



# The Opequon Spirit

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

## October 2021

### WORSHIP IN OCTOBER "REVIVE US AGAIN!"

8:30 am In-Person  
11:00 am In-Person & Livestream

### Sunday, October 3 – World Communion Sunday

Job 1:1, 2:1-10, Mark 10:2-16  
Sermon: "Face-to-Face"

Join your church family & world around the Table!  
Peacemaking & Global Witness Offering

### Sunday, October 10

Job 23:1-9, 16-17, Mark 10:17-31  
Sermon: "Rethinking Our Values"

### Sunday, October 17

1 Kings 19:9a-15a, John 15:12-17  
Sermon: "What Are You Doing Here?"

### Sunday, October 24

Job 42:1-6, 10-17, Mark 10:46-52  
Sermon: "On the Road"  
Four Cents a Meal

### Wednesday, October 6 – 6:45-7:15 pm WONDERFUL WORSHIP ON WEDNESDAY (WOW)

Pitcock Memorial Shelter

### Sunday, October 31 – Reformation Sunday/Volunteer Appreciation Sunday

Psalms 46, Mark 12:28-34  
Sermon: "The Greatest Commands"  
"Volunteer of the Year", Habitat for Humanity  
Paint Can Offering

*WITH GRATITUDE FOR YOUR GIFTS...  
WE ENCOURAGE YOUR CONTINUED  
FINANCIAL SUPPORT!*

### PEACE AND GLOBAL WITNESS SPECIAL OFFERING THIS MONTH

The annual Peace & Global Witness Offering will be received and dedicated on World Communion Sunday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>. 25% will be retained by Opequon Church for us to carry the hope of peace and witness right here within our own community. 75% will support programs of our denomination that work to restore communities and help make our world more just and peaceful through Christ. To give to this offering, write "Peacemaking" on your check memo or a giving envelope, or give to the Peacemaking Fund online.

**Give the gift of peace. Give generously.**



### WORLD COMMUNION FESTIVAL WHEREVER YOU ARE!

Sunday, October 3 – 8:30 & 11:00 am  
In Person or Live Stream (11 am)  
Plus Bread Swap

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: "Entrusted to Our Care"

#### Dear Friends in Christ,

Carole and I just finished up five days of caring for our granddaughter while her parents snuck away for a respite before grandchild #2 (grandson #1, apparently!) arrives. She is very self-differentiated as a two-and-a-half-year-old

and doesn't display any separation anxiety. Her parents have been generous in entrusting her to our care. Of course, we seize and embrace every moment we get to spend with our granddaughter, relishing watching her grow up and thankful that we can be a part of nurturing her as a child of God. Our care for her now includes providing the basics of life, from eating to sleeping to diapering, along with showing her love and kindness by listening, reading, playing, talking, reassuring, teaching, and hugging. Our care will change as she changes; but, our commitment to her and her family will not change.

As human beings, as disciples of Jesus, much is entrusted to our care. We are called to care for creation, for relationships, for faith, for those things that are important to us and important to God. From start to finish, the bible outlines a theology of care, as we maintain the basics of life along with showing love and kindness to others. Stewardship is about caring for those things entrusted to our care. Stewardship is about ensuring that there is a vision and resources for our future. Stewardship is about providing transformative leadership that will make an impact on the world. Stewardship is about saying "thank you" to God and working within the church as a Christ-called community of faith.

Our stewardship/generosity theme this year in this fall season of emphasis is "Revive Us Again: Care, Share, Prayer." The opportunity for revival and renewal is before us through worship, introspection, and reflection. "How do we care? How do we share? How do we pray?" In a world that is upset, anxious, fearful, even angry, I hope you will think with me about what we may offer through our generosity as a people of faith. What difference can we make as you and I respond to God's grace and gifts by offering ourselves? I believe, as I hope you do, that our caring, our sharing, our praying will both nurture and change the world. God has entrusted much to our care. Now, what will

we do with those gifts? How will we demonstrate that we care? Revive us again, dear Lord; revive us again.

Together in Christ's Service,  
Pastor David 

### **JUST THINKIN'**

It was a crisp evening. The kind that makes you look for colored leaves and ripe hickory nuts. The day had been spent harvesting cow corn for the winter, however, and the day's heat had made it clear that Autumn was still a bit away. We had all shed our work clothes, washed as we could; there was no time to heat up water. We piled into the wagon. We could have driven the truck, but the wagon seemed more appropriate for the occasion and the fresh, cooler air was so very welcome as the horses moved us forward.

As we traveled the road to the Lord's Acre, a field next door to our country church that was given and tended by the congregation, we saw that the tent had already been erected and torches were alight to welcome those who would arrive after dark. The stubble of the recent harvest had been beaten down by the many trucks driving in and by many, many tired feet. The smell of smoke and the fresh straw strewn to make the entrance easier gave me a sense that something wonderful was about to happen.

