



# The Oracle

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## *Greetings and Happy New Year!*

I find the beginning of the year to be a wonderful opportunity to take a close look at our lives and evaluate where we find ourselves. I am not necessarily advocating the infamous “New Year’s Resolution,” but I do believe January 1 is a new beginning and a powerful time to examine your journey, and what some “next steps” might be. Whether you are moving right along or you are a little stuck, it is always helpful to know where you are now and where you are going — or to realize you do not know either of these points (and that’s okay). Knowing all this helps us make good decisions about how to spend our time and energy. If you would like someone to bounce some ideas off, please feel free to contact me. I am in the office most days, and I am available by appointment as well. As a congregation, this type of examination will be important for us as we conduct a Mission Study beginning in January, as required by our Presbytery. This Mission Study will help us understand where Ogden Presbyterian is as a congregation, and where we believe God is calling Ogden. Knowing this will help ensure you pick the right person to be your new installed pastor.

In a book I am reviewing, *Holy Conversations* by Gail Rendle and Alice Mann, the authors have a section entitled “Finding Our Biblical Story.” In this piece, they talk about “connecting the daily moments of congregational life to the large landscapes of the biblical record.” Rendle and Mann go on to explain how important it is for congregations to examine where they are, and to “locate the biblical story in which they see themselves.” I think this is a wonderful exercise, and I would encourage each committee, board, and individual to undertake this exercise as we begin the New Year. Perhaps committees could spend the first 10-15 minutes of their next meeting brainstorming in what biblical story they see the church and their particular committee currently. What Biblical story does your committee connect most with?

And, we each can do it individually, as well. Where do you personally find yourself in the biblical story? Are you Jesus in the desert? Are you the disciples in the boat trying to do some fishing? Are you Moses leading people to freedom? Often, once we connect our lives or our congregation to the biblical story in a real and concrete way, both the Bible and our lives take on new and more powerful meanings. When we locate our committee and its work, or ourselves in the biblical story, we can learn a lot about whom we are and where we are going, as well as where we came from. This exercise also gives us the opportunity to engage the Scriptures in a non-threatening way that allows us to learn a little as well as grow a little. Give it a try and see what joy comes out of it! If you want to discuss this more fully, you know where to find me.

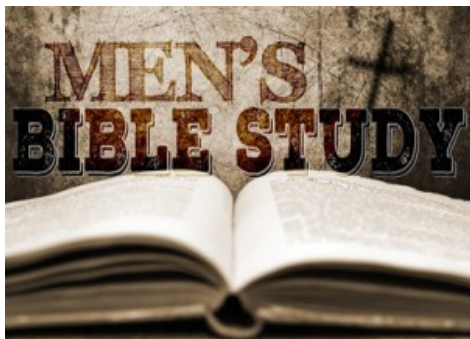
Blessings,  
*Pastor Tedd*





Welcome to the Committee Corner! Session has elected to highlight the many mission and outreach activities going on at OPC, both to inform congregants and visitors of all that we do, as well as to guide Stewardship communications. Each month, we will focus on the inner workings of one of our many committees. This will help keep the congregation up-to-date on the happenings, both current and future, in OPC, with the hopes that it might help people find a way to utilize their own talents in our church. It also shows why your financial contributions are so important to our overall ministry, and why your support is vital to the overall success of OPC and ensuring its place within our community.

### MEN'S BIBLE STUDY



How can we reach out and make a difference in the Spencerport-Ogden Community? This was the question the OPC Men's Bible Study was discussing in November 2014. We were looking for a Mission Project to support. We considered several options, one of which was the Eagle Star Housing Facility on Union Street in the Village. We didn't know much about Eagle Star, so one of our members volunteered to do some research, and then we visited the facility. We decided this was a Mission Project we would be proud to support.

Eagle Star is a residential service that houses up to 15 homeless veterans for a period of three months. During that time they are able to get counseling, and receive food, shelter, and other support to help get them to regain more stability in their lives. The hope is that over this three month period, they will look for a job, if needed, and seek out a more permanent housing situation.

We decided to develop a strategy for reaching out and supporting these veterans. We started by simply each of us donating a few dollars at our meetings that would be turned into gift cards at TOPS Markets. We placed a box for donations on the Mission Table in the Fellowship Hall with a list of needed supplies. We then reached out to some of the professional sports teams in Rochester. This resulted in tickets and season passes to the Knighthawks, Amerks, and Red Wings. We also helped support the idea to donate food left over from our Fellowship events. These donations from Fellowship sometimes become full or partial meals for the veterans. OPC families have joined in the project by taking meals, desserts, cupcakes on special occasions, clothing, personal grooming items, and gift cards. Two of our church families decided that instead of exchanging gifts at Christmas, they would each make up gift packages and donate them to the veterans. The Mission Committee has also decided to support the veterans by making various donations. We have invited the veterans to OPC for events such as the Pasta Dinner we held in March. We hope to continue inviting them to OPC and interacting with them.

