



# The Opequon Spirit

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

## JUNE 2022

### WORSHIP IN JUNE

**PLEASE NOTE: Sundays, June 5  
and 12 – 8:30 & 11:00 am Worship  
Sundays, June 19  
and 26 – 10:00 am Worship Only**

#### **Sunday, June 5 – Pentecost Sunday/Graduation Sunday**

Scripture: Acts 2:1-21, John 14:8-17

Sermon: "Light the Fire"

Communion

Honoring Our High School Graduates,  
Scholarship Awards

**REMEMBER TO WEAR RED!**

#### **Sunday, June 12 – Trinity Sunday**

Scripture: Psalm 8, John 16:12-15

Sermon: "Let God Be Glorified"

#### **Sunday, June 19 – Father's Day**

Scripture: Joshua 1:1-9,

Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

Sermon: "By Faith"

Vacation Bible School Recognition

Blood Pressure Checks

#### **Sunday, June 26**

Scripture: Hebrews 12:1-3

Sermon: "Will the Circle Be Unbroken?"

Four Cents A Meal

Wonderful Outdoor Worship (WOW)

6:00 pm – Picnic Shelter

Singing & Sharing (Preceded by "Roots &  
Shoots Picnic in the Garden")

### PENTECOST OFFERING – Sunday, June 5<sup>th</sup>

"I know the plans I have for you, says the  
Lord, ... to give you a future with *Hope*."

Jeremiah 29:11

Each year on Pentecost Sunday, we celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit and the birthday of the church. At Pentecost, we celebrate that God offers more than we can plan. Our gifts to the Pentecost Offering connect with God's hope and future, supporting ministries with children, youth, and young adults by building a life of faith. With our gifts, we join in ministries that connect young people with one another and with caring communities, helping them shape a life and a future beyond even the one we could plan. 40% of this offering stays with our congregation, designated this year to go towards the Youth Technology endeavor, as our youth are trained to teach us, mature adults, about ways to approach and utilize technology. What a gift to bring generations together! 25% supports the Young Adult Volunteer (YAV) program of the Presbyterian Church (you may recall Rebekah Witt was a YAV in Denver for one year); 25% supports denominational ministries with youth; and 10% is devoted to children-at-risk. The gifts we share will help young people learn important lessons about life and faith. And children, youth, and young adults can teach us new things and help us shape our faith, too.

**Please give generously...for if we all do a  
little, it adds up to a lot!**

**Special offering envelopes are available for  
the June 5 dedication.**

## NOTES FROM THE PASTOR:

“Preparing for Julia”

Dear Friends in Christ,

We celebrate with our new associate pastor, Julia Burkley, upon her graduation from Austin Theological Seminary on May 15. As I write these notes, she is beginning her pilgrimage to Virginia, ready to move to Winchester and to begin her ministry with us in late-June. This is a momentous new chapter for Julia and for us, and we are all excited! Julia will be ordained as a Minister of Word and Sacrament/Teaching Elder on Sunday, August 14 and installed as our associate in that same service of worship here at Opequon. When the congregation gathered on Palm Sunday for the meeting to introduce Julia and to approve her call, I shared some reflections that I hope will help us prepare for her arrival and our welcome of her. Here are some of those thoughts once again...

- The new associate pastor position is focused on congregational care, evangelism, and mission. Julia will help us envision where God is calling us as a church and will cultivate member engagement by developing an infrastructure of networking, training, and identifying members' gifts, passion, and skills. Julia will work as a colleague to creatively energize our current programs and help expand members' initiative for new programs. Julia will help us develop programs that are creative and imaginative for all the generations integrating them with worship and mission.
- Will our associate pastor be a help to me and the current church staff? Absolutely. I am looking forward to what Julia will offer us all. Julia will fill in lots of gaps and address things I just can't get to and will share the load.
- Will Julia bring new ideas and programs? Absolutely. We all hope so and look forward to it. This associate pastor position is not simply about maintaining the status quo. I am thoroughly convinced, most assuredly during the past several years,

that the associate pastor will help us expand and go beyond where we are by helping us live into the five pillars of our vision – radical hospitality, member engagement, community engagement, sharing good news, and worship enhancement. Without this new person, I do not believe we would be able to do these things effectively in responding to God's call.

