



The Opequon Spirit

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

October 2022

WORSHIP IN OCTOBER

8:30 am In-Person

11:00 am In-Person & Livestream

WORSHIP IN OCTOBER – "God's Fingerprint"

Sunday, October 2 – World Communion Sunday

Lamentations 3:19-26, 2 Timothy 1:1-14,
Luke 17:5-10

Sermon: "Guard the Good Treasure"

Join your church family & world around the Table!

Peacemaking & Global Witness Offering

Wednesday, October 5 – "Worship on Wednesday" (WOW) – 6:30pm

Jonah 1 and 2, Joshua 10, Matthew 8:23-27

Meditation: "The Lord Says..."

Our LOGOS Children, Youth, Staff Participating!

Sunday, October 9

Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7, Luke 17:11-19

Sermon: "Gratitude for the Gift"

Sunday, October 16

Jeremiah 31:27-34, 2 Timothy 3:14-4:5, Luke 18:1-8

Sermon: "Persistent and Tenacious"

Paddy Run Day – 1:00 pm

Sunday, October 23

Joel 2:23-32, Luke 18:9-14

Sermon: "Holy Provision"

Four Cents a Meal

October GIFT Event – 9:45 am

Sunday, October 30

Reformation Sunday

Habakkuk 1:1-4, 2:1-4, Luke 19:1-10

Sermon: "When Jesus Comes to Our House"

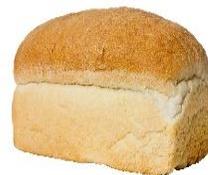
Habitat for Humanity Paint Can Offering

**WORLD
COMMUNION
FESTIVAL,
Wherever you are!**

**Sunday, October 2nd
8:30 & 11:00 am (in-
person) & 11:00 am
(livestreamed)**



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!



BREADBASKET BUFFET SUNDAY

As we celebrate World
Communion Sunday on
October 2, the Christian

Education Team will provide the traditional
'Bread Buffet' with all kinds of breads to enjoy
in the Gathering Area beginning at 9:30am.
Sweet bread, muffins, bagels, Sourdough
bread will all be available for your tasting
pleasure along with jelly, apple butter, juice
and coffee. Come enjoy the treats! You are
invited to bring a non-perishable food item on
World Communion Sunday to help our Blessing
Box food supply. There will be a labeled bin in
the Gathering Area for any donated items.
Thank you very much. You will be nourished,
and you will be nourishing others.

NOTES FROM THE PASTOR: "Yesterday, Today, and Tomorrow"

Dear Friends in Christ,

Twenty years ago, Carole and I were going to middle school football games, since our two boys were playing. Now, after all these years, I'm still going to middle school football games! When I'm in the bleachers or standing alongside the field, someone will inevitably say, "Which one is your son?" And then I have the satisfaction of responding, "My son is right there. He's the coach!" As I write these notes to you, I think back to last evening. I had multiple things I wanted or needed to do. I wanted to go to Aylor Middle School's football game, as our son Joel is the coach. I needed to eat something for dinner. I wanted to walk because it was an incredible weather day; I needed to walk for daily exercise. I wanted to change from dress clothes into shorts for the game; I needed to go back home to wash up and change back to dress clothes. Finally, I needed to get to church before 6:30 pm for a session meeting; I wanted to be a little early since we were meeting with fifteen newcomers. This all needed to be accomplished in two hours or less! Crazy, I know. On my drive home, I realized that if I quickly changed, quickly ate dinner, drove to a nearby park and then walked the rest of the way, I could accomplish half of the list. I did! If I left the game at halftime, I would have enough time to go home and still get to church. Well, I had to leave a little before halftime, but I did get washed, changed, and back to church with just 3 minutes to spare. Whoa!

Why am I telling y'all this, you may ask? Well, when Carole and I embark on such endeavors today, we are quickly reminded of what we used to experience when our kids were younger, when we were "dividing and conquering" (often with the help of my mom!), with three playing sports at different places and times, juggling and balancing our family life, our church roles, and our faith. It was an exciting and ambitious, sometimes stressful time. We are grateful that we not only survived but thrived and were able to integrate the

nurture and development of their faith and ours.

Today families are pushed and pulled just as we were. Activities keep them on the go as they try to maintain the rhythm of family life, balancing and juggling. They need our prayers, encouragement, and love, especially as they nurture faith, and as we invite their participation. Recent polls and studies by the Barna research organization have found that faith formation is largely in place by the time a child reaches age 13, concluding that "if you cultivate a culture at your church where kids are known, loved, and cared for by other loving, caring adults who are engaging with them, you're going to ... develop children who become teenagers, students, and young adults who have lasting faith." So, that's our aim as all ages worship together, gather for GIFT Events, and draw the circle wide through LOGOS; as we send out weekly "Sunday Tid Bits" and monthly "lessons at home," and offer a variety of intergenerational opportunities to be the church. Our goal is to nurture disciples through intentional and diverse faith formation, encouraging families and meeting them where they're at.

