



# The Oracle

Ogden Presbyterian Church  
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Folks,

Please find below the Mission Statement completed by the Mission Study Team (Dawn Sheffet, Harry Pittman, Cindy Anderson, Dennis Dupree, and Pastor Tedd) and approved by Session. This document now goes to our Presbytery's Committee on Ministry for their August 2017 meeting, where they will review it and approve it (hopefully!!) After we are notified of their approval, we will be allowed to put together the Pastoral Nominating Committee (PNC). The PNC should be comprised of folks who represent the diversity of Ogden Presbyterian, so please consider whether you feel called to serve on this vital committee. As well, be prayerful about who should be on the Committee to represent the overall needs of the congregation. Once constituted, the PNC will then complete the church's Ministry Information Form, which will be distributed to pastors looking for a new call. Then the interview process will begin. At the same time as the PNC is doing its work, we will be working through the next 2 steps in the interim process:

### 3. Allowing Needed Leadership Change, empowering new leaders

A change of pastoral leadership often precipitates changes in the lay leadership as well. Also, as a church becomes aware of an emerging new identity, leadership changes follow naturally. Because there are several kinds of power exerted by leaders in a congregation, changing members of Session is only a part of this transition. A change in pastoral leadership affords the opportunity for some who have been followers to step forward. Older leaders may take a less active role while new persons become more involved.

### 4. Renewing denominational linkages

This happens more or less naturally, as the Presbytery's Committee on Ministry becomes involved in the life of the church as a "church in transition." It is comforting during times of uncertainty to be able to turn to the larger church, to printed resources and human resources. It helps to know that we are not alone—that, in addition to the care and concern of God, we also have fellow human beings to turn to.

A few thoughts about the Mission Statement: it is not perfect, but it is very appropriate to where we are as a congregation and sums up well who we are and what we are called to do. This statement cannot include everything we have talked about recently, or all the information the Mission Study Team compiled. The team will give all that to the PNC as a vital aid to their work. As you read the statement below, yes, we are keeping the statement that is on most things already about being and making disciples: *Our purpose is to equip ourselves and others to be disciples of Christ as we seek God's will for our church and beyond.* That is more of a Vision Statement than a Mission Statement. That Vision Statement is more overarching and can withstand the test of time. Because it is broad, it will be true 5, 10, even 50 years from now. The Vision Statement stands above and beyond the current culture and climate we find ourselves in. The Mission Statement, on the other hand, is more geared to addressing the current situation/time we are living in — it may only be valid for 3-5 years. The Mission Statement addresses NOW: Who we are right now, who is around us right now, what God is calling us to do right now. Thank you to everyone who worked hard on this, including the team listed above, Brandon who typed up so much stuff for us, and all of you who gave vital and important input throughout the process. If you have thoughts, please contact someone from the team.

### Ogden Presbyterian Church Mission Study 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.*

#### WHO ARE WE?

- ❖ We are a welcoming, energized, supportive faith community dedicated to being disciples of Jesus Christ.
- ❖ Through scripturally based sermon and in-depth Bible studies, Ogden Presbyterian Church is excited to learn about the Bible and how it applies to our lives today.
- ❖ One of our greatest strengths is our passion to care for each other; with the hopes of expanding that ministry to the community.
- ❖ We are financially stable and debt-free, with an updated, attractive worship and fellowship facility.
- ❖ We have a good overall distribution of ages, including a strong children and youth population. However, we feel we are missing the 20-30 age group.

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- ❖ We strive to develop our children and youth into strong followers of Jesus Christ.

### **WHO ARE OUR NEIGHBORS?**

- ❖ Our community is primarily white, middle class, suburban/rural mix and is safe and stable with an excellent school system.
- ❖ Our senior population is growing.
- ❖ There is an active ecumenical ministry, a food shelf, a homeless veterans house, and a hospice facility in the area.
- ❖ In nearby communities there are migrant populations and subsidized housing.

