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Sometimes in February in Rochester, the snow can be ugly. You know, it becomes all slushy, all brown and black and gray. It loses its appeal. Even with a lighter amount for snow, that happened again this year. But then something happened today, Monday. It snowed. Quite a bit, actually. But this was a different snow. As I shoveled and then walked my dog around the street, I was awestruck by the sheer brilliant white of the new fallen snow. Since we had received so much snow, everything was covered over and covered up. There was no more brown, black, gray dismal snow — only pure white, beautiful, fresh-fallen new snow. How this new-fallen snow covers and makes the old brown, black, gray snow beautiful is, to me, very much like Lent and Easter.

Too often we stray from the ways God has called us into: ways of selflessness, compassion and understanding. When we do that, we become like the beautiful snow that has turned from its natural beautiful color. But, through the love, mercy, and grace of God, we don't need to stay in that place. Through the work of Jesus Christ on the cross, we are brought into a fuller, more beautiful and whole relationship with God Almighty. And out of that relationship, God covers us, like the new snow covers the old snow, with a newness that restores us to the natural beautiful people God created us to be.

On March 1st, Ash Wednesday, we begin the season of Lent. I so appreciate Lent because it feels like a gift — a gift of 6 weeks when we can set aside time to examine our lives — to quietly think and pray and begin to understand where we have fallen short of God's call on our lives, and to put plans into place to grow and improve those places. I hope you will take the opportunity of Lent to spend some quiet time with God, praying, thinking, and listening. Lent can be a great time to draw closer to God as we consider the work God has done on our behalf, and the future he has called us to.

Peace,
Pastor Tedd

LENTEN WORSHIP SCHEDULE



Wednesday, March 1st 7:00pm



Sunday, April 9th 10:00am



Thursday, April 13th 7:00pm



Friday, April 14th Sanctuary open for quiet contemplation Noon—3pm



Sunday, April 16th 7:00am, Sppt. Gazebo Sponsored by SEM



Sunday, April 16th 10:00am, OPC MARCH 2017 PAGE 2



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.



OPC TRUSTEES

The Trustees are responsible for the building and grounds at OPC. This includes all the mechanicals (electrical, plumbing, heating, along with the structural and hardware) and removing snow/ice from the parking lot and sidewalks in the winter, as well as lawn

mowing in the summer. The general daily/weekly cleaning (like washing floors and vacuuming rugs) is performed by the custodian. Much of the maintenance work is performed by trustees themselves or by other members, and sometimes non-members. We have been lucky to have a lot of people, both on trustees and non-trustees, with a wide range of talent/equipment that donate their time and expertise, so the costs have been kept to a minimum maintaining the building and grounds. The few items that require hiring someone are Fire Extinguisher Inspection, Fire Alarm Inspection/Certification, and parking lot snow removal.

There is an AED (Automatic Electronic Defibrillator) installed in the Fellowship Hall. There are a few of us that have received training on the use of this equipment. We encourage everyone to complete the CPR/AED courses that are offered by several local organizations.

Every month we have a Trustee assigned to be the primary contact for any building issues that may need attention. For lawn cutting, OPC has a riding mower that we maintain, and a dedicated lawn crew of trustees and non-trustees that volunteer to perform 1 week blocks of each month to cut and trim the lawn.

Each year we have two Trustee work days: one in the Spring, and one in the Fall. The Spring 2017 work day is scheduled for Saturday, April 29th. In addition to the Trustees, the Boy Scouts from our OPC sponsored Troop 92 join us for both work days, along with some non-trustee members. Most of the activities at these work days are doing general maintenance tasks. On the Spring work day, we get ready for Summer by cleaning, painting, and inspecting all the systems inside and out. For the Fall work day, we prepare for Winter by making sure the heating systems are in good working order, the smoke and CO2 detectors are operational, and all is protected from ice and snow damage. For each work day, we have a checklist with items reviewed and updated at our scheduled Trustee meetings. If you are interested in helping on those days, please see a Trustee for more details, or just arrive on the scheduled days. It's always a rewarding day working together to make us all proud of our beautiful country church.

In 2017, some of the maintenance/improvements we are currently planning are installing electric in and to the Pavilion, replacing the electric line to the sign, completing heating system repairs, painting the outside handrails, shed, fire escape, and doors. We also have plans to remodel the Narthex coat room.