Over the last two years, what started as an idea for a mission project for Men's Bible Study has expanded into a church-wide outreach program. This again demonstrates how our church body shares that which God has provided to us with others not as fortunate. You are truly a caring community, believing strongly in mission and outreach. Thank you for all your continued support of the veterans at Eagle Star House. ~Submitted by the OPC Men's Bible Study Group



Thank you for your generous support of Eagle Star Housing! Your tax deductible donation of \$376 will assist many Veterans who rely on Eagle Star while they are getting back on their feet. Each year, we continue to serve even greater numbers of people in need. Your contribution will help enable Eagle Star to continue providing high-quality services. As a non-profit organization, we are grateful to receive donations from organizations and individuals who care. Your donation, for which no goods or services were received in return, is truly appreciated and will make such a difference in the lives of those we serve. Thank you for joining us in our commitment to better our community. On behalf of Eagle Star and those we serve, I extend our heartfelt gratitude. Sincerely, Zach Fuller, Executive Director



## 2016 Christmas Poinsettias

‘Twas the season of Advent and all through OPC  
 glimpses of festive cheer were quite easy to hear and see!  
 The bell choir rang out with a wonderful sound,  
 And a Sunday School pageant brought the folks all around.  
 The choir sang out and brought much delight,  
 And we gathered by candlelight on Christmas Eve night.  
 The physical symbols of Christmas may soon fade away,  
 But a Child was born, bringing hope, peace, joy and love to stay.

### 2016 Poinsettia dedications:

Dick & Marilyn Malloy	In Honor of our grandsons and daughters In Memory of our parents
Jennifer & Steve Hodges	In Memory of grandparents & Dolly Hodges
Bob & Anne Wallace	In Honor of our children and grandchildren
Jean Weaver	In Memory of our parents In Honor of our children & families
Bonnie & Roger Howlett	In Honor of our children and grandchildren
Marlene Dyer	In Memory of Charles Dyer
Mary Saurini	In Memory of Joseph Saurini Sr.
Ann Metz	In Memory of Jim Metz
The Anderson Family	In Memory of Scott Anderson
Sherry & Ron Tucker	In Memory of our parents, Sheila Degmen, Sylvia George, & Loved Ones
Judy & Ron Rynne & Bob Schmitt	In Memory of Lu Schmitt
Heather & Joe Shaffer	In Memory of our grandfathers (Charles Scovel & Philip Saunders)
Dennis & Diane Dupree	In Honor of Doug & Kristen Dupree
The Metherell Family	In Memory of James R. Myers and Charles & Lois Metherell
Marilyn & Randy Spilberg	In Memory of Marion & Chester Maron, Helen & Earl Spilberg, & Chris Spilberg
Carol Quinn	In Honor of Theresa Sack
Betty Lou Hogue	In Memory of LeRoy & Jay Hogue In Honor of my 9 great-grandchildren
Don & Carol Clarke	In Honor of all our children
Alice & Gene Brendel	In Memory of loved ones; In Honor of our OPC Family
Lee Rueping	In Memory of John Rueping
Stephanie & Tim Cassidy	In Memory of our loving grandparents, Stephanie's father Philip, & Tim's father James
Jim & Sandy Frieday	In Memory of loved ones In Honor of loving service provided by OPC's Fellowship Team
Donna & Ryan Gruendike	In Honor of our family; In Memory of George & Betty Peters
Bob Hutchison	In Memory of Pat
Al & Dennise Webster	In Memory of loved ones
The Matull Family	In Memory of loved ones
Janet Fraina	In Memory of Don, our parents, and my brother Glenn
Brandon Arva	In Honor of family
Carol Ann Pittman	In Memory of Bill & Katherine Krezanowski, grandparents, Juliana Lamonica, Jamie & Chery Bergs
Mary Lynn Watson	In Memory of my parents
Ron & Debra Glor	In Memory of our parents
Jean Schult	In Memory of family members
Bonnie Bush	In Memory of family and friends
The Caloritis Family	In Memory of Randy Vorhauer, John Williams, Harold Ecker, Corky Schultz, & Terry Guy