- I am a pastor. Tracie is a pastor. Julia is a pastor. We are all pastors, colleagues in ministry. I am NOT the senior pastor – please don't refer to me in that way. In reality, it's not a Presbyterian designation. We don't have senior pastors and junior pastors. We have pastors. I am the pastor and head of staff. Julia will be the associate pastor. Also, please don't refer to her as an “assistant pastor” – again, we don't have such a designation, and her role is not to assist me but to serve alongside me. Likewise, Tracie is our parish associate, a retired pastor serving on a church staff.
- Remember we only need to get to know one person with one name. Julia will need to get to know more than 600 people of many names and a variety of spellings. Give her time.
- Please appreciate Julia for who she is and the gifts she shares. She won't be like me; she won't be like Tracie. That's a good thing. We want to complement one another, not replicate each other.

The anticipation is growing for Julia's arrival. I hope you will join me in extending Opequon hospitality to her.

Together in Christ's Service,

*David*

### JUST THINKN'

Recently a sermon David preached hit me right between the eyes. He was talking about the Book of Revelation, a book of the Bible I find fascinating. He said a phrase I have heard many, many times but never truly appreciated; it sounds so trite and “Churchy.” “God always wins.”

This is true, of course, but like so many other

phrases that we repeat consistently, think "God is good...all the time," until David put the words in a particular context, they remained mere words. Stated and forgotten. So, here's what I am thinking. I like being on the winning team.



When I was a Girl Scout, I tried bowling. I am a terrible bowler and was soon cut from the squad. Really!

How can one be cut from a Girl Scout team? I was hurt, but I honestly could not blame them. Then they asked me to come to the games as a substitute score keeper. I only got to do anything except cheer for whoever was up when the established score keeper had to leave the room, but I was still on the lineup. The group was pretty good, too! They even placed well in the league. When the annual Bowling Banquet came around, I got to attend and smile as part of a winning team. I never received a trophy, I was hardly the center of anything, but I was still on the team. I mattered, even if only occasionally, and there was enough happy to share.

I have not put this experience together with being on God's team before that sermon. The implications are exciting. While I cannot fix things like Robert Syndor (our Sexton) and Mike Wygant (Building and Grounds), I am on the team! I could never replace Susan Ritter at Live Streaming or Linda in the office, but I am on the team! I cannot sing a solo or make chocolate chip cookies or teach LOGOS or Faith Formation, but I support those who do because we are on the same team. I cannot heal like Jesus, but, again....we are teammates and I can be His hands, heart, and feet right here...right now... if not in one way then in another. Sometimes, I can even be His smile as I encourage others and offer them welcome.

Christianity is a winning crew. Opequon is a winning team. We all triumph because we work together, pray together, and serve together. Each of us leaves a mark whenever we show up as part of the church family.

Together, we win. Together, we share our winnings...our time...our joy...our support. We might not come out on top of every single situation, but one part of being on a winning team is knowing that there will be another chance, another time, another try. I like to think that even when I am promoted to the heavenly team some of the mark I leave on earth might help others along their path. I like being on the winning side. Go Team!!!

*Tracie*

One of the things that draws people to the Opequon Church is our history. Over the past five years, Bill and I have seen the impact and importance of this history for current members of our congregation as well as people related to members who no longer live nearby. I am aware that George Schember receives a number of requests each year for information about families and events from our past. Last week, I was alerted to yet another small church in New York that is closing. This congregation had a scare understanding of faith and was never willing to plan for the future of the cemetery next door to the church. I find myself wondering what will happen to that place of rest. While it is likely that some other congregation will eventually reside in that church building, will they care for the cemetery? I hope so, but????????? Right now, it seems silly to assume that anything could harm the cemeteries that we have on the OPC campus. Opequon is thriving. We have new folks joining regularly. Our long timers are active and interested in OPC history. If this smaller congregation had set a plan in motion when they, too were doing well, the resting place for generations of family and friends would not be in danger of neglect.

