



# The Oracle

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Lately I have been thinking a lot about “tolerance.” It seems our world on the whole is not as tolerant as perhaps it should be. No blame here, just acknowledging a reality. I feel we readily draw sides and have become less able to dialogue compassionately and courteously than we should be. Intolerance and the inability to discuss topics appropriately is dangerous. In an effort to encourage each of us, I have updated an article I wrote from last year. I believe it is fitting for both our world and a good reminder to our community here:

In some studying I was doing not too long ago, I came across the rather long and daunting phrase: “*hermeneutic of generosity*.” It is a term coined by Dr. Paul Farmer, founder of Partners in Health, and an infectious disease specialist, who has worked in many poor countries like Haiti. He coined this term to mean the following: “*interpreting the intentions, actions, and statements of others in a favorable light*.” Basically, I see this as a compassionate way of living in which we immediately and regularly see others in a positive and hopeful way. It means that when someone says something to us, our first inkling is that what they are saying is positive, hopeful, and said to make us and our lives better (i.e. filled with compassion) — even if it doesn’t seem so on the surface. A hermeneutic of generosity leads us to hold others in a positive way, so that what we hear them say or what we see them do sounds and looks like life-giving love. It’s giving them the benefit of the doubt.

This hermeneutic of generosity is a way of living our lives compassionately, so when someone doesn’t show up for an appointment our first assumption is that they have a very good reason; and instead of getting angry at them, we pray they are okay. It means that when we receive an email that “sounds mean and angry” that we assume they were having trouble putting their thoughts into writing and that we will not read anything negative into what is written. It means when someone uses the wrong coffee pot at fellowship hour or someone near us sings off key or someone doesn’t understand what we are explaining, we give it to God and let it go without a word. A hermeneutic of generosity helps us see others with the heart of God — a heart that loves first, last, and foremost.

Let me encourage you to practice this hermeneutic of generosity. Before you read your emails, tell yourself that you will interpret everything that is written in a positive light. Before you head off to work, tell yourself that you will give everyone the benefit of the doubt today — in all they say and do. When talking to your spouse or children or friends, assume that they care deeply about you; that you trust and respect them and know that what they say or do at this moment comes from a place of love and concern. Before you say that thing that just popped into your head, ask yourself if this is a healing or hurting thing to say. And then see what happens. See what happens to you — but also see what happens to them. It is amazing what happens when we treat others with compassion and tolerance.

*Pastor Tedd*



NO MATTER HOW  
EDUCATED, TALENTED,  
RICH, OR COOL YOU  
BELIEVE YOU ARE,  
HOW YOU TREAT PEOPLE  
ULTIMATELY TELLS ALL.  
INTEGRITY IS  
EVERYTHING



## LENTEN CALENDAR



**February 14th—ASH WEDNESDAY**  
**Worship Service, 7pm**

Ash Wednesday is the official start of Lent. There are six Sundays in Lent, the last of which is Palm Sunday, which begins Holy Week, and concludes with Easter Sunday. Join us for this special service of reflection, repentance, and prayer.



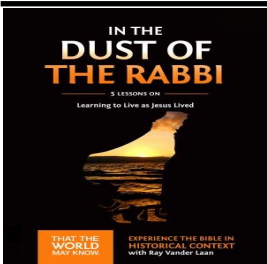
**HEALTH AWARENESS AND HEALING SUNDAY**  
**Sunday, February 11, 2018**

In today's society, there is an increasing need to remember self-care practices and to take care of ourselves. This worship service is a reminder of that message.

**OPC MOVIE NIGHT—"The Passion of the Christ"**  
**Sunday, February 18th, 6pm**

Come join in a time of fellowship as we watch the movie "The Passion of the Christ." (**Warning: The film is quite graphic and is not appropriate for young children**).

We will gather for pizza before the film. Please sign up on the Discipleship Bulletin Board so we can know how much pizza we need to order.



**LENTEN BIBLE STUDY**  
**5 Thursday Evenings at 7pm between February 22nd and March 22nd**

All are welcome to join us for this 5-session Bible Study as we explore Ray Vander Laan's *In the Dust of the Rabbi* video series. In order to obtain enough study guides, please sign up on the Discipleship Bulletin Board in the Fellowship Hall.

