



The Oracle

Ogden Presbyterian Church
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Meet Rev. Tedd Pullano, OPC's new Interim Minister

Growing up in a big Italian Roman Catholic family, two factors became the core of what is important to me: community, and faith. My family of origin, then and now, spent much time together, laughing and caring, challenging and pushing, poking fun at and supporting at all costs. We attended worship together every Sunday; and what the "Church" taught was important. I can remember being a young person in Church school and listening intently to what the teacher was saying. Faith, Jesus, and the Bible all played a special role in my life—one I could not understand until I was older. As I grew up, I spent time in a variety of Christian "camps" — from very conservative to very liberal. Again, this helped form in me an ability to identify with and listen to groups from all walks of life and all trains of thought—because I had been there.

In my late teens I met the woman who would become and remain my wife — together we were married and the next day moved to Boston. "Those crazy kids." Somehow we managed to find our way, survive, and graduate from college. Upon graduation, having established our own identities, we moved back to the Rochester area and began to raise our family — a beautiful family which consists of 3 children (2 girls: 22, 20, and a boy, 16) and a dog. They, along with my wife, are awesome. We spend much time together, camping, playing sports together, eating, and caring for each other.

In Boston, I attended Seminary but left about half way through — I just felt too young and inexperienced to be a minister. After returning to Rochester, I worked as a Financial Advisor, Restaurant Manager, and construction worker. I value all I learned about the world and life from these jobs. Along the way I returned to seminary part-time and eventually graduated with my Masters of Divinity and took a church in the city of Rochester — New Life Presbyterian Church. As I worked there, I grew as a pastor and person. We faced many challenges and met them head first. After 8 years there, I felt it was time to move on — but I wasn't quite ready to take on another church. So I returned to the "real world" working for the last year as a Family Specialist in a Group Home for Boys who have been in trouble. This work has been incredibly challenging and rewarding. Refreshed in my spirit in this job, I felt God calling me to return to the pastorate. I have always felt a call to Interim Ministry, with its challenges and distinct pieces; so I looked for an Interim job. And then, BOOM! There was Ogden Presbyterian! And there I was.

And now here we are. This is going to be great, sisters and brothers. We have much great and challenging work to do, and I couldn't be more excited. Over the next year we will grow in our faith, our spirits, and grow as disciples of Jesus the Christ. We will study the Bible together and grow in our love for each other and the community. And we will prepare for whomever God is calling to lead you into the future. It's going to be challenging, fun, and awesome.

Let's go to where God is calling!

Pastor Tedd

Rev. Pullano's first preaching Sunday is July 3rd. A formal letter with more information will be going out soon to the members of the congregation.

ORACLE DEADLINE

The September 2016 Oracle Deadline is **Monday, August 15th.**

COMMITTEE CORNER

Welcome to the first edition of Committee Corner. Session felt that it is very important for all members and visitors to recognize the many Mission and Outreach activities going on at OPC. This is the beginning of year-round Stewardship communication. We will focus on one area each month. This will appear in each Oracle and will help keep the congregation up-to-date on the happenings, both current and future, in OPC, and in some cases could help people find a spot in the church where their talents fit. This in turn will help us to understand where OPC spends their money and why everyone's financial and committee support is so very important to the future of OPC.



Children are a blessing and a gift from the Lord. ~Psalm 127:3

Christian Education is an important part of our ministry at Ogden Presbyterian Church. Our committee works hard to see that all ages are provided with the best Christian programming possible.

Our weekly Sunday School Program is called "Power Xpress," which we have used for 7 years now. It is a rotation model, where children learn about a Bible story at 7 different stations. It responds to the needs of our children by teaching in ways that they learn best. The children are excited to come to church. They ask, "What station are we doing today? Cooking? Art? Games? I love them all!" It also creates opportunities for more adults to be involved in the educational ministry. This year, we had 16 different people generously volunteer to teach. Teaching involves only two Sundays, using a curriculum full of great ideas! We also set aside special Sundays to teach lessons on Communion, participate in Mission Projects, and to give Bibles to our children in 1st, 4th, and 7th grades. Other yearly events include Rally Day, a Christmas Pageant, an Easter Celebration, and Mother's and Father's Day activities.

This year, the Youth Group started meeting every month for fun, learning, and fellowship. The group continued to grow to as many as 15 youth! We kicked the year off with a 'Lock-In.' Along with monthly meetings, we also participated in community service projects like serving at the Ronald McDonald House and attending the CROP Walk. There was also time for fun activities like an outing to 'Altitude' trampoline park. We are planning a great upcoming year starting with a youth overnight retreat at Camp Hough in the fall!

