



The Opequon Spirit

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

September 2022

WORSHIP IN SEPTEMBER

8:30 am In-Person

11:00 am In-Person & Livestream

Sunday, September 4

Jeremiah 18:1-11, Luke 14:25-33

Sermon: "No Bargaining Allowed"

Communion, CCAP

Sunday, September 11

Jeremiah 4:11-12, 22-28, Luke 15:1-10

Sermon: "The Lost and Found"

Remembering 9/11, Grandparents' Day

Sunday, September 18

Jeremiah 8:18 – 9:1, 1 Timothy 2:1-7

Sermon: Where is the balm?

"Back to Church Sunday" "Hope Happens Here"

Sunday, September 25

Jeremiah 32:1-3, 6-15, Luke 16:19-31

Sermon: "Redefining Abundant Life"

Four Cents A Meal

September G.I.F.T. Event – 9:45 am



HOPE CANDLELIGHT VIGIL

Abundant Life Church

Aylor Road, Stephens City

Stephens City Out of the Darkness Walk

Is hosting a HOPE Candlelight Vigil

Sunday, September 11th - 7:15 pm

We will gather with HOPE that one day we will
live in a world without suicide.

COMING IN OCTOBER...

WORLD COMMUNION CELEBRATION!

Sunday, October 2 – 8:30 & 11:00 am

plus

"Bread-Basket Buffet" Returns

Watch for Details!



The Church Office Will Be **Closed On Monday,**
September 5th In Observance of Labor Day.
Thank You!

NOTES FROM THE PASTOR:

"Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen."
Hebrews 11:1

"Faith That Comforts, Faith That Stretches"

Dear Friends in Christ,

Stop for just a moment and think about those items that are small and non-descript, yet oh so useful to us, maybe every day. That's the way I feel about a rubber band, which commonly holds multiple objects together. The rubber band was patented in England on March 17, 1845 by Stephen Perry. Most rubber bands are manufactured out of natural rubber or, especially at larger sizes, an elastomer, and are sold in a variety of sizes.

Notable developments in the evolution of rubber bands began in 1923 when William H. Spencer obtained a few Goodyear inner tubes and cut the bands by hand in his basement, where he founded Alliance Rubber Company. Spencer persuaded the *Akron Beacon Journal* as well as the *Tulsa World* to try wrapping their newspapers with one of his rubber bands to prevent them from blowing across lawns. He went on to pioneer other new markets for rubber bands such as agricultural and industrial applications and a myriad of other uses. Spencer obtained a patent on February 19, 1957, for a new "Method for Making Elastic Bands" which produced rubber bands in an Open Ring design.

I am grateful for the pack of rubber bands that I have in my desk and that we have in a drawer at home. They are accessible, ready to be stretched, and helpful whenever I need to bind something and keep it intact. I am also thankful that rubber bands are a good symbol for our faith, especially as I reflect on our just completed worship series from the summer, "Circles of Faith." Our faith provides deep comfort to us, holding us together through the thick and thin of life, when times are rough and tough, possibly when we are meeting the challenges head-on, or when times are calm and smooth. Eugene Peterson in *The Message*

says, "This trust in God, this faith, is the firm foundation under everything that makes life worth living." Indeed, circles of faith from generation to generation have found this trust to be the substance of our very lives, that which keeps us going, our hope, our promise, our stronghold.

But like a rubber band, faith also stretches. Our faith in God through Jesus summons us to follow Christ into the deep waters, beyond our comfort zone. Jesus challenges us to go where we may not be able to see, where everything is not neatly decided and ordered, where adventures of mission and ministry await. And because of the gift of God's grace, because of the comfort and convictions of our faith, we can be stretched to embrace a new perspective, to accept a new calling, and to walk upon a new path. I rejoice in faith that comforts, faith that stretches; faith that is authentic, faith that is relevant. I think that is why I love the Opequon Church community: the faith we share holds us together while it also expands our hearts and minds. I hope and anticipate that's what we'll all discover as we move into the fall and recall the song we have sung each week during the summer, "Draw the circle wide. Draw it wider still. Let this be our song; no one stands alone. Standing side by side. Draw the circle, draw the circle wide."