We hope that you will join us!



**MAUNDY THURSDAY**  
**WORSHIP SERVICE**

**Thursday, March 29, 2018**  
**7pm**

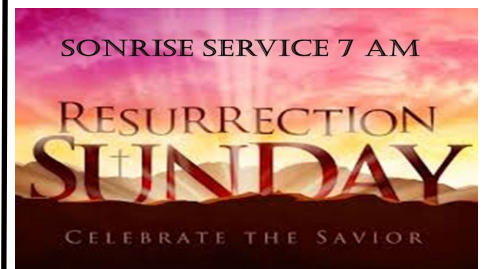
Come, celebrate the Last Supper and receive the message that Jesus had for his closest friends.



**GOOD FRIDAY**

**Friday, March 30, 2018**

The sanctuary will be open from Noon to 3pm to come and quietly pray, meditate, and reflect on the Crucifixion.



**EASTER SONRISE SERVICE**

**Sunday, April 1, 2018**  
**7am**

**Spencerport Canal Gazebo**  
 Sponsored by Spencerport  
 Ecumenical Ministries



## From the Deacons

Scatter seeds  
of kindness  
wherever you go

### Our Shut-ins

- Judy Pagel  
at St. Mary's*
- Gene Brendel  
at The Cottages at Unity*
- The Allens  
at The Rochester  
Friendly Home*
- Harriett Ireland  
at Seabury Woods*
- Bill Ewell  
At Crimson Ridge, Room E-6*

### **Our Deacons for 2018**

- Dennise Webster — Moderator
- Harry Pittman — Charity
- Cindy Caloritis — Flowers
- Diane Dupree — Membership
- Sim Mulford—Communion Setup
- Ruth Gaskill — Communion Servers
- Marilyn Spilberg — Secretary/Cards
- Ron Tucker — Treasurer
- ONE POSITION OPEN

### **Deacon News**

- ❖ We are 1 Deacon short for 2018. Consider joining us! If you think it is your calling, please see someone on the Nominating Committee.
- ❖ The first Sunday of every month there is a Deacon envelope in the pews. This helps support us in the work we do. Thank you for being so generous.
- ❖ Reminder to leave any donated cards for touch cards in the basket in the “crying room”
- ❖ If you have a chance to visit someone, go ahead! We are all Deacons at OPC.
- ❖ Remember the publication of “Our Daily Bread” is located in the Narthex.
- ❖ Please continue to support our clothes closet. We were able to donate a lot this year, and we are sure many people are very thankful for that.
- ❖ The Deacons wish everyone many blessings for 2018, and will continue to do our best with your help!
- ❖ Last but not least, we say goodbye to Dawn Sheffet. Thank you for your service on the Board of Deacons!



*Please remember  
our military:*

SGT. MULFORD,  
GARY  
CMR 414 BOX 129  
APO AE 09173





### FOOD SHELF NEEDS AND PLEA FOR HELP

The current list of needs includes: **Canned Meats (Chicken, Spam, Hash, Stews, Chili), Peanut Butter, and Jams/Jellies; or TOPS Gift Cards.** See Jean Schult or Andy Resch with questions.

According to Steve Brown, chair of the Food Shelf, there are over 100 families that depend upon the Food Shelf for assistance. Families can only call the food shelf once every 60 days, and a maximum of 4x per year.

Deliveries include an average of \$200 worth of food (\$40 of which are gift cards for perishables) for a family of 4. A family of 2 gets about 60% of that. The average family asks for assistance about 2 or 3 times.

If you know of anyone that needs food assistance and resides in the Spencerport School District, have them call 277-4917 for assistance.

The Food Shelf is also looking for new driver volunteers to make the deliveries. Most of the existing driver volunteers are around 75-80 yrs old. There is no set schedule for deliveries, so even if you have a job, you can still help volunteer. If you are interested in helping with this ministry, please contact Steve Brown on his cell phone at 413-6901, or via the Food Shelf pager at 277-4917.

Any other questions, or to give cash donations towards gift cards, please see Jean Schult or Andy Resch.