I am thankful for the yesterday, today, and tomorrow of family life that integrated faith and fun. Now, I can look forward to the day in the distant future when I may be on the sidelines cheering on a grandchild out on a field or court while also nurturing faith.

Together in Christ's Service,



NOTES FROM ASSOCIATE PASTOR

Pastor Julia's musings:

Friends in Christ,

This month I have been sitting a lot with the idea of community especially considering what it means to build and foster community. I don't know if you have quite figured it out yet, but I love people. I love fostering deep relationships with others, especially towards a common goal. That love I think is what makes me so incredibly happy in Opequon, because I see you all doing that so well.

I've been digging in a bit to the Christian importance of community, and to me community starts in the very trinity that we believe in. The Nicene Creed, someone we say often, proclaims, that we believe in One God, the Father, Jesus Christ, the Son who is eternally begotten of the Father, and the Holy Spirit, the giver of life. We see these identities of God as both unique entities and irrevocably intertwined. Now that I've dug myself deep into this very complex aspect of Christianity in a huge simplification, the trinity to me means that God inherently works in community.

We all know the words that Paul states in 1 Corinthians 12:12: "For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ." Just as God works in community, so too we are called to live in the one body together. By being in community, we are closer to the full identity that God calls us to be.

I want to end by sharing a poem:

"We never know who we are" - Margaret Wheatley

*We never know who we are
(this is strange, isn't it?)*

*or what vows we made
or who we knew*

*or what we hoped for
or where we were*

*when the world's dreams
were seeded.*

Until the day just one of us

*sighs a gentle longing
and we all feel the change*

*one of us calls a name
and we know to be there*

*one of us tells a dream
and we all breathe life into it*

*one of us asks "why?"
and we all know the answer.*

It is very strange.

We never know who we are.

Amen.
Rev.



JUST THINKIN'

October! What a great month!! Of course, I especially love October because of the crisp air and colored leaves. The entire world around me seems to say that it is time to get going, start new projects, and catch-up on loose ends. October is also when we ask you to think about the many ways we all support Opequon Presbyterian Church, its mission and ministry. This year I am especially excited about our Generosity Outreach because it is centered on giving thanks. God's Fingerprint, a poster you will find in the Gathering Area, is the focal point of our outreach. Its calligraphy demonstrates how we know God and how God speaks to us through scripture. This piece reminds me of the vastness of God's outreach toward God's people. I was surprised to find the connection between the 66 books of our Bible and the 66 whorls of a human fingerprint. I find that I discover something new to read, study, and pray about each time I look at it. Some of us have been having fun working toward discovering our own fingerprints here at OPC. I have enjoyed the workshops we have offered. If you missed them and want to try the process, we have several workbooks available in the Gathering Area. The work is not hard and you might just find that you feel very connected to God, the people of God, and especially OPC's congregation when you try it. Playing with this concept might just help you know how important **you** are to God and the rest of us.

Your fingerprint is the piece of yourself you leave wherever you are, whenever you are engaged with life. A fingerprint is left on everything you touch. You might be unaware of it, but it is still there. Your fingerprint is unique and says, "I was there; I cared, I matter."

Think of the many, many fingerprints we leave each Sunday in our hymnals. Think of your fingerprints as you pass the offering plate every week. Then think of the spiritual fingerprints you leave whenever you encounter a friend, a newcomer, one of our children or long timers. You make a difference far more often than you might imagine. Are you aware

of that? DO you ever thank yourself for your own distinctive contributions?

When you make a pledge to Opequon, you leave a fingerprint that is long lasting. You say, "God, I want to thank You for my life and Your many gifts." I believe God knows and blesses us when we do this. I also believe that talking with God about your support through money, time, and prayer makes a huge difference in God's world. Pledging your own gifts through Opequon Church says, "I believe in the work of this congregation and I want to be an active part of its outreach." Your pledge is one way you leave your mark on today and also towards tomorrow.

We are having fun with our Generosity outreach this year. The CAT in the Hat has visited. OPIE the church mouse has distributed fudge, and there is more fun coming. Being part of the OPC experience is never boring. When you leave your mark at Opequon, you make a difference over the long term because our church reaches out toward the future as she experiences and enhances the present. Think of the many faithful people who are no longer earthbound but still influence us today. Being part of such an active church is satisfying for every aspect of your life. Please talk to God (The BOSS) and do as God suggests. Your support matters because you matter...to God...to the Opequon congregation...to all of us.

Grace

SEPTEMBER SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

*Session met with newcomers and welcomed 15 new members into the fellowship of Opequon Presbyterian Church.

