



# The Oracle

Ogden Presbyterian Church  
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## *"The Present"*

If any of you frequent Facebook, there is a good chance that at least one of your friends has shared a video clip entitled, "The Present." It is a short animation by a group of young students, all of whom were offered jobs at Disney/Pixar after the video went viral.

It opens with a young boy who is sitting on the couch in his living room, engrossed in his favorite video game. His mother comes walking through the front door, apologizing for getting home later than she had planned, and puts a large box on the table in front of him. He gets upset, for the box blocks his view of the tv screen. He starts to wonder about what could be in the box, but his focus remains on his game.

His mother opens up the blinds, remarking what a beautiful day it was. But her son remains glued to the tv, adjusting for the change of lighting in the room. The telephone rings, and before she answers, she asks him, "Why don't you open the present I got you?" He pauses the game, and looks at the box, confused. Deciding to open it, he begins to lift one of the flaps. Out pops a puppy, much to his delight... until he notices that the pup is missing its front left paw. He tosses the pup on the floor, exclaiming "you've gotta be kidding me!," swats the box off the table, and goes back to his game.

The pup, trying to get the boy's attention, goes over to his side and starts barking. The boy shoves him away with his foot, saying "get lost." The pup, now on its back, sees a ball underneath a cabinet on the other side of the room. It gets up, and starts trying to run after it, and stumbles. It gets back up, and then stumbles again. The boy shrugs it off as pathetic. The pup finally gets over to the cabinet, and runs directly into it. After getting up yet again, it manages to fetch the ball, and brings it over to the boy's side. The boy kicks it aside, not wanting to be interrupted from his gameplay, and the game is on...

The boy had kicked the ball into the box he had flung off the table. As the pup goes to get it, it turns over on top of it, and the pup runs around inside the box, crashing into things. The boy begins to be slightly amused, but quickly diverts his attention back to his game. The pup eventually frees itself, and the boy watches as the pup slowly brings the ball back over to his side. The pup just sits there, looking up at the boy. The boy looks back. Even though the pup has trouble getting around, it is determined to have fun and play.

The boy decides that the pup might not be so bad after all, and decides to head outside and play fetch with his new friend. As he gets up off the couch, he has to grab his two crutches. As he yells up to his mother that they're going outside to play, we see that he is missing his left leg below the knee. It took someone with a similar situation to show him that even though it may not be easy, his lack of a lower limb doesn't have to be a disability to having fun.

So what "disabilities" do we have that prevent us from truly living life, or worshipping God? What excuses do we make? What are we actually missing out on by doing so? God knows that we have our own challenges that we walk with... but He knows that we are capable of getting through them. He gave us the ultimate gift of His unfailing love and mercy, and the victory over death because of the cross. He's paid our every debt. He wants us to live and to share our blessings with others. Go be a present to someone else.

*Brandon*

**ORACLE DEADLINE**  
 The July/August 2016 Oracle Deadline is **Monday, June 20th.**

## Upcoming 2016 OPC Fellowship Events

**June 19** – Dad and Grad Celebration during Fellowship Hour. Meal served by Fellowship Team (Free Will Offering).



**July 23** – Lunch at the Coal Tower and Boat Ride on the Sam Patch in Pittsford. Shop in the stores along the canal. More information to be posted in June.

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



**September 17** – 16<sup>th</sup> 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.

**September 18** – Mexican Theme Fellowship Hour with a Pinata for the children. Meal served by Fellowship Team (Free Will Offering).



**October 23** – Oktoberfest Fellowship Hour. 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!**

**DISCIPLESHIP EVENT: OPC MOVIE NIGHT!!!**

Wednesday, June 29, 2016, 7pm at OPC

Popcorn and drinks will be provided!

Come out and see the recently released film *Risen*, which tells the story of Jesus through the eyes of a non-believer.



## BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Each Sunday in our PowerPoint announcement, we announce the birthdays of members of our church for that coming week. Sometimes we have the birthday correct, sometimes we don't, and sometimes it's missing all together. Help us fix this! We want to celebrate with you!

Please take a minute to either email or call the church office with the birthdays and anniversaries, as well as the correct spellings of the names of members in your household.



Email: ogdenpres@frontiernet.net or  
Phone: 585-352-6802.

You do not need to give us the year, but by having the dates, we can be sure to include you in the birthday list. Thanks!

## EAGLE STAR VETERAN'S HOME

The Men's Bible Group needs your help. Throughout the year, we will be collecting donations on the "Veterans' Wish List". The complete list is posted on the Mission Bulletin Board and on the special box on the Mission Table. Extra copies of the list will be on the table for you to take home. If you have any questions, contact any member of the Bible Group. Your help is greatly appreciated.

## MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

The Men's Bible study meets the **2nd and 4th Mondays of each month, at Noon** (bring your lunch with you). New members are always welcome. Any questions, see Dick Malloy.

## 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!

## Trustee of the Month:

**June — Scott Gaskill — (585) 395-1472**

One trustee is assigned per month to take care of any building issues that may arise. Work Order Request forms can be found on the office window ledge. Please call the designated Trustee if you have something that needs to be addressed or drop off a Work Order Request in the office.

## SPENCERPORT FOOD SHELF NEEDS...

**Current needs:** Paper Towels, Peanut Butter, Crackers, Cake Mixes, 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!



## THANKS FROM THE CUB SCOUTS

Quite recently, OPC was recognized for sponsoring Pack 92 Cub Scouts for

**50 YEARS!**

Thank you for your continued support of our Cub and Boy Scouts of Pack/Troop 92!



## CROP WALK UPDATE

We had 10 walkers this year: Pat & Bill Everett, Ruth & Scott Gaskill, Dick Malloy and his daughter Pam, and 4 youth group members: Toya, Jennifer, Liam, and Quinn! Together they raised \$1,003! Great job everyone!!! Overall, the walk reached its goal of \$7,000, raising \$7,091. Great job by all involved.

## FOOD SHELF DONATIONS... AND MANY THANKS TO BETTY HOGUE

# Food Shelf



Many thanks to Betty Hogue who requested items for the Food Shelf in lieu of personal gifts at her 80th birthday party. Here is a list of the items taken to the Food Shelf on May 19, 2016:

1 Muffin Mix, 1 Jello, 11 Soup, 20 Dried Pasta, 15 Canned Pasta, 4 Canned Fruit, 18 Canned Vegetables, 7 Hamburger Helper, 12 Baked Beans/Pork & Beans, 11 Rice/Pasta/Potato Mixes, 1 Stuffing Mix, 6 Boxes Crackers, 5 Peanut Butter, 4 Cans Tuna, 7 Canned Chicken Breast, 3 Cake Mixes, 6 Boxes Cereal, 7 Jars Pasta Sauce, 1 Horseradish Sauce, 3 Jams/Jellies, 1 Dried Onion Topping, 1 Jar Olives, 1 Paper Towels, 1 Package Napkins, 2 Deodorant, and 5 Toothbrushes... WOW!!!

Betty, thank your many guests for their generosity. The Food Shelf is VERY grateful!

## A LITTLE TRIVIA ABOUT TWO YOKED CHRUCHES

Recently a friend shared some history about OPC being yoked to Chili Presbyterian Church. Here is the story:

During 1948, the Presbytery encouraged OPC and the First Presbyterian Church of Chili to enter into a yoked ministry. Neither church could afford a full-time pastor, and the rationale was that a shared pastorate would be better than each church depending upon "supplies". Following approvals and with minimal pulpit committee involvement on the part of either church, the Rev. Earl Bloxham was called to serve. He had completed his tour of duty in the military and wanted to re-establish his ministry calling. (He was not a chaplain in the army but a line officer.) OPC provided the manse where he and his family lived.

Perhaps Rev. Bloxham had not adjusted to civilian life, but he became very frustrated with both congregations because they had difficulty in following his "orders." Regardless of the cause, blame or design, a process to dissolve the yoked arrangement was nearly unanimously supported by both churches.

*Submitted by Harry Pittman*



## 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

Jane Snell at Kirkhaven — Deacon/Dawn Sheffet  
 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.

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.

Gary J. Mulford

New Address TBA



### Deacon News

- \* 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
- \* We have a Deacon who 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!

# Congratulations

*Class of 2016*



Life is a never-ending classroom. Despite our best attempts at the contrary, we spend our entire lives learning new pieces of information. Some of it is far more useful to us than others. But to truly live life is to never stop learning...

As you walk across the stage, clad in your cap and gown, and receive your diploma, you should feel proud of your accomplishments and hard work. You have earned it! And we celebrate with and congratulate you, too! Whether it is high school, undergraduate studies, or graduate studies, you have just successfully finished another chapter in your life. The next chapter remains to be written... whether that means going to college for the first time, or starting (or continuing) with graduate studies, or starting the job search and entering the real world, take some time to celebrate your achievements. Your church family wish you all the best with all of your future academic and professional endeavors.

Again, CONGRATULATIONS!