Inside the tent there was a raised stage populated with a few choir members, a piano brought from the church by several of our heftier men, and three preachers, all in black coats. One preacher was working with the choir. "More energy! Make the people over in Lisle hear you!" The Lisle church was over 6 miles away. Long benches had been set up. Families had already claimed their places with bright quilts and sweaters. We quickly found seats and waited for the excitement to begin.

Tent Revivals were common in my home area during my childhood. After a long farming summer of work and worry, they offered an opportunity to gather, renew acquaintances, and either praise the Lord for another successful harvest or pray for help in the coming spring. There had been days of too much rain, weeks of entirely too little, planting, sometimes replanting, and hard labor. Dairy farming meant raising cows, calving, and growing the food that would keep the livestock and the family well fed for the winter. There was still much to do. It was too hot for slaughter, but the end of August could offer a brief break in the form of singing, preaching, and praise.

The Meeting would last over two hours, but the time flew as sermon followed sermon and familiar hymns were blasted into the night sky. At the end of the evening, the trip home was often punctuated with giggling from the young ones and snores from the older men. Only the driver would guarantee to stay awake, and if even he were to close his eyes the horses knew where they were going. In the morning we would speak with surprise at how little we regretted the short night's sleep. We felt energized, connected, ready for the day.

This past year and more has been tough for all of us. We have been separated by disease and fear. We are tired of restrictions, masks, and caution. Our spirits are tired; our creativity has been stretched. Our church has continued to work and to serve, still we all have experienced an extended period of stress and, quite frankly, we are about over it.

In spite of it all, if we are to be faithful, we need to be concerned with many things. How do we continue to move forward? What new needs will surface as this year ends and 2022 begins? Where will we find energy for creativity, comfort, and support? How many new threats will surprise us with demands for new change? Who will be strong when; who

will falter and need support? How will we know? Will we respond well?

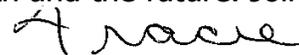
Friends, we need renewal. We need to connect with our church again, and in new ways. We need to connect with each other again. We need to take count of how our lives have changed since March of 2020 and who now needs what. We need to reconnect with our ever present, ever sustaining God and remember whose we are and why.

We need a revival.

And that is just what is coming. Over the next few weeks, the Generosity Team of Opequon Presbyterian Church invites you to join in our first knee-slapping, greet-your-neighbor, praise-God revival. We will remind each other what OPC means. We will celebrate our church-family ties and our lives of faith. We will seek new ways to be together and we will pray.

We will pray for our world, pray for our country, pray for our community, our church, and each other. We will sing old hymns and learn some new ones. We will renew our spirits with the spirit's energy and power. At the end, we will find ourselves refreshed and ready for our next season. We will ask our God, "What would you have me do, give, be?" We will listen to our creator and to each other.

This is a serious endeavor during which we will have fun. Join us as we praise, pray, and celebrate faith and the future. Join in and be revived.



### **SPECIAL NOTES TO OUR PASTORS**

*"The only gift is a portion of thyself."*

Ralph Waldo Emerson

We are extremely blessed to have not one, but two Pastors who freely share the gift of their hands, hearts, feet and minds in serving Christ among us! October is National Clergy Appreciation Month, and we want to express

our heartfelt gratitude to both of you! Pastor David and Pastor Tracie, you've guided us safely through this unknown territory of COVID that began in the middle of March 2020. During these 18 months you've worked tirelessly with caring and love to be present with us and for us as your Opequon Family.

Under your leadership working with our dedicated Worship Team, our faith journey has been nurtured at every step and by each complete worship service made available to us. The extraordinary and endless gifts of your time and talents have provided a much-needed sense of normalcy in the challenges we've faced on a daily basis. And yet, you didn't stop there. So many different measures were taken to insure that important communication and information went out regularly. The phone calls, doorway check-ins, emails, regular mail, special deliveries and the ever popular "Keeping Up – Good Gossip" all worked together to keep us connected and informed. Your love of God has shined brightly through not only your words, but also your lives! Those lights continue to provide hope to all of us.

We all know Opequon wouldn't be Opequon without mentioning food! We are grateful for the boundless and innovative ways utilized to share food and fellowship in a safe manner over the course of many months! This creativity enabled us to observe the special seasons of Christian worship and celebrations from Lent through Christmas. We have treasured the additional time and sacrifice through numerous Zoom sessions for necessary meetings, study, fellowship, and Snackin' & Chattin' with the Pastor! The WOW services truly have been wonderful and most memorable! Countless gatherings of all kinds at the Pitcock Shelter along with those awesome "Parking Lot Drive-In" services have kept us going!

For all of the above and so much more, we thank you for shepherding us through "One Day at a Time" with Jesus! We are grateful and blessed to be in service to Christ with you.

