



The Oracle

Ogden Presbyterian Church
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Typically, as I enter a new year I tend to review and reflect on the previous year. In thinking about 2017 and Ogden Presbyterian Church, one aspect stood out to me: I have been deeply moved by how hard you folks here work. With that in mind, I feel motivated to express my gratitude — in particular to the leadership of the church. I have profound gratefulness for all people who offer their time and talents through being an Elder, Deacon, a committee member, part of the choir, a Sunday School teacher, or any volunteer role folks take on. I have spent more of my working life in the regular world than working for a church, so I know what it is like to work a full-time job, or be raising a family, or caring for aging parents, and still make time and energy to be a leader in the church. I know what it is like to be exhausted and stressed from a busy job and still participate in worship or a pageant or a mission project or sing with heart and emotion. It takes great commitment, energy, intentionality and courage to participate in “church” on top of all the other commitments in your lives. So it is with sincerity, deep gratitude, and thankfulness that I say “Thank you” to each of you. I do not take it for granted that you will offer your time and energy; I know it is a choice, and I thank you for continuing to make that choice.

As we move into 2018, I am still living by our Stewardship theme “Oh the Places We’ll Go!”. It is my commitment to honor *your* commitment by continuing to lead you spiritually deeper in relationship with God in Christ. Let us move strongly into the new year with vigor, passion and hope for growing as disciples and building God’s Kingdom.

Peace,
Pastor Tedd



DECEMBER SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

The OPC Session met on Tuesday, December 19th. Some highlights from the meeting include:

- ❖ Our Mission Committee regularly supports Spencerport Ecumenical Ministries. Most recently, a donation was made to the Human Needs Fund, which, in addition to the Food Shelf, supports local families in need.
- ❖ The Annual Congregational Meeting is scheduled for Sunday, January 28th.
- ❖ A New Members Class will be offered by Pastor Tedd in early 2018.
- ❖ Session voted to approve Communion services for all dates next year.
- ❖ OPC will host the Presbytery meeting scheduled for Tuesday, January 30th. Volunteers are needed.

OPC continues to be blessed with many gifts and talents. Thanks be to God this Advent Season!

OPC Session



YOUTH GROUP LOCK-IN!!!

Saturday, January 6th @ 6pm—Sunday, January 7th @ 9am

Lots of FUN, GAMES, & FOOD!

We will be watching and discussing the movie “God’s Not Dead 2”

Don’t Miss It!!!

Stay tuned for more specifics coming soon...



FEED THE HUNGRY

FOOD SHELF NEEDS AND PLEA FOR HELP

The current list of needs includes: **Canned Carrots, Peas, Beets, Potatoes, Lima Beans, Mixed Vegetables, Spinach, Asparagus, Sauerkraut, Canned Chicken, and Hamburger Helper; 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.

PW BRUNCH — SAVE THE DATE!!!

**Saturday, January 20th
10:00am @ OPC (Fellowship Hall)**

Theme: “Organizing in 2018”



Sign up on the PW Bulletin Board in the Fellowship Hall.

Come join us for Food, Fellowship, Organizing Tips, & Door Prizes!

OPC ANNUAL MEETING

**Sunday, January 28th, 2018
Immediately following worship**

**Please plan on remaining after
worship for this important meeting.**

**OPC is hosting Presbytery of Genesee
Valley’s Meeting on
Tuesday, January 30th.**

PW is looking for volunteers to help prepare the dinner and to clean up afterwards.

Please let Pam Ehring (pehring1@gmail.com or 377-4088) or Marilyn Malloy (723-1731) know if you can help!

Many thanks!

WOMEN’S BIBLE STUDY

**resumes meetings on Tuesday, January 9th at
9:30am in the Oak Room. New Members Welcome!**

MEN’S BIBLE STUDY

**will meet Monday, January 8th at Noon at
Union St. Eatery.**



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*

Our Deacons for 2017

Dawn Sheffet — Moderator

Dennise Webster — Co-Moderator/Cards

Harry Pittman — Charity

Cindy Caloritis — Flowers

Diane Dupree — Membership

Sim Mulford — Communion Setup

Ruth Gaskill — Communion Servers

Marilyn Spilberg — Secretary

Ron Tucker — Treasurer

Deacon News

- ❖ A close to another year! We want to thank everyone in the congregation for supporting the Deacons.
- ❖ 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 “Unhanging of the Greens” was December 31st. Thank you for all those who helped with that.
- ❖ The Deacons wish everyone many blessings for 2018, and will continue to do our best with your help!



*Please remember
our military:*

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



Worship and Fellowship Assistants

GREETERS:

January 7 Carol Newman
 14 Jean Schult
 21 Sandi Mandarano
 28 Bonnie Bush

USHERS:

January 7 Pat & Tim Rowe
 14 Bonnie & Roger Howlett
 21 Diane & Dennis Dupree
 28 Sandy & Jim Frieday

LITURGIST:

January 7 Sandy Frieday
 14 Cindy Anderson
 21 Carol Newman
 28 Norma Jones

FELLOWSHIP HOSTS:

January 7 TBA
 14 TBA
 21 TBA
 28 TBA

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS:

January 7 Kelly Bindert
 14 Carol Newman
 21 Heather Cassidy-Schaffer
 28 Sim Mulford

COMMUNION SERVERS:

January 7: Betty Hogue, Anne & Bob Wallace, & Pat Rowe

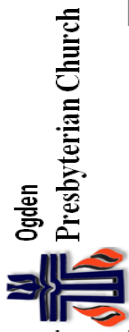
BIRTHDAYS THIS MONTH

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



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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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Happy New Year!	2	3 Choir, 4pm TOPS, 5:30pm Bells, 6pm	4 Pastor Nominating Committee, 6pm	5	6 Epiphany Youth Lock-In, 6pm
7 Baptism of the Lord Sunday PW (after worship) Christian Ed (after worship)	8 Men's Bible, Noon, @ Union St Eatery Membership, 2pm Pastor Nominating Committee, 6pm Fellowship, 6pm Cub Scouts, 6:30pm	9 Women's Bible, 9:30am W&M, 7pm	10 Home Bureau, 9:30 - 2:30 Choir, 4pm TOPS, 5:30pm Bells, 6pm	11 Stitchin' for Mission, 10am SEM @ OPC, 10am	12 Scout setup (pm)	13 Scout Pancake Breakfast
14 Missions (after worship) Movie Night, 5pm	15 MLK Jr. Day Lunch Bunch, 11:30 @ Slayton Deacons, 6:30pm Trustees, 7pm Cub Scouts, 6:30pm *ORACLE DEADLINE*	16 Women's Bible, 9:30am Session, 7pm	17 Choir, 4pm TOPS, 5:30pm Bells, 6pm	18	19	20 PW Brunch, 10am
21	22 Men's Bible, Noon, @ OPC Cub Scouts, 6:30pm	23 Women's Bible, 9:30am	24 Home Bureau, 9:30 - 2:30 Choir, 4pm TOPS, 5:30pm Bells, 6pm	25 New Members Class, 7pm	26	27
28 OPC ANNUAL MEETING (after worship)	29 Cub Scouts, 6:30pm	30 Women's Bible, 9:30am PBV Gen Val Mtg @ OPC	31 Choir, 4pm TOPS, 5:30pm Bells, 6pm	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <p><i>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.</i></p> </div>		

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

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Newsletter Deadline: Articles for the *February 2018* issue of The Oracle are due in the Church Office no later than **Monday, January 15th** 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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