## **MORGAN SCHULT**

Bachelors in Spanish

Roberts Wesleyan College,  
Department of Language  
& Literature

Cum Laude Honors

Plans to pursue a career  
in interpreting.



## **ANDREW ST. DENIS**

Master of Arts in  
Security Policy Studies

The Elliott School of  
International Affairs at  
The George Washington  
University



## **LAUREN METHERELL**

Bachelor of Science in  
Nursing (December)

St. John Fisher College

Working as an RN at  
Carolinas Medical Center  
in Charlotte, NC



## **COLIN PALMER & JACKIE HONG**

Degrees in Naval  
Architecture and Marine  
Engineering

University of Michigan

They will be working for American Bureau of  
Shipping in Houston, TX beginning in July.



**ALYSSA HOADLEY &  
JULIANA MANDARANO**

will both be graduating  
from Spencerport this  
month!



**DAVID NUNDY**

will be graduating from  
Churchville-Chili this  
month!



**BEN PALMER**

graduated from Kearney  
Catholic High School in  
Kearney, Nebraska.

He will be attending RIT for  
Mechanical Engineering.



**MORGAN PALMER**

will be graduating from East  
Aurora High School this month.

She will be attending college in  
the fall, but is not sure where  
yet.

**GRACE GASKILL**

Bachelor of Arts in Anthropology (Dec. 2015)  
University of Vermont

She will be attending Graduate School after  
finishing up her placement with AmeriCorps.



**JACOB GASKILL**

Masters in Biology  
Grand Rapids State  
University

He has plans to work for a  
year before continuing on  
for a Ph.D.

**TRACY WEBSTER**

Masters in Inclusive Early Childhood  
Education

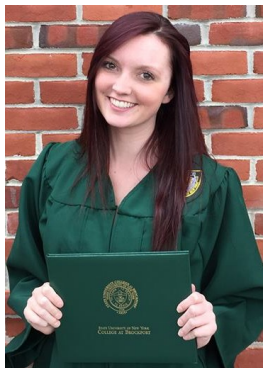
Nazareth College

Teaching Pre-School at Mary Cariola



**ELIJAH SEELEY**

Recently graduated from the University at  
Buffalo, completing 2 degrees in only 3 years  
of study!



**TRISTA COREY**

Bachelors in Biochemistry  
SUNY Brockport

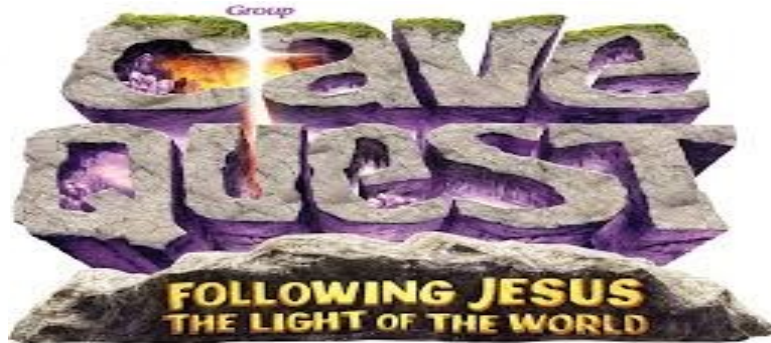


**DR. MOLLY COREY**

Doctor of Philosophy in  
Education  
University at Buffalo

# Vacation Bible School 2016

Ogden Presbyterian Church, First Congregational Church &  
Ogden Baptist Church present...



**July 11-15, 9:00 am- 12 noon**

**Cave Quest Location:**

Ogden Presbyterian Church

**Registration Deadline: June 12<sup>th</sup>**

See Donna Metherell for questions or Registration Forms

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Thank you for your wonderful donations to our parish garage sale last Saturday. It was a delightful surprise to receive all of your gifts.

Thank you for your spirit of grace and love. If you ever need me, please just give the church a call.

In Christ,

Deacon Bill Rabjohn  
St. John the Evangelist



Dear Members of Ogden Presbyterian Church,

This letter is to acknowledge your generous and thoughtful gift of \$200 to the Emergency Aid Fund of the Presbytery. Because Presbytery's Emergency Aid Fund is there, individuals or families from our Presbytery's community of teaching elders, commissioned ruling elders, and commissioned Christian educators have been given direct financial help with the knowledge that they are a part of a caring family of faith called Presbytery.

Thank you for your participation in this offering supporting one another in the body of Christ of which we are members — The Genesee Valley Presbytery.