With His Love - *Your Opequon Family*

### FALL USHERS

- 1<sup>st</sup> Sundays**, 8:30 AM – Graham Taylor, Steve Bock  
11:00 AM – Mike & Fran Jeffries, Vicki Crites, Vern Gamble
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Sundays**, 8:30 AM – Mike & Wendy Wygant, Pat Williams, Alex Plumb  
11:00 AM – Bill Robinson, Kyle Homan, Jason Hathaway
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays**, 8:30 AM – Terry Hartman, Heide Mohler  
11:00 AM – Andy Homan, Joel Witt, Joe Seaton
- 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays**, 8:30 AM – Betty Chicklo, June Malone  
11:00 AM – Annemarie Matthews, Carolyn & Gary Rutherford

### REFORMATION SUNDAY

**Sunday, October 31<sup>st</sup>**

*"God is our refuge and strength,  
a present help in times of trouble..."*

Psalm 46:1

Celebrate the gift of the Church,  
Reformed and Always Being  
Reformed!

**You are invited to wear red, the  
color of reformation!**

### DID YOU KNOW THAT:

- Our new sanctuary organ is a three manual Rodgers that offers a total of 282 different organ and orchestra voices.

- After it was installed, the organ Rep from R.A. Daffer, spent two long days voicing the organ.
- Once in place, each note of the 39 primary stops and 117 alternate stops needed to be voiced for the sanctuary.
- While the organ fund was established with a portion of the Lupton Legacy, a very large majority of the funds came from the generosity of our church family.
- It was an extraordinarily short period of time between the establishment of the fund and the point where there were sufficient funds for us to place the order for the new sanctuary organ .
- The planned delivery date was mid-March 2020.
- We hoped to have the organ in place on March 22, 2020, as we marked the 15th anniversary of our new sanctuary.
- The early days of the pandemic caused last minute delays.
- The organ was delivered in early June 2020 but it was nearly a year before most of us would have the opportunity to hear it live in the sanctuary.
- When we dedicate and celebrate our new sanctuary organ in October, it will have been 17 months after the originally planned date of April 19, 2020.
- While the new organ sounds great during live-streaming, it's absolutely amazing live in-person in the wonderful acoustics of our sanctuary space.
- Dan Miller's concert on October 10th is a one-time event, not to be missed.
- Members of the Winchester chapter of the American Guild of Organists and lovers of organ music from the area are sure to be present to take in this concert.
- This special event is made possible through the planning and underwriting of R.A. Daffer Church Organs.
- Saturday morning prior to the Sunday concert, Mr. Miller will be leading a workshop for area organists. R. A. Daffer is handling registration and underwriting the workshop costs.



**MINISTRY TEAM NIGHT**

Tuesday, October 5, 2021  
Hybrid Meeting – In Person & ZOOM  
Fellowship Hall

Devotions—6:30 pm  
Ministry Team Meetings—7:00 pm

### **LETTER FROM OUR MISSIONARY DOUG**

Dear family and friends,  
In May, following days of provocative Israeli measures aimed at the Palestinian population of East Jerusalem, tempers reached a boiling point. The deliberate attempt to extract Palestinian families from their homes in the Jerusalem neighborhood of Sheikh Jarrah, the closing of the esplanade in front of the Damascus Gate of the Old City of Jerusalem, and the planned and provocative Israeli flag march through the Muslim Quarter of the Old City, as well as Israeli military and police incursions on to the Haram Al Sharif and the Al Aqsa Mosque compound, exploded into an 11 day “war.”

Hamas, the Palestinian faction which controls the Gaza Strip, fired thousands of home-made rockets at Israeli cities and towns, in response to Israel’s measures against Palestinians in East Jerusalem, and Israel bombed Gaza from land, sea and air with sophisticated missiles that brought down entire multi-storied buildings. At the end of the hostilities, 13 people in Israel had been killed, including two children. The Gaza Ministry of Health reported that more than 1,900 Palestinians were injured, and as of May 12, Israel reported at least 200 injured Israelis. As of May 19, at least 72,000 Palestinians had been displaced. Israeli airstrikes and artillery barrages on Gaza, an impoverished and densely packed area of

almost two million people, killed at least 230 Palestinians, including 65 children.

On June 7, Isaac Herzog was sworn in as the new President of Israel and promised to be "the president of everyone" adding the "central expectation" of all Israelis "from me, from all of us, is to lower the tone, to lower the flames, to calm things down". "My mission, the mission of my term, is to do everything in order to rebuild hope," he said in his inauguration speech. I recall when a delegation from the Presbyterian Church (USA) visited with Mr. Herzog in his office back in 2008, and while he was still a member of the Israeli Knesset and serving as Minister of Welfare and Social Services. His position, largely ceremonial, will be a single seven-year term.

Highlights of this spring and summer have been attending the installation service of the new Archbishop of Jerusalem for the Episcopal Diocese Hosam Naoum, picking Sabra Cacti fruit with the Zoughbi family, attending a summer camp for 60 Palestinian children in the shadow of Israel's Separation Barrier/Wall at Wi'am – the Palestinian Conflict Transformation Center.