### **WHAT IS GOD CALLING US TO DO?**

- ❖ As we continue to grow scripturally and as disciples through study, worship, and fellowship, we believe God is equipping us to go into the community and help others experience the love and spirit of Jesus through service and by sharing our passion to grow in Christ.
- ❖ Having many members who are skilled and talented in trades and passionate about food and fellowship, we believe God is calling us to share these gifts with the community around us.
- ❖ Our church building is a blessing and an asset we would like to use to bring blessing to the community.

Peace,  
*Pastor Tedd*

## **MAY SESSION HIGHLIGHTS**

The OPC Session met on Wednesday, May 31st . Some highlights from the meeting included:

- ❖ The All-Church Mission Gathering was lined up for Saturday, June 3rd. This is the next important step in OPC's timeline journey.
- ❖ Block Party! Continued planning to support the Fellowship committee. This community-wide event is an OPC OPEN HOUSE & will be held on 8/26 in our new pavilion. Music, Food, Fun for All! Save the Date!!!
- ❖ CREDO — Pastor Tedd debriefed Session on the Study Leave program he attended in North Carolina. The theme became part of the Sunday 6/4 sermon.
- ❖ The Nominating Committee has begun their important work for 2017.
- ❖ OPC participation in this year's CROP Walk led to a \$990 donation!

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

OPC Session

## **JUNE SESSION HIGHLIGHTS**

The OPC Session met on Tuesday, June 20th . Some highlights from the meeting included:

- ❖ The Mission Study Statement was approved by Session.
- ❖ 8/26 Block Party/Open House. Final planning was completed to support the Fellowship committee.
- ❖ OPC's Youth Ministry is focused on two important events — VBS and the Pittsburgh Mission Trip.
- ❖ The Nominating Committee began their important work for 2017.
- ❖ The Membership Committee has completed guest packets and is doing fine work.

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## **ATTENTION COMMITTEE CHAIRS:**

Please remember to email your monthly minutes to Brandon at [ogdenpresbyterian@gmail.com](mailto:ogdenpresbyterian@gmail.com)

Thank you!



*Zack Barklund* (Grandson of the Malloys)  
Graduating from Spencerport High School  
Future Plans: St. Bonaventure University  
(Major: Accounting)



*Toya Lalnumawia*  
Graduating from Churchville-Chili High School  
Future Plans: Monroe Community College  
(Major: Automotive Tech)



*Jessica Pittman*  
Graduating from Churchville-Chili High School  
Future Plans: Roberts Wesleyan College  
(Major: Nursing)



*Sarah Corey*  
Graduating from SUNY Brockport



*Brian Anderson*  
Graduating from The University at Buffalo, SUNY  
Degree: Masters in Social Work



## LOOKING FOR A SUMMER MOVIE?



If you missed any of this past year's movie nights, the Discipleship Committee would like to offer you the chance to borrow one of the DVDs we've shown for your own home viewing. Currently on hand, we have: *War Room*, *Heaven is for Real*, and *The Shack*. Also available is the DVD and study books from the Lenten Series — Ray Vander Laan's *The Mission of Jesus*.

See or call Pat Rowe if you are interested!

## SUMMER READING OPPORTUNITIES

Looking for some summer reading? Check out the book display at the entrance to the Fellowship Hall. It features books from our own library that you may have missed previously. If you would like to borrow one, please just write your name and phone number on the card with the book and leave the card on the table. Books may be returned to the box in the Oak Room labeled "Returned Library Books." Happy reading!



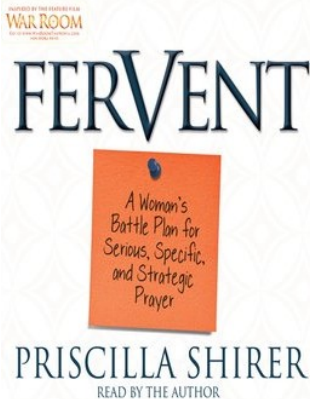
## MOVIE NIGHT

Thursday, August 10  
6:30pm at OPC

Josh, a college freshman, faces a dilemma when his philosophy professor requires his class to sign a declaration stating "God is Dead." Facing the teacher's demand to prove otherwise to the class or face certain failure, Josh must choose where his loyalties lie and what he is willing to sacrifice to stay true to his beliefs. Navigating a skeptical and unbelieving world is not an easy task, Josh discovers.