*Vision and Building & Grounds Team's Walk Around to complete OPC's Physical Asset Mapping continues with active brainstorming about future possible space usage at OPC. The next step is to include a Community Needs Assessment to assist in identifying and discovering community needs and new ways to utilize OPC's "physical assets".

*Session voted unanimously to endorse the Hiatt Global Mission Fund Grant Application to Presbytery of Shenandoah as prepared by Richard Schempp regarding a summer 2023

mission trip to Romania.

*Thank you, Karen Winters, for leaving your artistic fingerprint on the garden gates!

*The Evangelism Team continues to seek volunteers to join the team, serve as Hospitality Greeters, and expand Visitation Teams.

*Stewardship & Finance reported on financial results through August and noted that General Fund giving has fallen behind expected (budgeted) giving through August while General Fund expenses are occurring at the expected rate, resulting in a decreasing cash balance in the General Fund account.

*Buildings & Grounds reported on the status of the major re-roofing project, which is about 85% complete. The true test of the new roof will be after the next big rain to ensure everything is sealed before doing any repainting.

*On the recommendation of Worship Ministry, Session approved the following:

- Communion will be served at the Thanksgiving and the Christmas Eve (7:00 PM) services.
- We will hold two services on December 24th, with times of 5:00 PM and 7:00 PM.
- There will be one service at 10:00 AM on Sunday, December 25th and on Sunday, January 1st.

*Elder Commissioners Ron Smith & Beth Barr reported on attending the virtual (via Zoom) Shenandoah Presbytery meeting Aug. 27th where Pastor Julia Burkley was recognized.

Ann Smith, Clerk of Session

NOTE ABOUT INCOME SHORTFALL AND INFLATION

The Cost of...Everything

As we recover from the past few years of COVID, resource gaps and resultant inflation, prices for everything have risen all over. A trip to the gas station or grocery store all too often surprises us with its cost. While it is easy to track the impact on our own family expenses, higher prices have affected the church as well. The cost of needed repairs has risen. Supplies now cost more. Everything has gone up for OPC just as it has for each of us. Our General Fund expenses are outpacing our General Fund

giving in 2022 resulting in lower than planned cash balances. If you can, please consider adding just a bit to your regular church offering to help mitigate this drain on our church resources. Not all of us will be able to do this, but a response from those who can, will make a difference. Any amount will help. While Opequon Church is far from broke, higher prices do take their toll. Please help if you can.

Stewardship and Finance Team

OCTOBER 2022 DOOR GREETERS

Door Greeters	8:30	11:00
Oct. 2	Jeannie Wright Alyce Callahan	Heather and Steve Burton
Oct. 9	Barbara and Carroll Youngblood	Mike Nutry and Heather Burton
Oct. 16	Barbara and Carroll Youngblood	Lisa Reed and Fran Jeffries
Oct. 23	Alyce Callahan Laverne Cooper	Carole and Corine Fox
Oct. 30	Barbara and Carroll Youngblood	Carolyn and Gary Rutherford

WE WELCOME AS NEW MEMBERS...

Hazel Spriggs, by Letter of Transfer from Pender United Methodist Church, Fairfax, VA

Becky Myers, by Letter of Transfer from First Christian Church, Winchester, VA

Ben & Winter Brooks, by Letter of Transfer from Macedonia United Methodist Church, White Post, VA

Ellen Cunningham, by Letter of Transfer from First Presbyterian Church, Winchester, VA

Ken Freeman, by Letter of Transfer from Rocky River Presbyterian Church, Concord, NC

Bob Hagen, by Letter of Transfer from St. Thomas United Methodist Church, Manassas, VA

Tiffanie Hartman, by Baptism and Profession of Faith

Don Larsen, by Letter of Transfer from The

Lake of Woods Church, Locust Grove, VA
Jan McMullin, by Reaffirmation of Faith
Judy Moody, by Letter of Transfer from Westminster Presbyterian Church, Natchez, MS
Gretchen & David (Dave) Rusch, by Letter of Transfer from First Presbyterian Church, Winchester, VA

Pam Olsen, by Letter of Transfer from First Presbyterian Church, Winchester, VA

Gloria Ortiz, Reaffirmation of Faith

Nancy Picklap, by Letter of Transfer from First Presbyterian Church, Winchester, VA

Alura Stoffel, by Letter of Transfer from Eagle Heights Presbyterian Church, Winchester, VA

ADULT FAITH FORMATION OPPORTUNITIES...

Living Our Faith/Spiritual Growth Class, 9:45 am Sundays, Assembly Room & ZOOM
Follow Me: "Forgive"

Our Daily Bread Bible Study, 6:15 pm Wednesdays, Assembly Room
Bible Lectionary Texts

Micah 6:8 Class, 7:00 pm Thursdays, Bageant Room & ZOOM
Gun Violence Documentary Study

Baptism THROUGH THE WATERS OF BAPTISM...