Are you interested in planning to keep the cemeteries of Opequon Church maintained and available long-term for people who want to explore their history? If so, please let me know. Several of us hope to form a group that will work with maintaining and preserving these sacred spots. From time-to-time

gravestones need repair. We will arrange for this repair to be done as needed. There are, in fact, several gravestones in need of attention now. And, yes, we do have a Building and Grounds Team at OPC. The thing is...they need help as there is simply so much that needs to be done.

Please let me know of your interest. This is a planning group. The church will continue to maintain and mow; we will make sure that the graves are repaired so their information is available for future generations. Call the church office, call me (Tracie) at 304-856-2080 or 315-247 5969. Email me at [AssocOPC@gmail.com](mailto:AssocOPC@gmail.com). Let's get together and talk about OPC's history and how we can be part of holding on to it. The Building and Grounds Team is interested in cooperating with us, but they have much to accomplish that is time-critical. Let's give them a hand and take care on something precious and of special interest to us.

#### **JUNE USHERS**

**JUNE 5<sup>th</sup>** 8:30 AM – Graham Taylor, Steve Bock

11:00 AM – Mike & Fran Jeffries, Vicki Crites, Mike Nutry, Logan McGunnigle, Aubrey McGunnigle, Sierra McGunnigle

**JUNE 12<sup>th</sup>** 8:30 AM – Mike & Wendy Wygant, Pat Williams, Alex Plumb

11:00 AM – Bill Robinson, Kyle Homan, Jason Hathaway, Vern Gamble, Will Schwantes, Kate Wilfong, Sam Sherman

**JUNE 19<sup>th</sup>** 10:00 AM – Terry Hartman, Heide Mohler

**JUNE 26<sup>th</sup>** 10:00 AM – Betty Chicklo, June Malone, Linda Butler

#### **JUNE DOOR GREETERS**

**JUNE 5<sup>th</sup>** 8:30 AM – Shannon Brannon, Sheryl Massey

11:00 AM – Ann Denison, Marj Praml

**JUNE 12<sup>th</sup>** 8:30 AM – Shannon Brannon, Jamie Brannon

11:00 AM – Ann Denison, Marj Praml

**JUNE 19<sup>th</sup>** 10:00 AM – Ann Denison, Marj Praml

**JUNE 26<sup>th</sup>** 10:00 AM – Ann Denison, Jane Willard

## **SESSION HIGHLIGHTS** **May 17, 2022, Stated Meeting**

The Session's May meeting was held using the ZOOM technology.

Worship Team is planning an *ABUG* training for Acolytes, Beadles, Ushers, and door Greeters on Sunday June 26<sup>th</sup> at 9:00am to focus on instruction and consistency of practice for these worship roles – watch for further details.

Christian Education/DCE highlighted

- Rally Day August 28, 2022, at 9:45am;
- Plans for the 25th anniversary year of LOGOS at OPC!

Fellowship has several SUMMER events planned:

- Sunday June 5th - Pentecost and Recognition of High School graduates.
- WOW service at the picnic shelter the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of June, July, and August.
- Sunday June 26th Garden Picnic coinciding with June WOW service.
- Sunday July 10 Celebration – “25 Reasons for 25 Seasons” to celebrate the Witt Family's 25th anniversary at OPC

A working group tasked with implementing the Leadership Retreat recommendation for improved signage at OPC has begun its work.