Together in Christ's Service,



NOTES FROM ASSOCIATE PASTOR

Pastor Julia's musings:

Throughout the last month, I've been thinking a lot about prayer. During this season when I am getting to know you all, and getting to know the church, the words that I keep reaching for are ones that are familiar, ones that I know in the deepest part of my soul. These are words that I repeat as I walk the dog every morning, each step acting as a new word as I chant "our father, who art in heaven." These are words that are in my brain as I fall asleep each night, repeating Episcopal compline prayer: "Keep watch, dear Lord, with

those who work, or watch, or weep this night, and give your angels charge over those who sleep. Tend the sick, Lord Christ; give rest to the weary, bless the dying, soothe the suffering, pity the afflicted, shield the joyous; and all for your love's sake. Amen:"

These familiar words are connecting words, ones that soothe my soul as I enter a new part of the day. Ones that I don't have to reach for, ones that don't require me to work and instead to sit in the prayer. Don't get me wrong, I love writing liturgy. But sometimes, in my own prayer time, I just need to rest in the words that have been said countless times, ones that have soothed the souls of many before me and connect me with those of faith from every time and place. We are in a liturgical tradition, one that has the words for us when we need them. That is a true gift.

What are words that comfort you, that you reach for when you don't have anything else to say? Bring those to your mind this month, and thank those words for all that they are, for the peace that they bring, and the larger church they connect you with.

Pastor
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JUST THINKN

It was a Taco Tuesday. The women of GLOW were enjoying a feast of excellent proportions along with laughter and fellowship. The door buzzer sounded; Rebekah Witt went to see what was up. Thus began a story I find interesting as well as exciting because it speaks of some of the best aspects of being part of the Opequon church family.

The day had been bright and hot. The people working on the OPC roof had reached a point where a break made sense. They left for a bit to eat and refresh themselves. No one expected the sudden sky burst that hit while they were off the roof. No one expected rain at all.

When the men at the door told Rebekah what

had happened, she and others rushed to the Gathering Area. It was flooded with two or more inches of rainwater. Looking down the stairs it was obvious that the Youth area was equally wet. It is likely a good thing we do not have a picture.

The women of GLOW and the workers from the roof went to work. Mops were handed out. Buckets were assembled. One of the roofers even shoveled water from the Gathering Area floor out the door. Tacos abandoned, the women and men began to clean up. It was a mess.



Wednesday continued the effort to reclaim the Gathering Area. Robert Sydnor and Mike Wygant pulled down wet ceiling tiles and soggy insulation. They pulled out drip buckets and bins. It took all day. Robert's shirt was soaked and wet insulation had given him an itchy rash, but by the time the choir gathered for its special rehearsal things were somewhat under control. Most of the choir had little idea what they had missed.

Thursday brought more water, drips, and mess. By Friday the dripping had lessened somewhat. The Gathering Area furniture had all been moved. Marj Praml, Moderator of Fellowship and I looked at the room and tried to plan where we would place tables and social groupings for the reception that would follow Pastor Julia's Ordination and Installation on Sunday. Just to be safe we had a plan B as well as a C, D, and F. We prayed that F would not be needed.

By Saturday the dripping was down quite a bit. New ceiling tiles were installed. Drip pans had been placed on top of them in risky spots and the Gathering Area looked good. By Sunday morning the last garbage cans had been moved and the sanctuary could be accessed through previously bucket-blocked doors. We all sighed huge sighs of relief.