We welcomed Jaden Mitchell Hartman into the baptized membership of Opequon on Sunday, September 25. Jaden is the son of Josh and Tiffanie Hartman, the grandson of Clayton and Terry Hartman, and the great-grandson of Carroll and Barbara Youngblood. His big brother is Jace. Tiffanie Hartman was also baptized as a part of her profession of faith. May God's Spirit rest upon Jaden and his family, and may we, as his church family, nurture and love him.



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 Sunday, October 16, many inside the building, some readily accessible on the front porch/sanctuary entrance. Each box will contain a list of items needed. Roasting pans WILL NOT be included this year, so please purchase one to include with your box. ALL BOXES ARE DUE BACK AT CHURCH BY SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 13. Besides Sunday mornings, we will have two drop off days for those who would like assistance unloading: On Tuesday, November 1st (4:30-6:00 pm) and Friday, November 11th (12:00-1:30pm). Our goal is to surpass 115 boxes this year as we share and care for those in need within our community.



OUT of the DARKNESS COMMUNITY WALK

Join Opequon Church on
October 8th at 10

am at Sherando High School and Sherando Park as we walk to support suicide prevention and show up for those who have been affected by suicide and mental health in our community. The Out of the Darkness Community Walk is a journey of remembrance, hope, and support. It unites our communities and provides an opportunity to acknowledge the ways in which suicide and mental health conditions have affected our lives and the lives of those we love and care about. Sign up to join our team here or donate: <https://supporting.afsp.org/team/302783>. Let's show up as a church family!



CAMP PADDY RUN DAY IS FOR EVERYONE OF ALL AGES!

Have you ever been to our wilderness camp, tucked into southwestern Frederick County, straddling the Shenandoah County line with West Virginia in site? What a little piece of heaven, especially in the fall! Come join us for Opequon Church's **October 16th fellowship event at Camp Paddy Run**, our presbytery's camp near Star Tannery. The Men of Opequon (MOO) will be leading the way, preparing soup,

chili, and sandwiches. Drinks will also be provided. Simply bring a dessert to share. We'll leave right after the 11:00 a.m. worship service and travel out to Paddy Run for fun and fellowship, getting to know one another in the glorious outdoors of a fall afternoon. We'll take the church van if people would like to go together; otherwise, see the directions below. **THIS IS AN EVENT FOR THE WHOLE CHURCH FAMILY AND PEOPLE OF ALL AGES!**

DIRECTIONS TO CAMP PADDY RUN:

Camp Paddy Run is halfway between Strasburg, VA and Wardensville, WV. To reach the camp, turn south from VA-55 onto Route 604 just west of Cedar Creek (the Shenandoah County Line). This is 8.8 miles from I-81 (exit 296) and 4.9 miles from Lebanon Church. Immediately after crossing Cedar Creek, turn left on Star Tannery Road. In about a mile it turns slightly left at Brill Road and becomes Gravel Springs Road. In about another mile (at intersection with Pifer Road) it becomes Oates Road (Rt. 600). Stay to your left at the 'Y' in the road—you will see 'Star Market' just up ahead on your left. You will pass 'Star Market' on your left and go another mile to the intersection with Paddy's Run Road (Rt. 602). Turn left onto Paddy's Run Road—look for a field that has recently been cleared with horses and signs that say "Orndorff Corner." This is a gravel road—PLEASE DRIVE SLOW. It's a mile and a half to the camp from that turn. You'll go up a steep hill, the woods will clear, there is a field on your right with a fence, a sign and a gate. Turn right through the gate.



Learn
&
Grow

NEWCOMERS' CLASS

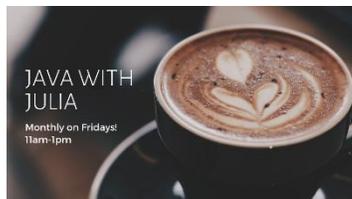
Are you new to Opequon Church or our community? Would you like to know more about the heritage, mission, and vision of Opequon Church? Do you have some questions about what, where, when, why, and how we do things within this faith community? Would you like to become a member of Opequon? If you said "yes!" to any of these questions, you are cordially invited and encouraged to attend our upcoming Newcomers' Class **THIS MONTH**. We will gather two times, on Sunday, October 9 and Sunday, October 23 at 4:00 pm. We'll meet each time in the Fellowship Hall until 6:00 pm. If you have questions, please contact Pastor David Witt (662-1843 or

pastor@opequonchurch.org), who will be facilitating this time of sharing; to help prepare the appropriate resources, please also let him know you would like to attend.



