



# The Oracle

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Friends,

Ah, with the celebrating of Memorial Day, the summer season is officially here. Wonderfully warm days, long relaxing nights and time spent with friends and family in leisure activities. Because summer in Rochester is so short, many people take advantage of the beautiful warm weather to travel around, be away at camps and cottages, and enjoy some “down time”. Thanks be to God for this opportunity. In August I will do the same, taking a couple of weeks of vacation to be with my family.

While I encourage people to take time to relax and enjoy, being away summer can feel like a time of disconnect. We take certain months off from meetings, people are away from worship on Sundays, and communicating becomes more difficult. So, I encourage you to find ways to stay connected to the “goings on” of Ogden Presbyterian and each other throughout the busy summer months. Feel free to pick up the phone and get together with someone for coffee. Find a prayer partner to share with during July and August. Read your Oracle to stay abreast of developments (like the August “Block Party”). Write something for the Oracle to let everyone know what is going on.

If you are looking for study or reading ideas, I have plenty of suggestions – may I suggest *Blue Like Jazz* or *Love Wins*? How about the New Testament Book of *Acts*? Whatever you do, stay connected and in the loop as you enjoy the refreshing nature of summer in Rochester.

Peace,  
Pastor Tedd



## Mission Study Report

**On Saturday June 3<sup>rd</sup> from 8:30 a.m. until around 11:30 a.m.**, there will be an All-Church gathering to discuss the findings of the Mission Study team. Leading up to that gathering, the team will send out the information we have gathered about these two questions; *Who are we?* and *Who is Our Neighbor?* Please review the information when you receive it. At the gathering, the team will review the information as needed. More importantly, the team will lead a discussion of the material, answer any questions as best we can, and listen to new thoughts. Then we will, all together, begin to draw some conclusions and answer the question:

*What is God Calling Us to Do?* It is important to have as much input as possible, so please plan to join us and share in the process and the “conclusion drawing”. Your voices are vital. Plus, we will have yummy breakfast foods and coffee. So, put June 3<sup>rd</sup> on your calendar and look for the materials that week. If you have questions, please let us know. Thank you!



Your Mission Study team

(Cindy Anderson, Dennis Dupree, Harry Pittman, Dawn Sheffet, 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.

# Welcome

## **2017 OPC Membership Committee**

**Chris Matull, Diane Dupree,  
Pat Everett, Marilyn Malloy,  
Pat Rowe, Anne Wallace**

**The OPC membership committee works together to provide a welcoming environment for visitors as well as reaching out to all who worship with us.**

**This year we have redesigned our brochure and we are currently working on an informational packet to offer visitors. Located in each pew is a newly created “yellow” OPC contact form. This form is for all to use as one of many ways to be contacted by our Pastor, by a Deacon, or to receive further information regarding OPC membership.**

**The committee maintains membership rolls. We are also keeping in touch with members and friends that have been absent from Sunday worship. We let them know that they are missed, inquire if they need any help from us and most importantly we reassure them that their OPC family cares and is here to give support if needed.**

**As a team we strive to come up with new ideas and to reach out to our church family. We welcome you to join us!**

**Peace & Blessings  
Chris**

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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!



## MOVIE NIGHT AT OPC SUNDAY, JUNE 11, 6:30 PM

Based on the New York Times best-selling novel, *The Shack* takes us on a father's uplifting spiritual journey. After suffering a family tragedy, Mack Phillips [Sam Worthington] spirals into a deep depression causing him to question his innermost beliefs. Facing a crisis of faith, he receives a mysterious letter urging him to an abandoned shack deep in the Oregon wilderness. Despite his doubts, Mack journeys to the shack and encounters an enigmatic trio of strangers led by a woman named Papa [Octavia Spencer].

Through this meeting, Mack finds important truths that will transform his understanding of his tragedy and change his life forever. This movie was just released to DVD on May 30th; if you missed it in the theaters, don't miss your chance to see it now!

We hope you will join us!



### VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2017 MAKER FUN FACTORY!!!

There will be a **VBS Work Day** on **June 26th at 9am**.  
Your help would be greatly appreciated!  
Come enjoy the fun!

We will be **marching** in the **Fireman's Parade** on **June 8th** if anyone is willing to join us. The more the merrier! If you are interested in participating, please see Donna Metherell.

There is more information about this year's VBS program on the church website. From the homepage (<http://www.ogdenpresbyterian.org>), hover your mouse over the Ministries tab, then select 'Children'.