Tables were set up and covered. Refreshments were delivered all Sunday morning and early afternoon. Guest musicians arrived, followed by ushers, greeters, and others. Anyone new to OPC would have no idea that leaks were in any way part of the celebration. Robert had placed picnic tables strategically for those who

preferred to be outside following the service. Flowers and plate after plate of cake, cookies, finger sandwiches (many gluten free for Pastor Julia and others who share her sensitivity) were on several tables. Caprese skewers and fresh fruit were plentiful. The Gathering Area looked ready for a wonderful party...and it was. Worship was good. The joy of years spent successfully searching and praying for God's choice was palpable. Pastor Julia was well celebrated and the service ended. There were no brown stains on the tiles. The food was excellent. Her parents and friends were welcomed and included. FUN!

By Monday we were able to congratulate ourselves on jobs well done. The heart, hands, and feet of Christ had gotten dirty cleaning up for a good cause. Jesus was, after all, raised by a carpenter. He understands dirty fingers. Several tiles were now showing new drips, but things were pretty much under control. The roof repair continued. The cleaning up continued.

Once again OPC had demonstrated that Christ's hands, heart, and feet were not simply metaphorical. They are concrete, flesh and blood means of accomplishing what is needed,



even under duress. We should be proud...We are proud. Please, take time to congratulate each other. We worked hard to celebrate a milestone in our faith lives together. We cannot

undervalue the energy spent making sure things went well. We are the church, wet or dry, spotless or drippy, hungry or fed. We made God smile.

Grace

SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

August 16, 2022 Stated Meeting

- Visioning Team, in collaboration with Building and Grounds, is working on Opequon's Physical Asset Map by continuing their walk-around process to assess current and potential uses for Opequon's physical church building.

- Roots and Shoots has had a busy growing season and made several improvements to the garden structure. Thanks to Alan McKay, Mike Wygant and Graham Taylor, the drip irrigation system is now complete; installation of pea gravel on the inside floor of the greenhouse is scheduled next. The bountiful summer harvest continues at the garden, helping to feed the hungry in our community.
- ¿hablas español? Mission Team is seeking volunteers who are fluent in Spanish to help with intake at the Highland Food Pantry to assist the Spanish speaking clients. Please contact Steve Bock if interested.
- After a busy summer, Fellowship Team is already planning FALL events including a Talent show in October; Hosting Kernstown Methodist for the Thanksgiving Eve Service at Opequon, Wednesday November 23rd; and Grab and Go Cookie Exchange between services on December 11th, coinciding with Youth and Young Adult Sunday.
- Buildings and Grounds continues to monitor progress on Opequon's major re-roofing project that is currently underway (Please no more rainstorms until it's finished!!)
- The Finance and Stewardship Team reported that income is holding up well through July.
- The Technology Team has several active projects. Thanks to Bud Proctor's able assistance, OPC's new wearable microphones are set up to improve voice amplification in the Sanctuary. Session approved the Technology Team recommendation to purchase three additional Sound Assisted Listening Devices for the Sanctuary with funds from the Bob and Betty Dobler's memorial bequest.
- Faith Formation returns in September, with multiple class opportunities: Living our Faith/Spiritual Growth Adult Sunday (study topics - forgiveness, followed by generosity) led by Ann Denison and Pastor David; Micah 6:8 study on gun violence on Thursday evenings led by Rebekah Witt and Sarah Shade (begins September 22); Our

Daily Bread, an Adult Lectionary Bible Study led by Pastor Julia on Wednesday nights after LOGOS dinner (6:15-7:15pm, beginning September 14).

- Elected Ron Smith and Beth Barr as elder commissioners to the ZOOM meeting of Shenandoah Presbytery on Saturday, August 27
- Received an update from the Safety Team on welcoming others, usher/safety monitor training, and the child safety policy background checks.
- Adjusted the time for the September session meeting on Tuesday, September 20 to 6:30 pm in order to meet with newcomers.
- Upon the recommendation of the Personnel Team, approved the request of Director of Christian Education Carole Witt to reduce her hours from full-time to ¾ time beginning February 1, 2023 and then to ½ time beginning in September 2023. The reduction in hours and responsibilities is so Carole can care for her expected grandchild.