MEN OF OPEQUON THIS MONTH

The Men of Opequon (MOO) will gather for dinner on Monday, October 10 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 new presentation by Dan Cammer on the incredible 9-11 response as the events of that day unfolded. We are grateful that we will share his gifts before he and Ellie relocate to North Carolina. This will be a special time for us to pray with him and over him before they leave. Dessert will be provided. We'll also finalize our plans for Camp Paddy Run Day and hosting the November Ministry Team Night. All men are wanted and needed!



JAVA WITH JULIA

Come and join Pastor Julia one Friday of the month from 11 am-1 pm for coffee or tea and

conversation! We will gather at different local coffee shops around Winchester monthly for casual conversation as a way to get to know one another. Come and go as you need, but please RSVP to pastorjulia@opequonchurch.org by the Sunday before. Location might shift slightly depending on how many people can come!

Schedule through the end of the year:
October 28: Espresso Bar
November 18th: Hopscotch Cafe
December 16th: Hideaway Cafe



2022 OLDER ADULTS OF OPC

Congratulations to Betty Chicklo and June Malone for being selected as Opequon's Older Adults of 2022! They were

chosen by the Session who reviewed 26 total nominations for 12 different people. Betty and June are often referred to as the 'SISTER DUO', always working extremely hard behind the scenes to do what is needed. They have tremendous devotion to Opequon Church and the people of this congregation. They go above and beyond what anyone could ask or expect. Simply put, "THEY ARE AMAZING"! "THEY ARE THE BEST"! They are shining examples of the spirit of Opequon Church! They are true servants of God and do so unselfishly. We love Betty Chicklo and June Malone!



October's words for you are: "Life is sweeter with YOU!! Welcome to another Fall season! Enjoy some fresh air and beautiful colors! This month the Older Adult Planning Team will meet on Monday, October 3, at 9:30am in the Bageant Room to plan for Happy Days gatherings and other older adult events. This meeting is open to any older adult who would like to come. A tasty morning treat will be served. We have a local trip scheduled for later in October. See the details below.

>Round Hill Fire Department- Tuesday, October 25, meet at the church at 10:00am. The cost is \$5.00 plus lunch. Lunch will be at Hayfield Restaurant.

If you would like to sign up for this trip, please contact Carole Witt (dce@opequonchurch.org or 540-662-1843) to see if spaces are still available for you.



GLOW: GOD-LOVING OPEQUON WOMEN

GLOW is Opequon's multi-aged Women's group that meets monthly to build friendships and enjoy heart-warming activities together. Last month we enjoyed an inspiring presentation by Pastor Tracie about God's Fingerprint. It offered us much to ponder! GLOW will meet this month on **Tuesday, October 11 at 6:00pm for a BONFIRE Night. This will**

be outside in the 'drop-off' circle by the office entrance. Bring your own lawn chair if able. (There will be some chairs available!) We will enjoy devotions, share stories, roast hot dogs and make s'mores! Pastor Julia will also play her guitar for us! Sounds like a terrific evening together! Give yourself the treat of an evening with the ladies. All women are invited.



THE LATEST IN LOGOS

LOGOS began on September 14, once again filling the church building with the laughter of children, scampering feet as everyone plays and moves about, pots and pans being washed and dried, music and songs ringing out and rooms being used for all kinds of creative lessons! The Amazing Race of Faith in this 25th year has taken off. We are blessed to have 35 young people joining a staff of 56 leaders who come together each Wednesday to make it all happen! This month we will enjoy the themes "Tongue Twister Night", "Cup Stomping Night" and a very special "Bring a Friend to Wheel of Fortune Night". (Invitations for LOGOS young people to use will be provided) LOGOS is held on Wednesdays, 4:30-7:15pm. It is open to all K-12 young people. Come see that "LOGOS is one of the best things happening at Opequon!" Let us share these special Wednesday evenings with your child or youth!

On **October 5**, LOGOS time will also include **'Worship on Wednesday'** (WOW) in the sanctuary at **6:30pm**. LOGOS young people will be sharing in worship that evening. Everyone is invited to worship with us that evening. For more information about LOGOS, contact Carole Witt at 540-662-1843 or dce@opequonchurch.org.



OBJECT LESSON FOR KIDS THIS MONTH

This month's children's lesson is titled "CAKE- Let God do the Baking". This lesson encourages children to think about the ingredients in a tasty cake. What would each

one taste like on its own? What happens when the ingredients are all combined correctly? Sometimes events or occurrences in our lives are not very 'tasty' just like some of the cake ingredients if eaten by themselves. God uses everything to work together for the good. Grab a piece of cake and enjoy this lesson. Older preschool and elementary-age children will receive this lesson in the mail. Look for it to arrive in your mailbox very soon. Enjoy!