As always, thanks for your continued correspondence, prayers, and financial support, all of which are most appreciated. Without you, my work and ministry in this part of the world would not be possible. Thanks to all of you for your continued support.

I have requested time away, from my country of service, and with any luck, will be able to travel stateside in early October, for about six weeks. It will be the first time in almost two years that I have been able to leave the country.

I hope and trust you and everyone at OPC are doing well. Please give them my best regards and greetings!

Peace,  
Douglas "Doug" Dicks

## **FIVE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR JUBILEE KITCHEN OCTOBER 31**

What is the Jubilee Kitchen? It is a FREE breakfast every Saturday morning at 10 AM served at First Presbyterian Church. It was shut down during the height of COVID restrictions, but is now operating weekly.

Opequon Presbyterian is committed to helping the 5th Saturdays ONLY. October 30, 2021 is a 5th Saturday, so we need volunteers.

Volunteers help staff the kitchen and serve clients (NO culinary skills are required!). Enter the church property from the Loudoun Street Walking Mall entrance to the Fellowship Hall at 9:45 AM. Masks are needed while serving clients. If you have questions or would like to sign up, contact George Schember 540-667-2559.

### **SENIOR OUTREACH MINISTRY**

Join us in spreading kindness to our neighbors who live in low-income housing on October 10 at 12:15pm. Let Rebekah Witt know if you'd like to participate. Donations welcome: Paper towels, toilet paper, low-sodium vegetables, tuna & chicken cans, pudding cups, fruit cups, soup cans, 2-in-1 shampoo & conditioner, and soap.



### **COLLECTING FOR CCAP IN OCTOBER**

#### **Soup & Crackers**



### **THE THANKSGIVING BOXES ARE COMING THIS MONTH**

Very soon, a bounty of empty banana boxes will reappear in the hallways and on the porch of Opequon Church. It's time for our annual Thanksgiving food drive for CCAP and Orchard View Elementary School. Banana boxes will be available at church beginning Monday, October 11, many inside the building, some readily

accessible on the front porch/sanctuary entrance. Each box will contain a list of items needed. Please DO NOT purchase roasting pans. They will be provided separately. ALL BOXES ARE DUE BACK AT CHURCH BY SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 14. We anticipate scheduling two staffed drop off days in the first half of November for those who would like assistance unloading. Our goal is to surpass 115 boxes this year as we share and care for those in need within our community.

**THE FAIR TRADE EQUAL EXCHANGE** Kiosk is full and waiting for you to purchase your coffee, tea, or candy bars. **PLEASE! DO NOT LEAVE CASH IN THE KIOSK.** Put your payment in an envelope and place it in the offering plate (if you purchase on a Sunday) or give it to Susan in the Office. If using a check, write *Coffee Exchange* on the Memo line. As always, thank you for your support of this Mission project.



### HEALTH MINISTRY NEWS



**The CDC addresses questions related to the Flu vaccines. More questions and answers to come next month.**

Even healthy people need a flu vaccine? Influenza (flu) is a contagious disease which affects the lungs and can lead to serious illness, including pneumonia. Even healthy people can get sick enough to miss work or school for a significant amount of time or even be hospitalized. Flu vaccines are recommended for everyone 6 months of age and older. Pregnant people, young children, older people, and people with certain chronic medical conditions like asthma, diabetes and heart disease are at increased risk of serious flu-related complications, so getting a yearly flu vaccine is especially important for them.

### Is the flu vaccine safe?

Yes. Flu vaccines have an excellent safety record. They have been given to hundreds of millions of people for more than 50 years and have a very good safety track record. Each year, CDC works closely with the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA), and other partners to ensure the highest safety standards for flu vaccines. The most common side effects of flu vaccines are mild. Flu vaccines cannot cause flu illness; however, it can cause mild side effects that may be mistaken for flu. For example, people vaccinated with the flu shot may feel achy and may have a sore arm where the shot was given. People vaccinated with the nasal spray flu vaccine may have a stuffy nose and sore throat. These side effects are NOT flu. If experienced at all, these effects are usually mild and last only 1-2 days.

### Flu Shots offered at OPC!

Flu shots (high dose and regular) will be offered on the following dates

**Oct 5<sup>th</sup>** from 5:30-6:30pm (prior to Ministry Team night)

**Oct 13<sup>th</sup>** from 11am – 12pm (prior to Happy Days)

**Oct 17<sup>th</sup>** between worship services and after 11:00am worship

Please bring your insurance card with you.

Forms will be available on the counter outside of the church office if you would prefer to fill them out ahead of time.

Please contact Susan Witt

([susancpharmd@gmail.com](mailto:susancpharmd@gmail.com)) or Tracie Martin

([tracie-martin@juno.com](mailto:tracie-martin@juno.com)) if you have any questions.