Ann Smith
Clerk of Session



ADULT FAITH FORMATION RESUMES...

On Sunday, September 4 with a study called, "Forgive," from our popular *Follow Me: Biblical*

FAITH Formation

Practices for Faithful Living curriculum. This Faith Formation Class is facilitated by Ann Denison and David Witt, meeting in the Bageant Room at 9:45 am each week. It is based on practices Jesus did and taught us to do as faithful followers. Forgiveness is always a relevant and challenging topic, as we are called to put our faith into practice. Think about joining us – and plan on being present on September 4.

SEPTEMBER 2022 DOOR GREETERS

Door Greeters	8:30	11:00
Sept. 4	Joan and Bob Aylor	Marj Praml/Ann Denison
Sept. 11	Joan and Bob Aylor	Jack and Paula Marquis
Sept. 18	Joan and Bob Aylor	Jack and Paula Marquis
Sept. 25	Joan and Bob Aylor	Shannon and Jamie Brannon



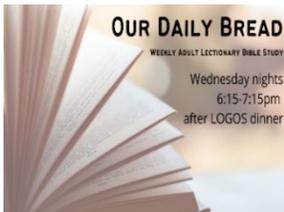
MEN OF OPEQUON GATHER AT THE ORNDORFFS' THIS MONTH

The Men of Opequon (MOO) will meet on **Monday, September 12th** around the fire pit at the home of Mitch and Pam Orndorff at 6:00 pm. The Orndorff's live at 399 Windsor Lane, Winchester, off Cedar Creek Grade. We'll enjoy roasting hot dogs and toasting marshmallows for s'mores. You are invited to bring any side dish or desserts you would like beyond the hot dogs and s'mores. Let's enjoy this gathering and sharing conversation while gathered in a circle. So that we will have a general number of who to expect so we can prepare, please RSVP to Pastor Witt by talking with him, calling him, or emailing him (pastor@opequonchurch.org). All men are invited!



LIFE GOES ON

Life Goes On will be meeting on September 19th at noon in the Fellowship Hall, followed by episode 1 of *The Chosen*. See you there!



OUR DAILY BREAD: ADULT LECTONARY BIBLE STUDY

Have you been craving a deep dive into scripture? Do you want a preview

of the Sunday scripture? Do you like being part of intentional discussions? Join Pastor Julia on Wednesday nights starting September 14th from 6:15 pm – 7:15 pm after LOGOS dinner for a lectionary-based adult bible study. Each week, we'll look at one lectionary reading based on the preaching text for the next Sunday, walk through the scriptural, historical, and theological context and then have group discussion based on whatever questions we all have. Come with questions and a willingness to wonder! You are also invited to come for the LOGOS dinner beforehand to begin the night with fellowship. Please RSVP to Carole Witt a week ahead of time for dinner. Please reach out to Julia with any questions, and she looks forward to seeing you there!



OLDER ADULT HAPPENINGS

We are CELEBRATING OLDER ADULTS THIS MONTH with our annual Older Adult

Luncheon on **September 7!** Each of you are ONE OF A KIND! This special event begins with entertainment by the Windsong Acapella group in the Sanctuary at 11:30am. A prepared luncheon follows at 12:15 in the Fellowship Hall. The menu is Roasted Turkey, Dressing, Mashed Potatoes and Gravy, Green Beans, Fruit and a surprise dessert. The joyous time will continue after lunch with humorous readings, an inspiring mental quiz, treats for all, door prizes and the Crowning of Opequon's Older Adult of the Year! Hopefully you got your RSVP in, so you don't miss this fabulous event

The Older Adult Planning Team will meet on Monday, September 12, 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.

Two local trips are planned for this Fall- >West Oaks Farm- Thursday, September 22 at 9:30am. The cost is \$5.00 plus lunch. Lunch will be at West Oaks Market.