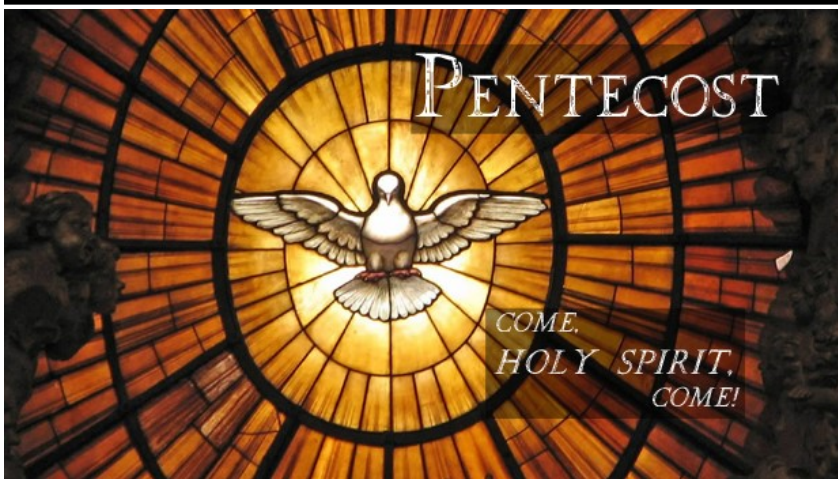


**REGISTRATION FORMS ARE AVAILABLE AS A DOWNLOAD ON THE WEBSITE.**

**The deadline to submit your registration is JUNE 18th!!!**

If you have any questions, please ask Donna Metherell, or contact the church at 352-6802 or [ogdenpresbyterian@gmail.com](mailto:ogdenpresbyterian@gmail.com). Thank you!





## PENTECOST

The Fellowship Team will be hosting a special Fellowship Hour on Pentecost Sunday (June 4th), and could use your help! A sign-up sheet will be posted on the Fellowship Bulletin Board. Your help is greatly appreciated. Thank you!

## PENTECOST OFFERING

The Pentecost Offering is one of four special offerings taken yearly to support Presbyterian Mission. Funds raised from

this offering go to support ministries for youth, young adults, and children at risk. 45% of the funds raised stay here at OPC to support our local youth. **This year's offering will be taken on Pentecost Sunday, June 4th.** Please wear something **RED** to church that morning, as red is the symbolic color of the Holy Spirit.



## SPECIAL OFFERINGS PENTECOST



## BACCALAUREATE S E R V I C E

## BACCALAUREATE SERVICE

Spencerport Ecumenical Ministries, in cooperation with the Spencerport School District, will host a Baccalaureate service for the Class of 2017 on:

**Sunday, June 4th, @ 6pm**  
**Spencerport Wesleyan Church**  
 2653 Nichols Street (near Gillett Rd.)



A few pictures from our recent Confirmation Service. Congratulations to our 6 youth! We are very proud of you!





*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*

### **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**

- ❖ **Upcoming Graduate Sunday: Please let the office know if you are graduating!**
- ❖ **Change to Communion Servers:** The Book of Order has changed, so now members of the congregation can serve Communion. If you are interested, please contact Ruth Gaskill.
- ❖ **Don't forget the Deacon Clothes Closet** in the Narthex coat room when getting rid of old clothes. We donate the clothes to those in need in the community. Attach a note to your donation if you would like a receipt.
- ❖ **The work of the Deacons is supported by your contributions to the Deacon offering, which is taken on Communion Sundays.** Offering envelopes can be found in the pews.
- ❖ **As always, thank you for all your support!**

*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.

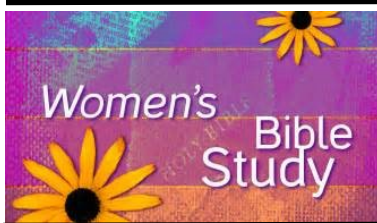
BON APPETIT!



### 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



### WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

The Tuesday morning Women's Bible Study group has finished up for the season and will resume meeting in September.

Be on the lookout for more information toward the end of summer.

Have a wonderful summer!

### A BIG THANK YOU!!!

Thank You, Thank You, Thank You!!! To everyone who gave their time, energy, and donations to our Scalloped Potato & Ham Dinner. Everyone worked so well together, often in teams, and so efficiently that chores were done quickly!

The dining room was lovely with fresh flower plants in china cups and saucers. We earned \$771 to augment our church budget! Again, many thanks!