## BOOK REVIEW: *FERVENT* by Priscilla Shirer



The Discipleship Committee is providing a book review in upcoming issues of the *Oracle* to introduce our friends to quality Christian books that we have read and recommend. If you have read a book that you would like to review or endorse, we invite you to contact a member of our committee to make arrangements. This month's review is for *Fervent* by Priscilla Shirer.

Priscilla Shirer, lead actress in the movie *War Room*, subtitled her book *Fervent* as "A Woman's Battle Plan for Serious, Specific, and Strategic Prayer." Make no mistake, she says, this is NOT a book *about* prayer; this is a book for those who are ready to get on their knees and fight for their lives and loved ones by... praying. Shirer warns her readers that they are in the midst of a war that will require their best efforts and a clear understanding of the weapons God puts at their disposal to assure victory. Throughout the book she covers every area of her reader's life, including "Your Family (Fortifying the Lives of Those You Love)", "Your Past (Ending the Reign of Guilt, Shame, and Regret)", "Your Hurts (Turning Bitterness to Forgiveness)", and seven other topics. Included in the back of the book are 16 blank prayer cards for readers to write down their own specific prayers to keep and pray over. If you are searching for a way to recharge your prayer life, grow spiritually, and see the results of effective praying, then this book is worth checking out. It is currently available from Amazon in paperback for \$10.70. (Review by Pat Rowe)

## BRICK ORDERS

Our brick walk that was started back in 2006 has a few spots left for larger 8x8" bricks. We have 3 remaining openings. Consider one for a special occasion or in memory/honor of a special person. The smaller (4x4") have lots of spaces available. The price remains the same as in 2006. For additional information, please contact Harry Pittman.

An updated brick order form is available for download on the church website.





## 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

Joyce Wheeler  
at Latta Rd

### **Our Deacons for 2017**

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

### **Deacon News**

- ❖ Update from Anne Delaney: she reports she is doing well and loves hearing from OPC. She was off to play bridge the day Dawn spoke with her, and she gets to see her sons on a weekly basis!
- ❖ We were pleased to honor 2 silent angels in June. Thanks to Carol and Nicole Quinn for all you do! OPC is blessed to have you!
- ❖ Judy Pagel is doing well after surgery. She will have to do rehab for a while. She loves visitors!
- ❖ Reminder: there is a basket in the “crying room” to leave donated touch cards. We would appreciate it if they were left there.
- ❖ Thank you to all the members of the congregation who helped with the Palmer reception.

*Please remember our military:*

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





### DINNERS FOR 8 ARE BACK!!!

Back by popular request, attempting to promote deeper connections among members of the congregation.

Attendance will be limited to eight guests plus the hosts. **Sign-up on the Discipleship Board.**

We are also seeking volunteers who would be willing to host future dinners at their homes. Hosts are free to choose the date and time of their dinner, as well as the number of guests. Hosts often provide a main dish with the guests bringing other dishes, but individual dinners may vary. A second sign-up sheet is posted for this.

BON APPETIT!



### 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

### Does God go on Summer Vacation???

... neither does OPC Sunday School!!!

Volunteers are needed to teach our children (4th grade and younger) one Sunday this summer. The curriculum provided is easy to follow and loaded with fun activities! (You don't need to come up with your own lessons!)

This is a rewarding opportunity to connect with and support the children of OPC!  
Teen teachers are welcome!!!



Select your Sunday and sign up on the CE Bulletin Board.

See Donna Metherell with any questions.

Thank you!!!

SUMMER  
SUNDAY  
SCHOOL

### STITCHIN' FOR MISSION UPDATE...

The Stitchin' for Mission Group has been busy the first half of 2017. We made quilts for the Dialysis Center in Spencerport, the Cancer Unit at Unity, as well as for our fellow OPC members and friends. We also have members that crocheted/knitted blankets, premie hats and sweaters that go to the nursery at Unity. I want to thank all the dedicated members of this group that have worked so hard to provide quilts for those in need.

