

OPEQUON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Christ's hands, heart, and feet in the world

Opequon Presbyterian Church and its members are deeply invested in our local and global community, partnering in mission with many organizations. The Mission Team invites you to learn about the organizations below, and listen to where God is calling you to be His hands, heart, and feet in this world.

OPC ROOTS & SHOOTS GARDEN

We are called to grow food for our hungry brothers and sisters in Christ in our community. Our mission is to share the light of Christ and to eradicate food insecurity. We are rooted in God's love for us, and we reach out to engage others in our mission. The garden began and thrived on Hedgebrook Farm for 10 years, and we are now in our 2nd year on OPC grounds. Last year we donated just under 2000 lbs of fresh produce. Come grow with us, or donate funds to help maintain the guardian and adjacent insectary beds! Harvest times throughout growing season: Mondays 8am-noon



1st & 3rd Wednesday (time varies)

Food transport: Tuesday morning (Highland Food Pantry)

1st & 3rd Thursdays (Sherando Food Pantry)

Contact: Grayson Moyer (graysonmoyer7@gmail.com)

EQUAL EXCHANGE / FAIRLY TRADED

This symbol has been recognized at OPC for a number of years. Starting with Pat Burslem's initiative, our congregation has conducted business with small farmers from all points worldwide. We have purchased their products of coffee, tea, and chocolate even during the pandemic. This initiative is part of the Mission Ministry at OPC. Beginning in September, every 4th Sunday (both services), the Exchange Table will offer products for sale. Purchases can also be made by shopping at the Gathering Area Kiosk and paying for purchases by check paid to OPC or through the OPC's online pay.



HIGHLAND FOOD PANTRY

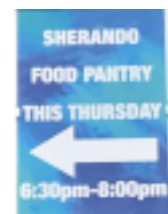
Since 2013, The Highland Food Pantry has distributed food every Tuesday to food-insecure members of our local community. Last year, Highland Food Pantry provided food to more than 6,250 households, and the need continues to grow. For nearly six years Opequon Presbyterian Church has packed food boxes on Tuesday evenings for this organization - but there are plenty of other times and opportunities you could volunteer!



Website: <https://www.highlandpantrywinc.org/home>

Contact: Barbara Rupert (540) 247-6951 bfrupert@gmail.com

SHERANDO FOOD PANTRY



Sherando Food Pantry is an outreach to the local community of Stephens City, Frederick County, and anyone in need of food assistance. They distribute food boxes and are open the 2nd Thursday each month from 6:30pm - 8pm.

Contact: sherandofoodpantry@gmail.com

WATTS

WATTS provides a safe, temporary overnight shelter for homeless adult guests during the winter months at several temporary host sites in Winchester, Frederick and Clark Counties. The shelter locations open the week of November 5th 2022 and ends the week of March 18th 2023.

OPC will be hosting WATTS December 26th - Jan 2nd on site here at our church! Due to Covid19, the last 2 seasons the shelter was housed at the Braddock United Methodist church, but that has come to an end. We will once again have the opportunity to show WATTS guests radical hospitality within our own church building. We will need LOTS of volunteers to make our week a success for our guests, please stop by our mission fair table and sign up to help with our week or ask us about WATTS.

Contact: execdirector@watts-homelessshelter.org

Website: <https://watts-homelessshelter.org/>



SINCLAIR FREE HEALTH CLINIC

Since 1986, Sinclair Health Clinic has served the medically underserved and uninsured residents of the City of Winchester, Frederick County, and Clarke County. Sinclair Health Clinic is the only affordable primary care provider for Winchester, Frederick County, and Clarke County, providing high-quality, affordable physical health, mental health, pharmacy, and wellness services to uninsured community members and those on Medicaid. People making less than 200% of the federal poverty (FPL) donate \$5 if they can, and in 2020 we revised our sliding scale to provide services for those earning less than 300% (FPL), sometimes described as 'the working poor'.

Contact: Jeffrey Stern jstern@sinclairhealthclinic.org

Website: www.sinclairhealthclinic.org



CCAP

The purpose of CCAP is a nonprofit charitable organization that provides financial assistance, food, clothing, and material assistance for the citizens of Winchester and Frederick County. We are blessed to give aid because of a loving and merciful God, a compassionate community and many individuals who volunteer countless hours to help others.