~Women's Bible Study



### FOOD SHELF CURRENT NEEDS



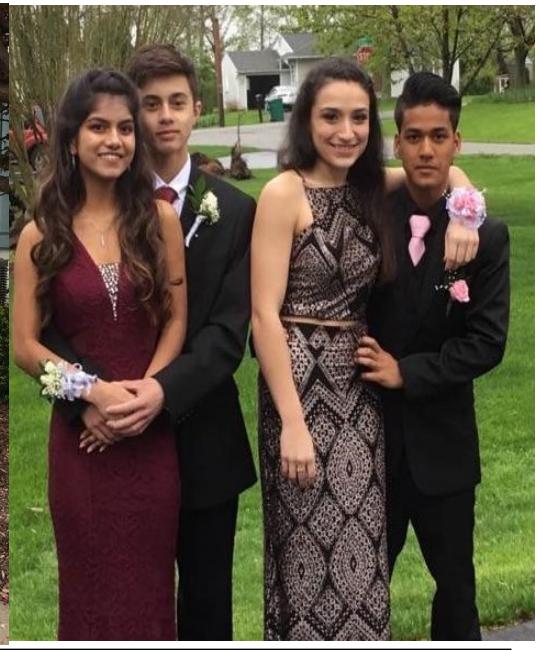
Jell-O, Pudding Mix, Peanut Butter, Boxed Potatoes, Coffee, Cake Mix, Brownie Mix, and Corn Muffin Mix are the current needs. Any cash donations toward purchase of gift cards can be given to Jean Schult or Andy Resch.

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



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## ARE YOU GRADUATING?!?!

Congratulations! Please submit your information for inclusion in worship for Dad & Grad Sunday, which will be on June 18th.

Please include pictures, future plans (work or college/grad school, etc.) .

Submit information to Brandon in the church office **no later than June 11th.**

## 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!!!



**\*\*\*The next Oracle will be a 2-month summer edition for July & August.\*\*\***

If your committees are meeting or have plans for the summer, please let the office know.

The Deadline to submit items is:

**MONDAY, JUNE 19th.**

Submit your items to Brandon at [ogdenpresbyterian@gmail.com](mailto:ogdenpresbyterian@gmail.com).



Don't Miss the **DEADLINE!**

THE GRAVEYARD OF PAST DEADLINES





## 2017 OPC Fellowship Events



**June 4** – Pentecost Fellowship Hour. Please sign up for contributions on the Fellowship Bulletin Board.



**June 18** – Dad and Grad Celebration during Fellowship Hour. Meal served by Fellowship Team (Free Will Offering).



**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 20** – OPC Annual Picnic in the OPC Pavilion. Please sign up for contributions 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!**

### PW SUMMER SALAD DINNER June 28th, 6pm, @ Donna Gruendike's

There is a sign up sheet on the PW Bulletin Board in the Fellowship Hall. Lettuce, Salad Dressings, and Dessert will be provided. Please bring a salad topping to share!

We will also be making a small gardening planter.

We hope you can join us!







These last 3+ years have been very rough and I'd like to thank all of you for your prayers. Those whom have sent cards, called on the phone, etc., have been very much appreciated. Extra thanks to **Carol Newman** and **Ann Metz** for showing their continued concerns. Walking for me is definitely limited and painful. Still trying to find an answer. Visits, phone calls, cards, etc., really mean a lot to me. It's nice to be remembered and not forgotten. Also, my heartfelt appreciation to two wonderful Ogden Presbyterian "angels" **Jim Frieday** and **Al Webster** for weeks of work restoring my kitchen after the disastrous damage. It was a major project and they went above and beyond the true meaning and application of being a Christian. What a marvelous job they did and it's so nice to have my kitchen back! Jim had heard my prayer request and responded to see if he could help. The two men definitely exemplified more than the principles of "Active Christian Living" that Pastor Tedd has been preaching about. Words are so inadequate, but THANK YOU!!! And again, thanks to all.  
~Dianne Voorhees

**EVERYTHING OLD BECOMES NEW AGAIN...**

The 3rd Monday Morning Breakfast Group is becoming the 3rd Monday Lunch Bunch (generally a smaller group which allows for catching up with each other and good conversation!) Please put this on your calendars... 3rd Monday of each month, 11:00am at Slayton's. See you there! Ladies only, please!



If you would be interested in doing special music this summer, please get in touch with our organist, Ellen Bristol.



**CHOIR PICNIC**  
**Wednesday, June 14th, 6pm**  
**@ The Weavers'**  
Hope to see you there!

**SPRING WORK DAY UPDATE**

On April 29th, the Trustees held the annual Spring Work Day at OPC. The weather cooperated, and the day was a huge success!