GIFT EVENT- Sunday, October 23;

9:45am- Fellowship Hall
GIFT means "Generations in Faith Together", providing a time for all ages to come together for a themed intergenerational experience. The theme this month is "Signs of God's Love". We will explore our wonderful sacraments of Communion and Baptism through stories, hands-on activities, and special conversations. Of course, we will be nourished by homemade bread, grapes, and water. Your day is bound to be enriched by your time at GIFT.



**REFORMATION SUNDAY
Sunday, October 30th**

"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!



**OPEN HOUSE
BABY SHOWER**

You are invited to stop by the Fellowship Hall on Sunday, October 30 anytime 12:30-2:00pm to celebrate the expected birth of Susan and Joel Witt's baby. Share good wishes with them and

help yourself to some tasty treats. If you are interested, Susan is registered on Amazon.com.



MINISTRY TEAM NIGHT DINNER MENU
The Ministry Team night dinner menu for Tuesday, October 4 is Shepherd's Pie (vegetables included), Rolls, Fruit, Oreo Pudding and Apple Crisp.



THANKSGIVING FEAST MEAL DONATIONS NEEDED
The annual Thanksgiving Feast is on Sunday, November 20 for our whole congregation. Our Opequon

Youth host this event & appreciate your help in donating needed items for a Thanksgiving meal. Please visit the sign up sheet in the Gathering Area. As the youth serve you a full turkey dinner on the day of the Feast, they appreciate your monetary donations that go completely towards their Christmas service project. Plan to come & be a part of this great time of gratitude. Questions about donations or the meal? Ask Rebekah Witt. Thank you!

SENIOR OUTREACH MINISTRY

Join us in spreading kindness to our neighbors who live in low-income housing on October 9 at 12:15pm. Let Rebekah Witt know if you'd like to participate. Donations welcome: Canned soup, paper towels, toilet paper, dish soap & sponges, canned vegetables, pudding cups, fruit cups, and 2-in-1 shampoo & conditioner.



YOUTH GROUP GRADES 6-12
October 2-Progressive Dinner, 4:30pm-7:30pm

October 9-Senior Outreach Ministry 12:15pm
October 23-Youth & Young Adult Sunday Prep 12:30pm-2:30pm

YOUNG ADULTS AGES 18-35
October 23-Youth & Young Adult Sunday Prep- 12:30pm-2:30pm

A NOTE ABOUT THE ONGOING ROOFING PROJECT
Creaks & Leaks

As we at OPC explore our fingerprint and how we are all different, but make up a body, it is sometimes hard not to notice that a body, each body, needs caring for. Our church building is much like an aging body. It has had it creaks and leaks in recent years. You may have even helped clean up a soggy mess or two (thank you again, GLOW, LOGOS Leadership Team, Mike Wygant, Robert Sydnor and the church staff). Recently, you may have noticed leaking ceilings, buckets, tarps, and workmen. As such, contractors as led by Mike Wygant and the Building & Grounds Team, have been busy replacing membrane roofing and failed skylights. HVAC units and ductwork are being repaired and wrapped to prevent further leaks in the Gathering Area. Some of this was extensive, and somewhat expensive. We are indeed blessed to have had the estimated \$110,000 funds in reserve to cover the costs. However, we know it is important to replenish these funds as we can. And the good news: we should be dry going forward and the expected life of this repair/replacement work is 20+ years. Thank you for your understanding, patience, and future support while we work to keep our church building a functional space to heartily serve and worship God!



OPC TALENT SHOW
IT'S TIME TO PLAY THE MUSIC AND TURN DOWN THE LIGHTS! No not the Muppet Show, but the OPC Talent Show is BACK! October 29 at 6 pm. This year we encourage children (of all ages) to come dressed in their Halloween costumes. We will have a potluck supper, lots of OPC Talent, a costume parade and lots of laughter and fun! JOIN US! Information is in the Gathering Area or contact Marj Praml at 540-327-2667.



LIFE GOES ON

Life Goes On will be meeting on October 17th at noon in the Fellowship Hall, followed by episode 2 of *The Chosen*. See you there!



ROOTS & SHOOTS

This summer has been busy for Roots & Shoots! As of September 13th, just over 1,125 pounds had been harvested and donated from the garden! We are thankful

to have been able to expand our outreach and donate produce to not only the Highland and Sherando Food Pantries, but also the Salvation Army, the CCAP Free Fridge, and the Men's Rescue Mission. We were also able to share our mission at the Big Event (pictured above), had volunteers from Shockey for the United Way Day of Caring, and added new volunteers to our group that found us online! As always, if you are interested in volunteering with the Roots and Shoots Garden, email graysonmoyer7@gmail.com.



The new monthly Circle of Conversation fellowship program will meet via Zoom at 1:00 p.m. on the first Tuesday of each month, October through June.