Please keep OPC in mind if you are discarding scrap metal. Throughout the year, we collect metal and exchange it for money at the recycling facility. All the money is used to offset operating expenses for OPC.

~Al Webster Co-Chairman, Trustees



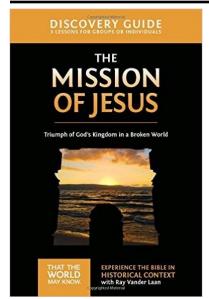
Trustees

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OPC Committees 2017

Committee	<u>Leader(s)</u>	$\underline{\mathbf{Members}}$
Session	Moderator: Rev. Tedd Pullar Clerk of Session: John Calori	, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,
Christian Ed	Cindy Anderson, Chair Donna Metherell, Youth Direc	Kelly Bindert, Ruth Gaskill, Pamela Gonnoud etor Tracy McKinney, Carol Newman, Jen Savino
Discipleship	Pat Rowe	Dennis Dupree, Bonnie Howlett, Roger Howlett, Carol Newman
Fellowship	Sandy Frieday	Alice Brendel, Janet Fraina, Diana Inman, Sharon Pittman, Carol Quinn, Nicole Quinn, Jean Schult, Anne Wallace
Finance/ Stewardship	Dick Malloy	John Caloritis, Dennis Dupree, Sandy Frieday, Donna Gruendike, Bob Wallace, Al Webster
Membership	Chris Matull	Diane Dupree, Pat Everett, Marilyn Malloy, Pat Rowe, Anne Wallace
Missions	Carol Quinn	Evelyn Bentley, Stephanie Cassidy, Caitlin Meabon, Ann Metz, Carol Newman, Nicole Quinn, Joanne Ville
Nominating	Roger Howlett Pat Everett	Don Clarke, Marlene Dyer, Betty Hogue, Barb Paulick, Cheryl Palmer, Michelle Rosipayla
Personnel	Dick Malloy	Ruth Gaskill, Donna Gruendike, Norma Jones, Jean Schult, Bob Wallace
Worship & Mu	asic Roger Howlett	Bonnie Bush, Marlene Dyer, Carol Quinn Nicole Quinn, Jean Weaver
Presbytery Commissioner	(Session will rotate)	
Deacons	Dawn Sheffet Dennise Webster	Cindy Caloritis, Diane Dupree, Ruth Gaskill, Sim Mulford, Harry Pittman, Marilyn Spilberg, Ron Tucker
Trustees	Al Webster Jim Frieday	Wayne Bulan, Pam Ehring, Scott Gaskill, Dan Halstead, John Lodge, Eileen Smith, Randy Spilberg
Presbyterian Women	Pam Ehring, Chair (temp) Judy Rynne, Treasurer	Cindy Anderson, Sim Mulford, Betty Hogue, Marilyn Malloy, Jean Schult
Auditors	Sim Mulford, Harry Pittman Judy Rynne	1,
Endowment F	'und John Caloritis	Donna Gruendike, Dick Malloy, Judy Rynne, Bob Wallace
Food Shelf	Andy Resch	Jean Schult
Memorial Fur	nd Sandy Frieday	

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LENTEN SERIES 2017 Featuring Ray Vander Laan's DVD and Books

Starting Thursday, March 9th @ 7pm, @ OPC

Continuing:

March 16th @ The Duprees March 23rd @ The Rowes March 30th @ The Azzolinas

April 6th @ TBD (or at OPC)

"The Mission of Jesus" with Ray Vander Laan is the focus of this year's Lenten Series. Starting on Thursday, March 9th at 7pm, this five-session series covers Jesus' ministry, his crucifixion,

ascension, and the day of Pentecost. Pastor Tedd will lead the first session here at OPC. Succeeding sessions as noted above. "The Mission of Jesus" is the 14th and most recent volume of Ray Vander Laan's DVD series filmed in the Holy Land. Previous participants will remember the high quality and interesting content of his work.

Please plan to join us as we prepare to celebrate the Easter season.

SPECIAL EVENT!!!

A story of how faith conquered fear during the Ebola crisis of 2014.

Thursday, March 30th @ 7pm Cinemark Tinseltown, Gates

"FACING DARKNESS is a testimony to what God can do and will do. I hope that out of this movie, there will be an army of young people who will say 'yes' to missions. It's an incredible story!" ~Franklin Graham



Since this coincides with the 4th Lenten Series discussion, we will NOT be formally organizing a group to go, but wanted to make you aware of this opportunity.



PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN OUTING

Please come and join us to see Greece Athena Middle School's production of *Mary Poppins* on Saturday, March 25th at 1pm at Athena's GPAC! The cost is \$12/ticket. Please sign up on the sheet on the PW Bulletin Board in the Fellowship Hall. We will be gathering at Judy Rynne's home at 11:00 for brunch before the production. Ticket money is due by March 19th and may be

given to Judy. Checks should be made out to OPC PW. Thanks!

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From the DEACONS ...

Our Shut-ins

Judy Pagel at St. Mary's Gene Brendel at The Hamlet @ Unity Villages

The Allyns 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

Please remember our military:

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





Our heartfelt thanks to OPC and the Deacons for all their prayers for our son Kevin Glor and family, and for 3-yr-old Kaleb. It was a scary week at Strong for our grandson with his high fevers. After your prayers Sunday, Kaleb did a complete turn around, fevers gone, and was

home on Tuesday. Thank God for all his blessings, and for your prayers which kept us calm during a very stressful time. More tests to follow, but happy to have him home.

~Ron and Deb Glor



Deacon News

- ❖ Easter flowers will be coming up before we know it. Watch for order forms in the bulletins in March, and see Cindy Caloritis if you have any questions.
- ❖ 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.
- ❖ As per the last Oracle, the special bulletin covers have been ordered. If you have any questions, contact Diane Dupree at 352-1824. The cost is approximately \$8.00 if anyone would like to help defray the cost.
- 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!

Where love and caring are, there is God.

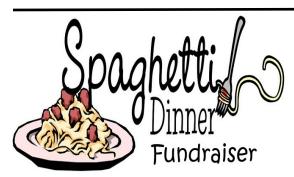
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STITCHIN' FOR MISSION

The Stitchin' for Mission group continues to meet the 2nd Thursday of each month from 10-Noon at OPC. We have a group of very dedicated people who crochet/knit afghans and others who sew squares together to make quilts. We then give them to people who need the love they bring when they are ill or are having a difficult time in their life. In the past couple of months, we have given to OPC members and friends and to outside organizations. We recently sent 16 quilts to the Unity

Cancer Center at Park Ridge Hospital and to the Unity Dialysis Unit in Spencerport. I would like to send a big thank you for all the dedication and work that this group does. If the group is something you might be interested in, please come and join us to see what we do. If you have any questions, call Marilyn Malloy at 723-1731.



2nd Annual Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser March 11th, 2017, 4:30-6:30pm

Sponsored by the Men's Bible Study Group
Proceeds to benefit the ministry of OPC. Bring a friend!!!
Tickets: \$9 adults, \$8 Seniors, \$5 children under 12
FREE for Eagle Star Veterans with pass.
Dinners include Beverage and Dessert.

WOMEN'S TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

Who is Jesus? What a Difference a Lens Makes by Judy Yates Siker will be the winter study for the Women's Tuesday Morning Bible Study. Each of the study's nine lessons explores the question "Who is Jesus?" through a particular theological lens. Who is Jesus...



according to the Gospel writers, Hebrews, other Abrahamic Faiths, and Contemporary Cultural.

Who do you say Jesus is? Join us **Tuesday mornings at 9:30am** as we expand our understanding of who Jesus was and is — a journey of our hearts and minds and a journey we will take together.

All OPC women and their friends are welcome. See Anne Wallace for more information.

FOOD SHELF CURRENT NEEDS

Cookies, Crackers, Canned Stew, and Canned Hash are in short supply right now at the Food Shelf. Any cash donations toward purchase of gift cards can be given to Jean Schult or Andy Resch.



Thank you to all the OPC members who have been filling the boxes in the Narthex with food and household items for the Food Shelf. There was a trunk load delivered on December 22nd, and the stockers were amazed at how generous the folks at OPC are! Thank you!!!



~Jean Schult and Andy Resch, Food Shelf Representatives

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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



DINNERS FOR 8 ARE BACK!!!

The Discipleship Committee is excited to announce that "Dinners for 8" are returning by popular request. The first one will be **Saturday**, **February 25th** at the home of Roger & Bonnie Howlett. As previously, the goal of these dinners is to promote deeper connections among members of the congregation, and attendance will be limited to eight guests plus the hosts.

A sign-up sheet is on the Discipleship Board in the Fellowship Hall.