Building and Grounds: Session approved the proposal from Blackstone roofing LLC for roof replacement and repairs. The estimated total cost is \$90,000, which includes the following: replacement and repair costs (\$76,300.00) and additional estimated fees for structural engineering (\$2,000), M.E. Flow HVAC support (\$2,500), and remaining amount as a ~ 10% contingency for potential “hidden” structural damage. One handicap accessible portable restroom unit was installed with a handwash station adjacent to the Pitcock pavilion picnic

shelter area; the 2nd restroom will be delivered by July 1.

Roots and Shoots has WATER!! Thanks are extended for the support and determination of Allen McKay and Mike Wygant who installed the new drip irrigation system.

Stewardship & Finance: The Manse lease by the current tenant was renewed for another year.

Preparations to welcome Opequon's new Associate Pastor, Julia Hughes Burkley, arriving June 27, 2022, are well underway. As part of the *bounteous* welcome for Julia, her OPC office is being refreshed (paint/furniture) and a Target Registry is available to help set up her new home in Winchester. The proposed date for Julia Burkley's Ordination and Installation service at Opequon is Sunday afternoon, August 14, 2022.

Session appointments: Elders Dave Schwantes and Marj Praml were appointed to serve as Session members of the Nominating Committee. Elders Beth Barr and Mike Wygant elected as elder-commissioners to the Shenandoah Presbytery meeting on May 24<sup>th</sup> in Harrisonburg.

Ann C.M. Smith, Clerk



**MOO SPONSORS ROYALS BASEBALL OUTING FOR THE WHOLE CHURCH**

The Men of Opequon invite women and men, girls and boys to the Winchester Royals game on Monday, June 6<sup>th</sup> at Bridgeforth Stadium in Jim Barnett Park.

The cost for entry is FREE (all games have been sponsored, the cost unwritten this year). Just bring money for the 6:00 pm dinner and concessions; we'll provide baked beans, potato salad, and cole slaw. We have a reserved area for dinner, behind home plate. The picnic dinner begins at 6:00 pm. The first pitch is 7:00 pm. Contact Bill Bender with

questions and to register at [benderwilliam61@gmail.com](mailto:benderwilliam61@gmail.com).

This is the best buy in town! Take me out to the ballgame!

**COME TO OUR ADULT CLASS AT VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**



We will focus on "LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR" and have a great time together!

**Register by June 12!**

VBS Dates: June 20-23

Class Time: 5:30-6:30 pm Monday night;

6:30-7:30 pm Tuesday-Thursday nights

Join us for dinner at 6:45 pm Monday night;

5:45 pm Tuesday-Thursday nights

**See registration information in the Gathering Area,**

**go to [www.opequonchurch.org](http://www.opequonchurch.org) and click the "All Generations" tab, or use this direct link**

<https://forms.gle/pStmKxE7gX3Q2Sei6>



**SUMMER WORSHIP SERIES BEGINS THIS MONTH**

Beginning on Sunday, June 19, worship this summer will focus on the

theme "Circles of Faith," based on Hebrews 12:1, "Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us." It promises to be a very engaging, shared time as we celebrate our ever-widening circle of faith in our living God. We invite you to be present as much as you can with all you can to serve God and to share with one another.





## UKRAINE RELIEF DONATIONS

Thank you for caring for the children and youth of Ukraine who are now living in Romania.

Opequon Church is partnering with NOROC (New Opportunities for Romanian Orphaned Children) in Tulcea County. Your donations have totaled \$7,655.

Your heartfelt donations are appreciated!

## SPECIAL OFFERINGS

### ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING OFFERING THIS YEAR

Thank you for your contributions to this historic and life-changing offering that supports hunger programs, disaster relief, and development ministries. The total given this year by Opequon was \$ 3,659, a new record.

### BLOOD PRESSURE CHECKS



We will be taking blood pressures on Sunday, June 19<sup>th</sup>

According to the Department of Health and Human Services – Office of Disease Prevention and Health Promotion kids need physical activity to grow up strong and healthy. **But did you know it can help them feel better right away?**

Better sleep, Better mood, and Better grades. And when you move with your kids, you get the health benefits, too! Below is a graphic for how much physical activity kids need to grow.