Another responsibility of Christian Education is to nominate a student to serve as a Youth Adult Advisory Delegate (YAAD) to the Presbyterian General Assembly and Synod. We are so proud to have our own Zach Caloritis elected as this year's YAAD at General Assembly in Portland, Oregon.

A great blessing to us is the seven youth, one chaperone, and our interim pastor attending this year's Presbyterian Youth Triennium in July at Purdue University. The youth and their families have worked very hard at fundraising with so much love and support for this event. We will all be anxious to hear all about it!!

We are also excited about our annual Vacation Bible School program held this summer. It is a wonderful experience being able to share this community outreach with Ogden Baptist Church and First Congregational UCC of Spencerport. It is sure to be a great time as usual for children and adults alike.

One of the most beneficial parts of our Christian Education program this year has been the congregation's approval of a part-time Christian Education Director. Having a dedicated person overseeing the day-to-day workings of CE programming has been invaluable. More CE opportunities have been made possible to meet the needs of all children and youth at OPC.

The work is ongoing and the ideas and possibilities in the area of Christian Education are endless!! We strive to make our Christian Education Program the best it can be.

~Donna Metherell, Christian Education Director



SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

The OPC Session held its monthly meeting on Tuesday, June 19th. Here are some highlights from that meeting:

- Session is enthusiastically awaiting Pastor Tedd Pullano’s arrival next week. Motions were formally approved confirming Pastor Tedd as OPC Interim Minister for the one-year term beginning June 27th. Terms of Call were also approved.
- Introduction and dialogue was held with incoming Organist, Heather Beck.
- A prayerful goodbye was said to Rev. Bob Kaiser, who has served as our Moderator for the past six months. His leadership and ministry has been a real blessing for OPC.
- Elder Pat Rowe attended the recent Presbytery meeting and attested to the ministry of retired Pastor Sudi. We also received a report of current events in our Presbytery.
- Session heard liaison reports from Deacon Dawn Sheffet, Trustee Al Webster, and Christian Ed leader, Cindy Anderson.

Beyond this, all Session committees are busy doing the Lord’s work. Energy is being poured out in many spirit-filled ways! Keep your eye on the church calendar and stay tuned for all events this summer and beyond. Watch the

Oracle each month for the new “Committee Corner” feature.

Blessings,
OPC Session

SPENCERPORT FOOD SHELF NEEDS...

Current needs: Paper Towels, Toilet Paper, Crackers, Hamburger Helper, Pork and Beans, and Baked Beans. Cash and/or gift cards are always welcome.

There are 120 families on the active list that benefit from your donations. See Jean Schult or Andy Resch if you wish to donate cash.

Thank you for your generosity!

WOMEN’S BIBLE STUDY MISSION PROJECT

The Women’s Bible Study Group is partnering with Matthew 25 Ministries in Cincinnati, OH, in collecting old prescription bottles for use in medical supply shipments around the globe.

Empty pill bottles MUST be washed and dried and have all label residue removed from them to be accepted.

There is a box on the Mission Table to receive them, and the group will prepare them for shipment. Thank you for your donations and your support!



GET RID OF YOUR LOOSE CHANGE

Once again, the Missions Committee will be collecting loose change for the Spencerport Human Needs Fund.

The coin jar will be on the Mission table. Thank you for your help!



Attention all Youth 6th Grade and Up!

SAVE THE DATE!!! FALL YOUTH RETREAT

September 17th-18th
at Camp Hough on Silver Lake

Many more details to follow....

Upcoming 2016 OPC Fellowship Events



July 23 – Three Hour Lock Cruise on the Colonial Belle in Fairport. Optional dinner at the Porterhouse Restaurant after the cruise. See flyer for more details. This should be great fun for adults and children!

August 21 – OPC Annual Picnic in our church pavilion. Please sign up for contributions on the Fellowship Bulletin Board in early August.



September 17 – 16th Annual Niagara Celtic Heritage Festival in Olcott, NY. Enjoy live Celtic music, dancers, vendors, food, contests, children's activities and more. More information to be posted in July/August. See Bonnie Howlett for more details.

October 23 – Oktoberfest Fellowship Hour. Meal served by Fellowship Team (Free Will Offering).



November 13 – Mexican Theme Fellowship Hour with a Pinata for the children. Meal served by Fellowship Team (Free Will Offering).

December 18 – OPC Christmas Party hosted by the Fellowship Team. Great food and gifts! ☺



Please join us for these fun fellowship activities!

Stitchin' for Mission Group,
Thank you for your generosity, thoughtfulness, and sharing of your talents with our patients. They so appreciate being given blankets that are home made, knowing they have been thought of in such a kind, thoughtful manner. Wish you could see their faces! Thank you!!!