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 preferred number of guests. Hosts often provide a main dish with the guests bringing other dishes, but individual dinners may vary. A sign-up sheet for volunteer hosts is also posted. We hope you will join us! Bon appetite!!!



OPC KITCHEN REMINDERS...

Presbyterian Women supply the "staples" for the OPC kitchen (i.e. coffee, tea, sugar, creamer, etc.). If you find we are running low on such items, please put a note in the PW file folder in the filing cabinet so the items can be restocked.

Also, if you find items broken or not working, etc., again, please put a note in the PW file folder so we can either replace the item or have

it repaired. We give our coffee pots, etc., quite a work-out and we know they all don't last forever... we want to have them working properly when you need them!

With many helping hands and outside committees using our church, we want to be able to keep up as best as possible with such matters.

There are Clorox wipes for use in wiping down the counters. Please use both before preparing foods and for cleanup. Please label items in the refrigerator so we know who they belong to. If items are left, either label them with your committee name, etc., so that we don't dispose of items designated for use OR remove them in order to keep the refrigerator available for use by all committees.

Again, most kitchen items are financed through PW's budget, so communication is important when something needs doing, replacing, etc. Thank you all for your help and all you do for OPC!





"ALL YOU CAN EAT" PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Saturday, April 1, 2017 8-11am

Cost: \$5 age 11 and up, \$3 ages 5-10



Help support the Summer 2017 Youth Mission Trip to 'The Pittsburgh Project'

This July, a mission team with participants from both Spencerport United Methodist and OPC will head off for an urban service mission trip to Pittsburgh. Crazy cobblestone streets and soaring steel bridges connect neighborhoods dotted with elderly, isolated

residents who need help. Our group will spend a week rebuilding their homes. We'll bear witness to God's great love, and we'll see God in action throughout our visit.

Our days will be spent in service to the city's elderly, poor, shut-in, widowed, and disabled, addressing home repair needs. Projects usually include painting, dry walling, carpentry, and yard work. We'll see the difference we've made by the end of our week. We'll know that God worked through the relationships we've built and the work we've labored to finish.

After each day's work is complete, we gather for reflection, teaching, and worship, so that we are nurtured and encouraged for ongoing ministry back home. Designed with the hope of transforming our hearts and minds toward Christ, service camp will challenge us to take on a worldview that is underpinned by Christ-like service and instruction from the Bible.

Contact Donna Metherell at OPC or Bev Compertore at SUMC if you'd like more information.



A HUGE THANK YOU!!!

The Mission Committee would like to thank everyone who baked a large selection of delicious Valentines cookies. Nine cookie trays were delivered to OPC members and 2 very large trays were delivered to the Open Door Mission and the Eagle Star Veterans Home in Spencerport. We would also like to thank everyone who donated cans of soup for Souper Bowl of Caring Sunday. Seventy cans of soup including turkey broth and ramen noodles were delivered to the Food Shelf! Thank you!







The

Pittsburgh

Project





A special THANK YOU to Mary Lynn Watson for the beautiful hats you made for the men at the Open Door Mission. Your time and talent are greatly appreciated! God bless!





CONGRATULATIONS to Sherry and Jamie Bigelow (and big sister Aubrey) on the birth of MACKENZIE EMMA BIGELOW!

Dear Ogden Presbyterian Church,

Thank you <u>so</u> much for the beautiful quilt you gave to Mackenzie! She sleeps so well snuggled up in it! Also thank you for the beautiful rosebud and announcement... that was <u>so</u> special!

Love, Sherry, Jamie, Aubrey, & Mackenzie Bigelow

THANK YOU!

Dear Mission Committee, Thank you for the Valentines cookies! I feel the love!

Also, I really enjoy the Bible Studies and Sermons that Pastor Tedd sends me. Thank you all so much! ~Clara Reiber



FEBRUARY SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

The OPC Session met on Tuesday, February 21st. Some highlights from the meeting included:

- ❖ An opening devotional where we completed the sentence "Prayer is _____." This led to a positive discussion about keeping prayer centered in our lives.
- ❖ A review of the Mission Study, which is the second phase of our interim journey, and is now underway. A committee has formed and begun to explore important questions. Over the next 3-4 months, the congregation will answer:
 - a) Who are we?
 - b) Who are our neighbors?
 - c) What is God calling us to do next?
- ❖ A motion was approved to purchase Suburban News advertising as a one-year block. This is aimed at announcing important holidays and special OPC events, and can be used by several committees and groups. It also includes weekly postings in the Church section.
- ❖ All Session committees and OPC workgroups are busy and happy doing God's work. Church leadership is evident through noteworthy committee accomplishments. Thanks to all!
- ❖ The church calendar for the Easter season is complete. Services will be held Ash Wednesday, Maundy Thursday and Easter Sunday. On Good Friday, the Sanctuary is open from Noon to 3pm for reflection and meditation.