Use this link to help kids get more physical activities

<https://health.gov/moveyourway/get-kids-active>. Try tracking the amount of physical activity your child gets and use some of the suggestions noted on the website.

**MOVE YOUR WAY.** How much physical activity do kids and teens need?

**At least 60 minutes every day.**

Most of that time can be moderate-intensity aerobic activity — anything that gets their heart beating faster counts.

And at least 3 days a week, encourage them to step it up to vigorous-intensity aerobic activity, so they're breathing fast and their heart is pounding.

**60 minutes a day**

**As part of their daily 60 minutes, kids and teens also need:**

**Muscle-strengthening activity** at least 3 days a week

**Bone-strengthening activity** at least 3 days a week

Anything that makes their muscles work harder counts — like climbing or swinging on the monkey bars.

Bones need pressure to get stronger. Running, jumping, and other weight-bearing activities all count.

Walk. Run. Dance. Play. **What's your move?**

## OLDER ADULT HAPPENINGS

As we embark on another summer season, what do you remember



about summertime as a child? There are probably vivid memories you can recall from that time in your life. June is here and we will feel the warmth of summer upon us. As we begin this month, the Older Adult Planning Team will meet on Monday, June 6, 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 refreshing summer treat will be served. A few days later, Happy Days (the older adult fellowship group) will meet on Wednesday, June 8 at NOON in the Picnic Shelter. HOT DOGS and DRINKS will be provided (condiments as well). Bring any other items you may want for your own lunch to accompany the hot dog. There will be some rousing games of BINGO with prizes for any winner. Come enjoy this simple fun in the great surroundings at the Picnic Shelter. Cool breezes are always blowing through that space.

Many thanks to those who participated in the ACTIVE AGING Week last month. Prizes are being awarded for each participant and for other special categories.



## 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 created our own RECIPE BOOKLET with recipes we brought to swap with each other and then enjoyed some hilarious games together. GLOW will meet this month **Tuesday, June 14 at 6:00pm at Carole Witt's home** (203 Halifax Court, Stephens City) for "**A Backyard Bash**". (In the event of undesirable weather, we will be inside 😊) **Dinner is provided along with beverages and dessert.** Transportation will be provided from the Church to Carole's house if you prefer not to drive there. Meet at the church for transportation at 5:30pm. We will enjoy a devotion, dinner, loads of laughter, and special time of being together. Give yourself the treat of an evening with the ladies. All women are invited.



## THE LATEST IN LOGOS

We have a theme for our upcoming 25<sup>th</sup> LOGOS year. Drum roll please..... The theme for the 2022-23 LOGOS year is "**Running the Race of Faith: 25 Years and Going!**" The leadership team is enthusiastically on board with this new theme. You can be sure that some tremendous things will happen as we celebrate this great milestone! The starting date of our new LOGOS year will be Wednesday, September 14. We are aiming to include a "Bring A Friend Night" and "Teacher Night" once again this coming year. These are two very popular nights at LOGOS! Stay tuned for continual updates and current news about LOGOS.



## OBJECT LESSON FOR KIDS THIS MONTH

This month's children's lesson is titled "BEACH BALL". It is a great lesson full of activities that children can do with a simple beach ball. And each lesson packet comes complete

with a brand-new beach ball! The format of the lesson provides for quality family time as everyone can participate in the games and activities suggested. Older preschool and elementary-age children will receive this lesson in the mail. Look for it to arrive in your mailbox very soon. Enjoy!



## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL-THIS MONTH- ONE OF OUR GREATEST SUMMER EVENTS!

Children ages 4 years through 8<sup>th</sup> grade are invited to Vacation Bible School, June 20-23; 5:00-7:30pm each

evening. Dinner is included each night. The theme is "BE STRONG & COURAGEOUS" as we learn the fascinating story of JOSHUA, one of God's great leaders. A special track especially designed for 5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> graders is available as well as an adult class too. Invite a friend to come along. **DON'T DELAY, Registration is only open until June 12.** The registration form is available in the Gathering Area as well as online. Follow the instructions below.