>Round Hill Fire Department- Tuesday, October 25 at 10:00am. The cost is \$5.00 plus lunch. Lunch will be at Hayfield Restaurant. If you would like to sign up for either of these trips, please contact Carole Witt (dce@opequonchurch.org or 540-662-1843) to see if spaces are still available on either trip.



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 a tasty TACO night along with great conversations. GLOW will meet this month on **Tuesday, September 13 at 6:00pm in the Dell Room for "God's Fingerprint"**, an inspiring and fabulous program lead by Pastor Tracie Martin. Refreshments provided. Give yourself the treat of an evening with the ladies. All women are invited.



THE LATEST IN LOGOS IT IS

LOGOS TIME ONCE AGAIN! We have been working towards and looking forward to this coming 25th anniversary year with much enthusiasm. Our opening night is Wednesday, September 14 with the theme "An Amazing Race Night"! Register now during the 'regular rate' period of time. Registration is easy- stop by the LOGOS booth in the Gathering Area or go to our website (www.opequonchurch.org) and complete the form. LOGOS is held on Wednesdays, 4:30-7:15pm. It is open to all K-12 young people. Comments such as these about LOGOS have been overheard: "LOGOS is a 'heck of a deal'", "LOGOS Wednesdays at Opequon are not like any other time", and "LOGOS is one of the best things happening at Opequon!" Let us share these special Wednesday evenings with your child or youth! You can be sure that some tremendous things

will happen during our 25th year as we celebrate this great milestone!

OBJECT LESSON FOR KIDS THIS MONTH

This month's children's lesson is titled "A BOOKMARK". What kinds of lessons can we discover through using a bookmark? How is a simple bookmark like God? Each lesson comes with its' own bookmark for children to use and look at as they go through the lesson. A special 'Parents Pack' is also enclosed with the lesson this month. 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, September 25;
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 "The Fingerprint of God". This inspiring and marvelous program lead by Pastor Tracie Martin will help guide us to understanding God's identity and our own identity! See how every book of scripture is represented in God's fingerprint. Come enjoy some refreshments, great artwork, and thought-provoking conversation. Your day is bound to be enriched by your time at GIFT.



COMMUNION EDUCATION EVENT

An **intergenerational communion education** workshop will be held for **all ages** on Sunday, September 18, at 9:45am in the Sanctuary. This time is lead 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 as well as learn more about Baptism. Children, Parents, Youth, Adults are invited to join in this informative and practical time as we explore the great meaning of these wonderful sacraments.



SENIOR OUTREACH MINISTRY

Join us in spreading kindness to our neighbors who live in low-income housing on September 11 at 12:15pm. Let Rebekah Witt know if you'd like to participate or make a hot food item that we can provide. 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

September 11-Senior Outreach Ministry 12:15pm

September 18-Youth Families' Kickoff 5:00pm-7:00pm

YOUNG ADULTS AGES 18-35

FEAST Group-September 23 at 6:45pm

MICAH 6:8 GUN VIOLENCE DOCUMENTARY STUDY



The Micah 6:8 Faith Formation Class will be back in action on Thursday, September 22 at 7:00-8:30pm. We will be studying Gun Violence by watching a documentary, *Trigger*, produced by Story Productions through Presbyterian Disaster Assistance. This study will be held each Thursday until October 27 through Zoom and in person. Please contact Rebekah Witt if you are interested in participating!



BLOOD PRESSURE CHECKS

We will be taking blood pressures on Sunday, September 18th.

**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

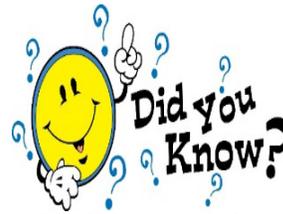
(susanpharmd@gmail.com) or Julia

Burkley

**(pastorjulia@opequonchurch.com) if you
have any questions.**



harvesting lately! If you would like to help before the end of the season, email graysonmoyer7@gmail.com or reach out to a lead gardener; we'd love to see you there!