### JANUARY SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

The OPC Session met on Tuesday, January 16th. Some highlights from the meeting include:

- ❖ We reviewed the Session Covenant, created in 2015, as part of the meeting devotional.
- ❖ Session Members shared 2018 operational and spiritual goals for their committees and OPC.
- ❖ Two new members were welcomed to Session — Dennis Dupree, and Youth Elder Madi Hoadley.
- ❖ Session heard about plans for the upcoming Congregational and Presbytery meetings.
- ❖ Several motions were passed including those to approve these upcoming events:
  - ❖ Presbyterian Women—Holding a Chili Sale on February 25th.
  - ❖ Men’s Bible Study Group—Holding a Spaghetti Dinner on March 3rd.

OPC continues to be blessed with many gifts and talents. Thanks be to God this new year!

OPC Session



### PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN CHILI FUNDRAISER

Presbyterian Women is holding a Chili Fundraiser, the proceeds going to benefit Youth Programs and the ministry of our Stitchin’ for Mission group. The fundraiser will be held on **February 25th.**

Order a quart of chili for \$10 (PRE-SALE ONLY!)

**Orders are due by February 18th.**

Pick-up will be between 11-12:30 after worship on February 25th.

Many thanks!

### SAVE THE DATE!!!

The Men’s Bible Study Group will be holding a Spaghetti Dinner fundraiser on Saturday, March 3rd to support the various ministries of OPC.

More details will be provided as the time draws closer.



**SOUPER BOWL OF CARING**

The Missions Committee is collecting cans of soup for our local Food Shelf up until February 4th (Super Bowl Sunday). There are over 120 families that currently receive assistance from our Food Shelf. While we have our Super Bowl parties, they worry about their next meal. Please help us to help them. Thanks!



**SUPER BOWL SUBS**

If you pre-ordered a sub from the Youth Group for Super Bowl Sunday, they will be available for pick-up between 11-12:30 on February 4th after worship. Don't forget to pick up your subs! Many thanks for supporting our OPC Youth!



**SPENCERPORT COMMUNITY CHORUS CONCERTS**

The Spencerport Community Chorus have been working hard to bring you their Spring Concert. Mark your calendars!

**Saturday, March 10th @ 7pm**  
**Sunday, March 11th @ 3pm**

Concerts are at OPC, and are FREE admission.

**OPEN DOOR MISSION — CODE BLUE**

With the recent extremely cold temperatures, the Mission Committee is asking for hats, scarves, mittens, gloves, thermal socks, hand warmers, and thermoses for the Open Door Mission's Code Blue program to help Rochester's homeless population. There is a special box on the Mission Table in the Fellowship Hall, along with lists of needed items on sheets you can take home.



Open Door Mission



**VALENTINES COOKIES**

If you have volunteered to help the Mission Committee with Valentines Cookies, please remember that they are needed at the church **ON SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11th.**

Thank you for helping bring a little seasonal cheer to OPC members and our local veterans who need a little uplifting this Valentines Day.

**GET RID OF YOUR LOOSE CHANGE AND HELP THE HUMAN NEEDS FUND**

Session has again agreed to allow the Mission Committee to collect spare change in the Coin Jar. All proceeds go to support the Spencerport Human Needs Fund, which is overseen by Spencerport Ecumenical Ministries, and goes to support emergency needs for residents within the Spencerport School District (i.e. if a parent is laid off, or there is an unexpected death, etc., the fund could support rent assistance, etc.). Your donations are greatly appreciated, and do make a large difference in our community.



**NURSERY CARE VOLUNTEERS**

As our church membership grows, and we have more younger families worshipping with us, we have a growing need for nursery care volunteers. If you are willing to assist with this ministry, please sign up on the sheet on the Nursery Room door. Many thanks!



**OPC BREAKFAST OUTING  
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2018  
9:30 A.M.**



1700 Lake Road • Hamlin • 585-636-4276

*"Everything is Homemade...  
Fresh In our Kitchen"*

We hope you can join us for a delicious breakfast and a fun time of fellowship at The Farmer's Table! Each person will order the meal of their choice and pay on their own.