For Children & Youth Registration:

Go to [opequonchurch.org](https://opequonchurch.org) and click the "All Generations" tab. Scroll down to the section about Children and click where it says, "Click here to register by June 12!" Or, you may click this direct link to the registration form...<https://forms.gle/HiuLmuqsAPyHHddm7>

For Adults:

Go to [opequonchurch.org](https://opequonchurch.org) and click the "All Generations" tab. Scroll down to the section about Adult Small Groups and click where it says, "Register by June 12 by clicking this link." Or, you may click this direct link to the registration form...<https://forms.gle/pStmKxE7gX3Q2Sei6>

Be STRONG and have COURAGE; Do NOT be AFRAID.  
Joshua 1:9a

**VBS STAFF ORIENTATION Gathering**

A VBS staff orientation meeting will be held on **Wednesday, June 15 at 6:30pm** in the Fellowship Hall for

anyone who is helping in any role of VBS week. The planning team will be sharing all the details, plans, and specifics of the exciting summer VBS week. If you are helping with VBS in any way, please plan to attend this orientation.

**CONGRATULATIONS HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES**

Opequon's 2022 High School seniors will be honored during both worship services on Sunday, June 5. The

Christian Education Team is privileged to highlight this special milestone in their life. We wish them happiness and fulfillment in the next chapter of life.

Congratulations to:

- Cheyenne Burton.....Musselman High School
- Sydney Burton.....Musselman High School
- Elise Buonocore.....Sherando High School
- Joshua Call.....Sherando High School
- John Carter.....Loudoun Valley High School
- Sarah Carter.....Sherando High School
- Breanna Daggett.....Millbrook High School
- Tim Gaul.....Millbrook High School
- Jordan Hughes.....James Wood High School
- Paige Hughes.....James Wood High School
- Dylan Jenks.....Sherando High School
- Kat Kibler.....Millbrook High School
- Jonathan Lightcap..... Sherando High School
- Lauren Moses.....Sherando High School
- Taylor Roark.....Handley High School
- Chase Pierce..... Sherando High School
- Wyatt Deck.....Sherando High School



**SUBMIT A PICTURE FOR OUR CHURCH DATABASE**

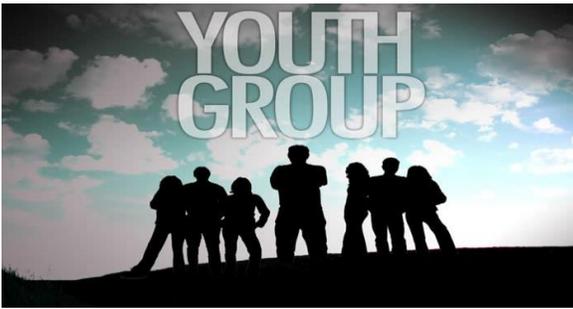
We are preparing for our new Associate Pastor, Julia Burkley, to arrive at Opequon! Please send a headshot of yourself to the

Church Office at [office@opequonchurch.org](mailto:office@opequonchurch.org) so that we can add it to our Church database. This will help Julia familiarize herself with names and faces as she gets to know our Church Family.



**SENIOR OUTREACH MINISTRY**

Join us in spreading kindness to our neighbors who live in low-income housing on June 12 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**

**June 12**-Senior Outreach Ministry 12:15pm  
**June 20-23**-Vacation Bible School, 5:00pm-7:30pm



**YOUNG ADULTS AGES 18-35**

FEAST Group & Games- June 10 at 6:45pm



**Congratulations to our December and May College & Graduate School Graduates!**

- Lauren Armstrong-Nazareth College
- Kristin Blake-University of Virginia
- Rachel Burton-Virginia Tech
- Lydia Delamatta-George Washington University
- Brenna Hathaway-Virginia Commonwealth
- AnnMarie Kelly-University of Virginia
- Erika Reed-Millersville University
- Mitchell Skowbo-Virginia Tech
- Ben Winn-James Madison University