# 2016 Sunday School Pageant: "O Dinky Town of Bethlehem"



"It was awesome, as usual!"  
~Sim Mulford

"Everyone did a great job!"  
~Diane Dupree

"It was great!"  
~Chris Matull

"Loved it! We are blessed!"  
~Dennise Webster

"Donna and Cindy do wonders!  
So glad we have a vibrant  
Children's Program!"  
~Heather Beck

"... And many thanks to Andy  
for such a great job narrating  
the play!"  
~Jim Frieday

## From the DEACONS...

### Our Shut-ins

Judy Pagel at St. Mary's/Unity  
Gene Brendel at The Hamlet @ Unity Villages — Deacon/Ruth Gaskill

*Those in care facilities/shut-ins to be remembered with prayers, cards, and visits!*

Addresses/phone numbers for any of the above, or best times to visit, may be obtained from the Deacons.



Mary En-  
gelbreit

*Be a lamp, a lifeboat, or a ladder*

-Rumi

### Our Deacons for 2017

Dawn Sheffet — Moderator  
Harry Pittman — Charity, Men @ Work  
Dennise Webster — Co-Moderator/Cards  
Cindy Caloritis — Flowers  
Diane Dupree — Membership  
Sim Mulford — Communion Setup  
Ruth Gaskill — Communion Servers  
Marilyn Spilberg — Secretary  
Ron Tucker — Treasurer

The Deacons would like to acknowledge those familiar to our church family who are currently serving in the United States Military. We encourage the congregation to remember and pray for them in honor of their service to our country.

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



## Deacon News

- \* We are saying goodbye to Michelle Rosipayla! Thank you for all of your dedicated service to the Deacons.
- \* We welcome Marilyn Spilberg to our Board of Deacons. So glad to have her!
- \* The "Unhanging of the Greens" will be Sunday, January 1st. Please stay after church to help us if you can. Thank you in advance!
- \* If you have noticed the occasional different bulletin covers, the Deacons have been providing them. If you are interested in providing a bulletin cover one week, please let the Deacons know.
- \* We are looking forward to 2017 and are blessed with a great Board of Deacons, and a very supportive congregation. Blessings for a great New Year!
- \* Anyone wishing to do so can provide flowers for special services. Contact the Deacons.
- \* As always, thanks to everyone in the congregation who lets us know of someone who has a need so we can help!

**Where love and caring are, there is God.**

The work of the board of the Deacons is supported by your contributions to the Deacon offering, which is taken on Communion Sunday. Offering envelopes are available in the pews for this collection. Thank you!

## STITCHIN' FOR MISSION



The Stitchin' for Mission group continues to meet the 2nd Thursday of each month from 10-Noon at OPC. We have a group of very dedicated people who crochet/knit afghans and others who sew squares together to make quilts. We then give them to people who need the love they bring when they are ill or are having a difficult time in their life. In the past couple of months, we have given to OPC members and friends and to outside organizations. We recently sent 16 quilts to the Unity

Cancer Center at Park Ridge Hospital and to the Unity Dialysis Unit in Spencerport. I would like to send a big thank you for all the dedication and work that this group does. If the group is something you might be interested in, please come and join us to see what we do. If you have any questions, call Marilyn Malloy at 723-1731.

## WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY PROJECT



Women's Bible Study continues to collect, clean, package and send used pill bottles to Matthew 25 Ministries. So far, we have sent over 2,500 bottles and have more to send soon! Thank you all for your bottles, and continue to drop them off in the box on the Mission Table.

~Sharon Pittman, for Women's Bible Study

## WOMEN'S TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY



**Who is Jesus?** *What a Difference a Lens Makes* by Judy Yates Siker will be the winter study for the Women's Tuesday Morning Bible Study. Each of the study's nine lessons explores the question "Who is Jesus?" through a particular theological lens. Who is Jesus... according to the Gospel writers, Hebrews, other Abrahamic Faiths, and Contemporary Cultural.

Who do you say Jesus is? Join us **Tuesday, January 10th at 9:30am** as we expand our understanding of who Jesus was and is — a journey of our hearts and minds and a journey we will take together.

All OPC women and their friends are welcome. See Anne Wallace for more information.

## FOOD SHELF CURRENT NEEDS

Pasta, Pasta Sauce, Canned Fruit, Canned Juice, Spaghetti-Os, Jams/Jellies, and Peanut Butter.

Any cash donations toward purchase of gift cards can be given to Jean Schult or Andy Resch.