Come join the first gathering on Tuesday, October 4, at 1:00 p.m. The hour-long program will follow the format of the "Snacking and Chatting with the Pastor" program that originated during the pandemic, with time for conversation followed by prayer. Becky Proctor, Edwina Johansen, and Peggy Myer will alternate as Zoom Hosts. Pastor Burkley and Pastor Witt will occasionally drop in on the meetings if/when their schedules permit.



FAIR TRADE EQUAL EXCHANGE

Remember to stop in and pick up some great tasting coffee and a chocolate bar to enjoy! You will find these items in the kiosk located in the Gathering Area.



Highland Food Pantry's Annual Fundraiser: "Men on a Mission" Saturday, November 5

The hunger crisis in our community is very real

and continues to grow. Despite the Covid pandemic, the Highland Food Pantry has remained open to serve food insecure folks in the Winchester area. For the first time since the pandemic began, The Highland Food Pantry will resume its signature fundraising event, "Men on a Mission," on Saturday, November 5th, in First Presbyterian Church's Fellowship Hall. How can you support this fundraiser?

1. Become a sponsor and make a donation! No amount is too small. You can mail a check to P.O. Box 1762, Winchester, VA 22604, or visit the pantry's website at highlandpantrywinc.com to make a one-time or recurring online contribution.

2. Love to cook? Dig out your favorite recipe and come join the team! We are now recruiting chefs, so men—please step up and truly make this a great "men on a mission." Chef forms and information are available on the pantry's website.

3. Attend this beloved community-wide event! 100% of the proceeds from ticket sales is used to purchase food for distribution at the pantry. Tickets are \$30 and can be purchased from Barbara Rupert, OPC's liaison to the Highland Food Pantry. Contact her at bfrupert@gmail.com or 540 247-6951 for tickets.



BLOOD PRESSURE CHECKS

We will be taking blood pressures on Sunday, October 16th.



Dear OPC family,
 Thank you so much for the prayers, calls, and acts of kindness that you showed our family during Parker's recent surgery. We are blessed to be a part of such a caring group of people. Sincerely,
 The Plunk Family

Dear OPC family,
 We would like to thank everyone for their kind thoughts and prayers during this difficult time for our family. The cards and care package were greatly appreciated. Our grandma enjoyed attending church at OPC for various holidays, she especially enjoyed the drive-in services! Thank you again.

-♡-
 Astorino + Burton Families

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

Oct 4th

from 5:30-6:30pm
 (prior to Ministry Team Night)

Oct 12th

from 11am – 12pm (prior to Happy Days)

Oct 16th 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) or Julia Burkley (pastorjulia@opequonchurch.com) if you have any questions.



Please remember in prayer the Lingo/Walker family, upon the death of their mother, grandmother, and sister, Ellie Lingo, on August 31st.

Please continue to keep Jack and Carol Treece in your prayers as they grieve the death of Jack's sister, Peggy Myles, on September 9th.

"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

Friendship SOUP
 Make jars of Italian barley soup to share love and warmth with friends.

What you need:

- 1 cup pearled barley
- ½ cup sundried tomatoes
- 1 Tbsp dry minced garlic
- 1 Tbsp dry minced onion
- 1 veggie bouillon cube
- Glass pint jars with lids
- Cardstock
- Scissors
- Pen

What you do:

1. In order, layer the first five ingredients into the jar.
2. Trace the outline of the lid onto cardstock. Cut out.
3. On the card, write these directions: Remove wrapper from bouillon cube. Add contents of jar to saucepan. Add 4 cups water and a can of diced tomatoes. Bring to a boil over high heat, reduce to low. Simmer about 20 minutes, until barley is tender. Serve with parmesan cheese.
4. Place the card atop the lid. Screw on the canning ring to keep it in place.

Opequon Presbyterian Church
Financial Summary for the period ended
August 31, 2022