**CARD SHOWER FOR OPEQUON HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES**

Let's celebrate our High School Graduates with a card shower! Drop off

cards at Church or send them to the Church address, 217 Opequon Church Lane Winchester, VA 22602, and write the Graduate's name on the front. We will bundle all the cards and make sure they receive them. Please let Rebekah Witt know if you have any questions. Thank you! Our 2022 High School Graduates are: Elise Buonocore,

Cheyenne Burton, Sydney Burton, Joshua Call, John Carter, Sarah Carter, Breanna Daggett, Wyatt Deck, Tim Gaul, Jordan Hughes, Paige Hughes, Dylan Jenks, Kat Kibler, Jonathan Lightcap, Lauren Moses, Chase Pierce, and Taylor Roark.



**ARE YOU A BUG?**

Or really an ABUG? ABUG stands for a very special group of volunteers who help

with our worship services every Sunday morning: A-acolytes; B-beadles; U-ushers; G-greeters (door). These folks keep our service focused and help the congregation by handing out bulletins and other information, receiving the offering and extending a warm smile and welcome to all who come to worship at Opequon Presbyterian Church.

If you are an ABUG or would like to be one, please join us for a training session on June 26, 2022, at 9:00 o'clock (the hour before our 10:00 o'clock service) in the sanctuary for a time of learning, review, and update on each of these Sunday morning roles at OPC. Specific instruction will be provided for each of these roles. All ushers, beadles, acolytes and door greeters are asked to attend. Please contact Mike or Fran Jeffries at 540-665-5801 or at [mfjeffries@comcast.net](mailto:mfjeffries@comcast.net) if you have questions.

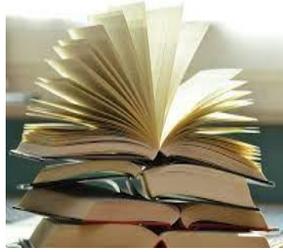
**WE WILL BE HAVING OUR ANNUAL ROOTS & SHOOTS GARDEN PICNIC ON JUNE 26TH FROM 4 TO 6PM.**



Everyone is welcome, just bring a chair and a side dish to share! Burgers, hotdogs, and drinks will be provided. Please RSVP to a lead gardener or to [graysonmoyer7@gmail.com](mailto:graysonmoyer7@gmail.com). We are also looking for a volunteer to write and send out thank you notes on behalf of the garden. If you are interested, contact the garden administrator at the email above!

## FELLOWSHIP SUMMER BOOK CLUB-

The Fellowship Team is hosting a summer book club for Jun-July-Aug. You can sign up on the bulletin board just outside of the sanctuary.



Our first book selection is *The Diamond Eye* by Kate Quinn. For our first meeting we will meet at our picnic shelter here at Opequon on Thursday June 30<sup>th</sup> at 6:45 pm. Light refreshments will be provided! Please join us for a time of conversation and fellowship as we explore our first book of the summer! Any questions please contact Shannon Brannon at [jsbrannon@comcast.net](mailto:jsbrannon@comcast.net) or 540-539-3269. We are hoping those that sign up will help us pick the next selection for July!

## "Snackin' & Chattin'"



Wednesday, June 1<sup>st</sup>,  
12:00-12:45 pm  
Have a snack at  
home/in office  
Talk & Pray with Others  
via ZOOM



**LIFE GOES ON** is a gathering of people who have lost their spouses or significant other. We gather on the third Monday of the month. In June we will gather on the 20<sup>th</sup> at noon. UP till last month, we tried to gather in local restaurants. The noise and inability to move around easily or converse with people seated a bit away was frustrating. We now will meet in the church...either in Fellowship Hall or in the Bageant Room. Please join us this month in the Bageant Room. If you can, bring something to share. If that is not easy for you, just come. A crock of soup or something equally tasty will be provided. You bring whatever feels like lunch to you. We will chat, laugh, share ideas, and just chill in the summer's warmth.