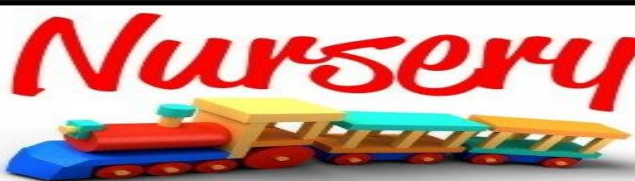
Here are some of the inside and outside projects completed:

Bad floor boards on the ramp were replaced; gutters were cleaned; siding on the North side was power washed; bell bricks were cleaned; area around the trees was mulched; windows were washed; and the nursery and classroom #3 were painted. The Boy Scouts worked very hard raking leaves, cutting down small trees in the field, and digging out sod next to the shed.

A big thank you to all who participated. We will be planning another Work Day toward the Fall and welcome anyone that is willing to join us!



**CHURCH  
WORKDAY**



Summer Church School and Nursery Care will be available for 6 weeks: July 9th, 23rd and 30th, and August 6th, 13th and 20th. As you know, we rely on members of our congregation to teach and provide care in the nursery. Would you please consider signing up for 1 or 2 Sundays this summer? Thank you very much — our children and youth enjoy working with our church family each week! Sign up sheets will be posted on the CE Bulletin Board.

Curriculum and lesson ideas will be available for each Sunday, and can be found on the table by the CE Board. \*\*\*Please Note: If there is no one signed up to teach and/or be in the nursery on a particular Sunday, they will not be available. Thank you for your understanding.  
~Christian Education



### Worship and Fellowship Assistants

#### GREETERS:

June 4 John Pullano  
 11 Jessica & Katie Pittman  
 18 TBA  
 25 TBA

#### USHERS:

June 4 Marilyn & Dick Malloy  
 11 Sandi Mandarao & Bonnie Bush  
 18 Stephanie & Tim Cassidy  
 25 Sandy & Jim Friday

#### LITURGIST:

June 4 Carol Newman  
 11 Sandy Friday  
 18 Bonnie Howlett  
 25 Norma Jones

#### FELLOWSHIP HOSTS:

June 4 Fellowship Team w/ help from OPC Congregation  
 11 Pat Rowe & Susan Azzolina  
 18 Meal Prepared by Fellowship (Free Will Offering)  
 25 Julia Ryhal & Lyn Ewell

#### SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS:

June 4 Communion Lesson  
 11 End of Year Breakfast/Teacher & Shepherd  
 Appreciation  
 18 Father's Day Activities  
 25 No Sunday School  
 (Summer Sunday School begins July 9th!)

#### NURSERY CARE:

June 4 Bonnie Howlett  
 11 Katie & Sharon Pittman  
 18 TBA  
 25 TBA

#### COMMUNION SERVERS:

June 4: Chris Matull, Sharon & Harry Pittman, & Dennis Webster



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

### TRUSTEE OF THE MONTH: Jim Friday — June 260-0175

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
<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>						
<b>4</b> <b>PENTECOST SUNDAY</b> (wear RED)  Baccalaureate, 6pm, Sppt. Wesleyan	<b>5</b> Fellowship, 6pm Cub Scouts	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> TOPS, 5:30pm Choir, 7pm  Kiddie Parade <b>CARNIVAL</b>	<b>8</b> Stitchin', 10am  Fireman's Parade <b>CARNIVAL</b>	<b>9</b>   <b>CARNIVAL</b>	<b>10</b>   <b>CARNIVAL</b>
<b>11</b> Missions (after worship) OPC Movie Night, 6:30pm	<b>12</b> Cub Scouts	<b>13</b> W&M, 7pm  <b>Regents Begin</b>	<b>14</b> TOPS, 5:30pm	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> Resch Piano Recital, 2:30-6pm
<b>18</b> Dad & Grad Sunday Father's Day  <b>**VBS Registration                      Deadline**</b>	<b>19</b> Deacons, 6:30pm Trustees, 7pm Cub Scouts	<b>20</b> Session, 7pm	<b>21</b> TOPS, 5:30pm	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>   Spencerport Graduation, 7p	<b>24</b>
<b>25</b> Nominating Comm. (after worship)	<b>26</b> <b>VBS Work Day, 9am</b> Cub Scouts	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> TOPS, 5:30pm PW Salad Dinner @ Gruendikes', 6pm	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	

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

**June 2017**

## June 2017

**Newsletter Deadline:** Articles for the *July/August 2017* issue of The Oracle are due in the Church Office no later than **Monday, June 19th** by 10:00 a.m. All contributions are subject to editing with regard to the subject matter and space requirements.

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