Contact: volcoordinator@ccapwinchester.com

Website: <https://www.ccapwinchester.org/>



AMERICAN FOUNDATION FOR SUICIDE PREVENTION

AFSP is dedicated to saving lives and bringing HOPE to those affected by suicide, including those who have experienced a loss. Volunteers raise funds, work to pass legislation, support families, present education, advocate on social media, and organize Out of the Darkness Community walks. AFSP has HOPE for a future where mental health issues will be recognized and treated. Volunteers turn this HOPE into action.



Stephens City Out of the Darkness Community walk (1 of 13 walks in Virginia) will take place on October 8th @ Sherando High School & Park. You can register to walk, your business can be a sponsor, or you can volunteer to help planning/walking/fundraising/donations/sponsorships.

Website: afsp.org/stephenscity Video:

Contact: Winter Brooks 540-664-8750 winterbrooks.afsp@gmail.com

CHURCH WORLD SERVICES - Winchester Immigration Agency Office



CWS directly administers over a dozen offices throughout the country, including one located right here in Winchester! The U.S. Programs Network welcomes newly arrived refugees, asylum seekers and immigrants, providing them with critical support to set them on a path toward fully integrating and thriving in their new communities. Volunteers work directly with CWS or through partnering organizations like the Refugee Resettlement Committee (supported by local churches) to help individuals and families secure jobs, get ID cards, find medical clinics, set up English classes with Literacy Volunteers of Winchester, open bank accounts, obtain bicycles (*still accepting donations of bikes, bike locks, and helmets!*), furnish housing, set up utilities, and make Winchester feel like home. Opequon Presbyterian Church has helped by making the OPC van available and by providing space for two of the English language classes throughout the week.

Contact: Olivia Grajewski 540-762-4409 ograjewski@cwsglobal.org Website: <https://cswinchester.org/>

SHENANDOAH PRESBYTERY

Shenandoah Presbytery is a covenant body where:

- *Congregations are empowered to be centers for mission*
- *People of God are equipped to be disciples of Christ in a challenging world*
- *Church leaders and members are nurtured and strengthened for service -*
- *Open communication used constructively/creatively to keep us connected*

Missional support:

- *Opportunities for mission with Ethiopia, Guatemala, Baja, Church World Service*
- *Mission Communities*
- *Contact with PC(USA)*

Mission & Outreach Committee

Coordinates local, national, and international mission work through congregations and mission communities by providing information and resources, and overseeing/coordinating Presbytery-wide mission work

Contact: shenpres@shenpres.org 540-433-2556



Website: shenpres.org

NOROC (New Opportunities for Romanian Orphaned Children)

NOROC builds relationships with children who are institutionalized in Tulcea County, Romania. Their programs focus on the development of the whole child, providing spiritual, educational, social, medical, and psychological opportunities for children to reach their full potential. NOROC shows God's love and grace to children, giving them unconditional love and acceptance, teaching them to love and accept themselves, with the hope that they will go on to live productive lives and contribute to their communities.



Recently NOROC has widened their ministry to include Ukrainian refugee relief, as a result of the ongoing Russian war with Ukraine, and considering NOROC's close proximity to the border between Romania and Ukraine.

Website: NOROC.org

Contact: Carol & Rich Schempp (caschempp@sbcglobal.net / rschempp2@gmail.com)

ETHIOPIA PARTNERSHIP - Gore Home

A mission of the Shenandoah Presbytery, the Ethiopian Partnership Program fosters a relationship with our brothers and sisters in Christ who are part of the Illubabor Bethel Synod in Metu, Ethiopia.



- iCARE (Illubabor Children Agape REsponse) works to provide education, health, life skills, faith skills to children who are without an adequate support system. One of the ways they do this is by supporting the Gore Home, and facilitating sponsorships between US donors and children living there.
- The Presbytery also collects books to be donated to the Youth Library in Mettu, the Gore Hostel, and the girls elementary library in Addis.
- Donations can be made to "buy a pastor a cow".
- Teams of volunteers from the Shenandoah Presbytery have spent time helping Ethiopian high schoolers practice their English in preparation for a national exam.
- The Lydia Center provides a place for women to earn a living making handicrafts, as well as offering Bible studies and public health classes.

Website: <https://shenpres.org/ethiopia/>

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