-5:00 pm in the Sanctuary. This time is led by David and Carole Witt and includes stories, visual illustrations, and hands-on opportunities as we explore the meaning of celebrating the Lord's Supper. Parents are invited to stay with their children and be part of this time as well. This workshop is meant to prepare our children so that they better understand this special sacrament and can enjoy it with you during worship.

"PARENTING IN THE PEW"

Parents are invited to TAKE and KEEP a "PARENTING IN THE PEW" binder. These brightly colored three-ring binders have been prepared especially with parents in mind. They contain suggestions, tools, ideas, and more for parents to use as they sit and worship WITH their children in the sanctuary for the whole service. The pages of the binder have ideas that can last over weeks and months as parents and children share worship time together. **You are welcome to take the binder home and keep it as your own resource.** Glance at it during the week in preparation for worship time on Sunday. Parenting is not easy and of course, many of us have experienced squirmy children in the pews. However, parents are the most influential people in teaching their child how to worship, beginning with our children at a young age. It takes time. It takes patience. It takes diligence. It takes modeling. Children need to see you worship and be able to worship alongside you. Train up a child in the way he shall go, and he will never depart. The children's worship bags will remain available and the children are welcome to use them as parents use the "Parenting in the Pew" binders.

SAVE THE DATE—OCTOBER 14

Directly after the 11:00 service, a presentation on Five Wishes will be given by Patty Klinefelter and Bill Martin. 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. Lunch will be provided.

WORSHIP NOTES AND REFLECTIONS

Notes on Today's Music

How did today's music express our shared ministry of hospitality?

Notes on Today's Conversation with All Ages

What do you do with a chance?

Notes on Today's Prayers

Notes on Today's Scripture

How did you discover Opequon Church? What drew you to come here?
What makes you stay?

What ministries are especially important to you—whether they are Opequon ministries or not? How did you discover that ministry? What makes it important?

How is Opequon a welcoming church? Who do we welcome best?

What would you be willing to allow to change if it meant welcoming new people? What would happen if new people quite different from us were to arrive?