### Even if I get sick, won't I recover quickly?

Not necessarily. Influenza can be serious and anyone can become sick with flu and experience serious complications. But even if you bounce back quickly, others around you

might not be so lucky. Older people, young children, pregnant people and people with medical conditions like asthma, diabetes, heart disease and lung disease are at especially higher risk from the flu. Kids, teens and adults who are active and healthy also can get very sick from flu and spread it to others. Some people can be infected with the flu virus but have no symptoms. During this time, you can still spread the virus to others. Don't be the one spreading flu to those you care about.



### THE LATEST IN LOGOS

LOGOS began on September 15, filling the building with the liveliness of children and youth in a sea of ORANGE! It was "Orange You Glad it's LOGOS Time Night"! Currently there are 35 young people participating in LOGOS with a staff of 45. This month we will enjoy the themes "Funny Hat Night", "Pie Face Night" and "F.R.O.G. Night" (fully rely on God). On **October 6**, LOGOS time will also include '**Worship on Wednesday**' (WOW) at the picnic shelter **at 6:45pm**. All our LOGOS young people will be sharing in worship that evening. Everyone is invited to worship with us that evening. LOGOS is open to all K-12 young people. Registration is easy and available on our website ([www.opequonchurch.org](http://www.opequonchurch.org)) where you can access the form. LOGOS is held on Wednesdays, 4:30-7:15pm.

### OBJECT LESSON FOR KIDS THIS MONTH

A great way to begin showing and teaching children how to pray is by doing a mealtime blessing. This month's children's object lesson focuses on this important moment as you prepare to eat meals each day. Elementary children will receive this lesson in the mail along with a mealtime blessing placemat as a helpful tool.

A fun 'grandparents booklet' is also included in the mailing with ways to celebrate with these wonderful family members in your lives.

### SOMETHING NEW HAS BEGUN...

And it is exciting for ALL ages! We are offering an intergenerational class experience on Sunday mornings at 9:45am in the Fellowship Hall. It is called "LIFT"- Learning in Faith Together! Stories of the bible come alive in creative, relevant, and practical ways as we experience hands-on interactive experiences. Some of the topics that we will have the privilege of learning about are Brave Women and Men in the Bible, God's Messages, and the Birth of Jesus. There will be time for wondering, connecting, and relating the stories to our own lives of faith all in a fun atmosphere for every age. There is a PLACE FOR YOU! Nurture your faith, give yourself a LIFT. Come join in this exciting time.

### GIFT EVENT- SUNDAY, OCTOBER 24; 9:45AM- FELLOWSHIP HALL

GIFT means "Generations in Faith Together" as all classes combine one Sunday a month for a themed intergenerational experience. The theme this month is "**What Do You Do with A CHANCE?**". This award-winning story by Kobi Yamada explores when we have the courage to say yes to new opportunities that come our way, amazing things can happen. Take a CHANCE by joining in this wonderful GIFT Event and let's see what happens! We don't want you to miss out!

### ADULT FAITH FORMATION OPPORTUNITIES...

- ❖ **Living Our Faith Class, 9:45 am Sundays, Assembly Room & ZOOM**  
*Follow Me: Biblical Practices for Faithful Living*
- ❖ **Spiritual Growth Class, 9:45 am Sundays, Bageant Room**  
*Great Themes of the Bible: Knowing God*
- ❖ **Micah 6:8 Class, 7:00 pm Thursdays, Bageant Room & ZOOM**  
*Ageism*

## YOUTH GROUP GRADES 6-12



### PROGRESSIVE DINNER

October 3, 4:30 – 7:30 PM

### Senior Outreach Ministry

October 10, 12:15 PM

### Hill High Haunted House

October 16, 6:30 PM

## YOUNG ADULTS AGES 18-35

### FEAST Group

October 8 at 6:45 PM



### THE FLOWER CALENDAR

Please consider donating flowers for our Sunday worship in memory or honor of someone or an event. You may sign up by contacting the church office or using the FLOWERS link at [opequonchurch.org](http://opequonchurch.org) to the online sign up. The following dates are open in 2021: **October 17 & 24, November 1 & 14**

### TRUNK OR TREAT GARDEN GALAPALOOZA OCT 23



Five turkey buzzards sitting on a fence.  
The first one said, "This field's immense!"  
The second one said, "Let's hunt for some mice."  
The third one said, "Oh, that would be nice!"  
The fourth one said, "Harvest time is in the air."

The fifth one said, "OPC should have a fun affair."  
So off three flew circling on high,  
But the last two remained seated by and by.  
"Do you think that OPC will have a Family Fun Day?"  
His partner said, "I think plans are underway!"  
"Can you share a date; tell what you heard?"  
"Why yes, indeed, it's set for October 23rd."  
"Then let's get ready, Halloween is almost here."

"OPC's Garden Galapalooza and Trunk or Treat; now that's something for us to cheer!"