Rev. Amy Williams Fowler  
Presbytery Leader





# Registration Form

(One Per Child)

Child's name: \_\_\_\_\_ Child's gender: \_\_\_\_\_

Child's age: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Last school grade completed: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of parent(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Street address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

Home telephone: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/caregiver's cell phone: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Home email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Home church: \_\_\_\_\_

Crew number or name (for church use only): \_\_\_\_\_

Allergies or other medical conditions: \_\_\_\_\_



In case of emergency, contact: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to child: \_\_\_\_\_



### Worship and Fellowship Assistants

#### GREETERS:

June 5 Jennifer, Emma & Leah Savino  
 12 Scott & Ruth Gaskill  
 19 Jerry & Chris Matull  
 26 Bob Hutchison

#### USHERS:

June 5 Donna Gruendike & Evelyn Bentley  
 12 Betty Hogue & Sandy Frieday  
 19 Dick & Marilyn Malloy  
 26 Sandi Mandarano & Bonnie Howlett

#### LITURGIST:

June 5 Sandy Frieday  
 12 Zach Caloritis  
 19 Harry Pittman  
 26 Sandy Frieday

#### FELLOWSHIP HOSTS:

June 5 Asian Theme Triennium Fundraiser  
 12 TBA  
 19 Dad & Grad Fellowship Hour  
 26 TBA

#### SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS:

June 5 Cindy Anderson & Heather Cassidy  
 12 Mission Sunday **\*\*WEAR OLD CLOTHES!\*\***  
 19 Father's Day Activities!  
 26 Teacher Recognition & End of Year Breakfast

#### NURSERY CARE:

June 5 Kelly Bindert  
 12 Cindy Anderson  
 19 TBA  
 26 TBA

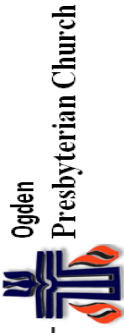
#### COMMUNION SERVERS:

June 5 Marlene Dyer, Stephanie Cassidy, Jen Savino,  
 & Don Clarke  
 July 3 Diane Dupree, DuWayne Paulick, Betty Hogue,  
 & Sim Mulford

### BIRTHDAYS THIS MONTH

Name	Day
Abbey Brothers	6 / 3
Barbara Weigand	6 / 5
Brandon Foster	6 / 5
Dan Halstead	6 / 9
Todd Ewell	6 / 9
Jennifer Savino	6 / 10
Alexandra Lodge	6 / 10
Thomas Plucknette	6 / 11
Randy Spielberg	6 / 12
Kristen Dupree	6 / 12
Betsy Hoffer-Goehle	6 / 13
Sarah Corey	6 / 13
Katherine Resch	6 / 17
Robert Schmitt	6 / 17
Marian Smith	6 / 18
Barbara Blakely	6 / 20
Timothy Fox	6 / 21
Mark Heck	6 / 21
Annette Hauenstein	6 / 21
Ann Metz	6 / 24
Nancy Holley	6 / 26
Ronald Palmer	6 / 26
Sally Brothers	6 / 27
Tom Foster	6 / 28

happy  
 birthday



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# June 2016

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			<b>1</b> TOPS, 5:30pm Choir, 7pm	<b>2</b> Missions, 7pm	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> Fellowship, 6pm	<b>7</b> Women's Bible Study, 9:30am Christian Education, 7pm	<b>8</b> TOPS, 5:30pm Choir, 7pm  CARNIVAL →	<b>9</b> SEM, 9am, Parma Baptist Stitchin' for Mission, 10am →	<b>10</b> →	<b>11</b> →
<b>BOB KAISER</b>						
<b>12</b> Nominating Committee (after worship)	<b>13</b> Men's Bible Study, Noon	<b>14</b> Worship & Music, 7pm	<b>15</b> TOPS, 5:30pm	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>
<b>AMY FOWLER</b>						
<b>19</b> Dad & Grad Sunday	<b>20</b> Deacons, 6:30pm Trustees, 7pm <b>ORACLE DEADLINE</b>	<b>21</b> Session, 7pm	<b>22</b> TOPS, 5:30pm	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>
<b>JOHN GOEHLE</b>						
<b>26</b> FOSTERING HOPE	<b>27</b> Men's Bible Study, Noon	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> TOPS, 5:30pm <b>OPC Movie Night, 7pm</b>	<b>30</b>	<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>	
<b>DARLA BAIR</b>						

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**\*\*DATED MATERIAL\*\***

**June 2016**

## June 2016

**Newsletter Deadline:** Articles for the *July/August 2016* issue of The Oracle are due in the Church Office no later than **Monday, June 20th** 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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