Maria Marsiglia
Unity Dialysis of
Spencerport

Stitchin' for Mission Group,
I was a blessed recipient of a beautiful maroon, navy, and white afghan several weeks ago at the Wilmot Cancer Center on day one of chemo treatment. Your label indicates "stitched with love" and I am very grateful for such a lovely gift. I am always cold so I frequently wrap the afghan around my shoulders and marvel that complete strangers have used their time to make such a wonderful gift! Jesus is surely alive in the love you have given me. Thank you!

Barb Spector



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 very easy to follow and loaded with fun activities. 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.

From the DEACONS...

Our Shut-ins

Judy Pagel at St. Mary's/Unity — Deacon/Michelle Rosipayla
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

Changes to our Prayers and Concerns

The weekly bulletin and Oracle will no longer include the prayers and concerns that are announced in church each Sunday. Both of these documents are open to the public online, which presents a privacy issue to anyone we are praying for.

We will continue to put prayers and concerns in the Oracle for members of our church once that person is notified. In order to secure this privacy, please call your Deacon or Dawn Sheffet (746-7666) or Dennise Webster (698-0784) for that announcement.

If you wish to be added to the congregation's prayer chain online, please call or email your Deacon.

Thank you for your understanding.

In
Loving
Memory

JANE SNELL

Feb. 16, 1922 — June 3, 2016

Deacon News

- * The Deacons will not be meeting in July or August, but will be available for congregational needs.
- * The Upper Room booklets will be located in the Narthex from now on. If you would like one, please take one; a donation put in the designated box would be appreciated! Thank you! ~The Deacons
- * Deacons can now serve communion to anyone who wants it.
- * Anyone wishing to do so can provide flowers for special services. Contact the Deacons.
- * Don't forget to donate clothing to the Deacon closet in the front of the church.
- * The Touch Cards are being handled by the Deacons from now on, freeing the wonderful Mission Committee to do the multitude of projects and goodwill they do! If you would like to donate cards for us to use, please leave them in the designated basket in the Library off the Narthex. Each week, the ushers will leave the cards from Sunday's service in the basket in the Narthex as usual. The Deacons will make sure the cards get to the recipients. Thank you for your support.
- * FIND YOUR DEACON: To know who your Deacon is, go to the Bulletin Board by the Kitchen door. Look through the Deacons Zone Pages, and you should see your name listed.

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!



WELCOME OPC'S NEW ORGANIST, HEATHER BECK

At the Session meeting on May 17th an announcement was received that Marian Smith, our organist of over 30 years, was intending to retire. The Personnel Committee, with the advisement from the Worship and Music Committee, began the search for a replacement.

This process was completed much faster than we imagined it would. Session approved the hiring on June 5th, and in meeting on June 21st. Nothing could be announced officially until Session approved the hiring.

Heather Beck will officially begin her tenure on Sunday, July 3rd. It was felt that since the choir will be off until the fall, this would give Heather a chance to begin to learn the job and become familiar with the organ and the format of the Sunday service at OPC. Then in the fall she will be better prepared to work with the choir director and Interim Minister. Marian was included in the planning in terms of when she would stop and when Heather would begin.

The Session hopes that you understand that due to the timing of the notice of Marian's retirement plans and the hiring of a new organist, it was difficult to make the congregation aware of these changes any sooner. That is why we have taken the initiative to inform you as soon as we were able.

~The Session

Anyone interested in performing any Special Music over the summer is asked to get in touch with Heather Beck.



Our children and youth planted flowers in the 3 deck planters from Aurora House on June 12th, our church school Mission Sunday!

They also weeded and planted flowers in the two small front areas of our church, under the church sign, and mailbox, and weeded the Cross garden next to the shed!

Many thanks to Kelly Bindert, Scott and Ruth Gaskill, and Donna Metherell for helping with the weed removal! Many thanks to Dan and Donna Metherell for placing ALL the mulch in the Cross garden next to the shed!



A HUGE THANK YOU!!!

The Mission Committee would like to thank everyone who donated peanut butter and jelly for Cameron Community Ministries' "Adopt-a-Shelf" program. 33 jars of peanut butter and 24 jars of jelly were donated! This will be a big help to the families Cameron serves daily. Thank you, and God Bless!

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN NEWS

We will be having a picnic at Donna Gruendike's house on **Tuesday, August 23rd at 6pm.**

Please bring a dish to pass. PW will provide plates, cups, silverware, napkins, and dessert. There is a sign up sheet on the PW Bulletin Board. Come and enjoy some fellowship together as we enjoy the beauty around us... We always have a great time.