*Marj Praml*

### Contact information:

Marj Praml (Fellowship Ministry) 540-327-2667  
or Dana Kelly (Garden Team) 430-336-1218

**OPC**  
**TRUNK OR TREAT**  
**GARDEN GALAPALOOZA**  
**OCTOBER 23**  
**2-4 PM**  
**Decorated Trunks with Games**  
**Garden Tours and Activities**



**Creative Fun Booths    Lawn Games**  
**Pumpkin Painting        Petting Zoo**

**Fun for the Whole Family**

**How does your garden grow? Come see ours!**

## VIDEO TEAM

Do you like writing scripts, acting, or sharing creative ideas? Rebekah Witt is starting a Video Team that will film short promotional videos & commercials to share within the Opequon Family and on social media. Youth & Adults are welcome to join. Let her know if you're interested or have questions at [wittrebekah2@gmail.com](mailto:wittrebekah2@gmail.com).



themed' games ourselves. This month, the women will meet on **Tuesday, October 12 at 6:00pm in the Fellowship Hall for CHILI NIGHT**. We will be enjoying several homemade chilis with all the fixings as well as baked potatoes. Come warm and satisfy yourself with a bowl of chili and enjoy some relaxed time with Opequon Women.

## “SNACKIN’ & CHATTIN’”

Wednesdays in October  
12:00-12:45 pm  
Have a snack at home/in office  
Talk & Pray with Others via  
ZOOM



## OLDER ADULT HAPPENINGS

With the freshness of Fall, our older adult ministry is moving forward with some fresh and exciting plans. We had a great Happy Days gathering at the Picnic Shelter in September and we will do that again this month. Happy Days is a monthly older adult fellowship time, typically with some form of lunch and then a program. This month, Happy Days will gather on **Wednesday, October 13 at noon in the Picnic Shelter**. **A box lunch will be provided!** Each lunch will include Hot Dog, Mac-n-Cheese, fruit, chips, and a Cookie. As a service to our older adults, **FLU SHOTS will be available** beginning at 11:00 am that morning through our Happy Days gathering time. Susan Witt (Dr. of Pharmacy) will be administering the flu shots. We will enjoy lunch and some **games of BINGO** with prizes. All older adults are invited to come and join in this fantastic fellowship time in our beautiful picnic shelter! The Older Adult Planning Team will meet again on Monday, November 1 at 9:30am in the Bageant Room to talk about future plans for Happy Days gatherings. This meeting is open to any older adult who would like to come. Coffee and a morning take-home treat will be provided.

MOO!



## MEN OF OPEQUON – CHILI DINNER THIS MONTH!

The Men of Opequon (MOO) will gather at the Pitcock Memorial Picnic Shelter on Monday, October 11 at 6:00 pm, weather permitting. We will be having a chili dinner. **ATTENTION MEN: PLEASE VOLUNTEER TO BRING CHILI, CORNBREAD, OR TOPPINGS!** EMAIL PASTOR DAVID AT [pastor@opequonchurch.org](mailto:pastor@opequonchurch.org) to sign up. Drinks and dessert will be provided. Our recent gatherings for devotions, updates, and conversation have been well attended. It has been great to see each other! You are invited to join us as we renew relationships and build one another up in Christ.

## GLOW: GOD-LOVING OPEQUON WOMEN

Opequon's women's group known as GLOW gathers each month for devotions, special projects, lots of laughter and friendship. Last month we completed a Random of Act of Kindness for the Staff at Orchard View Elementary School and enjoyed some 'school-

## OLDER ADULT OF THE YEAR NOMINATIONS

We held off on our 2021 Older Adult of the Year recognition from last Spring until now. Nominations are now open and welcome. Who would you like to nominate for this distinct honor at OPC and **why?** Pick up a form from the Gathering Area table or use the form included in this newsletter to share your



## Roots & Shoots Garden News

Check out a picture of our butterfly release and some of our pollinator plants! These flowers not only add beauty to the garden, but attract pollinators that help produce our fruits and vegetables and, as a result, feed the food insecure in our community. As of September 14th, just over 1,325 pounds had been harvested from the garden this season!! As always, we are extremely thankful for our volunteers. If you are interested in helping in the garden email [graysonmoyer7@icloud.com](mailto:graysonmoyer7@icloud.com), and be on the lookout for more information about the event on October 24th.



*Dear Opequon Church Family,*  
*How do I begin to thank the members of Opequon Presbyterian Church for all the kindnesses in cards, emails, calls, and visits during the last 3 1/2 months. Our hip issues, rehabilitation, and Bobby's death have been the most challenging time of my/our lives. Thank you for being there for us.*

*We appreciate David Witt's willingness to add a memorial service to an already very busy weekend. I cannot even begin to express what the memorial service meant to all of our family. The service will forever be a comfort to me as I walk through the coming years. It was a perfect reflection of Bobby Smith. Rebekah Witt*

*has been complimented far and wide by our family and friends for the live-streaming of the service. Thank you, to Bill, Susan, and Tracie also.. We have the best church staff!*

*In Christian love,  
Harriet Smith*

*It is with gratitude that I thank you for the cards, visits, meals, prayers and checking in on me during my recent procedure getting more parts.*