	Annual Budget (2021)	Current Month Actual	Year to Date Actual	Annual Budget Remaining	% of Annual Budget Used
Income					
410000 Offering Income	763,270	45,678	469,971	293,298	61.6%
420000 Other Income	700	126	1,412	(712)	201.7%
Total 400000 Income	763,970	45,804	471,383	292,587	61.7%
Expenses					
500000 Personnel Costs					
510000 Installed Pastors	189,664	18,670	109,933	79,731	58.0%
520000 Other Ministerial Staff	125,975	10,236	86,493	39,482	68.7%
530000 Administrative Staff	129,220	10,286	82,924	46,296	64.2%
Total 500000 Personnel Costs	444,859	39,192	279,350	165,509	62.8%
600000 Other Ministries					
610000 Christian Education	13,500	913	7,258	6,242	53.8%
620000 Congregational Care	2,000	63	440	1,560	22.0%
630000 Evangelism	2,900	183	952	1,948	32.8%
640000 Fellowship	3,580	324	756	2,824	21.1%
650000 Mission	65,750	8,746	45,883	19,867	69.8%
660000 Worship	7,000	1,666	3,350	3,650	47.9%
Total 600000 Other Ministries	94,730	11,896	58,639	36,091	61.9%
Total 700000 Church Administration	119,144	14,482	107,217	11,927	90.0%
Total Expenses	658,733	65,570	445,205	213,528	67.6%
Net Operating Income (Expense)	105,237	(19,766)	26,178	79,059	24.9%
920000 Other Income	15,540	1,905	11,763	3,777	75.7%
930000 Other Expenses	117,717	10,656	99,247	18,470	84.3%
Net Other Income (Expense)	(102,177)	(8,751)	(87,484)	(14,693)	85.6%
Income Greater Than (Less Than) Expenses	3,060	(28,517)	(61,306)	64,366	
Adjustment for Mortgage Prepay from 2021					
Cash Surplus			20,000	(20,000)	
Income Greater Than (Less Than) Expenses					
After Adjustments	\$ 3,060	\$ (28,517)	\$ (41,306)	\$ 44,366	-1350.0%

	<u>8/31/22</u>
Cash	<u>\$ 97,185</u>
Sanctuary Mortgage Principal Balance	<u>\$ 605,142</u>

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 Peace & Global Witness Offering & World Communion 8:30 A In Person Worship 9:30 A Bread Basket Buffett 9:45 A Faith Formation 11:00 A In Person & Livestream Worship 4:30 P Youth Progressive Dinner	3 9:30 A Older Adult Ministry Meeting 6:00 P Windsong	4 10:00 A Staff Meeting 12 Noon Circle of Conversation 6:00 P Ministry Team Night	5 4:30 P LOGOS 6:30 P WOW 7:15 P Choir Practice	6 10:30 A Tai Chi 6:30 P Sherando Food Pantry 7:00 P Micah 6:8 7:00 P Vision Team Meeting	7	8 10:00 A Walk Out of Darkness
9 8:30 A In Person Worship 9:45 A Faith Formation 11:00 A In Person & Livestream Worship 12:15 A Senior Outreach 1:00 P Newcomer Coffee Hour 4:00 P Newcomers Class	10 6:00 P Windsong 6:00 P MOO	11 9:30 A Tuesday Morning Mission 6:00 P GLOW	12 12 Noon Happy Days 4:30 LOGOS 6:15 P Our Daily Bread Class 7:15 P Choir Practice	13 10:30 A Tai Chi 6:30 P Conversation Partner Training 7:00 P Micah 6:8	14	15
16 Blood Pressure Checks 8:30 A In Person Worship 10:00 9:45 A Faith Formation 11:00 A In Person & Livestream Worship 1:00 P Camp Paddy Run	17 12 Noon Life Goes On 6:00 P Windsong 6:00 P Safety Meeting	18 10:00 A Staff Meeting 7:00 P Session	19 Newsletter Deadline 12 Noon 4-Mid Able Music 4:30 P LOGOS 6:15 P Our Daily Bread Class 7:15 P Choir Pract	20 10:30 A Tai Chi 6:30 P Sherando Food Pantry 7:00 P Micah 6:8	21	22 11:00A Crafting With Becky
23 4 Cents A Meal Offering 8:30 A In Person Worship 9:45 A GIFT Event 11:00 A In Person & Live Stream Worship 12:30 P Youth & YA Sunday Prep 4:00 P Newcomers Class	24 6:00 P Windsong	25 10:00 A Older Adult Trip 2:30 P TVOR Gathering 5:30 P Highland Food Pantry	26 4:30 P LOGOS 6:15 P Our Daily Bread Class 7:15 P Choir Practice	27 10:30 A Tai Chi 6:30 P Book Club 7:00 P Micah 6:8	28	29 10:00A Jubilee Kitchen 6:00 P Talent Show
30 8:30 A In Person Worship 9:45 A Faith Formation 11:00 A In Person & Live Stream Worship 12:30 P Open House Baby Shower For Susan Witt	31 6:00 P Windsong					

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NOVEMBER DATES TO NOTE:

November Ministry Team Night – Tuesday, November 1st
 Worship on Wednesdays (WOW) – Wednesday, November 2nd
 Pledge/All Saints' Sunday with Communion – Sunday, November 6th
 Election Day – Tuesday, November 8th
 Veterans' Recognition – Sunday, November 13th
 "The Feast" Thanksgiving Meal – Sunday, November 20th
 126th Annual Thanksgiving Service – Wednesday, November 23rd
 Thanksgiving Day – Thursday, November 24th
 November G.I.F.T. Event – Sunday, November 27th
 First Sunday of Advent – Sunday, November 27th