**“Do You Not Know?
Have You Not Heard?”**

Isaiah 40: 21

As people resume their lives around school schedules and the fall season, a wonderful opportunity presents itself to each of us. Since 2009, the third Sunday in September is **“National Back to Church Sunday!”** The theme this year is **“Hope Happens Here!”** As followers of Christ please use this special occasion to personally invite family and friends to worship with us at Opequon! The return to two services and the option to Livestream make it easier than ever to proactively reach out to old and new friends. May we share the good news of Jesus and the hospitality of Opequon with those around us. Let's draw the circle wide with His love!

Evangelism Team



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.



**ROOTS &
SHOOTS**

By the middle of August, 686 pounds had been harvested from the garden and donated to the Highland

and Sherando food pantries and even the Salvation Army! Even though school has started again and the days are getting shorter, the garden is producing more and more each week. See a snapshot of what we have been



**LOOKING
AHEAD...FAMOUS
TALENT SHOW**

October 29th
(famed) We are looking for 10 Ten Minute acts to

entertain OPC friends. Please bring a potluck dish. Fellowship will provide drinks and desserts. Call, text Marj Praml 540-327-2667.



**WEDDING
ANNOUNCEMENT**

Blaine Homan and
Karys Gettier were

married on Saturday, June 25th at Stone Tower Winery in Leesburg. Pastor David Witt officiated. We congratulate Blaine and Karys and pray for God to bless and nurture their shared life.

**PASTOR TRACIE'S
GLUTEN FREE CARROT CAKE RECIPE**

1/2 cup (99g) vegetable oil
4 large eggs
4 1/2 cups (454g) carrots, shredded
1 teaspoon cinnamon
1/2 teaspoon ginger
1/4 teaspoon cloves
1 box King Arthur Gluten-Free Yellow Cake Mix
1/2 teaspoon baking soda
1 cup (149g) raisins
1 1/2 cups (170g) pecans or walnuts, finely chopped
2 1/2 cups (640g) crushed pineapple, drained, optional*

I have not used any other cake mix than King Arthur because King Arthur mixes use bean flour and other mixes may lean more heavily on rice flour, which will result in a less moist cake. I do add the pineapple, especially if the cake needs to last more than two days.

Instructions

Preheat the oven to 350°F. Grease two parchment-lined 8" round cake pans; one 9" x 13" rectangular pan; or the wells of two muffin tins (24 muffin cups). Or line the muffin tins with papers, and spray the insides of the papers.

1. Beat together the oil, eggs, carrots, and spices.
2. Whisk the cake mix with the baking soda; stir into the bowl with the wet ingredients.
3. Add the raisins, nuts, and pineapple (if you're using it). Mix until blended.
4. Spoon (or pour) the batter into the prepared pan(s).
5. Bake the cake layers for 60 minutes; the 9" x 13" pan for 50 minutes; or cupcakes for 30 minutes. The cake should be brown and firm on top, with an internal temperature of 212°F.
6. Remove the cake(s) or cupcakes from the oven and allow to rest for 8 minutes before turning out of the pan onto a rack to cool. Frost when completely cool.



Welcome, **Jack William Drumheller**, son of Zachary and Amanda Drumheller, was born on June 1 in Colorado weighing 7lbs 4oz. Jack joins big sister Emma at home. Tracy and Jack Drumheller are the proud grandparents.

Welcome, **Ruby Louise Dove**, daughter of Adam and Megan Dove, born at Pennsylvania Hospital on Wednesday, June 29. Ruby weighed 8 lbs. 5 ounces. Ruby is the granddaughter of Karen and Gary Dove. We rejoice with the Dove Family and pray God's blessing upon Ruby and her parents.

Welcome, **Sienna Elizabeth Deptula**, daughter of Nick and Erin Bender Deptula, born on Monday, August 8, weighing 7 lb 5 oz. Sienna joins big brother, Luca. Bill and Debbie Bender are the proud grandparents. May God bless Sienna and nurture her and her family in his love.