Please sign up on the Fellowship Bulletin Board by Sunday, February 4<sup>th</sup> so we can let the restaurant know how many are attending.

Thank you!

**OPC FELLOWSHIP OUTING  
NATIONAL DANCE COMPANY OF IRELAND  
SUNDAY, MARCH 25, 2018; 7:00 P.M.**

**Roberts Wesleyan College, Andrew B. Hale Auditorium**

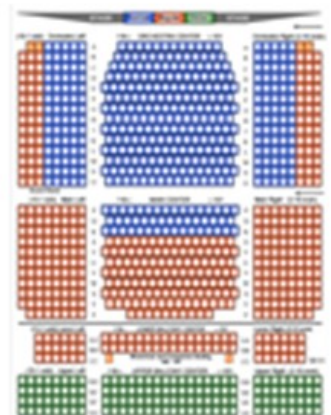


Please sign up on the Fellowship Bulletin Board. Reservations and money due to Sandy Friday by Sunday, February 4<sup>th</sup>. We will attempt to get seats together in the red section. \$32.00 Per person

This dance and music extravaganza is an inspiring epic, reliving the journey of the Irish Celts throughout history. Combining traditional dance and music with the most up-to-date stage technology, the show is a thousand year-old story executed with the excitement of a modern day stage show. Featuring a live band, three tenors, and 22 dancers, Rhythm of the Dance preserves the traditions of Irish step dancing while presenting it in a fresh and entertaining modern format.

**Tickets**

Premium (Blue) - \$38.00; Regular (Red) - \$32.00; Value (Green) - \$28.00





## 2018 OPC Fellowship Events

**February 8** – Outing to The Farmer’s Table for breakfast. Please sign up on the Fellowship Bulletin Board by February 4th.



**March 10** – Outing to Zarpentine’s for a pancake breakfast. Please sign up on the Fellowship Bulletin Board by March 4th.

**March 25** – Outing to Roberts Wesleyan for “Rhythm of the Dance” performed by the National Dance Company of Ireland. Please sign up on the Fellowship Bulletin Board and pay by February 4th.



**April 15** – Dinner and Theatre by Greece Paint Players at Whittier Party House. More details to follow.

**May 13** – Special Mothers’ Day Fellowship Hour hosted by the men of OPC. Please sign up for food contributions on the Fellowship Bulletin Board.



**May 20** – Pentecost Fellowship Hour. Please sign up for food contributions on the Fellowship Bulletin Board. Road Rally after fellowship hour. More details to follow.



**June 10** – OPC Annual Picnic in the Pavilion. Please sign up for food and paper product contributions on the Fellowship Bulletin Board.



**June 17** – Dad and Grad Celebration during Fellowship Hour. Meal served by Fellowship Team (Free Will Offering).



**August 25** – OPC Community Block Party. Food, music, children’s activities and fun for all!! More details to follow.

**September 20** – Luncheon Outing to Brightly Farms. Please sign up on the Fellowship Bulletin Board.



**October 14** – Oktoberfest Fellowship Hour. Meal served by Fellowship Team (Free Will Offering).



**December 16** – OPC Christmas Party hosted by the Fellowship Team. Great food and gifts! 😊



**Please join us for these fun fellowship activities!**



**Worship and Fellowship Assistants**

**GREETERS:**

- February 4 Boy Scout Troop 92
- 11 Julia Ryhal and Jenifer Lalnunkimi
- 18 Marilyn & Randy Spilberg
- 25 Suzanne Ewell

**USHERS:**

- February 4 Sandy & Jim Frieday
- 11 Anne & Bob Wallace
- 18 Sharon & Harry Pittman
- 25 Sandy & Jim Frieday

**LITURGIST:**

- February 4 Boy Scout Sunday
- 11 Dennis Dupree
- 18 Sandy Frieday
- 25 Norma Jones

**FELLOWSHIP HOSTS:**

- February 4 Alice Brendel, Janet Fraina & Sherry Tucker
- 11 Friedays & Rowes
- 18 Marilyn Spilberg & Stephanie DeCamp
- 25 Sharon Pittman (PW Chili Fundraiser)

**SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS:**

- February 4 Carol Newman
- 11 Cindy Anderson
- 18 Kelly Bindert
- 25 Sim Mulford

**NURSERY CARE:**

- February 4 Kelly Bindert
- 11 Afton Heitzenrater
- 18 Jessie Jeffery
- 25 Michelle Rosipayla

**COMMUNION SERVERS:**

- February 4: Jean Schult, Dick Malloy,  
Diane & Dennis Dupree

**BIRTHDAYS THIS MONTH**

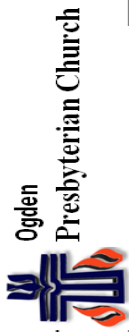
Name	Day
Stephen Savino	2 / 3
Kaitlin Anderson	2 / 5
Emily Knight	2 / 10
Michelle Rosipayla	2 / 13
Delos Jones	2 / 15
Randy Rosipayla	2 / 15
Sharon Pittman	2 / 18
Dianne Voorhees	2 / 18
Susan Azzolina	2 / 21
Julia Ryhal	2 / 21
Barry Barklund	2 / 22
Janet Fraina	2 / 24
Roger Howlett	2 / 26



**TRUSTEE OF THE MONTH:  
Al Webster — February  
402-6244**

One trustee is assigned per month to take care of any building issues that may arise. Please call the designated Trustee if you have something that needs to be addressed. Thank You!





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# February 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>4</b> Scout Sunday Souper Bowl of Carina Super Bowl Subs Youth Group, 6:30pm **Deadline to RSVP for Rhythm of Dance tickets and for Farmer's Table Breakfast events**	<b>5</b> Fellowship, 6pm Cub Scouts, 6:30pm	<b>6</b> Women's Bible, 9:30am	<b>7</b> Choir, 4pm TOPS, 5:30pm Bells, 6pm	<b>8</b> Breakfast Outing to Farmer's Table 9:30am (meet at OPC @ 9am to carpool) SEM, 10am	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>11</b> Health Awareness & Healing Sunday **Deadline to bring Valentines Cookies to OPC for baskets**	<b>12</b> Men's Bible, Noon, @ Union St. Eatery Membership, 2pm Cub Scouts, 6:30pm *ORACLE DEADLINE*	<b>13</b> Women's Bible, 9:30am Worship & Music, 7pm	<b>14</b> Valentine's Day Home Bureau, 9:30-2:30 Ash Wednesday Service, 7pm	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>
<b>18</b> 1st Sunday in Lent CE (after worship) Movie Night ("Passion of the Christ"), 6pm	<b>19</b> President's Day Lunch Bunch, 11:30, @ Slayton Deacons, 6:30pm Trustees, 7pm Cub Scouts, 6:30pm	<b>20</b> Women's Bible, 9:30am Session, 7pm	<b>21</b> Choir, 4pm TOPS, 5:30pm Bells, 6pm	<b>22</b> Lenten Bible Study, 7pm	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> PW Chili Prep
<b>25</b> 2nd Sunday in Lent PW Chili Fundraiser	<b>26</b> Men's Bible, Noon, @ OPC Cub Scouts, 6:30pm	<b>27</b> Women's Bible, 9:30am	<b>28</b> Home Bureau, 9:30-2:30 Choir, 4pm TOPS, 5:30pm Bells, 6pm	OPC Mission Statement: Our purpose is to equip ourselves and others to be disciples of Christ as we seek God's will for our church and beyond.		

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**February 2018**

**\*\*DATED MATERIAL\*\*  
ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED**

## February 2018

**Newsletter Deadline:** Articles for the *March 2018* issue of The Oracle are due in the Church Office no later than **Monday, February 12th** by 10:00 a.m. All contributions are subject to editing with regard to the subject matter and space requirements.

**The Oracle** is the newsletter of the Ogden Presbyterian Church of Spencerport, New York, a member congregation of the Presbyterian Church (USA). The newsletter is sent to members and friends of the congregation to keep them informed of events, activities, and people in the life of the congregation. **Sunday worship is at 10:00a.m.** Church school is offered for all ages. Coffee Fellowship immediately follows worship. All guests are welcome!

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