Thank you to all the OPC members who have been filling the boxes in the Narthex with food and household items for the Food Shelf. There was a trunk load delivered on December 22nd, and the stockers were amazed at how generous the folks at OPC are! Thank you!!!

~Jean Schult and Andy Resch, Food Shelf Representatives





## WELCOME OUR NEW MEMBERS!!!



OPC received 5 new members into membership on December 4th. They are Dennis Dupree, Diana Inman, Cynthia Schultz, and Barb and Charlie White. All of them have ties to Ogden through family or friends and have been attending OPC for some time. They recently agreed

to share some facts about their backgrounds and interests so we can get to know each other better.

**Dennis Dupree**, husband of Diane Dupree, was born in Malone, NY, and went to school in Massena. He's lived in Spencerport since 1981. Now retired, Dennis was an engineer at Kodak, first in Quality Assurance and then in Purchasing. Dennis & Diane's children are Doug, a physician's assistant at RGH, and Kristen, a Placement Specialist at Rochester Business Alliance. Dennis, who says he really enjoys his position as church treasurer, has also been active in the Lions Club, Knights of Columbus, and is a seven-year member on the Spencerport Board of Education. He continues to enjoy traveling, having initiated that interest years ago with a trip to Bora Bora in 1975.

**Diana Inman**, originally from Attica, has lived in Spencerport since 1985 and is the sister of Sandy Frieday. Diana works at Xerox in Human Resources. Her many interests include cooking and baking, but, most especially, she says she likes to create things, particularly projects using the computer and computer graphics. Interests in other crafts round out her creative streak.

**Cynthia Schultz**, mother of John Caloritis, was born in New Jersey, but has lived in many places, among them: Mt. Morris, Perry, and Castile, before moving to Barker, NY. Currently she lives in College Green in Chili with her beloved black cat, Willie. In the past, Cindy worked as a diet technician and as a food service manager. Previous to that, she had an interest in music education and attended the Eastman School of Music for a year. These days, she likes to knit, crochet, paint, cook, and bake. Reading is a special passion as well.

**Barb and Charlie White** are from Brockport where they still live today. Charlie worked at Xerox for 19 years before he went on to own and operate the hardware store in Spencerport. Barb stayed busy at home raising their two sons and a daughter until they took on the hardware store. She then joined forces with Charlie and worked with him at the store. These days, their children live nearby in Batavia, Irondequoit, and Brockport, so they can see and enjoy their six grandchildren. Barb's interests include quilting and travel, while Charlie continues to enjoy solving problems with his handyman skills.

Ogden Presbyterian is proud to welcome these five individuals to our church family!

## DECEMBER SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

The OPC Session met on Tuesday, December 20th. In that meeting:

1. Session welcomed incoming members Cindy Anderson, Pat Everett, Chris Matull, and Carol Quinn, as well as members who renewed their term, including Sandy Frieday and Roger Howlett. Thanks and appreciation were extended to Nicole Quinn for her service these past few years. Session will be 10 members in 2017, including Pastor Tedd as Moderator.
  2. Committee leadership positions were discussed and established for 2017.
  3. The 2017 final church budget was reviewed and approved.
  4. Session discussed events on the horizon, and approved those that relate to the church calendar.
  5. Copies of the Session Covenant were circulated for review and renewal with the new year.
- This Christmas season the OPC family has so much to be grateful for. Thanks be to God!

Blessings, OPC Session

### YOUTH HELP AT SPRINGDALE FARM

On Saturday, December 3rd, our youth and Pastor Tedd helped serve a pancake breakfast with Santa at Springdale Farm.

It looks like they had a lot of fun and brought a lot of cheer!



### YOUTH MISSION TRIP 2017

Monday—Friday, July 17-21

“The Pittsburgh Project,” Pittsburgh, PA

\*\*\* OPEN TO ALL YOUTH ENTERING  
GRADES 7-12 (FALL 2017)\*\*\*

Information Meeting **January 8th** after worship.

**Total Cost: \$300**

Deposit of \$50 is needed to secure your spot and can be paid at the January 8th meeting.

**Absolute deposit deadline: January 15th!!! Let's get “geared up” for next year!!!**



Thank you for the many cards that I have received from my OPC family. Your prayers, kind words and thoughts are always appreciated.