*With sincere appreciation,  
Mitch Orndorff*

*Dear Opequon Church Family,*  
*We would like to thank you from the bottom of our hearts for the cards and 'bin of love' brought to us after the death of my mother, Peggy Dixon.*

*Seeing David on our doorstep with a bin containing delicious homemade bread, chicken noodle soup and paper products was a sight for very sore eyes. I didn't know how much this visit was needed until I saw our awesome pastor, we chatted, and had a prayer together. I want to thank you again for this wonderful gift in our hour of need.*

*Blessings,  
Jeff and Sherry Schryver.*

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**WE EXPRESS OUR CHRISTIAN LOVE AND SYMPATHY**

Vicki Schmidt Crite's father, Tom Schmidt, died August 12, 2021. Our hearts go out to Vicki, Mike, and Andrew in their time of loss. Cards may be sent to Vicki Schmidt Crites 201 Beechcroft Rd, Winchester, VA 22601.

Sherry Schryver's mother, Peggy Dixon, died on Sunday, August 22 in Erie, PA. Please remember Sherry and Jeff, along with their daughters, Katherine and Ellie and their family in prayer, along with Sherry's sister and brother, Debbie and Jim. Cards may be sent to Sherry and Jeff Schryver, 484 Salem Church Road, Stephens City, VA 22655.

To Gene Walker upon the death of his wife Dorothy on September 25, 2021. Dorothy was a long time member of Opequon Church. Cards may be sent to Gene Walker, 322 Beechcroft RD, Winchester, VA 22601

*"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

You are cordially invited to attend the dedication of the new Sanctuary Organ and enjoy a celebratory concert presented by nationally known organist\*

**Dan Miller**

4:00 p.m.

Sunday, October 10, 2021

Opequon Presbyterian Church, Winchester, Virginia

\*Mr. Miller holds the distinguished position of Product Manager at Rodgers Instruments LLC, one of the world's leading organ builders, in Hillsboro, Oregon.

R.A. Daffer Church Organs, LLC, is underwriting Mr. Miller's performance in celebration of our new instrument.

**Opequon Presbyterian Church**  
**Financial Summary for the period ended**  
**August 31, 2021**

	Annual Budget (2021)	Current Month Actual	Year to Date Actual	Annual Budget Remaining	% of Annual Budget Used
<b>Income</b>					
410000 Offering Income	637,500	46,825	442,522	194,978	69.42%
420000 Other Income	750	62	420	330	55.97%
<b>Total 400000 Income</b>	<b>638,250</b>	<b>46,887</b>	<b>442,942</b>	<b>195,308</b>	<b>69.40%</b>
<b>Expenses</b>					
<b>500000 Personnel Costs</b>					
510000 Installed Pastors	175,603	10,751	85,486	90,117	48.68%
520000 Other Ministerial Staff	119,772	9,483	76,664	43,108	64.01%
530000 Administrative Staff	99,757	8,442	60,551	39,206	60.70%
<b>Total 500000 Personnel Costs</b>	<b>395,132</b>	<b>28,676</b>	<b>222,702</b>	<b>172,430</b>	<b>56.36%</b>
<b>600000 Other Ministries</b>					
610000 Christian Education	13,100	705	5,275	7,825	40.26%
620000 Congregational Care	1,400	202	(681)	2,081	-48.66%
630000 Evangelism	2,500	76	1,366	1,134	54.64%
640000 Fellowship	3,450	42	565	2,885	16.38%
650000 Mission	60,750	5,167	36,742	24,008	60.48%
660000 Worship	6,500	368	4,157	2,343	63.95%
<b>Total 600000 Other Ministries</b>	<b>87,700</b>	<b>6,560</b>	<b>47,423</b>	<b>40,277</b>	<b>54.07%</b>
<b>Total 700000 Church Administration</b>	<b>106,775</b>	<b>8,163</b>	<b>82,947</b>	<b>23,828</b>	<b>77.68%</b>
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>589,607</b>	<b>43,399</b>	<b>353,072</b>	<b>236,535</b>	<b>59.88%</b>
<b>Net Operating Income (Expense)</b>	<b>48,643</b>	<b>3,487</b>	<b>89,870</b>	<b>(41,227)</b>	<b>184.75%</b>
920000 Other Income	16,000	1,328	11,640	4,360	72.75%
930000 Other Expenses	117,747	9,687	88,670	29,077	75.31%
<b>Net Other Income (Expense)</b>	<b>(101,747)</b>	<b>(8,359)</b>	<b>(77,029)</b>	<b>(24,718)</b>	<b>75.71%</b>
<b>Income Greater Than (Less Than) Expenses</b>	<b>(\$53,104)</b>	<b>(\$4,872)</b>	<b>\$12,840</b>	<b>(\$65,944)</b>	<b>-24.18%</b>