With Sympathy

Please continue to keep Jennifer, Kylie, and Robin in your prayers as they continue to grieve the death of their father, Stephen Vess on June 28, 2022

Please remember in prayer Bill and Gail McDonnell, upon the death of Bill's mother, Joann, on August 6th.

Please remember in prayer the Lucas Family and Heather, Steve, Cheyenne, and Sydney Burton and Vicky, Lance, Adelyn, and Aubrey Astorino in the death of Heather and Vicky's grandmother, Helen Lucas. Mrs. Lucas worshiped at Opequon many times and was a retired educator. We are grateful for her long life.

"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

Opequon Presbyterian Church
Financial Summary for the period ended
July 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	46,024	424,293	338,976	55.6%
420000 Other Income	700	45	1,286	(586)	183.7%
Total 400000 Income	763,970	46,068	425,579	338,391	55.7%
Expenses					
500000 Personnel Costs					
510000 Installed Pastors	189,664	19,056	91,354	98,310	48.2%
520000 Other Ministerial Staff	125,975	13,065	76,257	49,718	60.5%
530000 Administrative Staff	129,220	10,738	72,638	56,582	56.2%
Total 500000 Personnel Costs	444,859	42,858	240,249	204,610	54.0%
600000 Other Ministries					
610000 Christian Education	13,500	169	6,345	7,155	47.0%
620000 Congregational Care	2,000	6	377	1,623	18.9%
630000 Evangelism	2,900	0	769	2,131	26.5%
640000 Fellowship	3,580	50	431	3,149	12.0%
650000 Mission	65,750	2,830	37,137	28,613	56.5%
660000 Worship	7,000	12	1,684	5,316	24.1%
Total 600000 Other Ministries	94,730	3,067	46,743	47,987	49.3%
Total 700000 Church Administration	119,144	12,361	92,734	26,410	77.8%
Total Expenses	658,733	58,286	379,726	279,007	57.6%
Net Operating Income (Expense)	105,237	(12,217)	45,853	59,384	43.6%
920000 Other Income	15,540	1,364	9,858	5,682	63.4%
930000 Other Expenses	117,717	9,692	88,591	29,126	75.3%
Net Other Income (Expense)	(102,177)	(8,328)	(78,733)	(23,444)	77.1%
Income Greater Than (Less Than) Expenses	3,060	(20,545)	(32,880)	35,940	
Adjustment for Mortgage Prepay from 2021 Cash Surplus			20,000	(20,000)	
Income Greater Than (Less Than) Expenses After Adjustments	\$ 3,060	\$ (20,545)	\$ (12,880)	\$ 15,940	-421.0%

	7/31/22
Cash	\$ 120,943
Sanctuary Mortgage Principal Balance	\$ 612,803

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 the Stated Session Meeting.

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Monday thru Thursday & 8:30 am to 12:30
 pm Friday



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 Julia H. Burkley Associate Pastor
 Tracie Martin Parish Associate
 Carole Witt Director of Christian Education
 Rebekah Witt Director of Youth & Young Adults
 William Heavner Organist
 Susan Homan Director of Music
 Linda Kessinger Office Administrator
 Ken Smiy Financial Administrator
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 Laurie Carver Nursery Supervisor
 Patty Klinefelter, Bill Martin,
 Mike Nutry, Pat Williams Faith Community Nurses

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OUTSTANDING OCTOBER DATES TO NOTE:

- ✓ World Communion – Sunday, October 2nd
- ✓ Peace & Global Witness Offering – Sunday, October 2nd
- ✓ October Ministry Team Night – Tuesday, October 4th
- ✓ Camp Paddy Run Day – Sunday, October 16th
- ✓ October G.I.F.T. Event – Sunday, October 23rd
- ✓ Annual Talent Show & Covered-Dish, Saturday, October 29th
- ✓ Reformation Sunday, October 30th