Blessings, Jerry Matull







**SAVE THE DATE!!!**

The Discipleship Committee is planning another movie night for the whole family:

**Sunday, January 15, 2017**

**Showing: Heaven is for Real**

More information will be forthcoming, including plans for a

The Mission Committee would like to thank everyone for your support in 2016. With your help, 20 backpacks were filled for Fostering Hope, Peanut Butter and Jelly were supplied to Cameron, 11 bags of coats, jackets and blankets were given to the farm workers, 53 shoe boxes were filled for Operation Christmas Child, 31 stockings were filled for our military, and \$192.92 was raised for the Human Needs Fund! Your continued help is greatly appreciated. ~Mission Committee



Dear members of OPC and Pastor Tedd,  
 We are so grateful to you for the use of your space for our concerts.  
 All the blessings of the season to you.  
 ~Margaret Fitzpatrick  
 Treasurer, Spencerport Community Chorus

I hope you ALL have a wonderful Holidays!  
 From Thanksgiving through the holidays, and all year long! Enjoy each other and make each new day a wonderful one!  
 Love to all,  
 Aggie McBride

**CHOIR CANTATA — "TAPESTRY OF LIGHT"**





**Worship and Fellowship Assistants**

**GREETERS:**

- January 1 Al & Dennise Webster
- 8 Alice Brendel
- 15 Bonnie Bush
- 22 Pam Ehring
- 29 Cindy Anderson

**USHERS:**

- January 1 Mary Saurini & Diana Inman
- 8 Sandy & Jim Frieday
- 15 Dianne & Dennis Dupree
- 22 Dennise & Al Webster
- 29 Eileen & Rick Smith

**LITURGIST:**

- January 1 Harry Pittman
- 8 Roger Howlett
- 15 Sandy Frieday
- 22 Cynthia Schultz
- 29 Cheri Hill

**FELLOWSHIP HOSTS:**

- January 1 Jim & Sandy Frieday
- 8 Diana Inman
- 15 Cindy Anderson
- 22 Becca Resch & Daddy
- 29 Bonnie & Roger Howlett

**SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS:**

- January 1 No Sunday School
- 8 Heather Cassidy-Shaffer
- 15 Kelly Bindert
- 22 Cindy Anderson
- 29 Sim Mulford

**NURSERY CARE:**

- January 1 TBA
- 8 Sandy Frieday & Diana Inman
- 15 Sharon Pittman
- 22 Julia Ryhal
- 29 Cindy Anderson

**COMMUNION SERVERS:**

- January 1 Sharon & Harry Pittman, Marlene Dyer, & DuWayne Paulick

Name	Day
Stephen Shelley	1 / 1
Emma Savino	1 / 1
Sean Osborn	1 / 4
Brittany Sheffet	1 / 6
John Lodge	1 / 10
Norma Jones	1 / 10
Lily Gonnoud	1 / 12
Evelyn Bentley	1 / 13
Heather Scheel	1 / 14
Ryan Schumann	1 / 15
Debra Glor	1 / 22
Cody Scheel	1 / 23
Sandra Frieday	1 / 31

**THE OPC ANNUAL MEETING  
WILL BE HELD  
SUNDAY, JANUARY 29th  
AFTER WORSHIP.**

**Please mark your calendars and  
plan on attending.**

**TRUSTEE OF THE MONTH:  
Al Webster — January  
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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# January 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 <b>HAPPY NEW YEAR!</b>	2 Fellowship, 6pm Cub Scouts	3 Girl Scouts, 6:30pm	4 TOPS, 5:30pm Bell Choir, 6pm **No Choir**	5	6	7
John Goehle, preaching						
8 Youth Mission Trip Info Meeting (after church) Youth Group, 6:30pm	9 Men's Bible Study, Noon Cub Scouts	10 Women's Bible Study, 9:30am Worship & Music, 7pm	11 **Choir, 10am** TOPS, 5:30pm Bells, 6pm	12 Stitchin' for Mission, 10am Cassidy - Irish Program, 7pm	13	14
15 Missions (after worship) OPC Movie Night: "Heaven is for Real"	16 Cub Scouts Deacons, 6:30pm Trustees, 7pm <b>**ORACLE DEADLINE**</b>	17 Women's Bible Study, 9:30am Session, 7pm	18 **Choir, 10am** TOPS, 5:30pm Bells, 6pm	19	20	21
22	23 Men's Bible Study, Noon Cub Scouts	24 Women's Bible Study, 9:30am	25 **Choir, 10am** TOPS, 5:30pm Bells, 6pm	26	27	28
29 <b>ANNUAL MEETING</b>	30 Cub Scouts	31 Women's Bible Study, 9:30am				

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**Newsletter Deadline:** Articles for the *February 2017* issue of The Oracle are due in the Church Office no later than **Monday, January 16th** by 10:00 a.m. All contributions are subject to editing with regard to the subject matter and space requirements.

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