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Cash

\$161,958

Sanctuary Mortgage Principal Balance

\$714,248

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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<b>3</b> Breadbasket Buffet Bread Swap CCAP Offering, Communion 8:30A In-Person Worship 9:45A Faith Formation 11A In-Person & Live Stream Worship 4:30P Youth Progressive Dinner 4:30P Newcomer's Social	<b>4</b> 10A Staff Meeting 6:30P Ministry Night In-Person Fellowship Hall	<b>5</b> 12Noon Snack n Chat 4:30P LOGOS 6:45P WOW Service 7:15P Choir Rehearsal	<b>6</b> 10:30A Tai Chi @ Shelter 6:30-8:00P Sherando Food Pantry 7P Ageism Book 7P Vision Team @ Shelter	<b>7</b> 10:30A Tai Chi @ Shelter 6:30-8:00P Sherando Food Pantry 7P Ageism Book 7P Vision Team @ Shelter	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> 9A – Noon Organ Workshop
<b>10</b> 8:30A In-Person Worship 9:45A Faith Formation 11A In-Person & Live Stream Worship 12:15P Senior Outreach Ministry 2P PS150/BGM Rehearsal 4P Organ Dedication	<b>11</b> 6P MOO @ Shelter	<b>12</b> 9:30A Tuesday Morning Mission 6P GLOW @ Fellowship Hall	<b>13</b> 12Noon Snack n Chat 4:30P LOGOS 7:15P Choir Rehearsal	<b>14</b> 10:30A Tai Chi @ Shelter 7P Ageism Book	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> 6:30P Youth Haunted House
<b>17</b> 8:30A In-Person Worship 9:45A Faith Formation 11A In-Person & Live Stream Worship	<b>18</b> 12P Life Goes On	<b>19</b> 10A Staff Meeting 7P Session Meeting	<b>20 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE</b> 12Noon Snack n Chat 4:30P LOGOS 7:15P Choir Rehearsal	<b>21</b> 10:30A Tai Chi @ Shelter 6:30-8:00P Sherando Food Pantry 7P Ageism Book	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> 2P – 4P Trunk Or Treat Garden Galapalooza
<b>24</b> 4-Cents-A-Meal Offering 8:30A In-Person Worship 9:45A G.I.F.T. Event 11A In-Person & Live Stream Worship 3P PS150/BGM Rehearsal	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> 5:30P Highland Food Pantry	<b>27</b> 12Noon Snack n Chat 4:30P LOGOS 7:15P Choir Rehearsal	<b>28</b> 10:30A Tai Chi @ Shelter 7P Ageism Book	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> 10A Jubilee Kitchen
<b>31</b> Volunteer Recognition, Habitat Offering, Reformation Sunday 8:30A In-Person Worship 9:45A Faith Formation 11A In-Person & Live Stream Worship 3P PS150/BGM Rehearsal						

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**NOVEMBER**

**DATES TO SAVE:**

- ✓ Election Day – Tuesday, November 2nd
- ✓ November Ministry Team Night – Tuesday, November 2nd
- ✓ Consecration/All Saints' Sunday with Communion – Sunday, November 7th
- ✓ Veterans' Recognition – Sunday, November 14th
- ✓ "The Feast" Take Out Meal – Sunday, November 21st
- ✓ 125th Annual Thanksgiving Service (livestream) – Wednesday, November 24th
- ✓ Thanksgiving Day – Thursday, November 25th
- ✓ G.I.F.T. Event – Sunday, November 28th
- ✓ First Sunday in Advent – Sunday, November 28th

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**OCTOBER**

## "Older Adult of the Year" Nomination

We celebrate our older adults here at Opequon! We postponed our older adult nominations from the usual Springtime timeframe and will be taking nominations early this Fall. The Session will review the nominations and make a final decision at their November meeting. So, you are invited to share a nomination for our "Older Adult of 2021". Please take a few moments to contribute your nomination for Opequon's Older Adult of the year.

(We have celebrated with these loved ones who have been selected in the past as Opequon's Older Adults of the Year: Frances Smith, Louise Duncan, John Boyd, Bill Robinson, Roy Bayliss, Shirley and Dave Brumble, Rob MacGregor, Ty Headley, Edgar Tufts, Howard Kent, Donna Coffman, Betty Ganoe, Carol Tubbs, Graham Taylor, Jack & Carol Treece, Dick & Gail Crane, Martha Fulton, Becky Proctor, and Steve Brown)

**Who would you like to nominate as an Older Adult of the Year at Opequon?** (age 60 or older) \_\_\_\_\_

### **Share WHY you nominate this person-**

- >How has this person served at Opequon Church?
- >What qualities make this person deserving of this nomination?

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Please turn in completed nomination forms to Carole Witt via mail (217 Opequon Church Lane, Winchester, VA 22602) or email to [dce@opequonchurch.org](mailto:dce@opequonchurch.org). or drop off in person during church office hours. All nominations will be considered by the Session and they will make the final decision. **All nominations need to be in by November 1.**