Stitchin' for Mission will not be meeting in July and August. We will begin again on September 14th at 10am. If you think this is something you are interested in joining, plan to join us September 14th! In addition to all the hard work, there is a lot of good fellowship involved.

If you find you are in need of a quilt for one of our OPC members or friends, please call Marilyn Malloy at 723-1731 and we will see that you get one!

### FOOD SHELF CURRENT NEEDS

Jams/Jellies, Shampoo, and Cleaning Products/Items are the current needs. Any cash donations toward purchase of gift cards can be given to Jean Schult or Andy Resch.

There are over 120 families that regularly depend upon help from our Food Shelf. Your donations help fulfill that need in our community. Thank you for your continued donations.

~Jean Schult and Andy Resch, Food Shelf Representatives



FEED THE  
HUNGRY

A Big THANK YOU to the anonymous donor for the cash donation, which will allow the Food Shelf to help purchase produce and other perishable items! It is truly appreciated!



# 2017 OPC Fellowship Events



**July 30** – Family Bowling from 6:00 – 8:00 PM at Gates Bowl. Sign-up Sheet will be posted on the Fellowship Bulletin Board.



**August 26** – OPC Community Block Party. Food, Music, and Fun!! More information coming soon.



**September 17** – Road Rally and Ice Cream Sundae Bar. Participants please sign up on the Fellowship Bulletin Board.



**October 15** – Oktoberfest Fellowship Hour. Meal served by Fellowship Team (Free Will Offering).



**November 19** – Mexican Theme Fellowship Hour with a Piñata for the children. Meal served by Fellowship Team (Free Will Offering).

**December 17** – OPC Christmas Party hosted by the Fellowship Team. Great food and gifts! 😊



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

## 2017 SPENCERPORT CROP WALK FINAL TALLY

Greetings all,  
A big thank you to all who walked and contributed to the annual CROP Walk for Hunger on Sunday, May 7th. A total of \$7,365.81 was raised, with 25% (\$1,841.45) to go to the Spencerport Ecumenical Food Shelf! Fantastic!

~Dick Gallagher  
Treasurer, Spencerport CROP Walk

Adams Basin UMC — \$440	Community Christ — \$20	First Congregational UCC — \$795
Ogden Baptist — \$1,105	Ogden Presbyterian — \$990	St. John's — \$2,153.40
Spencerport UMC — \$1,587.41	Trinity Lutheran — \$275	<b>TOTAL — 7,365.81</b>



## ATTENTION COMMITTEES AND OTHER GROUPS

As you begin planning your meetings and events for the Fall, please remember that the deadline to submit info for inclusion in the September *Oracle* is: **Mon., August 14th.**





### Worship and Fellowship Assistants

#### GREETERS:

July 2 Bill & Pat Everett  
 9 Paul & Rhonda Russo  
 16 Al & Dennise Webster  
 23 Charlie & Barbara White  
 30 Norma Jones

#### USHERS:

July 2 Carol Quinn & Pat Everett  
 9 Marlene Dyer & Norma Jones  
 16 Sandy & Jim Frieday  
 23 John & Zach Caloritis  
 30 Marilyn & Dick Malloy

#### LITURGIST:

July 2 Roger Howlett  
 9 Sandy Frieday  
 16 VBS Sunday  
 23 Carol Newman  
 30 Sandy Frieday (Canal Days Worship)

#### FELLOWSHIP HOSTS:

July 2 Sandy Frieday  
 9 Sharon Pittman  
 16 Christian Education  
 23 Diana Inman  
 30 Fellowship w/ OPC Congregation help

#### SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS:

July 2 No Summer Sunday School  
 9 TBA  
 16 VBS Sunday  
 23 TBA  
 30 Carol Newman