Thank you, Donna, for opening your home to us again.



CHICKEN AND BISCUIT FUNDRAISER DINNER FOR PW

Saturday, October 1st, 2016

We will have seatings at 4:30pm and 6pm.

\$7.50/person, Children under 5 FREE.

More details to follow... Please save the date!

I would like to thank everyone for all of their prayers and cards during my recent operation and recovery. It is great to have a caring Church family.

~Bill Everett



Dear Stitchin' for Mission,

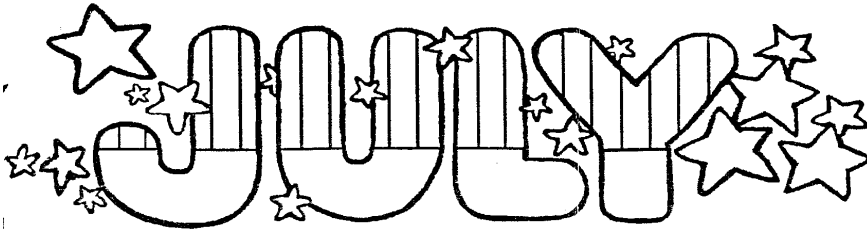
Thank you so much for the beautiful blanket you made for Jackson when he had his tonsils and adenoids removed. He loved the comfort of the blanket and sleeps with it every night. Surgery went well, and he is now much healthier!

Thank you again for your kindness and generosity.

God Bless,

Kelly, Jonny, & Jackson Hinnet





Worship and Fellowship Assistants

GREETERS:

- July 3 Carol & Nicole Quinn
- 10 Stephanie & Logan DeCamp
- 17 Bill & Pat Everett
- 24 Roger & Bonnie Howlett
- 31 Alice Brendel

USHERS:

- July 3 Dennis Dupree & Roger Howlett
- 10 Marlene Dyer & Norma Jones
- 17 VBS Sunday
- 24 Sandi Mandarano & Jean Schult
- 31 Bonnie & Roger Howlett

LITURGIST:

- July 3 Pat Everett
- 10 Sandy Frieday
- 17 VBS Sunday
- 24 Sandy Frieday
- 31 Canal Days Ecumenical Service

FELLOWSHIP HOSTS:

- July 3 Sandy & Jim Frieday
- 10
- 17 Christian Ed
- 24
- 31 Fellowship Team w/ OPC Help

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS:

- July 3 No Sunday School
- 10 Dick Mally
- 17 VBS Sunday
- 24 TBA
- 31 TBA

NURSERY CARE:

- July 3 TBA
- 10 TBA
- 17 TBA
- 24 TBA
- 31 TBA

COMMUNION SERVERS:

- July 3 Diane Dupree, DuWayne Paulick, Betty Hogue,
& Sim Mulford

BIRTHDAYS THIS MONTH

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



July Trustee of the Month:

TIM CASSIDY

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2
3	4	5	6 TOPS, 5:30pm	7	8	9
10 Nominating Committee (after worship)	11 VBS 9am - Noon	12 VBS 9am - Noon Worship & Music, 7pm	13 VBS 9am - Noon TOPS, 5:30pm	14 VBS 9am - Noon	15 VBS 9am - Noon	16
17	18 Trustees, 7pm	19	20 TOPS, 5:30pm	21	22	23
24	25	26 Triennium Youth	27 TOPS, 5:30pm	28	29	30
31 Canal Days Worship						

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Worship and Fellowship Assistants

GREETERS:

August 7 Susan Azzolina & Pat Rowe
 14 Harry & Sharon Pittman
 21 Jean Schult & Mary Saurini
 28 Marlene Dyer

USHERS:

August 7 TBA
 14 TBA
 21 TBA
 28 TBA

LITURGIST:

August 7 TBA
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FELLOWSHIP HOSTS:

August 7 TBA
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NURSERY CARE:

August 7 TBA
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COMMUNION SERVERS:

August 7 TBA

BIRTHDAYS THIS MONTH

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
Cheryl Palmer	8 / 13
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

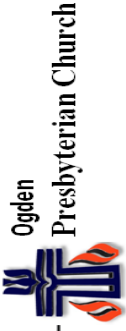


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DAN HALSTEAD

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14	15 ORACLE DEADLINE	16 Session, 7pm	17 TOPS, 5:30pm	18	19	20
21 OPC Picnic Fellowship	22	23	24 TOPS, 5:30pm	25	26	27
28	29 Fellowship, 6pm	30	31 TOPS, 5:30pm Christian Ed, 7pm	<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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