**THE FAIR TRADE EQUAL EXCHANGE** Coffee, Tea and Chocolate needs a table attendant for the fourth Sunday of the month. The table will be set up ahead of time. The attendant will not need to exchange money or make change. All supplies with instructions will be available. IT'S EASY PEASY, LEMON SQUEEZY! Call Marj at 540-327-2667 if interested.



~ Please ~

**Save the Date  
July 10, 2022**

## **WE'RE GOING TO CELEBRATE!**

July marks a quarter of a century that Pastor David and his family have been at Opequon! You won't want to miss all that's being planned in their honor to mark the 25 years they've shared their lives and faith with us as we serve God together! Stay tuned!



## **SYMPOTHY EXTENDED**

Please pray for Thelma Cameron, upon the death of her daughter, Karen Stratton Callahan, on May 20<sup>th</sup>.

*"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  
April 30, 2022**

	Annual Budget (2021)	Current Month Actual	Year to Date Actual	Annual Budget Remaining	% of Annual Budget Used
<b>Income</b>					
410000 Offering Income	763,270	39,558	245,252	518,017	32.1%
420000 Other Income	700	370	524	176	74.8%
<b>Total 400000 Income</b>	<b>763,970</b>	<b>39,928</b>	<b>245,776</b>	<b>518,193</b>	<b>32.2%</b>
<b>Expenses</b>					
<b>500000 Personnel Costs</b>					
510000 Installed Pastors	189,664	11,616	45,806	143,858	24.2%
520000 Other Ministerial Staff	125,975	10,692	41,848	84,127	33.2%
530000 Administrative Staff	129,220	10,345	40,794	88,426	31.6%
<b>Total 500000 Personnel Costs</b>	<b>444,859</b>	<b>32,654</b>	<b>128,448</b>	<b>316,411</b>	<b>28.9%</b>
<b>600000 Other Ministries</b>					
610000 Christian Education	13,500	990	3,207	10,293	23.8%
620000 Congregational Care	2,000	0	94	1,906	4.7%
630000 Evangelism	2,900	0	0	2,900	0.0%
640000 Fellowship	3,580	98	137	3,443	3.8%
650000 Mission	65,750	6,998	23,398	42,352	35.6%
660000 Worship	7,000	122	1,115	5,885	15.9%
<b>Total 600000 Other Ministries</b>	<b>94,730</b>	<b>8,209</b>	<b>27,953</b>	<b>66,777</b>	<b>29.5%</b>
<b>Total 700000 Church Administration</b>	<b>119,144</b>	<b>14,716</b>	<b>53,884</b>	<b>65,260</b>	<b>45.2%</b>
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>658,733</b>	<b>55,578</b>	<b>210,285</b>	<b>448,448</b>	<b>31.9%</b>
<b>Net Operating Income (Expense)</b>	<b>105,237</b>	<b>(15,651)</b>	<b>35,491</b>	<b>69,745</b>	<b>33.7%</b>
920000 Other Income	15,540	1,311	5,758	9,782	37.1%
930000 Other Expenses - includes \$20k mortgage prepay in JAN	117,717	9,727	59,480	58,237	50.5%
<b>Net Other Income (Expense)</b>	<b>(102,177)</b>	<b>(8,417)</b>	<b>(53,721)</b>	<b>(48,456)</b>	<b>52.6%</b>
<b>Income Greater Than (Less Than) Expenses</b>	<b>\$3,060</b>	<b>(\$24,067)</b>	<b>(\$18,230)</b>	<b>\$21,290</b>	<b>-595.8%</b>

	<u>4/30/22</u>
Cash	<u>\$159,177</u>
Sanctuary Mortgage Principal Balance	<u>\$635,375</u>

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