#### NURSERY CARE:

July 2 No Nursery Care  
 9 TBA  
 16 VBS Sunday  
 23 TBA  
 30 TBA

#### COMMUNION SERVERS:

July 2: Sandy Frieday, Marlene Dyer, Carol Newman,  
 & Jean Schult



Name	Day
Carol Newman	7 / 3
Donna Metherell	7 / 6
Simon James Ryhal	7 / 7
Stephanie Cassidy	7 / 9
Maegan Alysse Rosipayla	7 / 10
Makenzie Rhea Rosipayla	7 / 10
Ronald Tucker	7 / 11
Dennise Webster	7 / 14
Bill Everett	7 / 14
Marilyn Malloy	7 / 15
Stephen French	7 / 15
Mary Lynn Watson	7 / 17
Suzie Ewell	7 / 17
Amy Maciaszek	7 / 18
Lynne Knight	7 / 20
Patricia Rowe	7 / 20
Tom Mulford	7 / 21
Robert Hutchison	7 / 23
Nancy Barklund	7 / 26

### TRUSTEE OF THE MONTH:

**Al Webster — July**  
**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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# July 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2	3	4 Independence Day (Office Closed)	5 TOPS, 5:30pm	6	7	8
9	10	11	12 TOPS, 5:30pm	13	14	15
16 VBS Sunday	17 VBS, 9am - Noon Lunch Bunch, 11a *RUG CLEANING* CHURCH CLOSED	18 *RUG CLEANING* CHURCH CLOSED	19 TOPS, 5:30pm	20	21	22
23	24 Youth Mission Trip	25	26 TOPS, 5:30pm	27	28	29
30 Family Bowling, 6-8p Gates Bowl Darla Bair, preaching Canal Days	31	<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>				



### Worship and Fellowship Assistants

#### GREETERS:

August 6 Becca, Beth & Carrie Resch  
 13 Marlene Dyer  
 20 Norma Jones  
 27 Marlene Dyer

#### USHERS:

August 6 TBA  
 13 TBA  
 20 TBA  
 27 TBA

#### LITURGIST:

August 6 TBA  
 13 TBA  
 20 TBA  
 27 TBA

#### FELLOWSHIP HOSTS:

August 6 Resch Family  
 13 Sandi Mandarano  
 20 TBA  
 27 Paulicks

#### SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS:

August 6 TBA  
 13 TBA  
 20 TBA  
 27 TBA

#### NURSERY CARE:

August 6 TBA  
 13 TBA  
 20 TBA  
 27 TBA

#### COMMUNION SERVERS:

August 6: TBA



Name	Day
Carol Ann Pittman	8 / 4
John Goehle	8 / 5
Pat Tripoli	8 / 6
Gloria Dennis	8 / 7
Douglas Dupree	8 / 9
Betty Parker	8 / 9
James Frieday	8 / 9
Bonnie Howlett	8 / 10
Robert Schenk	8 / 13
Dennis Dupree	8 / 14
Dick Malloy	8 / 15
Jean Schult	8 / 17
Nancy Fox	8 / 17
Jacob Barklund	8 / 18
Dan Metherell	8 / 18
David Pittman	8 / 20
Julia Pittman	8 / 20
Donald Lodge	8 / 23
Eileen Smith	8 / 23
Alexandra Mandarano	8 / 25
Trevor Schumann	8 / 26
Clara Reiber	8 / 29
Caroline Norma Resch	8 / 31

### TRUSTEE OF THE MONTH: Scott Gaskill — August 733-9915

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# August 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> TOPS, 5:30pm	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>
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<b>6</b> Bob Kaiser, preaching	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> TOPS, 5:30pm	<b>10</b> OPC Movie Night, 6:30pm "God's Not Dead"	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>13</b> Eagle Court of Honor, 6-9pm	<b>14</b> **ORACLE DEADLINE**	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> TOPS, 5:30pm	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>
<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> Lunch Bunch, 11 @ Slayton Place	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> TOPS, 5:30pm	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> Community Block Party
<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> TOPS, 5:30pm	<b>31</b>		



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**Newsletter Deadline:** Articles for the *September 2017* issue of The Oracle are due in the Church Office no later than **Monday, August 14th** 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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