OPC is blessed with many gifts. Thanks be to God!

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Worship and Fellowship Assistants

GREETERS:

March 5 Cindy Anderson

12 Lee Rueping

19 Joanne Ville

26 Jill Nundy

USHERS:

March 5 Sharon & Harry Pittman

12 Sandy & Jim Frieday

19 Bonnie & Roger Howlett

26 Anne & Bob Wallace

LITURGIST:

March 5 Sandy Frieday

12 Roger Howlett

19 Harry Pittman

26 Cindy Anderson

FELLOWSHIP HOSTS:

March 5 Anne Wallace

12 Marilyn Spilberg & Stephanie DeCamp

19 Jim & Sandy Frieday

26 Deb Weller-Plucknette

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS:

March 5 Jake & Scott Gaskill

12 Carol Newman

19 Jen Savino

26 Kelly Bindert

NURSERY CARE:

March 5 Jen Savino

12 Sandy Frieday & Diana Inman

19 Cindy Anderson

26 Anne Wallace

COMMUNION SERVERS:

March 5 Judy Rynne, Kelly Bindert, Jen Savino,

& Pam Gonnoud



Name	Day
Andrew Resch	3 / 2
Linda Shelley	3 / 3
Jonathan Hinett	3 / 4
Ryan Gruendike	3 / 5
Elizabeth Gonnoud	3 / 12
Tracy Webster	3 / 13
Agnes McBride	3 / 13
Alan Webster	3 / 14
Dawn Sheffet	3 / 19
Mary Jane Dyer	3 / 23
Jackson Hinett	3 / 27
Eric Webster	3 / 28

WANTED: USHERS AND LITURGISTS!!!

There is a big need for Ushers and Liturgists, especially Liturgists! Please sign up for March and April on the sign-up sheet located in the Fellowship Hall (on the door near the kitchen). Your contribution to the Sunday service is vital in helping to maintain the quality we have all come to expect. Thank you!

TRUSTEE OF THE MONTH: Eileen Smith — March 734-6505

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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Men's Spaghetti 4:30-6:30pm Ogden - Resbyterian Church Saturday <u>∞</u> 25 Friday 9 24 3 3 Tinseltown, 7pm Congreg. UCC SEM, 10am, @ First Lenten Series, 7p, Lenten Series, 7p, Lenten Series, 7p, Mission, 10am Thursday Darkness" @ 7pm, @ OPC @ Azzolinas Lenten Series, @ Duprees "Facing the @ Rowes Stitchin' for 8 6 Wednesday March 2017 ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE, 7pm Bell Choir, 6pm TOPS, 5:30pm TOPS, 5:30pm TOPS, 5:30pm TOPS, 5:30pm TOPS, 5:30pm Choir, 10am Choir, 10am Choir, 10am Choir, 10am Choir, 10am 22 œ Women's Bible, Women's Bible, Women's Bible, Women's Bible, Music, 7pm Tuesday Session, 7pm 9:30am 9:30am 9:30am 9:30am Worship & 4 8 7 disciples of Christ as we seek God's will OPC Mission Statement: Our purpose is to equip ourselves and others to be "ORACLE DEADLINE" Men's Bible, Noon Men's Bible, Noon Deacons, 6:30pm Monday Fellowship, 6pm for our church and beyond. Trustees, 7pm Cub Scouts Cub Scouts Cub Scouts Cub Scouts 8 27 Confirmation, 11:30-1 Confirmation, 11:30-1 Youth Group, 6:30 2nd Sunday in Lent 3rd Sunday in Lent 4th Sunday in Lent 1# Sunday in Lent Sunday Personnel (after Missions (after (diusion) worship) 2 6

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DATED MATERIAL

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Newsletter Deadline: Articles for the *April 2017* issue of The Oracle are due in the Church Office no later than **Monday, March** *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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